

# Men's Noisy on the Eastern Front as Major Teams Start

## NO DEPRESSION VISIBLE THERE

### Clubs Strengthened, Stars Raised in pay for An- nual Struggle

By ALAN GOULD  
NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—It's a fair and war along the baseball front for the grand opening of the major league season tomorrow.

Far from feeling any pinch of the times, the 16 American and National league clubs have marshaled reinforcements, increased the wages of many of their star performers and otherwise set the stage for a gala getaway as well as a brisk campaign and big business all summer long.

Approximately 230,000 fans are expected to turn out for the eight opening games, prepared to give the great American sport an appropriate sendoff and attack the fresh supplies of peanuts, popcorn and soda pop with patriotic enthusiasm.

Hoover to Toss  
First Horseshoe

President Hoover heads the list of notables who will figure in the opening ceremonies, featured, according to time-honored custom, by formal parades, floral tokens and the hoisting of flags.

The president, who saw the Philadelphia Athletics clinch the world's series in the American league last October, will be on hand to watch Connie Mack's champions start the defense of their title against the Washington Senators, generally regarded as their outstanding rival for the American league honors this year.

There will be no special attraction, except the annual debut of the one and only Babe Ruth, but the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox expect to draw an opening day crowd of 50,000 to the Yankee stadium. This was the top figure in advance estimates for all openers.

More than 40,000, including Commissioner Landis, may see Roger Hornsby and his Chicago Cubs start the National league campaign against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Wrigley field, Chicago.

Wild Scramble in  
National Forenoon

The five clubs picked to wage a merry scramble for the championship now held by the St. Louis Cardinals, who play the Reds at Cincinnati.

John A. Heidler, president of the National league, planned to see the New York Giants open the season at Philadelphia, while the rampaging Brooklyn Robins journeyed to Boston to trade heavy hitters with the Braves.

The Detroit Tigers will play the Browns at St. Louis, featuring a southpaw duel between Earl Whitehill and Walter Stewart, while the Chicago White Sox oppose the Indians at Cleveland in a game involving two "dark horse" contenders for American league honors.

MANHATTAN  
KAYO OVER VOGEL

SILVERTON, April 13.—Ray Jannan of Silvertown knocked out Big Bill Vogel of Salem here tonight in the first round of a substitute main event. Andy Joerg was billed to meet Johnny Snell, but Joerg was injured in an automobile accident Sunday in which another man was killed.

Bobby Ambrose won an unusual type of technical knockout from One Round Shuley in the third round when Shuley became "pneved" at a warning from the referee and walked out of the ring much to the amusement of the beholders.

Young Johnson knocked out Red Witterat of Salem in the second round, Douglas of Silvertown won a four round decision over Benwick of Salem and Rudy Arthur won a decision over Sid Norton in the four round curtain raiser.

"More, the man they can't kill," permitted himself to be frozen into a statue of ice and left there 30 minutes. This he drew almost as much interest as the fights.

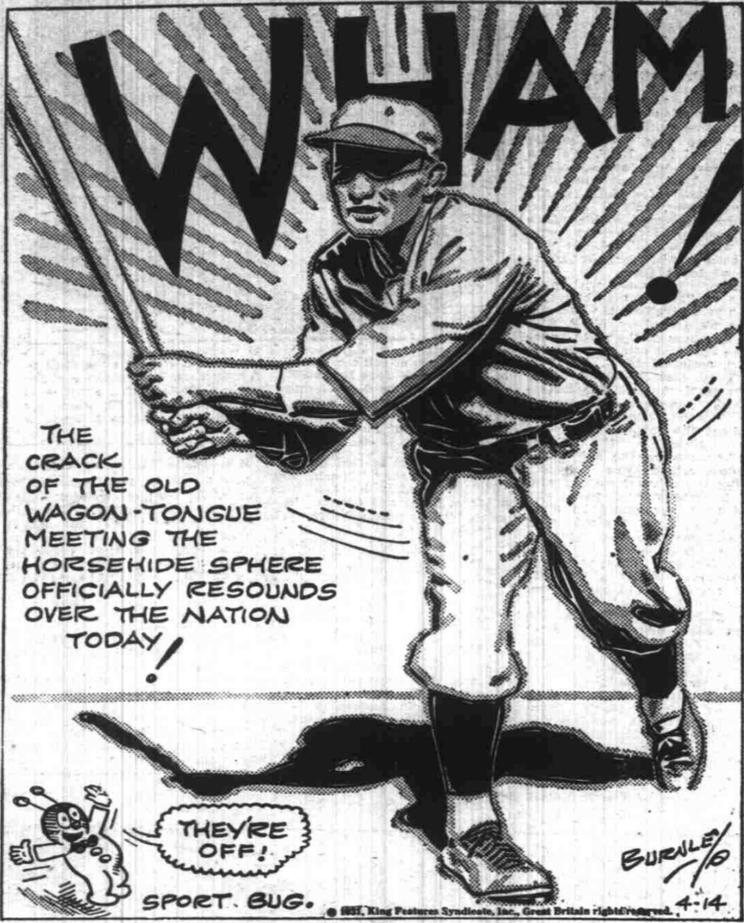
Those expecting to make the trip include: first team—Dr. L. E. Barrick, captain; Nile Hiburn, Keith Brown, Lloyd Gregg, Elmore Hill and Paul Acton; second team—Bryman Bolso, Bob Elliott, O. F. West, C. Page, captain; Floyd Mason and Schellie.

