

Seals Loom As Definite Flag Threat

San Francisco Only One Game Behind Second-Place Rainiers; 6 1/2 Below Bevos

By PAUL WELLS
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Watch out for those Seals! That's the byword today for the Pacific Coast league's top two teams, the Portland Beavers and Seattle Rainiers.

As the loop's eight clubs take up the cudgels tonight in the 18th week of play, San Francisco's rejuvenated outfit stands one game behind Seattle and 6 1/2 below Portland.

Fresh from a 6-1 series victory over the Los Angeles Angels, the Seals clash with Sacramento this evening in the start of a three-week road trip that may make or break their upward drive. The climax of their jaunt will be reached in the following two weeks when they tangle with both northwest teams.

Bevos Play Oakland
All other tilts this week in the eight-game series will include July 4 doubleheaders. The Bevs are to be played under California skies. The Beavers move to Oakland, Seattle shifts to Los Angeles and Hollywood goes to San Diego.

Statistics show that the menace of Lefty O'Doul's Seals to southwest domination of the league is no flash in the pan. Since May 8 San Francisco has been the best club in the circuit, winning six out of eight series and rolling at a .623 clip. During that period Portland has played 556 ball and Seattle .558. The Seals have won 33 and lost 20 games, the Beavers 30 and 24, and the Rainiers 29 and 23.

Seals Pep Up
In the first part of the season the O'Doulsmen stumbled around like a collection of sandlotters, resting in seventh place when they began their surge out of the second division early in May. Their rebirth is credited to three factors—a moderately strong hitting staff apparently has found itself, the team has produced heavy enough stickwork to lead the circuit as of late week, and the infield is meshing smoothly since the addition of Ray Perry and Charley Peterson.

Theoretically Seattle should be able to stave off San Francisco's thrust this week. The last time the Rainiers met the Angels in a series ending May 27 they took six games out of seven, and his week should find Manager Bill Sweeney's crew weakened after its disastrous stay at the Seals' stadium.

Portland may not have an easy time at Oakland, although the newcomers have won seven of 11 games against the Acorns so far this year. The Oaks, however, will have the advantage of laying on their home lot where they have been consistently dangerous.

San Diego's series with Hollywood is a tossup, both teams having won four out of seven last week.

Favorites Win Opening Net Matches

PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—The annual Oregon state tennis tournament went into its second day today with Clint Knox, seeded No. 1, and Henry Neer, Spokane, former state champion and No. 2 favorite, victors in opening singles rounds.

Knox ousted John Oblier, Tacoma, 6-2, 6-2. Neer defeated Don Saunders, Portland, 6-2, 6-3. The other seeded entry, Mel Branga, Seattle, downed Bob Boston, Portland, 6-3, 6-1. Top-seeded Lorraine Rhoades owned Solveig Iversson, Seattle, 6-3, 7-5, in the women's singles division.

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Hammerin' Hank Comes Back Home

By FRANK KENESSON

DETROIT, July 3 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, the Bronx brawler who left a \$55,000-a-year baseball job four years ago to join Uncle Sam's army, was back in the Detroit Tigers' regular lineup today—but good.

Greenberg, making his comeback debut in a manner Holy-cow couldn't have improved on, gave Detroit's biggest baseball throng of the season—47,729 cheering fans—plenty to yell about as he smacked the 250th home run of his career in the first game of a Sunday twin-bill with the Philadelphia Athletics, 9 to 5 and 5 to 3.

To say Hank is a guy who picks his spots is a way of putting it mildly. The record crowd turned out to see the discharged army air force captain belt one home run in the 250th inning of the first game, hammering a line drive into the left field pavilion 375 feet from the plate.

Thus Hank picked up where he left off in the homer derby May 6, 1941, when he hit two four-baggers in his last game before donning army khaki.

He's a grand thrill to get away to a start like this," Greenberg commented. "I feel something like I did that day in 1941—only better!"

Holmes Leads Hit Parade At Even .500

NEW YORK, July 3 (AP)—Tommy Holmes, Boston Braves outfielder, batted at an even .500 clip during the past week ending Sunday and now is far out in front in the major league's hit parade.

Thirteen blows in 26 times at bat hiked his National league average to .397, a gain of 11 points.

In contrast to Holmes' skyrocketing, veteran Tony Cuccinello of the Chicago White Sox sank one point to .341 but retained his lead in the American league.

The leading batmen in each league (based on 150 or more times at bat.)

