

Portland's Series With Angels May Be Turning Point Of PCL Flag Race

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With five weeks remaining in the Pacific Coast Baseball league season, the big question is whether the "old man" of the front-running Portland Beavers can stand the pace of a stretch drive.

For the first time this year the Beavers have shown signs of a genuine slump, having had to go all out to gain a 4-4 series split with the Oakland Acons last week after dropping a 5-2 engagement with the second-place Seattle Rainiers. Tonight they open a home stand against the Los Angeles Angels which may prove whether their lineup of veterans is cracking.

Suds Face Acons

Seattle, four and a half games off the pace, faces a tartar in the vastly-improved Oakland Acons, who are battling to wind up in the first division and a chance at the governor's playoff pelf. The Rainiers edged the Angels 4-3 last week and are still definitely in the pennant race. Their skipper, Bill Skiff, forecast three weeks ago that they would displace the Beavers before the end of the season.

Portland's decline can be traced to the game more than a week ago in which Don Pulford, its star hurler, suffered a unique injury. In some manner he strained the shoulder of his pitching arm so that two fingers of his right hand were virtually paralyzed, impairing his effectiveness.

Both the Beavers and Rainiers play at home this week, after which they will go on the road for two weeks before concluding the season in two-week home series.

Seals Meet Sacs
San Francisco, fighting to stave off Oakland's threat to its first division spot, tangles with the third-place Sacramento Solons this week. The Seals are in fourth three and a half games ahead of the Oaks and four tilts behind the Solons. Friday has been set as "Bob Joyce night" in the Seals' stadium to honor the circuit's top winning tosser. Joyce has registered 27 victories against eight defeats.

Sixth-place San Diego will journey to Hollywood for a series against the movietown club, which lost six out of seven last week to Sacramento and dropped deeper into the cellar.

Pelicans Reserves Who Will Be Hot After Starting Berths are Scott Reed, Jim Pope, Jim Palmer, Ben De Vore, Earl Hansen and Tommy Edwards.

Members of last year's Wildcat squad who will be pushing some of the varsity are Bob McCabe, Ray Craig, Allen Eck, Maurice Dwight, Fred Gerbino, Bob Eastman, Gene Yarnell and Leroy Coleman.

Bob Dodson and Lester Foster, two outstanding prospects from last year's freshman eleven, will also be candidates for the Pelican squad.

The KUBS grid eleven faces a torrid eight-game schedule during the 1945 season, opening with Grant of Portland here on September 21 and closing with Bend there November 9.

Angstead said today that any prospective ball player who has not been contacted by mail should get in touch with him this week at Klamath Union high school.

The schedule is as follows: Grant, here, Sept. 21; Salem, here, Sept. 28; Ashland, here, Oct. 5; Grants Pass, there, Oct. 12; Medford, here, Oct. 19; Eugene, there, Oct. 26; Eugene, here, Nov. 2; and Bend, there, Nov. 9.

WSC To Use T-Formation This Season

SPOKANE, Aug. 21 (AP)—Coach Phil Sorboe, who will fill Orin E. Hollingbery's shoes as football mentor at Washington State college, yesterday promised the T-formation would be part of the WSC strategy this fall.

"I can't promise how many games we'll win this fall, but you'll see something new in football," said the former WSC grid star.

Regarding the T-formation: "Even the nation's great power coaches, men like Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, are swinging over to it. They like its versatility and the fact it can cover all types of offenses."

Washington State begins its season against University of Idaho at Moscow September 29.

BREATHING SPELL
STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Penn State has incorporated a permanent open date midway through its 1945 football schedule.



By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	65	47	.580
Washington	59	53	.527
Chicago	58	54	.518
Cleveland	57	55	.511
St. Louis	54	58	.483
New York	54	54	.500
Boston	53	61	.465
Philadelphia	35	74	.321

Yesterday's Results
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 0-1
Washington 6-7, Cleveland 0-0
New York 4, Chicago 1
St. Louis 10, Boston 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	74	39	.655
St. Louis	69	44	.610
Brooklyn	63	51	.553
New York	63	54	.538
Pittsburgh	51	58	.466
Boston	54	65	.454
Cincinnati	45	68	.399
Philadelphia	34	81	.298

Yesterday's Results
St. Louis 2, Boston 0
Philadelphia 11, Brooklyn 1
Cincinnati 4, Cincinnati 1
New York 9, Chicago 3

Marse Joe Eyes Return Of DiMaggio

By JIMMY JORDAN
CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—If those two guys named Joe—the big guns of the New York Yankees—can get back together on the same team within the next few days, things may be a bit rosier for the erstwhile "Bronx Bombers."

Joe McCarthy already is back, after a siege of illness, and the Yankee manager today hoped reports of an early service discharge for his prize outfielder, Joe DiMaggio, are correct.

McCarthy, apparently reconciled to the fact his Yankees, for the first time in a decade, aren't figuring as title contenders, looked to the future, to the day when he believes he will have another string of champions.

"Right now we're in sixth, but if DiMaggio does get here soon, and is in shape, we should improve that a lot. We're nine games back of Washington, but using the extra punch he could give us along with Charley Keller (who joined the club Sunday), we might hit a string of wins that would lift us out of the second division."

Rapid Robert Will Return To Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—Batteries—for Cleveland: Feller and Hines.
This announcement, expected to resound over the public address system at Cleveland stadium Friday night, will record the return of Bob Feller, major league strikeout king, to the baseball wars.

To fans of the Cleveland Indians it will mean a new flare-up of pennant fever, which has been rising steadily the last month as the tribe, winning 19 of 28 games, surged from seventh place to within a half game of third.

