

Big League Nines Given Stop Sign By Weatherman

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 11 (UP)—Everything looked fine for baseball when the government gave a "green light" for 1945, but no one reckoned with the weatherman, who has been flashing "stop signals" ever since.

Managers made no secret of their concern today over the postponements. Last year at this time only 32 games had been rained out, 16 in each league. To date in 1945, there have been 48 postponements, 24 in each league.

The American has played only 64 games to date and the National 63 for a little more than one-third of the 162 that must be played in each league on the basis of a 154-game schedule for each team. Yet the season is about one-seventh completed, which means that about one game in three has been postponed.

Few Games Postponed

During all of 1934 there were only 35 games postponed in the American and 64 in the National because of the weather.

Each game called off now means more work later on for short pitching staffs, tiring veterans and rookies who may pale of the big league pace and under wartime schedules whereby each team makes only three trips a season to an opponents park, there will be frequently as many as three or four double headers in a row with overnight travel trips in between.

Most postponed games will be made up on the second trips to prevent heavy accumulation of extra games late in the season when the weather again becomes rainy. That means the big strain will be during hot days in late June, July, and August when players are at low ebb physically.

White Sox Lead

The Chicago White Sox have had the most postponements in the American, 10, and the Boston Braves in the National, nine.

Other American league postponements are Cleveland eight, St. Louis and Detroit seven, and Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York, four each. Philadelphia and Cincinnati have seven each in the National, New York and Brooklyn six, Chicago and Pittsburgh five, and St. Louis three.

Another bad factor now is that the "Florida-like" northern spring training weather put the players in excellent condition, but the siege of rain since then has caused many to complain about losing their fine edge.

Weather Is Bad

There was more of the same kind of weather yesterday, causing seven postponements in the two leagues.

In the only game played, a night contest at St. Louis, the Browns made it two straight over Washington, winning, 10 to 2, on Jack Kramer's five-hit pitching. The American league champion up onssj auj pauptu suojd first inning, scoring three runs on a single by George McQuinn and an error by Gil Torres. The Browns made 15 hits off Marino Piretti and Armando Roche, including a homer by Vern Stephens, his fourth.

Fight Results

(By United Press)

Boston—Pedro Firpo, 133, Camden, N. J., outpointed Paulie Jackson, 132½, Reading, Pa. (10).

Fall River, Mass.—Steve Kronis, 130, Boston, knocked out Oscar St. Pierre, 135, Fall River (3).

CARS ARE TAGGED

Improper parking on downtown streets has been charged to five more Bend automobile owners, according to police reports today. A car registered to Carl Garvick, Rt. 1, Box 448, was tagged for parking in an alley, and the following were cited for overtime parking: Mrs. B. A. Stover, Rocklyn road; Walter L. Damon, 126 Minnesota avenue; Guy Snyder, 1115 South Third street, and Curt Swager, Pine Auto court.

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Helser Hogties Padres, 8 to 0

(By United Press)

Screwy southpaws have been the butt of many a baseball joke but the San Diego Padres found nothing to laugh about last night when they met Mr. Roy Helser of the Portland Beavers.

Cokey after two straight wins over the Pacific coast league leaders, the Padres could touch Helser's left-handed slants for only four hits as he pitched Portland to an 8-0 triumph. He racked up eight strikeouts and had strong batting support from his teammates, including a homer by Frank Shone. The victory enabled the Beavers to stretch their first-place margin to four games.

The Seattle Rainiers slipped into second place ahead of San Diego by downing the Sacramento Senators for the third time, 6-1. Veteran Carl Fisher limited the Sacs to five scattered blows. George McDonald, Rainier first sacker, clouted a four-bagger inside the park. Catcher Hal Sueme collected a double and two singles off two Solon moundsmen.

Oakland Loses Game

The Oakland Aacorns dropped to fourth place, five games off the place, by losing to Los Angeles, 5-1. It also marked the first loss for Len Gilmore, ace Aacorn pitcher, after three straight wins. Jodie Phipps was on the hill for the Angels and scattered five hits. Lou Novikoff started the Los Angeles victory ride by crashing out a triple in the second inning.

San Francisco made it three straight over Hollywood with a 10-3 decision at Seals stadium. Del Young paced the offensive with a triple and two singles.

League Standings

AMERICAN			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	10	4	.714
Detroit	10	5	.667
New York	10	6	.625
Washington	9	10	.474
St. Louis	7	8	.467
Philadelphia	7	10	.411
Boston	6	11	.352
Cleveland	5	10	.333

NATIONAL			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	13	4	.763
Brooklyn	10	6	.625
Chicago	7	7	.500
St. Louis	8	7	.533
Boston	7	9	.438
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438
Cincinnati	6	8	.429
Philadelphia	4	13	.235

PACIFIC COAST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	26	13	.667
Seattle	22	17	.564
San Diego	22	18	.550
Oakland	21	18	.538
Sacramento	19	21	.475
Los Angeles	19	21	.475
San Francisco	18	22	.450
Hollywood	11	28	.282

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 11 (UP)—When the horses start hoofing it this weekend, after the winter wartime ban, they'll probably pound out one of the most exciting seasons in turf history.

