

# Big Hank Slaps First NL Homer

Red Sox Pacing American; Dodgers, Phillies And Pirates Take Early National Lead

By JACK HAND  
Associated Press Sports Writer

The same old Hank Greenberg! That was the cry echoing around Wrigley field yesterday as Big Hank, who was coaxed out of "retirement" by Pittsburgh, lofted a Hank Wyse pitch into the left field bleachers for his first National league home run.

Curve ball pitching, the cunning National league variety, was supposed to cut down the American league castoff. They were going to keep the ball low and outside, away from his power, but somebody forgot to tell Hank.

"They throw curve balls in the American league, too," Greenberg remarked.

With the help of Hank's second-inning clout and six unearned runs on two boos by Lenny Merullo in the seventh inning, Billy Herman brings his Pirates home, tied for the Phillies. The Cubs' only run of the abbreviated series came in the ninth inning of yesterday's 7-1 defeat, at the hands of Preacher Roe.

Manager Johnny Neun's campaign to inject more punch into the defense-minded Cincinnati Reds paid off with a 9-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, giving them a 2-1 edge over the champs in their opening series.

Brooklyn came up with a new "find" in Third Baseman Johnny (Spider) Forensen, who knocked in six runs with two doubles and a homer in the Dodgers' 12-5 win over Boston. A leaky infield put loser Mort Cooper on the ropes in the first inning.

Jackie Robinson came up with his first big league hit, a bunt single off Glenn Elliott in the fifth.

Dutch Leonard turned in a workmanlike job for the Phillies in his first start, recovering from a poor start for an 11-5 victory over the New York Yankees. The Yankees' three-hit eighth-inning relief pitcher, Bill Ayers, Larry Jansen and Woody Bernath for 14 blows.

The Boston Red Sox showed unmistakable signs of picking up where they left off last season, dumping Washington, 4-1 with Joe Dobson doing the honors.

Floyd Bevers of Salem, Ore., the New York Yankees' "hard luck artist" of 1946 got a break in his first start although he had to throw a three-hitter at Philadelphia to win 2-1. Ferris Fain, booted Larry Berra's grounder to let in the winning run in the eighth. Dick Fowler was the

Rookie Paul Lehner, a highly recommended prospect, came through with a pinch single with the bases loaded and two out for the St. Louis Browns' 4-3 edge over Detroit in the 10th inning. Jack Kramer went all the way to decision Paul Trout, who homered in his own behalf in the fifth.

The Majors stage their second opening today with the Cardinals entertaining Chicago at St. Louis, Brooklyn at New York, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh and Philadelphia at Boston.

Yankees will be in Washington for the Presidential opener, postponed from Monday. Other American league games will find Cleveland at Detroit, St. Louis at Chicago and Boston at Philadelphia.

## WI Diamond Clubs Open Under Lights

By The Associated Press

All eight Western International league clubs swing into action tonight, weather permitting, as the class B baseball circuit moves into its 1947 season.

Opening bids place Tacoma at Spokane, Bremerton at Yakima, Victoria at Wenatchee and Vancouver at Salem.

While the remainder of the league will watch the skies only for the possibility of rain, Spokane fans at least will have a heavenward interest regardless of the weather. The Brooklyn-affiliated Indians open their season with the city's mayor stepping out of a helicopter to hurl the first ball.

Similar festivities minus the plane, are planned in the other three parks.

Probable opening day pitching choices:

- Tacoma (Cy Greenlaw) vs. Spokane (Pete Zmitrovich).
- Bremerton (Hub Kittle) vs. Yakima (Keith Simon).
- Vancouver (Bob Snyder) vs. Salem (Kenny Wyatt).
- Victoria vs. Wenatchee (hurriers unnamed).

Hunters of all lands realize that wild creatures do not remain the same after they have been hunted. Before the coming of man into certain regions, the wild beast had not developed a fear of him.—Sports Afield.

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Pittsburgh	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	2	1	.667
St. Louis	1	2	.333
New York	0	2	.000
Boston	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	2	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	.000
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Washington	0	2	.000

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
San Diego	10	5	.667
Sacramento	10	7	.588
Portland	8	6	.571
San Francisco	9	7	.563
Los Angeles	9	7	.563
Hollywood	7	10	.412
Seattle	6	10	.375
Oakland	5	12	.294

Yesterday's Results			
Brooklyn 12, Boston 6.			
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 4.			
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago 1.			
Philadelphia 11, New York 5.			

