

All But Two Big League Contests Cancelled By Rain

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, April 25 (UP)—Three ninth inning homers in as many playing days by Elmer (Butch) Nieman of the Boston Braves was manager Bob Coleman's big hitting today for three hours of hitting instruction in spring training camp.

Coleman believed Nieman had more potential as a hitter than he showed last year, when he batted an anemic .265. So when the Braves pitched camp at Georgetown university in Washington he took the ex-Kansas State college football star aside and gave him lessons on how to pull the ball.

Bats at .300 Clp

He's now batting .300 with nine hits in 25 times at bat, an average which has placed the Braves in a fourth-place tie with the Cincinnati Reds.

Yesterday, Hal Gregg of the Brooklyn Dodgers appeared to be coasting to his second victory. He was nursing a 6 to 4 lead when the Braves came to bat in the last of the ninth. Things still didn't look too dark for him after three singles produced one run. Then Nieman came to bat and hit a three-run homer over the right field screen to give the Braves an 8 to 6 win.

Gets Two Homers

Home runs provided the margin of victory in the only other major league game played yesterday. Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants made two, each with a man on base to account for four runs as the Giants defeated the visiting Phillies 5 to 2.

All of the other major league games were postponed because of rain.

Yesterday's Star—Elmer (Butch) Nieman, whose three-run home and two infield outs drove across five runs in Boston's 8 to 6 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Out Our Way



Today's Sport Parade

By Leo H. Petersen
(United Press Sports Editor)

New York, April 25 (UP)—They are going through the motions at Churchill Downs these days of getting ready for a race which may never be run.

Entries for the 1945 Kentucky Derby close today and right now there is no more confused gentry in the sports world than those connected with horse racing.

But they are taking no chances. When and if the ban on racing is lifted they will be ready to go and so will Col. Matt J. Winn with the 71st running of the most historic horse race in the United States.

No derby day may dawn this year. It not only depends on how the war goes, but also on what the government wants. There is no question about the first, for it's strictly a matter of time now; but there is doubt now whether the ban will be lifted on V-E day.

James F. Byrnes said it would before he resigned as war mobilization director. He was responsible for the ban which went into effect Jan. 3, and his announcement that the ban would be lifted when Germany folds was the signal for the horsemen to start getting ready. The prospects looked even brighter a couple of weeks later when Col. J. Monroe Johnson of the ODT disclosed

that the government was considering a plan under which racing would be resumed on a limited scale on May 10.

But that optimism didn't last long for in his first news conference President Truman made it plain that the government would wait until V-E day before determining what to do about such things as horse racing.

The horses in training include the 100 or more hopefuls which will be entered in the derby. When all of the entries are received which are mailed before midnight tonight, Churchill Downs officials expect the list to exceed 100.

The standouts among the three-year-olds already have been entered including the unbeaten Free For All John March's Arlington and Washington Parks futurities winner is coming along fine in his training at the Downs.

Others whose names were found among the early subscriptions included Calumet Farm's Pot O'Luck and Battlerie, Mrs. Gertrude Donovan's fighting Don, Arthur Rose's Misweet, C. C. Tanner's Best Effort, J. K. House's Buymeabond, Lt. Cmdr. T. D. Buhl's Air Sullor, the Paragon stable's Bob Mann and the Indian Rock stable's Darien. Like Free For All, they now are quartered at Churchill Downs and are training soundly.

'Happy' Chandler Named Ball Czar

By Lee Linder
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Cleveland, April 25 (UP)—Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler, D., Ky., the one man in a field of more than 100 candidates who "loved baseball the most," was its new high commissioner today, the unanimous choice of 16 major league owners to direct destiny of the sport for the next seven years.

Chandler, 46-year-old former governor of Kentucky, was selected last night at a three-and-a-half hour session. More than 100 names were on the list presented to the owners by a special committee of four.

Gets Serious Study

One club owner said that "serious discussion" began only when Chandler's name was reached on the list and that "after that no other man had a chance."

A compromise candidate for the \$50,000 a year job, the magnates in choosing Chandler picked a staunch friend of all sports, a man born and bred in the thoroughbred horse country of blue grass Kentucky.

In Chandler, baseball will have a man the direct opposite of the late Kenesaw M. Landis, who ruled the sport with an iron hand. Chandler, nicknamed "Happy" because of a cheerful disposition, seldom gets angry or arbitrary.

