

Six Squads Battle For Second Spot

Beavers Hold Comfortable Margin For First Place; Seattle Tops Battle Royal

Pacific coast league competition enters its second quarter tonight with Portland holding a comfortable 6-game lead, while fighting for second place are six clubs separated only by four games.

This week's play should help unscramble the runner-up battle-royal.

Here's the margin separating the second to seventh spot teams: Seattle in second and six games off the pace; Oakland in third a game behind the Rainiers; San Diego in fourth trailing the Acorns a game and a half; Los Angeles and Sacramento in a virtual tie for fifth a game away from San Diego; and San Francisco in seventh a half game behind the Angels and Solons and four full games out of second place.

Manager Marv Owen's Beavers will open their second home stand Wednesday against the up-and-coming Los Angeles Angels who moved to the top of the second division by shading Oakland four out of seven last week.

Seattle will entertain the in-and-out San Francisco Seals who fattened their averages with a 5-1 series margin over Hollywood's falling Stars. The series opens with a doublebill tomorrow night.

San Diego's Padres, who held second place for a single day last week and then were overwhelmed 5-2 in their series with Portland, will have the best chance to improve their position. They travel to Hollywood for a week in the film capital.

Oakland, which had trouble with the Angels in its last series, will attempt to recoup with seven home games against the Sacramento Solons who dropped four out of five to the Rainiers.

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PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Five hundred dollars plus their fighting record will be at stake when Joe Kuhut, the sailing farmer, and Moses Kennedy jangle here May 25 in a 10-round main event at Promoter Joe Waterman said yesterday.

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Capital	
Amount of capital stock paid up (a mutual company)	None
Income	
Total premium income for the year	\$64,337,428.24
Interest, dividends and estate income received during the year	205,825,411.44
Income from other sources received during the year (including interest on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	301,784,146.85
Total income	\$1,352,846,028.08
Disbursements	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrenders	441,941,097.35
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	105,448,154.42
Amount returned to policyholders for direct payment of policy loans	8,023,069.60
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commission and fees paid during the year	100,422,478.17
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year (including \$7,517,752.51 taxes on real estate)	32,458,071.88
Amount of all other disbursements (including \$45,787,119.02 on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	126,239,972.83
Total expenditures	\$774,797,420.44
Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value) including \$49,148,672.32 owned under contract	\$10,793,068.23
Loans on mortgages and annuities etc. (including \$170,544.54 from U. S. A. & H. divisions) subject to redemption	\$14,419,848.88
Value of bonds owned (market value)	4,986,376,937.80
Value of stocks owned (market value)	104,896,021.12
Premium notes and loans	370,587,820.96
Cash in vault, on hand and on deposit	143,045,678.82
Interest and rents due and accrued	84,431,928.85
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	101,791,045.97
Other assets (net)	2,421,890.12
Total admitted assets	\$6,990,400,971.43
Liabilities	
Net reserves	\$5,809,242,699.60
Gross claims for losses unpaid	40,631,536.92
All other liabilities (including \$182,898.00 on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	804,324,907.49
Dividends payable in 1945	111,611,637.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$6,065,799,741.01
Capital paid up, 20000	427,607,791.02
Surplus over all liabilities	427,607,791.02
Surplus as required by law	427,607,791.02
Total	\$6,990,400,971.43
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Net premiums and annuities received during the year (including \$49,250.51 on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	\$ 8,957,637.21
Dividends paid during the year (including \$4,599.50 on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	899,611.67
Net losses and claims (including \$1,000.00 on U. S. A. & H. divisions)	1,697,785.93

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fallerton, Jr.

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR., NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Mickey Walker, who started out on a six-weeks USO tour and found he was booked for six months instead, is back with the prediction that the next heavyweight champ is going to come out of the armed forces. . . . The former middleweight boss must have seen plenty of GI boxers between here and Iran and he surely stirred up the makings of a good scrap when he said the navy's fighters could lick the army's. . . . But Mickey's observations don't tally with those of some other experts—unless he means that Joe Louis, now a doddering old wreck of 31, will be coming out of the army to continue his heavyweight rule.

ANOTHER ANGLE
Sgt. Al Lacombe, who has been staging fights at Khorramshahr, Iran, just returned there after escorting a Persian gulf command boxing team to Italy. . . . He reports as follows: "I found out that the Americans are not the best GI boxers; the Italians over there in Bari, Italy, really are the best. They beat the Americans, British, New Zealanders, Russians and Frenchmen every time they meet. They are always in perfect condition and have very good instructors; the Americans do not want to train for fights; the British boxers just can't fight; the New Zealanders can fight but do not have any instructors to teach them; the Russians are very clumsy and easy to hit; the Frenchmen fight like they are beginners." . . . In support of this opinion, Sgt. Lacombe adds that a 14-year-old, 120-pound Italian kid named Angelo Colianni, can lick the American and British featherweights and most of the lightweights in Italy.

