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Potent Pirate

Third baseman Hoy Elliott is one of numerous reasons why the Pirates are the Cardinals' most serious challengers. He has batted in more than 100 runs for two seasons.



Mound Records in Majors Doubtful

Few Hurlers Likely to Win 20 Games

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP)—What are the chances of a pitcher winning 20 or more games in this talent-rattened major league baseball season?

Using 1944's war-time standards as a yardstick the outlook is pretty slim, even though the batting isn't as sharp or as consistent as the pre-Pearl Harbor variety.

White Sox Are Surprise of Bea League Baseball

CHICAGO, April 24 (UP)—The White Sox, a blend of eight old men and a 19-year-old infielder, are the unexpected darlings of Chicago today.

As major league baseball heads into the second week of the 1945 season, the Sox are the only undefeated team in the big leagues with five straight victories. To turn the trick, Manager Jimmie Dykes' gang of castoffs have become hitting terrors and Chicago loves 'em.

The Sox, even with 19-year-old Cass Michaels at shortstop, average more than 30 years of age. In pre-season ratings, experts labeled them a faltering second division team. Even the eloquent Dykes, chewing hard on a cigar, said, "We'll probably finish where we did last year—seventh."

Batting Average High

But the Sox have been running wild. They opened against Cleveland and won two games there before returning to Chicago and taking three straight from the St. Louis Browns, American League champions. Players who usually hit in the 200 circle are hitting above .400. An infield which Dykes admitted had several holes has been impregnable. The weary arms of an old men's pitching corps suddenly have come to life.

Sunday's doubleheader, with the Browns, almost cancelled because of inclement weather, drew 13,701 fans in 30-degree temperatures. Dykes' hardy gang goes after victory No. 6 today against the Tigers.

The team is hitting .352 and the outfield is blasting the ball at a 420 clip.

The odds are sky high, but there is always the possibility that the Sox could be the raggs to riches gang of 1945, just as the Browns were last year.

Fight Results

By United Press

Detroit—Charlie Smith, 133, Newark, N. J., outpointed Louis Spencer, Detroit, 101; Pete Bortz, 124, Detroit, outpointed Koko Ortiz, 122, Mexico City (6).

Holyoke, Mass.—Lige Drew, 148, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Henry Jordan, 144, Philadelphia (10).

Philadelphia—Johnny Carter, 161, Philadelphia, outpointed Maria Ochoa, 163, Havana (10).

Baltimore—Archie Moore, 160, St. Louis, stopped Teddy Randolph, 182, New York (9).

Newark, N. J.—Charles (Cabo) Lewis, 129, Havana, outpointed George Cooper, 129, Baltimore (10).

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Beavers in For Tough Going To Hold Top Spot

By United Press

Six Pacific coast league baseball teams swing back into action tonight in pursuit of the elusive league leadership.

Portland, currently in front, and Seattle have monopolized the top-place honors through most of the first four weeks of play and appear in no danger of losing that honor for at least two weeks.

The Beavers take on Oakland tonight; Seattle meets Hollywood, and San Francisco enters San Diego. Sacramento plays Los Angeles this week, but the two teams start off with a double-header on Wednesday.

Acorns Stop Rainiers

Manager Bill Skiff's Rainier sluggers fell off considerably against good Oakland pitching over the past week and the Oaks annexed a tough 4-3 series and knocked the northerners out of the top rung.

The high-spot Beavers will not find the pickings quite so easy against the Oakland aggregation, with Manager Dolph Camilli ever a threat as a pinch-hitter (he hit a homer in that role Sunday) and young Vic Picetti sparking the club with his sensational play, the Acorns have become one of the finest all-around clubs in the league.

The very surprising San Diego Padres, tied with the Oaks for third place and only four games out of first, will be gunning for another series win over the Seals. Manager Pepper Martin's outfit, which downed Los Angeles last week, 4-3, is hot stuff.

The Sacramento Solons can be classed as one of the harder-hitting outfits, but their pitching hasn't been anything to brag about and that appears to be keeping them out of the first division.



By LEO H. PETERSEN
UP Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP)—The last stronghold of the single wing appeared to be giving away today to the modern version of one of the oldest formations in football—the "T."

Spring practice sessions or statements from coaches indicate that at least three more eastern schools will get aboard the "T" bandwagon this fall. They are Navy, which probably will use the formation only part time; Cornell and Colgate, where Andy Kerr will mix it with his double wing trickery.

Despite the success which resulted from the switch to the "T" after Clark Shaughnessy and Stanford eleven of 1940 popularized the system in college ranks, the east generally held aloof. There were a few clubs—most notably Army—which decided to try the "T" but for the most part the colleges and universities decided the single wing was good enough.

The change in the rules whereby a team next fall will be able to pass from any point behind the line of scrimmage, instead of five yards back, is expected to add to the list of "T" converts. Georgia Tech, Minnesota and Kansas, among others, are going to give it a try.

