

# Portland Beavers Start Roy Helser in Opening PCL Game



**By BILL BECKER**  
**LOS ANGELES, March 31 (AP)**—There were a lot of grandmothers dying today.  
 The Pacific Coast League baseball season opened and it's a cinch office boys—and a lot of other people—found a convenient excuse to attend inaugural festivities.  
 Openers were set for Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland and Sacramento, and the weatherman promised balmy spring, at least for the two events in southern California.

Owner Don Stewart gleefully rubbed his hands yesterday as the temperature rose to 84. The Angels, bidding for a third straight pennant against the San Francisco Seals, figured to draw the opening day banner crowd of 12,000.

Inaugurated with an 11th hour transfusion of Cub (Chicago variety) blood in the form of Pitchers Red Lynn and Charley Adams and Infielder Pete Elko, the Angels rated a solid favorite to repeat. Bill (old tomato face) Sweeney, the league's reigning skipper, sent Don Odozora after the first one. Ed Bronzell, ex-Giant, was slated to pitch for the Seals.

Seattle, the club expected to give the Angels most trouble, opened at San Diego with Carl Fischer, fortyish southpaw, on the hill. Manager "Pepper" Martin of San Diego countered with a chucker of like vintage, Lefty Jim Brillheart. The crowd was reckoned at 3000.

Portland was relying on Ray Helser, 20-game winner last year, against Oakland. The Oaks had Floyd Strome ready. Expected attendance was 10,000.

Ronnie Smith was Hollywood's hurling hope against Sacramento, with the Solons starting Guy Fletcher. State legislators and other officials were expected to swell the crowd to 8000.

In its fourth consecutive wartime season, the league abounds in average, underpaid and over-service players, but, as President Clarence Rowland pointed out, the competition will be keen.

Even grandmas should be happy.

**Manager Mel Ott To Be Honored With Gold Pass**

**NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)**—Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants will be honored with a gold pass at the end of this season for having completed 20 years of service in the major leagues. Only 23 men have been so honored.

Silver passes, credit for 10 full seasons, will go to Joe Di Maggio, Yankees; Claude Passeau, Cubs; Harry Gumbert, Reds; Ray Berres and Johnny Mize, Giants; Frank Hayes, Athletics; Jeff Heath, Indians; Max Butcher, Johnny Lanning and Burgess Whitehead, Pirates; Buddy Lewis, Senators; Al Benton, Tigers; Joe Bowman, Red Sox; Debs Garms, Cards; and French Bordagaray, Dodgers.

**Shot in Arm For College Baseball Asked**

**HAMILTON, N. Y., March 31 (AP)**—A national college baseball organization to promote broader competition, form leagues, conduct tournaments and regulate relations between players and professional interests, was proposed today by two of the east's foremost coaches as a shot in the arm for the college game.

Joe Bedenk, all-American football guard in 1923 and now baseball coach at Penn State, and Everett D. Barnes, assistant director of athletics and coach at Colgate university, said in a joint statement that national organization is necessary to restore the game to its major sport rating.

"A quarter-century ago this sport ranked with football in both player and spectator appeal," Barnes said, "but it has gradually slipped to a point where it is simply apathetic."

**"Violent" Ray Challenges Baksi**

**MIAMI, Fla., March 31 (AP)**—Elmer (Violent) Ray, hard hitting negro heavyweight, rated by some as fourth-ranking "duration" title contender, announced last night through his manager, Tommy O'Loughlin, that he was wiring a \$20,000 offer to Joe Baksi for a 10-round match to be held either in New York or Los Angeles.

## From the CORRAL

**By 'TOP-WHANGLER'**  
 Howdy folks:  
 I've been a ruminator 'round all winter like a chicken with her anatomy out air, was down in California for a spell but they had so much of that unusual weather year hear 'bout, I got a hammerin' to drift back here to this head on these burrows that do everything on a foot but dig post holes.

