



## Tigers, Cubs Maintain Loop Leads

With the lead of the front-running Chicago Cubs pared to 2½ games by the surging St. Louis Cardinals in the National league and the Detroit Tigers' one-time substantial margin narrowed to one game over the surprising Washington Senators in the American loop race, we have started to sprout a few gray hairs.

Hank Wyse is one mighty good reason the Bruins are still hanging onto the first place position in the senior circuit and his acquisition may well be the difference between a pennant and the dubious honor of second place. He has hurled some magnificent ball games for the Cubs when the chips were down and from now on there is going to be money riding on every pitch.

Phil Cavarretta, Bill Nicholson, and Stan Hack are three other potent factors in keeping the Cubs at the top of the heap. At the start of the season we said we thought the Cubs would make the grade and our convictions have not been shaken, although we admittedly have been spending a few bad moments during the past two weeks.

The St. Louis Cards are the best money ball club in either league. They are toughest under circumstances such as exist now, but the Chicago club has shown no signs of coming apart at the seams under the terrific pressure. Nicholson has fortunately begun to slap the apple at his old-time pace and the Cubs are fielding capably with no indication of the jitters that presage a complete collapse.

Although "Jolly Cholly" Grimm's boys have watched their margin diminish and the hue and cry is on for the onrushing Cardinals, we would like to point out that Chicago is still in first place and shows every sign of staying there.

The situation with the Detroit club is virtually the same and, there, too, we believe that the Tigers have enough left to cop the American league bunting.

The position of the two leaders is different in this respect. If the Cubs should be displaced from the top of the ladder, we do not feel that they would regain the lead. However, if the Tigers should be temporarily knocked from their perch, we are confident that they would fight their way back to the top.

By this we do not mean to sell the Cubs short. Far from it, for if the two clubs clash in the world series our choice will be the Bruins going away. Call it a hunch or whatever else you like.

So with the major league season rapidly drawing to a close our money is still right where it was when the campaign started—on the Detroit Tigers in the American—on the Chicago Cubs in the National. Both teams will fight off all challengers and come in under the wire in front in their respective leagues.

## Trout Trims Bosox; Bruins Edge Braves

**By JACK HAND**  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
Dizzy Trout's "five-win plan," designed to assure Detroit of the pennant during its final complete jaunt, is 60 per cent complete today.

Before the talented righthander took the mound against New York, September 4, for the opener of the Tigers 20-game tour, he revealed a self-made schedule calling for five victories along the Atlantic seaboard.

**4 Wins For Trout**  
After blanking the Yankees 10-0, he beat them with relief help, 11-4, trimmed Boston in the fireman role, 6-3, and shut out the Red Sox yesterday, 5-0. Four decisions in eight days, a torrid pace even for a Trout.

Ever since the Terre Haute terror regained his 1944 stride, the Tigers have been hard to catch even though Hal Newhouse's aching back required more time between starts and Al Benton has failed to finish a single one of his last eight starts.

**Lengthen Lead**  
Now they have lengthened their lead over Washington to two full games with 17 to play and only 13 more for the Senators.

Trout's sparkling two-hit performance in Boston was his 17th success of the season. The triumph was made easier by Doc Cramer's three-run homer in the seventh inning.

The Senators dropped a discouraging 2-1 tangle to Chicago after taking a 1-0 lead into the ninth inning. The White Sox beat Johnny Niggeling with two runs in the ninth on only one single.

New York and Cleveland were washed out of their final meeting of the campaign and the

other clubs were not scheduled. Only news from that quarter was Luke Sewell's retention as Browns manager for 1946-47.

Although the American race is attracting most of the attention, the National has developed into a close battle again with St. Louis only 2½ games behind Chicago.

**Cubs Maintain Pace**  
Hank Borowy, whose sale by the Yankees remains one of the big mysteries of the season, hurled his 10th complete game, as in many starts for the Cubs, earning his eighth triumph by a 5-4 score over Boston.

St. Louis had to come from 'way back, trailing once by four runs, to finally catch and pass New York in the last of the ninth, 6-5, on Whitey Kurowski's two-run single with the sacks loaded. Billy Southworth tossed five pitchers into the fray.

While only 60 per cent of the 34,855,000 occupied dwelling units in the United States in 1940 had private flush toilets, the census bureau estimates that in 1944 the proportion of homes so equipped had risen to 68 per cent.

