Big Crowds See Openers

Beavers Beat Oakland 3-0; Seattle Snowed Under 17-2 Debacle By Stars

By The Associated Press

The lid blew off the Pacific Coast league season with a thunderous blast of heavy hitting yesterday.

Attendance at the four opening games, one day and three night contests, totalled 41,644, topping the 39,408 aggregate of last year.

The largest crowd, 13,802 at Oakland last night, saw the tightest ball game of the lot as Portland beat the Oaks, 3-0, amid a reasonable collection of seven hits apiece. Lefty Roy Helser, winning pitcher, drove in two runs to help his own cause.

The slimmest crowd, 6514 at Hollywood, watched the night's wildest battle in which the Stars slaughtered Seattle, 17-2. It was one of the biggest opening game scores in league history.

During the Stars' 15-hit bombardment the sparkling four-hit pitching of their righthander, Rugger Ardizoia, was almost overlooked.

Los Angeles Angels assembled 14 hits to smack the San Diego Padres, 7-4, before 7852 at San Diego. In the only day game the San Francisco Seals' 16-hit attack wrecked Sacramento, 7-4, before a record opening day crowd of 13,476 at the California capital.

John Ritchey became the first negro ever to appear in a Coast league game when he pinch hit for San Diego Shortstop Jake Caulfield. Ritchey got a round of applause, then grounded out.

San Francisco Manager Lefty O'Doul's outfit began the campaign as if they meant to go out and clinch the pennant early. They nicked Sacramento Starter Jack Salveson for three runs in the first inning on four hits. Hugh Luby hammered a 340-foot home run in the fourth.

ONE BAD FRAME

Jack Brewer of the Seals gave up nine hits and had only one bad inning, the third, when the Solons got three runs.

Manager Jimmy Dykes' Hollywood Stars slammed the ball all over the lot. They collected four runs in the first frame, two in the second, eight in the third, and three in the sixth. Outfielder Gus Zernial smashed two home runs off Henry Besse, the Seattle starter. Lou Novikoff finally got Manager Jo Jo White's club in the scoring column with a homer in the fourth.

Los Angeles came from behind to trip San Diego. Outfielder Cece Garriott smashed a two-run homer in the eighth that settled the issue. The veteran Tom Seats had been going along nicely until this stanza, but he had to leave the premises and the Angels promptly hopped on his successor, Xavier Rescigno, formerly of Hollywood.

The box:

Portland	AB	R	H	O	A
Rucker, cf	4	0	0	1	0
Zak, ss	4	0	0	2	0
M. Smith, lf	4	1	2	0	0
Storey, 3b	4	0	0	0	1
Mole, 1b	4	0	0	11	2
Reich, rf	3	1	1	3	0
Mullen, 2b	4	1	2	1	4
Ballinger, c	4	0	0	8	0
Helser, p	4	0	2	1	3
Totals	35	3	7	27	10

Oakland	AB	R	H	O	A
Holder, lf	5	0	2	4	0
Combs, 3b	4	0	1	3	1
Christopher, cf	4	0	1	2	0
Scarsella, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Etten, 1b	4	0	0	9	2
Samcoff, 2b	3	0	1	1	3
Hamrick, ss	3	0	2	1	2
Raimondi, c	3	0	0	5	1
W. Hafey, p	4	0	0	4	1
Totals	34	0	7	27	10

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Summary: Runs—Smith, Reich, Mullen. Errors—Zak, Combs, Hamrick. Runs batted in—Smith, Helser 2. Two base hits—Samcoff, Reich. Home run—Smith. Left on bases—Portland 7, Oakland 10. Bases on balls—off Helser 3, Hafey 3. Struck out—by Helser 6, W. Hafey 4. Runs responsible for—Hafey 3. Umpires—Engeln, Doran, Gordon. Time of game 1:57.

Takes Pin Title

Junie McMahon, Chicago, won the individual event in the 1947 ABC meet with 740 pins. Fred Breckle, Detroit, came in second place with a total of 738 pins.

OSC Net Coach Is Thinking

CORVALLIS, March 30 (AP) — Slats Gill, veteran Oregon State college basketball coach, admitted here today he is considering one of two offers made to him for head coaching jobs at other institutions.

Gill returned yesterday from New York, where he has been attending the national basketball coaches meeting, and confirmed rumors that he has been offered the coaching jobs at UCLA and at the University of Minnesota. He did not indicate definitely which of the two he is considering.

Spec Keene, Oregon State director of athletics, said he was aware of the offers and that he personally was hopeful that Gill would decide to remain here.

Gill has coached Oregon State basketball teams for 21 seasons, winning five northern division pennants and two coast conference titles. In the season just concluded the Beavers tied for the northern division title but lost the playoff to Washington.

UCLA, which has been seeking a head coach for some weeks since Wilbur Johns became athletic director there, was soundly defeated twice by the 1947 Oregon State team which won the coast title.

High School Grid Uniform

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)—Next season the nation's high schools will play their football on the college pattern.

A uniform set of playing rules was adopted here this week by a special committee representing both the college and high school organizations.

