

# Dodgers Are Citrus Circuit Champions

## Durocher Still Moans Lack Of Pitching

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers, for the second consecutive year, are the "grapefruit" league champions of the National League.

Manager Leo Durocher's Braves have five games left on their spring exhibition schedule but they can drop all five and still finish on top.

The Dodgers to date, including their "B" team, have won 30 games and lost two for a .938 percentage. The Cincinnati Reds trail the Dodgers, having won 20 games and lost 11 for a .645 mark.

Meanwhile, the Yankees have regained first place in the American league standings from the Cleveland Indians. The Yanks won six in a row during the week to boost their mark to .636. The Indians are second with a .600 mark.

However, all was not peace and quiet with the Dodgers. In Baltimore yesterday for an exhibition game with the Orioles, Manager Leo Durocher had some uncompromising remarks to make about his team's pitching and at the same time forecast that the Dodgers would be just as hard to catch as last year.

Durocher told interviewers that the Bums have "the worst pitching staff of the loop."

He didn't go into details over the shortcoming of his mound staff, but it caused hearers and the rest of the National League too, probably, to wonder just what would satisfy the Lip.

### PLAYED ONLY MINORS

The Dodgers haven't met a major league club in all their spring meanderings, but have showed well.

To win 30 of 32 games they have used such hurlers as Ralph Branca, Joe Hatten, Preacher Roe, Harry Taylor and Hugh Casey, plus such promising young men as Rex Barney, Jack Banta, Phil Haugstad, Ervin Palka and others.

Durocher said he figured St. Louis and Boston will be the main stumbling blocks for the National League champions this year. He would not predict where he would finish but "the Cards, with all that pitching, are the team to beat and the Braves will be right up there."

### KEEP 'EM GUESSING

Leo said he had a pretty fair idea of what his starting lineup would look like come the opening of the season, but told reporters to use their imaginations for a little longer.

Ray Sanders, acquired from Boston in the Eddie Waackey deal, is the question mark. If Sanders doesn't round into shape to play first base the Dodgers may have Outfielder Pete Reiser on first and move Jackie Robinson over to his natural position at second base.

## JOE SAYS HE'LL KO WALCOTT

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis, on a strict diet of juicy steaks, promises he'll be bigger and tougher for the Joe Walcott fight on May 22.

"I'll knock him out this time," the champ predicted with a cold matter-of-factness after arriving home from Europe yesterday with his handlers, wife Marva and two French poodles named Peter and Paul.

"I don't know what Peter or how I'll do it, but I'll stop Walcott," he added under gentle prodding.

Louis, who is supposed to have earned \$80,000 on his continental visit, said Europe didn't have any heavyweights of consequence although an Englishman named Randolph Turpin looked like a "comer."

Tomorrow noon he and Walcott will sign contracts in the office of Edward Egan, chairman of the New York state athletic commission.

Then the champion will head for Bloomfield, Mich. for baths and preliminary conditioning before jumping into regular training at Pompton Lakes, N. J. May 18.

## Ike Walton Leaders Will Appear Here

Merle Brown, state president of the Iszaak Walton League, Director Elmer Church, a past president, and Dr. Paul Needham, director of fisheries, will be in Klamath Falls Saturday to attend a special meeting of the Klamath-Molok chapter of Ikes.

The meeting, called for 7 p. m. at the Winema hotel and is open to all interested persons as well as Iszaak Walton members.

Brown and Church are making a statewide swing to visit local chapters of the conservation group, while Dr. Needham's appearance here is to explain fishing regulations, policy, outlook and the like for the coming season.

He will conduct a question and answer session on fish and fishing problems during the meeting.

Persons planning to attend the dinner are requested to contact Francis Ramsey at Rickys jewelry store by Wednesday afternoon.

### Pelicans At GP

The Klamath Union High Pelican baseball team is in Grants Pass this afternoon for a game with the Cave-men, first scheduled conference tilt on the Pelican agenda. A previously-slated game with Central Point last week was called off.

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# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Training Camp Briefs

### Cardinals Find Range Playing Chicago Cubs

ANDERSON, S. C., April 13 (AP)—The Washington Senators have made only 15 hits and seven runs in the last three games of their barnstorming series with the Philadelphia Phillies.

In dropping yesterday's game at Greenville, S. C., 4-3, the Senators collected five hits—three misjudged doubles and two infield singles. Sid Hudson, who went the route, allowed the Phils eight blows.

### YORK YANKEES IS BACK ON THE SIDELINES AGAIN

The long-ball hitting receiver had the middle finger of his right hand split by a foul tip in the seventh inning of a game against Birmingham yesterday.

