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Flooded Diamond Adds to Woes of Chicago's Cubs

Chicago, March 8 (AP)—A big splash of water marked the Chicago Cubs' arrival at French Lick, Ind., today as baseball waded into another wartime problem.

The Cubs, with seven men aboard, became the second major league baseball team to pitch its spring training camp and they gave warning to the other eight clubs which are going to train in the midwest that it's going to be a wet spring.

Baseball has its manpower problems and traveling woes, but now it has a new misery in the flooded diamond. Pitching camp was strictly an amphibious operation for the Cubs. The French Lick ball park was under water, due to the aroused Lost river, and so the seven Cubs and Manager Charlie Grimm headed for the French Lick convention hall to loosen up.

Contracts Kept Secret

The Cubs had expected 16 men to open camp today, although vice president and general manager Jim Gallagher had kept the Cubs' contract negotiations a deep secret. Minus nine players, including Capt. Phil Cavaretta, the Cubs are due for a very slow start. The Washington Senators opened spring training yesterday with three men.

Six major league teams will be training in Indiana within the next two weeks, while the St. Louis Cardinals will be at Cairo, Ill., and the Browns at Cape Girardeau, Mo. At least two if not three of them will be faced with the same water-logged situation as the Cubs.

Cincinnati opens at Bloomington, March 19; Pittsburgh at Muncie, March 16; Detroit at Evansville, March 15; the Chicago White Sox at Terre Haute, March 12; Cleveland at Lafayette, March 12; and the Cardinals, March 19 and the Browns, March 12.

Tigers Face Problem

Detroit's Tigers are faced with

Out Our Way



the worst problem for they head into camp in seven days at Evansville, which is on the banks of the rampaging Ohio and is one of Indiana's hardest hit towns. Last year, the Tigers were beset by flood problems and this year may be even worse.

The world champion Cardinals probably will keep their feet dry since they don't pitch camp for 11 days and Cairo is protected by a 60-foot sea wall. However, their fellow townsmen, the Browns, are expecting a wet welcome at Cape Girardeau, situated on the Mississippi.

Usually a target for the Mississippi in early spring, Cape Girardeau is expected to be hard hit this year.

The other Indiana spots are in relatively good shape. They all have been swept by heavy rains, ranging from two to four inches, but the diamonds are expected to dry rapidly.

The Cub party left here last night and included pitchers Ed Hanyzewski, George Hennessey and Al Nusser, infielder Johnny Ostrowski, outfielders Cecil Gariott and Frank Secory and catcher Joe Stephenson. Among the "original 16" who did not make it were pitchers Bob Chipman, Paul Erickson, and Hy Vandenberg; infielders Pete Elko, Lenny Merullo, Don Johnson, Bill Schuster and Cavaretta, and outfielder Andy Pafko.

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Freddie Cochrane, the red-headed ex-sailor man, plans to make his first defense of the world welterweight championship against Ray "Sugar" Robinson (of all people) at Soldiers Field, Chicago, in June. Contracts for the bout probably will be signed March 26.

Willie Gilzenberg, manager of 29-year-old Cochrane, made this surprising disclosure today at Bey's training camp where the champion is working back into condition after three and a half years in the navy.

Acceptance of Robinson as Freddie's first title opponent was unexpected. Boxing men had taken it for granted that Cochrane would avoid the dangerous New York negro as long as possible. They expected that Red, who entered service a few days after winning the 147-pound title from Fritz Zivic in July, 1941, would try to cash in on the crown now in a series of bouts with mediocre opponents before risking it against Harlem's dancing dynamiter.

And Cochrane co-opped cash in. He is receiving offers from all sections. He is the only undisputed world champion in civvies today. He is king of the welter division—the rich division that is jammed

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Lt. Bob Herwig Navy Cross Man

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Baseball Briefs

San Fernando, Cal., March 8 (AP)—Manager Bill Skiff will get a chance to see his rookies in action today when he sends a squad of "regulars" against a "Yannigan" team in the Seattle Rainiers' first intra-squad contest of the season.

Skiff selected Gene Holt, a Rainier veteran, to open for the "regulars," and Alex Palica to start for the "Yannigans."

He also intended to use first-stringers Ken Banham and Rookie Bob Cantrell when the starting hurlers weakened.

San Francisco, March 8 (AP)—Ken Miller, erstwhile New York Giant pitcher obtained in a deal for Ray Harrell, reported to the San Francisco Seals spring training camp today.

Battle Malone Saunders, first baseman, also was reported on his way to camp after accepting unannounced terms.

Richardson Springs, Cal., March 8 (AP)—Manager Earl Sheely had three-fourths of the Sacramento solon infield set today.

Gene Hadley, recent arrival at camp is slated for second base. Jack Calvey, purchased from San Diego, will be at shortstop, and Jimmy Grant, formerly of the Cleveland Indians, will be at third.

Ontario, Cal., March 8 (AP)—Manager Buck Fausett scheduled an intensive workout for his Hollywood stars today after watching them take a 12 to 5 drubbing from the Ontario Marchants semi-pro outfit yesterday.

Anaheim, Cal., March 8 (AP)—Big Lou Novikoff was set to make his first appearance this season in an Angel uniform today after coming to terms with the Los Angeles Angels' baseball club yesterday.

Novikoff will play in the Angels' debut against the Port Huene nine at the navy base.

