Big League Nines Out Our Way Open 1945 Season With Poor Talent

By Carl Lundquist ted Press Staff Correspon New York, April 16 (P)—Major league basceball-wartime variety pushes to the forefront of the American sporting scene again to-day, its popularity as great as ever even with quality of player talent at an all time low ebb.

During the off-season the leagues weathered a great man.

leagues weathered a great man-power crisis only after their staunch friend in the White House, President Roosevelt, gave them a provisional green light to carry on in 1945, even if it was necessary for the standard of play to drop to the sand lot level.

Now that provision green light has become a mandate and noth-ing short of a national emergency could prevent basceball from completing the course in 1945, even though for many teams the go-ing will be rocky from start to finish.

Brothers May Quit
The world champion St. Louis
Cardinals, seeking their fourth straight pennant are definite standouts in the National, even though internal troubles and low-ered morale may reduce their efficiency. The obvious bitterness of their brother battery of pitcher Morton Cooper and catcher Walker Cooper is threatening to quit because of salary dissatisfaction could mean that the Cardinals might beat themselves when no other team in the league was capable of dainy it.

able of doing it. The champion St. Louis Browns are well fixed for manpower in are well lixed for manpower in the American league and are fa-vored to repeat their 1944 success saga when they amazed everyone including themselves by winning their first pennant. This time, however, they definitely are the boys to beat.

If the Cards falter, the Chicago Cube who fared well in acquiring

at Philadelphia and Boston at New York in the American and St. Louis at Chicago, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, New York at Boston and Philadelphia at Brooklyn in the National.

Ann Curtis First In A.A.U. Swim

Chicago, April 16 (19 ... Ann Curtis' sweeping dominance of fem-inine swimming was brilliantly etched on the Sullivan memorial trophy and in the record brooks of the Amateur Athletic union to-

sof the Amateur Athletic union to day.

During the three-day National A. A. U. indoor championships, which wetre concluded yesterday at the Town club, the San Francisco speedster won all three free style events at 100, 200 and 440 yards. In addition, she anchored the victorious 300-yard medley and 400-yard free style relay teams from San Francisco's Crystal plunge.

Her all-victorious performance was partly shaded by the brilliance of a 19-year-old Northwest-crn university coed, Jeanne Wilson, representing Chicago's Lake Shore club, set a new American and meet record of 1:15.1 in the 100-yard breast stroke yesterday. Trimming two tenths of a second off the former mark of 1:15.3 set by Lorraine Tisher in 1941, when she was competing with the Women's Swimming association, New York.

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Coasting Along in the Sport World

San Francisco, April 16 (U)-Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, the glamor man of west coast coaching ranks, steps into one of the

"if" club of the American. Loss of five players now in 1-A or undecided about reporting could make the Yankees a second division team, but if all were available from start to finish they might well win the pennant.

The Yanks and Senators get underway at Washington today. Tomorrow all clubs will be in action with Detroit at St. Louis, Chicago at Cleveland, Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at turn out to be quite as green as

game for the duration at the close of the 1942 season.

For this big league play, the

for this big league play, the former Notre Dame star is expected to mold champions from what may be questionable talent, while instilling a complete new system of play the first season. The only standout returning from the team which was the season.

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If the Cards falter, the Chicago Cubs, who fared well in acquiring talent from their farm clubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, outstanding stretch runners of 1944, are in best position to move in as title contenders.

Detroit Favored

Detroit is conceded the best chance of ousting the Browns, and the New York Yankees are the "If" club of the American, Loss of five players now in 1-4 or underlined the players now which and the policy the first season, as head grid ment or on May 1.

Appointed Saturday to succed the team which won three, jost six and tied one last year, is Roger the team which won three, loss six and tied one last year, is Roger the team which won three, jost six and tied one last year, is Roger the

ia job. Claiming to be no miracle man, In coaching berths at the University of Nevada, North Carolina State, and Santa Clara, where he compiled astounding records, the gray-thatched mentor was handicapped by small enrollments. At Santo Clara the total never was greater than 600.

However, the grass may not turn out to be quite as green as it would appear on the surface.

In the first place, the Cal boosters aren't expecting merely a winner. Right away there is talk of "championship," "Rose Bowls," "wonder team," etc.

Although the salary wasn't announced, it is expected Buck will draw around \$12,500 per season—compared with the estimated \$10,-compared with t

speed of the Northwestern Miss, Two Radio Stars however, Miss Curtis was the show's undisputed queen.

At a banquet after the meet last night, she was presented the Silivan trophy, awarded annually by the A. A. U. to the nation's No. 1 amateur athlete. As the 1944 recipient, Miss Curtis became the only woman in history to have her name etched on the trophy. She also is one of the few women in A. A. U. annals to win three individual championships and participate on two victorious teams during one meet.

Chicago, April 16 (1)5—Cham-pion Welker Cochran heid a new world's billiard record today, but challenger Willie Hoppe retained his lead as the two start prepared for the southwest tour of their three cushion championship cross

country match. Cochran whipped Hoppe, 60-22, in 20 innings last night to sharter his previous world's record of 23 innings for best game played, which Hoppe later tied. Cochran took the afternoon game, 60-47, in 11 innings.

Hoppe rer ainc in the lead by it points, however. The pair's southest tour will begin next week at Dallas, Tex.

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Two Radio Stars
Steal Golf Show

Downey, Calif., April 16 UP—
Crooner Big Crosby and comedian
Bob Hope combined gags with
golf yesterday to be the main atgolf yesterday to be the main at-traction at the fourth annual golf club pro-amateur golf tour-ney.

