

BIG LEAGUES TO OPEN SEASON IN EAST TOMORROW

CHICAGO, April 12.—(AP)—Tomorrow brings the event toward which the attention of baseball fans has been directed for long winter bound months, the first lap in the grueling race for supreme baseball honors, with 16 entries starting from scratch.

Although the pre-season warming up of the National and American league clubs was marked by a disastrous list of casualties, each club faced the start of the 1936 season with confidence and with predictions of a better showing in all departments of the national game.

Even last year's cellar position teams indicated in cautious statements that they did not expect again to be last in the home stretch.

Some prize beauties from the lower leagues will be given an opportunity to prove their worth. The Philadelphia Athletics have a new battery, reputed to have cost \$150,000.

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Gaps in the ranks in the New York Yankees have been filled by recruits. Urban Shocker may be picked to pitch while in Ruth's place will appear the promising Ben.

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(By NEA Service) PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—Ira Thomas, former star catcher of the Athletics, after several years of minor league managing, is back as Connie Mack's first strategist.

Thomas, in his day, was a great handler of pitchers. Mack is hopeful that under his direction some of the likely looking youngsters will make rapid improvement.

For an hour I watched Lelief hit fly balls to a half dozen pitchers who were scattered over the infield of the New Orleans ball park.

"Lelief" tried to hit every ball that it was necessary for the player he called to, to cover considerable ground in order to reach the ball.

"Pitchers should seek to attain the same physical condition as any other player," he opined, "if such were the case, being forced to run out an extra base hit wouldn't so fatigue a player that he pulls up at all."

Lelief's remarks caused me to recollect any number of cases where a pitcher, after cracking out a double or triple on a hot day was later forced to retire from the game because of the exertion entailed.

I am sure Lelief has the pitching situation properly sized up. The pitcher nurses and cooies his arm in order to properly strengthen it for the long season and passes up entirely the other necessary features to play.

Too many pitchers work on the theory that a pitcher isn't supposed to do any effective work at all, but his duties are merely confined to pitching. However, a pitcher who is dangerous at the plate, adds an offensive punch to his team.

Pitchers perhaps are called upon to do less running than any other player. Often after they reach first or second the instructions are to play it safe.

But that season they neglect the running end of the game almost entirely. They build up the arm but forget the legs and wind.

Thus, when a pitcher cracks out a long hit that nets a double, triple or home run, the thought immediately arises that the long run will upset the pitcher physically and ruin his effectiveness. At such a time the wise manager starts warning up another pitcher for an emergency.

PORTLAND LOSES THREE MORE AT WEEK'S WIND-UP

Portland lost three more games over the week-end, dropping a 17-inning struggle, 6 to 5, to the Los Angeles nine Saturday afternoon, and then giving away a double-header to the Angels yesterday, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5.

Apparently the only thing that saves Portland from the cellar in the Coast league standings at the present time is the fact that Vernon can't win any, either. The two teams are tied for last place now, with one game won and six lost, each.

In the Sunday games, Oakland beat Sacramento twice, 7 to 1 and 7 to 6; Salt Lake took Vernon down to two drubbings, 14 to 4, and 8 to 7, and Seattle handed out two defeats to San Francisco, 5 to 6 and 5 to 2.

Salt Lake and Los Angeles are heading the league standings for the week, with six games won and one lost.

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It looks great, but keep it out of the rain. You will be able to tell more about the Groves illusion when he comes in contact with the bats of Speaker, Cobb and Ruth.

The hot dog addicts and peanut crunchers of the land would like to see old man Mack ease back into the championship scene again.

The last time the gaunt Cornelius had his leg astride a winner was in 1914 when the Braves came up from nowhere and bunned him for four morbid inquests in a row.

That was back in the days when "Alexander's Ragtime Band" had the harmonizers by the ears, and a one-piece bathing suit was a rarity and a Volstead was just a ward politician, with no particular enemies among the white-aproned gentry.

Since then the lean Mr. Mack has tried everything to get back on top, from chiropractors to soul-benders, but he is still farther away from the succulent award than Tyro is from the knuckling medal.

