

# OPENING DAY THROWS SET GATE RECORD

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About the only thing missing in yesterday's and Monday's major league opening games was a no-hitter. Practically everything else happened, to the delight of 331,783 fans who set a record for opening day attendance.

As for the results themselves, Brooklyn sneaked past the Giants 7-6 in New York; the Cards shut out Cincinnati 4-0 in St. Louis; Washington gained revenge for its one-sided defeat by the Yankees Monday, thrashing the world champions 9-1; Detroit defeated the White Sox in Chicago 5-2, and the Indians sent a record inaugural crowd of 73,163 home happy with a 4-0 triumph over the St. Louis Browns.

In other games, the Philadelphia Phillies had a successful home opener as they whipped the Boston Braves 3-1, and Pittsburgh did likewise with a 3-2 win over the Chicago Cubs. The Red Sox and Philadelphia Athletics were idle.

## Portland Gets Higher Notch In 8-0 Victory

### San Diego Tumbles Into Fourth Place By Loss To Seals

By The Associated Press

First division teams kept pace in the Pacific Coast league today but the third and fourth placers switched positions.

Portland took over third spot by shutting out Oakland last night, 8-0, while San Diego dropped to fourth when the Padres were lambasted by second place Los Angeles, 15-4.

The league leading San Francisco Seals hung on to their half game edge by smacking Sacramento, 8-2. The cellar dwelling Seattle Rainiers slipped past Hollywood, 3-2.

Manager Jo-Jo White of Seattle won the ball game in the 10th inning when he singled with two out to drive in Bill Ramsey. Twice the Rainiers came rim behind, as each team knocked out eight hits.

Southpaw Roy Helser pitched Portland to victory, allowing Oakland only five hits. It was Helser who shut out the Oaks in the season opener at Oakland. Last night his Beaver mates assembled 11 hits off the Oakland pitching brothers, Will and Tom Hafey.

### SEVEN BINGLES

Bob Joyce held Sacramento to seven hits as San Francisco beat the Solons. The Seals slammed Tony Freitas hard in the early innings. They scored twice in the first on four hits and got three more tallies in the second on three safeties and a walk.

San Diego scored four runs in the first inning against Los Angeles but didn't get any more while the Angels were racking up 15. The game was marred by wretched fielding. There were nine errors.

Jack Graham slammed a three-run homer for the Padres but Ed Sauer duplicated the feat for the Angels in the second.

Team	AB	R	E	O	A
Oakland	33	0	0	0	0
Duane	4	0	0	1	4
Combs	4	0	0	1	4
Loggiani	2b	4	0	1	4
Etten	1b	4	0	0	2
Christopher	cf	4	0	0	1
Chapman	rf	4	0	0	1
Hamrick	ss	3	0	0	2
Hammond	3b	3	0	0	1
W. Hafey	p	2	0	0	1
Lillard	c	1	0	0	2
T. Hafey	c	1	0	0	2
Totals	33	0	0	2	34

Team	AB	R	E	O	A
Portland	33	8	11	27	8
Hucker	4	0	0	4	0
Ratto	4	0	0	4	0
Lazor	4	2	2	1	0
Stoney	3b	4	0	1	0
Mole	1b	4	0	1	10
Reich	rf	4	0	1	0
Bastinski	2b	3	0	1	0
Ballingier	c	3	1	2	7
Helser	p	0	0	0	2
Totals	31	8	11	27	8

**SUMMARY:** Errors—Duane, Combs, Bastinski. Runs batted in—Lazor 2, Ballinger 3, Helser. Two base hits—Lazor, Rucker. Three base hits—Christopher, Sacrifices—Ratto, Ballinger, Bastinski. Double plays—Lillard to Hamrick, Left base—Oakland 9, Portland 1. Losing pitcher—W. Hafey. Umpires—Sears, Orr and Ford. Time—2:00. Attendance—3723.

## Canuck Boss Out In Huff

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 21 (CP)—Mac Colville, coach of Vancouver Canucks, Pacific Coast hockey league champions, left here early today by automobile for his home in Edmonton. Before his departure he announced: "I've had enough and I won't be back."

The former New York Ranger star said in an interview he expected to stay in Edmonton and would probably retire from hockey.

Colville intimated that one of the reasons for his resignation was the abuse he and his team received when Canucks failed to get rolling in the first half of the season.