Each of Salem and Portland took three contests in their practice game Saturday night.

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## "Grandma's Day" Arrives

By HARDIN BURNLEY



TIME-TATTERED and threadbare though the ancient gag is, this is the day—consecrated in the memory of the national game—when grandmothers "die" wholesale in order that office boys and other youngsters can get off to see "de opener" in cities where the major league teams start the 1931 season, weather permitting.

In Washington, D. C., President Hoover at this writing is expected to throw the first ball opening the 1931 season and the game between Walter Johnson's Senators and Connie Mack's World's Champion Philadelphia Athletics. It will be the first public test of the new ball, featuring heavier seams,

which may help presidential control even if they do not trap the rabbit" which, for several seasons, has put the home-run pellet in the class with machine-gun ammunition.

At New York City, the Yankees will start operations under their new manager, Joe McCarthy, who is such a tactful disciplinarian that Babe Ruth abandoned most of his golfing program during the recent training period. The Boston Red Sox probably will play the sacrificial role for the first 1931 league demonstration by the Yanks "murderers" row.

The St. Louis Browns will entertain the Detroit Tigers, and the Cleveland Indians will be at home

to the Chicago White Sox in the rest of today's American League openers.

In the National League, the New York Giants will try to feast on the Phillies at Philadelphia; the Brooklyn Robins (twittering with potential batting power) will try to bombard the Braves at Boston; the Champion St. Louis Cardinals should sock the Reds at Cincinnati; and the Pittsburgh Pirates will bomb, or be bombed by, the Cubs in Chicago.

The new ball (ballyhooed as "a break for the pitchers"), Babe Ruth, the possible effect of hard times on gate receipts—all these are foremost in fans' minds as the 1931 season gets under way.

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## BEARCATS WIN TROOP TRIUMPH

### Willamette Hurters Look Good in First Tilt; Score 12 to 1

The Willamette baseball team held a practice scrimmage with the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth Monday afternoon and was ahead 12 to 1 at the end of seven innings of play.

Doby Wood allowed the teachers only two hits and one of them got any hits from Andy Peterson. Both of the Bearcat pitchers showed up well. The Normal team had one good pitcher and he served him well to hit which was just what Coach "Spec" Keene wanted. Adams and Zeke proved to be the heavy artillery of the afternoon and several of the others touched the Monmouth pitcher up for hits.

The field at Monmouth was perfectly dry while the field at Willamette is still wet. "Spec" used several of the subs in the game. Wednesday afternoon Wolf will hit the Normal team here for a return practice game.

The Bearcats are working hard and expect to be in the best of condition for the two games with O. S. C. at Corvallis on Friday and Saturday of this week.

## SALEM SECOND IN NORTHWEST SWIM

Second place was taken by the Salem Y. M. C. A. swimming team in the Y. M. C. A. northwest swimming meet held at the Northwest "Y" pool in Portland Saturday afternoon and evening.

The Salem team is composed largely of Salem high fellows with Jim and Charles Reed proving to be the stars of the meet. Tacoma won the meet with 23 points and Salem was second with 20. Third place was won by Portland with 16 points.

Jim Reed won the 50 yard back stroke in 33. Charles Reed won the 50 yard breast stroke race setting a new record for the meet of 33-1-5 seconds. The previous record was 35. The Salem relay team took place in the 100 yard relay; time 1:26. Jim Reed, C. Reed, Devers and Wesley composed the relay team.

Johnny Creech, swimming coach, was well pleased with the showing made by the team. Those entered from Salem were Jim Reed, C. Reed, Harry Wesley, Richard Devers, Bernie Dirks, Claude Martin, Clark Thompson, and Win Needham.

## Deetz Summons Valley Motor's Junior Tossers

"Mutt" Deetz, coach of the Valley Motor company's American Legion Junior baseball team, issues the call for the first practice to be held on Sweetland field at Willamette this afternoon with the players assembling at 5 o'clock.