MORE COMPARISONS
In Italy, Sgt. Lacombe encountered a Louisiana neighbor, Johnny Ebarb, who boxed Louis and Billy Conn there. . . . Ebarb claims that if those two jangle again for the title, Joe will be able to stop Billy whenever he feels like it. . . . Louis, he says, still has plenty on the ball while Conn has slipped considerably and lost a lot of speed.

FIGHTS
PHILADELPHIA—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, 1494, New York, and Jose Basora, 154, Puerto Rico, drew, 10.
WASHINGTON—Arturo Godoy, 199, Chile, knocked out Buddy Walker, 190, Columbus, O., 9.
LYOYKE, Mass.—Jimmy McDaniel, 150, Los Angeles, knocked out Solomon Stewart, 150, New York, 9.
DETROIT—Tony Olivera, 122, San Francisco, outpointed Chilindrina Valencia, 121, Mexico City, 10.

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Bums Bask In Sports Limelight

Glorious Brooklyn Ballmen Turn 'Killers'; Blissfully Ride 9-Game Win Streak

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer
Brooklyn again was the baseball capital of the nation today with the glorious Bums riding blissfully on a nine-game winning streak and basking in the sports page headlines.

The team that couldn't beat the army nine at West Point in spring training had suddenly turned "killers" and hadn't lost a single contest of five played against the "toughies" from the west who were supposed to knock out their brains. They were only two lengths behind the leading New York Giants.

When the Brooks thumped the Phillies four in a row, the experts warningly pointed a finger and said "wait until the Cards get here."

The Cards came and lost, so did the Reds, and the Pirates arrived yesterday in time to become the ninth victim. To top it off, a rookie named Leroy Pfund, who hadn't been trusted with a previous starting assignment, got the call and caught the victory spirit.

While obscure personalities like Pfund, Tom Seaver, and Otho Nichols were recording their names in the sitchers' win column, old reliable Dixie Walker finally began to make his bat talk.

Hitting a trifling .179 when the flock first struck gold, the 1944 National league batting champ has lifted his season mark to .315 and socked the apple at a .471 clip in the last nine contests. The team average on the hot streak was .303 but Brooklyn fans needed only one explanation. . . . The old bromide "As Dixie Goes, So Go the Dodgers."

Pfund was one of three rookies to make his first start in the big show and none lost. He draped a seven-hitter on Frankie Firsch's Bucs for a 4-1 edge with the help of Walker's triple, double and single.

Mel Ott shot a freshman at the Chicago Cubs in Bill Emmerich, another St. Louis chain gang member from Rochester, who got a 6-5 edge in 10 innings although Emmerich wasn't around to get the credit.

Bill Voiselle relieved in the ninth, dished up a home run ball to Catcher Dewey Williams but was rescued from his first loss by Nap Reyes' second round-tripper of the day and credited with his sixth decision when Phil Weintraub singled home Pinch Runner Leon Treadway in the overtime frame.

The third starter was Melvin Bosser, a 25-year-old war veteran whose only previous experience came in class D. Taking the hill for Cincinnati against the Phillies, the discharged serviceman earned win No. 1 but had to give way to Walter Beck because of wildness in the eighth. The Reds won 5 to 4.

Boston and St. Louis were not scheduled, moving up their game to make a doubleheader tomorrow, and the entire American slate of four games, including a night tilt in St. Louis, was washed into future twin bills.

SHAVES LEAD
SEATTLE, May 15 (AP)—Welker Cochran shaved three points from Willie Hoppe's advantage yesterday and went into the second day of their Seattle billiard session just 39 points behind the veteran challenger in their cross-country three-cushion argument.

The score to date: Hoppe 4063, Cochran 4024.

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Pelican Grid Schedule

Pelican gridiron hopefuls next fall will battle it out with their opponents five times on the home field and but three on foreign soil, according to Joe Peak, city athletic director, who announced the Klamath Union high school football schedule today.

The schedule, as announced today, has but one open date—September 14—on which the sport heads are trying to get a practice game set for the local turf. One other date—Eugene on November 2—is only tentative, but will probably be confirmed shortly.

Time schedule:
September 14—Open date—practice game expected.
September 21—Coast High—here.
September 28—Salmon—here.
October 5—Ashland—here.
October 12—Grain Pass—there.
October 19—Medford—here.
October 26—Eureka—there.
November 2—Eugene expected—here.
November 9—Bend—there.

Tony Hangs Onto Batting Lead By Skin Of Teeth

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Dinges of Philadelphia .345, providing the chief opposition.

Vern Stephens of the St. Louis Browns was still giving Cuccinello a run for his money in the American, trailing by only six points at .361, although his average, too, shrank 28 degrees.

Washington's George Case, apparently fully recovered from an off-season shoulder operation, slid into third at .337 and the New York Yankees first sacker, Nick Etten, moved up to fourth at .324. Fifth place went to George Kell, Connie Mack's third baseman, who wasn't among the leaders a week ago but was hitting .314.

Other leaders were Wally Moses of Chicago, .311, Oris Hockett of Cleveland, .306, Pat Seery of Cleveland, .301, Eddie Mayo of Detroit, .300 and Pete Fox of Boston, .299.

