

Major League War-Time Ball Found to Be Strictly Dead, So Moguls Bury Same and Await Coming of Livelier Pellet

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, April 23—(AP)—The batters and club owners can stop worrying, for there's going to be a new and much livelier baseball in the major leagues.

Answering widespread objections of baseball men that the new ball was dead than the one approved by the major league's committee in December, Lou Coleman, vice-president of A. G. Spalding and Brothers, the manufacturer, admitted Friday that the baseball sent out for the opening of the season

did not measure up to standard. But, in a prepared statement issued from the office of President Ford Frick of the National League, Coleman said that the fault had been discovered and that the batters would have a better ball at which to swing in about two weeks.

Coleman explained that a layer of rubber cement applied between layers of wool in manufacture of the balls had been made from re-processed rubber, under war conditions. The cement hardened and affected the

wool, deadening the ball. A new type of cement has been tested and accepted.

Through Thursday's schedule, 11 games had been played in the major leagues and seven of them ended in shutouts, an illustration of the extraordinary edge enjoyed by the pitchers with the dead ball in play.

Complaint over the ball was widespread. Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds and National League representative on the committee which adopted specifications for the 1943 ball, voiced his objec-

tions. Giles said the manufacturer had admitted the ball was 25 per cent dead than last year.

Branch Rickey, head of the Brooklyn Dodgers, got off the day's best crack: "Dead ball" Rickey exclaimed. "Why it never was born. It had no life to begin with."

Roger "Doc" Cramer, veteran Detroit outfielder, pointed out that the ball called for a different type of outfield player. He said he had been playing about 25 feet closer in than last year.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Another encore for Spec Keene after examining the latest effort of the WU sports history department—namely one Marjorie Noll. Comes now the 15-year history of Bearcat baseball under the guidance of Keene. Only 15 instead of 17, as last year's record is not included a long with the unfinished business of this season.

Over the 15-year span the 'Cat teams have won 162 times, lost 82 and tied once. Add to that a very successful season last spring, capped by the winning of the Northwest conference title from Whitman, and you have another good reason why some coaches just love to coach.

Best seasons the Keene clan enjoyed were the 1931 spring when they won 17 and lost 3, and the 1936 campaign when they lost only two games in the 19 starts. Teams like Oregon and Oregon State were no matches for the 'Cats of those days, as during '31 the Methodists swept a three-game series against Oregon and took two out of three from OSC, and in '36 took three out of four from the Ducks and swept a three-game set with the Beavers.



Spec Keene

Add to fish tales—this one from Herb Ashlock, Spokane Chronicle: Lady went into a Spokane sporting goods store, rifled through almost every piece of fishing tackle in the store and finally selected a gaudy lure. The salesman then asked her if she wanted to buy a fishing license. "Oh, no," she replied. "I just bought this to put on my hat. Isn't it cute?"

Village Could Use a Man Like That

Eugene H. Silke, just "Gene" to his baseball teammates at Willamette before he left with his BA in 1930, a village visitor the other day from his job as superintendent of schools at Springfield. Before Springfield it was Hubbard, and now proud as a peacock is Silke of the brand new gym and baseball diamond Springfield high boasts. Hubbard was recipient of a new gym while Silke was at the school, also.

"Soon as the war is over, we'll have a new track at Springfield, too," reports Silke. Wonder if he'd be interested in coming to Salem and bringing such fine habits with him? The village could certainly use a live wire like him, but definitely.

More congrats to Joe Waterman for his master stroke in signing Henry Armstrong for an outdoor punching party next July in Portland. Now if he can get Fritzie Zivic or Sammy Angott as the Hammer's opponent, a fight second to none in the country these days will be ours to enjoy. Waterman says he may even put Jimmy Garrison in with Henry, but were he to line up names like Zivic or Angott he'd undoubtedly have a much more attractive show.

The Sports Front—Fifteen Years Ago

April 24, 1928.—Frank Lockhart, youthful racing driver, catapulted to his death today when a tire blew while his automobile was speeding 200 miles an hour on the sands of Daytona Beach, Fla. . . . Larry French, Portland wildman left-hander, beat Hollywood 5-3 after a shaky start in Portland today. . . . It will be brother against brother Saturday when the Oregon State baseball team comes to town to play Salem. Amory T. "Sista" Gill coaches the Rocks, "Luke" Gill the Red and Blacks. . . . Joe Fleury plied Chermawa to a 12-5 win over Willamette today. Coach Spec Keene used six pitchers—Cardinal, Goudy, McCormick, Van Dike, Adams and Braly—but all were hit hard by the Indians. . . . Miri Christensen, Northwest championship claimant, defeated Vic Porter of Seattle, reputed Washington state champion, two out of three falls in the armory bonaparte event of tonight. Some 50 people were in attendance. . . .

