

The Sporting Page

LISKA TO PITCH PORTLAND OPENER AGAINST PADRES

Three of Four Coast Loop Inaugurals in California Today Are Night Tilts.

San Francisco, April 2.—(AP)—It's "batter up" at four California baseball parks today as the Pacific Coast league begins a 1942 campaign which is strictly in the laps of the war gods.

Optimism prevailed despite the uncertain future of the game in this prescribed war zone. The outlook was considerably brighter than 25 seasons back when the loop was forced to disband under a "work or fight" edict of the World War.

President Roosevelt has given baseball the go ahead signal and Governor Culbert Olson has concurred. The game's contribution to morale as well as physical training has been defined. Night games have been okayed by the army, subject to immediate cancellation.

First league in the country to get under way, the opening games, with starting times and probable batteries, are:

Los Angeles at San Francisco (2:45 p. m.)—Ray Prim and Gilly Campbell; Sam Gibson and Bruce Ogdowski.

Seattle at Sacramento (7:45 p. m.)—Dick Barrett and Bob Collins; Tony Freitas and Ray Mueller.

Oakland at Hollywood (8:15 p. m.)—Stan Corbett and Bill Raymond; Charley Root and Bill Salkeld.

Portland at San Diego (8:15 p. m.)—Ad Liska and Dom Castro; Wally Hebert and Bill Salkeld.

TWO NEWCOMERS ON MONDAY CARD

Sockeye Jack McDonald won't appear in the Medford armory grappling ring next Monday night as expected, but Promoter Mack Lillard has lined up an excellent card, nevertheless; one that will include two brand-new faces. McDonald has wired Lillard he will be unable to come here until April 20.

Pedro Brazil, the South American champ, will face Chief Thunderbird, big Indian, in the one-hour main event. The middle clash will pit Jim Casey against Tug Carlson, a newcomer, and the opener will find Andre Adoree meeting Billy Marcus, another newcomer. Both Carlson and Marcus have been operating in the San Francisco bay district and are said to be plenty potent.

BOWLING

Commercial league results last night: Crater Lake Lumber 2, Coca Cola 2; Medford Alleys 2, Your Office Boys 2; Mail Tribune 2, Zoric Cleaners 2. Scores follow:

Crater Lake Lbr.	Coca Cola
English 406	Franks 431
Adler 396	Queen 498
Sims 443	Ray Pruitt 428
Beltema 562	Boy Pruitt 522
Kade 573	K. Sims 561
H'cap 9	

Total	Total
2389	2400
Medford Alleys	Your Office Boy
McCrory 457	Colton, B. 484
Copeland 410	Klatt 422
Franks, L. 399	McClure 480
Little 491	Knips, G. 415
Gardner, J. 508	Orr, E. 453
H'cap 18	

Total	Total
2268	2266
Zoric Cleaners	Mail Tribune
C. Porter 501	Gilstrap 548
J. Bruce 478	Archer 485
H. White 389	Schwartz 406
C. Curtis 406	Green 512
DeJarnette 487	J. Murray 435
H'cap 61	

Total 2292 Total 2406

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Brownies Expected To Add Spirit To American Chase

By Gayle Talbot

Tampa, Fla., April 2.—(AP)—This is getaway week in the baseball training camps, and as the sun-tanned athletes hit the exhibition trail leading to opening day on April 14 there is talk of only one team that might possibly inject a little pepper into an otherwise unpromising Yankee-dominated American league race. That club is the St. Louis Browns.

Every manager who has met the Browns this spring says they are a good, fast outfit that "might cause a lot of trouble." A couple of pilots, whose opinion the writer respects highly say that Luke Sewell's outfit is a cinch to climb into the first division. It was one of the three teams in the American league to play better than 500 ball after Decoration day last season, the others being the Yankees and Washington.

Here is the order, then, in which the coming war-time campaign might wind up:

(1) New York, (2) Chicago

(3) Boston, (4) St. Louis, (5) Cleveland, (6) Detroit, (7) Washington, (8) Philadelphia.