Townfolk Given Special Invite To Post Smoker

Townfolk are invited to the Marine Barracks smoker tonight at the Barracks and may pass through the gates to the gymnasium unescorted, according to word from the post today.

The time is 8:00 p. m.

Seven bouts are scheduled, thus far, and there may be more after the events get underway. Special attraction will be the wrestling match between George Kovarik and Hosea Fowler with Lt. Charlie Harris, top boxer, refereeing the event.

SUGAR DIRTIED
PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (AP) Jose Basora, the Puerto Rican senior from San Juan, threw a lot of dirt on Ray "Sugar" Robinson's fistic reputation last night.

A 7 to 1 underdog he held the "uncrowned" welterweight champion from New York to a 10-round draw and but for a switch of tactics in the last round probably would have gained the decision.

SOFTBALL GAME SET
The grade school B league softball championship battle which has twice been rained out has again been set for Monday, May 21, on the high school softball field, according to Joe Peak, city athletic director, today.

GRADE SCHOOL TRACK
The grade school track and field meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at 10 a. m. on Modoc field, according to Joe Peak, city athletic director.

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By The Associated Press NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Pittsburgh	16	.286
Boston	17	.279
Cincinnati	17	.279
Philadelphia	17	.221

Yesterday's Results
New York 6, Chicago 5
Brooklyn 4, Pittsburgh 4
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 4
Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
All games postponed—standings unchanged.

Morelli-Achui To Battle At Armory Friday

Tough Tony Morelli will battle the Chinese sleeper artist, Sneeze Achui, in the second event on Friday night's card, according to Promoter Mack Lillard.

Morelli took a solid beating at the hands of Gorgeous George Wagner the ladies favorite, on the main event in the armory last week. Sneeze battled to a draw with Paavo Katonen in the second tilt.

A special attraction, an amateur wrestling battle between two marines, Hosea Fowler and George Kovarik, will give fans a real thrill.

The curtain is scheduled to rise on this card at 8:30 p. m.

IZAIAK WALTON MEET
The Klamath Modoc chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will meet in the Willard hotel ballroom Wednesday night at eight o'clock, for their May meeting. Chief topic of business will be the discussion of increasing the feminine membership of the local organization.

YOUNG RED FOLLOWS OLD SCHOENDIENST
CUSTOM BREAKING IN ST. LOUIS—When Red Schoendienst hit a triple in his first major league game this spring he was just following an old Schoendienst custom, young Schoendienst, whom the Cardinals switched from left field to shortstop when St. Louis Marion injured his ankle, broke in with a bang with each of his minor league teams—Union City, Tenn.; Lynchburg, Va.; and Rochester. When the brilliant recruit failed to get a hit in his initial start as a soldier last summer, he stole second, third and home instead.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIP PITTSBURGH—Righthander Bob Klingler of the Pirates reports that pitching on such remote islands as Mog-Mog, Tinalin, Saipan and Peleliu has improved his curve.

NEW YORK—Following a trip to Europe some years ago, Col. E. R. Bradley brought back and introduced fiber helmets to be worn by jockeys under the silk cap. They are now required on all tracks.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP) Chile's Arturo Godoy is on his way to a fight with one of America's ranking heavyweights after stopping Buddy Walker of Columbus, Ohio, last night in the fifth round.

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College Sports Picture Unchanged By Nazi Fall

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—College athletics see no immediate benefit from cessation of hostilities in Europe.

While some phases of sportsmanship started inching toward the postwar goals with the Nazi collapse, college officials and coaches will be pleased if they can hold their own and offer as good a program for the 1945-46 campaign as they did during 1944-45.

Discharge of veterans with 85 service points forecasts that Uncle Sam will continue drafting 18-year-olds. Not many of the discharges are expected to bolster college teams, especially since multiple fatherhood or at least four years' service virtually are needed to build up the point total.

In addition, transfer of the country's war might from Europe to the Pacific is expected to be at its peak in late summer and early fall—months usually given over to football, backbone of all collegiate programs.

It was the transportation pinch that led Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the office of defense transportation, to say in Washington that January 1 football "bowl" games simply will be out of question" along with the August all-star game in Chicago and the various extravaganzas played on neutral fields.

The latter includes the Army-Navy game and the Notre Dame struggles with the service schools, played in New York and Baltimore last fall. The Army-Navy contest was staged at Baltimore as a part of the sixth war loan drive.

Among other reasons the collegians have for predicting they will be lucky to equal the 1944 prowess is the transfer of the naval ROTC program from V-12, which gets much of the credit for keeping college ball alive during the lean years following Pearl Harbor, were in operation at those schools. The naval ROTC will be confined to only 50 schools.

In addition, the army's specialized training reserve will give 17-year-olds pre-induction preparation cuts further into the limited manpower supply. The army's sports ban has been rescinded.

Despite these hints of gloom, numerous schools are expected to return to the gridiron in fall. Among them are Wake Forest, Detroit, Princeton, Washington State and Oregon. The Missouri valley conference territory voted to return to war eligibility standards.

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