Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP) — Last year a number of people (including this columnist) came up with the suggestion that major league baseball clubs should confine their activities to weekends during 1943 and give their athletes a chance to work at something more useful from Monday to Friday . . . Naturally, that implied scrapping the two big leagues in favor of groupings that would eliminate east-west travel, and baseball men refused even to think of it . . . Such a move, they claimed, would be a fate worse than death . . . Just for curiosity, we've been checking up on attendance figures to see if it has been worth while to continue on the old plan.

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EVEN STEPHEN

Looking at the standings, as of yesterday, we can't see where an east-west division would have done any harm from a competitive standpoint . . . The American league had two eastern and two western clubs in the first division and the National was the same except for ties, so their strength appears about evenly divided.

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FANCIFUL FIGURES

As nearly as we can figure it out, it takes about three and a half week-day crowds to make one Sunday turnout this season . . . The American league played 53 week-day bills up through Monday before 241,378 customers for an average of 4554 and 16 Sunday affairs (mostly doubleheaders) drew 241,616 for an average of 15,101 . . . The National league's 56 week-day shows drew 248,396, averaging 5078 and 16 Sundays drew 299,640, averaging 18,728 . . . Dipping a little deeper into the figures, we find individual crowds ranging from 350 for a Saturday game between the Indians and Browns at St. Louis to 47,086 for a Giants-Dodgers Sunday doubleheader at the Polo Grounds . . . Twilight and night games are far ahead of midweek afternoon games in attendance and Saturday crowds, generally speaking, aren't much bigger than other week days.

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CHANGE OF PACE

Harry Mendel, who was wondering what had become of his six-day bike racers since the war put them out of business, has found out since he opened his new Steak shoppe in Paterson, N. J. . . The pedal pushers remembered the prime beef Harry used to feed 'em — and that they never had to pick up the tab . . . Bob Montgomery is one Philadelphia lightweight who ain't. He's a natural 135-pounder, while a "Philadelphia lightweight" (with quotes) always meant a guy who couldn't make the weight.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

Frank Graham, the New York Sun sports scribe, relates that his 18-year-old son, Frank Jr., an apprentice seaman at the Great Lakes naval training station, recently was made a member of the staff of the post paper, the Great Lakes Bulletin . . . Reporting for his new duties, the kid learned that his first assignment was to write about an apprentice seaman whose father, a noted sports expert, recently wrote a book about the New York Yankees . . . If he inherited his dad's modesty, it probably was the shortest story on record.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—Beau Jack, New York's world lightweight champion, and Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia challenger, who meet Friday night in a 15-round title bout at Madison Square garden, each have registered 27 knockouts during their fistic careers.

Jack's total was compiled in 53 fights while Montgomery collected his in 59.

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RAVENA, N. Y., May 18 (AP) Southpaw Sam Zolner hurled a no-hitter for Ravena high school against Athens High yesterday but lost, 1-0. In the fifth inning an Athens man walked, stole second and scored on a two-base overthrow by the catcher.

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BALTIMORE, May 18 (AP)—Veteran Negro Boxer Chalky Wright of Los Angeles, former featherweight title claimant, defeated young Frankie Carto of Philadelphia by a technical knockout in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round bout last night before more than 7000 spectators in Baltimore's coliseum.

Wright weighed 130 pounds, Carto a half pound heavier.

Carto put up a good, aggressive fight in the opening rounds, but he lacked the staying power once Chalky began stalking his man in the fourth.

Webfeet Get Nod to Win Track Meet

Unbeaten Oregon Favored; Cougars Seen as Dangerous Rival, Has Most Place Men

SEATTLE, May 19 (AP)— The University of Oregon rules as a slight favorite today to take the coast conference northern division title in the track and field meet here Saturday.

The Webfoots have been unbeaten in dual competition this season and defeated Washington, defending champion, by five points in that meet.

Washington State appears to have the most candidates for first places and therefore must be rated as a dangerous contender. Hard to beat in their specialties will be Al Akins in the 100 and 220, Capt. Pat Haley in the hurdle races and Max Dodge in the discus throw.

Men who will be defending division titles are Haley in the hurdles; Bob Smith of Washington in the 100 and 220; Capt. Gene Swanzey of Washington in the 880, and Capt. Homer Thomas of Oregon in the pole vault.

Capt. Don Findlay of Oregon State, winner last year in the high and broad jumps, is one of four Beavers who will be unable to compete because of a military ruling.

