

Pacific Coast League Eyes Three-Way Pennant Chase

Phoenix, Ariz.—UPI—The Pacific Coast league begins its 57th season Friday hopeful of complete recovery from the amputation the National league performed a year ago in cutting off the loop's two biggest cities—Los Angeles and San Francisco.

A chief reason for cheer is the anticipated three-way pennant chase among defending champion Phoenix, Spokane and San Diego.

League president Leslie O'Conner and the PCL directors believe the impetus of a hot race will stimulate fan interest in the league once again.

Attendance dropped to its lowest in 15 years last season when only 1,502,087 turned out.

Spokane and Salt Lake which replaced Hollywood and Los Angeles in the realigned league, did well for transplants last year, with Spokane leading the circuit in attendance with 270,297 paying patrons. Only Phoenix didn't take root as the team replacing San Francisco. The local Giants drew only 122,750, and with a championship club.

Old Standbys Disappointing

Some old standbys like Seattle, Portland and Sacramento had sharp attendance drops last year, and partly blamed the National league invasion as cause for the af-

Milwaukee Braves Take Over Lead; White Sox Ahead

United Press International

Johnny O'Brien and Luis Aparicio, a pair of little popgun hitters, are the big reasons why the Milwaukee Braves and Chicago White Sox are still in orbit.

O'Brien, who didn't make a hit all last season, singled in the winning run in the 10th inning to give the Braves a 4-3 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday while Aparicio, a slick-fielding but light-hitting shortstop, drove in both runs with a fifth-inning single as the White Sox beat the Kansas City Athletics, 2-0.

The third straight victory for the unbeaten Braves enabled them to take over sole possession of first place in the National league when the Chicago Cubs whipped the San Francisco Giants, 5-2. With four straight wins the White Sox are off to their best start in years and are technical leaders of the American league although both the Cleveland Indians and world champion New York Yankees also are undefeated.

Score Beats Tigers

The Cincinnati Reds handed the Pittsburgh Pirates a fourth straight setback, 3-2, and the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Dodgers, 6-2, before a record crowd of 61,552 at Los Angeles. In the American league, the Indians made it three in a row when Herb Score "blinded" the Detroit Tigers, 8-1, the Yankees blitzed the Baltimore Orioles, 13-3, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Washington Senators 7-3.

O'Brien, acquired as "bench strength" from the Phillies, got his first chance with the Braves after entering the game as a pinch-runner. Hank Aaron and Wes Covington had singled to start the 10th and O'Brien delivered the decisive run with a looping single to right field on a 3-2 pitch by Dick Farrell. Mickey Vernon, another Milwaukee "pick up" singled home the tying run in the last of the ninth after Wally Post's two-run triple gave the Phillies a 3-2 lead in the top of the frame.

Aparicio continued his torrid spring hitting for the White Sox when he singled home both their runs after a single by Johnny Callison and a double by Bubba Phillips. Billy Pierce, ace of the White Sox staff, yielded six hits, no walks and struck out three in posting the 32nd shutout of his career. Aparicio, who has a three-year .263 batting average, homered to win a game for the White Sox last Saturday and is hitting .389 so far this season.

Banks Homers Twice

Ernie Banks hit a pair of two-run homers for the Cubs who spoiled San Francisco's home opener as well as Jack Sanford's debut. The Giants threatened to pull out the game in the ninth when they filled the bases with one out but Don Elston relieved winner Dave Hillman and struck out Daryl Spencer and Bob Schmidt to end the game.

Bob Purkey pitched a seven-hitter and rookie Vada Pinson and Ed Bailey clouted homers to sink the Pirates who have scored a total of six runs in four straight defeats. Purkey, a native of Pittsburgh, has beaten his ex-teammates twice in five days and five times without a loss in his career.

Hal Smith, who hit only one homer last season, blasted a two-run round-tripper and two singles to lead the Cardinals' attack on Johnny Podres. Lindy McDaniel shut out the Dodgers for seven innings as he pitched the Cardinals to their first win after three defeats. The crowd was the league's highest for a single night game—although there have been larger crowds in Los Angeles for a single

fiction. Conversely, San Diego, which isn't very far from the influence of the Los Angeles Dodgers, drew 233,691—the best season gate for the Padres since 1955.

The opening day lineup of games will find:

Spokane at Salt Lake; Seattle at Sacramento and Portland at San Diego—with the latter four clubs opening with day-night doubleheaders.

Phoenix Team To Beat

Phoenix—still the club to beat. The Giants have a power-hitting outfield which includes Dusty Rhodes; talented young pitching; the loop's all-star first baseman in Willie McCovey; and the league's manager of the year—Red Davis. Biggest loss from last season—Andre Rodgers—the league-leading hitter at Shortstop, who moved up to the San Francisco Giants.