Three factors will contribute toward this result:

(1) The 1945 turf is blessed with one of the finest crops of three-year-olds in the sport's annals, and three-year-olds are the main crop of racing; (2) upsets will feature stake events because those events will be jammed together in such fashion by the abbreviated season that name horses will be able to point for only one or two; (3) at the season's opening practically every mount will be going to the post fresh—not burned out by a winter of competition.

Although the 1944 season was the most prosperous in racing history, enjoying a Mutual handle of more than \$1,209,000,000 this prosperity was achieved despite a mediocre lot of three-year-olds, remnants of a crop of 1943 two-year-olds who were beset by illness and injury.

Despite the unusual ability of last year's two-year-olds, there's little chance of any of them winning the "triple crown" for three-year-olds in '45. That means winning the three classics—Kentucky derby, the Preakness and the Belmont stakes. Only six thoroughbreds of the past have done it—Sir Barton, Gallant Fox, Omaha, War Admiral, Whirlaway and Count Fleet. It is a difficult feat in normal times; but this year it is doubly difficult because the three stakes will be jammed in between June 2 and June 23.

On the basis of their performance as two-year-olds, William Jeffords' Pavot and John Marsch's Free For All would seem to have the best chances for the three-way crown. But Pavot, winner of eight straight starts, has been declared definitely out of the derby because of a hoof injury that slowed up winter training. He will be pointed for the Preakness, a week later.

Meanwhile, Free For All—unbeaten in five straight starts—appears a certain derby starter. But he will be threatened by such probable starters as Esteem, Jeep, War Jeep, Pot O' Luck, Fighting Don, Alexis, Pholos, Floodtown, Guam, Pericles and Sea Swallow. Also by the filly Busher. We imagine that all these mounts, who were going as two-year-olds, will be found among the derby nominees when they are announced, along with plenty of others. Jockey George Woolf believes that Esteem, owned by William Ziegler, Jr., has an excellent chance for the derby at least. Woolf has made inquiries about riding him in the Kentucky classic. Esteem finished first in only one of 12 starts as a two-year-old; but he almost nipped Pavot in the hopeful stakes at Belmont last year, coming from far off the pace. He shows a liking for distance, which is quite important in the derby. Moreover, Esteem has been working well all spring at Belmont and is in good condition.

Esteem is expected to give a sample of his speed. In the experimental area is War Jeep, Alexis, Dockstader, Floodtown and Guam. In this six-furlong event, the horses are rated and weighted by John B. Campbell, racing secretary for all New York tracks and one of the turf's foremost handicappers.

Service Olympics In Parish Looms For Overseas Men

U. S. Army Headquarters, Europe, May 11 (UP)—Millions of American soldiers still in Europe are joining in a vast athletic program which may culminate in a sort of service Olympics games at Paris, army officials said today. Competition in 22 sports is being started, it was revealed by Lt. Col. F. G. McCormick, former University of Minnesota athletic director and now chief of the army athletic program.

Softball, volleyball, touch football and table tennis each are expected to draw 1,200,000 participants, and 600,000 men are expected to take part in basketball, baseball, and horseshoe pitching.

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Nation's Tracks Ready for Races

New York, May 11 (UP)—Racing was getting set today for nationwide resumption after paying its war-time obligation to the government with a five-month shutdown.

There will be at least two tracks, Narragansett in Rhode Island and Sportsman's park in Chicago, in operation by this week-end. By the middle of next week two others, Pimlico at Baltimore, and Churchill Downs at Louisville, Ky., will have their heated spring meetings underway, preliminary to the running of the two great three-year-old classics, the Kentucky derby and the Preakness.

Turfmen moved at almost thoroughbred speed themselves in getting schedules arranged after the announcement by war mobilizer Fred M. Vinson in Washington yesterday that the government ban against operation of the tracks had been lifted. They were jubilant even though the ban on special trains and cars to the tracks remained.

Derby Plans Made

Plans were almost completed for the running of the 71st Kentucky derby on June 2 and the Preakness at Baltimore was set tentatively for the following Saturday, June 9. The third big race for three-year-olds, the Belmont stakes in New York, will be held either on June 23 or June 30, metropolitan racing officials indicated.

Ashely T. Cole, chairman of the state racing commission in New York, said removal of the ban "will prove profitable and enjoyable to the public, the horsemen, the racing associations and the state."

Cole revealed that the five racing associations in the metropolitan area had filed applications with the commission for dates and that an announcement of the complete schedule would be made late today.

Previously, it had been announced that Jamaica, the track which usually opens the New York season, would begin its spring meeting on May 21.

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Shop Team Wins Twilight Game

The Bend Ordnance shop softball team, limbering up for its return game with the Camp Abbot sailors here next Tuesday night, defeated Pope McCarthy's Telegraphers 3 to 2 in a tight game last night on the Harmon playground diamond. The Shopmen, with Leo Patz on the mound, were trailing until the final inning, but in that frame managed to push over the winning run.

The game was a twilight affair, and was the closest contest played on the local diamond this season.

HOODOO WORRIES COPS

San Antonio, Tex. (UP)—San Antonio police may be forced back to walking their beats if their bad luck continues. In one day, six radio patrol cars were put out of commission in traffic accidents. A seventh car was stolen the same day.

NOTHING BUT AMBULANCES

Holland, Vt. (UP)—Pvt. George A. Smith, Jr., complains in a letter home that he is "seeing the war through an ambulance window." He's been wounded five times.

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