



Bob Feller, strikeout king of the big leagues, is destined to have a great season this year, according to all baseball observers, and a great season is what the Cleveland Indians are expecting of him because Robert is being paid the highest salary ever received by a ballplayer.

## Solons, Yanks Start Season

Southpaw Harry Truman, described by baseball fans as one of the best pitchers to ever inhabit the White House, tossed out the first ball this afternoon at Washington's ball park and the 1947 big league diamond season was on.

The traditional opening day game is between the Washington Senators and New York Yankees, and the other 14 clubs in the majors sit the first day out. They get to work tomorrow. History is about to be made in the majors—the advent of the American Negro to the big top. Jackie Robinson, ex-UCLA football flash and war veteran, is expected to be on first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers tomorrow afternoon. He has been signed to a Dodger contract, after months of wavering by Brooklyn officials, and if he plays Robinson will become the first Negro ballplayer to appear on a major league diamond.

Brooklyn may also add another first—the Dodgers are liable to go on the field tomorrow sans a regular manager. Leo Durocher, titular field head of the Brooks, has been banned for a year by Commissioner Happy Chandler, and so far his successor hasn't been announced.

Baseball writers are already in agreement on several phases of this big league season. For instance, they are reasonably certain that:

St. Louis Cardinals will win the National loop flag. Boston Red Sox will do the same in the American circuit. Those teams did it last year.

Bob Feller and Hal Newhouser will get the headlines as the best right and left handed pitchers, respectively.

Ted Williams will hit to left field, or right field, or into the bleachers or anywhere else and the so-called Williams shift will flunk. In its stead Theodore will be fed nothing but low, inside pitches, and will get awfully tired of looking at them every afternoon.

And, the baseball seers agree, along about the middle of June a lot of the rookies who set the Grapefruit circuit ablaze this spring will be making reservations on homeward-bound trains. It happens every year.

## Muscular Duo Will Clash For Coast Wrestling Belt

That pair of strong men, Georges Dusette and Billy Weidner, will come to grips in a mighty tussle next Thursday night for the privilege of wearing the Pacific coast junior heavyweight wrestling crown. The title fight will be staged at the head of the week's muscle card in the armory. Promoter Mack Lillard announced this morning. The battle will be of five rounds duration. Billy Weidner, ex-circus trapeze artist and strong man, now holds the crown, having wrestled it from Pete Belcastro, and Dusette is the logical contender in that he is the man who had the

belt before Belcastro acquired it. Dusette actually won the title bid last Thursday when he put the clamps on Belcastro in a sort of elimination contest. Reserve seat tickets for the fight are now on sale at Castleberry's Drug and the Klamath Billiards, and general admission ducats will be sold at the armory fight night. Two other bouts as yet unannounced will complete the grapple card.

## Fairview Takes Volley Diadem

Pelican grade school capped the B class inter-school volleyball tourney Saturday, beating Fairview 15-8 and 16-14 in the final games on the KUHS gym floor. Fairview came in second and Riverside won third place. The tourney lasted all day, with Pelican beating Roosevelt 15-7 and 15-13 in the first round, topping Fairview 15-5 and 15-9 in the second round, then beating Fairview again in the finals. The class A tourney will be held next Saturday at the KU gym.

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## Henthorne Speeds For Ducks

Dave Henthorne, University of Oregon freshman from Klamath Falls, turned in three speed performances on the cinder track at Eugene Saturday to lead the Webfoot track squad to a 79 to 52 victory over the Idaho Vandals.

Henthorne is a former Klamath Union high school thimbleclad star and navy veteran.

He won the 100-yard dash in 10.1, the first time since fleet Jake Leicht returned to the Oregon campus that the football flash has been bested on the cinders. The Klamath Falls boy was a full stride ahead of Leicht when he broke the tape.

Henthorne came back later to win the gruelling 440-yard sprint and then turned in a fast performance as anchorman for the winning team in the mile relay.

## Pels Blast Cave Squad

The Klamath baseball Pelicans started their season off right Saturday afternoon by defeating the Grants Pass Cave-men 9 to 6 in a game played at Grants Pass.

Irving Whitt, righthander, finished the game for the Pels and was the winning hurler. Whitt also led the batsmen with four hits in four times at the plate, while LeRoy Coleman's triple was the heaviest blow of the day.

Righthander Pat Williams started the game for the Klamath boys and was relieved after two innings. Grants Pass got 10 hits, the Pels nine.

Tomorrow afternoon the Pelicans again hit the road, this time to Medford for a game with the Black Tornado. Coach Ed Ryan said that he planned to start Williams on the mound again, and counter with Whitt.

