

Padres Still Lead Field . . . Healthy Attendance Gladdens PCL Hearts

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Rip-Collins' hustling San Diego Padres ruled the Pacific Coast league roost today after an opening week replete with extra inning thrillers, some hefty slugging, occasional fancy flinging and—warming the hearts of the club owners—healthy attendance.

Supplying most of the early season fireworks, the Padres ran up six straight victories before Oakland, behind Charley Gassaway's six-hit pitching, managed to salvage the final game of the series.

Four of San Diego's wins were nabbed in extra innings, with

Southpaw Tommy Seatz' 11-inning 1-0 shutout of the Oaks in yesterday's opener the standout performance. Oakland won the finale 6-1.

Elsewhere during the week there were three overtime games. One of those was San Francisco's 8-7 conquest of Seattle in 11 innings in a Sunday opener. But the Rainiers nabbed the nightcap 3-2, to keep the Seals from climbing into a first-place tie. The Seals trailed San Diego by one game, with five won, two lost.

Largest crowd to date—18,766—at Los Angeles saw veteran Tommy Bridges, ex-Detroit curve ball ace, pitch Portland to a 2-1 nightcap win after the Angels nabbed a 7-3 verdict. Bridges allowed but two hits. Los Angeles took the series, four games to three.

Sacramento held the same series edge over Hollywood after another split. A 5-4 finale victory put the Solons in a third place knot with Los Angeles, after dropping the opener 10-7.

Home run production got off to a fast start, with 32 round trippers in the first week. Three ex-major leaguers, Outfielder Max West of San Diego, and Los Angeles infielders Lou Stringer and John Ostrowski, shared the lead with three apiece. Dan Escobar and Harv Storey, both of Portland, Dain Clay, San Diego, and Frankie Kelleher, Hollywood, each hit two.

Opening week attendance, bolstered by 50,388 Sunday, hit approximately 143,000, giving promise last year's 3,700,000 might be topped.

This week's schedule, with play resuming tomorrow after the customary Monday off, finds the same teams at home. Portland cavorts at San Diego, Oakland at Los Angeles, Seattle at Sacramento, and Hollywood at San Francisco. All the home teams, incidentally, are in the first division.

Weidner Will Match Holds With Weaver

The Pete Belcastro-Georges Dusette fight-to-the-finish for the right to meet Billy Weidner for the Pacific coast junior light-heavy title will take to the mat in the armory Thursday night as the main event on a high-class card.

In the second event of the evening, Billy Weidner, present holder of the title, will show some of his stuff with Buck Weaver, in a non-title five-round bout. Weidner, who has always been a hard-working fighter, should put on an interesting exhibition with Buck Weaver.

In the evening's opening event Herb Parkes will match holds with Benny Trudel, whiskered Frenchman, in a three-round tilt.

How They Stand

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Diego	6	1	.857
San Francisco	5	2	.714
Los Angeles	4	3	.571
Sacramento	4	3	.571
Hollywood	3	4	.429
Portland	3	4	.429
Seattle	2	5	.286
Oakland	1	6	.143

Results Yesterday
San Francisco 8-2, Seattle 7-3 (first game 11 innings).
Los Angeles 7-1, Portland 3-2.
San Diego 1-1, Oakland 0-6, (first game 11 innings).
Hollywood 10-4, Sacramento 7-5.

(All second games 7 innings.)
Saturday Results
Portland 1, Los Angeles 0.
San Francisco 4, Seattle 3 (13 innings).
Sacramento 3, Hollywood 2.
San Diego 9, Oakland 7 (10 innings).

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Duck, Goose Population On Decline

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Albert M. Day, director of the fish and wildlife service, said today the North American duck and goose population has declined to 54,000,000, the lowest since 1938.

The drop during the past year, Day said, was 26,000,000, the sharpest slump on record. The 1945 duck kill was estimated at 23,000,000.

But despite the decline, Day told a reporter, there almost certainly will be a hunting season this fall.

The Audubon society recently recommended that duck hunting be prohibited this year as a conservation measure.

Cage Tourney In Quarters At Chicago

CHICAGO, April 7 (AP)—Seven clubs in the National Basketball league and a strong independent team, the Dow Chemicals of Midland, Mich., end the quarter-finals of the invitational cage tournament in Chicago stadium tonight.

Two upsets were registered in first round games last night when Toledo ousted the highly-touted New York Rens 62-59 and the Blackhawks disposed of the Baltimore Bullets, a pre-meet favorite after winning the American league championship, 57-46.

The third game last night went according to form with Sheboygan wallopping the Portland, Ore., Indians 72-48 by pouring in 27 points in the last quarter.

Zimmerman Nabs Third Oregon Pro Golf Title

PORTLAND, April 7 (AP)—Al Zimmerman captured his third Oregon professional match play championship yesterday as he scored a 1-up victory over Ted Longworth in a 36-hole play-off.

Zimmerman played Longworth all even in the 18-hole meeting at Longworth's own Waverly course, each carding par 72, stood squared at the end of the first nine at Alderwood but then picked up his one stroke victory margin on the back nine. Scores: Zimmerman 72-69-141; Longworth 72-70-142.

Paul Staggs Signs As Pacific Coach

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 7 (AP)—Paul Staggs, 37, son of Amos Alonzo Staggs and former football coach at Springfield, Mass., college and Moravian college in Bethlehem, Pa., has been signed as football coach at Pacific university, school officials said.

