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White Sox Only Unbeaten Team In Big Leagues

By Walter Byers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Chicago, April 24 (AP)—The White Sox, a blend of eight old men and a 19-year-old infielder, were the unexpected darlings of Chicago today.

As major league baseball heads into the second week of the 1945 season, the Sox are the only undefeated team in the big leagues with five straight victories. To turn the trick, manager Jimmie Dykes' gang of castoffs have become hitting terrors and Chicago loves 'em.

All "Old Men"
The Sox, even with 19-year-old Cass Michaels at shortstop, average more than 30 years of age. In pre-season ratings, experts labeled them a faltering second division team. Even the eloquent Dykes, chewing hard on a cigar, said, "we'll probably finish where we did last year—seventh."

But the Sox have been running wild. They opened against Cleveland and won two games there before returning to Chicago and taking three straight from the St. Louis Browns, American league champions. Players who usually hit in the 200 circle are hitting above .400. An infield which Dykes admitted had several holes has been impregnable. The weary arms of an old men's pitching corps suddenly have come to life.

Big Crowd Out
Sunday's doubleheader with the Browns, almost cancelled because of inclement weather, drew 13,781 fans in 50-degree temperature. Dykes' hardy gang goes after victory No. 6 today against the Tigers and an "exceptional Tuesday crowd" is forecast by vice-president Harry Grabner.

The team is hitting .352 and the outfield is blasting the ball at a .420 clip.

The odds are sky high but there is always the possibility that the Sox could be the rags-to-riches gang of 1945, just as the Browns were last year.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Central Oregon Track Meet Set For Bend Field

Trackmen from Redmond and Prineville will invade Bend Friday afternoon to participate in a Central Oregon meet, the first held in several years on the local field. The winning team will be crowned Central Oregon Track champions and will be awarded the last of the three major sports trophies for which the three schools have competed this year.

Bend won the football award, Prineville the basketball cup and Redmond seems most likely to win the track trophy.

Redmond will boast the best rounded team with probable point winners in every event. Prineville should capture the majority of the first places but is weak in some events. Bend has on outside chance to win but every possible point winner must come through. Much is dependent on George Rasmussen's ailing leg.

This rangy Bear star who captured four firsts in an earlier meeting between the schools is nursing a pulled muscle which is a keeping him out of practice this week. He also will be limited by meet rules to just three events. This will cut off another possible five points for the Bears.

Favorites Listed
Favorites in the different events will be Brown of Redmond and Durkee of Prineville in the 100, Chalfant of Prineville in the 220 and 440, McDaniels of Redmond in the 880, and Mauldin of Bend and McDaniels in the mile. Rasmussen should win both high and low hurdles if his injury permits his participation. Prineville relay team seems to be tops.

In the field events Prineville should dominate by winning the high jump, discus and broad jump. Redmond boasts the best in the shot and javelin. Bend's Rasmussen and Sheffield should dominate the pole vault.

On the basis of comparative times and performances to date Redmond should score about 58 points to Prineville's 56 and Bend's

Today's Sport Parade

By Gene Friedman
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Los Angeles, April 24 (AP)—So far this year baseball attendance at the Los Angeles and Hollywood ball parks, particularly on Sunday, the "money" day for both teams, has shown an increase over 1944, but if the increase is to continue or even to hold, there will have to be some changes made.

Fans, even dyed in the wool baseball fans, are not going to pay admission much longer to see exhibitions like the Angel's double loss Sunday to San Diego by scores of 12 to 1 and 9 to 4, or Hollywood's double trouncing the previous Sunday by Seattle 10 to 3 and 14 to 4.

The fact that the Angels, last year's champions, and the Stars, among the early favorites for this year's bunting, are occupying seventh and eighth place, respectively,

in the Pacific Coast league is not likely to increase the drawing power.

While the Angels have undoubtedly issued plaintive, but so far vain, calls to the parent Chicago Cubs, the Stars have nowhere to look.

In their first 23 games the Angels scored 98 runs, slightly more than four a game, which is not too bad a performance, but they have yielded 130 to their opponents, just short of six per game.

Hollywood, however, is in even worse shape. The Stars have likewise scored 98 runs in their 23 games, but have permitted the staggering total of 150 to the opposition, well over six per game. The mound staff has been victim of a 21-run outburst, a 16-run rout, a 14 run spurge, two 10 run defeats, a pair of nine run wallopings and two eight run setbacks.

