

They'll Pay to See Gray Play Major Ball, One-Armed Ace Intends to Do Just That



By AL VERNER
NEW YORK (NEA)—No special favors will await Pete Gray when the one-armed outfielder presents himself at the St. Louis Browns' Cape Girardeau training camp next month.

That is the way Pete Gray wants it. Two seasons ago Gray was ignored in the Southern association's all-star game. Billy Evans offered him \$50 to attend the game and merely sit around. If he wasn't good enough to get there as a player, he didn't want to be there at all, he told the league president.

Gray is not the first one-armed player to beat his way into the majors. More than 60 years ago the old Union association had Hugh Dailey, a pitcher with a similar handicap. In 1884, pitching for Chicago, One-Arm Dailey fanned 19 Boston batters in a nine-inning game.

All in One Motion
It was Jacques Fournier who brought Gray to St. Louis. Scout Fournier had other players in mind when he headed south but forgot them when he saw the amazing deeds Gray performed with a single arm.

Gray's 1944 record with Memphis lends handsome support to Fournier's enthusiasm. Gray hit .333, drove in 60 runs, manufactured 21 doubles, nine triples, five home runs. He fanned only 12 times in 129 games.

Still more remarkable, he stole 68 bases to tie Kiki Cuyler's league record. Ten times he pilfered home! Leading the regular flycatchers, he committed only six errors.

After catching a fly, Gray rolls the ball onto his wrist, tucks the glove under the stub of his right arm, throws the ball back to the infield, all in one motion.

Once the ball fell to the ground during this procedure. Immediately the league ruled that Gray must hold the ball only momentarily to assure the putout. Pete

Byrnes Not After Baseball Post

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, whose resignation touched off new reports that he might accept the job of high commissioner of baseball, is not a candidate nor has he been offered the job, a spokesman for him said today.

If the job had been offered, Byrnes would have turned it down, the spokesman said.

Byrnes was mentioned several times as a highly eligible man for the job and it was reported that he was one of the men getting top consideration.

Judy Garland Stars In Liberty Movie

Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and other well-known Hollywood actresses and actors form the cast of "Meet Me in St. Louis," the attraction at the Liberty theater beginning tomorrow. Filmed in technicolor and presenting several new songs as well as some old timers, the picture deals with the life of the Smiths of the so-called Gay Nineties and the approaching fair, the greatest event of their time.

Chief members of the supporting cast are Tom Drake, Mary Astor, Leon Ames, Harry Davenport and Marjorie Main.

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Drastic Changes In Gridiron Rules Adopted by NCAA

NEW YORK, April 3 (UP)—College football legislators, "detouring" the rules in an effort to keep pace with the increasingly popular pro game, assured spectators today they have made the sport easier to watch and wider open offensively.

The National Collegiate Athletic association authorized five changes by the rules committee yesterday, including a drastic penalty for the use of the out-of-bounds kickoff and legalization of forward passing anywhere behind the line of scrimmage.

First Kick Doesn't Count

The out-of-bounds penalty does not affect the first kickoff, but the kicking team must repeat the play. If the second kickoff is out of bounds, the receiving team shall put the ball in play at the point from which it was kicked, the kicking team's 40-yard line. The rules makers also provided for use of an elevated one-inch tee for the kickoff to provide accuracy.

The liberalization of the forward pass play eliminates the previous restriction making passers operate five yards or more behind the line of scrimmage.

The minor changes provide that substitutes may report to any official the center in passing the ball may have no part of his body ahead of it and his feet must be behind it, and if a player uses his hands or arms in blocking, he must have his hands in contact with his own body.

Santa Anita Plans To Get Jump On Other Race Tracks

ARCADIA, Cal., April 3 (UP)—Futuristic Santa Anita race track, the first racing strip in the country shut down after Pearl Harbor, will be the first race emporium to throw open its gates come V-E day.

Dr. Charles Strub, vice president of the former winter racing center, formally applied to the California horse racing board for dates yesterday. He is expected to be awarded whatever dates he wants as soon as Germany collapses.