My three ain't so good. The air begin to show thru, but my hay burner is slump as a pig-eon, and around as a perambulator. He's sorta like good corn squawking on the prairie with age. Last night I can smack into Ernie Reed and she sez they Saddle club gals are as busy as a garden hose on a rainy day 'n' hotter'n a burst boot over a club house they got themselves. They celebrated the first birthday of the group out of Santa Wednesday. The feed trough was full of fried chicken with a big cake with one candle on it and all the other trimmings.

Helen Perry, she's a member of equine society, is out of the hospital and 'bout ready to ride 'em with a bucket's strap again. 'Pat' Hogue has been ridin' his banglaid head ever day. Jim Stewart and Seth Waters bring their little back from Grants Pass and give 'em a airin' most every day now. Jack Ray plans to bring his boss Volney Jones from Seattle. Specs Johnny has been goin' to a horse school up there this winter. Now a days a horse gets more injection in showin' his heels than a hatpin suit model. Charlie Drew Jr. has been practicin' his ropin' with a rake. He and Evie his little woman, are down on their ranch in California.

Bob Robbins sold that little black filly of his to a feller in Bly. Clarice Moon sold one of her yeller horses to Lt. J. Sterling and he's been ridin' moss ever Sunday. "Doc" Hilton has been tryin' out his pert paragon of hoss flesh. Mel Henry cowboyn' on his spare time to forget everything from harsan car lots to harsan glass doors. The horsy-set tossed Elmer Balager a big she-bang tother nite at Lakeshore Inn to enjoy the nitey bill-of-fare with a dandy party. I gotta git now, just remembered I got to write a bread-and-oleomargarine letter to a friend I visited. Hope you missed the ol' Corral Fence and will git out and do some ridin' 'n' I'll have things to write 'bout.

**Bye now.**



Studies of grace in motion are recruit right-handers Allen Gettel, Floyd Bevins and Karl Drews, left to right, enjoying Florida-like training weather with Yankees in training at Atlantic City's Bader Field. Gettel was recalled from Norfolk club, Bevins and Drews from Binghamton.

## Fleet Swede Wings Way To Last Race

**BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31 (AP)**—Gunder Haegg, the fleet Swede, is winging his way eastward aboard an airliner hoping to arrive in Buffalo in time for his farewell 1945 American race and a last chance to beat his rival, Jimmy Raftery of the New York Athletic club.

If all goes well, Haegg, who boarded a plane in California late yesterday, will arrive at 4:25 p. m. Just five hours before he is scheduled to make his appearance on the 74th army eight-lap track for the invitation mile.

The runner has been visiting his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Norrier, in Oakland, Calif., and was "bumped" from plane passenger lists Wednesday and Thursday by priorities. Niagara association AAU officials and the 74th army AA are keeping their fingers crossed against the possibility of his being bumped again, or the plane grounded for some reason.

**Lowland Lakes Fishing Season Opens Tomorrow**

**SEATTLE, March 31 (AP)**—Washington's lowland lakes open tomorrow to give the state's sportsmen their first chance of the year at game fishing.

Streams and mountain lakes remain closed until May 27, and will be open until October 31. The lowland lake season closed November 30.

## Now Ducks Come To Him---

**VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31 (AP)**—Frank Rogers, retired sportsman, used to go after ducks, but now the ducks come to him.

Early in the morning he heard a scuffling noise in his fireplace chimney. It kept up most of the day. In late afternoon a blue-winged teal dropped into the unit fireplace.

His wife kept the duck over night; then set it outdoors where it winged rapidly over the horizon.

## "Little Men" Of Golf Lead Durham Open

**DURHAM, N. C., March 31 (AP)**—Two of golf's "little men"—Tony Penna and Leonard Dodson—unwilling to wait for inauguration of the Goggin plan, set out today to cut themselves a slice of the prize money in the \$6500 Durham Open.

The two happy-go-lucky pros—Tony wears a beret and Dodson affects a hat with the brim turned up in front—were the only ones in a field of 80 to break the Hope Valley Country club course 70 par in yesterday's opening round.

Tiny Tony from Dayton, O., paced the field with a two-under 68. Leonard had a 69.

