

Seals Look Tough

CL Hopes For Dough Are Good

By BILL BECKER
Associated Press Sportswriter

With the first page torn off the Pacific Coast league's 1947 calendar, two things appeared certain today: (1) the defending champion San Francisco Seals are going to be tough to beat; and (2) the PCL turnstiles will click at a fast clip.

The Seals opened the season with a hammering 11-1 win over the Seattle Rainiers before the day's biggest crowd of 12,038. Attendance at the other three inaugurals brought the first day total to 39,408—a good start on the 4,000,000-customer gate forecast by League President Clarence Rowland. Despite rain threats, patrons totaled 10,634 at Sacramento, where Governor Earl Warren threw out the first ball; 9648 at San Diego, and 7088 at Los Angeles.

And, as a fitting reward perhaps for the turnouts, all the home teams won.

Bob Joyce, 31-game winner for the Seals in 1945, set Seattle down with seven hits, losing a shutout in the ninth inning. His mates, paced by Ted Jennings' four hits, pounded three Rainier twirlers for 16 blows. Starter John Orphan was the loser. Lou Novikoff had three for three for Seattle.

Rookies figured in the San Diego and Los Angeles victories. Shortstop Ray Tran, up from Modesto, singled home Pete Coscarart with two outs in the last half of the 11th to give San Diego a 6-5 decision over Oakland in the most thrilling opener. Carl Dumber, who relieved Tom Seats in the ninth when an Oaks uprising tied the score, was credited with the win. Floyd Speer, third Oak flinger, was the loser.

A three-run pinch homer by Ted Pawelek, ex-Nashville catcher, gave Los Angeles an 8-6 win over Portland. Lou Stringer and Hank Sauer also homered for the Angels who found three pitchers, including loser Jack Salveson, for 15 hits. Angel reliever Don Osborn took the win.

With Righthander Guy Fletcher spacing 10 hits, Sacramento's Solons measured the Hollywood Stars 6-3. Joe Marty's bases-loaded double was the clinching blow. Joe Krakauskas was the loser.

KANSAS CITY, Kas.—Tony Zale, 162½, Gary, Ind., TKO Al Timmons, 171, Cleveland, 5, (non-title).

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Zale Gives Ray Rules To Meet

KANSAS CITY, Kas., April 2 (P)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, world's welterweight boxing champion, will have to step out of the welterweight class completely and prove himself a serious contender as a middleweight before he can get a match with Tony Zale, the 160-pound champion. Zale's co-manager, Art Winch, declared today.

Zale has earned a three or four-weeks' rest, Winch said, after his protegee scored a technical knockout over Al Timmons of Cleveland in 1 minute and 6 seconds of the fifth round here last night.

It was Zale's third non-title fight in six weeks.

Reames Spring Handicap Set

Reames Golf and Country club's annual spring handicap will start this Saturday, and will run through April 13, according to John Bechen, chairman.

During the period, golfers should turn in at least five scores so that a reasonable handicap may be established for each participant. This handicap will apply to the tournament for the President's cup and various inter-club events.

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 2 (P)—The Inland Empire's 1947 track and field season opens Thursday with a no-score contest between the University of Idaho and Washington State college thin-clads at Pullman, Vandal Coach Stan Hiserman said today.

How They Stand

By The Associated Press

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Sacramento	1	0	1.000
Oakland	0	1	.000
Portland	0	1	.000
Seattle	0	1	.000
Hollywood	0	1	.000

Games Yesterday

San Francisco 11, Seattle 1.
Sacramento 6, Hollywood 3.
Los Angeles 8, Portland 6.
San Diego 6, Oakland 5, (11 innings).

Five Colleges Named In Star Cage Selection

PORTLAND, April 2 (P)—Five schools were represented on the Northwest conference all-star basketball squad named yesterday by league coaches.

The first team included: Bob Bourland, College of Idaho, and Bob Fincham, College of Puget Sound, forwards; Bob Pollard, Lewis and Clark, center; Ron Weber, University of British Columbia, and Gene Petersen, Linfield, guards. Petersen was the lone unanimous choice.

The second team listed Harry Kermunde, UBC; Art Vermont and Bill Dresser, Linfield; Bill Stiver, CPS; and Duane Ragdale, Willamette.

VANDAL SYSTEM

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 2 (P)—The University of Idaho Vandals will operate from the standard "T" formation and shift into a Notre Dame box under the system to be inaugurated during spring training by the Vandals' new football mentor, Dixie Howell. The 30-day session will open Friday.

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Red Sox Aim High At Series

By GAYLE TALBOT

TAMPA, Fla., April 2 (P)—Barring a terrific upset, the Boston Red Sox will be right back in the world series next fall, seeking revenge for the humiliating job done on them by the Cardinals in the '46 play-off.

Joe Cronin's American league champs look big and tough and menacing, both at the plate and on the pitching mound. They might not repeat last year's feat of winning 104 games, but it will be a remarkable thing if any club presses them seriously down the stretch.

For a time this spring many observers were "high" on the Detroit Tigers, recalling the late spectacular drive which propelled them into second place by a five-game margin over the Yankees. More recently, though, the wonder has grown as to what Tiger, or Tigers, might knock across the 127 runs that Hank Greenberg's bat produced last year.

The feeling has become widespread that the Tiger bosses made a big mistake when they peddled Hank to Pittsburgh. Several Detroit pitchers are said to be unhappy about the deal.

The American league finish should look about like this: 1, Boston; 2, Detroit; 3, New York; 4, Washington; 5, Cleveland; 6, Chicago; 7, St. Louis; and 8, Philadelphia.

