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Big League Nines Go Into Action as 1945 Season Opens

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, April 19 (AP)—Ed Heusser's first pitching job of 1945, a 6 to 0 shutout for Cincinnati over Pittsburgh, may cause fellow moundmen to raise the question when it comes time to leave for spring training next season—"Is this trip necessary?" Heusser isn't trying to help the office of defense transportation. He just didn't care for spring training and reported late, getting only nine days of conditioning. But he was in mid-season form yesterday, holding the Pirates to seven scattered singles and a double at Cincinnati. He walked only two men. The leading national league pitcher in the earned run department last year with an average of 2.38, he got off to a flying start in defending the mark. Only one man reached third and only two got as far as second.

Trout Is Victor
Other pitchers were "on the beam" too, yesterday. Paul (Dizzy) Trout, backed by some lusty hitting from the supposedly anemic Detroit Tigers, shut out the Browns at St. Louis, 11 to 0. The Tigers made 21 hits, scoring three runs in the first inning off Brownie Ace, Jack Kramer, to make Trout's work easy.

Russ Christopher of the Athletics had to go 12 innings at Philadelphia before winning a duel from Washington's 40-year-old John Niggeling, 1 to 0. Niggeling had a shade the better of it until the 11th when he went out for a pinch hitter, giving up only five hits to seven for Christopher.

The Yankees for the second straight day used a big inning to beat the Boston Red Sox at New York, scoring five in the third to make it easy for Hank Borowy. In a 6 to 2 triumph, Borowy would have had a shutout but for an error in the eighth which set up two tallies.

Dodgers Beaten
At Brooklyn, the Philadelphia Phillies also used a five run inning to beat the Dodgers, 6 to 2. The rally in the fourth inning gave Dick (Kawpie) Barrett a good working margin and he had little difficulty thereafter, no Dodger player getting more than one hit.

Manager Mel Ott's single in the ninth started the New York Giants off to a game winning four run rally against the Braves at Boston. The little pilot got three

Out Our Way



By J. R. Williams

Beavers, Rainiers Beaten at Home

(By United Press)
The Seattle Rainiers and the Portland Beavers belied the promise they had given earlier this season against other coast league teams as each dropped a game before disappointed fans in their home town openers last night.

The Beavers dropped a 2-1 decision to the Hollywood Stars, the last place club in the standings, while the league-leading Rainiers lost to the Oakland Oaks by 3-2.

At Whigley field, Lou Novakoff's 400-foot homer won the Los Angeles a nightcap game against the San Diego Padres. The San Diego club won the opener 9-4. At San Francisco, the Seals scored their second straight victory over the Sacramento Solons 10-9.

Draws First Blood
Oakland drew first blood when Hal Patchet singled to center, followed by Chet Rosenlund's single to right. Tom Hafey walked to fill the sacks. Frank Hawkins' single scored Patchet and Rosenlund. In the fifth, Seattle picked up when Joe Demoran singled and scrambled to third on a single by Bill Katz and a walk by Roy Johnson. Chuck Aleno's fly ball scored Demoran.

Portland led by a lone second inning run until the ninth when Ad Liska gave up two winning runs. Manager Buck Faucett started Hollywood off by singling to center field and moving to second on Stewart's infield out. Moran singled to score Faucett and then scored on O'Neil's low throw on Willingham's grounder.

Over 20 different chemicals and materials are used in the ordinary kitchen match.

WAR BONDS in Action



Cooper Brothers Report for Work

Independence, Mo., April 19 (AP)—Walker Cooper, St. Louis Cardinals catcher, has been ordered to report for induction April 30, his selective service board announced today.

Chicago, April 19 (AP)—In a complete reversal of form pitcher Mort and catcher Walker Cooper of the St. Louis Cardinals went quietly back to work today after each had presented his argument for a \$3,000 raise to baseball's front office.

Their requests for \$15,000 salaries were taken under advisement yesterday by Leslie O'Connor, chairman of the baseball advisory council, after he conferred with them for 90 minutes.

Following the conference, O'Connor said he would consider the Cooper brothers' case for a couple of days and might talk by long distance telephone to president Sam Breadon of the Cardinals, who steadfastly has refused to meet his two stars' demands.

Up To O'Connor
When asked what they would do if their salary demands were not met, Mort said, "We will abide by whatever Mr. O'Connor decides to do. We have submitted our case to him. That's enough."

The Coopers' action was in decided contrast to their performance of five days ago when they walked out on the Cardinal team and announced that they were going to quit baseball for another profession unless their wage demands were satisfied.

