

Big League Owners Meet To Select Commissioner

Cleveland, April 24—(U.P.)—Major League baseball begins its own "San Francisco" conference today when the 16 club owners begin deliberating again in an effort to select a high commissioner who may rule the destiny of the sport for many years after the war is ended.

There were two distinct factions, both equally reluctant to relax their demands. One, led by Col. Larry MacPhail, new head of the Yankee organization of New York, wants no further delay in the selection of a man, MacPhail and his adherents publicly have acclaimed Ford Frick, president of the National League, as the top choice, although they probably would settle for former Postmaster General James A. Farley, now a soft-drink company executive.

The other group led by Clark Griffith, head of the Washington Senators, and having most of

its strength in the American League, wants to table action until after the war when a dominant national figure, possibly a returning war hero or an outstanding statesman, would be available.

The executives will hear the report of the four-man committee which was appointed after a previous deadlock in New York. To sift the field of candidates and reduce it to a workable number. The committee members, Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs, Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals, Donald Barnes of the St. Louis Browns and Alva Bradley of the Cleveland Indians have not revealed what candidates are under consideration, but there was little doubt that chances for unanimity on one man were slim.

Failing to elect a commissioner, the Majors will remain under the direction of the three man commission which has ruled the game since Landis died last Nov. 25. It consists of Frick, William Harridge, president of the American League, and Leslie J. O'Connor, secretary to Landis. O'Connor, like Frick, is a leading candidate for the job although he has expressed unwillingness to accept it. Frick, on the other hand, has campaigned for it actively.

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MEDFORD DOWNS TALENT HI TEAM

Red-haired Doug Davis held Talent high school's baseball team to five scattered hits to give Medford high an 11 to 3 victory here yesterday afternoon. Davis, who whiffed 11 Talent batters, was aided by 11 Talent errors while his teammates were making two. Hervey, on the mound for Talent, gave up eight hits to the Black Tornado and struck out five.

Medford will play Rogue River here next Tuesday in a practice game and will collide with Grants Pass there May 4 in a conference game. Grants Pass won the first encounter 5 to 3.

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Medford	11	8	2
Talent	3	5	11

Davis and Watson; Hervey and Frink.

Farm bureau membership in Illinois has reached a record high of 110,838.

BEAVERS SLATE OAKLAND ACORNS ON HOME FIELD

By United Press
Six Pacific Coast League Baseball teams swing back into action tonight in pursuit of the elusive league leadership.

Portland, currently in front, and Seattle have monopolized the top-place honors through most of the first four weeks of play and appear in no danger of losing that honor for at least two weeks.

The Beavers take on Oakland tonight; Seattle meets Hollywood, and San Francisco entertains San Diego. Sacramento plays Los Angeles this week, but the two teams start off with a double-header on Wednesday. Manager Bill Skiff's Rainier sluggers fell off considerably against good Oakland pitching over the past week and the Oaks annexed a tough 4-3 series and knocked the northerners out of the top rung.

The high-spot Beavers won't find the pickings quite so easy against the Oakland aggregation, with Manager Dolph Cannon ever a threat as a pinch-hitter (he hit a homer in that role Sunday) and young Vic Picetti sparking the club with his sensational play, the Acorns have become one of the finest all-around clubs in the loop.

The very surprising San Diego Padres, tied with the Oaks for third place and only four games out of first, will be gunning for another series win over the Seals.

The Sacramento Solons can be classed as one of the harder-hitting outfits. But their pitching hasn't been anything to brag about and that appears to be keeping them out of the first division.

New Bruin Coach



(Acme Telephoto)
New Bruin football boss is 40-year-old Bert La Brucherie (above), who stepped up from coaching at Los Angeles High School to take over at Babe Horrell's successor at University of California at Los Angeles

H. NIEDERMAYER TOPS GUN SHOOT

Henry Niedermeyer was outstanding event leader at the Medford Gun club practice shoot Sunday, taking first place positions in four of the contests, one of which was a tie with Bill Young for a first with a 23 score in the principal handicap of the day.

Top winners in the events were as follows: Miss and outs, Niedermeyer, first; Turpin, second; Jantzer, third, and Jim Ross, first; Turpin, second; Pease, third.

Twenty-five bird handicaps: Niedermeyer, 23; Young, 23, split first money.

