

Giants Gain First Place Tie with Cardinals

A Frequent Question Answered

Abner Doubleday of Cooperstown Regarded as "Father of Baseball." Drop Kickers Will Clash. Two Young Ball Hawks Join Klamath Pelicans.

Several times during the course of every baseball season someone asks this question: "Who is the father of baseball?"

Abner Doubleday, a youth in Cooperstown, N. Y., is pretty generally regarded as the originator of American baseball. He didn't like the games of cricket and rounders, so he made a few changes which laid the foundation for modern baseball.

All this occurred nearly a century ago. The time was 1839.

In writing of Doubleday, Frank Menke in his All-Sports Record Book for 1935 says:

"In 1839 Doubleday decided that the game would be a bit sportier if some running was injected into the procedure. So he took a flat stone, placed it about 50 feet from home plate and called it a 'base.' Thus, 'baseball.'"

"Two boys made up the earliest team—a pitcher and a catcher. The teams took turns at bat. A player was out and, thus, the side was out, when either of the opposition players touched a runner or hit him with the ball while he was between home and the base, or vice versa."

"When other boys, beyond Doubleday's original quartette wanted to play, Doubleday added another base—the third base of today. The playing field thus was practically triangular in shape. Two players were added to a team, the new men guarding the bases. When still other youngsters sought to get into the combat, Doubleday added the final base—second base—and added two more players, a catcher and a rover who chased outfield drives. Eventually Doubleday added more boys to his outfield."

Who's got the most effective drop kick? Pete Belcastro or Cecil McGill?

The question raised with the recent appearances of young McGill in Klamath Falls should be answered when he meets Belcastro, junior heavyweight champion of the coast, at the armory next Tuesday night.

McGill has lost both his matches here—right now appear as though they will bring plenty of strength to the tail-end club of the Southern Oregon League.

They are Veninger, shortstop, and Galt, right fielder. Both were in action for the first time at Glendale last Sunday and will be seen on Modoc field this weekend against the same club.

The boys have been on the coast for a couple of seasons and this spring got a chance with Sacramento, the league farm of the St. Louis Cardinals. Their youthfulness and size—or rather, the lack of size—handicapped them, but both have been invited to return next spring.

These two young men are little fellows. Galt is a fast fielder with a fine throwing arm. He hasn't got his batting eye yet and went without a hit against Glendale.

Veninger covers a wide sweep of territory at shortstop and can peg a ball from most any position. He rapped out one hit in four trips last Sunday.

The lads like this end of the coast and plan to stick here for the remainder of the summer, at least.

LORANE HIGH WINS

EUGENE, Ore., May 28. (AP)—Lorane high school won the western Lane county "B" league baseball title with a 9-to-8 victory over Coburg.

NEW YORK WINS FIVE STRAIGHT

Dodgers Humbled, 5 to 4, in 12-Inning Battle Wednesday.

By The Associated Press
There seems no keeping those New York Giants out of the National league lead for any length of time, despite their string of tough luck and the expert predictions that they're due to crack wide open any day.

Just a week after they last saw first place, they were back on top again, demolished with the gas house gang from St. Louis, and boasting a winning streak that reached five straight Wednesday with Carl Hubbell's mastery of his troublesome Brooklyn Dodger line.

Dodgers Beaten, 5-4
Just to give the whole major league situation a more distinctly metropolitan air, the New York Yankees—another outfit for which the experts have given little hope in the pennant chase—were sporting a game-and-a-half lead in the American loop, with two-thirds of their "crucial" series with the Boston Red Sox behind them.

The Giants' advance to a first place tie, by a 5-4 12-inning victory over the Dodgers, headed a general re-shuffling of the National league pack in yesterday's program. Pittsburgh and Cincinnati moved up to third and fourth, with wins over the Cardinals, 11-2, and the Chicago Cubs, 5-3, respectively, sending the Cubs back to fifth. The Dodgers sank into the cellar again through a defeat by the Giants, and the Phillies climbed to seventh place with a 5-2 conquest of the Boston Bees.

Yanks Outlast Sox
In the American league, the Yanks outlasted the Sox, 9-8, in an 11-inning ding-dong affair, which saw manager Joe Cronin return to the Boston lineup for the first time since he broke a finger in the early days of the season. Cleveland and Chicago changed places again in their battle for the bottom berth in the first division, Cleveland moving up by outslugging the helpless St. Louis Browns, 13-2, while the White Sox were being trimmed by Tommy Bridges and the Detroit Tigers, 3-2. The Athletics-Senators game was rained out.

Wednesday's victory probably was dearer to Hubbell, personally, than to any man on the Giant roster. Since last July he has been unable to beat the Dodgers, and throughout his career they have beaten him nearly twice as often as he has turned the trick. Wednesday, facing the Brooklyn for the first time this year, he held their bats in check for all 12 innings, and produced two singles and a pair of timely sacrifices himself.

Drivers Making Late Bids for Speedway Places

INDIANAPOLIS, May 28. (AP)—With only three hours of grace left, a half dozen race drivers hastened today to get in under the wire for the 500-mile speedway marathon here Saturday.

Meanwhile, the vanguard of approximately 150,000 persons expected by speedway officials to view the grind poured into this city. Rooms were at a premium, for the leading hotels and apartments had to close registrations weeks ago.

Only one position in the race remained technically open today, but the pilots who hoped to qualify this afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. had the chance of eliminating the slowest previous qualifiers. The 33 fastest speedsters will start at 10:00 a. m. (C.S.T.) Decoration day.

Roy Painter, of Detroit, who qualified with an average of 109.87 miles per hour, and Overton Shell of St. Louis, 109.661, the slowest qualifiers to date, will lose their places if the cars today are faster.