The Yankees, winners last year by a lopsided 17 games, are fundamentally so much better than any other team in the junior circuit that there is no real comparison. Sure, they haven't been looking like world champions this spring, so what? By mid-summer they will have some rival club owners pining secretly for a split season.

The Chicago White Sox, who were third last year with exactly a 500 average appear to have the pitching to boost them up to second place this time, say about 25 games off the pace. If they make it, then the loud and persistent group which insists that Jimmy Dykes is the greatest manager in the world—not barring even Joe McCarthy—will have to be listened to with new respect.

At the TRAINING CAMPS

(By Associated Press)
Orlando, Fla.—Clark Griffith of the Washington Nationals is in the market for a hitting outfielder and a third baseman. His theory is that a winning team will mean big gates this season in boom-town Washington, especially with 21 night games scheduled at Griffith stadium. Since buying Buck Newsum, Griffith is satisfied with the pitching staff and he thinks the Nats may finish in the first division with more power at the plate.

Charleston, S. C.—Pitcher Charlie Wagner of the Boston Red Sox will try to go the distance against Bucky Walters and Paul Derringer of the Cincinnati Reds today in the first of an eight-game exhibition series between the two teams. Manager Joe Cronin also hopes to have Dick Newsome, Joe Dobson and Yank Terry, ranked as his other starters, go the route before the team reaches Boston.

Houston, Tex.—With a record of five out of six against the New York Giants, the Cleveland Indians squared off to add another notch to their victory chain today by picking veteran Al Smith and rookie Ray Poat for the first day of a double billing in the Lone Star state. In yesterday's 10-8 victory, the Indians collected 15 hits for their most impressive show at the plate this spring.

TIGERS PLAY AT J'VILLE FRIDAY

Medford high's undefeated baseball crew tangles with revenge-seeking Jacksonville in their fourth test of the season tomorrow afternoon on the Red skin diamond.

Coach Alex MacDonald's choice on the mound in the attempt to duplicate Tuesday's 8-1 victory over the Patterson club lies between Bill Glitzen and Bill Bayliss, who shared the duties Tuesday.

The tilt is another southern Oregon prep loop fracas.

See Mail Tribune want ads.

PIRATES LOOM AS DEFINITE THREAT TO CARDS; 'BUMS'

Yuma, Ariz., April 2.—(AP)—Frankie Frisch's Pittsburgh Pirates of 1942, boasting a new club record with 16 victories in 20 exhibition games, are shaping up as a definite threat to the National league supremacy of the Cardinals and Dodgers.

If the Bucs click during the regular season like they're clicking now, the hard-driving "Fordham Flash" has a fine chance to make good on his attempt to give Pittsburgh a pennant-winning team in three years.

Buying here and trading there, Frisch has created almost a brand new club, as only six of the 26 players on the 1939 roster of former Manager Pie Traynor are still around. Frisch's foundlings emerged in fourth place in 1940 and 1941 as the process of team-building went on. Then the Flash acquired some material which seems to be all the Pirates needed—greater batting power and a tighter infield.

A large chunk of the new Pirate power came from the Dodgers—which would make a bitter pill for the Brooklyn champs should the Bucs dethrone them.

AQUATIC STARS AWAIT AAU MEET

New Haven, Conn., April 2.—(AP)—With an eye on the first Pan-American games, which Argentina's Olympic committee insists will take place next November, more than 100 of the greatest swimmers and divers in this country anxiously awaited today the start of the three-day National A.A.U. championships in Yale's swanky natatorium. The lure of a probable trip to South America has provided an added incentive to the aquatic aces who have flocked here to compete for 11 titles, one more than usual. The victors are almost certain choices should the United States send a swimming team to Buenos Aires.

OKEH NAVY PROGRAM
Washington, April 2.—(AP)—The senate authorized today without objection a \$1,000,000 program of public works for the navy.

SMELT RUN WANES
Portland, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—Beginning of the end of one of the longest and heaviest Sandy river smelt runs was forecast today with the arrival of sea-gulls along the stream. Fishermen said gulls usually trailed the run, picking up stragglers. An estimated 3,000 tons of fish have been taken this year by commercial and amateur fishermen.

