

# SPORTS

Complete Local Reports

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## Pitchers Battered As Big Leagues Open

NEW YORK, April 18 (UP)—If coming events cast their shadows before them in the 1945 baseball season, it's going to be a rough year for the pitchers.

In direct contrast to the 1944 opening day games, the pitchers took it hard and heavy yesterday with only five of the 16 starters managing to stick it out to the finish. There were 77 hits in each league as compared with only 36 doled out by National league flingers in the 1944 opening games and 59 by American leaguers.

The eight opening games drew 99,747 spectators, or 32,607 less than the 1944 first-day total.

Threatening weather—which at New York materialized into a rain that held up the Yankees-Red Sox game for 20 minutes—was blamed for the attendance drop.

The batters made 12 home runs, two with the bases loaded. Seven were hit in the National where the batters didn't get any in 1944 openings and five in the American as compared with three a year ago.

Production of runs was almost on an assembly line basis in some parks and the 49 scored in the American league contrasted with only 15 a year ago. There were 45 in the National against only 13 on the first day of 1944.

### Homer Sews Up Game

The most telling homer of the day was delivered by Russ Derry of the Yankees, coming with the bases loaded in the seventh and capping a seven run rally which netted an 8 to 4 victory over the Boston Red Sox. Derry, who also hit an earlier homer, delivered the grand slam blow with the score tied at 4-4 and sent pitcher Rex Cheel to the showers. Atley Donald weathered a bad first inning when the Red Sox made three runs but went on to gain the win.

### Senators Win Handily

The day's biggest hit-fest was at Philadelphia where Washington got 15 blows off five Athletic pitchers to gain a 14 to 8 victory. Joe Kuhel paced the Senators with four hits to drive in five runs.

The Chicago White Sox rallied late to win 5 to 2 at Cleveland, left-hander Thornton Lee, getting credit for the victory. Both of the Indians' runs were unearned, coming in the sixth on errors after which Lee retired.

### Browns Take Opener

The St. Louis Browns, who paved the way for their American league pennant by winning their first nine games to set a new circuit record, started out on the right foot again, topping the Detroit Tigers and their pitching ace Lefty Hal Newhouser, 7 to 1. Pitcher Sig Jakucki yielded only six hits for the most effective job of the day.

Ted Wilks and Eldred Byerly of the champion St. Louis Cardinals collaborated in a losing four-hitter, the Cubs winning 3 to 2 at Chicago on a ninth inning single by Don Johnson. Byerly was tabbed with the defeat and old Paul Derringer, who went the route, gained the victory, his 508th in the National league competition.

Outfielder Dain Clay gave the Reds a 7 to 6 victory in the 11th over the Pittsburgh Pirates before 30,069 fans at Cincinnati, largest of the opening day crowds. He hit a single with the bases loaded to break up the game, after giving Cincinnati a lead in the fifth on a homer with three bases.

Curt Davis, loan dean of the

## Baseball Standings

National:	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000

American:	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000

Pacific Coast:	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	12	4	.750
Portland	11	5	.688
Sacramento	9	8	.529
Oakland	8	8	.500
San Diego	8	8	.500
San Francisco	7	10	.412
Los Angeles	6	10	.375
Hollywood	4	12	.250

Dodger pitching staff, hit and hurled his team to an 8 to 2 victory over the Phillies at Brooklyn. He scattered eight hits effectively and smashed a two run homer.

The Giants gave their ace pitcher, Bill Voiselle, an easy victory at Boston, swamping the Braves 11 to 6 with a 15-hit attack, which included homers by Ernie Lombardi and Phil Weintraub.

## Seals Beat Sacs In Slugging Bee

The Pacific Coast league season will officially open today in two more cities — Seattle and Portland.

Manager Bill Skiff's Rainiers, currently leading the circuit with 13 victories in 16 starts against the California entries, will entertain the Oakland Acons, who'll second-place Portland will meet the tallent Hollywood Stars.

In the only scheduled game last night, the San Francisco Seals, staggered through to an 11-9 win over the Sacramento Solons. Lefty O'Doul's sluggers rolled up a 10-run lead in the first five innings, but the Solons came to life in the sixth and seventh with seven runs and almost tied up the game before Bob Bartholon came in from the bullpen to stop them.

Knuckles Pierrey received credit for the win, although he was the victim of the Sacramento uprising. The losers got 14 hits, three more than the Seals could obtain off four Solon choppers. Joe Flornick and Bruce Ogdowski each pounded out three hits in five trips to pace the San Francisco attack.



**BACK STROKE CHAMP** — Marion Falconer Pontaco of San Francisco, flashes a victory smile after she won the 100 yard backstroke championship in national women's AAU swim meet at Chicago.

