

First Big League Game of Season Halted by Rain

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UP)—The Washington Senators today called off their scheduled baseball game with the New York Yankees, supposed to have been the season's opener, because of rain.

The weather was bad all morning in the capital and threatened to get worse in the afternoon, so owner Clark Griffith decided finally to call it off. Several thousand fans were turned away ticketless.

The postponement means that the opening Washington game will be played Friday. The Senators and Athletics play in Philadelphia tomorrow, when all other opening-day games will be played. The first Washington game traditionally is scheduled a day ahead of the other openers.

The game was to have been dedicated to the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, a baseball fan himself and largely responsible for keeping the game rolling during war time.

During the off-season the leagues weathered a great manpower crisis only after their staunch friend in the White House, President Roosevelt, gave them a provisional green light to carry on in 1945, even if it was necessary for the standard of play to drop to the sand lot level.

Now that green light has become a mandate and nothing short of a national emergency could prevent baseball from completing the course in 1945, even though for many teams the going will be rocky from start to finish.

Cards Face Trouble

The world champion St. Louis Cardinals, seeking their fourth straight pennant, are definite slugs in the National, even though internal troubles and lowered morale may reduce their efficiency. The obvious bitterness of their brother batter, pitcher Morton Cooper, and catcher Walker Cooper is threatening to quit because of salary dissatisfaction could mean that the Cardinals might beat themselves when no other team in the league was capable of doing it.

The champion St. Louis Browns are well fixed for manpower in the American league and are favored to repeat their 1944 success saga when they manage everyone including themselves by winning their first pennant. This time, however, they definitely are the boys to beat.

Cubs, Pirates in Line
If the Cards falter, the Chicago Cubs who fared well in acquiring talent from their farm clubs, and the Pittsburgh Pirates, outstanding stretch runners of 1944, are in best position to move in as title contenders.

Detroit is conceded the best chance of ousting the Browns, and the New York Yankees are the "if" club of the American. Loss of five players now in 1-A or undecided about reporting could make the Yankees a second division team, but if all are available from start to finish they might well win the pennant.

San Francisco Girl Wins Swim Title

CHICAGO, April 16 (UP)—Ann Curtis' sweeping dominance of feminine swimming was brilliantly etched on the Sullivan memorial trophy and in the record books of the amateur athletic union today.

During the three-day national indoor championships, which were concluded yesterday, the San Francisco speedster won all three free style events at 100, 200 and 400 yards. In addition, she anchored the victorious 300-yard medley and 400-yard free style relay teams from San Francisco.

Her all-victorious performance was partly shaded by the brilliance of a 19-year-old North Western university coed, Jeanne Wilson. Miss Wilson set a new American and meet record of 1:51.1 in the 100-yard breast stroke yesterday, trimming two-tenths of a second off the former mark of 1:53 set by Lorraine Fisher in 1941.

Cochran Sets New Billiard Record

CHICAGO, April 16 (UP)—Champion Walker Cochran set a new world's billiard record last night, but challenger Willie Hoppe retained his lead as the two stars prepared for the southwest tour of their three cushion champion cross country match.

Cochran beat Hoppe, 60-22, in 20 innings to shatter his previous world record of 23 innings for best game played, which Hoppe later tied. Cochran took the afternoon game, 60-47, in 41 innings.

Hoppe remained in the lead by 14 points, however.

The pair's southwest tour will begin next week at Dallas, Tex.

Santiago's police hand out courtesy cards to petting parties in public parks. The cards read, "Please restrain your ardor."



Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Truman was seated in a box behind the rostrum eating a hog-aug and drinking a bottle of pop as a voice came over the microphone: "Will the next vice-president of the United States please come to the rostrum?" The voice had to boom over several times before Harry Truman, the man who didn't want to be president, laid down his pop bottle and reluctantly came to the microphone.

Courageous Senator
Though Harry Truman dreaded the possibility of becoming president, as senator he never ran away from a fight.

His chief senatorial battles were as chairman of the so-called Truman committee. The name resulted from Harry's crusading determination to investigate war scandals or anything else interfering with the war. Harry was so fervent that even republicans on the committee came to admire and respect him.

Republican Senator Ferguson of Michigan, one of the most fearless men in congress, joined the committee under the impression that Truman was playing politics. He soon learned to the contrary. If the administration was to blame, Truman said so. Ferguson came to be a rooter on the Truman team.

Time after time also, Truman stood up against the army and navy. Some senators put their tails between their legs where the brass-hats are concerned. But Truman made Gen. B. B. Somervell writhe in anguish over the senate blasts against the army's uneconomical pipeline to carry oil over the Arctic wastes.

He also told the truth about Jesse Jones' delays in providing synthetic rubber, exposed the secret deal with the aluminum corporation for the Shipshaw plant in Canada, prodded the navy for failing to accept the Higgins landing craft, thus delaying the European invasion.

Truman's committee also goaded the army about its terrific waste of food, called attention to the way dollar-a-year men in the war production board were favoring their own companies, and revealed the disastrous delays in aluminum and steel production.

One of his most significant battles was with the war department over some cracked airplane engine cylinders built by the Wright company at Cincinnati which had been passed by army inspectors. At first Under Secretary of War Patterson backed him on this, and the army tried to whitewash its own dereliction. But Truman stood his ground. And in the end, the guilty officers were court-martialed.

