

Wide Open Flag Fights Likely In Major Leagues

Majors Pass First Quarter Mark With
Fan Interest High; Turnstiles Click

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Leading New York Giants retaining their five and a half game advantage over the second place Pittsburgh Pirates in the National league and the first place New York Yankees keeping their two game margin over the runner-up Detroit Tigers.

Giants Drop Back
The Giants, who threatened to run away with the National league race a year ago when they enjoyed an eight-game lead over their nearest rivals, have dropped four of their last five and now are within hailing distance of the rest of the loop. Only one game separates the fifth place world champion St. Louis Cardinals from the second place Pirates, while the seventh place Boston Red Sox are only five games behind the second place Tigers in the junior circuit.

Yanks Split With Tigers
The largest crowd of the season and the largest in the Yankee stadium since the third game of the 1943 world series, 67,816 paid to see the Yankees and Tigers divide a twin-bill by identical scores 3-2. Skeeter Webb's squeeze bunt scored the winning run in the ninth inning of the opener to give Detroit and Stubby Overmire a victory over the Bronxites and Walter Dubiel. Jim Turner turned in a superlative relief job to save the game for the Yankees in the nightcap. He relieved Allen Gettel in the ninth, with men on second and third and none out and retired the side scoreless.

White Sox Divide
Chicago and Philadelphia divided their two games. The White Sox behind Thornton Lee took the opener 5-2 and the Athletics won the nightcap 4-2, giving Russ Christopher his seventh victory.

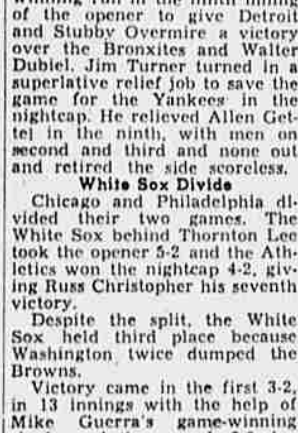
Double Header
McCroskey, 17-year-old Miami outfielder at Miami University, Oxford, O., had to attend his high school graduation exercises at Evansville, Ind., who entered in February 1, played at Ball State last Saturday. Then he hopped a bus for Miami to get his diploma Monday and came right back to get ready for Saturday's game at St. Louis field.

Before Your Eyes
Apparently is giving Basil Coach Ken Loeffler the edge in favor of Red Rolfe at Ken, just out of the navy, have his old job back by playing on his G. I. rights. . . . 1500 communities in every part of the union have signed intention of building war materials that will contribute to national fitness. . . . Word from the inside track on Vic 17-year-old Oakland first man who is tabbed as one of the prospects ever uncovered on the coast. . . . Several big league clubs want him. Uncle Sam will too, after all. . . . Notre Dame's football is well pleased with the performance of Al Schmid, 215-pound back from Trenton, during spring practice and into the referee and all hands over and all hands over. . . . That's one thing he just like Doc Blanchard.

Service Dept.
The Keeler field, Miss., team was scheduled to the Transportation corps of New Orleans recently. Transportation corps team due to transportation difficulties. . . . The fabulous Murphy has been discharged from the navy due to an orthopedic injury and is headed to look after his Toxas, baseball interests and job as scout for the

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Heading For A Long Ride



Sheriff Lloyd Low, head of the Sheriff's posse, Lamar Townsend, secretary of the group, Clarence Adams and N. B. Drew get set for the breakfast ride to Crystal springs taken by the Sheriff's posse and the Klamath Saddle club. Riding as a sport is on the upgrade in Klamath county and both these groups will become very active with the advent of warmer weather.

Attendance Marks Crumble As Huge Crowds Jam Race Tracks And Baseball Parks

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP)—More than half a million sports hungry fans—actually 553,389—jammed race tracks and ball parks on the Memorial Day holiday, causing old marks to fall by the wayside.

Turf addicts were responsible for new records at eight of the 11 operating United States tracks and baseball followers caused the first SRO sign to be hung out at the Yankee Stadium since the 1943 world series.

A total of 220,294 diamond devotees witnessed eight double

East Bids For Derby Winner

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP)—The east will bid for the 71st Kentucky Derby June 9 with a small but powerful contingent of three horses, including the two impressive winners of the Wood Memorial at Jamaica.

Heading the trio are F. W. Hooper's Florida-owned Hoop Jr., and Col. C. V. Whitney's Jeep, the three-year-olds who each scored by three lengths in the two divisions of the \$25,000 Wood yesterday as 64,537 fans broke old attendance marks for New York and shattered the world's seven race betting mark by wagering \$3,564,151.

