

Durocher Loses 1st Argument

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
Baseball's spring training season is official - Leo Durocher lost his first argument with an umpire.

It was only the Los Angeles Dodgers' first intra-squad game in harness after five years, managing one of the squads from the third base coaching box - and up to an old trick.

B, A-2 District Laurels At Stake This Week End

Crucial games are in Class A-2 and B circles this week as high school basketball season closes out on Southern Oregon floors.

Pels Still Top Ratings; Selection Not Unanimous

Portland (UPI)—Klamath Falls again ranked as Oregon's top A-1 high school basketball team today but for the first time in weeks it wasn't unanimous.

Snowmen Plan Shasta Ski Trip

Rogue Snowmen are planning a skiing trip to Mt. Shasta on Saturday, March 4. All persons interested are invited.

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Bucks Get Perfect Score

New York—UPI—Mighty Ohio State, rolling along on a 27-game victory streak, chalked up another perfect score today in the weekly United Press International major college basketball ratings.

Despite this setback, St. Bonaventure held on to the runner-up spot in the ratings, polling 26 second-place votes and 300 points.

Ohio State accumulated the maximum 350 points in this week's voting when St. Bonaventure, which picked up two first place votes last week to prevent the Buckeyes from gaining another clean sweep, dropped an 87-77 verdict to Niagara last Saturday night.

4 NL Clubs Eyeing Pennant

New York—UPI—National League fact sheet, spring edition: There's to be as many pennant contenders as pushovers in baseball.

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Mantle To Be Leader Of Yankees

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Mickey Mantle responded to manager Ralph Houk's call to leadership in characteristic style with a few soft words and a pair of "loud" homers.

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Kentucky Looking To Playoffs

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Kentucky may sneak into a post-season playoff berth through the back door and then disrupt the proceedings by winning its fifth NCAA basketball championship.

Wildcat coach Adolph Rupp has a talent for winning—he has recorded 642 victories in more than 30 years. Although Kentucky was off to a so-so start this season, the "Man in the Brown Suit" has rallied his team to its present 16-7 record.

The Ruppmen maintained a tie for second place in the SEC with a 77-51 verdict over Auburn. Their eight straight triumph enabled them to keep pace with Vanderbilt at 9-4 in the standings. The Vandy's marched through Georgia, 87-76.

Pilots Ready To Challenge Seattle Club

By United Press International
Portland's lanky basketball team appears ready to challenge Seattle's supremacy among Northwest independents.

The Pilots whipped Gonzaga for the fourth straight time Monday night, 88-66. Six-foot-six-inch soph Art Easterly tallied 34 - two short of the school record.

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Pruitt, Flakus Pin Counts High

Roy Pruitt and Ernie Flakus led the men and Zeffie Graves led the ladies after the first Sunday of competition in the crippled children's benefit bowling tourney at Medford last night.

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Rutter, Byrne Get Black Belt Rank in Judo

Two members of the Medford Judo academy were promoted to the highest belt rank Saturday at the annual banquet of the American Judo and Jujitsu federation at Oakland, Calif.

Dr. Paul Rutter, Phoenix, and Michael Byrne, Medford, were advanced to black belt, first degree.

Tom Ball, Medford, academy instructor, was named vice president of the federation kata committee and regional director for Oregon and northern California for randori. Kata is the theory and perfection phase of judo and randori is the competition.

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FIGHTS

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New York—Ted Wright, 153 1/2, Detroit, stopped Sugar Hart, 159 1/2, Philadelphia (9).

Philadelphia—Stanley (Kitten) Hayward, 148, Philadelphia, outpointed Carl Hubbard, 153, Philadelphia (8).

Chicago—Eddie Perkins, 139 1/2, Chicago, outpointed Chuck Taylor, 136, Detroit (10).

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