Quarterly Rankings in Fistic Family Announced by NBA

NEW YORK, April 23—(AP)—The National Boxing Association's quarterly ratings, announced Friday, contained few if any important changes but indicated the possibility that both the lightweight and featherweight championship muddles might be soon cleared up.

Angels Annex Win Over Oaks

LOS ANGELES, April 23—(AP)—Los Angeles took an early lead Friday to defeat Oakland, 3 to 2. Red Lynn yielded seven hits, as did Jack Lotz and Hub Kittle, who divided pitching duties for the Oaks.

It was Lynn's second win of the season. He yielded only one hit during the first six innings. Oakland had the tying run on first base in the ninth, but the runner died there. The win gave the Angels a 3 to 2 edge in the series.

Oakland.... 000 000 101—3 7 1
Los Angeles... 110 000 01—3 7 2
Lotz, Kittle (7) and Raymond; Lynn and Land.

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Pringle Nine Loses Second Liberty Game

LIBERTY.—The Pringle ball team beat Liberty recently for the first time in eight years, but it couldn't duplicate the feat here again this week, losing 4-0. Misses Berndt and Gilieo promised Liberty team a treat if it beat Pringle, and it did. Mrs. Clara Gridg, Pringle principal, made a like promise to her team but it went for naught.

Sports

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Upping Their Lead

Huskies Take 3 to 1 Win From Beavers

CORVALLIS, ORE., April 23—(AP)—Washington's undefeated Huskies ran their northern division baseball string to four Friday with a 3-1 victory, largely due to pitcher Doug Ford, over Oregon State.

After Ford made a wild pitch in the fifth to permit Johnson, who had tried, to score for the Beavers, he contributed to all Washington's runs.

Ford, Taylor and Gissberg singled in the sixth and with a sacrifice and a stolen base they showed

NORTHERN DIVISION W L Pct.
Washington 4 0 1.000 Idaho 2 2 .500
Oregon 3 1 .533 WSC 0 3 .000
Ore. Stat 3 2 .714
Friday result:
At Oregon State 1, Washington 3.

Athletics Bop Bosox, 5 to 0 For First Win

Christopher Wields The Whitewashing

PHILADELPHIA, April 23—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics, with Russ Christopher and Luman Harris combining to hurl shut-out ball, chalked up their first victory of the youthful season Friday by whipping the Boston Red Sox 5-0 in the only game played in the major leagues.

Christopher, who was charged with the A's first defeat against the Washington Senators last Tuesday, allowed all six hits chalked up by the Sox before weakening in the eighth. With one out, he passed Ulysses Lepien and rookie outfielder Ford Garrison.

Connie Mack promptly called on Luman Harris to squelch the rally. Harris, who started the season's inaugural, held the Sox hitless in the last one and two-thirds innings.

The Athletics jumped on Joe Dobson for eight of their nine hits and four of their runs. The other tally was off Lou Lucier, rookie right-hander. Bobby Doerr doubled twice for the Red Sox.

Boston..... 000 000 000—0 6 2
Philadelphia .031 000 10x-5 9 2
Dobson, Lucier (7) and Farlee; Christopher, Harris (7) and Swift.

Marathoner in International

BALTIMORE, April 23—(AP)—In the longest game on record in the international league's 41-year history, the Baltimore Orioles and the Toronto Maple Leafs battled Friday to a 2-2 tie in 21 innings before the contest was called on account of darkness.

Dick Conger of Toronto pitched 18 innings—or two reg-

ed across two runs. In the seventh Ford cracked out a single which scored young.

The defeat buried Oregon State in third place, Oregon is in second.

Washington 900 002 100-3 7 0
Oregon State 000 010 000-1 7 0
Ford and Anderson; Frazer and Reclandt.

Idaho Netters Upset Beavers

MOSCOW, IDAHO, April 23—(AP)—The University of Idaho tennis team, minus its two top players, claimed an unexpected victory over Oregon State college Friday, five matches to two.

Idaho, which had lost its first meet to Washington state, took both doubles matches and three of the five singles.

Ortiz to Meet Lupe Cordoza

FORT WORTH, TEX., April 23—(AP)—Bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz blew into town Friday for his title fight with Lupe Cordoza and found \$5,000 worth of tickets already had been sold.