And he apparently expects a quick fold on the part of the Nazis. For he's given the word to horsemen at the track to up the tempo in their training programs and have their horses in readiness for an early meeting.

That's good news for the owners of some 600 horses who've remained at the track in hopes of a sudden turn in the war news.

The management has promised to offer the same stakes that would have been awarded at last winter's ill fated season.

That means a \$100,000 handicap, the richest race in the world, the \$50,000 derby, and for the first time two other \$50,000 races—one for mares and fillies and the San Juan Capistrano, a distance race.

Babe Ruth Makes Debut as Third Man In Wrestling Arena

PORTLAND, Me., April 3 (UP)—Babe Ruth, making three times as much for one wrestling match as for a single game in his home run hey-day with the Yankees, wasn't sure whether to go on as a mat referee today but he did know for certain that "it's great to be back in sports again."

Ruth admitted that he had gone to wrestling for a career because the executives of the diamond had snubbed him for 11 years since he laid down his bat and glove.

Getting \$1,500 per match for his work as third man, he had to take plenty of punishment to earn it. Handling a match between Leo Numa of Seattle, Wash., and Manuel Cortez of east Boston, he was threatened constantly by Cortez, the "tough man" in the act. Cortez threatened to hit the Babe and advanced toward him several times, but Ruth stood his ground and yanked the pair apart vigorously on numerous occasions.

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Batting Bees Mark Coast League Games

By United Press

Some Pacific Coast league managers were seriously thinking today of taking out accident insurance on their pitchers.

This sad state of affairs has been brought about by prodigious stickwork on the part of the several clubs during the three-day-old season. If it keeps up, the poor moundmen aren't going to be able to duck all the line drives that have been screaming out to the fences.

Angels Win 16-3
For example, the Los Angeles Angels shellacked the San Francisco Seals, 16 to 3, yesterday after the two clubs had participated in several games that resembled the national pastime. The Seals led, 3-2, until the last of the sixth when the Angels made less than 2,000 customers dizzy by tallying 11 times.

The main victim of the uprising was Frank Seward, a right-hander acquired from the New York Giants. Seward pitched to nine men in the awful frame without retiring anyone. Then he retired. The big blow of the inning was Lou Novikoff's three-run home over the right field fence. In all the Angels got 13 hits. Joe Slatter was the winning pitcher.

Big Scores Are Rule
Portland massacred Oakland again, 9-2, while Seattle trampled on San Diego, 12-1, and Sacramento whipped Hollywood, 9-1.

Ancient Sam Gibson made his first start for Oakland and departed for the showers after the fifth inning with the count 7-2 against him. Jack Tising scattered eight O.A. hits. Larry Barton and Manager Frank Owen paced the Beaver offense with three blows apiece.

Rookie Alec Palika limited San Diego to three hits as Seattle took its third win in four games. Manager Pepper Martin of the Padres desperately called on five pitchers but they were all cousins to the Rainiers. George McDonald slammed out three doubles and a single to lead Seattle's 15-hit attack.

Sacramento clinched its victory over Hollywood by jumping on Bill Embree and John Grajovek for five runs in the seventh. Roy Younker featured the rally with his second two-bagger of the evening. Dick Powers was on the hill for the Solons.

Fight Results
By United Press
NEW YORK — Freddie Schott, 208, Akron, O., knocked out Lotario Ramirez, 186½, Mexico City (3).

HOLYOKE, Mass.—Ralph Zancelli, 149, Providence, R. I., outpointed Lige Drew, 147½, Springfield, Mass. (10).

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Tony Brandino, 149, Hamilton, Ont., outpointed Tom Collins, 152, New Haven, Conn. (10).

BALTIMORE — Archie Moore, 167, St. Louis, outpointed Nate Golden, 174½, Chicago (10).

NEWARK, N. J. — George Cooper, 132½, Baltimore, outpointed Lulu Constantino, 136½, New York (10).