San Diego—The Padres have good pitching in Bill Werle, Bob Alexander, Steve Riddick and Bud Poddelan; and a top defense, keyed by the double-play combination of Billy Hunter and Billy Moran. They lost power hitters Earl Averill and Dave Pope in trades.

Vancouver—This team lost four pitchers who won 41 games last season and that hurt, but Manager Charlie Metro believes Charlie Brewer, Bud Watkins, Fred Besana, Gordy Sulkin, Joe Hatten and Erv Calica can take up the slack. Good defensive outfield, but the club still needs a topflight second-short combination.

Portland—If the Beavers do better in the season series against Phoenix, they could be in the thick of the race. Last year they lost 19 of 22 to the Giants. They have a new tie-up with Kansas City for talent. George Freese at third and shortstop Jack Littrell give the Bevs infield strength.

Salt Lake Could Surprise

Salt Lake—The Bees could be the dark horse. Manager Larry Shephard is relying on Pittsburgh to give him the needed help to be a contender. He goes into the campaign with a lot of rookies, but outfielder Carlos Bernier is back, to give speed and power, along with infielders Kenny Toothman and Nick Barone.

Sacramento—The Solons have Elliott back as manager, in a new regime under civic ownership and a new working agreement with Milwaukee, which should help. The outfield has Carlos Paula, a heavy hitter. In the infield is slick-fielding shortstop Buddy Peterson, and the veteran Nippy Jones at first. The Solons have pretty good pitching in Joe Stanka, Bill Dailey, Carl Gree and promising Braves' farm hands Terence Fox and Winston Brown.

Spokane—This club has Bobby Bragan as manager, and big Steve Biko at first base. Those two alone will draw fans. The Indians have some promising pitching in Roger Craig, Bob Gialombardo, Phil Paine and Chris Nicholosi; and a good double-play combination in Tony Roig and Maury Will.

Seattle—Freddie Hutchinson is back, and so are dreams of a pennant, last won under "Hutch" in 1955. Fred has veterans Jack Dittmer, Lee Fondy and Eddie Kazak in his infield; Elmo Valo and Peanuts Lowrey in the outfield. The big question is will they hold up over the long grind.

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	3	0	1.000	
San Francisco	3	1	.750	1 1/2
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	1
Philadelphia	2	1	.500	1 1/2
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	2 1/2
St. Louis	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	0	4	.000	3 1/2

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Milwaukee 4, Phila. 3 (10 innings)				
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Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2 (night)				
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 1 (night)				
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Pittsburgh at Cincinnati—Friend				
(2-1) vs. Nuxhall (12-1)				
St. Louis at Los Angeles (night)—				
Jackson (15-15) vs. Drysdale (12-13)				
Chicago at San Francisco (night)—				
Drabowsky (9-11) vs. Antonelli (10-15)				
Only games scheduled.				

Thursday's Games	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia at Milwaukee				
St. Louis at Los Angeles (night)				
Chicago at San Francisco				
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AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	4	0	1.000	
New York	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
Boston	1	1	.500	2
Washington	1	1	.500	2
Baltimore	2	2	.500	2
Kansas City	0	3	.000	3 1/2
Detroit	0	4	.000	4

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New York 13, Baltimore 3				
Boston 7, Washington 3				
Cleveland 8, Detroit 1				
Chicago 2, Kansas City 0				
Wednesday's Probable Pitchers				
Washington at Boston—Foytack				
(15-13) vs. McIlhenny (16-8)				
Washington at Baltimore—Kemmerer				
(6-15) vs. Casale (0-0)				
New York at Baltimore (night)—				
Ford (14-7) vs. Wilhelm (3-10)				
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K. O. Expected In Ring Clash

Miami Beach, Fla.—UPI—A knockout appears almost inevitable tonight when fourth-ranked heavyweight Sonny Liston clashes with slugger Cleveland Williams in a 10-round nationally televised event at Miami Beach Auditorium.

The fast-rising Liston, a 2-1 favorite, has knocked out 14 of 24 opponents while winning 23 fights, 17 in a row.

Williams, hoping for a spot in the heavyweight rankings, has cooled 36 opponents in compiling a 44-2 record. He has won his last 11 fights in a row since his discharge from the Army.

Backing Ready For Third League

Cincinnati, Ohio.—UPI—Financial backing for a third major baseball league is ready for the 1961 season, the Cincinnati Post and Times-Star said in a copyrighted story by Sports Editor Pat Harmon.

