

MAJOR LEAGUES TO START RACE TODAY

Giants Meet Boston at Home and St. Louis Engages Cubs at Chicago.

RED SOX MEET ATHLETICS

In American Circuit Several Stars Will Be Missing, Chief Among Whom Are Cobb and Chance.

CHICAGO, April 9.—With the West side grounds already saturated from the rain today and the weather man promising more, the prospect for the opening of the National League season here tomorrow with Chicago and St. Louis as the opposing clubs, did not look bright tonight.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Firing will begin along virtually the entire line in major league baseball tomorrow. Formal openings in seven cities will mark the real start of the American and National League pennant races.

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In New York the champion Giants will meet the Boston. In the West, St. Louis plays Chicago. The Cincinnati field has been adjourned for two days for play and the season there will not open until Saturday.

Red Sox Open at Home. There was no preliminary opening in the American League and the first games in that circuit are scheduled for tomorrow.

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Highlanders Are Handicapped. The form which the National League champions will show in their game with Stallings' men here also is a matter of interest.

Frank Chance's Highlanders, pursued as in former seasons by "W. M." with accidents to several of the team's mainstays, already recorded, will go into its game with Washington seriously handicapped.

Phillies Defeat Brooklyn. Superbas Lose Special National League Game, 1 to 0.

BROOKLYN, April 9.—Philadelphia beat Brooklyn in the special opening game of the National League season, which marked the formal occupation of Ebbett's Field today.

Benny Meyer, the heavy-hitting recruit from Toronto, lost the game for Rucker in the first inning. With one out, Knabe pitched a double play, muffed Lobert's foul in the sunfield, but Stengel overcame this error by making a sensational catch of a long fly from the home run.

Knicker was taken out in the eighth, when, with one out, Fisher and Miller made scratch hits and Callahan was sent in as a pinch batter.

Chance and McGraw Start Trimming to 25-Man Limit.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Major league baseball teams here already have begun cutting down their strings in preparation for compliance with the 25-player limit rule.

President Wilson to Attend Nation's Executive Will Pledge First Ball in Washington Game.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Dropping tariff schedules for the baseball schedule, President Wilson is expected to open the American League season here tomorrow by tossing the first ball in the game between Washington and New York.

Cincinnati Game Postponed. The opening baseball game of the 1913 season here scheduled for tomorrow with the Pitts-

QUINTET OF NATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGERS WHOSE REAL WORRIES BEGIN TODAY.



George Stallings, Boston; Charles Doolin, Philadelphia; and others.



Johnny Evers, Chicago; Joe Tinker, Cincinnati; and J. J. McGraw, New York.

burg club of the National League, today was postponed until Saturday, April 12. The local grounds, which had been inundated, had just been cleared of water.

STAR ATHLETES TO COMPETE Preparatory Collegians Ruled Into Stanford Meet Saturday.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 9.—Under a ruling of the interscholastic board of governors today, Beckes, of Occidental preparatory, and Bergstrom, of the University of Southern California preparatory department, may compete next Saturday in the Stanford Pacific Coast interscholastic field and track meet.

Women Salesmen of Buttons Get Results and President McCredie Offers Unsold Boxes to New Organization.

Ray Barkhurst, chairman of the membership committee of the Portland Baseball Boosters' Club, placed six of seven women button salesmen into the field yesterday and as a result the membership of the wildly enthusiastic organization soared above the 1900 mark.

Ball Park Made Over Entrances Remodeled and New Boxes Installed.

Diamond and Outfield as Smooth as Billiard Table—Canvas Canopies to Keep Rain From Bases.

When Portland ball fans assemble at the local orchard April 15 they will hardly know the old place.

PLAYERS SEEK HEARINGS Fraternal Order Asks Reasonable Protection in Suspension.

NEW YORK, April 9.—David Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, sent a letter today to Presidents Lynch and Johnson of the National and American Leagues, respectively, asking them to revise their procedure in disciplining players.