## Alline Banks Paces Convacs To AAU Title

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 31 (AP)**—Paced by Alline Banks, redheaded six-time all-American, the Nashville, Tenn., Convacs won a 22-20 victory over the Little Rock, Ark., Red Peppers last night to retain their women's national AAU basketball title.

Miss Banks scored 18 points as she boosted her season's total for 34 games to 620 points and ran the Convac victory string to 49 in a row over two seasons.

## Wife Deserts Disabled War Vet

**MEMPHIS, March 31 (AP)**—A disabled war veteran, saying that his wife deserted him because she felt he would be a burden to her for the rest of his life, has filed suit for divorce here.

The suit was filed by Robert F. Isom, whose disability is rated by the army at 80 per cent. He lost his right lung and suffered wounds about the chest, back, legs and abdomen in the initial phases of the invasion of France.

## Grey Mask Again Tops Dusette

Georges Dusette pulled the cartilage loose in his knee in a match with Gust Johnson in Portland recently in which he won the junior heavyweight championship of the Pacific coast, and thereby lies the story of last night's clash between Dusette and the "Grey Mask" at the armory.

Dusette's knee was in bad shape and the hooded hoodlum was smart enough to take advantage of it or he would have had no more chance than the proverbial snowball in the hot spot.

Even though badly handicapped, Dusette took the initial fall with a body slam followed by a body press after the "Mask" had shown the white feather several times in running from the powerful full-Nelson in which Georges specializes.

The crowd was in an uproar, sensing the kill, but even though Dusette made a courageous effort for the masked menace seized the second flop by working on Dusette's knee and then applying a half-crab.

In the fifth and final round the hooded heel went so far as to tangle with Referee Wally Moss, who also had a lively evening, and finally copped the third and deciding fall with another half-crab. Upon several occasions, Georges clamped on his famed Nelson, but in each and every case the "Mask" ran for the pearls as if they were a string of opals. All through the tiff, the capacity crowd was kept constantly on the edge of their seats in the fond expectation that Mr. Stoneface would at last meet his Waterloo.

In another wild fracas, Pete Belcastro downed Tex Hager with his favorite surfboard. Tex showed speed and ability, keeping Pete on the run until Belcastro's superior weight and height began to tell.

In the opening tussle, Tough Tony Ross, who has been gaining in popularity with Klamath fans because of his revised clean tactics, put the blocks to Billy McEuin by taking two out of three flops.

**DOG'S LIFE**  
**OAKLAND, Calif., March 31 (AP)**—A two-year-old Dalmatian dog as part of the estate of his late master was transferred to a new owner. But the new owner had a dog.

Canine fur flew until the attorneys found legal precedent that a dog was a "perishable" asset and could be sold "for the best interests of the estate."

Pal, the dog, sold for \$75, and seems delighted with the new owner, Alfred Lafayette, a wholesale meat dealer.

**SLICK**  
**SPOKANE, Wash., March 31 (AP)**—City sand spreaders often have difficulty getting up icy hills.

So Ralph Unger, city garage mechanic, invented a device that gives the machines traction and he wonders why somebody didn't think of it before.

Instead of spreading the material out of the rear of his truck, his device spreads it ahead of the rear wheels.

# Lippy Leo Must Put Baseball Job First

**By JOE REICHLER**  
**NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)**—Lippy Leo Durocher, fiery manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was unscathed today after his first rift of the 1945 season with President Branch Rickey, but his budding radio career took a definite second place to his baseball duties.

Rickey had asserted "There must be an election of professions" after learning Durocher left the Dodgers' Bear Mountain camp for New York to rehearse a script for a radio appearance and was unavailable for an important consultation.

But the pair emerged from a two-minute conference yesterday in perfect agreement, with Durocher quipping, "Just a tempest in a teapot."

The Brooklyn boss, however, did insist that the job of managing the Dodgers must be the paramount interest of Durocher.

The Dodgers received three pieces of news with mixed emotions the tidings that brought joy to both Rickey and Durocher was that Dixie Walker, the club's most determined hold-out, had agreed to terms. His salary was estimated at about \$18,500.