Hicks Leads Way in KUHS Swim Meet

With Dick Hicks leading the way, the KUHS senior class won the first high school swim meet ever held in Klamath Falls under the physical education department. Hicks accounted for 23 of his classes 24 points scored. The junior class was second with 14 points, the freshman class was third with 12 points, and the sophomore class finished in the cellar without a single point to their credit.

Results:

35-yard dash—Won by Dick Hicks, senior; second, Elwyn Sylvan, junior; third, Robert Tucker, junior. Time, 19.3.

70-yard dash—Won by Dick Hicks, senior; second, Bill Irving, freshman; third, Arnold Selby, senior. Time, 51.6.

70-yard back stroke—Won by Dick Hicks, senior; second, Elwyn Sylva; third, Robert Tucker, junior. Time, 58.5.

140-yard free style. Won by Dick Hicks, senior; second, Bill Irving, freshman; third, Robert Tucker, junior. Time, 2 minutes 29.5 seconds.

Dive and underwater swim—Won by Robert Tucker, junior, 145 feet; second, Dick Hicks, senior, 112 feet; third, Jerry Hicks, freshman, 98 feet.

140-yard relay—The freshman relay team of John Foster, Bob Massey, Raymond Sharp and Bill Irving captured this event. Time, 1 minute 50.5 seconds.

By far the most thrilling race of the meet was the 140-yard free style. Speedy Freshman Bill Irving led the pack until the final lap, only to be overtaken by Senior Dick Hicks and nosed out by a scant two yards. The closest race was the 35-yard dash between Dick Hicks and Elwyn Sylvan.

Voting is compulsory in Australia.

Clutch Kluttz

Clyde Kluttz, above, promised to hit so well with men on bases that Boston Braves sold Catcher Ernie Lombardi, 1942 National league batting champion, to New York Giants.

JEFFERSON WINS

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—Jefferson high school defeated Franklin, 4-1, in a Portland interscholastic league baseball game yesterday and took second place. Grant held its lead by defeating Sabin, 12-1, Lincoln downed Commerce, 7-3, and Benson defeated Washington, 9-8.

Coast Ball Win Record Tottering

Angels Hack at Non-Stop Victory Mark in Battle With Stars; Beavers Win

By The Associated Press

The 40-year-old Coast league record for non-stop victories appears ready to fall today as Los Angeles takes on Hollywood in a doubleheader at Wrigley Field.

Some doubts surround that record. Oldtimers say Seattle set up the all time PCL mark for consecutive wins in 1903 by going 20 straight games without a loss. A new school of thought credits Los Angeles with setting a "modern" record of 19 straight wins in 1939. A search of the records verifies Seattle's performance four decades ago and just why a modern record should be established is one of those mysteries the sporting world loves to chew on.

The rest of the league opened its series games yesterday with Seattle suffering its fourth consecutive shutout, this time at the hands of Portland.

Pete Jonas allowed the Beavers only four hits, against six given up by Cohen, but first inning wildness proved his undoing. He opened with a walk to Spencer Harris, got Rupe Thompson on a pop fly, but then walked Ted Gullic. Larry Barton scratched an infield single and with the bases loaded John Gill drew a pass to force in the game's only run.

Cohen always was able to choke off incipient Rainier rallies and no Rainier got as far as third base.

Oakland bumped San Francisco 11 to 4, crowding over 10 runs in the fifth inning. San Diego shut out Sacramento 1 to 0 on the six hit pitching of Southpaw Rex Dilbeck.

Chief-of-Staff

Cougar Golf, Net Men Eye Matches

PULLMAN, May 19 (AP)—Washington State's tennis and golf teams, with only one defeat apiece marring season's records, will leave tomorrow for northern division championships competition. Tennis matches are scheduled for the weekend at Corvallis, Ore., and the golf for Seattle.

The Cougar netmen have lost only to Washington and the golfers to Oregon State.

NEW COACH NEEDED

MARSHFIELD, May 19 (AP)—Marshfield high school was looking for a new coach today. Coach Orville R. Bailey resigned to enter the navy as a reserve lieutenant.

Miss Leo the Lip

Yeoman Polly Harper of WAVES has plenty to say to umpire, Bos'n Robert Elias, during softball game between women of WAVES, SPARS and marines and office of naval procurement. Service women win, 8-6, at 12th Regiment armory, New York.