There is a gnawing temptation to drop the Yankees lower than third, especially after one has seen Joe DiMaggio still limping from the recent operation on his heel and taking only the lightest preliminary exercises at this late stage. Several rookies must come through big if the once-proud Bombers are to stay in sight of the leaders.

OSC Gridiron Squad Starts Spring Training

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 2 (P)—Coach Lon Stiner will get a preview of his gridiron squad for the Oregon State college 1947 season today when candidates for spring training check in for equipment.

An initial workout is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon as the six week session gets under way with the Beavers due to hit the turf five days a week. Intra-squad contests will be staged Friday afternoons, Stiner reported, as soon as players get into physical condition.

Oregon Staters Set For Salem

CORVALLIS, April 2 (P)—The Oregon State varsity baseball squad was slashed to 36 men by Coach Ralph Coleman as the Beavers stepped up practice today for their week-end series with the Salem Senators at Medford.

Coleman will have a battery of eight pitchers to draw from as his team opens the three game play Friday with the Western International league team now in spring training.

Stubbs Wins Handball Title

SPOKANE, April 1 (P)—The Pacific northwest amateur handball title was secure for another year in the grasp of Al Stubbs, Yakima donation to the Washington Athletic club team.

Stubbs retained his crown with a 21-6, 21-13 win over Bob Schoning of the University of Washington. Lyle Hurt and Maurice Sussman, unattached Portland entry, captured the doubles crown by defeating the No. 2-seeded entry, Bruce Lamken and Bob Labow, WAC, 21-16, 21-8.

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SPORTS

Major League Notes... Seerey's Batting Amazes Indians

By The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz., April 2 (P)—Outfielder Pat Seerey's booming bat continues to highlight the activities in the camp of the Cleveland Indians.

The barrel-chested Ballhawk, who belted one of the longest balls in the game, has smashed seven home runs in the tribe's last nine games.

Yesterday, he slammed his eighth homer of the year with two on and drove in six runs as the Indians overpowered the Chicago Cubs, 15-9.

Fireball Artist Bobby Feller worked the first six innings for the tribe and was rocked for 11 hits and seven runs for his third poor outing of the year.

DALLAS, Tex., April 2 (P)—The Boston Red Sox today out-tioned Outfielder Pete Layden

Pro Cage Tourney Date Set

CHICAGO, April 2 (P)—Basketball observers today rated the Baltimore Bullets, champions of the American league, a slight favorite to win the professional cage tournament which opens Saturday night in Chicago stadium.

First round games in the field of 14 teams will be held Saturday and Sunday with second round games played Monday.

After a layoff Tuesday, the meet will resume with the semi-finals Wednesday with the champion being crowned Thursday.

First round schedule includes: Sunday — Sheboygan, Wis., Redskins vs. Portland, Ore., Indians.

Bareknuckle Boxer Dies

SEATTLE, April 2 (P)—Duncan McDonald, 86-year-old veteran of the boxing ring's bareknuckle days, died here yesterday.

Among his favorite memories were the draws he fought with John L. Sullivan and "Gentleman" Jim Corbett before the turn of the century. He later became trainer for Corbett, his favorite fighter, for his fight with Sullivan.

McDonald's scrapbook describes how he once fought for 119 rounds in Montana under London prize ring rules.

He is survived by his widow and a large family.

Softball Group To Meet Tonight

Softball enthusiasts will get their chance tonight. There will be a meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the circuit court room at the county court house for all those interested in independent softball organization. Prospective members, managers and sponsors are urged to attend this meeting which will discuss organization of a summer playing season.

Bodies Of Fishermen Found In Willamette

PORTLAND, April 2 (P)—Bodies of Robert V. Baldwin, 60, and George W. McCormack, 50, both of Banks, Ore., have been recovered from the Willamette river near Warren.

The two men disappeared March 12 while on a fishing trip. Their capsized boat was located earlier.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Bud Christman, 129, San Francisco, and Ritchie Mondoza, 129, Los Angeles, drew, 10.

TORONTO — Arthur King, 129, Toronto, TKO Joey Dolan, 124, Spokane, 5.

SEATTLE — Bill Peterson, 201, Chicago, TKO Al Ware, 218, Oakland, Calif. 5.

Wrestling!

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Gray Mask vs. Benny Trudel
5 Rounds

Dorry Dillard vs. Buck Weaver
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Buzzsaw To Fight Monty

Buzzsaw Hoag, hard slugging, hard fighting Portland boy, has been signed to battle Monty Montgomery in the main event at the armory next Tuesday. Mack Lillard announced today.

There has been much speculation among fight fans as to whom Lillard could obtain that would give Montgomery a good battle. Hoag seems to fill that bill, as his reputation in the Portland area, where he has fought for the past three years, gives him a tough cast.

Among the local fighters, there have been no takers for a Montgomery challenge in the 135-pound class. In all the local talent there was no man who was considered good enough to give Monty a battle in the squared circle.

Both fighters go into the ring Tuesday night at 135 pounds. Murray "Red" Britten, who was hurt in a fight with Roy Hawkins a few weeks ago, is now back in shape and will meet Keller Wagner, Salem heavy, in the other half of the ten-round double main event.

Wagner, who comes into the ring at 200 pounds, is known as a good puncher who has sent over half of his challengers back on the way out. However Brittan is a hard puncher, also, and outweighs his opponent by 15 pounds so the fight should be a well-talked-of event.

LOS ANGELES—Maxie Doucens, 133, New Orleans, out-pointed Sammy Sanders, 133, Los Angeles, 6.

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