

Teams Crowd Around First Place In PCL

Beavers Drop 3-1 Decision To Stars In Sole Encounter

By The Associated Press
They're a little crowded around first place in the Pacific Coast league today.

San Francisco holds the lead, all right, but only by a half game. The teams are bunched so close at the start of the season's fourth week that only two games separate the first and fifth clubs.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland and Oakland in that order, are only a half game away from each other. And for that matter sixth place Hollywood and seventh place Sacramento are but three games back of the leaders.

Seattle, sitting in the cellar, is five games away from San Francisco.

Hollywood beat Portland last night, 3-1, in the only game in the league. They caught up on one game rained out last week. It gave the Stars two of the series, Portland winning four. The teams were tied 1-1 going into the ninth last night. Pitcher Vern Kennedy singing in what proved to be the winning run after two were out. Al White's single drove in the last run.

Games tonight: San Diego at Los Angeles, Hollywood at Seattle, Oakland at Portland, Sacramento at San Francisco.

HOLLYWOOD
White, cf 3 0 1 3 0
Cox, ss 4 0 2 3 2
Zentral, rf 4 1 0 1 0
Keller, lf 3 0 1 2 1
Holt, 3b 3 0 1 2 1
Goldensky, p 4 0 1 2 1
Cline, c 4 1 1 2 2
Totals 36 3 10 27 9

PORTLAND
Hucker, cf 3 0 0 3 4
Lauer, lf 3 0 0 1 1
Morse, 3b 3 0 2 7 0
Moe, 1b 4 0 2 7 0
Hatch, rf 2 0 0 2 3
Hainiski, 2b 4 0 1 6 0
Hollinger, c 2 0 1 0 0
M. Smith, p 2 0 0 0 0
Zak, s 3 0 0 0 0
Totals 30 1 7 27 9

San Francisco
Rosen, cf 3 0 1 3 0
Cox, ss 4 0 2 3 2
Zentral, rf 4 1 0 1 0
Keller, lf 3 0 1 2 1
Holt, 3b 3 0 1 2 1
Goldensky, p 4 0 1 2 1
Cline, c 4 1 1 2 2
Totals 36 3 10 27 9

Los Angeles
Hucker, cf 3 0 0 3 4
Lauer, lf 3 0 0 1 1
Morse, 3b 3 0 2 7 0
Moe, 1b 4 0 2 7 0
Hatch, rf 2 0 0 2 3
Hainiski, 2b 4 0 1 6 0
Hollinger, c 2 0 1 0 0
M. Smith, p 2 0 0 0 0
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Library To Be Auctioned

ALTRUS, April 19—Bids for the sale of the Carnegie library which was condemned by the city engineer as unsafe some months ago, have been called.

The building after being condemned, was reported to the county supervisors who called in a state engineer to examine the structure. His report coincided with the city engineer's.

It was then found that the building and land was deeded to the city. Sale of the building and property will be made by public auction on Monday, May 3. Minimum acceptable bid is set at \$5000 with the provision the building either be demolished within 60 days after acceptance of the bid, or plans submitted for remodeling the building within 60 days, subject to the provisions of the building code.

The building is located in the heart of the city on North and Court streets directly across from the county courthouse.

Howard Asks Case Hearing

A hearing into the \$800 decision handed down by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg in the protracted lawsuit brought by Frank Howard against Klamath county has been requested, Howard said today. He is the county surveyor and sued the county for almost \$9000 allegedly due him in back pay.

The suit started last summer and after several weeks of testimony and consideration, Judge Vandenberg came to a decision giving Howard \$800.

No. Richard Maxwell of the law firm of Farrens and Maxwell has filed an objection to the decision.

The objection is that the court's findings were fragmentary and incomplete and that the court was asked and required by law to rule on every issue of fact.

Howard has contended he is due regular pay from the county for each working day he kept his office in the courthouse open, regardless of whether he was employed on jobs specifically assigned him by the county between July 23, 1942 and June 30, 1945.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"About loving our enemies—do you mean cabbage worms and bean beetles, too?"

US Military Police Foil Russian Kidnaping Try

VIENNA, Austria, April 20 (AP)—A Soviet attempt to kidnap a German woman in the American zone of Vienna led to a clash Monday between American and Russian military police.

The woman, identified as Elsa Pfeiffer, was wrested from the Russians and released over their protest. The incident was the most serious involving the two police forces since the start of the four-power occupation of Vienna.

American military police resorted to force when the Russians, who had been taken to the U. S. provost marshal's headquarters, refused to capitulate.

Capt. Kowalski, deputy Russian provost marshal for Vienna, was placed under temporary arrest for "countermarching the orders given by an American officer in an American district, and inciting a riot."

The kidnaping took place near the Kahlenberg, a castle in the Vienna woods. The woman had left the displaced persons camp at Cobenzl, a former luxury hotel, when a civilian car pulled up alongside her.

She said later she was forced into the automobile and a gun was pushed into her ribs.