Move to Churchill Downs
Hoop Jr., who established his reputation on eastern tracks, left for Churchill Downs today, Jeep will follow Monday. The third, Alexis, from Henry W. Linger's Wilmington, Del., Christiana stables will start the journey within the next few days. Alexis finished a fast closing second to Hoop Jr.

Although they won easily and in fair time for the mile and one-sixteenth, Hoop Jr. and Jeep will have to be at their best to join the select group of Gallant Fox, Twenty Grand, Johnstown and Count Fleet—the only horses that ever went on from a Wood victory to win the derby. Hoop Jr., was clocked in 1:45 and Jeep in 1:45.4, compared with the stake record of 1:43 hung up by Count Fleet in 1943.

Record Crowd Watches 'Thumbs Up' Cop Handicap

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (AP)—The largest crowd that ever saw a racing card in California, 76,649, watched Louis B. Mayer's Thumbs Up, six-year-old bay horse by Blenheim II-Gas Bag, capture the \$25,000 San Pasquel handicap at Santa Anita yesterday.

Thumbs Up raced wide all the way around the mile and one-sixteenth course, was held in restraint until the head of the stretch, then was turned loose

by Jockey Johnny Longden at the speed horses. He won by four lengths going away, but the 30-1 shot, California-bred Bizerte, which had set the pace, hung on for second to pay \$18.40 and \$7.90 for place and show. Thumbs Up rewarded his backers \$4.60, \$3.60 and \$2.80 across the board. Texas Sandman was third, five lengths to the rear of the winner. Thumbs Up covered the course in 1:44 3/5.

The crowd wagered \$3,051,776 on the eight-race card.

Woodburn Boy Named Best Ball Player

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Harold McKee, 17-year-old right-hander from Woodburn, Ore., was named today as outstanding player in the district all-American boys' game here.

McKee played second base on the out-of-town nine which defeated the Portland All-Stars, 5-4, before a crowd of 6500 here yesterday.

Named first alternate to represent the district in an east-west game at New York in August was Leo Keppinger, Central Catholic of Portland, third baseman on the winning team. Don Dibble, Payette, Ida., first baseman, was chosen second alternate.

Should McKee play on an American Legion team with a chance to compete in sectional finals, an alternate would replace him in the New York game.

Huskies Divide Doubleheader With Whitman

WALLA WALLA, May 31 (AP)—The University of Washington and Whitman college baseball teams split a doubleheader here yesterday, the Huskies coping the opener, 6-3, and Whitman the second game, 4-3.

The losers outhit the winners in each game, with Whitman making eight errors in losing the first tilt and the Washington hurling staff breaking down for three straight bases on balls to aid Whitman to the nightcap victory.

MORAN WON FIRST TIME OUT WITH THE PHILLIES AND REDS

CINCINNATI—Several managers won major league pennants in their first year as pilot, but Pat Moran gained an unusual distinction. With the aid of Grover Cleveland Alexander and some more, Moran won the Phillies' only flag in 1915, his first year in Philadelphia. Then he moved on to Cincinnati, where he led the Reds into their first world series in 1919, his initial campaign here.

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San Francisco Club Moves
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Slip Back To Fifth Place

By The Associated Press
Neither Portland nor Seattle gained ground in their red-hot race for leadership of the Pacific Coast league, but a new name—San Francisco—was listed today among the elite of the first division.

The Seals, who have been bobbing around the bottom of the ladder since the first week of the season, suddenly came to life 10 days ago, grabbed eight of their last 10 games including three in a row this week over Oakland, and have moved from seventh place to a slim hold on fourth.

The Rainiers, who split their Memorial Day doubleheader with the Beavers, once again failed to capitalize on a chance to take over the top spot. A Seattle victory in the opener closed the gap to half a game, but Portland surged back to cop the nightcap and retain the loop lead.

An even break in the San Diego-Sacramento twin bill dropped the Padres into fifth place half a game behind the Seals. Hollywood and Los Angeles swapped shutouts in their first meeting of the season.

Beavers Hold Edge
Tight baseball featured the Seattle-Portland clash yesterday, with the Rainiers winning the first game 3-2 in seven innings and Portland the second 4-2. The Beavers now hold a 2-1 advantage in the crucial eight-game series.

Joe Demoran, Seattle hurler, went the route in the opener and got credit for the win, while righthander Jack Tising of Portland kept the Skiffmen in check for the entire nine innings.