Though it was called the Truman committee, actually, it operated as a team. Truman believes in teamwork, and teamwork between all his cabinet members and administrative agencies will now be the chief goal of the little man who didn't want to be president.

City News In Brief

William B. Wright and W. H. Murphy, both of La Grande, were arrested early yesterday on charges of fighting and were taken to the city jail. Both were released this morning on their own recognizance pending appearance in the police court.

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Rainiers Take Two Games, League Lead

The high-riding, hard-hitting Buckaroos from Seattle were headed homeward today in sole possession of first place in the Pacific Coast league pennant chase — ready to tangle with the Oakland Oaks in the first game of the season in the northland on Tuesday.

Winner of a double bill over the hapless Hollywood Stars yesterday in the southland by scores of 10-3 and 14-4, Manager Bill Skiff's Rainiers took the series, 4-1, and undisputed control of first place as the Portland Beavers split a twin bill.

Beavers Split With Seals
The Beavers won the first from San Francisco, 5-1, but dropped the second, 2-0, before 20,000 fans — largest crowd of the season. The split gave the Oregonians the series, 3-2.

Manager Pepper Martin's San Diego Padres won two from Oakland, 3-2 and 4-3 before 9,000, to win the series, 3-2, while the Los Angeles Angels finally salvaged a game out of the Sacramento series by taking the nightcap 3-0 after losing the opener, 1-5. About 7,000 passed through the turnstiles at Sacramento, 10,000 at Hollywood, to bring the day's attendance around the 45,000 mark.

The record-breaking crowd at San Francisco saw Boy Joyce, a 21-game winner last year, hurl a five-hit shutout in the finale to best Jake Mooty of the Beavers. Mooty allowed only four safe blows, but three of them were bunched in the first inning for all the runs.

In the opener the Beavers pounded Ken Brondell and Elmer Orella for 11 safeties. Ted Gullie led the attack with four hits in five trips to the plate. Catcher Eddie Adams drove in three runs.

The Seattle club beat out a steady tattoo of hits off seven Hollywood hurlers in their two slugging contests. All told, the Rainiers in 16 innings scored 24 runs, got 31 hits. Ted Norbert got one homer in the first tilt with none on and two more round-trippers in the second to drive in five of the 24 scores.

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Today's Sport Parade

By LEO H. PETERSEN United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 16 (UP)—The baseball writers, operating on the theory that the champions are good enough to ride with until they are dethroned, pick the Cardinals and Browns to win the 1945 National and American league pennants.

Of the 35 writers canvassed in a United Press poll, 24 picked the Cardinals to win their fourth consecutive National league pennant while 22 selected the Browns to make it two straight in the junior circuit.

The selection average showed the Cardinals favored in 706 per cent of the picks, the Browns in 629 per cent. Part of the difference was made up by the fact that one writer confined his picks to the American league.

In the National league, the Pittsburgh Pirates received their first place votes, the Chicago Cubs two and the Cincinnati Reds one. In the American, New York ran next to St. Louis with seven ballots, followed by Detroit with four and Boston and Washington with one each.

Here is how the men who write about them picked:
Tom Swope, Cincinnati Post—Reds and Tigers.
Dan Daniel, New York World-Telegram—Cardinals and Yankees.

Alex Zirin, Cleveland Plain Dealer—Cardinals and Browns.
Stan Baumgartner, Philadelphia Inquirer—Cardinals and Browns.
Harry Cross, New York Herald Tribune—Cardinals and Browns.
John P. Carmichael, Chicago Daily News—Cardinals and Tigers.

Harold Burr, Brooklyn Eagle—Cardinals and Browns.
John Drebing, New York Times—Cardinals and Yankees.
Sid Keener, St. Louis Star-Times—Cardinals and Browns.
Ken Smith, New York Mirror—Pirates and Tigers.
Tom Meany, PM—Cardinals and Yankees.

Buck Shaw Takes Bear Grid Post
SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 (UP)—Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, the gladiator man of west coast coaching ranks, steps into one of the toughest roles in his career when he joins University of California as head grid mentor on May 1.

Appointed Saturday to succeed the departed Stubby Allison, Shaw's choice met with instant, and nearly unanimous, approval from everyone who had anything to say for or about Bear gridiron aggregations.

With a present-day enrollment of California of 7,000, of which about 2,500 are men, Shaw probably will have a much larger choice of grid talent than he ever had before.

In coaching berths at the University of Nevada, North Carolina State, and Santa Clara, where he compiled astounding records, he was handicapped by small enrollments. At Santa Clara the total never was greater than 600.

Shaw's coaching record at Santa Clara was 10-1-1. At North Carolina State he compiled a 10-1-1 record. At Nevada he compiled a 10-1-1 record.

New Coaches Are Named for High School Athletics

(Continued from Page One) main in La Grande while he has been at Columbia.

Exley comes to La Grande with high recommendations from Colville, where he has been teaching junior high school subjects and coaching senior high school athletics since 1934.

He played freshman football at Washington state college and three years of football at Central Washington college at Ellensburg, of which he is a graduate. He coached football at Colville senior high school. He has attended several summer sessions at Oregon State college.

He will bring his family, Mrs. Exley and two children, to La Grande.

Promotion of Bennie E. DeBorde of La Grande to staff sergeant has been announced at the infantry training center, Camp Roberts, Calif.

Sgt. DeBorde is assigned to Company A, 83rd battalion, where he is serving as squad leader and instructor.

He is the son of Mrs. Ben DeBorde, 803 1/2 Fourth street.

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