Berra was out of action for a spell in March due to a foot injury. His latest mishap is expected to bench him for at least 10 days.

### WICHITA, KAN., April 13 (AP)—Jack Conway's chances to stick with the New York Giants are getting better every day.

The second sacker, purchased from the Cleveland Indians, is filling in at the keystone for the injured Billy Rigney and hitting and fielding in excellent style.

He batted two doubles and handled four chances flawlessly yesterday as the Giants dropped a 6-4 decision to the Tribe in Tulsa, Okla. He also scored twice and was the middle man in the lone double play of the game.

### DURHAM, N. C., April 13 (AP)—Cincinnati Red Manager Johnny Neum's "big inning" strategy seems to have found a payoff player in Left Fielder Hank Sawyer.

Sauer connected for a grand-slam homer as the Reds compiled an eight-run inning and a 9-7 victory over the Boston Red Sox yesterday. Sauer's homer, his tenth, enabled the Reds to overcome a six-run deficit.

## Pittsburgh Flags At Half Mast For Coach

PITTSBURGH, April 13 (AP)—The city's flags flew at half-mast today as Pittsburgh paid its last respects to one of the greatest football teachers of all time, Dr. John B. (Jock) Sutherland.

The body of the 59-year-old coach lay in state at Calvary Episcopal church. It would remain there until late this afternoon when members of the Pittsburgh Steeler football team—men he coached last fall—will carry it to Homewood cemetery.

Throughout the city, people were talking of the Scots boy who learned rugby and soccer in his native land, and had to be persuaded to try out for football at Pittsburgh university. He became a member of what old timers still call "the great Pitt team"—the eleven of 1916.

They recall his five great years at LaFayette and 15 at Pittsburgh. He had two all America players on his LaFayette teams and no less than nine at Pittsburgh.

His brilliant career, transferred from college to professional football, was cut short by death early Sunday morning in West Penn hospital, following a brain operation.

## Portland Ready For Home Bow

By the United Press

The Seattle Rainiers, submerged deep in the Pacific coast league cellar, make their first home bow of the 1948 season today with the seventh place Oakland Acons furnishing the opposition.

Despite the lowly standing of the two teams, a good crowd is expected to be on hand when Kewpie Dick Barrett takes the mound for the opening pitch. Barrett is one of the few bright spots in the Rainier fold to date, winning two of the Seattle nine's three games.

Portland, tied with the Oaks in seventh place, also makes its home bow this week. The series opener, against Hollywood, was postponed until Wednesday afternoon.

Other series this week, both opening tonight, send San Diego against San Francisco and Sacramento against Los Angeles, the last named teams being hosts.

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# With Outfield Help, Ambitious Indians Could Be Tough

TUCSON, Ariz. (NEA)—Cleveland is a city where they win pennants in April and send the cops out to restrain the heart-broken citizens from jumping into Lake Erie in October.

This spring finds the Tribe poised for another all-out drive, and strange as it may seem, Lou Boudreau has more to back up the perennial optimism of the faithful than he or any of his predecessors for the last two decades could boast.

It would be a long hop. The Indians finished fourth last year, three games behind the Red Sox and only two out of the second division. They were 17 games off the pace of the champion Yankees.

In Manager Boudreau can pick up all this slack he will be something of a magician, but be assured there is no pessimism in the ranks. The Redmen think they can do it.