Yesterday's Results			
New York 2, Philadelphia 1.			
St. Louis 4, Detroit 3 (10 innings).			
Boston 4, Washington 1.			
Only games scheduled.			

Yesterday's Results			
San Diego 7, Hollywood 4.			
Sacramento 11, Oakland 7.			
Portland 6, San Francisco 5.			
Los Angeles at Seattle postponed.			
Rain.			

## Pels, Henley Take Part In Eugene Relay Meet

Forty-one cinder teams—16 from class A high schools, 17 from class B and eight from class C—will take part in the annual Hayward relays track meet at the University of Oregon this afternoon and tomorrow. Last-minute entries may bring the total to 60.

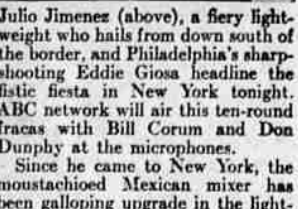
The Klamath Union high school Pelicans are competing in class A today, and the Henley Hornets are in class C tomorrow. Twenty-three Pels will take part, as will eight trackers from Henley.

Coach Bill Bowerman's Medford Black Tornado cindermen will be on hand to defend the class A championship they garnered last year by noosing out the Grant Generals by a hair. The Klamath squad placed third last year, and in that meet took first in high jump, broad jump and discus.

The broad jump mark, set by Tom Edwards, Bob Dodson and Chuck Thurman is a Hayward record.

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## Red-Hot Slugfest on KFLW Tonight



Julio Jimenez (above), a fiery lightweight who hails from down south of the border, and Philadelphia's sharp-shooting Eddie Giosa headline the fistie fiesta in New York tonight. ABC network will air this ten-round fracas with Bill Corum and Don Dunphy at the microphones.

Since he came to New York, the moustachioed Mexican mixer has been galloping upgrade in the lightweight mitt parade. He has won 13 of his 14 starts in the East—and reversed the one defeat. Julio is primarily a left hooker.

The Quaker City mauler also has been riding an upward spiral against high caliber opposition. Giosa's a rip-and-tear, bull-like fighter who likes to pump leather with both hands. The break-busting industry looks forward to a rough night.

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## Bambino Today



Having made a strong comeback from a long illness, but still not the gay blade he once was, Babe Ruth is now vacationing in Miami.

## School Volley Title At Stake

The city grade school class A volleyball tournament will be run off tomorrow morning in the KUHS boys' gym. The tourney is staged by the city schools physical education department.

Mills school is the defending champion.

The double elimination meet has Roosevelt playing Fairview and Fremont taking on Pelican in 9 o'clock games, and Riverside playing Mills at 9:30.

## With Baltimore

EUGENE, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Elliott Wilson, former University of Oregon football center, said today he had signed with the Baltimore entry in the All-American Professional Football league. He closed his collegiate gridiron career in 1945 but has stayed in school to obtain a teaching certificate.

## Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Sacramento, Calif.—Paul Taylor, 152, Sacramento, knocked out Joe Orocco, 175½, Stockton, 2.

New York (Forum Arena)—Steve Belleis, 161, New York, knocked out Pedro Cobe, 154, Puerto Rico, 2.

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# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## BEAVERS JUMP NOTCH TO THIRD OVER SEALS

By BILL BECKER  
AP Sports writer

San Diego's Padres retained their perch atop the Pacific Coast league heap today but the rest of the first division was somewhat scrambled.

Sacramento's hard-hitting Solons slugged their way into second place last night with an 11-7 win over the luckless Oakland Acons.

Meanwhile, Portland's bounding Beavers jumped a couple of notches to third by edging San Francisco, 6-5. The defeat dropped the Seals to a fourth-place tie with Los Angeles, which was rained out at Seattle.

## From the CORRAL

By "Top Wrangler"

Howdy folks:

Jist gotta tell yeh 'bout the out door flare Mable Liskey throwed fer sum fast ridin' she-males last Tuesday with the entire day spent in decided western flavor. Those on hand at the stamplin' grounds wuz: Elva Kenyon, Janice Long, Blanche Harmon, Esther Noel, Ruth Adams, Lois Serruys, Beth Chase, Mildred Barton and Hazel Dradil. Them gals rode over that ranch lickety-bridle like a four alarm fire . . . admire'n Mable's registered cattle, colts and scarin' every kind of wild game this country produces. Bet some of 'em got purty stiff too. Noon time found the yard with a table heaped with fancy vittals and eye compellin' Guey Barton, Elmer Balsiger, Frank Adams, Phat Long, Dave, Dan and Jack Liskey, oh yeah, Art Macken and yours truly. The rest of the day wuz spent with songs, laffter and gabbin' 'bout ol' times with all havin' a crab full of the best ranch grub ennybody ever smacked a lip over. Wally Moss got slowed up when a hoss he tried to ride bucked clean threw a saddle he had on and dumped his ride in sum ballin' wire that fer a minute Wally tho't wuz a harp, but that ol' cowboy after two attempts rode 'til the gun the third time up. Dean Hall has got a new sorrel I've heered so much 'bout kin hardly wait to see Charlie Drew and Clarence Adams are on the list of ownership of new hoss flesh. Them two buckaroos have been drivin' cattle the past week provin' they're handy as ornamental. With this good growin' weather seems everybody is workin' soil and doin' spring plantin'. I'll lay odds that this fall Mrs. A. B. Cheyne will turn in a bang up crop fer that little woman has the neck of makin' stuff bloom. Bet if she watered down a fence post the dern thing would leaf out. Jerry Hales had to reach fer the nubbin' tother day when his cheanut mare bucked and bawled with spring fever. Jerry jist wuz awarded a scholarship fer his fine singin' voice. Well, gotta stick my campin' stuff in my hip pocket and hit out fer Red Bluff rodeo. Bye now.

## Weiser Has Semiwindup

Another Portland boxer has been signed for Tuesday's armory fight card, according to Promoter Mack Lillard. He is Max Jasper, out of the stable with Duane Hoag.

Jasper, a lightweight, will fight the five-round semi-windup bout with Ralph Weiser. That lineup puts lightweights in the two principal spots on Tuesday's card.

In the main event, scheduled for 10 rounds, Duane Hoag is paired with Monte Montgomery in a return bout. Some 10 days ago Hoag won a second round knockout over Montgomery here.

Bruce Miller and the popular Bob Eastman, middleweights, will fight the other five-round match on the card. Two other four-rounders are yet to be arranged. Tickets for the fights are now on sale at Matt Finigan's sporting goods store.

## Olympic Invites Being Sent Out

LONDON, April 18 (AP)—Invitations are now being sent to the countries of the world, with the exception of Russia, Germany and Japan, to participate in the 1948 Olympics, the British organizing committee for the games announced today.

Russia has applied for affiliation to various international sporting bodies, and when favorable consideration has been given to these applications she will be in a position to form a national Olympic committee. It is this body in each country which technically receives an invitation, the British committee said.

## Five Rounds Fail To Get Winning Fall

Georges Dusette and Billy Weidner fought five full rounds to a standstill in their championship mat match last night at the armory, giving a tremendous exhibition of power but with neither ever coming close to a fall.

So Billy Weidner retains the Pacific coast light-heavy belt and Dusette remains in the role of No. 1 challenger.

Both men, muscular and powerful, broke every hold in a display of strength and clean wrestling, although Weidner had Dusette on his shoulders preparatory to a spin when the final gong sounded.

It might not have done any good, however, because once before in the fifth round Weidner had applied his spin and then found himself unable to put the clinging Dusette down. Georges was having just as much success with his pet clutch, the full nelson. Weidner flexed his muscles and busted out of it several times.

Pete Belcastro and Tony Ross put on the wildest fray of the evening, and Pete came out ahead when he wrenched Tony's right shoulder with a surfboard. The fight started during the preliminary instructions over a dispute about the length of Pete's fingernails.

Ross got a fall with an uppercut and press in the second heat, and Belcastro's winner came in the third. Ross turned his back for a moment to have words with Referee Wally Ross and Pete took the advantage. He knocked Tony to the mat and applied a surfboard so that Ross was finished for the night.

Benny Trudel and Herb Parks went three fast, crowd-pleasing rounds without a fall.

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## Olivera Gets 10-Round Nod

SPOKANE, April 18 (AP)—Tony Olivera, high-ranking San Francisco bantamweight, held an edge in his series with Jackie Turner, Vancouver, B. C., today as a result of a unanimous 10-round main event triumph here last night. For the Californian, whose 122 pounds was three more than carried by Turner, it was the second decision in three meetings.

Billy Townsend, 163, Spokane, and Paulie Blanks, 156, San Francisco, ended up all even after six rounds.

## Players Called

A meeting of the managers, players and sponsors of the Men's Softball association is called for 7:30 tonight in the city hall council chambers, preparatory to organizing the league for play this summer.

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