Ortiz and Cordoza, both Californians who have met before, will battle at Will Rogers coliseum next Wednesday night under sponsorship of the four Fort Worth Lions clubs.

ular games—before being relieved by Hod Hopper, while Baltimore used four hurlers.

Army Doing Wonders for Madcap Maxie Baer

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, April 23—(AP)—Army life is doing wonders for Pvt. Max Baer.

At 34, with the slightest trace of a mid-section protuberance, the former heavyweight champion feels so invigorated he is talking of a future ring comeback and mentioning a fight with Joe Louis in the same breath.

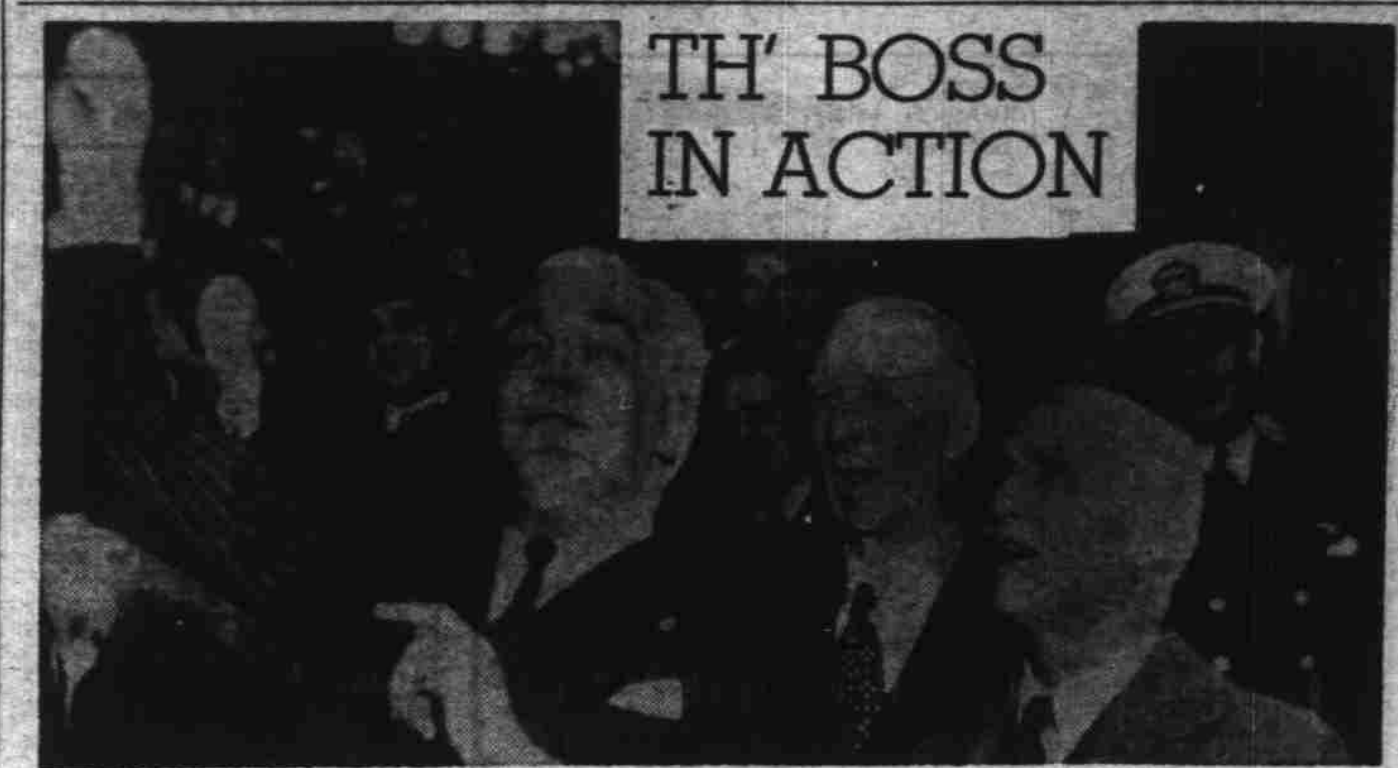
"What do you think?" Private Baer asked. Before we

could ponder the idea a full two seconds, he added, "Maybe I'd better do the comeback in the movies, later on."

Incidentally, he was on the verge of signing an attractive Hollywood contract when he chose to become an inductee in the army.

Baer is stationed at McClellan field, Sacramento, as boxing instructor. His daily routine is a pattern of regularity, work,

Viking Track and Fieldsters Notch Sweet Victory in No-Name Loop Meet



Paul V. McNitt, chairman of the war manpower commission, pitches the first ball, and 1943's baseball season is officially underway. Left to right are McNitt, Consul Mack and Clark Griffith, manager of the Athletics and president of the Washington Senators respectively.