Oregon Quintet To Head North

Eugene, Ore., March 8 (AP)—The University of Oregon Webfoots entrain today for Pullman, Wash., for the first game of their Northern division play-off series with Washington State college Saturday night.

Their hopes high for a title that once was virtually within their grasp, the Webfoots whipped through a spirited workout session yesterday in final preparation for the first game of the crucial series.

Coach John Warren chose nine players to make the trip to Pullman. They included Dick Wilkins, Reedy Berg, Del Smith and Charles Stamper, forwards; Ken Hays and Ed Allen, centers; and Captain Bob Hamilton, Jim Bartlett and Frank Hoffine, guards. A tenth, probably a guard, was not named with the first nine.

Also scheduled to be members of the traveling squad besides Warren and the players are Nick Weddle, student manager; Anson B. Cornell, graduate manager, and

Bowling Notes

Stilwell's lunch rolled high team score, 2542, in Women's Bowling league games rolled last night on the Bend Recreation alleys. Results of the matches follow:

Stilwell's Lunch		
B. Fields	114	112-342
Zimmerman	108	90-126-324
V. Curd	170	105-115-390
Garlington	98	165-132-395
O. Alt	152	152-167-471
Handicap	173	173-519
Totals	815	902-825-2542

The Elks		
Applegate	169	141-117-427
Grino	128	121-117-366
Jensen	108	97-105-310
Scholl	97	96-111-304
Sanders	119	128-151-398
Handicap	215	215-645
Totals	836	798-816-2450

Bend Recreation		
D. Brown	91	106-102-299
E. McKay	129	140-140-409
P. Loree	125	105-95-325
M. Blucher	106	102-112-320
M. Rice	131	113-118-362
Handicap	217	217-651
Totals	799	783-784-2370

Gregg's Banner Bakery		
L. Ferguson	131	140-138-409
L. McKenzie	129	111-133-373
W. McCann	115	131-144-390
H. Stirnes	103	118-113-334
E. Roats	134	150-143-427
Handicap	198	198-594
Totals	810	848-869-2527

The Oasis		
E. Monical	133	134-104-371
B. Myers	115	92-122-329
B. Morris	106	109-110-325
M. Christy	102	102-126-330
A. Roberts	169	144-190-503
Handicap	162	162-486
Totals	787	743-814-2344

Coca-Cola		
M. Keith	137	137-149-423
M. Webster	112	105-99-316
D. Lewerenz	111	96-112-319
H. Judy	114	121-116-351
L. Anderson	137	97-122-356
Handicap	207	207-621
Totals	818	763-805-2386

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOCKEY

The Chicago Blackhawks moved into a fourth place tie with the Boston Bruins last night by defeating the New York Rangers, 6 to 3, to vacate the National Hockey League's cellar for the first time in four months.

The victory placed the Hawks in deadlock with the Bruins for the last Stanley Cup playoff berth. The Rangers could not be counted out of the post season play as yet, however, as they are only a half game behind the fourth place co-defenders.

ALLEY OOP



Portland Eagles Favored to Win

Seattle, March 8 (AP)—Blades will flash at the Seattle ice arena tonight when the highly-favored Portland Eagles match skills with the Seattle Stars in the semifinals of the Pacific coast Northern division hockey playoffs.

Portland is given the jump over the Seattle team, as the Eagles finished second only to the Seattle Ironmen after a tough-scrappy season. The stars wound up in third place by a wide margin.

Winner of tonight's battle will take on the Ironmen in the final game. This victor wins the right to meet the California champion for the coast league title and the right to represent the west at the National amateur puck meet.

Alert wings Jim Lowe and John Maggio were dubbed to carry the attack for the Stars while the Eagles high men probably will be Ed Shamlock and Bob Morin.

In 1944 North Carolina took the national lead in production of yams.

Savold and Lane Hope for Match

Chicago, March 8 (AP)—Lee Savold, veteran Slav heavyweight, and Larry Lane, negro puncher, are going to try to get together in a bout here again, this time March 22.

Promoter Jack Kearns announced today that the two heavyweights have been matched for a 10-round bout in the Coliseum on that date. This marks the third time Kearns has matched Lane and Savold.

The fight originally was scheduled for Oct. 17, but it was postponed to Nov. 8 when Kearns learned that the Coliseum was not available. Then Lane injured his ankle and the bout was postponed again.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

(By United Press)

St. Johns 69, St. Francis 35.
New York University 75, City College 48.
Brigham Young University 64, Utah State Aggies 37.

Nelson, McSpaden Tourney Favorites

Miami, Fla., March 8 (AP)—Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., and Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Me., who have become practically automatic co-favorites in golf tournaments, today held the favorite spot as a team of 32 top flight professionals teed off in teams in the opening round of the \$7,500 International four-ball tourney.

Following the Nelson-McSpaden team in pre-tourney betting was the duo of Sammy Sneed and Bob Hamilton. Sneed has won three consecutive medal-play tournaments in the past three weeks and the team figures as a definite contender. Hamilton is the P.G.A. champion.

ONE WIN NEEDED

Los Angeles, March 8 (AP)—The Los Angeles Monarchs, upset last night by the Pasadena Panthers, today needed a win over the San Diego Skyhawks Saturday night to capture undisputed first place in the southern division of the Pacific coast ice hockey league standings.

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