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Majors About to Apply for Help as Flood Sufferers

The big wigs of big league baseball had a severe case of water on the brain Wednesday, trying to figure out what to do with the rain that is piling up doubleheaders on the pennant contenders.

You couldn't convince the bosses of the Yankees, Indians, Dodgers or Giants that the government has allocated huge funds for relief of drought conditions. They're about to apply for help as flood sufferers.

Once again Tuesday all of the contenders were stranded in heavy seas as rain washed out night games between the Dodgers and Giants, the Yankees and Senators, and an afternoon game between the Indians and the Tigers. The Phillies, who still consider themselves contenders even though they're 16 games behind, also were rained out of their game with the Braves.

That created a heavy slate for today with the Dodgers and Giants meeting in a Cole Porter "night and day" two-admission

Major Standings

(By United Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	71	33	.683	
St. Louis	62	42	.598	9
Philadelphia	57	47	.551	14
Chicago	53	49	.519	18
Cincinnati	46	56	.448	25
Pittsburgh	42	60	.412	29

Tuesday's Results:
St. Louis 1, Chicago 0.
Boston at Philadelphia (night, postponed, rain).
New York at Brooklyn (night, postponed, rain).
Only games scheduled:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 66 46 .588
Cleveland 62 48 .564
Boston 57 53 .519
Washington 52 58 .472
Philadelphia 48 62 .438
St. Louis 44 66 .398
Detroit 37 74 .333
Tuesday's Results:
St. Louis 3, Chicago 2 (11 innings).
Philadelphia 4, Boston 3 (13 innings).
Washington at New York (night, postponed, rain).
Detroit at Cleveland (postponed, rain).
Doubleheader in Brooklyn, the Yankees playing two with the Senators and the Phillies taking on Boston twice at night.
The Indians, who were rained

out of two straight games with the Tigers, won't get a chance to make up their postponements until early September, but they figured to be busy enough with the pestiferous Browns who moved in for a doubleheader at night. The Cubs and Reds also had a double bill booked at Chicago, leaving only three single games and making the mid-week slate look like "labor day" — two weeks in advance.

There wasn't much action Tuesday, but wherever it took place, it was bitter—and long.

The Athletics finally subdued the third place Red Sox, 4 to 3, in 13 innings and moved back into fifth place ahead of Chicago. Carl Scheib went all the way, scattering 10 hits to gain his seventh victory.

It took the Browns 11 innings to subdue the White Sox 3 to 2 and Jim Dyck did it almost alone with a homer in the eighth that tied the score and another in the 11th that broke it up. Lefty Gene Bearden pitched five hit ball all the way to gain his sixth victory against two defeats.

The St. Louis Cardinals, who had run into a rut with their veterans, turned the reins over to 24-year-old Stu Miller, a right hander just up from Columbus and he responded with a six-hit, 1 to 0 victory over the Cubs at Chicago. He would have fared even better but for Hank Sauer who made three of the Cub's hits.

Canadian Lake May Be Nesting Place of Crane

Washington, (U.P.)—A fish and wildlife service scientist said Tuesday he has discovered encouraging signs — but no positive proof — that Great Slave lake in Northern Canada is the long-sought nesting ground of the whooping crane.

The crane, North America's largest and rarest bird, is almost extinct and wildlife authorities have been searching for years to find where it breeds. Unless the breeding grounds are found soon and protected, the bird may die out completely.

Robert H. Smith, Medford, Ore., and Everett L. Sutton, Aberdeen, S.D., sighted two of the rare birds July 11 and 12 along the shore of Great Slave lake while on an aerial trip across Canada. The cranes are rarely seen away from the Arkansas national wildlife refuge in Texas where they winter.

Smith said the discovery was "encouraging" but "doesn't really prove anything."

First reports from Canada said that Smith and Sutton had discovered the long-sought breeding areas.

header with the Norfolk Tars and was taken to DePaul hospital for an X-ray.
Roanoke is a farm club for the Boston Red Sox.

Utah's Rex Layne Demands Shot at Heavyweight Crown

By CLIFF MILLER

Ogden, Utah (U.P.)—Utah's farm boy heavyweight, Rex Layne, Saturday boasted of decision wins over former champion Exzard Charles and present title holder Jersey Joe Walcott and demanded a shot at the crown.

