

## Rainiers Back on Top With Sacramento, Oaks

The Seattle Rainiers are back in the front row in the Pacific Coast League but they have plenty of company.

The Rainiers knocked San Diego off the top perch 5-4 on Thursday night and found themselves sharing the No. 1 spot with Sacramento, which dropped Portland 6-1 and Oakland, which overturned San Francisco 5-2.

The three leaders are half a

game in front of San Diego and Los Angeles, knotted in second place, a game ahead of Portland, four games in front of Hollywood and six ahead of San Francisco.

Los Angeles and San Diego shared first place Wednesday but the Angels also fell Thursday night after a 7-1 shellacking by Hollywood.

At Seattle, San Diego pushed over two runs in the ninth to take a 4-3 lead, but Seattle came back with two in its half.

Seattle sent four pitchers to the mound in the ninth in a battle of strategy, but it backfired when Steve Nagy wild pitched in a run and his successor, Pete Hernandez, walked in another. George Schmees' double to deep left sent Clarence Madern home with the winning run in the last of the ninth.

Mauno Vieretti of Sacramento whipped his former teammates, Portland.

The Sacs broke open a scoreless battle in the seventh, scoring one run, and then went on a scoring spree and wound up with 11 hits. Pieretti gave up only six blows. Red Adams pitched eight innings and was tagged for four runs. The big blow was Ken Humphrey's double off the right field fence for two runs in the eighth.

Jack Phillips, 6 foot, 4-inch shortstop of the Hollywood Stars, socked a triple high off the centerfield fence at Hollywood's Gilmore Field and laced two doubles as the Stars whipped Los Angeles.

## Men Fivepinners Start Playoffs Mon. and Wed.

The men's five-pin bowling league enters its play-offs next week with A Division taking to the alleys on Monday and B group starting Wednesday night.

Winners of season's league play in the first group are 537 Taxi who lead with 79 points. Next five top teams are Art Murrays, 78 points; North Star, 77; Philpott, 68; Local 708, 65; and Moose, 65.

These six teams and five top teams of B Division each will play a five-game total-point series for division championships.

High individual scoring honors in A Division for the season went to Joe Giordano who maintained an average of 225 and topped all single game scoring with 399. Honorable mention goes to John Comadina and Bob Vukovich, both averaging 223 throughout the season.

Steve Dzupka followed Giordano's high single with 398 while George Shenton gained the highest total-game score of the year, rolling 371 in three games.

Team honors in A Division went to Art Murrays who scored 1349 in a single game and captured the high three-game score with 3544.

Kalen Industries strode two points ahead in B Division, heading the season's play with 63 points, followed by LCB, 66; Deuces, 60; Savoy, 58; and Nelson Bros., 57.

Paulie Piche maintained the highest average in this group with 203; John Johnson rolled 337 for high single, and Wynn Gardiner topped three-game totals with 807 points.

Team high single for the year was rolled by Kalens with 1202, while LCBs turned in 3120 points for high three-game total.

The league's banquet will be staged April 30 in the Valhalla Hall, beginning at 7 p.m., when trophies will be awarded.

## Brown Re-Signs With Bombers

WINNIPEG (CP)—John Brown, veteran import centre, has signed for his fifth season with Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Western Inter-provincial Football Union, club president Ralph Misner announced today.

Bombers now have signed 13 imports and 13 Canadians for the 1954 season.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Glynn, Cleveland	23	2	12	.522
White, Boston	22	2	10	.455
Jensen, Boston	26	6	11	.423
Fox, Chicago	29	3	12	.414
Adair, Cleveland	27	4	11	.407
Runs—Four players tied with 6.				
Batters—Bauer, New York 6.				
Hits—Three players tied with 12.				
Doubles—Power, Philadelphia and Busby, Washington, 4.				
Triples—14 players tied with 1.				
Home runs—Jensen, Boston, 4.				
Stolen bases—Hunter, Baltimore, and Piersall, Boston, 2.				
Pitching—Four players tied with 2-0-1000.				
Strikeouts—Turley, Baltimore, 23.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Jackson, Chicago	21	8	11	.524
Baker, Chicago	21	7	10	.476
Adcock, Milwaukee	24	4	11	.458
Skinner, Pittsburgh	22	8	10	.455
Hodges, Brooklyn	23	7	10	.435
Batting—Jackson, Chicago, .524.				
Runs—Bell, Cincinnati, 11.				
Runs batted in—Greengrass, Cincinnati, 13.				
Hits—Greengrass, Cincinnati, 13.				
Doubles—Greengrass, Cincinnati, 6.				
Triples—Mays, New York, 2.				
Home runs—Four players tied with 3.				
Stolen bases—Fondy, Chicago, 3.				
Pitching—Five players tied with 2-0-1000.				
Strikeouts—Spann, Milwaukee, 14.				

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

PHILADELPHIA—Jimmy Soo, 134, of Philadelphia, stopped George La Malza, 133, Philadelphia, 7.

TACOMA, Wash.—Pat McMurry, 184, Tacoma, knocked out Nat Washington, 198, Vallejo, Calif., 2.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR PONY LEAGUE TOMORROW

Pony Baseball league prospects were reminded today by Pony league association secretary-treasurer Harley Lewis that the deadline for registration is tomorrow, Saturday, April 24. About 12 more players were registered yesterday afternoon when a workout was carried out at Roosevelt Park. In all about 30 players have taken forms, Mr. Lewis said, but he added that more forms are available at Jerry's Barber shop and Wallace's Department store.

