

# Big League Faces Additional Miles And More Games

**By Walt Byers**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, March 14 (U.P.)—The American league today released a 194 schedule calling for nearly 6,500 miles more team travel and 19 more trips than last year.

President William Harridge told the United Press, however, that the league would accomplish the 25 per cent travel reduction called for in the voluntary program baseball submitted to the office of defense transportation by "the elimination of the all-star game, reduction of rosters and allowing umpires to stay in one town longer."

After being discarded for a year, the schedule returns to the usual custom of having the season open in Washington with a single game on April 16 with the other clubs jumping off the following day. As in the past, with the exception of 1944, New York will go to the capitol for the opener with a possibility that President Roosevelt will throw out the first ball.

**Mileage Added**

The Yankees will return to New York to open the season the next day against the Boston Red Sox—thus adding 650 team miles to the 1945 travel schedule which were eliminated last year.

In the other openers April 17, Chicago will be at Cleveland, Washington at Philadelphia, and Detroit at St. Louis. In the secondary openers, April 20, St. Louis will be at Chicago, Cleveland at Detroit and Philadelphia at Boston.

The 154-game schedule will close on Sept. 30.

Taking advantage of unlimited night baseball, a total of 123 arc light contests have been scheduled with the Browns, 1944 pennant winners, leading the way with 43. The Senators have scheduled 38 and the White Sox, Indians and Athletics 14 each. In addition there will be 12 twilight games—seven at Detroit, four at Washington and one at Philadelphia.

**Long Trips Billed**

The eight teams will make a total of 247 trips under the 1945 schedule with total mileage of 91,391. In 1944 they made 228 trips with an aggregate mileage of 84,921, a difference of 6,470 miles.

The reduction, Harridge explained will be in "man miles" rather than team miles.

"The clubs have been ordered during a short trip to take only players who probably will play," Harridge said. "The umpires will work in one town longer and the elimination of the all-star game will keep players, fans and writers off the road. In total that will reduce traveling by 25 per cent at the end of the season."

**May Cut Travel**

Harridge, together with President Ford Frick, will confer with J. Monroe Johnson, ODT director, again Thursday and at that time may make further revisions to curtail travel. They will determine at the meeting whether to play exhibition games during spring training.

Johnson made it clear, however, that the ODT had made no requests.

"No orders have been issued, no order is contemplated and no orders will be necessary to baseball because they've been very cooperative," Johnson said.

A spokesman for Johnson, assuming that the increase in the 1945 schedule was in team miles rather than man miles, said:

"We have no reason to believe that major and minor leagues will not be able to cut their passenger miles totals by at least 25 per cent this season."

**Redwings, Bruins Battle to Draw**

(By United Press)

Fifteen months is a long time to wait to get revenge but Bill Hollett of the Detroit Redwings figured today that he had balanced the books against his old team mates, the Boston Bruins.

The Bruins, wanting a victory badly to improve their status in the race for a Stanley cup playoff berth in the National Hockey league, had to settle for a 2 to 2 tie last night. Hollett got both of Detroit's goals. The game was played at Boston.

When Hollett was traded to Detroit 15 months ago, he didn't want to go and even threatened to quit hockey. Leaving reluctantly, he set about on his personal revenge campaign and it probably isn't any coincidence that the Bruins dropped 15 games in a row to Detroit during that time. Last night's tie was the best they had done against Detroit since Hollett left them.

**Hagg, Girl Friend Meet in Chicago**

Chicago, March 14 (U.P.)—Gunder Hagg, whose flying feet lifted him from plodding obscurity on a Swedish farm to international fame, arrived today to renew acquaintances with his bride-to-be.

She is 21-year-old Dorothy Mortier of Oakland, Calif., who hasn't seen her fiance since September, 1943. But by correspondence and long-distance telephone calls, they have completed plans to marry

## Out Our Way



THE KNAPSACK

## By J. R. Williams

# Gil Dodds Facing Loss of Record

Boston, March 14 (U.P.)—Distance runner Gil Dodds, who gave up his track career for the ministry, said today that if the Amateur Athletic union wants to get technical about his world indoor mile record, they will have to change a lot of other marks on the books.