The "T" has come a long way since it first was used years ago. The system was discarded for a long time because it played too much emphasis on expert ball handling. Even after Shaughnessy brought it back, a lot of coaches decided against trying it for they felt it did not suit their material. But so many changes have come into the "T" since then that a coach can modify it to fit almost any kind of material.

And while some coaches before that Stanford 1940 team used to experiment with the formation there was only one man through the years who stuck with it. That man was George Halas, the owner of the Chicago Bears, and the success which he had with it soon began to make an impression on other coaches.

But the "T" that Halas used wasn't very much like the original formation. He used the unbalanced instead of the balanced line. Then one day, when Red Grange still was galloping on the gridirons, the former Illinois star made a mistake and ran wide on a blocking assignment before the ball was snapped. Halas saw the potentialities then of a man in motion and it has become one of the few set standards of the "T."

1,000 ENTER RELAYS

DES MOINES, Ia., April 24 (UP)—Relays Director M. E. Easton and today more than 1,000 athletes from 131 colleges, universities, high schools and grade schools will compete in the 26th annual Drake relays Friday and Saturday.

A capable supporting cast is seen with Bing Crosby in the motion picture "Going My Way," now showing at the Liberty theater.

Heading the list are Rise Stevens, opera star, Barry Fitzgerald, in the role of an elderly priest, and Frank McHugh as a young member of the priesthood and schoolmate of Crosby.

Gene Lockhart has the role of a cantina barker, and romantic interest is supplied by James Brown and Jean Heather.

The story is that of a young priest (Crosby), who is sent to the parish of Father Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald) to solve a number of problems that have arisen, and it was his performance in this role that brought him the academy award for 1944.



ERNIE PYLE'S ISLAND GRAVE — In memory of Ernie Pyle—buried on embattled Ie Shima alongside five enlisted men of the sort whose champion he had become—the 77th infantry division erected this sign over the famed war correspondent's grave.

Pyle Gets Laugh When Marines Don Jap Kimonos

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had burned and only ashes and red roofing tile were left. Wandering around, I counted the bodies of four Okinawans still in the streets. Otherwise the town was deserted.

The people had fled to their caves in the hillsides, taking most of their personal belongings with them. There is almost no furniture in Japanese houses, so they didn't have to worry about that. After a few days the grapevine carried the word to them that we were treating them well so they began to come out in droves and give themselves up. I heard one story about 100 Okinawa civilians who had a Jap soldier among them, and when they realized the atrocity stories he had told them about the Americans were untrue, our MPs had to step in to keep them from beating him.

Our company commander picked out a nice little house on a rise at the edge of town for his command post.

The house was very light, fairly clean, and the floors were covered with woven straw mats. A couple of officers and a dozen men moved into the house and slept on the floor and we cooked our rations over an open stone cookstove in the rear.

Then the word went around for the men of the company to dig in for a few days. Two platoons were assigned to dig in along the outer sides of the nearby hills for perimeter defense.

The boys were told they could keep the houses they had commandeered, that they could carry wooden panels out of the houses to make little doghouses for themselves, but not to take anything else, and that they could have fires, except during air alerts.

Different men did different things. Some built elaborate houses about the size of chicken houses, with floor mats and chairs and even kerosene lanterns hanging from the roof.

One Mexican boy dug a hole, covered it with boards, and then camouflaged it so perfectly with brush you really couldn't see it.

Some spent the afternoon taking baths and washing clothes in the river. Some rode bicycles around town. Some rode their horses up and down. Some foraged around town through the deserted houses. Some went looking for chickens to cook. Some sat in groups and talked. Some just slept.

An order went out against wearing Jap clothing or eating any of the local vegetables, pork, beef or rice. But this was before the order came out.

The marines had dug up lots of Japanese kimono out of the smashed houses and put them on while washing their one set of clothes. If you ever want to see a funny sight, just take a look at a few dozen dirty and unshaven marines walking around in women's pink and blue kimono.

A typical example was Pvt. Raymond Adams of Pleasant, Tenn. He had fixed himself a dugout right on the bluff above the river. He had a grand view and a nice little grassy yard. Out there he had built a fire. He hung his helmet over the fire like a kettle and was stewing chicken. He had

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Sgt. Walter H. Goven, 37, son of Mrs. Frank Mason of Elgin, who is stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco.

He attended school in Elgin and was employed at the Moore mill there before entering the army in September, 1910. He is mess sergeant with his company. He was a member of the national guard.

He was married May, 1914, to Betty Wickersham, who is with him in San Francisco.

Three Are Quizzed On Child's Murder

SEATTLE, April 24 (UP)—Police rounded up three persons for questioning today as they searched for the "sexually depraved fiend" who killed and ravaged five-year-old Irma Irene McGough in the junk-filled warehouse of a charity salvage center.

A woman who allegedly hindered the efforts of detectives in obtaining information, a 64-year-old man, and a 19-year-old youth were jailed as the investigation got underway. But detectives said they still are searching for the slayer.