Evaluating players yesterday afternoon were Doug Wood for the Moose, Bert Young for the Gyros and Bob Anderson for the Elks. The boys took part in tests for running ability, infield work and were given pointers on outfield play.

## Pittsburgh Kids Face Test In Meeting Dodgers Tonight

By BEN PHILGAR

Associated Press Sports Writer

Pittsburgh's "Who" kids, the surprise of the National League baseball race, tangle with Brooklyn Dodgers tonight, hoping they can carry over at least some of the luck they had against New York Giants. They beat the Giants three out of four.

The four-game Brooklyn series is an important one, not only to the two clubs but to the rest of the league as well. It has been the Dodgers' almost unfailing ability to make the Pirates play dead the last two seasons that has eased the Brooklyn pennant path.

In 1952 the Dodgers beat the Pirates 19 times. Last year they beat them 20 times. The other clubs' chances of catching Brooklyn while the Dodgers had such hospitable "cousins" were just about impossible.

This is the first full scale series between Brooklyn and the "Who" kids, so called because who ever heard of them? More than half of the Pittsburgh starting line-up never had played in a major league park until two weeks ago.

Centerfielder Frank Thomas is the only member of the line-up that beat the Giants 7-4 Thursday who has played as many as 100 major league games in a season. And he's only in his second year in the big time.

Bob Skinner, fresh from the Marines and 29 games in class-D

## Stamps Favored Over Canucks

VANCOUVER (CP)—Few fans are willing to bet that Vancouver Canucks, who dropped the first game of the Western Hockey League finals 2-0 to Calgary Stampede Wednesday, will have oiled and polished their rusty spots by tonight. Stampede were given the nod by most side-line experts on over-all condition alone. If Calgary wins the visitors move to their home ice Monday to continue the best of seven finals.

In Penflict the hometown V's and Winnipeg Maroons were poised for "the big one." The best-of-seven series is deadlocked as each club has won once and tied twice.

ball in 1951, slammed Giant pitching for four straight hits—a double, triple and two singles.

The only other major league action Thursday was at Baltimore, where the Orioles tripped Cleveland Indians behind the five-hit pitching of Duane Pillette, 4-1.

## Oil Kings Take Lakesiders 8-2

EDMONTON (CP)—Edmonton Oil Kings, with a wide margin of pep and polish, moved easily into the Memorial Cup finals on Thursday night with an 8-2 victory over Fort William Canadiens, winning the best-of-seven western series 4-1 and outscoring the Lakesiders 35-5.

Oil Kings now will meet either St. Catharines Teepees or Quebec Frontenacs in the national junior hockey final.

It was speed and a smooth Edmonton passing attack that baffled Canadiens, whose only victory in the series, a 2-1 decision in Fort William, snapped Oil Kings' winning streak of 35 games, believed a Canadian junior record.

The Fort William series was the only one not won by Edmonton in straight games. The scores were 6-0, 1-2, 8-0, 8-1 and 8-2.

## Doug Harper Retains Title

CALGARY (CP)—Doug Harper, 167, of Calgary, retained his Canadian light heavyweight boxing crown Thursday night by pounding out a unanimous 12-round decision over Cobey McCluskey of Dartmouth, N.S., who weighed 164½.

## Veterans Lumley, Mosdell Make NHL All-Star Squad

MONTREAL (CP)—Two 10-year men, never National Hockey League all-star choices, made the first team in selections announced by the league today. Two other players are newcomers on the second team.

Harry Lumley of Toronto, with three clubs in his 10 years, snatched the goal-tending crown from Terry Sawchuk of Detroit, first-team choice the last three years. Ken Mosdell of Montreal, who just ended his 11th campaign, won the centre spot.

Second team newcomers are Tim Horton of Toronto and Ed Sandford of Boston.

In a close finish Gordie Howe of Detroit won first-team right wing place over Maurice Richard of Montreal by two points. Howe is a repeater along with Detroiters Red Kelly and Ted Lindsay, and Doug Harvey of Montreal.

The teams, with points. First team: Goal, Lumley, Toronto 127; defence, Kelly, Detroit 177; Harvey, Montreal 130; centre, Mosdell, Montreal 107; right wing, Howe, Detroit 144; Lindsay, Detroit 163.

Second team: Goal, Sawchuk, Detroit 95; defence, Gadsby, Chicago 84; Horton, Toronto 84; centre, Kennedy, Toronto 43; rightwing, Richard, Montreal 142; leftwing, Sandford, Boston

64. Voting on a 5-3-1 points basis for first, second and third choices, was weighted to give each NHL city equal voting strength. Balloting was done by hockey writers and broadcasters.

There were two votes in the season, midway and at the end. Richard led Howe by one point Jan. 1. Kennedy won second-team centre place over his teammate Tod Sloan by half a point.

Maximum points for the season were 180, or 90 each half. Kelly was nearest to a perfect total with 177 points and was a unanimous 90 for the second half.

## Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Charlie Gardiner, one of the great goalies in NHL history, was signed by Chicago from the Winnipeg AHL club 27 years ago today. Gardiner died in June, 1934, two months after helping Chicago to win its first Stanley Cup with such team-mates as Taffy Abel, Lolo Couture, Leroy Goldsworthy, Doc Romnes, Johnny Gottselig and Mush March. Lionel Conacher was coach.

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**LITTLE LEAGUE WORKOUT SET FOR 11-YEAR OLDS**

Boys 11 years of age registered with the Little League take part in an evaluation workout at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Algoma Park, if the good weather holds. Officials said today. Another good turnout of 8-10 year team managers busy last night and it is hoped that all of players in this age group will be completed tonight.

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