Led the Viks



BOB WARREN — he paced the Salem high tracksters to their No-Name league win yesterday.



How They STAND....

COAST LEAGUE W L Pct.
San Diego 3 0 1.000 Oakland 2 2 .500
Portland 2 2 .500 Hollywood 1 3 .250
San Fran 3 1 .750 Sacram 1 4 .200
Los Ang 2 2 .500 Seattle 0 3 .000
Friday results:
At Sacramento 6, Portland 1.
At San Diego 2, Seattle 1.
At Los Angeles 3, Oakland 2.
(Only games scheduled.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE W L Pct.
New York 1 0 1.000 Cleveland 1 1 .500
St. Louis 1 0 1.000 Washington 1 1 .500
Boston 1 1 .500 Boston 0 0 .000
Chicago 1 1 .500 Chicago 0 1 .000
Friday result:
Philadelphia 5, Boston 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE W L Pct.
Cincinnati 2 0 1.000 New York 0 1 .000
Brooklyn 1 0 1.000 Philadelphia 0 0 .000
Pittsburgh 1 1 .500 Boston 0 0 .000
Chicago 1 1 .500 St. Louis 0 2 .000
(No games Friday—weather.)
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Newark 5, Rochester 1.
Toronto 2, Baltimore 2 (game called end 21 innings, darkness).
Only games scheduled.

Texas Runner Shining Light

DES MOINES, Ia., April 23—(AP)—Jerry Thompson, black-haired distance runner from the University of Texas, gambled and triumphed Friday in winning the two-mile run, which high-lighted the opening of the 34th annual Drake relay carnival.

The two-day meet attracted a war-reduced field of 450 athletes from 49 universities and colleges. The opening events, witnessed by 8,000, mostly high school students, failed to produce a record-breaking performance.

Painter didn't fare so well in his City Open clash with Dave Eyre, however, and Thursday Eyre pulled the upset of the season by eliminating Painter to the beaten eight bracket, 5 and 4.

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The wound isn't so serious that Hendrie won't be expected to get in his City Open match with George Scales by Sunday deadline time, however.

Liska Twirls 1-0 Victory for Bevos

SACRAMENTO, April 23—(AP)—With Ad Liska, veteran ball expert, holding the Sacramento Solons to two hits, the Portland Beavers won, 1-0, for their fourth victory in five starts here Friday. Bud Byerly, Sacramento right-hander, gave up five hits.

Padres Plaster 5th on Suds

Abbot's Hit in 9th Brings 2-1 Victory

PADRES PLASTER 32.....spts
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 23—(AP)—San Diego manufactured a run with two hits in the ninth inning to nose out Seattle, 2 to 1, Friday and record its fifth consecutive Coast league victory over the Rainiers. Swede Jensen's double and Morry Abbott's sharp single produced the winning tally.

Southpaw Rex Dillebeck scattered Seattle's 10 hits to chalk up his second mound victory of the series. Joe Demoran was touched for nine hits by the Padres and was the loser of another 2-1 game earlier in the series.

The Padres knotted the count in the seventh. Del Ballinger got a fluke double as the ball bounced over Bill Matheson in right field. He bled to third on a sacrifice by Jensen. Lowe sent a long fly to center field, and George De-torre, running for Ballinger, came in.

Seattle..... 000 010 000—1 10 0
San Diego..... 000 000 101—2 9 2
Demoran and Seamer; Dillebeck and Ballinger, De-torre (6).

Putter-Mutterings On the Salem Golfers

By THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

An "alibi" tourney was held Thursday on the Salem Golf range as the weekly contribution to the Men's club weekly whacky get-togethers, and Tony Painter won himself No. 1 prize with a net 33 net. Bob Sederstrom was second with a net 35 and Bill Stacey and Keith Hall, the latter just visiting DON HENDRIE from the army, tied for third with a 36 apiece.

Half-handicaps only were used in the 9-hole frolic, and a goodly crowd was on hand to play.

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Injuns On the Warpath Chemawa Cindermen Cop 3-Way Trackfest; Silverton Second

SILVERTON—Chemawa's Indians swept to victory here yesterday in a Duration league triangular track and field fest between the Indians, Silverton and Woodburn by scoring 70 points. Silverton chalked 55 for second place. Woodburn had 24 points.

