

The Sporting Page

TERRYMEN UNVEIL POWERFUL ATTACK IN OPENING GAME

New Yorkers Trample Bees, 13 to 1 to Feature Season's Inauguration While Yanks Continue Weakness

By Associated Press
Ball-throwing presidents, governors and mayors were back at their appointed tasks today after playing their star roles in the opening day trills and fenderols that started off another major league baseball campaign.

Fans totalling just over 200,000 witnessed yesterday's nine flag-spangled games, marking the general opening of the season after Monday previews at Boston and Washington. This turnout included a banner crowd of 40,000 at the Polo Grounds in New York; 34,000 at Cincinnati and 23,000 for the afternoon half of the patriot's day program between the New York Yankees and the Red Sox at Boston.

Giants Trample Bees
Two outstanding events pointed the gala occasion and had baseball bugs talking today—the rip-roaring batting attack unveiled by Bill Terry's New York Giants in flattening the Boston Bees, 13 to 1, and the continued weak hitting of the world champion Yankees, who collected a total of only seven hits in splitting with the Red Sox.

It all was very disconcerting. The Giants, picked to fight for the National league pennant with Chicago because of their pitching and tight defense, spilled 16 hits off three Boston pitchers, including three home runs, while Cliff Melton easily held the Bees.

On the other hand, the Yankees, famed for their power, continued to look hamstrung with Joe DiMaggio out of their line-up. They won the morning game from Boston, 5 to 3, on a pinch-hit by Red Ruffing in the last inning, but made only five hits.

In the afternoon Jack Wilson and Fritz Ostermuller blanked them 6 to 0, allowing the two-time champions only two safeties. Lou Gehrig and Bill Dickey went hitless for the day, and the anger of owner Jacob Ruppert appeared to mount.

No Compromise.
It blazed when he was informed that DiMaggio was willing to compromise on salary if the club would make the first move. "I should say not," he snapped.

About the only consolation for Yankee followers was the fact that the two clubs supposed to give them their competition, Detroit and Cleveland, also had headaches today. Detroit dropped a tight one to the Chicago White Sox, 4 to 3, and the lowly St. Louis Browns spotted Oscar Vitt's managerial debut at Cleveland by shelling the great Johnny Allen, 6 to 2.

Roxie Lawson was the losing Detroit pitcher, the Sox jumping on him for three runs in the fourth inning. One of the vital hits was by Joe Kubel. Sox first sacker recently obtained from Washington.

In the other American league game, the Washington Senators made it two straight over Philadelphia's Athletics, 9 to 2, as Monte Weaver hurled six-hit ball.

Cubs Come Through.
The Chicago Cubs, with their new \$200,000 beauty, Dizzy Dean, lending encouragement, came through with a hard-earned 8 to 7 win over

President Opens Season



President Roosevelt puts his all in the heat which opened the baseball season in Washington, D. C. Look at Buck Hartle (right), Washington manager, eye the president's overhand hurl. Connie Mack, Philadelphia owner, is next to the president and Clark Griffith, owner of the Senators, enjoys the pitch and huge crowd.

Cincinnati to keep pace with the Giants. Rip Collins, Cub first baseman, belted four of his team's 15 hits of three Red pitchers.

Owner Phil Wrigley of the Cubs was scheduled to learn how much pitcher he got for all that money today when Dean was Manager Charley Grimm's choice against Cincinnati's Lee Grissom.

The Cardinals started off by dropping their opener to Pittsburgh, 4 to 3.

The revived Brooklyn walloped Philadelphia, 12 to 5.

Softball will make its first appearance under the lights at the high school stadium Friday night when Pete Hanja, sensational hurler from Los Angeles who has been in Medford for the past two weeks teaching local pitchers, goes to the mound for last year's Picnic team against an all-star array led by Russ Acheson. Game will be in the manner of an exhibition, staged mainly to give local fans a glimpse of one of the best softball choppers on the Pacific coast, and the results of his school here.

The encounter will start at 8 p. m., with the gate opening at 7:30.

Pitching for the all-stars will be Ken Leavitt, Steiner and probably other local players. Admission price will be the same as last year.

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Billy Hulen Says:

Curt Davis Trade Looks Like Fade Of Ex-Medfordite

Is Curt Davis on the downgrade; is the Ex-Medford and Ashland hurler headed for the bushes and baseball obscurity following a fair career in the major leagues?

