



**Sports Briefs**  
By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

## Upper Crust Seals Take On Rainiers

San Franciscans Have Doubtful Honor of Being Second to Top Spot Angels

By The Associated Press  
The teams at the bottom of the heap will find out how the upper crust plays baseball as the Pacific Coast league resumes action this week.

The tallent Seattle Rainiers will take on San Francisco in the Seal stadium today in the first of an eight games series. The two teams split a six-game encounter in Seattle recently, and since then the Seals have risen to second place—a dubious enough honor considering Los Angeles' wide lead on the pack. The Angels tomorrow will engage the Portland Beavers, who probably haven't forgotten that Los Angeles took a seven-game series from them in their own ballpark two weeks ago. A doubleheader will open the series.

Third place Oakland will attempt to gain on San Francisco at the expense of Sacramento in a series opening at the Solons' park. Morning baseball will make its first appearance in the league today, with San Diego opening a seven game series against Hollywood at 11 a. m.

The time is designed to please swing-shifters in San Diego's aircraft plants and if the results are encouraging the Padre management undoubtedly will come up with more breakfast-time baseball. Pending the outcome of the experiment, however, the remainder of the week-day games will be played at twilight.

letic officer. After refereeing a recent boxing tournament, Davis reported that breaking a clinch is as tough as breaking a football line. Fellow instructors at the Del Monte, Calif., pre-flight school have figured out how to get Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam to pole vault 16 feet. In a recent exhibition, Dutch missed twice at "only 14 feet" then went over on the third try. Then he learned the actual height was 14-10. Now if they'd just try him at "only 15 feet 6 inches."

## Fight Fans Talk Henry, Angott Blow

Armstrong Stops Shapiro In Seven-Round Display of Bewildering Infighting

By TED MEIER  
PHILADELPHIA, May 25 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, the man of 1000 punches, and Sammy Angott, whose recent "retirement" and quick reappearance in the lightweight ranks puzzled fight fans, may meet in New York next month.

"There doesn't seem to be anyone else to fight Henry," observed George Moore, Armstrong's manager, after the former triple champion stopped Maxie Shapiro of New York in seven rounds at Convention Hall last night.

Hammerin' Henry has been signed by Promoter Mike Jacobs of New York for a June 11 bout that supposedly was a rematch with Beau Jack, but there is a question whether Jack, who lost his lightweight title to Philadelphia's Bob Montgomery last Friday, will be ready for another scrap so soon.

Armstrong didn't tire himself out in stopping Shapiro for his 19th victory and 14th kayo in 22 bouts since he came out of retirement in Los Angeles a year ago. In fact a crowd of 8842 that paid \$21,614 saw him lose the first round.

But in the second he went to work with a bewildering display of infighting that drove the New Yorker steadily backward. His face and head badly battered by the sixth, Maxie was dropped to one knee by a left from in close. The same thing happened in the seventh. Blood spurted from his mouth and ear as he rose. Armstrong dropped his fists suddenly and asked Referee Matt Adgie to stop it. Adgie did. The time was 1:58.

Armstrong weighed 140, Shapiro 135.

## Prep Baseball Men In Portland Set Stage for Title Go

PORTLAND, May 25 (AP)—Franklin moved up on Grant in the Portland high school baseball league yesterday and set the stage for a title-deciding game Wednesday.

Washington nosed out league-leading Grant, 7-6, while Franklin advanced a half-game by trimming Commerce, 7-1. The winner of the Franklin-Grant tilt Wednesday will gain the city crown.

In 1939 the United States bought 51,600,000 pounds of raw silk from other nations at a cost of \$121,000,000.

## Saves Gas, Motors, Spills



Minnesota fishermen tie canoes together with saplings, making one outboard motor do work of two. There is no danger of tipping over when whopping big ones are pulled in, either.

## Pelicans Lose Several Good Basketball Men By Graduation

The KUHS Pelican basketball team which went to the State tournament and captured the state championship will be minus several ace basketball players in 1944. Six seniors have graduated from this year's club. Coach Wayne Scott will have very few experienced hoopers in 1944, and his ball club will have to be built from reserves of this year.

Those lost by graduation are Jim Bocchi, Ralph Foster, James Cox, Rex Young, Aldo Bellotti and Richard Hunter.

James Bocchi—Captain Jim Bocchi, known as "Slim Jim" to many—finished his third year of varsity basketball in a blaze of glory. Jim had gone to the state basketball tournament for two years and failed to achieve what he had looked forward to until this year when he led his team to the championship.

Jim's choice on the all-state second team resulted in the greatest controversy over any player since the beginning of the tournament several years back. The all-state team was chosen before the championship game in which Jim scored 20 points—an all-time high for a championship game. Without a shadow of a doubt, Jim was the outstanding player in the tournament and one of the most outstanding players produced around here in many years.

Ralph Foster—"Baldy" as he is known—stole the hearts of the fans at the tournament with his drive down the court, his feeding to teammates when he could have scored himself, and the way he played his heart out in each ball game. Ralph was a great competitor and when the going was the toughest he was at his best. He was officially chosen a member of the all-state first team. Ralph was liked by everyone, and his winning ways kept a winning spirit in the team.

Rex Young—The "Keno Kid" as he was called because of his earlier days in Keno—started out last year with the Wildcats. This

year he moved into the first string and was a partner of Jim Cox. Backboard rebounds were his specialty and he could hold up his side of the deal with the best of them. Rex was the workhorse of the outfit and a fine team man. He was never licked and when it came to playing basketball Rex was always in the middle of the battle.