Young Staggs formerly assisted his father in coaching at the University of Chicago and College of the Pacific.

Kramer Walks Off With Singles Title

HOUSTON, Tex., April 7 (AP) Jack Kramer, Davis Cup star and national tennis champion, walked off with the men's singles championship in the River Oaks invitation tennis tournament yesterday, downing defending titlist Gardner Mulloy, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

SPORTS

Pension Plan Safeguards Baseball Players' Future

CINCINNATI, April 7 (AP)—Baseball players, coaches and trainers can retire at 50 years of age and receive checks up to \$100 a month the rest of their lives under the major leagues' new pension plan.

During their active careers, the clubs will give them group

life insurance ranging from \$3300 to \$10,000 per individual. The American and National league clubs pay the entire cost of the insurance and "over three-fourths" the cost of the annuities under group contracts with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, the office of Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler disclosed.

Adoption of the program—effective last Tuesday, April 1—was announced by the commissioner, who credited the players' pension committee, club representatives and their respective legal counsel "for producing this practical solution."

Monty-Hoag Fight Tops Armory Card

Monty Montgomery and Buzzsaw Hoag headline the complete card for the armory boxing matches Tuesday night, according to Mack Lillard, promoter, with a ten round slug-fest.

In the semi-windup spot Gordon McKay, Henley 220-pounder, replaces Murray "Red" Britten in a battle with Keller Wagner, Salem slugger. McKay has put the last two of his opponents away by the kayo route; last month he dropped Ernie Duffield for the ten count and in his last armory fight he downed Johnny Jamieson in the third round.

Keller Wagner has quite a reputation in the northern circles, but McKay with his six-foot-seven hard punching antics should give him quite a battle in the ten rounder.

In the middle event Ralph Weiser and Rudy Carlson, who put on such a good slug-fest for the fans in their last appearance, will return to the squared circle for another five round battle.

Bob Eastman, favorite of the younger fans, will battle LeRoy Barkley in the second bout of the evening which is scheduled as a four round tilt. Eastman, always a crowd-pleaser, has never lost a fight in the armory and should put on a good exhibition with Barkley, who is a plenty tough hombre.

In the opener, Roy Jackson, Beatty lad, will rough it out for four rounds with Herbie Snell of Sprague River.

Betz Suspension Eyed By Rules Committee

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Members of the amateur rules committee of the U. S. Lawn Tennis association were to meet today to decide whether Pauline Betz, world's foremost feminine star, should be suspended immediately in the face of her announced desire to turn professional.

Monarchs Grab Coast Hockey Crown

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7 (AP) Pacific coast hockey bowed out of the northwest Saturday night when the Los Angeles Monarchs handed the Portland Eagles their fourth successive loss to capture the Coast league crown. The score was 5-4.

Portland, winner of the northern division title, dropped four straight decisions to the southern titlist.

BOXING

Monty Montgomery vs. "Buzzsaw" Hoag
10 Rounds—Lightweight

GORDON McKay vs. KELLER WAGNER
10 Rounds—Heavyweight

RALPH WEISER vs. RUDY CARLSON
5 Rounds—Lightweight

BOB EASTMAN vs. LE ROY BARKLEY
4 Rounds—Lightweight

"TOUGH" JACKSON vs. HERBIE SNELL
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Ayers May Get Spot On Giant Mound Staff

PORT SMITH, Ark., April 7 (AP)—Bill Ayers, strapping right-hander pitching rookie of the New York Giants, has just about assured himself a starting berth on Manager Mel Ott's mound staff.

The six-foot-three 195-pound elbow turned in his second straight impressive performance yesterday as the Giants bowed, 2-1 to the Cleveland Indians before 11,177 onlookers at Oklahoma City.

DALLAS, Tex., April 7 (AP)—Catcher Clyde McCullough of the Chicago Cubs will be out of action for several days with a twisted ankle. Bob Scheffing and Mickey Livingston will share the receiving burden during McCullough's absence. Outfielder Bill Nicholson is still being used as a pinch-hitter until his Charley horse completely heals. Pitcher Hank Borowy's blistered finger still is sore.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 7 (AP)—It was old home day for Manager Ted Lyons of the Chicago White Sox in Dallas yesterday with dozens of his friends making the trip from Waco, Tex., to greet him. Monty Stratton, ex-Sox pitcher who lost a leg in a hunting accident eight years ago, watched the pale horse trounce Dallas, 14-8 with Outfielder Floyd Christopher pacing the attack by clouting two homers.

NORFOLK, Va., April 7 (AP)—The New York Yankees meet their Norfolk Piedmont league farmhands today in their next to last exhibition game before reaching New York. A number of the Bombers including rookie hurler Don Johnson, Charley Keller, Spud Chandler, and George McQuinn will skip the game and head direct for Baltimore.

more, the Yanks' final stop before hitting the big town.

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Hoop Star Gets Time On His Hands

CHENEY, Wash., April 7 (AP) Irv Leifer, basketball star at Eastern Washington college, has time on his hands—(pardon the pun). He now has a collection of five watches given him as prizes for his cage prowess, one in high school, and four in national tournaments at Kansas City. In his first appearance at the national meet he was named

to the second team, made the first squad the following three years and in addition this year was chosen the tournament's most valuable player.

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