George Walters of Chemawa, with firsts in the 100 and 220

yard dashes and the high jump, paced individual scores with 15 points. Bob Moon led Coach Jiggs Burnett's Foxes with 13½, garnered by winning the 128-yard high hurdles, taking second in the 200 lows, winning the pole vault and getting a tie for fourth in the high jump. Bellamy led the Bulldogs with 10 points, picked up by winning both the mile and 880 yard runs.

The meet was run off on a very soggy track, which kept times and distances comparatively low.

120 yd. high—1st Moon (S); 2nd Williams (C); 3rd Bennett (S); 4th Cannon (W). Time—3:12.

100 yd. dash—1st Walters (C); 2nd Lebr (S); 3rd Mader (S); 4th Cannon (W). Time—1:09.

Mile—1st Bellamy (W); 2nd Cannon (C); 3rd Fotele (S); 4th Mills (W). Time—2:18.

440-1st McMeel (C); 2nd Bennett (S); 3rd Weakus (C); 4th Dickman (S). Time—2:04.
300 low hurdles—1st Williams (C); 2nd Moon (S); 3rd Bennett (S); 4th Cannon (W). Time—5:15.
440-yd. dash—1st Parkes (S); 2nd Steinhilber (OC); 3rd Smith (S); 4th Karius (C). Time—5:05.
230-yd. dash—1st Stewart (S); 2nd Hicks (OC); 3rd Smith (S); 4th Creek (M). Time—2:42.

200-yd. low hurdles—1st E. Neubauber (M); 2nd Larsen (S); 3rd Paul Andin (C); 4th Callaway (C). Time—2:52.
880-yd. run—1st Lambert (S); 2nd Mader (S); 3rd Stacey (S); 4th Neubauber (M). Time—3:10.
Shot put—1st Simpson (OC); 2nd Warren (S); 3rd Chamberlain (S); 4th Lee (C). Distance—41 feet 5 inches.

High jump—1st E. Callaway (C); 2nd Brown (E); 3rd Sadtler (OC); 4th a tie between Gettman (M), Larson (S), McLee (C), Ustalo (M) and Ryan (C). Height—5 feet 6 inches.

Pole vault—1st Moon (S); 2nd Edden (C); 3rd Nelson (S); 4th McMeel (C). Height—10 feet 6 inches.

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Relay—1st Bellamy (W); 2nd Cannon (C); 2nd distance—112 feet 9½ inches. Silverton second. Time—1:48.

Drynan's Kids Do It With 44 7-10 Points

Eugene, Milwaukie In Runner-Up Spots

Salem high's hippety-hopping harriers, supposed to be nothing more than so many lumps out for this spring, kicked the dope bucket sky-high and brought the first smiles in many moons to the Vik athletic family yesterday by walking off Olinger oval with the No-Name league track and field frolic. It tucked beneath their Red and Black sun suits, Salem scored 44 7/10 points and paced in success Eugene, with 31 5/10; Milwaukie, with 30 9/10; Corvallis, with 24 9/10, and Oregon City with 16. Albany failed to show in the point column and at the meet.

But the sweet, sweet victory wasn't nearly as easily done as the almost 14-point bulge might indicate. With only the discs and relay events left to go, the Red and Black yearlings were in front of Milwaukie by less than three points and in front of Eugene by less than four.

But Art Gottfried brought the long-lost smiles to Messrs. Fletcher's, Drynan's and Schwartzkopf's faces by winning the discus event to ice the whole works, relay or no.

With the cry ringing up from glee-filled rosters, "Fear it on, pour it on" the Vik relay team of Herb Ray, Bob Warren, Richard Kay and Art Farkes did just that and nailed the 5-pointed final event, too.

Undoubtedly the spark which hot-footed Drynan's green peas to the retention of their title was the 880-yard run. Figuring probably a second at best in the event, Benny Lambert, a ninth grader at Parrish junior high; Bob Mader, a soph at the Villa, and Jim Shawver, himself a soph, came romping in 1-2-3 for 10 very big points for Salem. That shoves the Viks into the lead ahead of the pack and gave 'em plenty to fall back on in later events.

In all, Salem nailed but four firsts, including the relay, but so strong were her stalwarts in the seconds, thirds and fourths that they were shut out in only one event, the 120-yard high hurdles.

No stars on the winning team, either. Bob Warren's 8 1/5 points were high. Art Farkes' seven were second, and Lambert and Gottfried settled for five apiece.

High-point honoree for the meet went to both Howard Stewart of Eugene and Ed Neubauber of Milwaukie with 10. Stewart snatched both dashes and Neubauber had firsts in both hurdle events.

120-yd. high hurdles—1st E. Neubauber (M); 2nd Callaway (E); 3rd Anderson (M); 4th Miller (OC). Time—2:17.

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