James Cox—"Jim" was the least noticed of any player on the squad because his job was not the flashy kind, though essential. Jim started the year slowly, but developed into one of the finest players on the team. He was so good on the backboards that rebounds just didn't get past him. Rebound work is the backbone of any team, and Jim was tops in this field. He didn't stop there but began scor-

ing at the amazing rate of 10 and 12 points a game. A shy person, a fine boy and a very fine basketball player.

Aldo Bellotti—Letterman from last year's team and a reserve this year—was a great help to the team. Many times when reserves were needed Aldo could take over as he was a calm experienced player. This is a big help in tough games when capable reserves are needed. Aldo would have played regular on any other team in the state.

Richard Hunter—Dick was a reserve this year and a transfer from Washington. It is too bad he didn't have another year as he would have been valuable on any team. A hard worker and a fine sport, Dick is the type of player with whom a coach enjoys working.

Coach Wayne Scott coached these boys and deserves a great deal of credit for their success. It may be a long time before a better coached team is to be found anywhere. Teams like this one are few and far between, and basketball fans of Klamath Falls enjoyed every moment of the Pelicans' success throughout the past year.

## Sailors Take Senators in Bond Battle

Norfolk Navy Bats in Four Counters in Ninth to Win; Washingtonians Get Gomez

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Uncle Sam is some \$2,000,000 richer today, those sailors who call the Norfolk Naval station their alma mater are prouder than ever of their baseball team and the Washington Senators have a new relief pitcher.

The 29,221 spectators who saw the Sailors defeat the Senators last night, 4 to 3, in nine innings of thrilling baseball paid for their seats by buying war bonds and pledged an estimated \$2,000,000 to see the game.

The Sailors counted three times in the eighth to sport a 4 to 0 edge as the game went into the final frame. But here the Washingtonians, third in the American league standings, punched over three runs at the expense of Broadway Charley Wagner, former Red Sox ace, before Max Wilson put out the fire.

The Sailors, virtually an all-star major league aggregation, collected only six hits off five pitchers.

Before the game, Clark Griffith, president of the Senators, said that Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, for 12 years a left-handed pitcher for the New York Yankees before sent to the Boston Braves this winter, had signed a Senator contract. Gomez was given his release by the Braves last week. He will be used in relief roles.

## Rainiers Have Hopes for New Starting Pitcher

SEATTLE, May 25 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers have high hopes of landing a new starting pitcher within a few days, Manager Bill Skiff reported yesterday. The club also is angling for an experienced catcher and may land one before the club returns home in two weeks, Skiff said.

Outfielder Bill Kats, he said, still is favoring a leg he injured in spring training at Lewiston and might need some additional rest before breaking into action regularly.

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## Lou Novikoff May Boost Bruins From Cellar; Cubs' Record Good

By JUDSON BAILEY  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
With the major leagues getting ready to resume action tomorrow with their second round of inter-sectional firing, the question that has everybody puzzled is how long can the other National league clubs continue to trample on the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs.

The Bruins, particularly, have impressed every rival manager as one of the standouts teams in the senior circuit. Yet they are deep in the cellar with only nine victories and 19 defeats and have been shut out seven times.

erally good pitching and is third in the league in hitting. In fielding it has made fewer errors than the league-leading Brooklyn Dodgers and is among the leaders in double plays.

A siege of illness and injuries had cut into the club's general effectiveness, no doubt, but on the basis of the records it is hard to see how the Cubs lost nine straight in the east.

They will be joined by Lou Novikoff, their celebrated hold-out, when they open a home them on the upgrade, but they will need to sweep all three

games from the Giants to ooze out of the cellar.

Cincinnati's predicament is almost equally puzzling. The Reds' pitching has been as good as expected and the hitting has been better than Manager Bill McKeechne dared hope. As a club only the Dodgers are hitting higher. Yet in two games last weekend the Reds left 24 runners stranded.

At Boston Johnny Vander Meer pitched a two-hitter and was beaten and the next day Bucky Walters lost a four-hitter. At present the only thing familiar about the National league standings is the battle between Brooklyn and the St. Louis Cardinals for first place.

The Boston Braves and Philadelphia Phillies, who have held out to the other berths in the first division will be put to strenuous tests in their first swing through the west.

Besides New York at Chicago, the series opening tomorrow in the National league will call for place. The combination of Novikoff and Wrigley field may put stand tomorrow against the New York Giants, who are in seventh Boston at St. Louis and Philadelphia at Cincinnati in a pair of night games and Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.

In the American league the eastern clubs will be at home with Cleveland at Boston, Chicago at Philadelphia, Detroit at New York and St. Louis at Washington in a night game.

The question here will be whether the Indians, usually not as formidable on the road as at home, retain the American league lead they grabbed from the Yankees Sunday at Cleveland.

The Yanks' western invasion was disastrous, with only one victory in seven games and Joe Gordon, their star second baseman and cleanup hitter, looking as bad as he did in the world series.

## Cub Holdout Signs; Hopes For Approval

CHICAGO, May 25 (AP)—Lou Novikoff was under contract with the Chicago Cubs today and hoping he would meet with the approval of Manager Jimmy Wilson so he could make his 1943 debut tomorrow against the New York Giants.

Novikoff ended his two-month holdout campaign yesterday by signing a contract in General Manager James Gallagher's office. Terms, of course, were not disclosed, but Lou said that he was satisfied with the compromise figure—guessed at \$8000 or \$8500—and had received his concession of retroactive pay to the first of the season.

The matter of having Novikoff reinstated was thought to be nothing less than the formality of informing Ford Frick, president of the National league, that the holdout had signed and was ready for action. Gallagher planned to attend to this routine immediately.

## BULL'S EYE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—The hit and run victim was badly banged up.

An automobile charged into a suburban pharmacy, ripped a large hole in the side and scattered merchandise helter skelter. The driver backed out and sped away before anyone could get his license number.

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