Harry Wismer, nationally known broadcaster, said the backers had met three weeks ago and pledged the money.

Harmon wrote: "Warren Giles, president of the National league, said a week ago: 'It will be much easier to form a new eight-team major league than to expand the present leagues from eight to ten teams.' Today that third major league is closer than you think," Harmon said.

Harmon said the teams in the league will be New York, Houston, Montreal, Toronto, Dallas, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and two to be selected.

"The money is ready, and will go to the best location," the Post and Times-Star said.

Gonzales Gets Money Lead

Princeton, N.J.—UPI—Pancho Gonzales regained the money leadership of the Jack Kramer pro tennis tour Tuesday night when he defeated Lew Hoad, 14-12, 6-3.

The two were tied in money earned before the match. But Gonzales, defending pro champion, added \$400 for his victory for a total of \$15,050. Hoad's \$200, the loser's share, increased the Australian's income to \$14,850.

In another singles match, Mal Anderson whipped Ashley Cooper in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. Cooper has won \$9,850 while Anderson has netted \$9,750.

Hoad and Cooper teamed in doubles to beat Gonzales and Anderson, 8-6, in the night's final match.

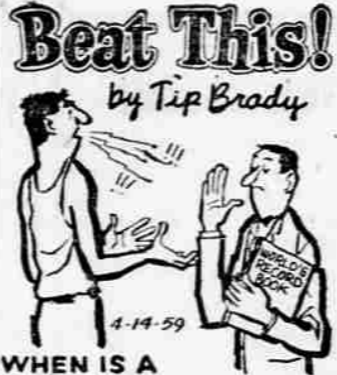
Pirates Purchase Giel From Giants

Pittsburgh.—UPI—The Pittsburgh Pirates have announced the purchase of righthanded pitcher Paul Giel from the San Francisco Giants for the waiver price.

The Pirates optioned righthander Curt Raydon to Columbus of the International league on a 24-hour recall to make room for the former University of Minnesota All-American halfback.

Giel, who became a bonus baby with the Giants in 1954, showed a 4-5 record last year with two of his wins coming against the Bucs.

Raydon, who carded an 8-4 record as a Pirate rookie last season, underwent surgery for a finger cyst just prior to spring training and was sent to the farm club for more conditioning.



Beat This!
by Tip Brady

WHEN IS A WORLD'S RECORD NOT A WORLD'S RECORD?
Bob Gutowski has pole vaulted higher than any other man, 15-feet 9 1/4 inches, but the Federation refuses to recognize it as a world's record because his pole fell under the bar instead of away from it. The AAU calls the mark the American record.

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SPORTS

Easy Spur Rates As Solid Threat

(This is the second of several dispatches on the leading Kentucky Derby candidates.)

New York.—UPI—The Kentucky Derby field often is cluttered with horses sent out to show off their owners' colors rather than make a serious bid for racing's most coveted prize.

James D. Norris, former czar of the defunct International Boxing club and owner of the Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey league, hardly can be accused of such vanity, whether prompted by unwarranted optimism for a desire to get box seats for America's premier horse race.

"I could have had a lot of them over the years but they would only have made me look foolish, finishing up the track," he says.

Norris had a potential Derby starter in 1953, but because Jamie K. was used up too much in the Wood Memorial, Norris did not ship the colt to Kentucky. Jamie K., therefore, was fresh and ready for the preakness and Belmont stakes, second and third legs in the Triple Crown. In each race Jamie K. gave Native Dancer a rough time, finishing only a neck behind the Gray Ghost in each race.

This year, however, Norris has a solid threat for the Kentucky Derby at Churchill

Tornado JV 2-0 Victor

Medford nipped Ashland high 2 to 4 yesterday as Bob Quinney hurled a two hitter over five innings in a junior varsity baseball conflict at Ashland.

First Tornado marker was in the second canto. Bob Custance singled. He was forced out at second by Craig Gardner but Gardner made it to second on a bad throw on a double play try and then romped home on an error. Art Ruhl walked and Dick Tagdale doubled for a third inning out.

Quinney gave up one free pass and recorded six strikeouts. Ashland pitcher Duane Nelson walked one and fanned three. Wayne Thompson had two hits in three times up for Medford.

Ring Battle Plans Switched

Portland.—UPI—Promoter Tommy Moyer said today he planned to take elsewhere a nationally-televised fight between Phil Moyer and Yama Bahama, scheduled for April 29.

Moyer announced Tuesday that the two fighters had been lined up for the televised bout here, a short time after another promoter, George Millak, said a heavy weight bout had been signed for April 27 between Pat McCurdy of Tacoma and Marvin Sawyer, New York.