Disappointed because Secretary Dan Ferris of the A. A. U. said that his 4:06.4 mark set in Chicago last year would not be allowed, Dodds said that he would have to leave the final decision up to the organization's rules committee. Ferris said that the mark, once approved, would be ruled out because the track on which it was set lacked a curbing.

**Held No Advantage**

"I don't believe that the lack of a curbing gave me any advantage in setting the record," Dodds said. "And I think if they take that mark away from me, they will have to go back through the books and rule out a lot of others on similar grounds."

Dodds said that he recalled a rule that no record would be allowed unless all of the contestants were numbered.

"Well, when Gunder Hagg set a record here two years ago, only two of us in a six or seven man field wore numbers," he said. "What will they do about things like that?"

## Fight Results

(By United Press)

Jersey City, N. J.—Irish Jimmy Mulligan, 170, Boston, stopped Bob Wade, 166, Newark, N. J., (4).

New York—(Broadway Arena) Phil Palmer, 141, Vancouver, B. C., outpointed Johnny Williams, 138½, Montgomery, Ala. (8).

White Plains, N. Y.—Vic Pignatoro, 140½, New York, knocked out Frankie Coromoda, 137½, New York (2).

Hartford, Conn.—Red Doty, 153, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Mario Macelle, 156½, New Haven, Conn. (10).

Bangor, Me.—Joe Manfro, 139, New York, outpointed Ralph Walton, 137, Montreal (8).

New Bedford, Mass.—Able Kaufman, 141, Philadelphia, outpointed Charlie Smith, 139, Newark, N. J. (10).

## Coasting Along in the Sport World

**By Jack Cuddy**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, March 14 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt's 1945 okay to baseball was the most important sports pronouncement since Pearl Harbor. It was far more significant than his experimental "green light" of 1942.

When the president in effect said "play ball" at yesterday's press conference, his attitude indicated clearly that professional baseball—the nation's key sport—had passed the hump. That it had proved its worth in the war effort.

F. D. R. gave a reassuring go-ahead to the diamond game just when the nation is approaching its peak in fighting, production and casualties. He gave it when congress is wrestling with the manpower problem. He gave it when the country is still adjusting itself to the drastic curfew, and when the turf world is still hoping for a removal of the racing ban.

The combination of these various conditions produce a situation of such gravity that you can bet your last buck the president's okay followed through investigation and long deliberation. You can bet also that if he were not completely convinced that baseball had proved its wartime worth, yesterday's words never would have been spoken, and the national pastime would have gone the way of racing and late-night entertainment. It was too touchy a problem to kiss off with spur-of-the-moment pleasantries.

It is true that the president modified his blessing by repeating that he did not believe baseball should use perfectly healthy men who could do something more useful in the war effort.

To us this seems a minor modification because of the words "perfectly healthy." Although the president, as usual, was not quoted directly at the press conference, the words "perfectly healthy" appeared in all the stories about it that we read. The expression probably was his.

Mr. Roosevelt is not a loose man with words. It is our belief that

delphia athletics' batmen who tried without success to hit his fast ball.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 14 (U.P.)—Outfielder Hershel Martin of the New York Yankees said today that he believed his weak throwing had been remedied through electric vibration treatments taken during the off-season at St. Louis.

**BASKETBALL RESULTS**  
(By United Press)

National Intercollegiate tournament at Kansas City, Mo: (first round)

West Texas State 54, Wichita University 43.

Doane College, Crete, Neb., 54, Eastern Washington of Cheney, Wash. 51.

George Pepperrine of Los Angeles 77, Peru, Neb., Teachers 42.

within a month.

Hagg, holder of six world track records, has been unable to hit his record-breaking stride since he arrived in this country, March 1, but his blonde girl friend says he hasn't slowed down a bit as far as she is concerned.

"We will talk about wedding plans when he arrives," she said. "I don't know anything definite about the future except that we will be married soon, probably in Chicago."

