

Cleveland Boy Pitcher Opposes Great Hubbell in Game Today

PRESIDENT WILL TOSS FIRST BALL IN MONDAY GAME

Grand Opening Tuesday For Both Major Leagues—Yanks Power Wanes—Giants, Cubs Favored.

By George Kirksey (United Press Staff Correspondent) NEW YORK, April 17.—(UP)—The office boy's old gag, "My grand-mother's being buried today," is as good an excuse as any. So—let's go out to the old ball game.

The major league pennant races open Monday at Washington and Boston, and then the grand opening takes place Tuesday with the rest of the clubs getting into the 164-game grind. A 75,000 pitcher will be uncovered in the inaugural game at Washington, where Franklin D. Roosevelt, who formerly starred at Choate and Harvard, tossed out the first ball for the Athletics-Senators game. On the same day the Phillies and Bees will meet in a double-header, with morning and afternoon games to celebrate patriots' day.

On Tuesday more than 200,000 fans are expected to crowd into seven parks.

The day's largest crowd, possibly 50,000, is expected to see the Yankees-Senators game at Yankee stadium.

On the eve of the campaign, the Giants and Indians meet at the Polo Grounds today. With favorable weather more than 30,000 persons will turn out to see Carl Hubbell, leading pitcher of the National league, against Bob Feller, baseball's newest sensation from Iowa.

Wonder Boy Attracts

Feller, an 18-year old farm boy has caught the imagination of the baseball public as few players have since Abner Doubleday started the game at Cooperstown, N. Y., 98 years ago. Feller started pitching for Cleveland last mid-season, but his remarkable speed and pitching ability already have won him a salary of \$10,000. In five exhibitions 30,000 fans have paid to see him pitch. He looks like the greatest "find" in baseball annals.

At the teams near the opening barrier, the world champion New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals are betting favorites. The Yanks are even money to repeat and the Cardinals are 3-5 to dethrone the Giants.

Five Teams in Race

In the National league five teams seem to have a chance—New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. In the American league the Yanks main opposition is likely to come from Detroit, Washington and Cleveland.

Those who play hunches already have deserted the Yanks. Red Hurling, who led the Yanks, pitcher last year with 20 victories, is a holdout and says that unless he gets \$16,000 he'll stay out of baseball. Joe Di Maggio, the team's star-plug last year, is recovering from an operation for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids. He'll be out two weeks or more.

Gehrig Ailing

Lou Gehrig, the team's power house, has a mysterious ailment in his left hand. He hasn't played in two days and his long string of 1808 consecutive games is in danger.

The Cardinals are danger us but decidedly a gamble. The solid teams seem to be the Giants. They have improved more than expected and have a team built for the National league. They have great pitching and a tight defense, and they won't beat themselves.

The Chicago Cubs, counting heavily on Rip Collins to supply the needed extra base power, seem geared to give the Giants the toughest battle. Cincinnati has blossomed into a contender, and Pittsburgh, carrying power plus, is a threat.

Late shifts in players have sent outfielder Jack Rothrock from Cincinnati to the Athletics; infielder John Kroner from the Red Sox to Cleveland and first baseman Earl Browne from Pittsburgh to the Phillies in a trade for pitcher Joe Bowman.

BASEBALL SQUAD OPENS PRACTICE

With its opening practice game only two days distant, Medford's Southern Oregon league ball team will go through a strenuous workout this morning at the high school field at 10 o'clock.

Word received by Austin Prater, Medford Athletic association secretary, from Mike Balkovick yesterday was to the effect that the newly appointed manager and coach of the baseball school would probably not arrive here until later this week. The telegram stated that he had been water-bound out of Salem for the past four days, and that it would be impossible for him to arrive in time for the practice today.

Until Balkovick, assistant football coach at Willamette university, arrives, the team will be handled by officials of the Medford Athletic association, sponsors of the league team and the summer baseball school.

Medford's first game will be played Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 against the strong 80th Infantry team from the Presidio in San Francisco. The battle will be staged at the county fairgrounds, and will be free to the public.

Tiger Trackmen Outclass Rivals, Score 66 Points, In Four School Even

Filling up 66 1-3 points in an amazing display of early-season power, Medford high school's varsity track and field team opened its 1937 season here yesterday by practically doubling the score produced by its nearest competitor—Grants Pass—in a quadrangular meet. The Cavemen were second with 33 1-3 points, Phoenix was third with 14 1-3 markers, and Central Point was fourth with 6 points.

Coch Bill Bowerman's Tigers, figured the underdog to Grants Pass, swept all three places in both the high and low hurdles and won a total of 11 first places in the 14 events. Only in the javelin, discus and shot did the high-flying Medfordites fail to finish in front.

