

Hurlers Have Big Day As Anticipated As Major Leagues Launch Schedules

By CARL LUNDQUIST
New York—(U.P.)—Don't worry about the lively ball, it is just as full of zip as ever, only this year it may be doing tricks for the pitchers instead of the hitters. The ball dipped, danced, curved, swooshed, and generally baffled the batters on opening day as the pitchers took over and put on a terrific show. There was a three-hit shutout, a six-hit shutout, three other six-hit pitching jobs and a seven-hitter, while home runs and extra base hits were at a minimum.

Mel Parnell, the lean lefty of the Red Sox, had a particularly lively ball with which he mystified the Senators, 3 to 0, for a three-hitter before President Truman at Washington. He beat the Nats for the 16th straight time.

Garver Wins
His showing was just a shade better than that of Ned Garver of the Browns who pitched a six-hit, 3 to 0 triumph over the Tigers at Detroit, striking out nine batters and walking only one.

And Early Wynn had it all over the White Sox in Chicago where he pitched a six-hit, 3 to 2 victory against lefty Bill Pierce, who also yielded only six hits.

In the National League, Preacher Roe edged Warren Spahn as the Dodgers topped the Braves, 3 to 2, at Boston on a seven hitter in a fine duel of lefties. The Cubs defeated the Reds, 6 to 5, at Cincinnati in 10 innings and the

Cards defeated the Pirates, 3 to 2, in the season's first night game at St. Louis.

Flag Favorites Win
There might be significance, too, in the fact that both pre-season pennant favorites, the Indians and Dodgers got off to winning starts while last year's

champs, the Yankees and Giants sat on the sidelines as their games were rained out. The Yankee game was postponed in Philadelphia while the Giants were rained out in the Polo Grounds against the Phils.

But the big show of the day was put on by Parnell. No Wash-

ington runner got past second and he never had two runners on base at once.

Walt Dropp drove in the two runs he needed for victory with a 400-foot double in the sixth. Ted Williams hit a triple in the eighth and Faye Throneberry, the hot Senator rookie, yielded only five hits before elderly Bobo Newsom came on in the ninth and gave the Red Sox their final safety.

Drives in Run
Garver had to be good to top Dizzy Trout of the Tigers, who also was a six-hit loser. Nifty Ned also contributed to his cause with a run-scoring single.

Wynn, given a 3 to 0 lead, coasted to victory. The Indians tapped Pierce for a run in the fourth on a walk and Jim Heggan's double. The other tallies came on three singles in the seventh by Heggan, Harry Simpson, and Larry Doby, interspersed with sacrifices by Wynn and Bob Avila. Sherman Lollar hit a Chicago homer.

Gene Hermanski hit a pinch-single in the 10th to score Randy Jackson with the winning run for the Cubs over the Reds. Jackson hit a home run earlier and Hank Sauer got a grand slam homer to account for the other Chicago runs. Lefty Joe Hatten was the winner in a one-inning relief role.

Under the St. Louis lights, the Cards jumped off to a 2 to 0 lead against Murry Dickson in the first inning, one on Red Shoendienst's homer, and added the winning tally in the sixth on two singles and Del Rice's fly.

Jackson Victor In Two Classes In Track Tussle

Jackson won two classes and the medley relay and Lincoln won one class in a city grade school dual track meet yesterday.

Jackson took the Class A rivalry by an overwhelming 48 to 2 and Class B competition by a closer 26 2/3 to 23 1/3. Lincoln won in Class C 39 3/5 to 10 2/5.

RESULTS:

Class A
60-yd. dash—1st, Johnson (J); 2nd, Heath (J); 3rd, Evans (L); 8.2 seconds.
330-yd. run—1st, Doty (J); 2nd, Young (J); 3rd, Shaw (L); 48.3 seconds.
220-yd. relay—1st, Jackson (Watkins, Young, Heath, Gleason); 30.0 seconds.
Baseball throw—1st, Johnson (J); 2nd, Jay Howard (J); 3rd, Ray Shuck (J); 198'.
Broad jump—1st, Three way tie; Johnson, Young, Jay Howard all Jackson; 13' 6".
High jump—1st, Doty (J); 2nd, Jay Howard (J) and Shuck (J) tied; 4' 6".