## Cougar Return to Gridiron Brightens Coast Prospects

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 (UP) — Washington State's announcement that it will field a football team next fall was regarded today as an indication that the Pacific coast conference may be at almost full strength for the 1945 Rose Bowl bid campaign.

The Cougars' return to the annual autumnal follies, observers predicted, will be the signal for similar moves by Oregon, Oregon State and Stanford, all of whom wrapped their moleskins in mothballs in 1943 because of an alleged lack of manpower.

Only Idaho and Montana are expected to remain on the sidelines. California, Southern California, Washington and the University of California at Los Angeles have maintained teams throughout the war.

Graduate Manager Al Masters of Stanford recently said there was no reason to be optimistic over the Indians' revival of football, but the Palo Alto school undoubtedly will follow WSC's lead, if the male enrollment increases.

Glenn (Pop) Warner, former Stanford coach, told Masters he would be glad to take on the job again for the duration. Pop believes Stanford even now has enough men to form a fair team.

The way St. Mary's carried on under Jimmy Phelan with a student body of approximately 125 is a testimonial to the fact that it can be done.

## Elgin Takes 10-0 Game From Cove

Elgin's baseball team last night won another when it defeated Cove at Elgin, 10 to 0. Cove received only one hit, in the seventh inning.

R H E  
Cove 0 1 6  
Elgin 10 7 1  
Batteries: Cove, White and Rundell; Elgin, Clark and Wilks.

## Tie in Bowling Results in League Standing Split

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pts.
Farnam Supply	25	17	34
Service Wholesale	24	18	33
Coca-Cola	23	19	30
Loree's Builders	21	21	30
Observer	18	24	26
Shell Oil	20	22	25
Richfield	19	23	24
Cherry's Florists	17	25	22

A tie for total pins in the final game of the men's bowling league last night resulted in another tie for third place in the men's bowling league as the season came to an end.

The Observer and Loree Builders teams rolled series totals of 2,671 pins each, and the Observer five won the point on a toss-up. This gave the Loree team two game points and a tie for third place in the league standing with the Coca-Cola five, which made a clean sweep of three games and series over the Cherry Florists.

Ferey McDucett of the Coca-Cola rolled the high individual game of 222, and tied with his team mate Carl Flanory for high series of 540.

Men's singles and doubles play are scheduled for April 23, 24 and 30 and May 1.

Prizes for the league season will be awarded Monday and Tuesday.

Last night's scores:

Observer	1st	2nd	3rd	TTL.
Jones	122	157	190	529
Olson	165	155	110	430
England	162	136	165	463
Sherrill	121	145	155	421
Cavanaugh	185	179	134	498
Handicap	110	110	110	330
Totals	925	892	894	2671

Loree Builders	1st	2nd	3rd	TTL.
Loree	150	132	130	411
Farnam	145	145	163	453
G. Smith	156	134	299	589
Palmer	174	153	115	442
Hargett	200	147	175	522
Karther	175	175	175	525
Handicap	119	119	105	343
Totals	944	855	872	2671

Coca-Cola	1st	2nd	3rd	TTL.
Williams	133	142	171	446
Gray	112	177	147	436
Murphy	190	170	135	495
McDucett	157	222	161	540
Flanory	176	165	199	540
Handicap	168	168	168	504
Totals	936	1044	901	2981

Cherry's Florists	1st	2nd	3rd	TTL.
G. Courtney	150	140	154	444
Murphy	133	132	109	374
R-nick	132	123	149	404
Yeske	165	155	170	490
Sperling	155	171	177	503
Handicap	187	187	187	561
Totals	922	913	946	2781

## Liberty Presents Romantic Comedy

A romantic comedy of a GI Joe and his bride, titled "The Impatient Years," opens today at the Liberty theater, starring Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn.

It is the story of a worried bride and her soldier husband falling in love again after he has been away at war for 18 months, during which both are worried by misgivings about whether their love would endure.

The romance cools and divorce is imminent, but the marriage finally is saved by the girl's father (Coburn) and the judge.

## Today We Pay Tribute to—



Pvt. Kenneth D. Brown, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown, route 2, La Grande, a member of the marine corps, who was killed in action on Iwo Jima on February 19.

He attended Greenwood elementary school and La Grande high school. Before entering the service January 31, 1944, he was employed in a radio shop in Portland.

He operated a 30 caliber heavy machine gun. He received his training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Tinker field at Oklahoma City was narrowly missed by the vicious tornado which swept through sections of Oklahoma last week, Lt. Avis Ferris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Morgan of La Grande, has written.