Now is the time to drag out all of the old baseball paraphernalia and start to work. Deetz will lose no time getting started and asks that the players come tonight and be ready to start. "Mutt" has concluded four years of baseball playing for Willamette and was a valuable leadoff man. He is an excellent base runner even though his chubby figure does belie it. During the time he played for the Bearcats he was considered one of the best silders.

SILVERTON, April 13.—Mr. A. D. Mrs. Arthur Sallinger (Kate Robinson) have been transferred to Bend where Mr. Sallinger has been made district manager for the Ricfield company. Mrs. Sallinger is the daughter of Mrs. Emma Robinson and the sister of Edna Robinson. For years she was employed at the Women's Specialty shop at Silvertown.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Herman Heller, Germany, 201 1/2, knocked out Lou (Tiger) Flowers, New York, 201 1/2, in the fifth round of an eight round bout at the Jamaica arena tonight.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Paul Berlenbach, former light heavyweight champion of the world, stopped Billy Henderson of Harlem in the first round of a four-round bout at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, tonight. Berlenbach weighed 173 1/2; Henderson 169.

Berlenbach gave Henderson a terrific beating from the opening gong.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Ray Steele of Los Angeles threw Rudy Dusek of Omaha with a flying mare and body slam after 42 minutes and 56 seconds of wrestling at the 71st regiment armory tonight. Steels weighed 312; Dusek 228.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Midget Wolgast, 114 1/2, Philadelphia, champion of the world flyweight title, outpointed Archie Bell, 119 1/2, Brooklyn, in ten rounds here tonight. Wolgast set the pace and won practically all the way.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 13.—(AP)—Gus Sonnenberg defeated Pat McGill two falls out of three in a rough match here tonight, taking two fast falls with the flying tackle in 3:05 and 11:07 1/2, after McGill had thrown him the first fall with an aeroplane spin in 1:23. Sonnenberg weighed 200; McGill 216.

## Middleweight Belt Back In Salem, Barrackman is To Wrestle McCann for It

FOLLOWING a statement by Wildcat McCann that Jensen is too heavy to have won the middleweight north-west championship belt from Barrackman at Olympia, further investigation revealed that it was not the northwest middleweight belt which was lost at Olympia, but a light heavyweight belt which Barrackman also held. Wildcat

McCann and Barrackman will meet Thursday night at the armory with the middleweight belt at stake.

When Barrackman was here for his "it" title bout with McCann he was not sure who he would have to wrestle at Olympia in defending his belt. The opponent happened to be Jensen, but the belt was not lost to him as Jensen is in the light heavyweight class. The bout Thursday night will settle the dispute and in case McCann wins, the belt will be in the hands of a wrestler who will not be afraid to defend it against all comers.

McCann has won matches from many champions, but they seem to manage to retain their belts. Perhaps they realize that there wouldn't be much chance beating the showy fellow if he had a belt to defend, and for this reason have kept it out of his grasp. But there is a limit to almost everything and it appears that the Wildcat will actually get a fair and square shot at the northwest championship belt.

The Barrackman-McCann match here before was one of the best of the year with both going their hardest from the first gong. After each had gained one fall, McCann lurching back from the ropes, falling on Barrackman and stunning him which paved the way for the final fall.

When McCann met Reed here last week, he appeared to be in perfect condition and it would have taken plenty to beat the Wildcat that night. Indications are that McCann will be in just as good shape for the coming match and it would be folly indeed if he were not. Barrackman is a grappler who works on his man all the time and there are no breathing spells in his matches.

Barrackman will have his wrestling bear here again for the preliminaries. The bear proved highly amusing here last time and his behavior in the ring is so much like a bear that the crowd along in the right manner. Harry Elliott will do the job equally well though, and is considered a top notch official.

Monday night John Nelson listened in on a wrestling match which came over the radio and was between Doc Anderson, formerly of Salem, and Robin Reed of Reedsport.

The match took place in Seattle and was a draw with each contestant getting one fall. Doc Anderson is a speedy grappler and was very popular with the Salem fans while wrestling here.

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## TWO GAMES OF LEAGUE PLAYED

### Compton's and Vancouver Win in Close Tilts; Rain Spoils two

Portland Valley League Scores Sunday

At Compton's 3, Vancouver Barracks 2.  
At Vancouver 2, Gresham 1.  
Hillsboro at Salem postponed, rain.  
Ever-Ready at Newberg postponed, rain.

Half of the Portland Valley baseball league swung into action according to schedule Sunday and the other half started indoors and looked out at the rain.

The two games that were played indicated that some of the teams, at least, in this circuit will be well matched one run being the margin in both contests.

Compton's scored all of its runs in the fourth inning, the soldiers getting one in the first and one in the ninth. Winn, hurling for Compton's struck out ten.

Howard Hobson, Benson high school athletic coach, was Vancouver's hero, driving in the winning run with a timely single in the fifth.

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