All in all it promises to be a close meet with the winner having to battle all the way.

16 Club Owners Still Seek Czar

Cleveland, April 24 (AP)—Major league baseball begins its own "San Francisco" conference today when the 16 club owners begin deliberating again in an effort to select a high commissioner who may rule the destiny of the sport for many years after the war is ended.

They met considerably less hopeful of accomplishing their purpose than the world diplomats who will begin their momentous conference tomorrow at San Francisco.

May Delay Selection
Chances of agreement upon one man who can muster the 12 votes necessary to elect a commissioner hinged upon a last minute compromise. Falling in that, the owners are almost certain to delay the selection of a successor to the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis

until after the war.

There were two distinct factions, both equally reluctant to relax their demands. One, led by Col. Larry MacPhail, new head of the Yankee organization of New York, wants no further delay in the selection of a man. MacPhail and his adherents publicly have acclaimed Ford Frick, president of the national league, as the top choice, although they probably would settle for former postmaster general James A. Farley, now a soft-drink company executive.

Would Table Action
The other group led by Clark Griffith, head of the Washington Senators, and having most of its strength in the American league, wants to table action until after the war when a dominant national figure, possibly a returning war hero or an outstanding statesman, would be available.

Failing to elect a commissioner, the majors will remain under the direction of the three man commission which has ruled the game since Landis died last Nov. 25. It consists of Frick, William Harbridge, president of the American league, and Leslie J. O'Connor, secretary to Landis. O'Connor,

like Frick, is a leading candidate for the job although he has expressed unwillingness to accept it. Frick, on the other hand, has campaigned for it actively.

Fight Results

(By United Press)
DETROIT—Charlie Smith, 133, Newark, N. J., outpointed Leon Spencer, Detroit, (10); Pete Bolas, 124, Detroit, outpointed Kuko Ortiz, 122, Mexico City (6).
HOLYOKE, Mass.—Lige Drew, 148, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Henry Jordan, 144½, Philadelphia (10).
PHILADELPHIA—Johnny Carter, 161, Philadelphia, outpointed Maria Ochoa, 163, Havana (10).
BALTIMORE—Archib Moore, 168, St. Louis, stopped Teddy Randolph, 182, New York (9).
NEWARK, N. J.—Charles (Cabe) Lewis, 129, Havana, outpointed George Cooper, 129½, Baltimore (10).

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Chief Bob Feller Back on Mound

Evanston, Ill., April 24 (AP)—Chief Specialist Bob Feller, coach of the Great Lakes baseball team, pitches his first ball in two years in the continental U. S. today in a practice game with Northwestern University.

The former Cleveland Indian star will appear for Great Lakes with a least three other major leaguers—Johnny Gorschia, former Detroit Tigers' pitcher, Pinky Higgins, also of Detroit, and Ken Keltner, a former teammate at Cleveland.

Beavers to Face Tough Contests

(By United Press)
Six Pacific coast league baseball teams swing back into action tonight in pursuit of the elusive league leadership.

Portland, currently in front, and Seattle have monopolized the top-place honors through most of the first four weeks of play and appear in no danger of losing that honor for at least two weeks.

The Beavers take on Oakland tonight; Seattle meets Hollywood, and San Francisco entertains San Diego. Sacramento plays Los Angeles this week, but the two teams start off with a double-header on Wednesday.

Manager Bill Skiff's Rainier sluggers fell off considerably against good Oakland pitching over the past week and the Oaks annexed a tough 4-3 series and knocked the northerners out of the top rung.

Tough Games Faced
The high-spot Beavers won't find the pickings quite so easy against the Oakland aggregation, with Manager Dolph Camilli ever a threat as a pinch-hitter (he hit a homer in that role Sunday) and young Vic Pictti sparking the club with his sensational play, the Acorns have become one of the finest all-around clubs in the loop.

The very surprising San Diego Padres, tied with the Oaks for third place and only four games out of first, will be gunning for another series win over the Seals. Manager Pepper Martin's outfit, which downed Los Angeles last week, 4-3, is hot stuff.

