

Baseball's Future Still Uncertain As Spring Nears

By Walter Byers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Chicago, March 9 (UP)—Baseball's determined vow to "play baseball as long as we have nine men on the field" came echoing back today as the grand old American game felt the manpower pinch where it least expected.

At least six players who were counted on for full-season duty in the majors this season—even considering the service draft—have either threatened to drop out of baseball or already have done so during the past three days.

The various clubs expected to lose many of the borderline cases, such as T.A.'s, reclassified 4-F's or even ball players who were being deferred because of warplant jobs. But the management—when it made its vow—hoped that the men who were available would all come back.

To Hold Job
Typical of the present tendency is Hal Trosky, veteran Chicago White Sox first baseman, who announced that he is going to hold his job with a refrigerator company near his Norway, Ia., home for the duration. Trosky, hard-hitting star of 10 major league seasons, was counted on for first base duty this year by a Sox management which is fraught with player trouble.

Trosky's decision heaped sorrow on woe, for the Sox already number Wally Moses, veteran outfielder, and pitcher Bill Dietrich among players who have said they will wait until they hear from their draft boards before reporting for spring workouts.

The Sox have signed only two regulars and expect only 12 players to open spring training Monday at Terre Haute, Ind.

Headache Feared
Holdouts, transportation problems and flooded diamonds are all back to give baseball a splitting headache, but this latest blow hurts.

Cleveland felt the same misery yesterday with the announcement that Jim Bagby, Jr., lanky pitching star, has signed his contract with the reservation that "I'm going to wait and see what the government action is toward baseball before reporting."

Another player who temporarily has abandoned baseball is Mayo Smith, 30-year-old Buffalo outfielder and International League batting champion, who announced his retirement from the game for 1945. He was slated for outfield duty with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Is Sure Starter
Howie Schultz, youthful first base star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was considered a sure starter, but the lanky Hamline university student was accepted for military service. He had been rejected before because he is 6-feet, 7-inches tall.

During the past few days, baseball's ranks also have been paired sharply by the service draft. The St. Louis Browns, American League champions, lost their fourth player since last season when pitcher Ellis Kinder, brilliant rookie prospect, was accepted for duty; the Philadelphia Phillies lost first baseman Tony Lupien to the navy; and the Washington Senators lost shortstop Johnny Sullivan.

Baseball Briefs

(By United Press)
Boyes Springs, Cal., March 9 (UP)—Tom Hafey, former St. Louis Browns and Washington Nationals outfielder, today reported to the Oakland Aacorns for spring training.

San Francisco, March 9 (UP)—Dick Elliott, lanky 175-pound hurler from San Rafael, Cal., today was signed by the San Francisco Seals for his first professional contract.

San Jose, Cal., March 9 (UP)—Rookie Pitcher Charlie Souza, of Alameda, Cal., hurled a three-hit game in seven innings of Portland Beaver intra-squad play yesterday.

Owing to errors, coupled with the few hits he allowed, the game ended in a 5-5 tie. Veterans Frank Demaree, Spencer Harris, Johnny Gill and Mel Nunes turned in doubles while Rookie Frank Luchesi tripled.

Richardson Springs, Cal., March 9 (UP)—Pitcher Larry Kemp today asked Manager Earl Sheely for a first base position with the Sacramento Solons.

The six-foot-four player said he had played the spot in his salad days. Sheely has no other experienced men for first base.

Port Huene, Cal., March 9 (UP)—The Los Angeles Angels, with a 6 to 3 win over the Port Huene Seabees under their belts, settled down for another hard workout today before squaring off against the naval air station baseballers at Long Beach, Cal., tomorrow.

Canada has almost doubled her lard production in the past 10 years; much lard is used in Canada for shortening, as that country produces almost no edible vegetable oils.

Out Our Way



Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, March 9 (UP)—During the next three weeks college baseball will accentuate the positive in post-season play, staging three tournaments designed to determine three "national champions." (Wrestlers take note.)

This post-season hoop-whoopee eliminates the negative in many colleges which forbid their football teams to play in grid classics after the season ends, but do permit their basketballers to carry on after schedules are completed.

For example, Ohio State is a prominent performer in one of the dribble dribbles, although the buckeye institution rejected a post-season Rose bowl bid after its football team won the big ten title.

