

Sports

Question Remains: Will Ted Williams Join Club?

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Baseball's most tantalizing question remained pop fly high Tuesday with the spring training season three weeks old and opening day less than a month away.

Is Ted Williams going to play left field for the Boston Red Sox or is he going to keep his once-started but never repeated promise to retire to his fishing tackle business in Florida.

Sox General Manager Joe Cronin said Monday:

"There is absolutely no change in the Williams situation from what it was three weeks ago."

Three weeks ago, Cronin said he didn't know if his 35-year-old batting star would be on hand for

U.S. Girl Athletes Maintaining Pace Set In Pan-American Fete

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The girls took over today where the boys left off for the United States and they promised to continue Uncle Sam's domination of the Pan-American Games.

Main event of the waning 1955 pre-Olympic program for 22 North and South American countries was the three-meter dive.

Leading the United States into the competition was Pat McCormick, the California girl who owns all the diving crowns worth owning.

Methodical power and well-conditioned numerical strength were the answers to the U.S. display of mastery to date in the games.

The leaders in unofficial point scoring:

United States 925, Argentina, 413 1/2, Mexico 256 1/2.

In swimming and diving, the major sport left on the 18-game agenda, the scoreboard listed:

United States 47, Argentina 28, Mexico 25.

The United States won three boxing championships out of the five divisions in which it sent qualifiers last night while Argentina won the team championship. The United States was second.

Uncle Sam threw another knockout punch yesterday when an underdog foursome of Frank McKinney Jr., Fred Maguire, Buddy Baracke and Clarke Scholes whipped a favored Argentina team in the 400-meter medley relay.

The time was 4:29.1 and it was a brilliant team victory. High schooler McKinney from Indianapolis led off for a slim lead in the backstroke. Maguire, from Maplewood, N.J., held his own in the

Sports In Brief

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PAN-AMERICAN
MEXICO CITY — The United States added to its Pan-American swimming laurels by trouncing Argentina in the men's 400 meter medley relay race.

GOLF
PINEHURST, N. C. — Wilfrid Smith, 18-year-old U. S. Junior champion, won the North and South Amateur Tournament by defeating Pat Lesser of Seattle 3 and 2 in the 18-hole finals.

BASKETBALL
KANSAS CITY — The National Basketball Rules Committee changed the bonus free throw rule to the full 40 minutes playing time and widened the free throw lanes from 6 to 12 feet.

FOOTBALL
MISSOULA, Mont. — Jerry Williams, player-coach for the Philadelphia Eagles, was named head coach at Montana University.

RACING
BOWIE, Md. — Jockey Willie Hartack rode three winners including Olympia Wix (\$3,600) in the Robin Purse at Bowie.

Exhibition Baseball

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Milwaukee (N) 5, Chicago (A) 2
Philadelphia (N) 3, St. Louis (N) 2
Kansas City (A) 6, Memphis (SA) 1

Cleveland (A) 3, New York (N) 2
New York (A) 18, Brooklyn (N) 8
Detroit (A) 4, Baltimore (A) 0
Cincinnati (N) 4, Pittsburgh (N) 3
Cincinnati (N) "B" 6, Chicago (A) "B" 0

Air Force Academy Has First Full-Time Coach

DENVER, (AP) — The fledgling U.S. Air Force Academy has its first full-time athletic coach in Maj. Robert B. Spear, named to direct the cadets' basketball team. Spear, former DePauw University star and assistant basketball coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, has been on active duty with the Air Force the last 13 years.

Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, former coach of the professional San Francisco 49ers, was appointed to an advisory capacity on the academy's football staff several months ago.

WEARS SPECIAL PAD

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Irwin, rugged defenseman of the New York Rangers, wears a special football-type shoulder pad in all National Hockey League games. The pad protects his injured collarbone which sidelined him for seven games.

Stan Hack, manager of the Chicago Cubs, played third base on four pennant-winning Cub teams—1932, 1935, 1938 and 1945.

'Save Swamp' Theme Of Wildlife Week

By JACK HEWINS

Associated Press Sports Writer
SEATTLE — You just don't know how lucky you are—and this isn't the Chamber of Commerce talking.

National Wildlife Week is with us again and the project for 1955 is: "Save the Swamp."

The Pacific Northwest hasn't swamps enough to get your feet wet, but the Columbia Basin project is adding thousands of acres of water to the natural waterfowl and fish habitat. Much of the rest of the country is slowly going dry.

America at one time had 120 million acres of swamps and marshes. The National Wildlife Federation reports this has shrunk to "fewer than 30 million acres fit for a mallard to live in. The rest have been drained, poisoned by pollution or otherwise destroyed by the manipulations of man."

Here in the Northwest new lakes are popping up on the map and the old rivers and creeks flow full of water, fish and ducks. It's hard to realize two-thirds of the nation is caught in a drought.

"The country is now into the first half of a 10-year dry cycle such as the one that raised dust clouds over the Midwest in the 1930's," writes William M. Apple, a director of the National Wildlife Federation.

"Water levels are at a record low in most of the Southern states. In New England, streams and underground water levels have reached new low records. In the Atlantic and Gulf states water levels are at their lowest in 38 years. Farmers have had to haul water to save their crops."

"In Alabama industries have been affected and some cities have had to go on rations. Salt water has moved into the Mobile River to the farthest point ever recorded. The TVA reservoirs in Tennessee are only two-fifths of normal."

(It was only a year or so ago that California dreamed up a plan to tap the Columbia River, piping Northwest water to its arid land and thirsty people.)

"Yesterday, today and tomorrow finds the little men with big machinery," says Apple. "Still scooping out drainage ditches in Eastern Arkansas, in Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and throughout the states where the results of

their past efforts are so clearly evidenced by dry, cleared land where no animal can hide or drink."

As we mentioned in the beginning, you don't know how lucky you are to live in the Northwest, whether you're fish, fowl or merely human.

USC Football Schedule Shows 3 Night Games

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The University of Southern California's 1955 home football schedule will include three Friday night games at the Coliseum, Athletic Director W. O. Hunter announced Monday.

Originally two had been scheduled—against Oregon on Sept. 23 and Texas on Sept. 30. Hunter said the game with Wisconsin will be played at night on Oct. 14.

Other home games, on Saturday afternoons, are Washington State, Sept. 17; Stanford, Nov. 5; UCLA, Nov. 19; and Notre Dame, Nov. 26.

Games away are against Washington at Seattle on Oct. 8; California at Berkeley on Oct. 22; and Minnesota at Minneapolis, Oct. 29.

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Montana Hires Eagles Grid Coach

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Jerry R. Williams, 31, player-coach for the Philadelphia Eagles of the professional National Football League Monday was named head grid coach at Montana University.

Williams, a native of Spokane, Wash., and former Washington State College star, succeeds Edward S. Chinske, who resigned. Williams was an all-Pacific Coast halfback at Washington State College in the late 1940s. He played professional football for the Los Angeles Rams from 1949 to 1953, and joined the Eagles for the 1953 season. He also has been an assistant coach at the University of Idaho and Villanova College.

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