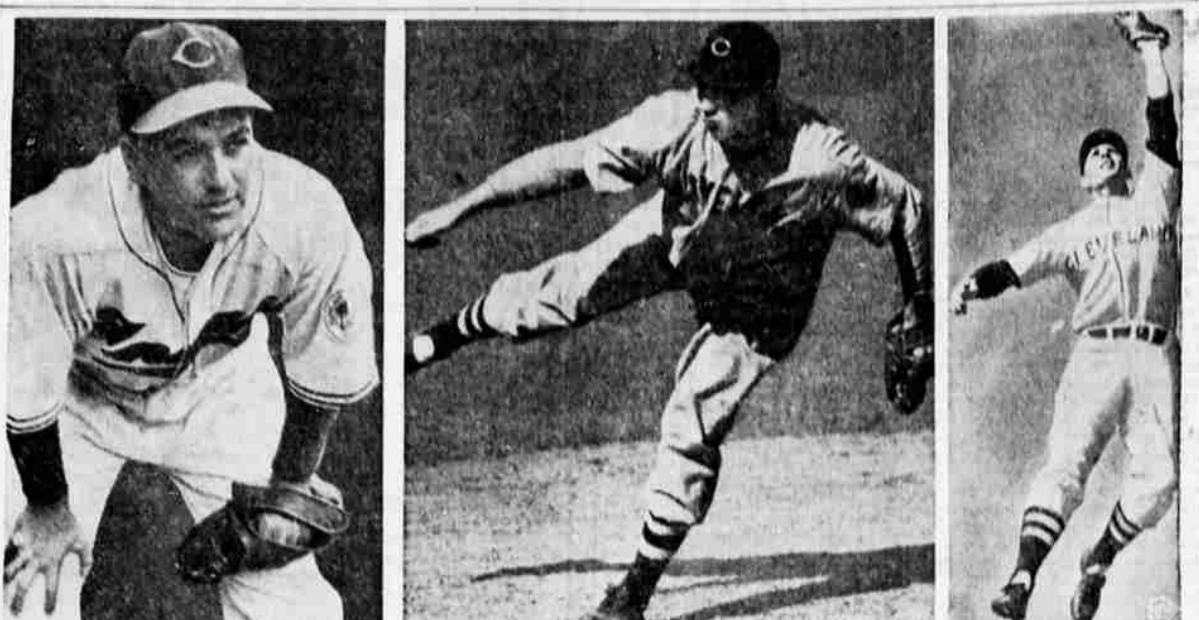
Here's how:

The best pitcher in baseball—Bob Feller—assists he will win 23, five more than he posted in 1947. Rapid Robert is stung by the fact that his work last season was his poorest since '38. It was the first time since then that he hadn't bagged more than 20, except, of course, in '45 when he returned from the service after most of the firing was over.

The greatest double play and middle defense team in either major league—Boudreau and Joe Gordon. The smooth-working Jim Heenan behind the plate, more able than ever after a season's briefing by Al Lopez, than whom there have been few better receivers.

"Any club that has a Feller on the pitching staff can write off the other weaknesses—unless they are too pronounced," says Boudreau.

"With Bob around we can't have those long losing streaks that drag down the morale of the players," Feller will have ample backing



Cleveland has baseball's slickest second base combination in Lou Boudreau, left, and Joe Gordon, and its greatest pitcher, Bob Feller.

from the rest of the staff, Bob Lemont, can, in the opinion of Boudreau and his canny old coach, Bill McKechnie, become a 20-gamer. The six-foot righthander won 11 last year. Don Black, who chucked a no-bitter against the Athletics in '47, Steve Gromek, Ed Kleiman and Don Gettel are other holdovers.

Bob Munieroff, the ex-Bronx, easily could better the eight victories he notched for his old employers. Gene Bearden, 16-7 with Oakland, and Ernie Groth, 7-11 with

Oklahoma City, are possible additions.

There's no competition in the infield, except at first base, where Elbie Fletcher, bought from the Pirates, is trying to unseat Eddie Robinson. Robinson, who fractured his ankle in August, has the job. Fletcher will earn his salary if he makes the younger man hustle all the harder.

It will be Gordon at second, Boudreau at short, Ken Keltner starting his 10th season at third, Johnny

Berardine, another fugitive from the Browns, will be a most acceptable infield replacement.

In early games, the Tribesmen used Al Clark, former Yankee, and Dale Mitchell in left field, Pat Seery and Hen Edwards in right and Walt Judnich and Hal Peck in center.

It is in the outfield that the Indians might not be a match for the teams they have to whip to climb.

Clark, who came in a trade for pitcher Red Embree, might be the

man Boudreau has been seeking. And don't forget Vice President Henry Greenberg.

If the going gets too rough, Boudreau can always ring the front office and inquire if the VP is in.

Hank Greenberg, now one of the Cleveland owners, can play a respectable first base, a not so respectable outfield.

But he can pinch-hit with the best, and as an instructor for hitters he will be in a class by himself.

successing years, eventually render the salmon runs worthless from a commercial point of view, McKernan said.

Losses sustained by the two tribes would follow proportionately, he testified.

The tribesmen base their action on the contention that construction of the dam would violate a fishing rights treaty signed June 9, 1855.

## Western Mail Bag

### Dominated Dive Field But Missed Olympics

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE, April 13 (AP)—Al Patnik squinted up at the tip of the high board and grinned.

"Yep," said Al, "I could still do it."

The Olympics were on Al's mind. The national diving scene for four years and won 20 championships never got to the Olympics. He'll miss the Big Show in 1948, but Al "could still do it."

Usually he has a hard time saying "No." For that reason Al finds himself up on the board in the spotlight quite often, an added attraction at some swimming meet. Al is a businessman in the Northwest and can't spare the time.