Big Bad Wolf Trots Along With Jesse

Flores, Wolff Become New Winning Combination in Major League Baseball

By TED MEIER

PHILADELPHIA, May 19 (AP) Wherever little Jesse Flores goes these days the big bad wolf (with two F's) is sure of follow.

Which is one way of saying that the diminutive Mexican rookie pitcher for the Athletics, who has gained the headlines with five consecutive triumphs, and Roger Wolff are rapidly becoming a Damon-Pythias combination in major league baseball.

Flores, who twirled for Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast league a year ago, has started five games and in four of them Wolff, a husky six-foot-two knuckleball master, has rushed to his rescue.

For instance: "Flores wins fifth straight," a headline read after the A's split with Cleveland Sunday, but the box score disclosed that Flores pitched only six innings, leaving the last three to Wolff.

Jess went 15 2/3 innings against Washington but it was Wolff who stopped a Senator rally, Flores getting credit nevertheless for a 2 to 1 16-innings triumph. The lad who almost became a bullfighter stopped the Yankees, 4 to 3, May 9, but Wolff came to his rescue like a volunteer firefighter in the ninth.

Flores doesn't always need help. He twirled a three-hitter against Washington May 4, winning 3 to 1, and going the whole distance. And it was Flores who came to Russ Christopher's assistance to win against Detroit in extra innings May 13.

Hawks are able to see objects man cannot see even with the aid of binoculars.

A leech is able to eat enough at one meal to last it an entire year.

Huskies Take Good Grip on Third Place

PULLMAN, May 19 (AP)—The University of Washington took a tight hold on third place in the northern division coast conference baseball race yesterday by defeating Washington State, only challenger for the number 3 spot, 5 to 4.

The Cougars presented Husky Pitcher Doug Ford with a comfortable lead in the second inning when Al Akins dropped Harris Anderson's long fly, allowing the Husky to score behind two of his mates. Bill Gissberg tripled in the third and scored the fourth Husky counter on Tex Warren's single.

Washington State scored once in the fourth and tied the count in the sixth when Pitcher Roger Olson homered with two men on then Second Baseman Frank Orrico singled for the winning tally for Washington in the seventh.

THE STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	24	3	.889
San Francisco	16	12	.571
Oakland	17	13	.567
San Diego	16	14	.533
Hollywood	14	14	.500
Portland	10	18	.357
Sacramento	9	20	.310
Seattle	8	20	.286

Yesterday's Results

Portland 1, Seattle 0.
Oakland 11, San Francisco 4.
San Diego 1, Sacramento 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	17	8	.680
Boston	12	8	.600
St. Louis	12	9	.571
Cincinnati	12	12	.500
Philadelphia	11	11	.500
Pittsburgh	9	11	.450
New York	10	14	.417
Chicago	7	17	.292

Yesterday's Results

St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 1.
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 0.
Cincinnati 3, New York 1.
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 4.

American League Unchanged

Dodgers Lead; Cards Best; Braves Amazing

St. Louis Overpowers Brooklyn Boys With 7 to 1 Score; Phillies Pounce

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

A thumbnail description of the National league goings-on can be given in one paragraph—the leaders are the Brooklyn Dodgers, the best team probably is the St. Louis Cardinals, the most surprising is the Boston Braves and the most publicized the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Cardinals came surging back at Brooklyn yesterday to retaliate for the 1-0 loss of their series-opener by overpowering the Dodgers 7-1. Unlike the day before when the margin of victory was a bit of gridiron tactics on the basepaths, yesterday's tussle between the two rivals for the National league pennant was entirely one-sided.

The Redbirds raided three Brooklyn pitchers for 11 hits, half a dozen being divided equally between Walker Cooper and Stan Musial, while two southpaws, Ernie White and Harry Brecheen, smothered the Dodgers on three hits. The game was in the fifth inning before the Dodgers ever got a man to first base. White eventually was removed because of a sore shoulder after the first two men had hit safely in the seventh, for Brooklyn's only run, but Brecheen finished with a hitless relief job.

Although the Cardinals won impressively at Brooklyn, they were unable to regain second place in the standings because the bumptious Braves battered the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0. Al Javery pitched five-hit ball to shade Rip Sewell, even though the latter allowed only five safeties in absorbing his first defeat of the season. The tide of victory was a pair of home runs by Rookie Charley Workman and Johnny McCarthy, each with a man on base, for all of Boston's runs.

