

# PCL Baseball Season to Get Underway Saturday; Portland To Tangle With Oakland Oaks

## PCL Starts Tomorrow!!!



By The Associated Press  
Materially strengthened by players honorably discharged from military service, the eight-member Pacific Coast Baseball league inaugurates its fourth wartime season tomorrow in California cities.

Sunny weather is forecast and attendance records for first day games may be broken.

Indicative of fan interest, a crowd of 8000 of Sacramento's "little people" alone is expected to turn out to watch their lowly Senators play the Hollywood Stars, the runnerup team in 1944. Los Angeles, the 1944 winner, has been tabbed as "the team to beat" again this year.

The coast league games, as in the past 45 years, will signalize the season's start of organized professional ball in the nation. The last practice games were played Thursday.

The league's official sendoff will be at Emeryville where California Governor Earl Warren tosses in the ball for the game between the Oakland Aorns and Portland Beavers. Other games will be in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Managers have picked the following batteries for Saturday.

Portland — Ad Liska and Eddie Adams; Oakland — Fred Stromme and Bill Raimondi.

Hollywood — Rodney Smith and Jim Hill; Sacramento — Tui Fletcher and Ed Schuler.

San Francisco — Ken Bronde and Joe Sprinz; Los Angeles — Don Osborn and Roy Easterwood.

Seattle — Carl Fisher and Hal Sueme; San Diego — Jim Brillheart and Del Ballinger.

# Oklahoma Aggies Bounce DePaul, 52-44, for Title

## Kurland Leads Oklahoma to Victory In National Basketball Championship

By ORLO ROBERTSON  
NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—After 18 years a team coached by 41-year old Bank Iba has reached the pinnacle of basketball.

When Iba's Oklahoma Aggies capped their NCAA championship with a 52-44 victory over De Paul of Chicago, national invitation tournament winners, in a

Red Cross game at Madison Square Garden last night, it marked the greatest triumph for the coach who is rated one of the shrewdest men in the business.

So last night's triumph was indeed gratifying as it was achieved before a sell-out crowd of 18,158 fans, who contributed more than \$50,000 to the Red Cross. The gate receipts were \$36,358 and the remainder came from an \$8000 auction of the ball, program sales and radio.

The game was expected to be a battle of basketball's top big men—the Aggies seven-foot Bob Kurland and De Paul's six-foot nine-inch George Mikan. But Mikan fouled out after 14 minutes of play and Iba, moving his men in and out of the game like a chess master, assigned Kurland to almost a ball-retrieving and play-making job in the last half.

The Oklahoma red-head took only two shots in the last half, making one of them. He added two free throws to boost his total to 14. Mikan counted nine times during his short appearance.

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# NCAA Not To Repeat "Boner"

By JERRY LISKA  
ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 30 (AP)—Because the National Collegiate Athletic association won't repeat a "boner" it committed last year, Ohio State may be an also-ran instead of a potential threat in the 22nd annual NCAA swimming meet opening here today.

The Buckeyes had been ranked only behind Michigan's Big Ten champions among contenders for the title now held by Yale, which is not competing this year. Cornell is rated third in a field of 15 eastern and midwestern schools which have entered 70 aquatic stars.

At a meeting last night, however, coaches of the association upheld a ruling by H. C. Willett of Southern California, chairman of the NCAA eligibility committee, that Keo Nakama, Ohio State's 440-yard and 150-meter free style champion, would be unable to compete because he is a post-graduate student.

Last year, according to Buckeye Coach Mike Peppe, the NCAA allowed Diver Charles Batterman of Columbia to compete, although he had graduated from Ohio State. Batterman won both the low and high board diving titles.

## A's Ace Outfielder May Be Inducted

PHILADELPHIA, March 30 (AP)—Outfielder Hal Peck, for whom the Philadelphia Athletics paid Milwaukee \$20,000 and four players' undervalued a preinduction physical examination yesterday. His case may be referred to Washington tonight.

A's Outfielder Charley Metro, also was instructed to report at the examination center again today.

## 'Nail-Up' Girl



With pins-ups a dime a dozen nowadays, screen press agents have to scratch their heads for new angles. Which is why Warner Brothers' starlet Martha Vickers appears above as a "nail-up" girl.

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## Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

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NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—Lou Nova, who used to turn over and stand on his head in his dressing room, has turned over a new leaf instead and as a symbol he's wearing an "iron" hat like Manager Jimmie J. Johnston's. Even the experts who made Miler Joe Baksi a favorite to lick Nova tonight began back-peddling when they heard that triple J actually planned to work in Lou's corner. They figured that Jimmy might revive some of the stuff that Nova had when he licked such guys as Max Baer and Tommy Farr. When DePaul's basketballers faced an all-star team in a benefit game for Vaughan General hospital last fall, George Mikan had to face seven-foot Bob Kurland of the Oklahoma Aggies, Don Otten (6-11) of Bowling Green and Bill Henry (6-11) of Rice in one game. The experience didn't help him much against Kurland last night when he fouled out in less than 15 minutes.

### NO SHORT SNORTER

The Giants are claiming some sort of a record for Ernie Lombardi since their visit to the Curtis Bay, Md., coast guard station. Schnozz kept an entire barracks awake all night with his snoring and teammates claim the bugles quit in disgust when he found everyone a wake in the morning. He said Lombardi had a bigger and louder bugle than Uncle Sam gave him.