Having tried all the quick cures known to medical quackery, the thin Connie has resolved to go back to the old family formula and try to win with ball players.

PEIRO ZAVALA, Argentine aviator, today received a more powerful engine from the United States for his airplane, in which he intends to resume his cruise around the world. The flight was interrupted at Tokyo on account of winter weather conditions on the trans-Pacific air lanes.

Marksmanship practice is obligatory on all Argentine male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 and as a result that country has some of the best marksmen in the world.

Notice will be received for the construction of a 3-story apartment and Theater Building on 11th Avenue near Alder street, Eugene, Oregon, all bids must be in by April 16th, 1936.

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PORTLAND EGGS SHOWING BETTER

Portland, Ore., April 13.—There is a firmer tone in local egg market with better shipping demand. Values along the street are generally unchanged.

Butter is weak with a lower tendency. Production is increasing. Country dressed calves are wet and lower. Buyers unwilling to offer for good veal. Choice hogs hold at 18c top.

Not much live poultry arrived. The local market today and prices are firm and unchanged. The wood season has opened in Oregon with shipping on the eastern part of the state. Contracting is limited. Sales in Yakima over the week-end around the best clips.

Eggs, large hen 20c
Eggs, large pullets 20c
Hens, light 10c
Hens, heavy 12c
Butterfat and Butter, 48c
Creamery butter 44c
Butterfat 43c

Meat Market
Steers 55c
Cows 45c
Ewes 55c
Veal, light fancy 60c
Veal, heavy and fat 50c
Pork, dressed 10c
Hogs, live 12c

Grains, Hay
Wheat, bushel \$1.50
Oats, bushel 70c
Barley, ton \$15
New oat vetch hay, ton \$20
Old hay, ton \$10

Vegetables
Potatoes, local 2c
Rhubarb 10c
Carrots 3c
Turnips 2c
Wool
Valley Wool 40c

PORTLAND PRICES
Eggs steady; current receipts 24c; pullets 22 1/2c; firsts 23c; second 22c; broilers 24 1/2c; extra cuber city 42c; standards 41c; prime firsts 41c; firsts 41c; undergrades nominal; points 45c; cartons 4c.
Butterfat steady; best churning cream 42c net shippers' track in zone one; 44c delivered Portland.
Country steady; heavy hens 25c per pound; light 25c; springs nominal; old roosters 10c; ducks, white Pekin 25c; 16c turkeys 23c; dressed turkeys 23 1/2c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

CHICAGO GRAIN
CHICAGO, April 13.—Opened higher prices, unchanged to 3-4c lower. May \$1.61 1/2 to \$1.62 and July \$1.61 to \$1.61 1/2, were followed by an irregular descent to \$1.59 1/2 for May \$1.61 1/2 for July.
After opening at 1/4 to 1/4 1/2 lower, May \$1.61 1/2 to \$1.61 1/2, the corn market later averaged weak to 3-4c lower Saturday's finish.
Oats started unchanged to 3-8c off. May \$1.34 to \$1.35, secured a transient uptick and then underwent a general sale.
Provisions were weaker.
Abercrombie quotations except hams 40 short hams.
Wheat closed heavy 2 1/2c to 3-4c net lower. May \$1.56 1/2 to \$1.57 1/2 and July \$1.41 to \$1.42 1/2.
Corn closed weak, 3/4 to 3-4c net lower. May \$1.07 1/2 to \$1.07 3/4.

The NUT CRACKER BY JOE WILLIAMS

CONNIE MACK is up for re-election among the American League notables this year on a soupy ticket. Connie is willing to stand or fall, or both, on the pitching genius of one "Lefty" Groves.

Groves came up last fall from Jack Dunn's exclusive and high-toned baseball school, of Baltimore, wearing a price tag of \$100,000 and is the greatest object of art on display in the spring camps of this year.

All the hysterical sentences brewed by the baseball writers concerning the hidden past and promised future of Groves were laid end to end they would reach from here to Gotham's where and half way back again.

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