The Phillies pounced on the Chicago Cubs 5-4 in a night game viewed by 20,820 fans (biggest nocturnal turnout of the season) for their third straight success and eighth in 12 games. Si Johnson was tight in the pinches, although allowing 11 hits to his teammates' six, and Babe Dahlgren batted in three runs.

The victory raised the Phillies into a tie with Cincinnati for fourth place and also sent the Cubs staggering to their seventh straight loss.

The Reds nipped the New York Giants again 3-1 in 10 innings with a pair of errors by Manager Mel Ott and Dick Bartell of the Giants contributing to Cincinnati's two deciding runs in the overtime frame.

For the second successive day all American league clubs were kept idle by weather conditions.

NO-NAME FINALISTS

ALBANY, May 19 (AP)—Albany and Oregon City high schools qualified for the finals of the No-Name league baseball tournament yesterday. Albany defeated Milwaukie, 3-1, and Oregon City downed Corvallis, 5-3.

They will meet at Albany Friday.

BLUE LAW?

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—Commissioner Fred Tedesco voted no when the city fathers instructed attorneys to draft a ban against gypsy fortune telling.

"People get a certain sense of pleasure out of it. . ." he argued.

Frosh Swamp Junior High Tracksters

KUHS freshmen track team swamped Fremont junior high, 69½ points to 28½ in a seven-event intra-class meet held Monday and Tuesday nights. Although the younger junior high boys were outclassed they really staged a great exhibition. Johnson of the junior high was the outstanding star of the meet. He took both the 75-yard and the 160-yard dash. Thurman shone for the freshmen.

The meet was held for the purpose of creating interest in track, and to develop future talent for the KUHS varsity.

Results:

Pole vault — Thurman and Palmer, freshmen, both tied for first place; third, Pope, freshmen; Higgins and Cunningham of junior high tied for fourth place. Height, 9 feet 3 inches.

75-yard dash—Won by Johnson of the junior high; second, Lawson, junior high; third, Hendricks, freshmen; fourth, Hicks, freshmen; fifth, Pope, freshmen. Time, 8.8.

High jump—Won by Hicks, freshmen; Pope of the freshmen and Johnson of the junior high tied for second; third, Constans, freshmen; fourth, Thurman, freshmen. Distance, 5 feet.

8-pound shot — Travis Jones and John Foster, freshmen, tied for first place; third, J. Palmer, freshmen; fourth, De Vore, freshmen; fifth, Keeling, freshmen. Distance, 41 feet 1 inch.

Broad jump—Won by Thurman, freshmen; second, Hendricks, freshmen; third, Pope, freshmen; fourth, Constans, freshmen; fifth, Hicks, freshmen. Distance, 18 feet 3½ inches.

160-yard dash—Won by Johnson, junior high; second, Constans, freshmen; third, Hendricks, freshmen; fourth, Sanders, junior high; fifth, Lawson, junior high.

The 440-yard relay was won by the junior high. Time, 53.2.

ABSENT-MINDED TRAVELER

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., (AP)—Anthony Balent checked out of a hotel room here, forgetting his money belt containing $2064.

He discovered the oversight at Amarillo, Tex.

Albuquerque police went to the hotel and found the money belt intact. Balent's cash is on the way to him in Chicago.

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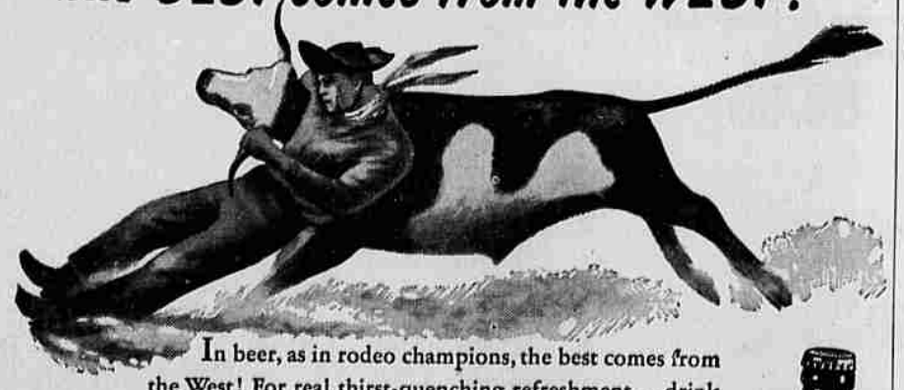

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