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ICY PASSAGE.—In waterproof parkas and dark glasses—the uniforms of army skiers training on Mount Rainier, Washington—soldiers file through ice-walled caverns they've cut in the snow. They carry full field equipment.

Hogan Under Pressure As Land of Sky Open Starts in Asheville

Asheville, N. C., April 2.—(AP)—Ben Hogan, who is just as serious as he looks out there on the golf course, was under pressure again today as he began defense of his title in the 72-hole Land of the Sky open.

Hogan, for all his icy nerve, feels under pressure as much as any man playing golf; and he's been under it so much that he feels the difference when it is off. Leading the North-South last week by a wide margin, Hogan took sixes on number 10 both rounds of the final day. He was so far ahead that he couldn't concentrate. "I had to shake myself on the eleventh tee to get rid of the letdown," he said. The result in the afternoon was a birdie three on the next hole.

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CANDIDATE GEARY IS NATIVE SON OF JACKSON COUNTY

Arthur M. Geary of Portland, who recently filled his declaration for the Republican nomination for United States senator, is a native son of Jackson county and spent his early life in this city. He is the son of a pioneer physician, Dr. E. H. Geary, and is widely known in southern Oregon.

Geary says that according to the state-wide straw vote which he has taken, the majority of Oregon citizens desire that Senator Charles L. McNary be defeated for reelection, and that "if the election were tomorrow" they would vote for him (Geary) in preference to Senator McNary.

"My life-long specialty has been ocean, rail and highway transportation, and my life-long specialty has not been 'politics,' 'fence-straddling' and 'vote-getting,'" continues eGeary. "My repeated visits to and study of many foreign and domestic ports and their facilities should make me helpful in coping with transportation, our

chief 'bottleneck' in winning this war.

"At this time it is highly important that the congress display itself more by action than by words. Delay in debate and failure to take prompt and definite stands invite further disaster."

BASEBALL

Yesterday's results:
Chicago (N.) 7, Philadelphia (A.) 7. (Tie—called end of 17th).
St. Louis (N.) 5, Detroit (A.) 3.
Pittsburgh (N.) 9, Chicago (A.) 6.
Brooklyn (N.) 3, Cincinnati (N.) 1.
Cleveland (A.) 10, New York (N.) 8.
St. Louis (A.) 8, Philadelphia (N.) 7. (12 innings).
Boston (A.) 16, Atlanta (S.A.) 4.
New York (A.) 18, Jacksonville (S.A.) 1.
Washington (A.) 9, Orlando Air Base 2.

Reese Creek

Reese Creek, April 2.—(Spl.)—American Union Sunday school will present a short Easter program Easter Sunday. The Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Randall will be present and he will deliver an Easter message after Sunday

school. All are cordially invited to come and enjoy the services. Mrs. Emma Merritt of Central Point is staying a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merritt, Janet and Jimmy. Home and School Circle will have their regular meet Friday at 2:30 p. m., following the Easter egg hunt. The 7th grade mothers will serve refreshments.

Mrs. Dora Wright, of Medford, visited the past week-end with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. O'Connor and Jackie. There will be an important defense meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m., April 1, at the Reese Creek school house. Everyone in the district should attend this meeting which is called by the chief air raid warden, Mr. Bickerstaff.

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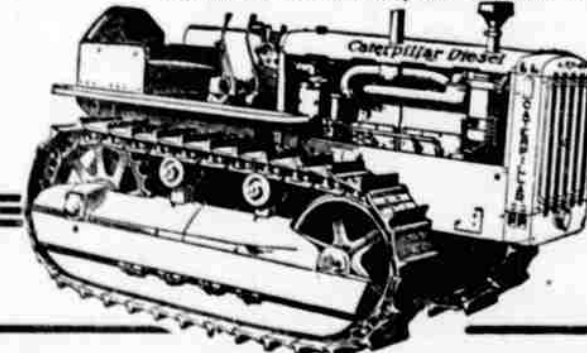
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