Such is the question being buzzed around Medford since the spectacular deal which sent Jerome "Dizzy" Dean to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for Pitchers Curt Davis and Clyde Sloboun, Outfielder Tut Stainback, and a

mere \$185,000 in U. S. currency.

It's not that local baseball bugs figure the St. Louis Cardinals exactly "down the river" from the Cubs. As a matter of fact, the Cards are regarded very highly around here, many local fans believing they will win the National league pennant.

It's the manner in which Davis was sent out of Chicago that makes everyone wonder whether maybe the tall, righthander has seen his best baseball days.

Two years ago, Davis was considered a far more valuable piece of baseball flesh than he apparently is now, even though he enjoyed a good season with the Philadelphia Phillies, Curt won 16 and lost 14 with a seventh-place club, but even so the Phillies, or any other team, wouldn't have traded him and \$185 grand for Dean. In 1936 Curt, starting slowly, broke even in 26 games with Chicago, after being purchased from Philly during the winter, and even with that mediocre record, we can't imagine Owner Wrigley of the Cubs parting with him and that amount of cash for the Dizzy One.

Then last year, after being out the greater part of the season with various ailments, Curt started taking regular turns on the mound and ended the season with 10 victories and five defeats and allowed 4.08 earned runs per nine innings. That record isn't to be sneezed at, and the belief hereabouts was that the big fellow would enjoy a great season this summer.

He still may, only it will be in the liver of the Gas House Gang and not the Cubs. And, that's just what Medford hot-stovers are wondering about. After enjoying his best season, after hurling at a 6.67 figure, the Cubs turn around and trade him off with a couple of other guys named Joe, for Dizzy Dean, who won 13 and lost 10 last year, not nearly so good a record as Curt turned in, himself.

On paper, it looks like St. Louis got by far the best of the deal. But, if Davis wasn't figured by Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs to be almost washed up, why would Chicago part with him under those conditions. It just doesn't make sense, unless

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Curt is all through and Chicago knows it. It doesn't stand to trade him, along with two other players and all that cash, for a pitcher whose record wasn't as good last season as Curt's. Unless—and there you are, and that's what local dyed-in-the-wools are wondering about.

Curt scribbles: Great gain, Hobby, in getting next year's Oregon basketball variety in Madison Square Garden in New York . . . Ashland finally went and done up in lights on its high school athletic field . . . as a result, there won't be a town in the Southern Oregon football conference next season without the glimmers . . . a couple more setbacks like the Yanks suffered in the opener Monday, and Bear Baron Ruppert will be thinking again about the \$40,000 Di Mag wants . . . Jack Olney, a slugging outfielder who played with Hop Gold of Portland last year, is located in Medford, and says he will turn out for the Medford Craters . . . Hop Gold finished second to Reliable Shoe in the Oregon semi-pro tourney at Silverton, and those who know say Olney can really slap the horsehide . . .

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SACRAMENTO HOMERS DEFEAT BEAVERS, 4-3, IN HOME PARK OPENER

(By the Associated Press.)
Handsome Joe Oregon, shortstop of the Pacific Coast league Sacramento team, rings a bell during the winter as gripman on a San Francisco cable car. Today he was acclaimed by his teammates for "ringing the bell" with his baseball bat at Portland.

Handsome Joe was the reason the Solons defeated the Portland Ducks, 4 to 3, in 12 innings yesterday.

In the second inning, with one on base, he walked up to the plate, caught one of Whitey Hiller's offerings and sent it out of the park for a homer, to put the Solons ahead 1-0.

In the eighth Portland tied the score by getting to Pitcher Bill Walker for four hits and a pair of runs. Came the 12th and Bill Ringer Joe went and took a vigorous cut at another one of Hiller's pitches and sent it booming out of the Portland ball park for his second homer.

Despite the loss yesterday in a game which brought out 14,000 fans to see the first Coast league game this season at Portland, the Ducks were still tied for first place with Los Angeles.

Los Angeles dropped a 4 to 1 game to the San Diego Padres.

The Hollywood Stars were given a 7 to 3 shellacking by the San Francisco Seals last night.

Seattle fans will get their first glimpse of the 1938 Seattle club today when it plays host to the Oakland team. There was no game yesterday as Seattle could not make the jump from Los Angeles north in time.