Whereas in the past there have been as many as 150 differences in the two codes, the revised standards reduce these differences to half a dozen, none important.

The main differences remaining deal with length of quarters and substitutions.

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Bill Bevens, Yankee hurler, was knocked from the mound in one inning yesterday by the St. Louis Cardinals and asks to be sent to a clinic for treatment of his pitching arm.

JIM AIKEN WILL VIEW NEW DUCKS

EUGENE, March 31 (AP) — Nine players transferred from Washington and California junior colleges will be on hand for University of Oregon spring football training, which starts next Monday.

They enrolled for spring term yesterday. Others are expected to sign up in the next few days.

They include Fullback Paul Savage, Yakima, Tackle Willard Winterringer, Wenatchee, and seven from California.

There also will be five transfers from larger schools, all of whom will be eligible for play next fall. They include John McKay, Purdue halfback in 1946; Sam Nevills, Purdue tackle in 1946, and Jim Aiken Jr., son of Coach Jim Aiken and Nevada quarterback for two seasons.

Aiken expects a turnout of 60 for the 30-day training period.

Carroll Leaves To Join Cards

Joe Carroll, 1022 McKinley avenue, left Tuesday morning for Fullerton, Calif., to begin spring baseball training with the Fresno Cardinals of the California State league.

This will be young Carroll's third season in professional baseball as the property of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a star hurler while in high school, and immediately after graduation in 1946 became a member of the St. Louis Cardinal organization.

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Dickson Sets Yankees Down With No Hits

Bill Bevens Shelled In First Stanza By Cardinal Sticks

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP) — Murry Dickson of the St. Louis Cardinals hurled the second no-run, no-hit nine-inning spring exhibition game in baseball history yesterday. The performance showed Manager Eddie Dyer he was justified in standing by the little righthander last year when he couldn't win for losing.

The Cardinals, and Dickson in particular, had tough luck all through the 1947 season. He wound up with 13 victories and 16 losses. The fans were down on him, but Dyer kept rushing him into vital contests despite the boos from the crowd.

Murry picked on the world champion New York Yankees in St. Petersburg, Fla. yesterday. He faced 30 batters, walking five and hitting one. He struck out six. The Yanks' best effort was a screaming liner that Joe DiMaggio hit straight at Shortstop Tommy Glaviano.

Dickson didn't have to work hard. The Cards stepped out in the first inning and clubbed Bill Bevens for seven runs. From then on the St. Louisans didn't score. They didn't have to.

Bevens, who came within one man of pitching the first perfect game in World Series history last fall, lasted only an inning before leaving the game and complaining he was "through." He said he would ask to be sent to a clinic for examination of his throwing arm.

"The first ball I threw in the game was the finish," the Oregon native asserted. "The moment I put something extra on the pitch, pain shot from the shoulder down through the arm."

"I can't pitch at all with this much pain."

The late Cy Blanton of the Pittsburgh Pirates pitched the only other spring no-hitter, according to the sketchy exhibition records. He blanked the Cleveland Indians without a blow in New Orleans, April 9, 1939.

Brooks Get Catcher

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 31 (AP) Branch Rickey announced today the purchase by Brooklyn of Roy Campanella, negro catcher, from Montreal. That Campanella would be moved up was announced some time ago, but the deal wasn't made official until today. Rickey also intimated that Dan Bankhead, negro pitcher, would be farmed out.

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Coaches Would Rather Just Let The Whistles Tootle

NEW YORK (NEA)—If the only way to limit fouls is to slow up basketball, let the whistles blow.

That is the opinion of the majority of coaches and others keenly interested in Dr. James Naismith's 100 per cent American game.

There is far too much whistle-blowing, of course, with the number of rule infractions soaring to 40, 50 and 60 a game, and officials frequently seemingly more important than star performers.

But as Michigan State's veteran coach Ben F. Van Alstyne points out, players today are geared to the fast break. So are the fans. Everybody has become offensive-minded, emphasizing speed, speed and more speed.

The fast break resulted in free scoring.

And you can't get away from the attendance records set throughout the country.

A record turnout of 17,500 saw the Philadelphia Warriors beat the New York Knickerbockers at Madison Square Garden the other night.

"And all those people wouldn't have been there were not the professionals playing the college type of fast break," declares Joe Lapchick, the Knicks' coach who is director of basketball at the Eighth avenue amphitheater. "Let's let well enough alone."

Eventually some sort of a happy medium between the fast break and the old controlled ball style may be worked out, but meanwhile coaches are certain that the fast break is working no hardships on the athletes.

Dr. Harold Carlson, Pittsburgh coach, and Dr. George R. Edwards, former Missouri mentor, after exhaustive research in connection with racehorse basketball, reported that there was no undue strain on the participants, no excessive burden on the heart.

Defending his co-workers, and admitting that his proposals would slow up the game, Matty Begovich, prominent eastern official, suggests that basketball adopt a delayed whistle, so that a player fouled at the start of a play would be able to complete it without being interrupted. If the shot was missed, the foul would be called and taken. If the player made the shot, no foul would be called.