Deep-chested Al Patnik was the Babe Ruth of the springboards from 1937 through 1940, hitting his peak carnival in Berlin. Right after he graduated from Ohio State he signed with the Lincoln Electric company of Cleveland—as an employee, not because he was the world's greatest diver at the time. Since 1942 he's been out here in the evergreen country, selling welding equipment in Washington, Oregon, North Idaho and Western Montana.

He dives only for fun these days. Drop in at the Washington Athletic club when Al is in town and you'll probably find him in the handball court, rather than the pool. If you're after an interview you'll have a great talk with Al and wind up with a story about Mike Peppe.

Mike, his coach at Ohio State, has been Al's buddy ever since he showed up at Columbus, wanting an education. "I was just a little, skinny kid from Pittsburgh with no special ability," Al remembered. "Mike Peppe helped me get a job so I could go to school."

Peppe was amply repaid for that kindness. The Patnik perfection on the high board and the low added luster to the little coach's fame. Those 20 records chalked up by the Pittsburgh kid started Ohio State on a string of 68 diving championships in a dozen years, not counting the 1948 AAU meet.

Friend Mike, who brought his team out here last year to win the national collegiate, has another date in the Northwest May 22.

This time he's coming out to be best man at Al's wedding.

Patnik's willingness to help out at swimming shows led him into romance. He was in Yakima, Wash. for a diving exhibition when he met Ruth Hansen. After the wedding he thinks he and Ruth will make their home at Spokane, about in the center of his business territory.

Diving ability isn't something you shed along with your college cards, says Al. A day or two of practice will get you ready for exhibition diving. If you're always in condition you can come right in from a long, tiresome road trip and turn in a good show.

But regaining the fitness you must have for competitive diving could take months of steady practice. An Olympic title would be a great topper for those 20 crowns.

### Softball Plans Will Be Made

The City Softball association will meet Wednesday night at the city hall council chambers for the purpose of organizing for the coming softball season.

All team managers and representatives of prospective sponsors are called to attend this first meeting. Frank Drew was president of the league last summer.

There is a good chance that softball games will be played on Modoc field under the football stadium lights.

### Webfoot Golfers

EUGENE, Ore., April 13 (AP)—A six-man team was named today by University of Oregon Golf Coach Sid Milligan as the Ducks prepared to swing north against Washington State and Idaho this week-end.

The Oregon team will include Al Crosbie, Lou Stafford, Don Provoost, Rod Taylor, John Prince and Al Riebel.

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## DON ROSS SETS PCL BAT PACE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13 (AP)—Third Baseman Don Ross of Hollywood, slugging an impressive .477 in twelve games, led full time workmen through the first two weeks of the Pacific Coast Baseball league.

Mickey Rocco, San Francisco first baseman, topped the circuit in runs batted in with 16 in ten games.

The league leading Seals had four regular players hitting in the upper brackets, including Rocco at .395; Shortstop Roy Niecey, .386; Center-fielder Gene Wooding, .432 and Second Sacker Hugh Luby, .457. And Handyman Ray Orteig, in four games, pounded the ball at .500.

San Diego's Right Fielder Jack Graham was a big help to his second place club with six home runs and 15 runs batted in for 14 games.

Batting averages, including games of April 13 included:

Player	AB	R	H	HR	BA
Wentz, Port	7	10	6	1	.300
Moser, Sea	5	12	6	1	.300
Summers, Port	4	5	2	0	.400
Smith, Port	9	21	1	4	.258
Reich, Port	13	48	17	7	.342
Hucker, Port	7	29	10	1	.345
Beard, Port	6	18	6	0	.333
Capps, Port	7	15	3	0	.333
Grasso, Sea	3	9	3	0	.333
Northrup, Sea	11	41	13	2	.317

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## Fish Reseacher Says Dam Destroys Salmon

YAKIMA, April 13 (AP)—Construction of McNary dam was described in federal court yesterday as a potential destroyer of the famed salmon runs at the Columbia river's Cello falls.

The testimony was given by Donald McKernan, Portland, chief of research for the Oregon state fish commission. His statements highlighted the opening day session of the court action in which the Yakima and Nez Perce Indian tribes seek to halt construction of the dam.

McKernan said his studies of salmon migration show that river obstructions cause loss of fish life, either through injury or exhaustion of individual salmon or by delaying or prohibiting the fish from reaching spawning grounds.

Losses caused by the Coffey dam, now under construction, or by McNary dam could, through several

### Stagg Comes Back

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 13 (AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg was back on the gridiron today. The veteran football coach arrived here yesterday to give his son, Paul, a hand with spring training at Pacific university.

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