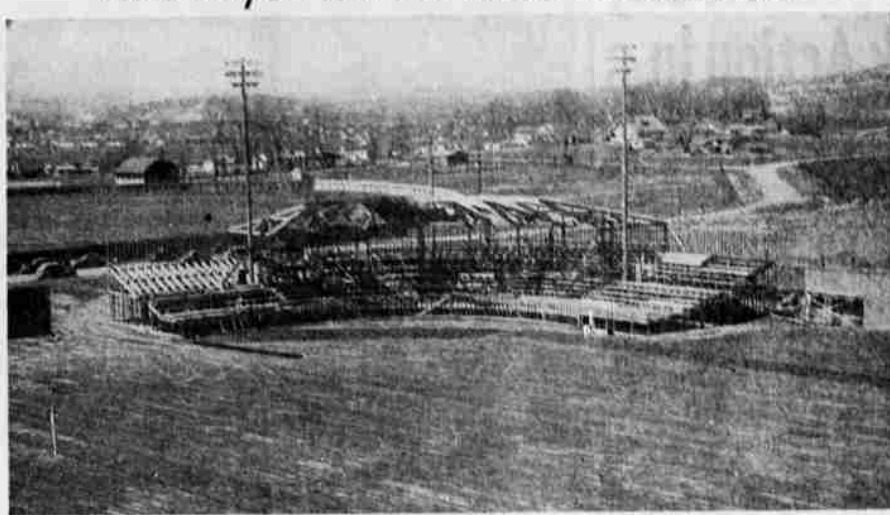
"They didn't give us a chance," he said. "We were kicked when we were down and I'd rather live in a city where that doesn't happen."

Canucks Owner Coley Hall could not be reached for comment.

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## Bird's Eye View Of The Baseball Park



Keith Cook, cameraman for The Herald and News, shinned up a 90-foot light pole in centerfield to get this shot of the construction work which is fast making the erstwhile cow pasture on Crest street look like a baseball park. The work is supposed to be completed by May 6, first game for the Klamath Gems.

## Arc-Lights Will Burn At Gem Field Friday

The lights of the new baseball park will go on Friday night. Bill Spangler, president of Klamath Baseball Inc., said that installation of transformers would be completed Wednesday or Thursday by Leach Electrical Service and a dummy run with the arcs is scheduled for Friday.

The floodlighting system includes 160 individual globes of 1500 watts each and is expected to light the field as well as any system on the coast.

The field is being gone over with a disc and harrow and will be fertilized and grass planted. Some leveling and shaping remains to be done.

By opening day—May 6—there may not be much noticeable grass on the playing surface, but after the Medford series of May 6-8-10 the Gems will take to the road again for nine days and that respite possibly could give the green stuff a chance to take root.

Jack Roper has been awarded the job of painting the outside of the fence and the grandstand and an order has been placed for folding chairs to go into the box seats. A few boxes remain to be sold.

Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for an opening-day ceremony. The Medford Dodgers will furnish the opposition. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry will perform the function of tossing out the first ball.

## DOZEN IN THINCLAD SCRAMBLE

The 20-30 club's annual invitational track and field meet comes off on Saturday, May 1, this year at Modoc field and one dozen teams have entered already. Probably four more late entries are expected, to make a field of 16.

The entrants include the Klamath Union high school Pelicans, defending champions; Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Henley, Weed, Tulelake, Malin, Merrill, Lakeview and Central Point.

All teams will be pitched on the same level. There will be no classification, as in the recent Hayward relays and the annual state track tournament.

Another first being added by the 20-30 club for this meet is the issuance of trophies for every event. There will be 13 individual event prizes, the championship team award, the Ralph Hill mile award, the Bob Leslie Memorial award for the 100-yard dash and a separate trophy for the high-point individual.

The 20-30 club's annual track meet is the high point of the cinder season here and always sees strict competition from the schools entered. Klamath Falls and Medford have long dominated the tournament but one smaller school or another always shows up to take some events.

For instance, Henley's Fred Hess grabbed high jump honors last year when Klamath, Medford and Grants Pass thinclads were pulling down most of the events.

This year the meet will be a day affair, preliminaries starting at 10 o'clock and the championship runs at 1 in the afternoon. The trials will cut the field for each event to six or eight finalists.