## Sandman Tops Fast, Fancy Field

SAN BRUNO, Calif., April 14 (AP)—Texas Sandman, an unofficial 2-1 favorite, tops a fast and fancy field of seven horses entered in the \$10,000 added Portola Handicap at Tanforan track Saturday.

The Sandman, with Grant Zuffelt up, packs top weight of 121 pounds in the feature race for 3-year-olds and up over a mile and one-sixteenth.

## None At All

CORVALLIS, April 14 (AP)—Freshman Fred Gallagher joined Oregon State college's baseball famous over the week-end when the Portland boy hurled a no-hit, no-run seven inning, 1 to 0, victory over the University of Montana. The Beavers won the earlier game, 11 to 8.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 14 (AP) Sonny Trueman, John Day, Ore., was second in bareback riding and Jerry Ambler, Glenwood, Wash., third in saddle bronc riding at yesterday's annual Phoenix Junior chamber of commerce rodeo.

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# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Tempers Flare . . .

## Another Tie Game Keeps Padres Aloft

By BILL BECKER  
Associated Press Sports Editor

Along with temperatures, competition and tempers were rising steadily but the San Diego Padres today still cling to a slight percentage lead in the Pacific Coast league race.

After dropping a hectic three-to-two series to Portland that included two ties, the Padres had a bulge of 24 points on the San Francisco Seals by virtue of having been credited with one less victory and also one less defeat.

Portland won the first game of Sunday's twin bill, 7-3, and then the umpires, evoking the time limit rule, called the second game at 4-4 at the end of the sixth inning. Frazzled Padre fans let go with everything from Bronx birds to pop bottles.

Earlier, they had seen Manager Rip Collins and First Sacker Vince Shupe benched for protesting decisions. Four Beaver homers by Dan Escobar, Dick Wenner, Al Muroto and Harvey Storey did little to soothe the 8230 customers.

Elsewhere, other sizeable turnouts saw splits: At Los Angeles, the season's top crowd of 18,940 saw the Angels defeat Oakland, 4-2, then bow, 3-2, on Gene Lillard's bases-full double in the last inning. Lusty beefs by both managers, Bill Kelly of the Angels and Casey Stengel of the Oaks, featured the week-end activity, which wound up with Los Angeles the 4-3 series winner.

Hollywood and San Francisco, making up for a postponement earlier in the week, crammed four games into the week-end, dividing twin bills both Saturday and Sunday. A gathering of 14,307 saw the Seals clinch the series, 4 to 3, by taking the finale, behind Lefty Bill Werle's tight relief flinging 6-5. It was Werle's third win. Hollywood won the opener 7-3.

Sacramento's Solons also wound up with a 4-3 margin over the Seattle Rainiers to keep pace with Los Angeles in a third-place tie, one game back of San Francisco. After clinching the series with an 8-3 win in the first game, the Solons fell in the nightcap, 4-3, before the slugging of Johnny Rucker, the ex-Giant, and Manager Jo-Jo White.

## COTTAGE WINS

COTTAGE GROVE, April 14 (AP)—Cottage Grove won a three-way track meet from Eugene and University High Friday, scoring 693 points. Eugene had 57, University 25 1/2.

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## Bingle Barrage Covers Vandals

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 14 (AP)—A 16-hit attack, featured by two home runs and three doubles, gave the Bremerton Bluejackets a 14-8 decision over the University of Idaho Vandals yesterday.

The circuit blows were clouted by Dale Markert and Allen Maul.

The Bluejackets turned in a 4-3 ten inning win over the Yakima Stars Saturday with Al Adkins tripling home Charlie Bushong in the extra frame.

## Bambino Better

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 14 (AP)—Babe Ruth, vacationing here after his recent illness, played nine holes of golf yesterday in 43, his first golf since last year.

"I haven't felt better since I left the hospital," Ruth said after the game. He said he planned another game Wednesday or Thursday before leaving for New York Friday.

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## Dozen Squads Will Compete

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14 (AP)—The second annual state high school baseball championship playoff will be held at the University of Portland here May 22-24.

Twelve teams will be in action—eight in class A and four in class B divisions—with the contestants coming from the same districts that were set up last year, when Jefferson of Portland won the title.

District winners will be selected by committees with entries to be posted at the University of Portland by May 17. Klamath Falls is in district 2, and one team will go to the tourney from this district, which includes Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Lake, Klamath, Douglas, Curry, Coos, Josephine and Jackson counties.

The smaller high schools in the county will have a chance to enter B class competition, also in district 2 with the same counties listed above.

## Meeting Called

THE DALLES, April 14 (AP)—Representatives of 100 sportsmen's groups will discuss hunting regulations and replenishing of fishing streams at the quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wildlife federation here Saturday.

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