

STARS DIM, AND ROOKS SHINE IN OPENING TILTS

(By the Associated Press.)

In weather more suitable for the gridiron than the diamond, 14 teams yesterday began their annual bid for major league baseball honors. Two others, Washington and Boston, clashed in what was just a ball game. They had stolen a march on the field by making their opening gestures pennantward on Tuesday.

Nearly 200,000 persons knocked off work to see the eight games. Opening day in 1927 saw 227,669 fans in attendance, although only seven games were played.

The first general engagement brought with it a series of surprises. Recruits basked in the limelight; sluggers were meek before pitching skill; such hurling acts as Petty, Krenner, Root, Grove and Lyons all had nothing to show for their first day's work but a "one" in the lost column.

Wild and unsteady, Grove, the speed ball expert, lasted only three innings against the New York Yankees, who mowed down Connie Mack's Athletics at Philadelphia, 8 to 3. The world's champions were beaten consistently during the spring training season, but they showed no signs of being "punch drunk" yesterday.

Grove, Shores and Powers were reached for 10 safeties, while Herb Pennock outpitched his way over the route for the Yanks, giving up seven scattered hits. One of these, and two walks, went to Ty Cobb, but that other veteran, Tris Speaker, went hitless. Babe Ruth hit no home runs, but a triple and a pair of passes, enabled him to score thrice.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, defending their National League crown, ran into an avalanche of hits at St. Louis and bowed to the Cardinals, 14 to 7.

Ray Krenner, Pirate ace, was knocked out of the box, Erich and Bottomley got six of the Cardinals' 15 safeties, each polling out a home run. Although he was hit hard, Jess Haines went the full distance for St. Louis.

Led by Andy Cohen, young Jewish star, John McGraw's Giants vanquished the Boston Braves at the Polo grounds, 5 to 2. Cohen, playing in the spot vacated last year by Rogers Hornsby, accounted for four of the Giants' runs and starred afield. Larry Benton was chary of hits and might have had a shutout, but for the fact that he grooved one for Bob Smith, Braves' pitcher, who propelled it into the bleachers with one man on base.

Jimmy Ring outpitched Jess Petty to give the Phillies a four to three decision over Brooklyn at Ebbets field. Petty retired in the seventh to give Rube Bressler a chance to double with three men on base, scoring two runs. Harvey Hendrick accounted for the other Dodger tally with a home run.

Two recruits, Kelly and Whitney, starred at the plate and in the field for the Phils.

A home run by Freddy Maguire, rookie second baseman, saved the Chicago Cubs from a shutout at the hands of the Cincinnati Reds at Cincinnati.

The Reds hit Charlie Root opportunely to win, 5 to 1. Adolfo Luque, giving the Cubs only seven hits, was master of the situation throughout. Cincinnati got only five off Root, but they came after Cub errors and that hurt.

With George Uhle showing a return to form, the Cleveland Indians battled Red Lyons and George Connolly for 12 hits and beat the Chicago White Sox at Chicago, 8 to 2. Uhle held the Sox batters under control throughout.

Forty thousand, the largest crowd of the day, saw the revamped St. Louis Browns beat Detroit at Tigerland, 4 to 1. Each team got but six hits, but Detroit's two errors were more costly than the Browns' four.

At Boston the Washington Senators avenged their first game defeat at the hands of the Red Sox by hammering out an 8 to 3 victory over Carrigan's charges. Four Red Sox hurlers paraded to the mound to little or no avail.

Ken Williams' hitting was the only bright spot from a hub viewpoint. He got a home run and two doubles.

GRAPPLERS CLAW EACH OTHER UP

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Sam Clapham, recognized light-heavyweight champion grappler of Europe, threw Clete Kauffman in two out of three falls here last night. A combination crotch and half-Nelson won the first fall for Clapham in 28 minutes, 21 seconds. Kauffman came back to take the second fall with a crab or double-step-over too hold in six minutes, 26 seconds. Clapham won the final fall with the same hold in 11 minutes, 10 seconds.

Referee Wiles was kept busy warning the wrestlers against rough tactics. Clapham had a bloody nose and Kauffman's face bore several scratches at the conclusion of the match.

In the 30-minute preliminary, Frank Burns took one fall and a decision over Sailor Pete.

BIG TIME SLUGGERS GET NO HOMERS

NEW YORK, April 12.—(AP)

The big league's annual home run race is under way again, with the four leading sluggers of a year ago left at the post.

Six circuit drives figured in the box scores of the eight games yesterday, but none of them went to the credit of the two leading long distance wallpapers in each league last year—Babe Ruth and Buster Gehrig in the American and Cy Williams and Hack Wilson in the National. Cy, however, can't be blamed for he didn't get into the Phillies' opening day lineup.

National league batsmen accounted for five of the half dozen home runs. These went to Frank Frisch and Jim Bottomley of the St. Louis Cardinals; Freddy Maguire, Chicago Cubs' recruit infielder; Harvey Hendrick of the Brooklyn Robins and Bob Smith, Boston Braves pitcher.

Ken Williams saved the American league from complete humiliation by trotting all the way around the bases after getting a hold of the "right" one, served up by Marberry of the Washington Senators.

BEAVERS BEATEN IN HOT FINISH

(By the Associated Press.)

Trailing Portland 5-1 in the ninth Oakland put on a sensational rally that netted them five runs and a 6-5 victory. The Beavers sent four hurriers to the hill in the final frame in an effort to stop the Oaks, but none was successful. Batteries: Ortman, Warhop; Tomlin, Yerkes and Ainsmith; Caglia and Read.

Hopping on Ludolph for four markers in two innings, the Seals overcame a three-run lead and defeated the Missions for the second straight time, 5-4. Averill hit a home run. Batteries: Mails, Ways and Vargas; Ludolph, Eckert, Nelson and Whitney.