Listed in the order of their get-away, the three tournaments are: (1) The national intercollegiate, which opens Monday at Kansas City; (2) the national invitation, which begins at Madison Square Garden on March 17; (3) the national collegiate athletic association (NCAA) tourney, which stages its eastern play-offs at Madison Square garden, March 23, and its western play-offs at Kansas City, March 24; with the play-off winners to battle it out at Madison Square garden, March 27.

Out of these three tourneys will emerge three "national champions": (1) national intercollegiate, (2) national invitation, and (3) NCAA. However, the invitation (2) champ and the NCAA (3) champ meet in a Red Cross game at Madison Square garden, March 28. Naturally, the victor in that Red Cross contest will claim "the" national crown—a claim that will be snickered at by the intercollegiate (1) champ.

If you are not well confused now by these three national tourneys, you probably will be before they complete play. Particularly if they are given a

strange twist like last year. Remember? The Utah Utes were eliminated from the invitation (2) tourney in the first round. After this they filled a last-minute vacancy in the western play-offs of the NCAA (3) tourney at Kansas City. They filled in because another team had withdrawn after a tragic bus accident. Substitute Utah swept the Kansas City play-offs, and came east to beat Dartmouth in the NCAA final at the garden. Then Utah went into the concluding Red Cross game, meeting St. John's winner of the invitation (2) tourney, from which Utah had been eliminated in the first round. The surprising Utes gave heavily-favored St. John's a thorough trouncing, and claimed "the" national title. Fortunately, the national intercollegiate (1) tourney was not held last year, because of the war conditions. Otherwise there would have been some robust counter-claiming from the inter-collegiate victor.

The national intercollegiate fellers are mighty proud of their prowess. Their tourney includes generally the smaller colleges that do not belong to the big conferences nor play in metropolitan arenas. Their national tourney was organized in 1938 by Emil S. Liston of Baldwin City, Kan., upon the logical premise that smaller schools can turn out just as good basketball teams as the big colleges.

The national collegiate athletic association tourney is restricted to members of the NCAA. Virtually all participants are so-called "big-time" schools. Meanwhile, the invitation tourney is the brain-child of promoter Ned Irish at Madison Square garden. He invites eight of the nation's "cream" teams to the garden to play for the national title and dear old Alma Turnstile. It is merely coincidental that the promoter's name is Irish and that the invitation opens on March 17.

tournament, however, as he and his partner, P.G.A. champion Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., eliminated the team of Stanley Horne and Jules Khoust on the 27th hole, 10 and 9, carding a best ball of 64 on the morning round, they made the turn four up and won six of the next nine. Snead got birdies on the eighth and ninth holes to sew up the match.

Snead and Hamilton play the team of Craig Wood, Mamaronneck, N. Y., and Tony Penna, Dayton, O., in today's round.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOCKEY
(By United Press)
The Detroit Red Wings added considerable difficulty to the New York Rangers' hopes of gaining a Stanley Cup playoff berth last night when they downed the last-place New Yorkers, 7 to 3, in a free-scoring game which saw Syd Howe establish a new National League point scoring record.

Howe, one of the game's greatest play-makers surpassed the 514 point record of Nel Stewart late in the third period when he passed

to Joe Varveth for a goal. In the other National league game played the Montreal Canadiens, already assured of the league title, defeated the fourth-place Boston Bruins, 3 to 2.

Medford Victor Over Prineville By 59-18 Score

By Dick Scott
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Here are the four courts of the Oregon "A" high school basketball situation, which is gradually clearing up preparatory to the spotlight being thrown on next week's state tournament at Salem.

Four teams are assured of berths in the tourney and likewise the four officials are signed and ready; four other clubs hold inside tracks to next week's affair while four others are doggedly clinging to outside chances in inter-district play.

Tigers Break Loose
The latest thing that happened in the shaping of hoop affairs in the state was the breaking loose of a Black Tornado in the form of the Medford Tigers. The Medford team—the only unbeaten one in the state—rang the bell with a 59-18 victory over Prineville in the first game of the district 3-4 play-off at Medford last night.

The Tigers were a little slow in teeing off as Prineville garnered the first field goal but after taking the lead, in a slow first period, the Tornado kept the hoop humming as they racked up 51 points in the last three periods.

Tonight shapes up as a possible tell-tale affair in three inter-district play-offs.

The previously unheralded Hood River team, which knocked off Baker, 52-44, Wednesday night, can wrap up the district 1-2 title by repeating on the Baker floor tonight.