Furry of Phoenix tossed the spear 147 feet, 2 inches to top that event, the lone B class athlete to win a first place. Ingram of Grants Pass hurled the discus 103 feet, 6 1/2 inches for the best mark in the event and Pruse of Grants Pass heaved the shot 43 feet, 10 1/2 inches to beat all others.

One of the most sensational battles of the afternoon was the 100-yard dash, won by Bobby Ettinger of Medford in the exceptionally fast early-season and poor-track time of 10.2. The winner and Grimes of Central Point fought it out neck and neck the entire distance with the Medford speedster breasting the tape scant inches ahead of the Pointer runner.

Medford's Chris Barker, Northwest junior champion, ran the heat out of Grants Pass's Gordon McCullum, district title holder, to win a great mile by eight feet after leading all the way. The time was 4:52.5. McCullum challenged only once, 200 yards from the finish, but Barker fought off the bid with a fine sprint to win.

Russ Werner, Northwest junior champion and holder of the half-mile record in 2:08.3, ran that event in just one second less to beat his teammate, Jones, by 20 yards.

TALENT RETAINS 'B' LEAGUE LEAD

County Class B Standings	W.	L.	Pct.
Talent	3	0	1.000
Jacksonville	2	1	.667
Central Point	2	1	.667
Phoenix	1	1	.500
Gold Hill	1	2	.333
Eagle Point	0	1	.000
St. Marys	0	3	.000

Results Friday

At Gold Hill 4, Talent 5.
At Jacksonville 12, Phoenix 2.
At Central Point 12, St. Marys 2.

Coach Linn Mills' Talent high baseball club took a thrilling 5-4 win from Gold Hill Friday to retain its county class B league leadership.

It was a great pitcher's battle, with Walker of Gold Hill fanning 16 and Skeeters, Talent, curving ball artist, striking out 12. Talent broke a 4-4 deadlock in the eighth inning when Maxson singled, stole second, and crossed the plate with the winning tally on Robbin's hard blow to the outfield.

Maxson led hitters of both teams with a pair of doubles and a single, and Robbin collected two singles. Talent played errorless ball to win their fourth straight game of the season.

At Central Point, St. Mary's high of Medford sunk lower into the cellar by falling before a vicious pointer, batting attack, 12-2. By its win, Central Point advanced into a tie for second place with Jacksonville, which battled Phoenix pitchers hard for a 12-2 victory.

Score of Talent-Gold Hill game:

	R.	H.	E.
Talent	5	7	0
Gold Hill	4	5	4

Batteries: Skeeters and Childers; Walker and Mullins.

"Whopper" Wins

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April 17.—(AP)—Hal Price Headley's giant bay horse, Whopper, withstood a rousing stretch challenge by Arabo stable's New Deal today to win the mile and a sixteenth Philadelphia handicap in a photo finish.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

BASEBALL

(By United Press)

At New York: Cleveland (A) 1 0 0
New York (N) 6 11 1
Whitehill and Sullivan; Schumacher, Fitzsimmons and Danning.

At Brooklyn: New York (A) 3 5 1
Brooklyn (N) 1 6 0
Pearson, Makosky and Dickey; Henshaw, Hamlin, Eusekati and Phelps.

At Boston: Boston (A) 7 11 0
Boston (N) 5 10 1
Wilson, Marcum and R. Ferrell; De Gaulte; Babich, Smith and Lopez, Wasm.

At Philadelphia: Philadelphia (A) 7 12 3
Philadelphia (N) 9 12 4
Turbeville, Thomas and Hayes; Jorgens and Atwood.

At Washington: Baltimore (Int.) 4 8 1
Washington (A) 2 10 4
Rhodes, Vandenberg and Gray; DeShone and Hogan, Miles.

At Chicago: Chicago (N) 3 9 2
Chicago (A) 3 7 0
W. Lee and O'Dea; Kennedy, Stratton and Shea, Rena.

At Dayton, O.: Cincinnati (N) 8 12 1
Detroit (A) 9 8 2
Hollingsworth, Mooty, Hallahan and V. Davis; Wade, Hatter and Hayworth.

At Springfield, Mo. Pittsburgh (N) 27 30 7
Springfield (W. Assn.) 5 13 8
Swift, Weaver and Todd; Padden, Kamp, Bingham, Armstrong, Perry, Smalling and Erickson, Morris.

At St. Louis: St. Louis (A) 17 20 0
St. Louis (N) 5 9 1
Knott, Hogsett and Hemsley; P. Dean, Hyba, Welland, Warnke and Czerowski.