San Francisco had to rally twice in winning 6-5 and 5-4 from the Oaks. The Seals were trailing in the first game, 5-4, going into the last half of the eighth, but knotted the count in that frame and pushed over the winning run off Italo Chelini in the ninth.

San Diego took its first game with Sacramento 5-2, but lost the afterpiece 4-1. Vallie Eaves registered his 11th win of the season in the opener and whiffed three Solons to bring his streakout total to 92, best of the league.

Cleans Up



Outfielder Steve Filipowicz, former Fordham fullback, is back Wilson type batting cleanup and helping New York Giants to flying start.

Portland All-Stars Drop Close Contest

PORTLAND, May 31 (AP)—for the victory, yielding one run and one hit.

The Staters scored in the first with a run on a double by Keppinger, a sacrifice by Joe Brock of Molalla and a fly-out to right field by Don Dibble, Payette, Ida.

Portland stormed ahead in the fourth with a trio of runs off Walker to mark up a 3-1 lead. Upstate tied it in the sixth, with Dibble and Gresham's Fred Owens advancing from their singles on a sacrifice by Don Ellis, Lebanon, and a double by Donovan Kimball, Pleasant Hill.

Woodburn's Harold McKee scored on an infield error in the seventh to give Upstate the lead. Portland tied it again in the eighth.

Keppinger doubled again in the ninth, moved to third on McKee's sacrifice, and scored on a slice single by Rodney Jamison of Milwaukee.

Dick Lehl, Portland moundsman, was charged with the loss. Preceding him on the mound were Ron Dunn, Lincoln, and Dick Montag, Jefferson.

Ackles Will Meet Leone In Semi-Go

In the semi-windup event on Promoter Mack Lillard's bicep bill Friday night, Kenny Ackles, the Hollywood Wonder Boy, will endeavor to put the chill to Antonio Leone, the bad oyster from Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Ackles has demonstrated that he can hold his own with the bad boys of Gladiator's Gully, but he will no doubt be extended to the utmost when he tangles with Leone. The Oyster Bay specimen is as tough a character as one would wish to see and has a positive love for draping his opponents over the ropes with the old one-two.

This tiff supports the main scuffle which sends Gorgeous George Wagner against the wily Finn, Paavo Katonen. Both these tussles should offer plenty in the way of blood and gore and the curtain-raiser which pits Georges Dusette against Speedy Maloney will be an equally attractive set-off. The curtain goes up at 8:30 p. m. and let the limbs fall where they may.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
ELIZABETH, N. J.—Freddie Archer, 147, Newark, outpointed Johnny Jones, 152, Pittsburgh (10); Cotton King, 138, West Palm Beach, Fla., outpointed Al Mobley, 143, Newark (6).

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Juan Serrano, 155, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Al Jolson, 151, Binghamton (10).

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FORT WORTH, Texas, May 31 (AP)—One of the richest and most select golf tournaments in the world will be inaugurated in 1946 at Colonial Country club—scene of the last National Open.

It will cost \$20,000 with a minimum of \$10,000 in cash going to the professionals and suitable awards to the amateurs.

It will be the Colonial National Open Invitation and it came just five years after it was planned.

The tournament will be 72 holes of stroke play lasting for five days and the number of players will be limited to 36—24 of the foremost professionals and 12 of the most famous amateurs.

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Cochrane Will Meet Pete Lello In Non-Title Go

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 31 (AP)—Freddie (Red) Cochrane of Elizabeth, N. J., welterweight boxing champion of the world, will meet Pete Lello of Chicago here tomorrow night in a 10-round non-title bout. It will be Cochrane's first ring appearance since his recent discharge from the navy.

The local match will be something of a warmup for the champion, who will fight June 29 in Madison Square Garden under the promotion of Mike Jacobs against Tommy (Rocky) Graziano of New York.

NINE-LETTERMAN
MINNEAPOLIS—Playing first base, Bob Grainger is about to win his ninth letter at Minnesota.

FAVORITES SCORE
MEXICO CITY—Following 99 days of racing at the Hipodromo de las Americas, the percentage of winning favorites is a lofty 42.1 per cent.

The thigh bone is the longest and strongest in the body.

Two Ball Games On Marine Slate Over Weekend

Barring further downfall of liquid sunshine and giving the Recreation field diamond a chance to bake a few hours, Klamath's baseball fans may see a couple of games Saturday afternoon and another Sunday.

Today's sunlight has considerably brightened prospects for getting the season underway, and if nothing else happens the marines and naval air station boys will begin their doubleheader Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

Sunday's single tilt will start at 2 p. m. The public is invited to attend these games, admission free.

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