British and French soldiers in a passing international military police patrol car saw the incident and notified the American police driver. The patrol followed the car, forced it to the curb and ordered the Russians to proceed to the nearest American military police district.

Three Russians in civilian clothes were in the car. Their military identification cards were found hidden behind the rear seat.

GEMS BEAT STOCKTON PORTS, 6-5

LODI, Calif., April 19—The Klamath Gems turned their nearest trick of the spring exhibition baseball season by defeating the Stockton Ports—champs of the class C California State league—here yesterday, 6 to 5.

On Saturday afternoon at Woodland the Gems thrashed Reno of the Sunset circuit 11 to 1, so it was a big week-end for Manager Joe Gantenbein.

Against the Ports Gantenbein led with his ace, Right-hander John Lopeman and finally relieved him for the eighth frame when the Ports were preparing to play a trump.

Lon Vitous came in after the Ports had scored three runs off Lopeman in the seventh.

The Gems won the game in the fourth stanza with a four-run rally, highlighted by a home run by Eugene Bonner, centerfielder, with two men on.

Dick DeSalvo and Tom Mankey divided the catching.

Bob Blenkins and Art Moyer handled the chucking in the tilt against Reno.

BODY FOUND
PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—The body of a 12-year-old boy who tumbled into the Columbia river while fishing was recovered by the coast guard yesterday afternoon after a 27-hour search.

The small victim was Orville Gene Sprague.

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Briefs

Outsider Front At Jamaica

NEW YORK—Knockdown (\$55.10) won \$25,500 added Excelsior handicap at Jamaica, beating favored Double Jay and money-leader Sty-mie, making a 1948 debut. Mile and sixteenth time was 1:45. Crowd: 50,583; handle: \$3,156,127.

SAN MATEO—Mafosa (\$4.10) won \$10,000 added Hayward Morrison handicap at Bay Meadows in 1:10 4/5 for six furlongs. It was Jockey Johnny Longden's 2995th victory. Music Man was second and Sunnap outplayed Wheat Field for show. Crowd: 29,380 (track record); handle: \$1,272,588 (meet record).

LAWRENCE, Kans.—Charles Foville, Michigan, bettered the world shot put record with a 58 foot, 3/4 inch heave and Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace, bettered the world 120-yard high hurdle mark with a 13.6 performance as features of Kansas relays. Charles Baker, Arkansas, unattached, won decathlon with 6730 points.

PINEBURST, N. C.—National Champion Louise Suggs, Atlanta, defeated Grace Lenczyk, Newington Conn., 2 and 1 to win women's north and south golf tournament in a scheduled 18-hole final.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—A team captained by Gene Sarazen defeated a team led by Walter Hagen, 5 and 3 in the one-day Cavalier specialists match. Teams were chosen by ballot of members of the National Golf Writers association.

SODA SPRINGS, Calif.—George Nacomber won the 1948 running of the precipitous Sugar Bowl silver belt downhill tournament. His winning time was 1:28. In the women's division, Brynhild Graastrom, Olympic team member from Merced, Calif., finished first.

Ten of 23 male entrants were disqualified for spills or for missing control gates. The latter fault ruled out two women champions, one of them Janet Burr of Seattle, American women's downhill champion.

Multnomah Demos Still Hold Lead

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Multnomah county democrats still hold a lead in voter registration as the qualifying deadline nears for the May 21 primary balloting.

County Registrar James W. Gleason reported democrats totaled 104,363 and republicans 96,964. All party affiliations totaled 204,459 as of Saturday. The registration books will be closed tomorrow evening.

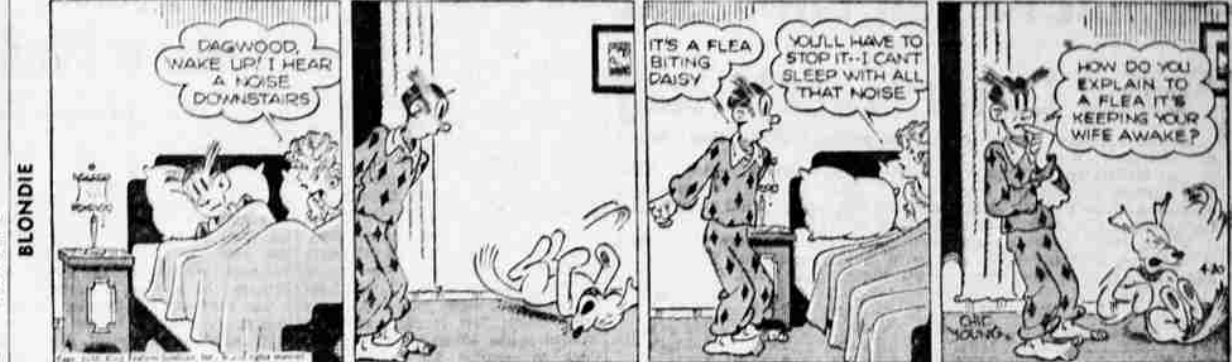
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