## World Series Winner May Take Pacific Jaunt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—Whether this year's world series winner takes a 90-day trip to advanced Pacific bases may be decided at a major league meeting here today.

Commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler will meet representatives of teams still in the running in the two big league races to go over preliminary world series plans.

The proposed Pacific trip also is expected to be discussed. Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz extended an invitation for such a tour shortly before Japan surrendered.

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## Mayo Makes Third Base On Bunt



Eddie Mayo, Detroit second baseman, slides into first base as Dick Siebert, Athletic first baseman, starts after the ball when George Kell, Philadelphia third baseman, threw wild to Mayo after Mayo bunted in the seventh inning at Detroit. Mayo reached third on the play. (AP Wirephoto).

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## Joyce Wins 31st Game; Sets Mark

Seal Hurler Tolls For 15 Innings Before Edging Out Tenacious Hollywood, 5-4

**By PAUL WELLS**  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
A 12-year-old Pacific Coast league mark went tumbling last night when Bob Joyce of San Francisco tolled for 15 innings against the Hollywood Stars to win his 31st game of the season. 5-4. Louis (Bobo) Newsum, who later went to the majors and helped pitch Detroit to a pennant, racked up 30 triumphs for Los Angeles in 1933—but his record went by the boards as the big Seals' righthander scattered 18 hits to edge out the basement-dwelling movietown club.

**Gain on Solons**  
The extra-frame victory put San Francisco within half a game of the third-place Sacramento Solons, who open their series against the Seattle Rainiers in a doubleheader tonight. Portland's loop-leading Beavers boosted their top-spot margin to six and a half games by taking a 10-inning tussle from the San Diego Padres 2-1.

In the third close contest of the evening, Oakland's Aorns came from behind in the last of the ninth to nose out the Los Angeles Angels 8-7.

**Seals Win in 15th**  
The Seals were held scoreless by Hollywood in 13 of 15 innings, but got four of their rallies in the seventh with a rally highlighted by Ray Perry's round-tripper. The count remained knotted at four-all until the first of the 15th when a single by Del Young, sacrifice by Emil Mailho and another single by Bill Enos drove in the winning run.

Portland's 2-1 triumph was achieved in the last of the 10th canto when Manager Marv Owen bunted through the San Diego infield to score Roy Younker from second. Jake Mooly got credit for the win at the expense of Bob Ferguson.



**By The Associated Press**  
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Chicago 85 50 600  
St. Louis 83 53 610  
Brooklyn 72 60 536  
Pittsburgh 71 65 545  
New York 73 65 528  
Boston 59 78 521  
Cincinnati 53 81 404  
Philadelphia 42 97 302

**Yesterday's Results**  
Chicago 5, Boston 4  
St. Louis 5, New York 5  
Cincinnati 5-4, Brooklyn 4-11 (first game 10 innings)  
Pittsburgh 5-4, Philadelphia 4-1 (first game 10 innings)

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Detroit 80 57 584  
Washington 80 61 567  
New York 70 65 519  
St. Louis 67 66 518  
Cleveland 67 65 508  
Chicago 57 72 482  
Boston 56 72 473  
Philadelphia 47 89 246

**Yesterday's Results**  
Detroit 5, Boston 0  
Chicago 2, Washington 1  
Only games played.  
**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**  
Portland 105 65 618  
Seattle 98 71 580  
Sacramento 90 79 532  
San Francisco 90 80 529  
Oakland 83 86 491  
San Diego 71 93 452  
Los Angeles 70 99 414  
Hollywood 65 103 362

## Angstead Passes The Word



The above cartoon was drawn by R. E. Turner. Klamath Falls man who sent the drawing from overseas. The Kamikaze system was the method used by Japanese suicide pilots when they crashed-dived onto American ships. In the cartoon Paul Angstead, head coach of the Klamath Pelicans, is explaining this system to his charges to be used in the coming grid campaign.

## Pelicans Practice Faking Tactics; Aerial Defense

The Klamath Pelicans devoted their efforts yesterday afternoon to perfecting a passing attack and an adequate pass defense.

Leroy Coleman, Bob Dodson and Mac Van Meter chucked most of the aerials from the quarterback position. Backfield men also practiced faking tactics with the first backfield composed of Coleman at quarterback, Tommy Edwards in the fullback slot, and Bob Redkey and Herbert Barker in the half-back berths.