League Standings

(By United Press)

American			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	14	10	1.000
Chicago	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Boston	0	2	.000
National			
New York	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Boston	0	2	.000
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000
Pacific Coast			
Seattle	12	5	.706
Portland	11	7	.611
Oakland	9	8	.529
San Diego	10	10	.500
Sacramento	9	9	.500
San Francisco	8	10	.444
Los Angeles	8	12	.400
Hollywood	5	11	.353

Bowling Notes

Results of Women's Bowling league games, played last night on the Bend Recreation alleys, follow:

Stillwells Lunch			
B. Fields	120	128	111-359
M. Lee	128	84	86-298
G. Morris	111	131	144-386
J. Gerlington	127	130	146-403
O. Alt	135	167	180-482
Handicap	182	182	182-549
Total	804	823	850-2477

Coca-Cola			
M. Keith	147	159	130-436
M. Webster	82	142	107-331
D. Lewerenz	123	149	110-382
H. Judy	136	170	111-417
L. Anderson	139	149	164-452
Handicap	207	207	207-621
Total	834	976	829-2639

Oasis			
E. Monical	114	121	104-339
B. Myers	164	119	154-437
M. Ellison	135	141	141-417
M. Christy	102	120	144-336
A. Roberts	122	178	165-465
Handicap	189	189	189-567
Total	826	868	897-2591

Greggs Banner Bread			
E. Boeckel	107	134	148-389
D. Werner	115	143	136-394
C. Love	68	111	83-261
H. Stimes	101	108	126-335
E. Roats	163	134	130-427
Handicap	201	201	201-603
Total	734	831	824-2389

Elles			
D. Applegate	148	136	124-408
V. Grino	127	160	143-430
L. Brant	116	93	95-304

Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Leo H. Petersen
(United Press Sports Editor)
New York, April 19 (AP)—A timid youth of 15 stepped out of a taxi cab in midtown Manhattan looking for John J. McGraw.

He was directed to the offices of the New York Giants where he learned that McGraw already had left for the Polo Grounds. So the kid, a little scared of the big city after living in Louisiana, started out to find a subway. He found one, but instead of winding up at the Polo Grounds he found he was at Coney Island.

It was the first time he had been lost. It was also the last. For since that September day in 1925, Melvin Thomas Ott has been doing considerably more than all right.

He found his way back to the Polo Grounds that day and finally presented the letter he was bearing to McGraw, then managing the Giants. The letter was from one of McGraw's friends and recommended the bearer as a coming major league baseball prospect.

"What position do you play?" McGraw asked the Louisiana boy who wasn't to be 16 until the following March.

"I'm a catcher," Ott replied. "Did you ever play the outfield?" McGraw asked.

"Yes sir," Ott shot back, "when I was a kid."

He's played a lot of outfield since then—so much that almost every time he goes to bat he sets a new record. And to the thousands who know him, to the millions who have seen him play, to the men who go all out for him on the diamond every day, and the thousands of service men he entertained during his tour of the European war theater last winter, it couldn't happen to a better guy.

His friends are legion—and he has no enemies, not even among the major league umpires. And through all those years he's remained pretty much the same kid that hit Manhattan that day carrying a straw suitcase. His chief worry now is the Giants and their bid for the 1945 National league pennant, but his thoughts are still pretty much with those service men.

"I just couldn't help from getting lumps in my throat when I saw those kids in hospitals," Ott explained. "Baseball seemed pretty far away, and not very important."

But another season has started and Ott is back at his same old stand. When he went to bat at Boston Tuesday it marked the 20th consecutive year he has been with the same club—a new Na-

tional league record. And every time he draws a base on balls, bats in a run, gets a hit, hits an extra base or scores a run he sets a new life-time record—and the old one, of course, is his own. In all he set six on opening day. He broke four more yesterday.

Now he's shooting for his first pennant since he took over the helm of the Giants in 1942. He'd gladly trade in all his records for that flag. He wants it to keep his record—always coming through for the late John J. McGraw.

Hayward Relays Draw Big List

Eugene, Ore., April 19 (AP)—Nearly double the usual entry list today was signed up for the 8th annual Hayward relays in Eugene this Saturday.

There will be 53 schools in the west, with Jefferson of Portland, Beaverton and Mohawk defending their A, B and C championships. There are 23 A schools entered, 14 B teams and 16 C squads.

The 24-event program will be conducted by Col. Bill Hayward and coach John Warren and Anse Cornell of the University of Oregon.

A recent government survey located six areas on the Arctic coast of Alaska where oil seepages indicated the probability of nearby petroleum deposits.

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