Among those ready to try out today was Fred Frame of Los Angeles, 1932 winner, who stopped in his qualification attempt yesterday when he found he was averaging only 108 miles per hour.

Three drivers made the grade yesterday afternoon. Lou Meyer of Huntington Park, Calif., qualified with an average speed of 114.171. He is the only two-time speedway winner still active. Lou Moore of Los Angeles quali-



Grants Pass First Baseman Leads League Batters

Although held hitless in four trips to the plate by Clyde Carlstrom last Sunday, Hugh Hartman, big Grants Pass first baseman, retained the actual Southern Oregon league batting leadership with a mark of .426. Welch, Pelican infielder, is the nominal leader with an average of .467.

Brooks, Red Sox third baseman, has proved to be the champions' best hitter with a mark of .385; Al Phillips, first baseman, leads Glendale with .364; and Donaldson is the Pelican leader with .333. Neathammer, Glendale; Wheeler, Red Sox; and Reibie, Grants Pass, have all spiked home plus four times to lead in the runs scored department.

By his brilliant pitching exhibition last Sunday when he held Grants Pass to two hits, Clyde Carlstrom, Red Sox right hander, went to the top of the hurling column with two wins and no losses. Close behind is Bob Hardy, Merchant southpaw, with one win and no losses followed by Glendale's Merle Johnson who has suffered but one defeat in three starts.

fied at 113.996 miles per hour, and Mauri Rose of Dayton, Ohio, at 113.890.

The 24-mile oval will be closed tomorrow for the annual pre-race scrub and inspection.

Beavers Fight Slump; Outlook Held Optimistic

PORTLAND, May 28. (AP)—Manager Bill Sweeney predicted the Portland baseball club would snap out of its slump "any time, and then it will be hard to stop us."

He was optimistic over Portland's chances as a championship contender, pointing out that the club has 77 home games left, to only 45 on the road, counting this week's series.

"Add to this the best pitching staff in the league, the best catchers, a good infield, the hardest-hitting outfield in the league and a good reserve strength generally, and you'll see why I think the Beavers better even than the Missions when we're at full strength," the new club skipper said.

He rated the third place Missions above Oakland's young team which now is leading the league.

"Seattle? There's a club. I'll confess disappointed me," he said.

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Missions	30	27	.526
San Diego	30	29	.505
San Francisco	29	29	.500
Portland	26	30	.464
Sacramento	25	32	.439
Los Angeles	24	33	.421

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	24	12	.667
New York	24	12	.667
Chicago	17	18	.486
Cincinnati	13	19	.405
Pittsburgh	17	19	.472
Boston	17	20	.459
Philadelphia	15	24	.385
Brooklyn	14	24	.368

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New York	26	13	.667
Boston	25	15	.625
Detroit	22	17	.564
Cleveland	20	17	.541
Chicago	18	17	.514
Washington	20	19	.513
Philadelphia	11	14	.440
St. Louis	9	29	.237

MONTANA FIGHTER WINS

OAKLAND, Calif., May 28. (AP)—Using his right hand to telling advantage, Ritchie Fontaine, 133, Missoula, Mont., took eight of ten rounds in his fight here last night with Benny Barriah, 137, Oakland. Fontaine floored his opponent for a nine-count in the second round with a right to the stomach and again for a short count in the sixth with a right to the jaw.

Sweeney said his fractured wrist which has kept him benched six weeks, probably would be well enough in two weeks for him to play. The injury jinx kept a firm hold on Portland, however, for Fred Bedore, hard-bitting third sacker, was hit on the knee by a batted ball last night and probably will be out two weeks.

Pelicans, Sox Meet League Rivals Sunday

The Klamath Pelicans will endeavor to even the score against the Glendale Loggers on Modoc field Sunday afternoon. It will be a Southern Oregon league contest.

Last Sunday in the valley, Glendale stopped the Pelicans. The Klamath Red Sox, winners over Grants Pass here last Sunday, will try their luck against the same team. This week's battle will be in the Rogue River city.

In other games involving Klamath teams, clubs of both the Klamath Basin loop and the Crater Lake circuit will be in action.

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INDIANS BEAT LEADING OAKS

Tail-end Sacramento Team Shuts Out Portland, 2-0.

(By The Associated Press)

They are still shuffling the spots around in the tight race for position in the Pacific Coast baseball league. Seattle's tribe chopped down the Oakland Oaks Wednesday night 6-5 to move back into second place while the San Diego Padres swapped their fifth position for San Francisco's fourth spot by nailing out the Soles 7-6. The Sacramento Senators closed the gap separating them from the sixth place Portland Beavers to one and a half games when Nathan Andrews won a 2-0 pitching duel from Ad Liska. Each winning club has made it two in a row. Rain kept Los Angeles and the Missions idle in San Francisco. Andrews and Liska each hurled

ed four-hit ball and surprisingly received perfect support. Lou Vezelich scored for Sacramento in the second when he walked and advanced on a sacrifice and Red Worthington's single. Frank Morehouse doubled in the eighth and counted on Joe Dobbin's single.

The defeat didn't dishearten Manager Bill Sweeney, who during his two and a half week's rule has piloted the club downhill from third to sixth place. He predicted his Beavers would start upgrade "anytime and then it will be hard to stop us."

Paul Gregory allowed the top-

notch Oaks only five hits. With the aid of Shortstop Chet Smith's error in the eighth they converted the five hits into as many runs. Only two tallies, scored in the fifth, were earned. La Rocca, Olds and Conlan hurled for the Acorns.

The Padres had to call on Archie Campbell to stop a four-run rally in the ninth inning when Art Wells became easy prey for Lefty O'Doul's batters. O'Doul got into his own makeshift lineup, relieving Win Ballou on the mound for the last inning.

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