After a foul shot, or shots Begovich would permit the offensive team to retain possession, whether the shot was made or not.

Begovich would clarify the rule on kicking the ball. The official must now judge whether the kick was intentional.

On a tap-in following a rebound, Begovich would allow only one point for the score instead of two.

"There is no science or skill, only size attached to a rebound tap-in," he explains. "The only way a small man can defend against the big man on this play is to check him hard, which makes for more fouls."

After all scores, Begovich would have the officials stop the play momentarily and handle the ball, either at center or end court, until both sides were ready.

One way to cut down the annoying whistle-blowing would be for officials to overlook unintentional fouls. The players stumble into most of them in the fast break.

But by all means let's not put basketball back where it was before the inception of the 10-second rule and the elimination of the center jump.

Let the players race right out of their socks.

They like it, and so do the spectators.

Host City Tops ABC

DETROIT, March 31 (AP) — Host city quintets dominated the American Bowling congress team standings today after the most sustained session of five-man competition yet recorded in the 45th annual ABC championships.

Detroit teams held down third, fourth, sixth and tenth places. Seldom in the history of the competition has a host city displayed such a wealth of power, ABC officials said.

The latest shift in the leaders came late last night as members of Detroit's Michigan major league dominated the five-man rolling. MacInnis brothers tallied 2985 for third place, dislodging the local Vulcan Engineering quintet which had taken over the third rung with 2980 a few hours earlier.

The MacInnis total was but 17 pins off the pace established last week-end by Cavoli's of Cleveland, leaders in the division with 3002.

Boston Talks Boxing Exams

BOSTON, March 31 (AP)—Professional boxers would be forbidden to compete in Massachusetts unless certified by a doctor if they had been knocked out six times in a year, under a bill approved by the legislative committee on public safety.

The measure, which requires that doctors passing on a boxer must be selected by the boxing commission, was sent to the state house today.

It would be effective if the boxer had been ruled knocked out, either by a ten count or a technical kayo.

If a boxer was found to be physically unable to box by an examination under the proposed statute, he would be allowed to apply for reexamination in three months.

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FIRCRESTS PULL OUT OF PRO CAGE PLAYOFF

SEATTLE, March 31 (AP)—Portland and Seattle will clash here Thursday night in the opening game of a best-of-five series for the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league title.

The revamped schedule was made necessary when Bellingham officials withdrew the Fircrests from the preliminary playoff last night in protest of action by league officials in forfeiting the Bellingham club's 84-77 win over Seattle Monday night.

The league action resulted when Seattle protested Bellingham's use of Norm Baker, former Vancouver star, in the clash, opening game of a best-of-three preliminary playoff series.

League President Ray Clark ruled against the Bellingham club yesterday, and his decision was upheld last night in a round-robin telephone poll of officials. Baron Barofsky, league commissioner, said his office recommended Clark's decision.

Bellingham, nosed out of the first half title by a half game margin, came back to win the second half crown and qualify to meet Seattle for the right to play Portland. The latter club won its way into the title round by capturing a post-season round-robin series.

After league officials upheld Clark's order last night, Dick Smith, owner of the Bellingham franchise, approved a statement issued earlier by Gale Bishop, the Fircrests' player-coach, that the team would not show up for remaining playoff games.

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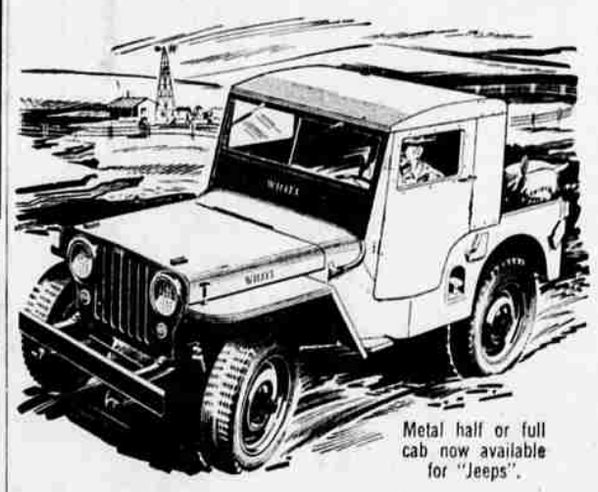

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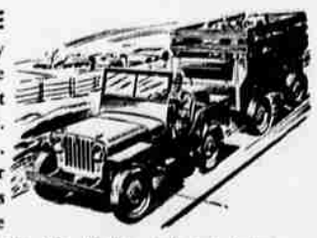

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I started back to school. Yes, I'm completing work for my high school diploma while I'm in the Army. The instructors are great and I seem to be getting lots more out of it than we did at dear old Blair High. I'm now playing catcher on our battalion team and yesterday we had a swell game with the MP's. Beat 'em 8 to 5. Sam Boine, that tall guy from Huntley (remember?) pitched for the MP's.
Well, Steve, must close now. It's chow time and I smell steak... Oh boy! Remember what I told you in my last letter? Why not check with Sergeant Phillips at the Army and Air Force Recruiting office. He's a good guy. Say I sent you. Write soon.
Your pal,
Jerry