

Cry of 'Play Ball' Rings Out in Major Loop Parks

By CARL LUNDQUIST New York (AP)—Whether out at the old ball game or in at the old television or radio set, it was "Play Ball" today and millions of Americans were mighty glad of it.

At last the major league season was underway and, for one day at least, the newest club in the business, the Milwaukee Braves, reigned supreme. They were all alone in first place.

They got there simply because they won the only game played yesterday. At Cincinnati, before the 30,103 opening

Boston (AP)—Wet grounds, actually a couple of inches of snow, forced postponement of the Boston Red Sox baseball season opener Tuesday with the Washington Senators. The Red Sox management also postponed Wednesday's game when it became evident the grounds could not be put in shape by then.

day fans, the transplanted Braves defeated the Reds 2 to 0 on three-hit pitching by mus-

cular Max Surkont and timely hitting, base-running, and fielding by rookie Bill Bruton.

While there were cheers with beers for the Braves in old Milwaukee and its town, the other ballyhooed opening game between the Yankees and Senators at Washington was rained out. That gave right-hander Richard M. Nixon, a vice presidential relief hurler, at least a year for seasoning, since President Eisenhower, also a right hander, agreed to take over Thursday and throw out the ceremonial pitch when the Yankees again return to the nation's capital.

Surkont and Bruton were the big boys for the Braves. Surkont yielded three hits, two of them ground rule doubles, and he did not walk a first inning single, then stole second, scoring what proved to be the winning run by hustling home from second on a short ground single by Sid Gordon. He also made six outfield catches, three of them spectacular grabs which prevented ground rule doubles into temporary seats behind him.

The young Negro fly-chaser got some unusual minor league experience. He was a star at minor league Milwaukee last year, working his way up so that he could play in the major leagues—at Milwaukee this year.

Today the Braves come home in triumph to open officially the new Milwaukee Stadium before a sellout of 36,000 fans as Crafty Lefty Warren Spahn opposes Gerry Staley, the veteran right hander of the St. Louis Cardinals. That will be the biggest crowd anywhere in the National League.

Joe E. Brown to Assist In Telecast of Yank Games

By NORMAN MILLER

New York (AP)—After knocking 'em dead for more than 30 years as a comedian, Joe E. Brown starts a new career today as a "straight man" in a baseball television act.

Brown, a celebrated long-ball hitter in the laugh league, takes his first swing as a TV and radio commentator at the home games of the world champion New York Yankees.

Does this mean that the sharp gag replaces the inside dope at Yankee Stadium? Not on your milderewed Joe Miller joke book! Joe E., in show business since he was nine years old and now in his 50's, intends to make good as a baseball man.

"I'm not going to forget that this is a baseball broadcast," said Brown with the big-mouth smile that was his trademark in more than three decades of vaudeville and movies. "If something funny comes up, we'll laugh. But we won't have any gag scripts. Baseball comes first. "Another thing," he continued as he lounged with baseball writers in the Yankee Stadium press room, "I don't want to embarrass anyone before my microphone. I have never traded on anyone's frailties and I wouldn't make a fool of someone in an interview. Anyone who's a guest on my broadcast will be treated just like a guest in my home."

Brown, who had a brief fling at minor league baseball during his long career as a showman, replaces one of baseball's greatest hitters on his new job of conducting TV interviews before and after Yankee home games. Joe DiMaggio handled the job last year. In addition to DiMaggio's duties, however,

Joe E. also will do a play by play description for about five innings of each game.

Throughout his long career, Friendly Joe has managed to parallel his double devotion to comedy and baseball. Three of his most famous movies in the early '30s were baseball comedies—"Fireman Save My Child," "Alibi Ike," and "Elmer the Great."

Brown laughs when he tells of his organized baseball experience. "I was a second baseman and an outfielder with Tiffin and Lima in the old Buckeye League," he related. "The highest I really ever got in baseball was four or five games with St. Paul in the American Association."

PCC-Big Ten Track Meet to Be Resumed

Los Angeles (AP)—The dual track meet between all-star teams representing the Big Ten and the Pacific Coast Conference will be resumed this week, Commissioner Victor O. Schmidt announced today.

The Big Ten-PCC meet has been held annually since 1937, except for a four-year period during World War II and last year, when it was cancelled because of a heavy schedule of other track events during the Olympic year.

Schmidt said the meet has been scheduled for June 23 at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. This will be three days after the NCAA track and field championships at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

The PCC has won seven meets and the Big Ten four since the first clash in 1937.

FAN FARE



Patterson Wins 8-Rounder From Dick Wagner

Brooklyn, N.Y. (AP)—Floyd Patterson, unbeaten 19-year-old Olympic champion, knows now he can go eight rounds and take the bruising body punching of an experienced veteran.