The little victim was the daughter of James McGough, a shipyard worker who brought his wife and four children here from Portland and found shelter at the St. Vincent De Paul salvage center after eviction from a hotel a week ago.

Her torn, half-clothed body was found late yesterday after she had been missing for 16 hours.

taken off his clothes and put on a beautiful pink and white kimono.

Later a friend came along with a Jap bicycle with one pedal off, and Adams tried without much success to ride it up and down a nearby lane.

If there ever is a war play about marines I hope they include our tough-looking private in a pink-and-white kimono, stewing chicken and trying to ride a one pedalled bicycle through a shattered Japanese village.

Private Adams is married and has a boy eight-months old he has never seen. If the baby could have seen his father that day he would probably have got the colic from laughing so much.

Lemonade is called "lemon squash" in England.

"Money to Burn" Was Order in Hawaii Millions Went up in Smoke of Refinery

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP)—The subject today is heavy sugar, or how to light a cigaret (if you can find one) with a \$1,000 bill and get away with it, none the poorer.

What I've got is one of those now-it-can-be-told yarns. The government already has announced that after Pearl Harbor, it called in all the currency in Hawaii and replaced it with special Hawaiian islands money. That was so, if the Japs did invade, the cash would be no good to 'em any place else.

Now comes Stafford Austin, manager of the Honolulu Plantation Co., to tell what a nuisance money can be when you're trying to get rid of it in large gobs. He finally used about \$70,000,000 to boil down some sugar in his refinery.

Just Like Other Sugar

It may be that you used some of this sugar on your corn-flakes this morning. Austin says it tastes like any other sugar, however, and not to worry. He and the treasury department already have done that.

When the experts decided to call in the regular money in Hawaii, they issued dollars with the word "Hawaii" printed on the backs. The regular currency piled up in small mountains in the back rooms of all the banks.

The treasury people decided it was too costly to ship this money back to the mainland, Austin said. "They thought they'd better burn it. They took it out to a crematory and stoked up the crematory, but that money turned out to be almost fireproof. It came in tight packages and they would char, but they wouldn't burn."

The firemen nearly burned out the crematory, trying to burn their money. Then they wondered if the furnaces in our refinery might do the trick.

Refinery Does the Trick

"These have strong drafts and big combustion chambers to burn bagasse, which is the refuse of the sugar cane after the sugar has been squeezed out, and which doesn't burn much easier than money. I told 'em I'd be glad to let 'em try."

"They came out next day with their money trucks, their military guards and their sirens howling. We fired up the furnaces and stoked 'em with millions of dollars, and sugar production never was better. One morning we burned \$5,000,000."

"I burned \$20,000 in new fives myself with one throw. It was quite a sensation. I can tell you. (It must have been.) We kept burning money for about two weeks. The treasury never would say how much we burnt, but estimating how many bills you can get on one shovel-load, we figured we must have burned about \$70,000,000 worth."

Costly Cigaret Light
"The youngsters in the army who served as guards took this as their chance to light cigarets with \$1,000 bills. They wanted to have their picture taken doing it, but the treasury said nothing doing. Some kind of law against it."

The refinery returned eventually to using cane again for fuel. "That is, until a few weeks ago," Austin said. "Then it began to look like those Japs weren't go-

City News In Brief

A state examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the La Grande city hall from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friday to conduct examinations of those seeking licenses or permits to operate motor vehicles.

Edna Pratt, 1812 H avenue, paid a \$1 fine in municipal court yesterday for failure to stop at a stop sign. William C. Seales, 1715 V avenue, was fined \$20 for driving 35 miles an hour in a 15-mile-limit zone.

City police reports today show cars driven by Allen W. Martin, Walla Walla air base, and Everett D. Moody of Union, sideswiped or they passed on highway 30 east of La Grande about 10:30 p. m. Sunday. Martin's car was damaged. Vehicles driven by A. V. Fisher of Alicel and Charles Mangren of Cove collided at 3 p. m. Sunday, about 16 miles east of Cove in Antels lane. No damage was reported.

Mrs. Charlotte Thomas and Mrs. Virginia Hester have accepted positions at the Interior Grocery company. Both are former employees with that company. Mrs. Gladys Todd is replacing Mrs. Thomas as acting secretary to the president of Eastern Oregon college.

ing to invade Hawaii after all. The treasury began calling in the war money and trading it back for regular. Now our refinery is loading up the furnaces with the special money."

It's turning out heavy sugar, just as sweet, according to Austin, but no sweeter than the regular kind.

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Columbia Basin Mapping Delayed

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP)—Transfer of scarce equipment from the geological survey to army engineers in foreign war theaters will postpone some phases of Columbia river basin mapping until after June, 1946.

C. P. Pendleton, chief topographic engineer for the interior department, told a house appropriations committee during hearings released today the mapping of the basin would be used for development of the Columbia river project and for general information. Pendleton said the status of mapping in the basin was "deplorable."

"I would say that only about eight percent of the state of Washington is mapped and probably that same percentage should apply to other states which are in the Columbia basin," Pendleton said.

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