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## The Press Box Shouldn't Happen To A Dog

NEW YORK — People who believe baseball writers covering the Florida training camps have a life of ease should look at the spring casualty list of 1948. It appears that more scribes were injured than ball-players.

After a week of covering the Cincinnati Reds in Tampa, Tom Swope of the Cincinnati Post decided to take an afternoon off. He went fishing. Not only was he shut out but a rainstorm came up forcing Swope to seek shelter on a porch.

Swope noticed a dog on the porch and because, as he puts it, "the dog seemed lonely," he tried to pet him. The stray mongrel, chewed up Swope's left hand and it took four days to find the dog and test him for rabies. Swope has changed his mind about dogs.

At Clearwater, where the Philadelphia Phillies trained, thieves broke into several automobiles and Frank Yeutter of the Philadelphia Bulletin lost a new typewriter. But that was nothing to what happened to Yeutter a few weeks later. Walking into a restaurant with Phillies President Bob Carpenter, Yeutter slipped and his right leg went from under his 225-pound frame. He cracked his kneecap in several places.

Stan Baumgartner, ex-southpaw pitcher who writes for the Philadelphia Inquirer, had a big scare his second night in Clearwater. A lumber yard adjacent to his cottage caught fire at midnight and he carried his three children to safety.

Arthur (Red) Patterson, New York Yankee public relations man, was playing in the annual writers' game under floodlights in Tampa. Sliding into second base he spiked himself. From now on spikes will be ruled out of this game, especially since Patterson, being with a major league team, was the only player in a position to borrow spikes.

So if you think covering the spring training camps is such a soft touch, be careful not to mention it to the writers.

When Coast League Umpire Ed Borski appeared on Groucho Marx' program the other night, he was asked if he would overrule a fellow umpire if the latter made a bad decision. "An umpire never makes a mistake," replied Borski. Try to tell that to "Lefty" O'Doul of the Seals.

### Britain Aims At Davis Cup Bid

LONDON, April 21 (AP)—Great Britain, which last won the Davis cup in 1936, opens its 1948 bid to challenge the United States for the famous tennis trophy here tomorrow when it meets India in the opening series of the European zone eliminations.

With 25 countries entered, eight other matches will complete first round play in the European zone by May 4.

### Women Schedule Putter Contest

Women of Reames Golf and Country club will conduct a putting contest this Friday morning with prizes going to the players who turn in the lowest number of putts on nine holes and also on 18 holes.

In case of ties, the winner will be determined on a practice green. All women golfers are invited to take part in the regular Friday ladies' day play at the course.

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### Pel Captain Given Award

It runs in the family. Don Zarosinski Tuesday night was presented the 20-30 club's trophy as the outstanding player on the Pelican basketball team this past season.

The 1947 winner was Joe Zarosinski, Don's older brother.

Don Zarosinski was captain and guard for the Pels and played almost every minute of every game. He was one of the defensive ace of the hoop season and was chosen the outstanding player of the Southern Oregon conference.

Members of the Pelican team were honor guests at the club's annual basketball banquet at the Willard hotel.

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# Western Mail Bag

## Retired From Active Duty But Still Walking

By RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21 (AP)—During the 30 years he coached track and field at the University of California, venerable Walter Christie probably set an all-time record for walking. He virtually never stood still while a meet was in progress and his total mileage could be computed in box car figures.

Mr. Christie was an older man when he retired from coaching in 1933 and he is crowding 80 now. Did he retire to the easy chair? The ramrod straight leg you see several times a week playing golf in Alameda is Mr. Christie. Still walking.

In the matter of enthusiasm and organization from top to bottom, the new Far West Class D Baseball league, opening April 30, will get off to a start seldom achieved by a small minor circuit. It embraces major league-backed clubs in Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., Marysville, Redding, Willows, Oroville, Santa Rosa and Pittsburg. And in those cities, sports writers and radio broadcasters have formed an association to boost the new league to the sky.

Charles Zeno of Pittsburg is president and Leo Hagererty of Marysville is secretary of the association.

On the boxing front we learn that Phil Brubaker, once a leading California contender for the heavyweight title, is now a Los Angeles policeman. Brubaker, known as the Dinuba Farmer when he was fighting, gave up championship aspirations when he was beaten by ex-Champ Jack Sharkey in 1936.

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