Lt. Ferris dramatically described the action of the tornado which passed half a mile from the field. Driving to the city after it had passed, she saw uprooted trees, downed wires and a house lifted from its foundations and deposited 50 yards away. She described as very fortunate the fact that the tornado missed the field and its thickly populated areas where damage would have been frightful.

Tinker field is in charge of the army service command. B-29's are stationed there.

## Income Tax Returns Swamp State Staff

SALEM, Ore., April 18 (UP)—It will probably be another two weeks before all state income tax returns are tabulated, Earl Fisher, tax commissioner in charge of income taxes, said today.

There were nearly 50,000 unopened envelopes containing mailed-in returns yesterday, he said, following the Monday midnight deadline.

About 450,000 returns were sent to taxpayers this year. Fisher estimated total income tax receipts may total more than \$12,000,000 this year.

## Pyle Mistaken For Admiral by GI

(Continued from Page 1) mander said. "One company could hold off a whole battalion for days. If the Japs had defended these hills they could have kept us fighting for a week."

The company commander was a young man with a soft southern tongue and his black hair was almost shaved. He was a little yellow from taking atabrine.

He is Capt. Julian Dusenbury from Claussen, S. C. He is easy going with his men, and you could tell they liked him. It happened that his birthday was on April 1—the Easter Sunday we landed on Okinawa. He was 24 that day. His mother had written him she hoped he'd have a happy birthday.

"That was the happiest birthday present I ever had," he said, "going through the day without a single casualty in the company."

While I was aboard ship somebody had walked off with my fatigue and combat jackets. So the ship gave me one of those navy jackets, lined with fleece, which is actually much warmer and nicer than what I had.

On the back of it had stenciled in big white letters: U. S. navy. I had it on when I first walked through the company's defense area. Later that evening we were sitting on the ground around a little fire, warming our supper of K rations. By that time I'd got acquainted with a good many of the boys and we felt at home with one another.

We had some real coffee and we poured it into our canteen cups and sat around drinking it before dark.

Then one of the boys started laughing to himself and said to me: "You know, when you first showed up, we saw that big navy stenciled on your back and after you passed, I said to the others: 'That guy's an admiral. Look at the old grey-haired 'so-and-so'—He's been in the navy all his life. He'll get a medal out of this, sure as hell.'"

The originator of this bright idea was Pfc. Albert Schwab of Tulsa, Okla. He's a flamethrower and flamethrowers have to be rugged guys, for the apparatus they carry weighs about 75 pounds, and also they are very much addicted to getting shot at by the enemy.

## Layoff of 50,000 In Shipyard Imminent

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (UP)—War manpower commission officials attending a western region meeting here today anticipated layoff of 45,000 to 50,000 west coast shipyard workers in June and July.

P. M. Kenefic, chief of recruitment, said the first to go will be women and older workers, most of whom took war jobs for patriotic reasons.

## New Insecticide to Combat Tree Pest

SEASIDE, Ore., April 18 (UP)—The war-born insecticide "DDT" will be used, if available, to fight the hemlock looper, which threatens to destroy marketable timber in Clatsop county.

The U. S. forest service has worked out plans to spray the infested area with insecticide from airplanes and Seaside has agreed to cooperate. DDT is non-toxic and therefore would be permissible for protection of the city's watershed.

## OREGON JURIST HONORED

SALEM, Ore., April 18 (UP)—Associate Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court has been appointed chairman of a nationwide criminal procedure study committee. The committee will study the application of the rules of the state courts relative to improving criminal court procedure.

## Carbon War News Phone Calls Asked

An urgent request to the public to avoid unnecessary telephone calls when rumors of peace come and when V-E day brings news of victory in Europe, has been made by John Cavanaugh, manager of the West Coast telephone company.

"Between now and V-E day, when you hear rumors of peace, please wait for further confirmation in the newspaper... and do not clog telephone lines by calling newspapers," he said.

"Your telephone company will greatly appreciate your co-operation in helping to avert a serious telephone crisis."

## WRIGHT GETS NOD

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (UP)—"Chaiky" Wright, 132, of Durango, Mex., took a 10-round split decision last night from Willie Joyce, 136, of Gary, Ind., a 1-5 favorite.

## It's Time to Lubricate Your Car

A LUBRICATION SPECIALIST HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR STAFF

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TIM RYAN

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Vera Vague Comedy  
PARAMOUNT NEWS

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THEY THOUGHT MARRIAGE MEANT TONIGHT and MOONLIGHT

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Columbia Pictures

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LEE BOWMAN  
CHARLES COBURN

Irving Cummings

## The Impatient Years

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