Short Of Players

Ready to take over immediately, Chandler's first big job will be to keep the sport going for the duration despite the acute manpower shortages.

Col. Larry S. MacPhail, head of the New York Yankees, who led a faction which demanded that the selection of a commissioner be made now and not delayed until after the war, said that Chandler was the unanimous choice because the owners realized "he loved baseball."

a good job as I see it."

Chandler made arrangements to leave party politics with a tinge of regret. His senate seat probably will be taken by a republican under appointment of Kentucky's Gov. Simon E. Willis until a successor is chosen in the state election next November.

There also was the matter of getting \$50,000 a year as baseball commissioner instead of \$10,000 a year as senator. Chandler was practical about it.

"I've been in politics all my life," he said. "It's a great game but you can't make any money at it. I've got a wife and four children and I've got to think about them and their future too. I hope this will enable me to provide for them a little better than I've been able to do in the past."

Klamath Marines Box in Portland

Portland, Ore., April 25 (UP)—It would be jolly to report that the marines from the Klamath Falls rehabilitation center had landed and had the decisions well in hand, but the factual communique must be that of the three who landed in the Portland boxing ring last night only one took a decision, and that only by a narrow margin.

Sole marine winner was Charles Harris, 161, who had to work like everything to eke out a decision over Jerry Brown, 150-pound Denver negro, in six rounds.

Gates Is Loser

Among marines who planted no flags were the Indian Johnny Gates, who yielded a fifth-round TKO to Powder Procter of Portland, 161-pounder, who retrieved his reputation from a quick knockout in an earlier match with Portland's John L. Sullivan. Procter, who earlier had seemed a has-been, last night showed the fighting spirit that had given him stature a few years ago. Opening of a cut over Gates' eye in the third signified the start of the end of that bout.

The other marine to go down in glory was Lito Perez, 144, who yielded a decision to Leroy Durst, 147, Longview, after taking an eight-count in the second.

Suarez Is Victor

The so-called main event didn't come up to its billing, with the usually scrappy Johnny Suarez of Portland taking an easy 10-round decision over Johnny Taylor of Oakland. At 141, Suarez was just too fast and too good for the 147-pound Taylor, whose forte seemed to be to miss and grab. Suarez was bright in the first and sixth rounds, but customers yawned most of the rounds.

Kelly Jackson, Portland, 145, took a TKO over Johnny Pancho, Longview, 139, in the fifth of a scheduled six-rounder.

Portland Beavers Wallop Oakland

By United Press

The Portland Beavers stretched their Pacific coast league lead to one and one-half games last night by defeating Oakland, 7 to 1, while the second-place Seattle Rainiers were rained out of a chance to make the lot of the hapless Hollywood club more miserable.

In the only other scheduled game, the San Diego Padres turned on their slugging power to down the San Francisco Seals 7 to 3.

Don Pulford racked up his fifth straight pitching win for Portland against Oakland, which dropped to fifth place, five games from the top. Pulford was in rare form, limiting the Aorns to four hits, including three doubles.

Lotz Hammered

The Beavers hammered Jack Lotz, the starting Oakland twirler, for six runs in the first two frames. Woody English and Spencer Harris each contributed a two-bagger and a single to Portland's total of 11 hits.

Vallie Eaves, 32-year-old Cherokee Indian, contributed hitting as well as pitching to San Diego's triumph over San Francisco. He pounded out a single in the sixth inning to send across two runs and break a 1-1 deadlock. Ken Brodell was the losing hurler. Del Young, Seal second sacker, continued his hitting streak by

Chandler, New Baseball Czar, Outlines His Plans for Game

By John L. Cutler
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 25 (UP)—Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler, D., Ky., hoped today that as baseball's high commissioner he can be as good for the sport as it has been to him.

"To me baseball is the greatest sport in the world," Chandler said. "It has brought me probably rapping Eaves for three singles. Sacramento and Los Angeles open their series with a twin bill tonight."

the highest honor of my life. I hope that I can do something for the game."

Chandler returned to the senate today to begin winding up his political affairs with expectation that he can do it in 30 to 60 days. When that is done baseball, an avocation until now, will get his undivided attention.

"The important thing at the moment is to keep the game on its present high plane," Chandler said. "It's an honest game and has to be kept that way."

"After the war there is another matter. The young kids coming along have got to have a chance to get into the game. Baseball is going to have an important place in the post-war sports program. It's healthy and it's fun. It will do the kids a lot of good."

