

# Tight Races Predicted In Major Wheels

### McCarthy Bubbles With Optimism; Boudreau Mum

By the Associated Press  
The major league pennant races are going to wind up in two triple ties for first place.

At least that's the conclusion one draws after comment from Casey Stengel, Burt Shotton, Joe McCarthy, Connie Mack and other optimistic pilots.

The latest and most surprising skipper to look into the future through rose colored glasses is Joe McCarthy, the usually reticent leader of the Boston Red Sox.

Although weighted down in fourth place, eight and a half games off the pace at the half-way mark, McCarthy insisted that his club "from here in is the team to beat" in the American league race.

"We'll be there or thereabouts at the finish," he said. "Everything has been breaking just right for the Yankees."

The Red Sox really are moving now. They've won seven in a row and are only a game and a half behind the third place Philadelphia Athletics.

Casey Stengel, who has done such an amazing job with the front-running New York Yankees, does not share McCarthy's opinion.

"I have been inclined to think that the Red Sox would provide us with the toughest competition," Stengel said. "I felt that way even when they languished in the second division. But when we knocked them off five times in a row recently, that finished them. I don't think they can recover."

**ATHLETICS SLUMP**  
A week ago Stengel picked the Athletics as the only team that could stop his Yankees, who currently hold a five and a half game edge over the second place Cleveland Indians. At the time, the A's were in second place, only four and a half behind.

"If we can beat the A's more times than they beat us, we're in," Stengel said. "If not, it probably will be the A's."

Whereupon the Yankees knocked off the Mackmen in a solo contest, and started them on their way to a five-game losing streak.

Connie Mack, Philadelphia's 86-year-old manager, is not discouraged, however.

"Our boys, although in third place today, feel they still can win and I, as their manager, have to go along with them, naturally," he said. "Don't count us out. We still have a good chance."

Cleveland's Lou Boudreau didn't talk much but grinned knowingly when asked whether he thought he would repeat.

"We're still the champions," he said. "It's up to the others to beat us. And it's not going to be easy. I promise you that."

Burt Shotton, grizzled Brooklyn manager, still insists, as he has all season long, that his Dodgers are going to win the National league flag. In this he has the backing of his boss, Branch Rickey. Currently, the Dodgers hold a half-game edge on the St. Louis Cardinals, who have won 35 of their last 50 games.

**CARDS IMPROVED**  
Redbirds leader Eddie Dyer thinks his team is at least 15 per cent improved with the addition of Pitchers Max Lanier and Fred Martin and Infielder Lop Klein.

Dyer and Billy Southworth, manager of the third place Boston Braves, envisioned a stretch drive that would not produce a winner until the final day.

**Net Classes Underway**  
Tennis instruction classes are being offered to Klamathites for the first time in several years, under the tutelage of a new instructor, and is sponsored by the city's recreation and park departments.

Instructor is Loren Hughes of Oregon Tech who is teaching net know-how at Moore park.

City Recreation Director Sam Smith said that there are some rackets on hand for those who do not own them.

Hughes now has on hand a stroke-developer, a gismo which helps in teaching proper footwork and types of swings.

Smith said yesterday that the number of applicants for the net classes and tennis technique is improving. He credits the upswing to the interest of the Klamath tennis club in the program and improved supervision of courts.

Classes, held daily except Sunday, follow, giving time and classification:

10 to 11 a. m.—Girls, 12 to 15.  
11 to 12 noon—Boys, 12 to 15.  
1 to 2 p. m.—Girls, beginners, 16 to 18.  
2 to 3 p. m.—Girls, advanced, 16 to 18.  
3 to 4 p. m.—Boys, beginners, 16 to 18.  
4 to 5 p. m.—Boys, advanced, 16 to 18.  
5:15 to 6:15 p. m.—Woman, 20 and over.  
6:15 to 7:15 p. m.—Men, 20 and over.

**Grapple Artists Lose To Truman**  
PITTSBURGH, July 14 (AP)—A flock of wrestlers lost a decision to President Truman last night—but it drew a flood of protests.

When television station WDTV interrupted its grant and gron show to switch to the carnival for Truman's economic talk, its telephone switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree.

Irate wrestling fans demanded the station return to the usual Wednesday night fare.

The presidential talk lasted just long enough for the cameras to miss the main bout.



**CONSISTENT WINNER** — Stan Gilson, whose pitching is largely a matter of control, notched his seventh win of the season for the Gems last night as Klamath Falls defeated Santa Rosa 11-0. He has been tagged with one defeat since joining the Gems from the Western International league.

# Black Lasts Two Frames

CLEVELAND, July 14 (AP)—Hard Luck Hurler Don Black came back to the Cleveland Indians last night—but only for two innings.

The Indian, who suffered a brain hemorrhage last season and had to give up baseball temporarily, pitched two frames of Cleveland's exhibition game against Pittsburgh. The Indians lost 1-0.

Although Black was charged with the defeat, Indian President Bill Veck had a kind word.

"When you stop to consider everything," Veck said, "Don did a great job."

Black allowed two doubles, a single and walked four men. The Pirates scored their lone marker in the second frame.

# NW Trio Stay In Tee Play

LOS ANGELES, July 14 (AP)—Only three Pacific Northwest competitors remained in the national amateur public links golf tournament today as the 16-man fifth round got under way.