## Medford Tigers Get First Break

(By United Press)

With the rumor squelched that the state basketball tournament might be postponed because the state legislature is still in session in Salem, 12 high school hoop teams—the cream of Oregon's crop—got set to do battle for the state A and B championships, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In the "A" tourney slated to get underway Thursday with two afternoon and two evening games, Medford's unbeaten Tigers appear to have drawn an edge over two other favorite teams in the tournament schedule.

The Tigers draw unheralded Vernonia in the opening evening game tomorrow while the other two favored teams, Washington of Portland and Eugene's Axmen must face each other in the first afternoon game of the tournament, thereby assuring the elimination of one.

**Game Lined Up**

In the second afternoon game, Baker, the last team to qualify for the Salem affair but nonetheless regarded as one of the logical teams, will face Newberg's "dark horse" crew. In the final night fracas, Hillsboro's Spartans will square off against Oregon City.

Meanwhile, the B schools will draw an extra day of waiting for their four-team battle for state B honors.

The Clatskanie Chiefs, winners of the Columbia county "A" league and walk-away victors in district 1B-2B play-off, will be a top-heavy favorite to take the measure of Grant union of John Day, Reedsport and Arlington when the teams go into action Friday.

**Baseball Briefs**  
(By United Press)

Pleasantville, N. J., March 14 (U.P.)—Outfielder Pete Fox of the Boston Red Sox was a lonesome guy today. He was the only player on hand as the team established spring training facilities here for the first time.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 14 (U.P.)—Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder for the St. Louis Browns is grateful for the attention, but he said today he'd like to get away from the publicity and settle down to the spring training routine.

Gray has been interviewed more than a dozen times. More than 40 photographers have posed him for pictures. The first one-armed player in the majors in modern times, he is anxious to get into condition quickly to prove that he can make the grade in the big leagues.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 14 (U.P.)—The Chicago White Sox were ready to begin full squad workouts today with 17 players working out after two days of training. Tony Cuccinello, veteran infielder, arrived yesterday and manager Jimmy Dykes said others were expected shortly.

Frederick, Md., March 14 (U.P.)—Jim Reidy, one of the "teen aged youngsters getting his big chance in the major leagues this season, drew praise today from the Phil-

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5:30—Tom Mix	9:15—Songs By Morton Downey
5:45—Night News Wire	9:30—Rationing News
6:00—Gabriel Heatter	9:35—Old Family Almanac
6:15—Real Life Stories	10:00—Glenn Hardy News
6:30—Bronwstone Theatre	10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
7:00—Tony Pastor's Orchestra	10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Britto
7:15—Lowell Thomas	10:45—Redmond Victory March
7:30—Lone Ranger	11:35—Lady About Town
8:00—Jimmy Lunceford's Orchestra	11:40—News
8:25—Your Navy	11:45—Lum 'N Abner
8:30—True Detective Mysteries	12:00—Henry King
9:00—Glenn Hardy News	12:10—Sport Yarns
9:15—Cecil Brown	12:15—Charles Magnante
9:30—Northwest Neighbors	12:30—News
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.	12:45—Farmer's Hour
10:15—News	1:00—Assembly of God Church

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

7:00—News	2:00—Tommy Harris Time
7:15—Dick Brown	2:00—Handy Man
7:30—Maxine Keith	2:15—Melody Time
7:45—Morning Melodies	2:45—Enoch Light's Orchestra
7:55—News	3:00—Griffin Reporting
8:00—Johnny Long's Orchestra	3:15—Service Unlimited
8:15—News	3:30—Musical Matinee
8:30—Take It Easy Time	3:45—Johnson Family
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board	4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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- 5:45—Night News Wire
- 6:00—Gabriel Heatter
- 6:15—Real Life Stories
- 6:30—Treasure Hour of Song
- 7:00—Grange Reporter
- 7:15—Lowell Thomas
- 7:30—Red Ryder
- 8:00—Bulldog Drummond
- 8:30—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra
- 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 9:15—Rex Miller
- 9:30—Wings Over the Nation
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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