Layne decided Walcott on Nov. 24, 1950, in New York City to gain his first recognition as a heavyweight contender. He was T-kayped by Charles in Pittsburgh last Oct. 10 but wiped that defeat off the books here Friday night with a 10-round decision in a pier-six brawl.

Grinning through a split lip that required five stitches, Layne said "I knew I had Charles whipped all the time." But he admitted the ex-champ "hit me pretty hard in the last two rounds."

Marv Jensen, Layne's manager, chipped in "we'll fight Walcott anywhere—here or in the east. But we want that fight bad."

Jensen, a wealthy Utah mink breeder, said Layne is a better fighter right now than he was when he beat Walcott before "and the champ isn't any younger now."

Charles, the only one in his camp taking the result of last night's donkeybrook calmly, said, "he never hurt me once."

"He pushed me around and shoved me, but he was the same fighter I beat in 11 rounds last October," Charles said. "I thought I won it all the way—especially in the late rounds."

Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, had little more to say.

"Dempsey is a thief," he roared at former champion Jack Dempsey, who acted as referee and lone judge during the free swinging fight. "Talk about your highway robbery and politics,"

he stormed. "After all, Dempsey is from Utah."

Mintz threatened several times to faint-like he did after Charles lost to Walcott—but he didn't, although his "ulsters" were obviously in an uproar.

Dempsey, meanwhile, couldn't understand what all the fuss was about.

"Charles wouldn't fight," he said.

"Layne was the aggressor all the way, forcing the fight from the very first round. He wanted to mix it and did."

Speaking of Layne, Dempsey said "the boy is an entirely different looking fighter. He has really improved and as far as I'm concerned he won the fight hands down."

Dempsey scored it two rounds for Layne, one for Charles and seven even. A poll of sports-writers revealed most thought Charles won it, giving the former champ four rounds, Layne three and three even.

Perhaps the most surprising factor in the entire production was the gate of \$150,000 and the 25,000 fans who jammed Ogden's rodeo stadium to watch the proceedings. Promoter Ken Mayne said he turned away another 15,000.

Ogden, Utah's second largest city with a population of 50,000, had a boom town, carnival atmosphere before and after the fight as fans from all parts of the west poured in. Mayne immediately proposed a heavyweight title fight for Ogden later in the year.

The main event was moved up half an hour because of threatened rain. The rains came, in a cloudburst deluge, just as Dempsey raised Layne's hand. But the rain was only part of the moisture. The rest came from Mintz' tears.

St. Louis Browns Tryouts Scheduled for Medford

Medford — Fairgrounds Park, home of the Medford Rogues, will be the site of the two-day baseball tryout camp beginning Friday, September 5. Tryouts will be sponsored by Bill Veck's St. Louis Browns, and conducted by Tony Robello, scout and western representative of the Browns' minor league system. Robello will be assisted by Bill Brown of Elks lodge of Ashland. Both are experienced baseball men and have successfully conducted many such camps.

Tryouts will be open free to all players 17 to 23 years of age. All they have to do is report to Robello at 9:30 on the morning of September 5, with their own baseball shoes and gloves. The Browns will furnish all other necessary equipment. Out-of-town boys must attend to their own expense, but the Browns will reimburse those who are signed to contracts.

The St. Louis organization has conducted many tryouts this season, and record attendance was reported at several of them. The caliber of boys reporting was exceptionally high, and many of them were signed to contracts and are now playing ball with teams in the Browns' minor league organization. With hundreds of players now in military service, baseball offers exceptional opportunities to boys who are seeking a career in the great national pastime.

With twelve clubs in their farm system, the Browns are able to place players in any classification from class D to AAA clubs. Boys with no previous

Upstate Stars Hold Scrimmage

Portland (U.P.)—Up-State All-Stars, drilling for their August 23 Shrine benefit football clash with the Portland All-Stars, held a brief scrimmage session Tuesday.

Dick Pavlat from Astoria and Ron Knight from Grants Pass shared the offensive halfback post. Rap Barner, Vale, was at fullback.

Joe Corder, Grants Pass center, took over one of the guard positions in the practice.

The City team held a punting drill.

Mt. Angel Hosts Albany Alcos Tonight

Mt. Angel—Mt. Angel's Townies seek their third straight win in the second half of Oregon State league play when they take on Albany at 8:30 here tonight. Gale Buchheit will pitch for Mt. Angel.