AVERAGE YANKEE LAD SUPERIOR TO BRITISH
NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP)—The average American boy is physically superior to his English cousin, in the opinion of Howard Evans, headmaster of the Bettehanger school of Dover, England. Evans said a two-weeks tour also had convinced him that the boys of Italy were far superior in physical development to those of either English-speaking country.

Evans came to the United States with nine of his students to demonstrate body-building exercises.

TWO FIGHTS IN NIGHT TOO MUCH FOR BRENT
PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP)—Sidney Brent, 161, Seattle, doubled for a missing fighter last night, only to be knocked out by Al Laboa, 167, San Jose, Calif., in the second of a six-round fight.

Brent previously fought to a draw with Jack Hibbard, 161, Klamath Falls, in a six-round preliminary. He entered the ring in the main event when Jerome Lewis, Oakland, Calif., failed to appear.

Stork Ambulance Tie.
PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP)—The stork and an ambulance raced to a tie here yesterday. Mrs. J. R. Shriners' boy arrived at the same time the ambulance reached a hospital.

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Escobar, Defeated in Ring Wins Dressing Room Fight

DETROIT, April 20.—(AP)—At 31, an age when most fighters are ready for a soft cushioned rocking chair, Kayo Morgan (Andre Esposito) today looks as a contender for the heavyweight title now held by Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico.

Morgan, who has been campaigning for 15 years, gave Escobar a thorough going over in a 10-round non-title battle here last night.

Although Morgan won the verdict in the ring, he came out on the short end in a dressing room battle after the bout. Escobar cracked his foe on the chin with a right during the unscheduled fracas and X-rays were to be taken today to determine if Morgan's jaw was broken. Escobar charged that a running fire of chatter by Morgan during the bout in the ring included "some insulting remarks."

Low Brix, Escobar's manager, asserted that "Morgan will never get another shot at the title as long as Escobar is champion."

Bowling Congress Winners Share in \$198,000 Melon

CHICAGO, April 20.—(AP)—They cut up a \$198,000 melon today for the money players in America's bowling classic.

The top prize winner when the 38th annual American Bowling Congress ended last night was Knute Anderson of Moline, Ill. Most of the big money went to mid-westerners.

Anderson took \$300 in cash, a diamond medal, and the plaudits of the bowling world for topling 746 pins to win the individual championship. His margin of victory was 21 pins.

There were 24,784 keglers after the prize during the 48 days and nights of competition on 40 gleaming drives. The number of alleys and contestants were new A.B.C. highs.

One record score was written into the books. It was the 3,234 count amassed by the Birk Brothers Bowling company team of Chicago, a score that topped the nearest competitor by 137 pins and compared with the former record of 3,199 set in 1927 by the Milwaukee Tea Shops Veterans bowlers figured the new record would be secure for many years.

The victorious team split a \$1,000 cash prize in addition to receiving the diamond awards bestowed upon first place winners.

SQUAW LAKE PROVIDES BEST EARLY ANGLING
Although Rogue river and small streams of southern Oregon are still too high for good fishing, several limit catches have been reported, with angling in Squaw lake said to be exceptionally good.

James Namitz of Medford landed a three-pound cutthroat and a 10-pound steelhead at Dodge bridge on the river yesterday.

A 29-pound Chinook salmon was caught Sunday in the river below Grants Pass by Dwight Phipps.

The trout limit was obtained by Herman Mars at Squaw lake Sunday, and several others reported getting the limit there.

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Durable Barlund Decisions Crowell
LOS ANGELES, April 20.—(AP)—Gunnar Barlund, heavyweight idol of Finland, awaited a crack at some other California favorite today following his bruising ten-round victory over Chuck Crowell, of Los Angeles at the Olympic auditorium last night.
With a crowd of more than 10,000 packed into the arena, the durable Finn opened a heavy body bombardment early in the fight, had the green but willing Crowell holding on by the sixth and sank him for an eight-count in the eighth with a right to the stomach and a left to the chin.
Athlete Dies.
NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP)—William J. A. Rowe, 24, former national A.A.U. hammer throwing champion, died today after a long illness.
LYON FRANCE, April 20.—(AP)—Five persons were burned to death today when an army plane crashed while participating in a group flight from Sten to Marseilles.
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