FRANKIE BURNS TO FIGHT Azevedo to Be Opponent in Ten-Round Bout Wednesday.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 9.—For the first time since he lost to Harlem Tom Murphy in San Francisco, three months ago, Frankie Burns will be seen in the ring next Wednesday night.

ANGELS SUPER SHUTOUT Sacramento Takes Game, 4 to 0, in Errorless Contest.

"HUG" HAS OFF DAY AND BEAVERS LOSE

Oakland Administers Defeat to Portland and Score Closes 4 to 1.

HAGERMAN IS WILD ALSO

Stanley Allowed Inning—Chance Makes Good Showing—Fitzgerald Makes Rare Three-Bagger and Lindsay Stars at Bat.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS table with columns for W, L, P, C and team names like Los Angeles, Portland, etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—(Special)—Ernie Higginbotham fell from grace today, allowing Honus Mitze's Oaks to trounce the Beavers.

Higginbotham was far from being in his usual shape on the mound as he was on opening day, when he let the Seals down with five hits and the fusillade was so strong before the fifth inning was more than under way that he was retired in favor of Rip Hagerman.

Malarkey, the veteran Oakland twirler, on the other hand, was very much of a stumbling block. He held the Beavers to six hits that were scattered in all save one inning, when, thanks to the fleetness of Justin Fitzgerald, the Beavers tallied their only run.

Stanley Makes Showing. Higginbotham was no more wild in the closing than Hagerman, who followed him, although the latter might have stayed out the limit but that McCredie elected to use a pinch pitcher.

There has been some talk that McCredie would like to turn Stanley over to his Northwestern League club, if waltzers can be secured, but after Stanley's brief appearance of today there isn't much chance that he will be allowed to withdraw from the league.

Bill Lindsay was the bright and shining star of the Beavers in the hit column, coming with a choice assortment of three—just half the sum total for the Oregonians.

Fitzgerald's Feat Rare. It was the daring of Justin Fitzgerald on the bases that brought the visitors their only run. Fitzgerald accomplished a feat that is rarely successful, getting a three-bagger on a hit to right field.

While the fielders were busy recovering Fitzgerald was engaged in sprinting around the bases and when he finally had to call a halt he was at third, from which position Lindsay sent him home with a single. The score: Portland 1, Oakland 4.

Box score for the game between Portland and Oakland, showing runs, hits, errors, and player statistics.

VENICE SHUTS OUT SEALS Both Koestner and Douglas Pitch Air-Tight Baseball.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 9.—A base on balls, an error by Cartwright and a delayed double steal gave Venice one run in the first inning of today's game and they were never headed by the Seals.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 9.—(Special)—Haltom, probably the best racehorse ever raised in Oregon, will be one of the attractions at the horse show in the city April 25 and 26.

ABERDEEN SENIORS WIN. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 9.—(Special)—Seniors outclassed other teams in the Aberdeen High School indoor track meet held here Monday night.

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JONES LAUDS COLT TEAM "FASTEST INFIELD ON PACIFIC COAST," IS PHRASE.

Mohler, Coltrin and Bancroft Form Ideal Combination With Nick to Bulwark Them at First.

"The fastest infield on the Pacific Coast and one of the fastest in the country," is the way Fielder A. Jones, president of the Northwest League, characterizes the Portland Colt combination of Williams, Mohler, Coltrin and Bancroft.

Williams will pilot his squad into Portland Friday night and give them a workout Saturday morning in preparation for Vaughn-street park's first diamond offering of the season.

Williams plans to use Grot and Callahan, his southpaw twirlers, against the Giants, as the colored chaps have five or six left-handed batsmen in the lineup.

The new Colt uniforms were placed on exhibition at the Archer & Wiggins sporting goods store yesterday.

Haskell Indians World Come. WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.

Table titled 'Beaver Batting Averages' listing player names and their batting statistics.

Advertisement for 'Arrow Collar' featuring a 'Belmont-Madras' collar in white striped Madras fabric.