Ten-bird handicaps: Jantzer, first; Jim Ross, Watkins and Young tied for second; Turpin and Niedermeyer tied for first. Elden, Watkins, Jantzer and Tharp tied for second.

Backer-ups: John Ross and Elden, first; Jantzer and Turpin, second; Watkins and Niedermeyer tied for first, and Elden, Watkins, Jantzer and Tharp tied for second.

The next shoot, the big occasion of the season with visiting shooters attending from a number of other clubs, will be held on May 6. The annual team shoot and the war bond handicap will be shot.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
Detroit—Charlie Smith, 133, Newark, N. J., outpointed Leon Spencer, Detroit (10).

Holyoke, Mass.—Lige Drew, 148, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Henry Jordan, 144½, Philadelphia (10).

Philadelphia—Johnny Carter, 161, Philadelphia, outpointed Maria Ochoa, 163, Havana (10).

Baltimore—Archie Moore, 168, St. Louis, stopped Teddy Randolph, 182, New York (9).

Newark, N. J.—Charles (Cabe) Lewis, 129, Havana, outpointed George Cooper, 129½, Baltimore (10).

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

POINTERS DEFEAT PHOENIX, 7 TO 3

Central Point, April 24—Behind the steady pitching of Glenn Shrier, Central Point downed Phoenix, 7 to 3, in a county "B" league baseball game at Phoenix yesterday afternoon. Shrier practically won his own ball game. He gave Phoenix only three hits and struck out 15 batters besides hitting a home run in the first inning with one man on base.

Conner, on the mound for Phoenix, gave the Pointers nine hits including triples by Homer and Hamilton.

The county league, in order to save traveling, has been divided into three parts with Talent, Phoenix and Central Point in one division, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Rogue River making up another section and Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Prospect completing the roster. At conclusion of the season the three winners will play off the county championship. Next Friday Central Point will play Talent at Talent.

36th Annual Drake Relays to Be Held Friday, Saturday

Des Moines, Ia., April 24—(U.P.) Relays Director M. E. Easton said today more than 1,000 athletes from 131 colleges, universities, high schools and grade schools will compete in the 36th annual Drake relays Friday and Saturday.

Many big names are missing. So are large squads, but Easton is convinced the records for this year's meet will compare favorably with the 1942 event, the last time the meet was held with full-strength collegiate squads competing.

There are 328 individual entries from 33 university and colleges compared with 294 from 36 schools a year ago. The high school entry has passed the record mark of 456 set last year, with 569 preppers from 51 schools scheduled to compete on Friday. College and university events are limited to Saturday.

Japanese Maidens Give Suicide Boys Blood-Dyed Flags

By United Press
Japanese troops of the special "suicide" attack corps have received ten new Rising Sun flags painted with blood cut from the fingers of several hundred little maidens from the Tokyo schools.

Tokyo radio recorded by United Press, San Francisco, reported high school girls sent the flags to the Kamikaze corps with the following poems:

"Ladies though we be
"May we humbly follow our
"great eagles
"To soar and fall so nobly
"In the protection of our emperor."

The attack corps responded to their "blood sisters" as follows:
"We will carry your flags in our caps and ram into enemy warships. We are happy and glad to learn that the spirit of the special attack corps is thriving in the hearts of 100,000,000 comrades."

Bob Feller Will Pitch First Game

Evanston, Ill., April 24—(U.P.) Chief Specialist Bob Feller, coach of the Great Lakes baseball team, pitches his first ball in two years in the continental U. S. today in a practice game with Northwestern university.

The former Cleveland Indian star will appear for Great Lakes with at least three other major leaguers—Johnny Gorsica, former Detroit Tigers' pitcher, Pinky Higgins, also of Detroit, and Ken Keltner, a former teammate at Cleveland.

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Mayor and Family Victims of Poison

London, April 24—(U.P.)—An Exchange Telegraph correspondent reported today that the mystery of the missing mayor of Leipzig, Alfred Freyburg, had ended with the discovery of his

body and those of his wife and 18-year-old daughter. All were victims of cyanide poisoning.

One civilian was quoted as declaring:
"The SS murdered Freyburg and his family. Freyburg would not have killed himself. The night the Americans entered the

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