Player	Team	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Holmes	Boston	55	278	66	108	.397
Rosen	Brooklyn	60	243	54	87	.358
Cavazza	Chicago	62	253	48	82	.324
Kurovski	St. Louis	61	231	43	80	.347
Olimo	Brooklyn	66	267	42	77	.323
Yast	St. Louis	66	267	42	77	.323
Ott	New York	68	252	44	84	.333
Maal	Boston	65	251	41	81	.323

Player	Team	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Cuccinello	Chicago	58	235	38	78	.332
Cass	Washington	58	235	38	78	.332
Stephens	St. Louis	57	221	40	71	.321
Sturweiss	New York	62	253	48	82	.324
S. Johnson	Boston	63	243	33	73	.302
Peck	Philadelphia	63	171	14	51	.298
Culbertson	Boston	65	198	14	50	.258

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Yanks Split Double Bill With Chisox

Kreevich Sparks Brownies To Double Win Over Boston Red Sox; Detroit Idle

By TED MEIER
Associated Press Sports Writer
The second place Yankees of the American league who are kicking the ball around on their current western trip, reached the point yesterday where they booted a chance to set a new major league record for leaving men on base. The Yanks have committed 17 errors in nine games.

Going into the eighth inning of the second game with the White Sox at Chicago's Comiskey park, it seems a cinch the McCarthy men would wipe out the present mark of 18 stranded. They had 16 runners marooned in the first seven innings.

In the eighth, however, only one man was left and Bud Metheny cut short even a chance to be recorded by grounding into a double play in the ninth which retired the Yanks with the sacks clean.

Snap Losing Streak
The Yanks were happy, though, for despite leaving 11 stranded, they snapped a five-game losing streak by ousting the Sox, 6 to 1, to gain a split for the afternoon.

Bill Zauer scattered seven Sox hits while the Yanks rapped three Chicago twirlers for 12 outs and were aided by 11 walks, one hit batsman and two errors.

The Sox moved into third place by taking the opener, 11 to 6, behind Ed Lopat as the Yanks made five errors. Four runs in the fourth and five in the fifth made it a runaway for Jimmy Dykes' men.

Chicago, although losing the second game, retained third place when Mike Kreevich, virtually single-handed, dropped the Boston Red Sox from third to fourth as he sparked the St. Louis Browns to a double win, 7 to 1 and 3 to 2.

Kreevich Socks Homer
Kreevich, Browns' center-fielder, socked bases-full home run in the opener to back up Sig Jakucki's five-hit pitching.

In the afterpiece he came up in the ninth with the Browns behind, 2 to 1, and doubled home the tying and winning runs. It was his only hit of the second game and spoiled Randy Hefflin's bid for victory in his first starting role after two years in the navy. He had held the Browns to three hits for eight innings, but yielded three more in the ninth.

The Washington-Cleveland game and the St. Louis-New York game in the National were rained out. All the other clubs had an open date.

EVANSTON, Ill.—Francisco Segura, of Ecuador, a student at Miami (Fla.) university, won the national collegiate tennis tournament for third straight year beating Lt. Frank "ehner of West Point, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

NEW YORK—Welby Van Horn, Atlanta, won national professional tennis title by beating John Nogrady, New York, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

O'Connor Scotches Report That Landis Wasted Funds

CHICAGO, July 3 (AP)—If the late Kenesaw M. Landis made any mistakes in investing funds of the office of baseball commissioner, it was a minor one that he voluntarily repayed more than four times over.

Baseball owners, Senator A. B. Chandler, the new commissioner, and Mr. John Q. Fan himself had that word today from Leslie M. O'Connor, who served as Landis' secretary for 24 years and now is listed as Chandler's "executive assistant."

O'Connor said yesterday, following the midsummer meeting of the American league club-owners, he had voluntarily sent a statement detailing the handling of the surplus funds in the office of the commissioner to Sen. Chandler. The report, O'Connor said, was made up and sent to the new commissioner because: "There were exaggerated reports that Judge Landis diminished the commissioner's office funds through poor investments."

Under Lanais, there were expenditures of \$767,589.20 from the surplus funds. The statement listed, among other things, a \$29,000 loss through investments made in interest-bearing insull corporation securities, but O'Connor explained it was at the time Landis took a voluntary reduction in salary.

Miss Betz, national women's champion the past three years, was beaten in the semi-finals of last year's clay courts meet by Dorothy May Bundy, 7-5, 6-3. Miss Bundy, of Santa Monica, Calif., went on to win the title but she won't be here to defend it this year.