The Sacramento Solons can be classed as one of the harder-hitting outfits. But their pitching hasn't been anything to brag about and that appears to be

keeping them out of the first division.

Taylor to Meet Johnny Suarez

Portland, Ore., April 24 (AP)—A virtual newcomer to the ring wars will meet a veteran tonight in Portland at the national boxing club show when Johnny Taylor, of California, battle in the featured 10-round event.

Both are well-known to Portland boxing fans.

Suarez started here four months ago as a prelin fighter, but in six consecutive victories he has established himself as a favorite. Taylor is a vet who has fought the best of the welter-weights, but he has retained the reputation of being the handsomest and gamest fighter in the business.

Taylor is proud of the fact that he is president of the "2" was kay-ood by Henry Armstrong" club. However, he will rank a slight favorite in tonight's bout because of his six-pound weight advantage and his edge in height, reach and experience.

Joe Waterman has lined up a card which will also feature Martine Gates vs. "Powder" Proctor in the six-round semi-windup.

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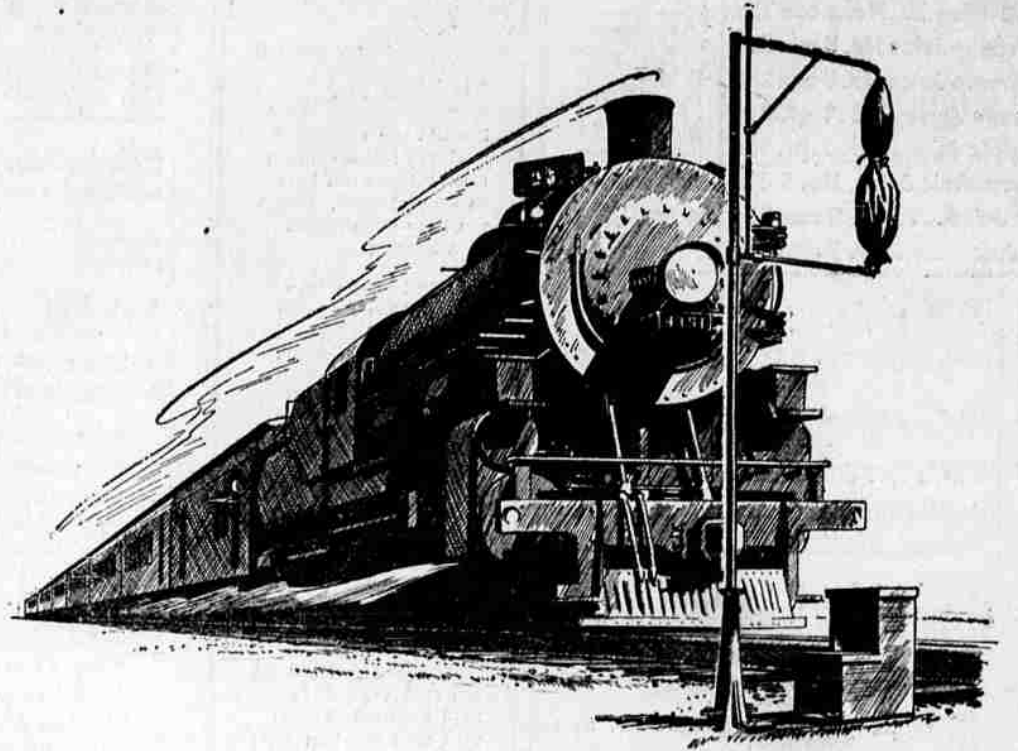
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Picking up mail "on the fly" at small stations, as shown here, is one way Southern Pacific and other railroads see to it that your letters are handled quickly.

Another example of fast, efficient mail service was Southern Pacific's handling of Christmas mail to the men overseas.

All mail to the Pacific fighting fronts is first routed to Army and Fleet Post Offices in San Francisco. During the last Christmas season, 2,931 carloads of overseas mail rolled into Oakland and San Francisco rail terminals! If the mail bags in these cars were placed end to end they would have formed a continuous column from San Francisco to Seattle. To get this unprecedented volume of mail through

on time—loading, transporting, switching, handling, and trucking problems were worked out well in advance. Many solid trains of mail were run across the country—thousands of freight cars were "drafted" for mail service. Everything possible was done to assure your fighting man a letter or package from home on Christmas.

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