**Two Players Called**  
 The bad news was that First-Baseman Howard Schultz would probably not report at all this season. Schultz was placed in 1-A recently but was given permission to finish his college career at Hamline university, St. Paul. The other was the arrival of Catcher Mickey Owen with the information that he would be called into service April 28. He had not been expected to be called until July.

Briefs from other training camps:  
**St. Louis Cardinals**—While practice held indoors second straight day, Owner Sam Breadon announced Ted Wilks, 1944 leading National league pitcher in won and lost percentage, had signed. Wilks won 17 and lost 4 as rookie last year. Marty Marion still unsigned.

**St. Louis Browns**—Driven indoors by rain, team staged long workout in batting cage. Pitcher Jack Kramer appeared in good shape in his initial drill.

**Play Doubleheader**  
 Cleveland Indians Play doubleheader today against St. Charles field and Illinois U. varsity. Manager Lou Boudreau announced his regular season starting pitchers as Jim Bagby, Steve Gromek, Alie Reynolds, Red Embree, and Al Smith or Rookie Early Henry.

**Pittsburgh Pirates**—Possible switch of Frank Gustine to second base may create a short-stop problem, but young Vic Barnhart continues to impress onlookers as the leading rookie for the spot.

**Philadelphia Phillies**—Southpaw Ken Raffensberger picked to start against Bainbridge Monday. Lineup to include rookie brothers Garvin Hammer at second and Granville Hammer at short.

**Philadelphia Athletics**—Jessie Flores to pitch in second game against Norfolk N. T. S. after sailors beat A's yesterday 2-1.

**Boston Braves**—Manager Bob Coleman worried about Pitcher Al Javery's arm but brightened by showing Catchers Clyde Kluttz and Phil Masi.

**Boston Red Sox**—Manager Joe Cronin selects George Woods to oppose Yankees today.

**New York Yankees**—Short-stop Mike Milosevich notified Manager Joe McCarthy he will arrive Monday.

**Jurges Signs**  
 New York Giants—Infielder Billy Jurges and Catcher Ray Berres sign contracts. Relief Pitcher Ace Adams to report Sunday.

**Cincinnati Reds**—Pitcher Frank Dasso sent word he received permission to leave war job to play baseball.

**Chicago Cubs**—Outfielder Bill Nicholson, National league home run and runs batted in king, and Pitcher Vandenberg only camp absentees.

**Chicago White Sox**—Pitcher Johnny Humphries signed, leaving Pitcher Orval Grove as only holdout. Infielder Joe Oregno to report next week.

**Detroit Tigers**—Rain limited practice to indoor drill for second straight day.

## Baksi Pounds Out Decision Over Nova

**NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)**—Lou Nova took a beating from Joe Baksi at Madison Square Garden last night, but his game showing probably earned him an Easter present of an outdoor bout at the Polo Grounds this summer.

At 14 to 5 underdog, Nova went down for a nine count in the fourth round, was staggered in the sixth, seventh and ninth and finished with a blood-smear on his face, but he struck back courageously and the crowd of 14,094 cheered him at the end.

The gross gate of \$45,394 brought the garden's total receipts for 13 fight shows this year to \$836,308. That rate continued would double the 1944 intake. The next boxing program is not scheduled until May 25 when Bobby Ruffin meets Willie Joyce.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**  
 By The Associated Press  
**NEW YORK**—Charlie Smith, 136, Newark, outpointed Emmett Grier, 136, Detroit, 6.

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## Land Empire Track Meet Opens Today

**PULLMAN, March 31 (AP)**—The northwest's first track meet, the fifth annual Inland Empire indoor competitions, attracted five colleges and eight schools to Washington today.

Collegiate entries include the 21 school, Idaho, Montana, Pitman and McCaw General Hospital.

Central Valley, North Central, John Rogers, Lewis and Clark, Pasco, Colfax, Kennebec and Clarkston were entered in the four prep running events.

## Arrival of Speed Scheduled For April 13

**MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., March 31 (AP)**—The ninth annual arrival of speed where all records are individual, will be held April 13, Coach Eddie Buck of Sponsoring McLoughlin high school announced today.

No team scores are kept in the track which includes all standard track events except hurdles. Individual winners will receive \$25.

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