The Portland Boxing Commission went into a huddle Tuesday night with the rival promoters to discuss the closeness of the dates. Moyer said the April 29 date was taken because Eddie Machen, who had been scheduled to appear on TV then from San Francisco, had an injured hand and had to cancel. While the commission members went into executive session, Moyer and Sid Flaherty, Phil's manager, announced a change in plans and said the bout would be held in some other city.

Corvallis.—UPI—The Oregon State-Willamette baseball game scheduled Tuesday was rained out.

7 Shooters Blast 25 Straight

Seven Medford men hit 25 straight for the Oregon Journal Telegraphic trap shoot recently.

Knocking 'em down were Paul Culbertson, Irvin Warren, Charles Skeeters, Jim Grigsby Jr., Les Taylor, Don Peterson and Ed Pease.

Ray Coleman and Charles Skeeters each scored 48 and Bill Bryant took a 47 in the handicap event to win the shooting jacket prizes.

Next Sunday the Prospect gun club is scheduled to hold a shoot. Shooting here is scheduled early Sunday to allow shooters to travel to Prospect.

The Crap shooters were high in attendance for the Elks tournament held recently with 13 members for 10 points and had a total score of 499 and high five of 228 for three points each. The 18 points brought the total to date to 49 points.

The Swivel Hips gained 11 points for five members present and had a high total score of 452 points and high five of 229 for five points each. Total score of 13 brings the total to date to 45 points.

The Fuellers gained 11 attendance points for five members present, total score of 415 and high five score of 219 points. Total points of seven for the shoot brought the total to date to 41.

Feather Dusters maintained a high five score of 225 points for two points each and a total of 2 points bringing the total to date to 14.

Forty-one shooters participated with individual high scores made by Jack Walker, 49; Ed Pease, 49; and Paul Culbertson, 49. Henry Niedermeyer is top shooter with 193 by 200 to date.

BOWLING

The Kiwanis Junior High league finished its league play Saturday with the Johnny Rebs winning first place.

The tie for second place will be played off next Saturday between the Heads and Ronchy Rollers. The high game of the season goes to Kent Blew with 222. The high series to Mike Davis with 420.

Standings:

W.	L.
Johnny Rebs	22
The Heads	21
Pinstealers	20
Question Marks	16
Gutter Gang	16
Alley Rats	16
Ronchy Rollers	14
Rough Riders	6

Butte Falls Trims RR

Butte Falls.—A four-run fifth inning gave Butte Falls high a 5 to 1 non-league baseball victory over Rogue River here yesterday.

In the big inning Larry Cavin walked and stole second and third bases, Edwin Ellis and Jerry Ferguson singled, Danny Remsen doubled and there were two errors.

Phil Archer, first man up in the game for Rogue River, got the Chieftains' only run. He got on base on an error and went the rest of the way on two passed balls. Butte Falls also tallied in the first inning on a walk to Doug Fisher and singles by Ellis and Ferguson.

Ferguson had three hits in three times up for the Loggers and Ellis hit two for three. Cavin, pitching four innings, yielded three hits and two walks and fanned one batter. Ellis gave one hit in three frames, whiffed one and walked none. Chieftainers Paul Archer and Murdock walked three, hit one and struck out six.

COMPETES IN TOURNEY

New York.—UPI—Barbara Romack, 1954 national amateur women's champion who recently turned professional, will compete in the seventh annual Triangle round robin golf tournament at Summit, N.J., June 3-7.

Word Awaited From Red Sox On Color Issue

Boston.—UPI—A Massachusetts commission awaited word from the Boston Red Sox today on whether owner Thomas A. Yawkey and General Manager Stanley Bucky Harris would show up to answer charges of racial discrimination next Tuesday.

The state commission against discrimination voted Tuesday to ask Yawkey and Harris to attend next week's meeting. The formal invitation came several hours after the National Association for Advancement of Colored People charged the Sox with racial bias following a controversy over the optioning of shortstop Jerry Pumpsie Green.

A Red Sox spokesman said Harris was ill with the flu and that he reserved comment on the commission's invitation.

Yawkey was at his plantation in South Carolina and would not comment on the affair, the spokesman said.

Commission Chairman Mrs. Mildred Mahoney said at the conclusion of Tuesday's 90-minute hearing that "there is enough here to warrant action of some type."

This action could take the form of a conference between the Red Sox and Negro leaders—or it could wind up in court.

Willamette Spikemen Beat OCE in Track

Salem.—UPI—Willamette's track and field team defeated Oregon College of Education 106-23 Tuesday.

Sophomore Skip Spence on the 100-yard dash, high jump and 220-yard dash to pick up 15 points.

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