About \$2,500 was contributed to

About \$2,500 was contributed to the P.G.A. rehabilitation war vet-eran fund by 3,000 fans. In an ex-hibition foursome with profes-sinal George Lake of Long Beach and tournament chairman Forest Smith, Hope carded an individual 39, Crosby a 38, Lake a 37, and Smith a 36 for the first nine.

War Briefs - - -

Western Front—German resistance stalls U. S. Ninth army along Elbe river 45 to 50 miles from Berlin; other American forces roll unchecked toward juncture with red army. Eastern Front — Berlin says

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By J. R. Williams Seattle Rainiers Take First Place In Coast League

Oakland ... San Diego San Francisco

Tuesday's schedule: Oakland at Seattle, Sacramento at San Francisco. San Diego at Los Angeles.

The high-riding, hard hitting Buckaroos from Seattle were headed homeward today in sole with none on and two more repossession of first place in the Pacific coast league pennant chase—ready to tangle with the Oakland Oaks in the first game of the season in the northland on Three Fire Calls

Winner of a double bill over the hapless Hollywood Stars yesterday in the southland by scores of 10-3 and 14-4, manager Bill Skift's Rainlers took the series, 4-1, and undisputed control of first place as the Portland Beavers split a twin bill.

Answered in Bend
Three fire calls were answered by city firemen over the weekend, and they reported today that only slight damage resulted from the blazes. Late Saturday the firemen were called to the W. J. Coy home 14-115. Fight streat where a hear

Russian troops have crossed lower Oder river between Berlin and Stettin.

and Stettin.

Italy — 15th army group launches general spring offensive; Fifth army opens attack in mountains below Bologna.

Air War — RAF Mosquitoes bomb Berlin three times in night.

Pacific. New air assault adde.

Pacific — New air assault adds to devastation left in large Tokyo area by Saturday's B-29 raids; American troops beat off Japa-nese counterattacks on southern Okinawa; U. S. forces close in on Gaguio in northern Luzon.

Miss Jane Drew Macnider, niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Marks, with

whom she has made her home, was enlisted in the Waves on Thursday, April 12, at the Port-land Waves' enlistment headquar-

ters. Miss Macnider filed her ap-plication for enlistment through the Central Oregon navy recruit-

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Angeles Angels finally salvaged ing.

a game out of the Sacramento series by taking the nightcap 3-0 after losing the opener, 1-5. About 7,000° passed through the turnstiles at Sacramento, 10,000 at Hollywood, to bring the day's attendanse around the 45,000

attendanse around the 45,000 mark.
The record-breaking crowd at San Francisco saw Boy Joyce, 21-game winner last year, hurl a five-hit shutout in the final to best Jake Motty of the Beavers. Motty allowed only four safe blows, but three of them were bunched in the first inning for all the runs. the runs.

In the opener the Beavers pounded Ken Brondell and Elmer Orella for 11 safeties. Ted Gullic led the attack with four hits in five trips to the plate. Catcher

Eddie Adams drove in three runs. The Seattle club beat out a steady tattoo of hits off seven steady tattoo of hits off seven Hollywood hurlers in their two slugging contests. All told, the Rainiers in 16 innings scored 24 runs, got 31 hits. Ted Norbert got one homer in the first tilt with none on and two more round-trippers in the second to drive in trippers in the second to drive in

twin bill.

The Beavers won the first from at 1415 Elgin street, where a hog fuel hopper had backfired, filling San Francisco, 5-1, but dropped the home with smoke. Late that The Beavers won the first from San Francisco, 5-1, but dropped the second, 2-0, before 20,000 fans —largest crowd of the season. The split gave the Oregonians the series, 3-2.

Padres Win Pair

Manager Pepper Martin's San Diego Padres won two from Oakland, 3-2 and 4-3 before 9,000, to win the series, 3-2, while the Los Angeles Angels finally salvaged

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5:45-Night News Wire

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1:30—George Olsen's Orchestra 1:45—Handy Man 2:00—Meditations

2:15—Melody Time 2:45—Willard Amison 3:00—Griffin Reporting 3:15—Hasten the Day

3:30—Miniature Concert 3:45—Johnson Family 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

5:00-Sam Hayes

4:15—Rex Miller 4:30—Tommy Harris Time 4:55—Central Oregon News

5:00—Sam Fayes 5:15—Superman 5:30—Tom Mix 5:45—Night News Wire 6:00—Gabriel Heatter 6:15—Jimmy Fidler 6:30—American Forum of Air

6:30—American Forum of Air 7:15—Lowell Thomas 7:30—Red Ryder 8:00—Treasury Salute 8:15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra 8:30—Tony Pastor's Orchestra 9:00—Glenn Hardy News

9:15—Rex Miller 9:30—Mysterious Traveler 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 10:15—Tommy Tucker Time

22 Donors Make

Redmond, April 16 (Special)— Twenty-two blood donors from

Portland Trip

7:30—Lone Ranger 8:00—Library Hour

8:15—Tommy Dorsey's Orch. 8:30—Michael Shayne 9:00—Glen Hardy News 9:15—Cecil Brown

9:30—They Shall Be Heard 10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr. 10:15—Sherlock Holmes

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00—News 7:15—Auctioneer 7:30—Spotlight on Rhythm 7:45—Morning Melodies 7:55—News 8:00—Woody Herman's

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Orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Take It Easy Time
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Organ Treasures
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—William Lang
9:15—Songs by Morton Downey
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Brito
10:45—Redmond Victory March
11:35—Love Notes

Twenty-two blood donors from Redmond vicinity made the trip to the Portland donors' center Thursday. Transportation charges were paid by interested Redmond citizens, the trip being made by a Trailways bus. Of the twenty-two donors, seven were classified as type O. This type is in much demand since it may be flown directly and used with.

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