

# SEATTLE FIGHTS SLUMP

By The Associated Press

If you'll accept the word of William Joseph Sweeney, the reason his Seattle ball club isn't first in the Pacific Coast League standing is because it has been in a slump, not for a few days, but for an entire month.

Sweeney, who has piloted more CPL championship teams than any man in the league, nevertheless isn't discouraged by the trend of events. He fully expects his team to begin functioning in the manner of which it is capable—and then, Bill thinks, it is going to be hard to catch.

**EAGER**

Sweeney's Rainiers, who dropped five of seven games to Los Angeles last week, are back in Seattle this week, eager to get at seventh place Oakland. Bill thinks that Hollywood is a better ball club than the Angels, even though Seattle beat Hollywood five games to two, in their last meeting.

"The Stars have more power and their pitching is deeper," opined Sweeney. "We didn't beat Hollywood. They beat themselves."

Sweeney, who led Portland to a pennant in 1936 and Los Angeles to flags in 1943 and 1944, has more confidence in his team than many of the 15,883 fans at Wrigley Field who saw the Rainiers drop a doubleheader to the Angels Sunday.

Seattle's pitching was unsteady and its vaunted hitting was controlled enough by good Los Angeles pitching to enable the Angels to win three straight.

The one consistently bright spot was the flawless fielding of the Seattle infield. The combination of Gordon Goldsberry at first, Artie Wilson at second, Merrill Combs at short and Leo Thomas at third is just about the best in the league.

**PICKED UP**

Three weeks ago Hollywood was 6 1/2 games behind Seattle. They've picked up seven games in that time and still they don't have a first class shortstop and their pitching isn't deep enough.

The Stars will be at San Diego starting Tuesday night.

Los Angeles, meanwhile, drops in on Portland with Spec Padgett (6-3) going against Red Adams (5-4) in the series opener, and Sacramento plays at San Francisco.

Sweeney nominated Steve Nagy (6-3) to open against Oakland's Al Gettel (12-6).



**MINKS ON LINKS** — Golf has come a long way since old socks were used to cover clubheads. Fashion plate Jimmy Demaret wraps wood clubheads in mink and ermine, the last word in links luxury.

**Merrill Upsets Woolies, 7-4**

An upset marked Women's City League softball play last night when Merrill knocked over Oregon Wool, 7-4.

The other game on Conger Field went according to the script—Marlin shellacked Midland, 13-4. Games Wednesday night put Oregon Wool against the league-leading Travel Lodge team in the 6:30 opener, Big Y against Malin in the closer.

This year Michigan State will face two foes never encountered previously on the gridiron—Iowa and Texas Christian.

# Aroused Giants Invade St. Louis

By BEN PHLEGAR  
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Leo Durocher's reluctant Giants, finally exhibiting signs of arousing from their spring doldrums, move in on the St. Louis Cardinals tonight for their second straight showdown series with a first division club.

Flushed with success after gaining two victories and a tie out of a four-game series with the league leader Milwaukee Braves the New Yorkers have a chance

to prove to their faithful followers that even yet they may fulfill pre-season predictions.

Leo's lads generally were picked to finish no worse than third. But most of their battling so far has been to keep up to the 500 mark and somewhere within striking distance of first division.

Durocher has switched his lineup so much he already has qualified for a master's degree in juggling, but he's going back to one of his old reliable formulas in an attempt

to whip the third-place Cards. He's sending lefty Dave Koslo to the mound.

For several years Koslo has been no mystery to the other clubs but he has baffled the Red Birds regularly. This season his magic has been missing. He's tried twice and failed against St. Louis, but he won a game in Cincinnati last week.

If Leo can get by with him tonight, he will know there's hope for his club yet.

The Giants will be meeting St. Louis during one of the Cardinals' better periods. In the current home stand the Cards have won six out of seven including a 6-3 verdict over Pittsburgh last night.

Brooklyn continued its miserable Western trip with a 9-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs while in the American League the off-and-on Cleveland Indians won a pair of 5-3 contests from the Washington Senators. The rest of the clubs in both leagues had the day off.

The Dodgers' loss showed them three full games behind the Braves and left them only a game and a half in front of the Cardinals. Cleveland trails the New York Yankees by 10 1/2 games.

Gerry Staley joined the so-far select group of 10-game winners as he checked the Pirates on eight hits. Enos Slaughter drove in three runs with a double and another one with a single.

The tremendous home run threat the Cubs were hoping for when they bought Ralph Kiner to team with Hank Sauer worked out in the best story-book fashion against the Dodgers.

Frank Baumholtz and Dee Fondy singled in the fourth and Kiner delivered them with his 15th homer into the left field seats. The crowd was still cheering as Sauer promptly parked his 10th circuit blast into the same section.

For a change the Indians combined timely hitting with competent pitching to win two games in a row. Bobby Feller and Bob Lemon on both went the distance. His teammates backed Feller with a 14-hit attack in the first game and Lemon started a home run barrage against Walt Masterson that won the second.

Lemon, Dale Mitchell and Larry Doby all homered in the sixth inning, breaking a string of 22 scoreless innings by Masterson. Doby also hit one in the first game.

## Bates, DeMoss OGA Favorites

**PORTLAND** — The Oregon Golf Association championships go, under way at two courses here Tuesday with 32 players shooting for the men's title and 16 fighting it out for the women's crown.

Medallist Gene Bates of Portland and Grace De Moss of Corvallis took the early favorite's roles on the basis of performances in Monday's qualifying round.

Bates posted a 70 at the par-73 Alderwood Country Club course to capture the men's medal award. Miss De Moss, former Curtis Cup

star and 1951 champion here, took the women's medal award with a 74 at the Columbia-Edgewater course.

Defending champion Bruce Cudd of Portland also cracked par, carding a 73 in a Monday round. He had announced earlier he would not seek the men's medal. Women's defending champion Pat Lester of Seattle did not enter the 1953 tourney.

Others who qualified for the men's championship included George Beechler, playing out of

Medford, 71; Glen Scharback, Pat Clie and Joe Ahern, all of Portland, 72; Dick Haen, Coos Bay; Bob Atkins, Portland, and Don Provost and George Harrington, Medford, 73; Ray Weston, Spokane, 76; Ken Fields, Yakima, 78; Bill Jones, Salem, 78; Dick Reimers, Albany, Ore., 76; Bob Burns, Salem, 80.

In the women's round Mrs. Richard Borst and Mary Bowell, both of Portland, were two strokes behind Miss De Moss with 76. Connie Oldershaw of Spokane qualified with an 84.

## NCAA Golf Champs Trail

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)** — North Texas State titleholder the last four years, trailed the University of Texas in sixth place as play resumed Tuesday to decide the team championship of the 56th NCAA golf tournament.

Tuesday's final 18 holes of qualifying play also will cut the field of 138 to 84 for match play beginning Wednesday to settle the individual championship.

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Bob Morrison of Specialized Service, J. A. McDonald of Juckeland's and Bill Nancarrow of A&B Paint shared scoring honors last night in the Merchants Bowling League at Lucky Lanes.

Morrison rolled the top line of 195, added 152 and 187 for the high series, 514. McDonald had the second high game, 194, and Nancarrow the next best series, 513.

A&B Paint, sharing the league lead with Specialized, rolled the top team scores, a 942 game and 2761 series. Specialized had a 905 line and 2689 three-game score.

William E. (Pete) Foore Jr., Duke University golfer, is the son of a golf pro and plans to follow in his father's footsteps.

Al Simmons, elected to the Hall of Fame last winter, achieved a lifetime major league batting average of .334.

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