Olivar Named Yale Mentor Jordan Olivar (right) has been named to succeed Herman Hickman (left) as head football coach of Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Hickman, who had a "lifetime" job as the Yale grid mentor, resigned to enter private business. (UP Telephoto)

Salem's Legion Team to Get Royal Sendoff

Salem's American Legion junior baseball team is going to have a royal sendoff on its trip to Yakima for the regional playoffs.

Conrad Paulson, commander of Capital Post No. 9, and commander-elect Jim Garvin, has requested all Legionnaires of Salem to put on their Legion hats and come down to the Southern Pacific station at about 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The team is slated to leave at 6:50. They open play at Yakima Sunday afternoon.

Rookie Brown Catcher Tops In Fielding

New York, (U.P.)—Rookie Clint Courtney of the St. Louis Browns, discarded by the New York Yankees last winter, is the American League's top defensive catcher.

Individual fielding averages compiled by the Associated Press disclosed Tuesday that the 25-year-old Courtney leads the AL backstops with a .998 average while Yankee receiver Yogi Berra is next with a .994 mark. Clint has made only one error in 375 chances and Berra has committed three miscues out of 535.

Besides Courtney, only first baseman Mickey Vernon of Washington and St. Louis second sacker Bobby Young boasts sole possession of the No. 1 slot at their positions.

Red Sox Trim Salem News Agency, 9-5

Silverton—Dick Gentzkow two home runs over the center field fence at McGinnis field last night as the Silverton Red Sox defeated Salem News Agency, 9-5 in an Oregon State league game.

The News Agents took a brilliant lead in the fifth inning when they scored five runs, chasing starting Silverton pitcher Fred Sandgren from the mound.

Wally Flager, who usually plays in the infield, took his hand at pitching, and shut the Agents out from the sixth through the ninth innings.

Meanwhile, Silverton scored two in the sixth and one each in the seventh and eighth to lead the victory.

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Death in Truck Accident Stops Hopeful Ring Career

By OSCAR FRALEY

New York, (U.P.)—The fistic dream of handsome Dave Sands was over Tuesday, spoiled by a lonesome wife and a runaway truck.

This year, or next, the rugged Australian might have realized his ambition and become middleweight champion of the world. Plans were being made to have him defend his British Empire crown against Randy Turpin, with the winner to challenge Ray Robinson.

But those plans, which he might have realized a year ago, were wiped out when Sands died Monday night as his truck overturned.

Fate thus cheated him of the chance he had dreamed of since his boyhood days on an Australian sheep ranch. And it already had received an assist from his wife, whose pleas cut short his trip to the United States a year ago when he might have fought his way to the top.

You remember him as a square-shouldered, quiet man of 26, whose black hair and beetle brows made him look like a miniature Max Baer. He had come to the United States seeking a shot at Robinson and he made a fine start by beating Bobo Olson at Chicago and flattening Henry Brinn in Buffalo.

Then the trans-Atlantic telephone calls started. "It's my wife," he explained. "She says the baby is sick and I should come home. There's nothing wrong with the baby. She's just lonely."

The calls kept coming and Sands, a deep frown furrowing his bulging forehead, said with that usual brevity: "It worries me."

So he went home. But Dave Sands intended to come back. That had been his dream from boyhood, to win the middleweight championship of the world. Sands was from a fighting family.

His father, George Ritchie, once held the Australian welterweight title. There were five sons, and all of them became fighters. Percy was the first and, when he started, he looked up to his father's old manager, Tom Maguire.

Maguire agreed to handle Percy and it was while commuting from the family home at Burnt Ridge to Maguire's gym in New Castle that the son acquired the ring name of "Sands." The train conductor was an old fighter named Snowey Sands. He let the kid ride free, so they

State Legion Tourney Made Money Here

No exact figures are yet available, but the 1952 American Legion state baseball tournament at Waters park recently finished in the black financially.

That fact was reported at a meeting of the tournament committee at the Legion club last night.

Some of the profit will be turned over to the state department of the American Legion. The remainder will stay in Salem and it is hoped, will be used toward staging future state tournaments here.

Those at last night's meeting indicated they would like to get the state tournament back in Salem next year.

Urness Injured In Ball Game

Norfolk, Va. (U.P.)—Ed Urness, \$86,000 bonus pitcher from The Dalles, Ore., was injured Tuesday night while playing for Roanoke of the Class B Piedmont League.

He twisted his right ankle in the second game of a double-

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