But the rest of last year's top four are here to try to take the spotlight from such stars as Francisco Segura of Miami university, and Billy Talbert of Wilmington, Del., who are competing in the men's division.

Third seeded Mary Arnold of Los Angeles, beaten by Miss Bundy, 7-5, 6-4, in last year's final is back, and Doris Hart of Miami, Fla., who lost to Miss Bundy in last year's semi-final is here. Fourth-seeded Miss Arnold won her first round match yesterday from Nancy Corbett of River Forest, Ill., 6-1, 6-1, and Miss Hart beat Doris Popple of Des Moines, Ia., 6-0, 6-2.

Miss Betz, scheduled to play yesterday, didn't arrive in time from Cincinnati, where she beat Miss Bundy in the finals of the tri-state meet, and her match with Elizabeth Goetsch, Oak Park, Ill., was postponed until today.

CINCINNATI—Pauline Betz, Los Angeles, and William Talbert of Indianapolis and Wilmington, Del., won the women's and men's singles tennis titles in annual tri-state tournament.

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HOW THEY STAND

By The Associated Press	AMERICAN LEAGUE	Pct.
Detroit	30	.503
New York	30	.503
Chicago	35	.530
Boston	35	.530
Washington	35	.530
St. Louis	32	.517
Cleveland	29	.483
Philadelphia	29	.483

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	NATIONAL LEAGUE	Pct.
Chicago 11: New York 9-6	30	.503
St. Louis 7-5; Boston 1-2	35	.530
Only games played.	35	.530

Busher Will Run Against Field Of 8

ARCADIA, Calif., July 3 (AP)—The world's richest pace for fillies and mares, Santa Anita's \$50,000 Santa Margarita stakes, tomorrow pits the Louis B. Mayer ace, Busher, against a field of 18 and forces her to pack 126 pounds, 10 above scale weight, for a mile and one-sixteenth.

The most interesting speculation in the race is whether Busher, a three-year-old, can give 10 pounds away to the top notch five-year-old mare, Happy Issue, and still run her race.

Happy Issue beat some of the country's best handicap horses but writer in yesterday's 475,000 Hollywood Gold Cup, but she has been under all's eye 3 times this year and was off her feed for a time, returning to training a week ago. She carried 119 pounds in the Gold Cup.

Busher will be coupled with Mayer's star filly, Whirlabout, and the pair probably will be the betting favorite. Busher has won two \$25,000 stakes races this year and ran second to Hyman-bord in the \$50,000 Santa Anita derby.

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Carpentier Recalls Famous Fight With Jack Dempsey

PARIS, July 3 (AP)—Georges Carpentier, one of the most famous French sports figures ever to visit America, looked down and slowly clenched the right fist he broke on Jack Dempsey's chin in their famous boxing match 24 years ago today.

"I couldn't have beaten him anyway," he said looking sentimentally at the big lump across the back of his hand. Dempsey won by a knockout in the fourth round.

Sitting in his Paris office at the famous night club, Le Lido, of which he is manager-part owner, Georges still was pretty gorgeous. He was dressed in a neat blue suit with white kerchief tucked neatly in the breast pocket and his unmarked face carried the old Carpentier smile.

"Boyles Thirty Acres, a quarter-of-a-century ago," he said in slow, well-chosen English. "I hit him with everything I had in that second round. I broke my hand. But you don't make excuses when you're fighting for the championship."

"I couldn't have beaten him anyway. He had everything. He could hit, he could box and could take it. Some of your boys say Joe Louis can hit harder. I don't know but Dempsey was the greatest fighter I've ever seen in a ring."

Carpentier, now 52, made more than a half-million dollars fighting in the United States, getting \$250,000 from the late Tex Rickard for the fight with Dempsey in Jersey City July 2, 1921. Now as a French business man he lives quietly with his wife, 24-year-old daughter and 86-year-old mother.

Silver Treason Wins Spokane 'Cap

SEATTLE, July 3 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. R. Foley's Silver Treason, repeating his inaugural triumph yesterday galloped in to win the \$5000 Spokane handicap at Longacres racetrack here.

The horse negotiated the six furlongs in 1:11, two and a half lengths ahead of Pass By. Lyle Little rode the winner. Silver Treason paid \$8.70, \$3.70 and \$2.40; Pass By brought \$6.30 and \$3.00 and Brig O'R came in third for \$2.50. The mutuel handle was \$250,000.

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