Chandler left no doubt that he expects to have full authority as commissioner comparable to that of the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis.

"It never occurred to me that it would be anything less," he said. "I can't go in there standing in the shadow of Judge Landis and not have authority to do

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- 7:00—The Feeling is Mutual
- 7:15—Lowell Thomas
- 7:30—Lone Ranger
- 8:00—John Kirby's Orchestra
- 8:25—Your Navy
- 8:30—Fresh Up Show
- 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 9:15—Cecil Brown
- 9:30—Northwest Neighbors
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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- 7:00—News
- 7:15—Auctioneer
- 7:30—Spotlight on Rhythm
- 7:45—Morning Melodies
- 7:55—News
- 8:00—Will Bradley's 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 and the News
- 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 Britto
- 10:45—Redmond Victory March
- 11:35—Love Notes
- 11:40—News
- 11:45—Lum 'N Abner
- 12:00—Deep River Boys
- 12:10—Sport Yarns
- 12:15—Arlane Trio
- 12:30—News
- 12:45—Farmer's Hour
- 1:00—Assembly of God Church
- 1:30—George Olsen's Orchestra

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(By United Press)

NATIONAL		
W	L	Pct.
New York	6	2 .750
Chicago	4	2 .667
St. Louis	3	2 .600
Cincinnati	3	3 .500
Boston	4	4 .500
Brooklyn	3	4 .425
Pittsburgh	2	5 .285
Philadelphia	2	5 .285

AMERICAN		
W	L	Pct.
Chicago	5	0 1.000
New York	5	1 .833
Detroit	4	2 .667
Philadelphia	4	2 .667
Washington	5	3 .500
Cleveland	1	4 .200
St. Louis	1	4 .200
Boston	0	6 .000

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct.
Portland	17	7 .708
Seattle	15	8 .652
San Diego	13	11 .542
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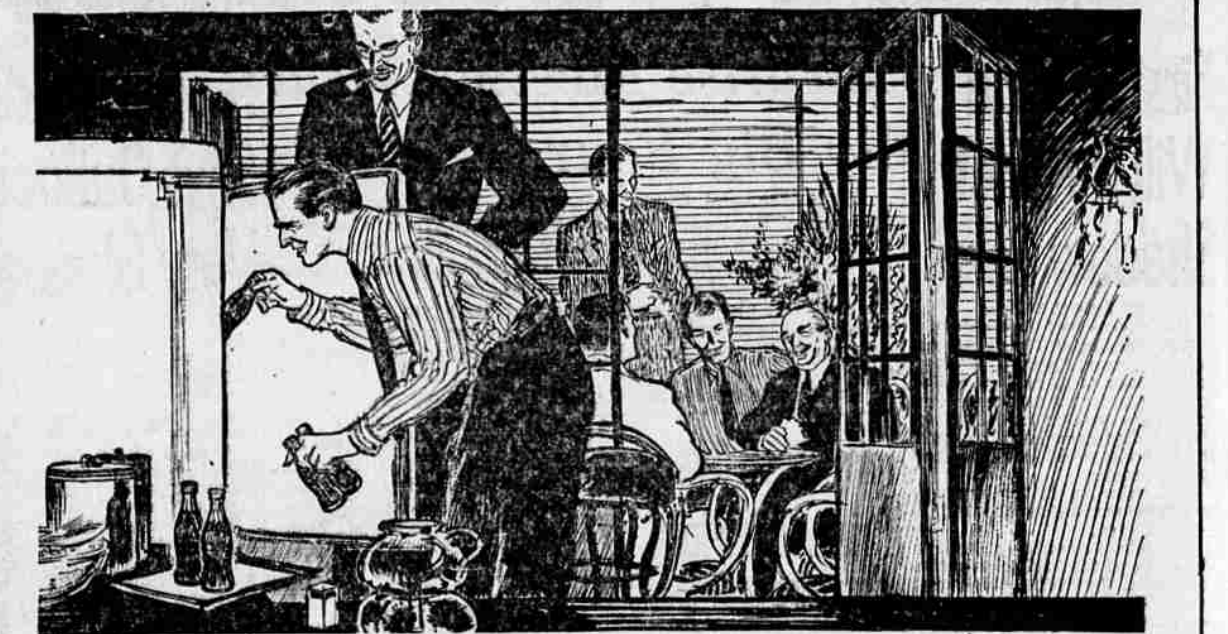
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