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EUGENE, Ore., April 3 (UP)—Charles H. Huggins of Salem today headed the Oregon University Alumni association, succeeding Lynn A. Parr of Portland.

Mrs. David M. Graham of Eugene was elected vice president, replacing Robert S. Miller of Portland. The election was conducted by mail.

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INSPIRATION TO WOUNDED—Working out with Senators and Yankees, Lt. Bert R. Shepard has demonstrated that a man can play baseball well even though his right leg is amputated below the knee. Shepard, who was a minor league pitcher sought by the White Sox, was wounded on his 34th mission over Berlin.

Today's Sport Parade

By LEO H. PETERSEN United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 3 (UP)—Local draft boards are making it more evident every day that they are not in accord with the war manpower commission ruling that baseball players may leave essential war jobs to go back to their basic occupation.

They have been taking the occupational deferment status away from players and classifying them 1-A, subject to immediate physical examinations and induction, soon after they leave war plants or farms.

The situation has baseball men worried to such an extent that a test case probably will be made of a rookie pitcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers who left his position as a physical instructor for a chance to make the major league grade.

By submitting the case to the WMC for a formal ruling, baseball hopes to clarify the status of players who left essential jobs following the ruling and to guide those few who still are in war plants or on farms.

"Job Jumping" Charged
The "guinea pig" will be Cyril Buker, a right hander who won 11 games while losing only three with St. Paul in 1944 to lead the American Association in pitching percentage. Prior to the ruling from Paul McNutt, the war manpower commissioner, three weeks ago, Buker was a physical director at Eau Claire, Wis., high school. He then obtained his release from the school post and reported to the Dodgers a few days ago.

Yesterday he was notified by his Sturgeon Bay, Wis., draft board that he had been reclassified from 4-F to 1-A as a job jumper. The Dodgers, working on the theory that the reclassification was in direct variance to the McNutt ruling, decided to take the matter to Washington.

Their contention is that Buker is entitled to a review and they hope a test case will result.

Dodger Is Reclassified
Just before Buker's status was changed, President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers received word that Al Zachary, another rookie pitcher, had been ordered to report for a physical today. Zachary has a war job at Farmingdale, N. Y., but because of the WMC ruling had announced his intention of returning to baseball.

And a few hours before that word came out of Cape Girardeau, Mo., that Mike Kreevich, centerfielder and leading hitter of the St. Louis Browns last year when they won their first American league pennant, had been notified to appear before his Springfield, Ill., draft board. He was employed in a war plant during the winter and after he was released to join the Browns his board removed him from his occupational deferment status and put him in 1-A.

When the WMC ruling was announced, baseball men welcomed it as assurance that the major leagues would be able to survive a fourth war-time season. But if the ruling is not binding on local draft boards, it will leave club owners where they were—wondering if there will be enough 4-Fs and players over or under the draft age to carry on.

Buker may not be too important in Brooklyn's 1945 plans, but the outcome of his case will mean a lot to the approximately 30 players who stuck to essential jobs until the WMC ruling was announced. Included in the group are some of the outstanding stars left in the game—such as Bucky Walters, Hank Borowy and Nick Eiten.

La Grande Soldier Gets Purple Heart
Sergeant Clayton Warnstaff, 20, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warnstaff of La Grande that he was wounded in action in Germany recently, but is recovering.

He said he was hit twice in the arm by shrapnel, and has been awarded the Purple Heart medal. Warnstaff has been in the service 26 months and has been overseas a year. He is with an engineer unit.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Richard Ferris, who has been rated as a seaman first class and training in Memphis, Tenn., has been transferred back into the navy pre-flight training. Al Cadet Ferris is now at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina for the 11 weeks course. He recently spent a leave with his mother, First Lt. Avis Ferris of the WAC, who is stationed in Oklahoma.

Lt. Edna C. Maguire, army nurse, stationed at Besancon, France, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. In a letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Morgan, she said she spent two days in Paris on a sightseeing tour, and a five-day rest period at the nurses' chateau at Dijon.

RATION CALENDAR

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