The Brooklyn Negro finished strong Monday night at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena to win a split eight-round decision over Dick Wagner of Toppenish, Wash. Patterson weighed 166½, Wagner 175½.

Patterson's next opponent will be Wagner or Gordon Wallace of Ontario if matchmaker Teddy Brenner has his way. Making a rematch with Wagner may be tougher than he thinks.

"We'll take Wagner under the right conditions," said manager Cos D'Amato, "but he'll have to make the same weight."

"I'll fight him again," said Wagner, "but not at that weight. I weighed 182 in training and had to take off too much to meet the 175-pound contract. If I had to do it again it would be the same story.

He's a good comer, a credit to the Olympic team, but he never had me in real trouble."

Patterson called Wagner his toughest opponent. Patterson's superior speed down the stretch told the story.

SCORES in the ALLEYS

Table with multiple columns listing scores for various leagues including Ladies League, University Alleys, and Capital Alleys. Includes names and scores for various teams.



Rained Out Vice President Richard Nixon, who was scheduled to throw out the first ball of the New York Yankees-Washington Senators opener peers out of the window of his ex Capitol office to check on the downpour that forced postponement of the game. (UP Telephoto)

Gavilan and Vejar on Same Boxing Card

Cleveland (AP)—Promoter Larry Atkins predicted a packed arena crowd of 10,000 tonight for the "best fight show here in years," featuring welterweight champ Kid Gavilan in one bout and Chico Vejar in another.

Gavilan fights Livio Minell, former European welterweight champ, in the 10-round non-title feature. But equaling the headliner for interest is the 10-round welterweight rematch between drama student Vejar and Tony Cimmino, of Bayonne, N. J.

It is Gavilan's first fight since he stopped collegian Chuck Davey in a Chicago title match last February, and, while it is a non-title tilt again the talented Italian, Gavilan's manager, Angel Lopez, is not taking the match lightly. This probably is the last fight for Vejar, who was notified by his draft board in Stamford, Conn., that he will be inducted into the Army April 21. Vejar had been signed for a return bout with Vince Martinez at Madison Square Garden May 22.

Six Northwest Boxers Remain in Boston Tourney

Boston (AP)—Six of eight Pacific Northwest Golden Gloves champions were still in the running in the National AAU Boxing tournament Tuesday and at least one was given a good chance of snaring a title.

Three of the young sluggers posted convincing victories in the first round Monday. Three others, who drew byes in the opening round, were slated to see their first action Tuesday.

Syd Russell of Seattle, the northwest's middleweight king caught the eye of the coaches and was picked among favorites to carry off a crown after his decision over Donald Matthews of Baltimore, in a three-round Donnybrook Monday. Russell won handily on one of the best fights of the night but came out of it with a black eye.

Other first round winners were Ben Ralls, Seattle light-welterweight who decided Henry Smith, New York, and Joe Bethe,

McChord air force base, welterweight who was given the nod over Vincent Salvatia, Albany, N.Y.

Sgt. Bill Parker of Fort Lewis, Wash., the "Golden Boy" of the Seattle Golden Gloves tournament two months ago, was decided by Bryant Clark, Dallas, Tex., and Jack Puscas, Eugene, Ore., was knocked out in 1-41 of the third round with Arthur Guglielmini, world-wide air force champion from Walla Walla, Wash.

Dick Rall, Seattle lightweight; Pete Rademacher, Yakima, Wash. Heavyweight, and Charles Smith, light middleweight from the USS Helms, Bremerton, Wash., drew first round byes.

Northern Division Teams Open Spring Football Practice

(By The Associated Press) Football was back in the Northern Division sports picture Tuesday.

The 20-day spring practice session authorized by the Pacific Coast Conference opened Monday at the University of Washington and Oregon State college. It was scheduled to get under way Tuesday at Washington State college.

The largest turnout was at Washington where Johnny Cherberg, beginning his first year as head coach, faced one of the division's biggest problems: finding a successor to All-American Don Heinrich, the Huskies' T-formation quarterback.

Week-end snows nearly forced a week's postponement of practice at Washington State college. However, Coach Al Kircher expects to put his Cougars through their first day of spring training Tuesday afternoon.

About 90 men are expected for the initial session at the Pullman turnout, but Kircher adds more than half are likely to be dropped by the end of the week.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Tides for Taffi, Oregon-April, 1953, listing times for High Water, Low Water, and Tides.

MILL CREEK SPECIAL advertisement for fishing gear. Includes items like Tubular Steel, Chrome Ferrules, and a list of prices. Total price for the outfit is \$1.95.

Ford sets the style for '53 advertisement. Features large text 'Ford sets the style for '53', a photo of a Ford car, and promotional text about the car's features and availability at Valley Motor Co.