

Braves' Ace Loses Fourth Straight

SF Seals Continue Win Skein

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The hottest team in the Pacific Coast League, the San Francisco Seals, have won their seventh straight game and now have a longer winning streak than any Seal team since 1949.

The rejuvenated San Francisco Seals, by whipping Portland Tuesday night, 4-1, cut down Hollywood's lead in the standings to five games.

Handout performance of the night was Eddie Chandler's two-hit pitching.

Chandler, a 30-year-old pitcher for Los Angeles, has a 5-3 record with San Francisco, proving that with an inspired team a ball player is performing to his utmost capabilities.

Jess Flores held the Seals to six hits but his mates committed five errors and the Seals finally pushed over three runs in the seventh.

It started with Ted Beard's single, and was followed by an error, Bob DiPietro's double, Jim Westlake's double and Mike Donahue's sacrifice fly.

Portland had a chance to win the game in the sixth, but, with the bases loaded, heavy hitting Walt Judnich hit into a double play. It drove in Frankie Austin with a run but ended the inning.

The Seattle Rainiers, idle Tuesday night along with most of the league, reported continued efforts to strengthen the lineup.

General manager Dewey Soriano, who last week accused some of his veterans of "complacency" and said some might be sold or traded, talked of deals involving two—possibly three—PCL clubs.

He wouldn't name the players or identify the clubs.

Seattle has recalled catcher Bill Heiser from Salem of the Western International League and Soriano has indicated other rookies optioned to WIL teams also may be wearing Seattle uniforms in the near future.

Whether Heiser's recall means Roy Orteg or Joe Erazu is for trade was not clear. Heiser is a national defense player and may be carried on the roster without counting against the PCL's 21-player limit.

Heiser, 27, hit .216 at Salem, will report Wednesday night before the Rainiers take the field against Los Angeles.

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Cockell To Scout Marciano

LONDON (AP)—Don Cockell, British heavyweight champion who makes a specialty of defeating Americans, flies to New York in two weeks to scout the Rocky Marciano-Ezzard Charles fight but he hopes it won't be the last he'll see of Cockell in a fight ring.

Most sensible men wouldn't be caught dead in a ring with Marciano.

But after his successes against Roland La Starza in March and against Harry Matthews last night, Cockell is eager to take a shot at the world heavyweight crown.

Last night's victory was more impressive than the Briton's split decision over Matthews last August in Seattle.

Cockell did himself and his Marciano project a lot of good in taking last night's 10-round decision from Matthews.

The onetime Battersea blacksmith was awarded the decision by Referee Jack Hart despite three low blows and a warning for hitting with his elbows. The referee is the only official in Britain.

Practically everyone agreed Cockell won with a distinct but not an overwhelming edge. The Associated Press score card had the Briton winning five rounds, Matthews four and one even.

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Leo Places Robinson Above Campanella

By HARRY GRAYSON
NBA Sports Editor
NEW YORK (AP)—Leo Durocher was being asked a lot of questions about the fascinating National League race thus far and, in particular, the Dodgers, who keep slumping into first place.

At this stage, Roy Campanella, the rotund man usually thought of as the most valuable in Brooklyn and the league, had been out of the lineup for nearly two weeks as the result of an operation on the side of the burly catcher's left hand for the removal of a bone chip pressing on a nerve.

"Now is the time to steal a lap or two on the Brooks," someone remarked, "while Campanella is out."

Manager Durocher of the Giants leaned back from the desk in his Polo Grounds office and looked at the question boys with a twinkle in his eyes. Of late, you see, The Lip has been having his troubles with them, and when he knows something ahead of them it pleases him mightily.

"Campanella?" he humphed. "Why, I'd rather have him playing against me than Robinson. Campanella is a good catcher who steadies the pitchers. He beats you once in a while with a home run."

But that Robinson. He beats you so many ways. You don't know whether he's going to hit or hit a home run. And what does he hit every year? About .330. On base, he drives your pitcher nuts. He steals. He makes the big play any place they put him, does everything. He's older now. He isn't as fast as he was, but he's still tremendous."