They are Richard F. Cooney, Portland; Moreno Case, Seattle, and Paul MacDonald, Renton.

Cooney beat fellow-Portlanders Dick Yost, 3 and 1, in a third-round upset yesterday. In the fourth round, he knocked over John J. Biernat, Minneapolis, 2 and 1.

Case defeated Ken Oglesby, Tucson, Ariz., 3 and 2, in the morning round, and bounced Stanley Klimecko, Niagara Falls, N. Y., 7 and 6, in the afternoon.

MacDonald ousted Larry Bouchee, Los Angeles, 2 and 1, in the third round and beat Ferdinand Hubert, Pekin, Ill., by the same score in the fourth.

Al Mengert, Spokane's remaining entry and the recent winner of the Washington state amateur title, was upended, 2 and 1, by Jesse Burton, Albuquerque, N. M.

Other third-round results: Joseph Lagomino, Seattle, lost to William G. Betger, San Francisco, 1 up; Victor O. Gildemeister, Portland, was defeated by Ralph Vranesic, Denver, 6 and 5; Robert Duden, Portland, went to the 19th hole before losing to Vernon Smith, Galveston, Texas; John F. Foley, Seattle, lost to Raymond Litzo, Denver, 3 and 2; and Hans R. Turner, Seattle, was ousted by Sylvester Ferrera, San Francisco, 2 and 1.

# Chiefs Drub Bend

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 14 (AP)—The Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs of the Southern Oregon Baseball league last night defeated North Bend in a one-sided exhibition game, 15-2.

# CROMWELL PREDICTS 4-MINUTE MILE, 9-SECOND DASH; PILGRIM SAYS NO

NEW YORK (NEA)—Dean B. Cromwell answers that old one regarding the 4-minute mile.

Track and field shall have it, says the Olympic coach, and also a 9-second 100, a 28-foot broad jump, 16-foot pole vault, 7-foot high jump, 60-foot shot put and 200-foot discus throw.

"Where are the world records of 20 years ago?" asks Dean Cromwell, in the preface of his new book, "Championship Technique in Track and Field" (Whittlesey House, \$4).

"Deviated so completely that high school boys now frequently turn in far better performances than the old standards.

"Except for the mark in the hammer throw, broken unofficially on at least five occasions in 1939, and the times in a few races at odd distances, where there is now little or no competition, there is not an official world record in the books that goes back beyond 1930.

"With improved techniques and advanced training methods, the records will continue to take a beating."

Paul Pilgrim differs with Cromwell on three counts. Pilgrim, New York athletic club athletic director who has kept close tabs since winning the 400 and 800 meters at the 1906 Olympic Games in Athens, doubts that the 4-minute mile, the 9-second 100 and the 28-foot broad jump ever will be attained.

Dan Ferris disagrees four ways, but considers the 4-minute mile vulnerable.

What the secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic union and keeper of the records can't see is anyone doing the century in 9 flat, a 28-foot broad jump, 16-foot pole vault, or throwing the discus 200 feet.

"Had Gunder Haag, Arnie Anderson and that bunch not been ruled ineligible the Swedes might have had the competition to whittle the mile down to 4 minutes flat," says Ferris.

"There is not too much difference. They have it down to 4:01.4." Southern California's Mel Patton cut the 100 to 9.3, but many remarkable sprinters failed to come that close, though pressed to the exploding point.

Inasmuch as such a superlative combine sufficient broad jumping with it to do more than the present record of 26 feet 8 1/4, a 28-footer would make the eyes of Pilgrim and Ferris pop from their heads.

Pilgrim has an idea that some young man will duplicate Cornelius Warmerdam's lengthened runway, speed and momentum for a 16-foot pole vault.

Ferris says Warmerdam, the only man ever to vault 15 feet and who holds the record at 13 feet 7 1/2 inches, might have done 16, but points out that no one else has even approached 15.

With the current mark 181 feet 6 1/2 inches, Ferris stresses the fact that the boys are a long way from a 300-foot discus throw.

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# Jo-Jo Quits After Suds Dive To 5th

SEATTLE, July 14 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers were looking today for a new manager to resurrect their once-lusty Pacific Coast league pennant hopes, and Joyner (Jo Jo) White, who resigned as pilot yesterday, was looking for a job.

A darling with the fans, but not with the front office, White announced his resignation in San Francisco after the club had dropped 12 of the last 15 games and dived from second place to fifth. General Manager Earl Sheely accepted with alacrity.

Meanwhile, long-distance wires buzzed as Owner Emil Sick, wealthy brewer, cast about for a new skipper, one who would be offered the post, on a long-term basis.

Sheely confirmed newspaper reports that the Rainiers had considered Steve O'Neill, former Detroit manager now coaching with the

Cleveland Indians. O'Neill was reported to be interested on the condition Seattle would assume the balance of his present 1949 contract with Cleveland, calling for a slightly higher salary than the average paid a Coast league manager.

In Cleveland, O'Neill, professing ignorance of the Seattle situation, had no comment.

Bill Lawrence, Seattle coach and an outfielder during the palmy 1939-41 era when White was also playing outfield for the Rainiers, has temporarily taken over the helm. Sheely travels to San Francisco today to take charge of the situation for the balance of the series with the Seals.

New York (Jerome stadium) — Guillermo Gimenez, 136 1/2. Buenos Aires, outpointed Phil Terranova, 135, New York, 8.

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