

Rainiers Win Series, Near Third Place

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Eight weeks of the Pacific Coast League season remain today and the Seattle Rainiers still have a far piece to go to get home first. Third place is only three-and-a-half games away, but first place still lies 11 games above them.

The home club finished the week against the Los Angeles Angels with four victories and three defeats as a result of a 50-50 cleavage of yesterday's double-header. The Angels won the first game, 5-3, on the eight-hit pitching, the hitting and the base-running of Joe Hatten. The Rainiers, giving Art Del Duca an ample supply of runs for a change, touched off a seven-run second inning and coasted to a 9-5 triumph in the seven-inning nightcap.

Rocco Kirsch, who has been giving strong indications lately of turning into a solid rapper, capped a highly successful week by belting three hits in six trips to run his batting record for the Los Angeles series to 11 hits in 27 trips. He also drove in twice as many runs as any other Rainier.

Wilson, Boyd Rap
Bob Wilson and Artie Wilson, both of whom had .389, and Bob Boyd, who hit .333, filled out Seattle's .300-plus hitters for the week.

In an effort to step up the club's run-making punch, Bill Sweeney benched Clarence Madden Friday night, moved Bob Boyd from first base to center field and put George Vico on first. The Rainiers won two and lost two with this revised line-up.

Hatten, a side-arming left-hander with a notable past as a Baseball Dodger, was both the defense and the attack in yesterday's opener. He struck out nine and rendered the Rainiers relatively harmless in every inning but two. Making his own triumph sure, he drove in two runs with a fourth-inning homer that chased Steve Nagy, the starter and loser, and scored another with some daring base-running in the ninth.

The Angels' first two runs came in the first inning on a walk, Bob Talbot's double, an error by Nagy and long flies by Bob Usher and Ron Northey. Al Lyons made a terrific throw to the plate after catching Usher's fly but the ball took a weird hop and bounced over Bob Wilson's head. Lyons then made a brilliant backhanded catch of Northey's long drive on the next play.

Rainiers Chase Moisan
The Rainiers erupted eight hits in the first two innings of the nightcap.

With two out in the first, Boyd singled infield and Judnick pulled a high homer which the Angels declared loudly, long, and in vain was foul. The second-inning bombardment was made up of singles by Lyons, Artie Wilson, Boyd, Judnick and Kirsch, a two-run triple by Nanny Fernandez and three Los Angeles boots.

The Rainiers leave tomorrow for a two-week jaunt to Portland and then Sacramento. Al Widmar (10-8) is scheduled to start against the Beavers tomorrow night.

LOS ANGELES				(First Game)				SEATTLE			
AB		H		A		AB		H		A	
Baker,ss	4	1	1	0	A.Wilson,ss	5	2	3	0	4	3
Talbot,cf	4	1	3	0	Frandsz,2b	3	0	1	0	0	0
Usher,lf	4	2	3	0	Boyd,cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Northey,rf	4	0	1	0	W. Weichlaf	4	1	3	1	4	1
Brakopf,3b	4	1	1	0	B.W. Weichlaf	4	1	1	0	0	0
West,lb	4	2	7	1	Krsnich,3b	4	2	1	0	0	0
Feden,e	4	1	1	0	Violo,1b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Hollis,2b	3	0	0	0	Lyons,rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Matten,p	4	2	1	0	Nagy,p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hayton,lf	0	0	0	0	Johnson,3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
					McMaddern	1	1	0	0	0	0
					Johnson,p	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Christie	1	0	0	0	0	0