In the punting department five gridders received attention. Ben Devore, Bill Sari, Chuck Thurman, Jim Pope, and Edwards all booted some nice ones with Edwards perhaps holding a slight edge.

Ed Ryan gave the linemen some pointers in pulling out of the forward wall to form interference and the boys snapped into it with precision. More speed is required, however, before the interference becomes efficient enough to protect the ball carrier from opposing downfield tacklers.

As a whole, the Pelicans seem to be shaping up well and the Grant Generals will have their hands full when they invade Modoc field next Friday night.

## California Senior Golf Bee Underway

DEL MONTE, Calif., Sept. 12 (AP)—California senior golf tournament competition goes into its second day today with Guy Hansen of Los Angeles and J. K. Wadley of Texarkana, Ark., pacing the field. Both fired 75s yesterday over the Monterey peninsula country club course.

Two strokes behind are Charles M. Daniels, Cypress Point; Arthur Vincent of Burlingame; James O'Neal, Pasadena, and K. B. McCarthy, Eureka.

Frank Lindsay of Los Angeles, defending champion, carded a 78.

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## KNAS Diamond Star Receives Pro Ball Offer

Bill Biddle, S 1/c, ace slugger and third baseman for the championship naval air station nine, climaxed a successful campaign with the navy by receiving an offer from the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast league to report for a tryout.

The letter sent to Biddle by the secretary of the Hollywood ball club disclosed that Biddle had been scouted in a recent Medford-Navy contest and was considered pro ball calibre. The letter also emphasized that Biddle could not be given a contract until he was discharged from the navy.

Biddle has no immediate plans but hinted strongly that he liked the offer.

## Rough Rufus To Make Bid For Mat Belt

Rough Rufus Jones continued his conquest of northwest arenas Monday night in Portland by mutilating Tex Hager in two straight falls.

Rough Rufus is scheduled to appear here Friday night against Ernie Pluss in the semi-windup and is making a bid for title recognition. Using a head butt as his main weapon, Rufus has massacred all opponents since arriving in the northwest and is gunning for a title tilt with either Pavo Katonen or Jack Lipscomb.

Georges Dusette will get another shot at Lipscomb in a no-time limit main event and has promised to defeat the brutal Hoosier.

In the opener, Buck Davidson will tangle with Tex Hager, providing Tex is able to navigate after his tussle Monday with the savage negro.

## Green Tinge Of OSC Grid Squad Fades

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—The green tinge of Oregon State college's gridiron squad faded slightly today with the appearance of a couple of semi-experienced men.

Johnny Becharas, Evanston, Ill., and Harold Mattice, Houston, Ore., both of whom played football on service teams, turned out among the 65 men now practicing.

Hal Puddy, two-year hoop letterman, and Bud Gibbs, outstanding Hood River prep gridster, also reached the football camp and are expected to be outstanding candidates for end positions.

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## Cavarretta Sparks Bruins Toward National Loop Flag

**By JIMMY JORDAN**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (AP)—One spring day back in 1934 a scout for the Chicago Cubs watched a 16-year-old youngster cavorting around for the Chicago's Lane Tech high school baseball team.

Today he's still holding down a first base job for the Cubs, and right now he is eight percentage points ahead of Boston's Tommy Holmes as he battles for the National league batting championship.

He's Phil Cavarretta, and he's the big spark-plug in Manager Charlie Grimm's offense as the Cubs fight toward a National league pennant and the world series.

"Phil-a-Buck," as Grimm calls him, was just a skinny, adolescent high school boy when he signed with the Cubs 11 years ago last spring. They sent him to Peoria, Ill., and then to Reading, Pa., as a first baseman before they brought him back in the closing days of the 1934 season to don a Cub uniform. He hasn't taken off that uniform since, insofar as his ball playing is concerned, and he's having the best season of his career now.

His batting average for this season is .360 today, compared to Holmes' .352. His fielding average is over .980, and he's driven in 87 runs. The last Cub to win the National league batting title was Heinie Zimmerman in 1912. But, Cavarretta

isn't worrying about the hitting crown. "We've got the best pitching in the league. But those pitchers need some hits and runs behind them to win," Phil avers.

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