Feller, veteran of 44 months in navy service, most of it in active duty on the battleship U. S. S. Alabama, directed the Great Lakes baseball team this season. He fanned 50 batters and lost only one game in five appearances against major league teams.

Tribe Vice President Roger Peckinpaugh announced "Feller will sail into action against the Tigers this weekend. If he arrives on schedule he'll start the Friday night game."
"Bob's return will give us a mound staff equal to any in the league," Peck declared.

Bobo Plans On Beating Tigers Twice

DETROIT, Aug. 21 (AP)—Bobo Newsom of the Philadelphia Athletics cast himself in the role of a one-man pitching staff today as he prepared to twirl both ends of a doubleheader against the Detroit Tigers.

Undismayed by his record of six wins and 15 defeats—three of the losses at the hands of the Tigers—Bobo sought and got Connie Mack's OK for the idea.

"Don't be surprised to see old Bobo in there at the finish," Newsom told sports writers.

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Tigers Cop Two Games From A's

Newhouser Notches 20th Win of Season In Opener; Nats Whip Cleveland Twice

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer
Hal Newhouser, Detroit's slender southpaw ace, is matching his torrid 1944 pace by becoming the first big leaguer to win 20 games in a sensational pitching spurt that may mean a flag for the Tigers.

Hank Greenberg's return has boosted the Bengals' hopes and Al Benton's hurling has taken up much of the slack caused by Dizzy Trout's back miseries but it's Mr. Newhouser who will make or break Steve O'Neill's world series plans.

A year ago Newhouser had the same 20-7 season victory record as today but Trout also had copped 20. The slim lefthander has copped seven of his last nine starts. He dropped a 3-2 verdict to Chicago and was lifted for a pinchhitter in a game that eventually was lost in 12 innings.

Newhouser's 4-0 shutout of Philadelphia yesterday was his 20th triumph and the Tigers also needed Les Mueller's 4-1 job in the second game as Washington blanked the onrushing Cleveland Indians in both ends of a two-night doubleheader to stay within a game and a half of the lead.

Bobo Newsom, the big noise from Hartsville, N. C., via Philadelphia, will try to tame the

Tigers twice today by essaying the iron man stunt. Although the A's have beaten Detroit only four times in 14 attempts, Bobo thinks he can do it two times in one afternoon and Connie Mack is giving him the chance to prove it.

Nats Keep Pace
Washington continues to threaten by the sounder method of employing two capable throwers per day. After Marino Pierotti shut the door on Cleveland's hopes, 7-0, Alex Carrasquel, making his third starting appearance, earned his fifth straight decision, 6-0.

New York Yankee morale should be on the upgrade with Red Ruffing and Charley Keller back in uniform and Joe DiMaggio reported on the way within 10 days, and the McCarthy clan responded with a spirited four-run rally in the ninth to beat Chicago 4-1.

The defending champion St. Louis Browns pulled through with a 10-6 margin over Boston in a free-hitting spree, featured by Milt Byrne's three run homer.

Cubs Lead Clipped
Chicago's National League lead was clipped to 81 games when the Cubs dropped a 9-3 night tilt to New York and St. Louis whitewashed Boston, 2-0, behind Ken Burkhardt's seventh-inning chugging.

Charley Schanz awoke from a six-game losing streak to trim the Cincinnati Reds, 4-3 as the Phillies enjoyed their longest winning spree of the season—four games.

Brooklyn customers witnessed the shocking spectacle of seven Dodger errors, three by Catcher John Dantonio, while the Brooks absorbed an 11-1 pasting at the hands of Pittsburgh's Preacher Roe.

The Harvard School of Medicine was started as a branch of the University at Cambridge in 1782.

Babe Uses Borrowed Clubs In Bid For Amateur Crown

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 21 (AP)—The rest of the girls in the 45th Women's Western Amateur Golf tournament hoped today that favored Babe Didrikson Zaharias' missing golf clubs won't show up before Saturday.

Here was the picture as 32 qualifiers opened the first match-play round of a week-long battle for the nation's top (wartime vintage) feminine amateur title:

Mrs. Zaharias, perhaps the greatest woman athlete of all time, tackled Jean Hutto of Kansas City with a set of borrowed clubs and an unimpressive qualifying 80 to her credit.

UO Five May Open Against Eastern Club

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Oregon Webfoots may open their Madison Square Garden basketball card against an eastern college, Head Coach Howard Hobson told a University of Oregon reunion here last night.

Hobson said the New York pavilion had given Oregon the bid, but the trip would be subject to approval by the Pacific Coast conference.

Coaches Hobson and C. A. (Tex) Oliver earlier said American colleges were working on plans to move gridiron and basketball squads by airplane and that eventually schedules would be played in Hawaii and in British and European colleges.

Assistant Grid Coach To Return To Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Aug. 21 (AP)—Oregon State College Athletic Director Percy Lacey revealed today the college expects Lt. Cmdr. James V. Dixon, former assistant football coach, to return soon.

Dixon, who coached the line from 1927 until entering naval service three years ago, is expected to be released from his station in Georgia.

Lacey said recent letters from Dixon indicated he would return to Oregon to take up his former post after directing naval athletic training programs in this country and overseas.

Foal Is Pet of Whitney Farm
LEXINGTON, Ky.—A handsome, pure white foal by Imp, Mahmood out of Top Flight, one of the greatest race fillies of all time, is a favorite at the C. V. Whitney farm here. A white thoroughbred is a rarity, and while the coat-color of young horses often changes radically, Ivor Balding, manager of the farm, says this youngster probably will become even whiter as he grows older, as did his famous sire.

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