### THE REAL LOWDOWN

When Billy Banks, Washington lightweight, stepped into the ring to fight Billy Morris the other night, his bright green trunks were adorned with the words: "Information and statistics." Billy explained, "I'm a messenger for the Division of Information and Statistics of the Civil Aeronautics administration."

## Brenda Helser Will Team Again With 'Cody Kids'

PORTLAND, March 30 (AP)—Brenda Helser will team again with the famed "Cody kids" of the Multnomah Athletic club to seek national swim honors, Jack Cody, club coach, said yesterday he had been assured.

Miss Helser, now in Hollywood, takes the attitude, Cody said, that she, Suzanne Zimmerman, Nancy Merki, and Mary Ann Hansen are defending champions in the 400-yard relay. "I want to be with them to defend the title" in the national women's outdoor swimming championships in Los Angeles in August, she said.

The winged M four holds the American record of 4:09.1 for the event.

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# Lippy Leo May Face Choice of Positions

By JOE REICHLER

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 30 (AP)—Lippy Leo Durocher, who has been airing his loquacious talents, may face the choice today of continuing as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers or pursuing a budding career as a radio entertainer.

Durocher incurred the wrath of Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn club, when he left the Dodgers' spring training camp last night to go to New York for rehearsal of a radio program on which he is to appear in a guest role Sunday night.

"There must be an election of professions," declared Rickey, and he intimated there would be a showdown today.

Durocher could not be located in New York last night for comment.

Rickey discovered Durocher's absence when he attempted to contact the manager to discuss an "important development." Rickey would not say what the development was, but it was believed to have grown out of a telephone conversation with Dixie Walker, the club's leading holdout and the league's batting king.

Walker, holding out for \$22,500, an increase of approximately \$8500 over last year's salary, was reported to have agreed to reduce his original demand to \$21,000 if he were paid his entire salary in war bonds.

Rickey's reply was, "If Dixie will accept his asking price in war bonds at their maturing value, he's in right now." That

would be \$16,875 at the purchase price.

Durocher has appeared on several radio shows during the winter, including one last Saturday for which he is said to have received \$1000. He has also been offered a spot on a weekly radio program.

The Dodgers are slated to play an exhibition game with Montreal at 2 p. m. Sunday, four hours before the scheduled broadcast. It takes about two hours to get to New York from Bear Mountain.

## Swift Swede Set For Farewell Appearance Here

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—Gunder Haegg, the Swedish record breaker, will make his farewell indoor track appearance in this country Saturday, when he renews his rivalry in the mile race with Jim Rafferty of the New York AC at Buffalo in a meet sponsored by the Niagara AC. Rafferty has defeated Haegg three times.

## JORGENSEN TO REPORT

SEATTLE, March 30 (AP)—Wob Jorgensen, University of Washington basketball guard and a candidate for the baseball team, has been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces, the school announced yesterday.

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# Rex Cecil Looks Good In Practice

Former San Diego Hurling Sensation May Make Grade  
NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—Rex Cecil, who proved somewhat of a disappointment after costing the Boston Red Sox \$25,000 last year, is giving evidence that he might yet pay dividends.

The former San Diego pitching sensation, who was expected to take the place of Tex Hughson but could win only four out of nine starts, hurled brilliantly yesterday as the Red Sox downed the New York Yankees 12-8. Cecil held the Yankees to two hits in five scoreless frames and struck out five batters.

Manager Joe Cronin nominated Joe Wood Jr., and Otis Clark to hurl against the Yankees today. Shortstop Skeeter Newsome joined the Sox squad.

Other camp briefs:  
MARION ARRIVES — Shortstop Marty Marion arrived, talked salary terms with owner Sam Breadon, no agreement reached. George Dockins, formerly with the American association, arrived to become 10th C. r. d pitcher on hand. Three still absent—Ted Wilks, Harry Brecheen, and Al Kurisich.

BROWNS — Pitcher Jack Kramer reported. Catcher Joe Schultz and Pitcher Sam Zoladak joined workouts. Al La Macchia pitched four runless innings for Browns, who tied with Toledo, 5-5.

BRAVES — Plenty of skull practice for team promised by Manager Bob Coleman after checking defensive lapses, while awaiting next exhibition game scheduled for Monday.

LIKES PITCHING STAFF  
WHITE SOX — Manager Jimmy Dykes likes pitching staff but worried over holdouts Johnny Humphries and Orval Grove. Third Baseman Grey Clark, First Baseman Joe Orango unheard from. Outfielder Howard Roberts reported. Rain chased squad under grandstand for brief workout. Interquid game Sunday.

CUBS — Despite showers, team drilled on depot grounds, preserving record of not missing a practice. Pitcher Ed Hanzewski's arm, re-injured Wednesday, still stiff. Cincy Coach Jimmy Wilson visited Cubs' Manager Grimm to arrange eight exhibition games between clubs.

INDIANS—Play first exhibition game Sunday.

PIRATES — President Ben Swanger, before leaving camp for Pittsburgh, said the team looks best since 1934 permanent contenders.

GIANTS — Holdout infielder Billy Jurge's unexpected arrival. Said came to "talk around," no comment on cut 1945 salary contract.

DOGGERS — Pitcher C. Buker and Catcher Ray Worth reported.

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