Games Listed
Oregon City will entertain Woodburn in the second game of the district 11-12 battle and can win a ticket to the state tourney by repeating its Wednesday night 49-41 triumph.

The third crucial game will pit Newberg against Lebanon with the former team in the driver's seat by virtue of a 32-27 victory in the initial game of the series which will decide the district 7-8 playoff winner.

Already with tournament tickets in hand are the Washington Colonials, Portland league winner with the district 15-16 duet; Hillsboro's Spartans, district 9-10 tournament winner; Vernonia, the mighty mite of state ranks, with district 13-14 representation; and Eugene, holder of two straight triumphs over Myrtle Point in the district 3-6 play-offs.

Oh yes—the officials slated to see action in the tournament are Emil Piluso, Chappy King, Carl Klingel and Hal Eustis.

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 - 8:55—Henry King
 - 9:00—Hello Mom
 - 9:30—Rationing News
 - 9:35—Old Family Almanac
 - 10:00—Glenn Hardy News

Oregon May Lose Ken Hays, Star

Eugene, Ore., March 9 (UP)—Things were pretty much on the downhearted side on the University of Oregon campus today as word was received that Ken Hays, Oregon center, may not start against the Washington State Cougars in the first basketball game in their northern division playoff series at Pullman, Saturday night.

The big 6-foot, 7-inch Webfoot pivot man was Oregon's defensive "key" in the playoff series with his all-important assignment of trying to stop Vince Hansen, who set a new conference scoring record this season.

The Webfoots entrained in Eugene yesterday afternoon and were slated for a workout on the Pullman floor this afternoon.

The second and third games of the series, which will not only decide the division champion but the coast's representative in the N.C.A.A. playoffs at Kansas City, will be played at Eugene.

Portland Eagles Lose to Seattle
Seattle, March 9 (UP)—Outplaying the favored Portland Eagles in all departments, the Seattle Stars walloped the Oregon sextet, 71, in the opening play of the Northwest Hockey league semi-final playoffs last night.

It was a bitterly fought game that culminated in a fistic brawl between Manager Roger Jenkins of the Stars and Art Shuman of the Eagles. Both were banished for major penalties.

Each team scored once in the first period, with the Stars banging in a trio of goals in each of the last two sessions. Red Carr, taking a pass from Eddie Shumlock scored the only Eagle tally of the evening.

Leading Quintets Ready for Tourney

Seattle, March 9 (UP)—Four of the top hoop teams of the northwest will clash here tonight as the 16th annual northwest A.A.U. basketball tournament gets under way.

The opening games will find Fee's Music Makers of Portland crossing swords with the coast guard repairs of Seattle, and the title-holding Alpine Dairy will tangle with the Tacoma Cammermans.

Spotted as leading the Tacoma attack was 6-feet, 8-inch Murray Buchanan, formerly with the Seattle Boeing squad. Another giant on the maple wood will be Lloyd Jackson, also 6 feet, 8 inches, of the Portland five.

CARS ARE TAGGED

Various violations of the traffic ordinance today had resulted in the tagging of four more automobiles; officers reported today. The cars were registered to John Sussac, Bend; W. V. Hamby, 223 South Helena street; William N. Hush, Crescent, and Fae Jewell, Rt. 2, Box 42.

Fight Results

(By United Press)
Miami, Fla. — Joe Baski, 216½, Kulpmont, Pa., technically knocked out Gunnar Barlund, 201½, Finland (10).

Fall River, Mass. — Artie Levine, 152, Brookline, knocked out Lou Perez, 153, New York (4).

Philadelphia — Billy Nixon, 148½, Philadelphia, kayeed Joe Falco, 147, Philadelphia (1).

Camden, N. J. — Pedro Firpo, 129, Camden, decisioned Bob Smith, 130, Philadelphia (10).

The wild ancestor of wheat was discovered about 1900, but no wild plant has yet been found that is unquestionably the original ancestor of corn.

Body of Woman Found on Coast

Ocean Lake, Ore., March 9 (UP)—Funeral services will be held at Canby on Saturday for Mrs. Ada Bumgardner, 47, whose body was found near Taft, Ore., by fishermen.

Mrs. Bumgardner was one of two beach visitors who drowned when a huge wave broke and engulfed a party walking on the beach. The other victim was Edward W. Battleson 55, of Seaside, Mont.

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