A pair of home runs by Wally Hood availed Los Angeles nothing, as Hollywood pined on Norman Platt for enough runs to win, 5-3. Sam Agnew also hit one out of the park. Batteries: Gardner and Hannah; McCabe and Agnew.

SPORT BRIEFS

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 12.—(AP)—Charlie Paddock has been invited to run at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival on April 17 and 18.

Lawson Robertson, Penn coach, announced today that Paddock, who has been training for some time for the Olympic games, would take a workout on Franklin field next Monday and that he probably would give his final answer then regarding the relays. Paddock at present is in New York.

DECATUR, Ill.—Lee Marriner, Chicago, knocked out Joe Baker, St. Louis (1).

WALTER JOHNSON IN HOSPITAL



Walter Johnson, for many years star pitcher of the Washington American League team, has been taken to a hospital in Washington following an attack of influenza from which he had not fully recovered. This late photo of Johnson shows him in the uniform of the Newark, N. J. team, which he signed to manage this season.

BUNION LEADERS HOLD BIG MARGIN

BRIDGEPORT, Okla., April 12.—(AP)—After completing two laps of the cross country marathon in dead heats, Andrew Payne and Peter Gavuzzi have established their claim to the pace setting job by a margin of about twenty hours.

Gavuzzi, carrying the colors of Southampton, England and Payne, Claremore, Okla., entry, finished the 25.4 miles from Clinton, yesterday in five hours, 28 minutes and thirty seconds, well ahead of the field of 82. On the previous day they had tied on the Sayre-Clinton trek of 50 miles in 8:21:45.

This allowed Payne to maintain his lead in elapsed time with a mark of 240:52:29 for the 1412 miles from Los Angeles about one hour and 25 minutes less than the English runner's total. John Salo, Passaic, N. J., ranks third with 260:37:52. Allan Currier, Grants Pass, Ore., finished today's lap in 7:00:08, elapsed time 211:59:48.

HONOLULU, April 12.—(AP)—Naval officials at Pearl Harbor announced today that the three American warships, Indow, Burns and Whippoorwill, sent out to search for the missing vessel Asiatic Prince, found no trace of her after covering a wide area north of the Hawaiian Islands. The Asiatic Prince is several days overdue from Yokohama.

COPULOS IN LEAD 3-CUSHION TITLE

CHICAGO, Apr. 12.—(AP)—Two former leaders in the national three-cushion billiard tournament, Willie Hoppe of New York and John Layton of St. Louis, today sought to regain first place after last night's disastrous games.

Layton was tumbled from the top tie by Allen Hall of St. Louis, who was in fifth place while Hoppe lost to Otto Reisel, defending champion, of Philadelphia, in a close match. Reisel and Gus Copulos of Detroit, each with five victories and two defeats, were at the head of the list.

WINDSOR, Ont., April 12.—(AP)—Joseph White, the last chief of the Wyandotte Indians, is dead here at the home of his daughter. He was the grandson of a white man kidnapped by the Indians in infancy who grew up with the tribe and married the daughter of Chief Split Log. The chieftainship was passed to White from his father. He was the last of the male line of the Indian royal blood.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—Vermont will send a united delegation to the republican convention instructed for President Coolidge. Senator Dale, republican, of that state, declared today in the senate in denying the delegation would be divided between Coolidge and Secretary Hoover.

LASO ARTISTS OF KLAMATH TRY ART ON REGAL PELICAN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—With the open and unfenced range days doomed, lasso artists of Klamath are turning to new quarry to demonstrate their cleverness with the rope—namely the stately and regal white pelican.

Although protected from the hunter's gun, there is nothing on the statute books, which says that the great long-necked, yellow beaked bird—symbolic of the Klamath country—cannot be lassoed and then released.

Joseph Shirk, an ex-Harney county buckaroo, initiated the new cowboy sport in Klamath yesterday. Recognized as an expert with the lariat, Shirk walked to the edge of Klamath lake and sent his lasso whistling over the waters. The noose settled gently around the neck of an astounded pelican. Gently but firmly the pelican was drawn to shore. As his discomfort became more apparent he disgorged quantities of fish which had been stored in his beak. Sensing a second-hand feast, scores of gulls and terns appeared to snatch from the water what the pelican had left behind.

The surprised and disillusioned pelican was released, and immediately charged back into the lake, where he scattered the marauding birds and recovered part of his well-earned meal.

SATURDAY FINAL HOUR FOR FANS

Medford baseball fans and others who plan to take advantage of the excursion rates to Portland next Monday are advised by the local Southern Pacific district office that reservations for the trip must be made by Saturday morning at the latest in order that the necessary extra cars may be added to the "Oregonian," on which the excursion passengers will be taken to Portland.

Baseball fans are reminded especially that the block of reserved tickets for the opening game will be returned to Portland next Saturday noon.

Fights Last Night

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NEW YORK.—Jack Smith, New York, and Pietro Corri, Italy, drew (10).

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Chuck Wiggins, Indianapolis, knocked out Soldier Buck, Louisville (2).

KANSAS CITY.—Battling Levinsky and Tiny Roebuck, Kansas City, drew (10).

CINCINNATI.—Harry McCarthy, Cincinnati, won from Kid Woods, Indianapolis (15).

PARIS.—Spider Plander, European bantamweight champion, won by technical knockout over Giovanni Sili, Italy (6).

GOLDSBORO, Ala.—Young Stribling, Macon, Ga., knocked out Cemas, Philadelphia (3).

OAKLAND, Cal.—Jimmy Duffy, Oakland, won on a foul from Jack Thompson, Oakland (9). Jimmy Jones, Omaha, defeated Gilbert Atwell, San Francisco (4).

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