Jackie Robinson has been holed by a badly bruised heel, and you quickly gathered that Durocher hoped it wouldn't heal too rapidly—not, at least, until Sept. 26, which is when the season ends.

Coming from Durocher, his words on Robinson must be rated as the supreme accolade for the all-around athlete from UCLA.

The fiery pair have had their differences and they have been no-niceable ones.

With an eye on the cool weather, and the knowledge that old guys show much better when the sun gets hot, Walter Alston has kept Robinson in the dugout more than somewhat. In numerous early contests, the powerfully-built Pasadena product appeared for no longer amount of time than pinching-hitting tasks.

Durocher is not alone in suspecting that once the weather gets hot and the 35-year-old Robinson begins to loosen up, Jackie once more will be the fellow you have to stop if you want to beat the Superbas.

Whenever Robinson is mentioned, the final day of the 1951 season comes to mind. The Giants had clinched at least a tie for the pennant in Boston. As the Polo Grounds left, the Dodgers' game with the Phillies in Philadelphia had gone into extra innings.

"If they play long enough, Robinson will beat them," remarked Durocher, grimly.

Robinson, playing second base, knocked himself out diving head first on the ground to take what would have been the winning hit away from Eddie Waitkus. In the 14th, he hit the ball out of the park to send the Dodgers into the playoffs.

Robinson, now playing left field, is bothered by his left knee now and then. The heel hurts. But the sun will come out.

And his heat could easily—as Leo Durocher insists—set off Jackie Robinson as though he were a Roman candle.

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Brooklyn Blanks Milwaukee

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AP Sports Writer
Bob Buhl's efforts to duplicate his line first year with the Milwaukee Braves appear to be stymied by the curse of the winter leagues.

A pleasant surprise as a freshman, a terror in Puerto Rico during the off season, the tall, fast-balling right-hander hasn't been able to buy a victory this spring.

He lost his fourth straight last night, 2-0 to Brooklyn, as the Dodgers continued their 1953 habit of being the only visiting club to win regularly in Milwaukee. The defeat cut the Braves' first-place margin to four percentage points over Brooklyn.

Buhl came out of the minors and the Army last year to post a 13-8 record with the relocated Braves. During the winter he blazed through Caribbean competition to the tune of 14 and 3.

Came the major league spring training and Buhl was so far ahead of the hitters they couldn't get their bats off their shoulders fast enough to get a loud foul.

But with the start of the regular season his magic disappeared. He hasn't been bad, but just not good enough. He has started seven games and has been lifted every time.

The Milwaukee-Brooklyn game was the only action in the National League yesterday as rain brought postponements of St. Louis at Cincinnati and New York at Pittsburgh.

In the American League Philadelphia walloped Boston 16-0, New York defeated Washington 9-3 and Detroit edged Baltimore 4-3. Baltimore fell to last place.

Billy Carr scored the two Brooklyn runs. He walked in the third inning and moved around on a sacrifice by Russ Meyer and a single by Pee Wee Reese. In the fifth he singled, was again moved to second by Meyer and scored on a single by Junior Gilliam.

Just when the Red Sox thought they were set to go places with a three-game winning streak, the lowly Philadelphia Athletics became aroused and battered the Bostonians all over Fenway Park. Gus Zernial hit his 10th and 11th homers and drove in six runs. Bob Trice joined in the fun with a home run and double in winning his fifth game.

Bob Grim, the only rookie pitcher to stick with the Yankees this season, held Washington hitless through the last five innings and scored his fifth success. Hank Bauer had a perfect afternoon, collecting three walks, a home run and a single and driving in four runs.

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Charles Has Chance According To Hurley

By LESTER BROMBERG
NEW YORK (AP)—Last night Jack Hurley's strident voice was heard around here he was telling Harry (Kid) Matthews he'd fought like an amateur being knocked cold by Rocky Marciano in two rounds.

Hurley, an old-school scold who once had Billy Petrolle, whom he didn't need to scold, sounded off again on a brief stopover in these parts.

"I can't agree that Marciano has learned anything," Mr. Ulcers said.

"I came east last year to see him with La Starza and, when he missed a punch, he fell on his face."

What about Rocky finishing Rolfe in the 11th round?

"He was down too fine. If he had the strength to go