Coast league results: Friday Night
Sacramento 8, San Francisco 3.
Oakland 7, San Diego 2.
Mission 7, Seattle 5.
Los Angeles 8, Portland 2.

Juniors Low

Medford's high school junior track and field team won a triangular meet from Phoenix and Medford junior high performers Friday afternoon at the high school field.

The high school athletes scored 43 points, Phoenix scored 15, and the junior high, 14. Only those 16 years old and under competed.

TRIPLE VICTORY FOR HUSKY CREW O'ER CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND, Cal., April 17.—(AP)—On wind-whipped waters of Oakland estuary, University of Washington soundly defeated California's champion Beavers today for the second straight time, 5 to 4. Hucher of the Portland club staff was the victor.

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FINLEY PREDICTS END FOR SALMON

OREGON CITY, April 17.—(AP)—William L. Finley, nationally known naturalist, told the Kiwanis club that unless destruction of pilchard along the coast and stream pollution is halted, and if the proposed series of dams on the upper Columbia is built, the salmon industry will be destroyed.

He estimated the value of the salmon taken by commercial fishermen and sportsmen each year at \$10,000,000.

PAIR OF HOMERS DEFEAT BEAVERS

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OAKLAND, Cal., April 17.—(AP)—Outfielder Fern Bell came out of his long batting slump today to drive the Oaks to a 10 to 8 victory over the San Diego Padres. Bell connected for two home runs and a single and drove home seven runs in all.

Score: R. H. E.
San Diego 8 12 1
Oakland 10 15 1
Graghead, Phillette and Starr; Cunningham, Olds, Held and Baker.

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MICHIGAN BESTS BEARS ON TRACK

BERKELEY, April 17.—(UP)—University of Michigan Wolverines decisively revented themselves for the defeat handed them two years ago by California's Bears when they defeated the Californians 8 1/2-49 1/2 in an annual dual intersectional meet here today.

The Wolverines swept 10 first places, and after the first five events the final outcome of the meet was never in doubt. In only one event, the high jump, were the visitors shut out.

Sam Stoller, Olympic sprint star, took the third and deciding race in the 100-yard dash from his diminutive rival, Captain Musny Pollock of the Bears. Pollock captured Stoller two years ago, and lost to him in the Olympic tryouts last year. Stoller's winning time today was 9.8.

Robert Osgood, Michigan captain and Bill Watson, giant Negro weight star, proved to be the only double winner of the day. Watson captured the shot and the discus, with Osgood winning both hurdle races as well as running a lap on the relay.

Wolverine Howard Davidson turned in the fastest 880 to be recorded in Edward stadium this year when he finished inches ahead of Eton Weisman. Bear half-miler, in 1:53.7.

HEREFORD, Md., April 17.—(AP)—Inshore, J. W. Y. Martin's big bay gelding, won the Grand National point-to-point steeplechase today for the second consecutive year.

CUNNINGHAM BEAT BY KANSAS RIVAL

LAWRENCE, Kas., April 17.—(AP)—Archie San Romani, Emporia, Kas., Teachers' college runner, defeated the veteran Glenn Cunningham, holder of the world mile record, in a special mile race which featured the Kansas relays today.

The time was 4:14.1, 1.4 seconds slower than Cunningham's meet record.

Cunningham set the pace the first two laps, which were covered in approximately 2:14. San Romani went to the front at the start of the third lap and held the lead to the finish.

Cunningham started his sprint midway in the final lap, but San Romani met the challenge, matching his rival stride for stride and putting on a burst of speed coming into the home stretch. San Romani won going away by eight yards.

Boy Hurler Fans 20 Lithians, Claim

GRANTS PASS, April 17.—(AP)—Bob Pritchett, young Grants Pass high school senior, pitched himself into local baseball glory by striking out 20 Ashland batsmen in yesterday's seven-inning game here as Grants Pass won, 5-3.

The Cavemen squeezed out of a tight place in the final frame when the Lithians had the bases full before Pritchett fanned the last batter.

BOWLING

In the final match of the Elks club spring bowling tournament Friday night, the Duckbills took all four points from the Badgers. Captain York of the winners was high individual scorer with 470 points.

Scores follow:

Duckbills	Badgers
York 181 162 136 470	Bierma 152 127 147 426
Jenouch 141 168 139 448	Martin 131 131 131 393
Rankin 160 183 169 512	Tollefson 98 124 127 349
Obye 160 153 132 445	Hohlweg 188 176 162 526
Gill 126 198 189 513	Handicap 189 189 160 537
Handicap 155 155 155 465	Totals 823 1019 920 2862

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