Class B
60-yd. dash—1st, Ackley (J); 2nd, Stout (J); 3rd, Oakes (J); 8.3 seconds.
330-yd. run—1st, Albright (L); 2nd, Oakes (J); 3rd, Whaley (J); 50.1 seconds.
220-yd. relay—1st, Lincoln (Walker, Wirth, Calaway, Brauner); 30.2 seconds.
Baseball throw—1st, Albright (L); 2nd, Ackley (J); 3rd, Brauner (L); 186'.
Broad jump—1st, Stout (J); 2nd, Ackley (J); 3rd, Albright (L); 13' 2".
High jump—1st, Shultz (J); 12' 10".
High jump—1st, Dain (L); five way tie for second—Hutchin, Ellis (L) and Bromley, Randles, and Hunt (J); 3' 11".

Class C
60-yd. dash—1st, Bentley (L); 2nd, Dain (L); 3rd, Williams (L); 8.6 seconds.
330-yd. run—1st, Blachly (L); 2nd, Williams (L); 3rd, Lewis (J); 54.7 seconds.
220-yd. relay—1st, Lincoln (Williams, Dain, Hutchin, Bentley); 31.3 seconds.
Baseball throw—1st, Bentley (L); 2nd, Ellis (L); 3rd, Bromley (J); 149'.
Broad jump—1st, Ryn (J); 2nd, Williams (L); 3rd, Shultz (J); 12' 10".
High jump—1st, Dain (L); five way tie for second—Hutchin, Ellis (L) and Bromley, Randles, and Hunt (J); 3' 11".
Medley relay won by Jackson (Lewis, Shultz, Whaley, Hatch, Heath, Gleason); 47.8 seconds.

Eagle Point Tops Talent

Eagle Point—Eagle Point high chalked up its fifth straight baseball victory yesterday, downing Talent 5 to 3 at Talent.

The Eagles picked up three of their tallies in the second inning. The spurt was helped along by Jerry Siebert who tripled to drive in two of the counters. Siebert hit twice in two times up.

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Wilkinson Gets 10-Year Contract

Norman, Okla.—(U.P.)—The way Coach Bud Wilkinson looks at it, University of Oklahoma won't have to worry about over-emphasis of football now that he has a 10-year contract.

Wilkinson, who has coached the Oklahoma Sooners to 46 victories and only six defeats in the past five years, said the new contract gives him "stability." And he thinks more coaches ought to have it.

"There's nothing wrong with athletics, but the coaching profession lacks stability," the 36-year-old coach explained.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Coast League
Portland 5-5, Oakland 2-4.
Seattle 6, Los Angeles 0.
San Francisco 6, San Diego 2.
Sacramento 8, Hollywood 4.

American League
Boston 3, Washington 0.
St. Louis 3, Detroit 0.
Cleveland 3, Chicago 2.
New York at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

National League
Brooklyn 3, Boston 2.
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 3.
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2.
Philadelphia at New York, postponed, rain.

Sugar Ray 3-1 Favorite Over Rocky

Chicago—(U.P.)—Sugar Ray Robinson's sharp punching made him a 3 to 1 favorite to defend his middleweight championship Wednesday night against Rocky Graziano, although Graziano was expected to have a weight advantage.

The two scrappers will weigh in at noon for the first title fight of 1932, which was expected to pull a sellout house of 20,048 including 308 standing patrons, into the Chicago Stadium.

Graziano, who turned surly in the past three days as he worked into peak condition, was expected to hit about 150 pounds, barely under the 160-pound limit for the class. Robinson, former welterweight titleholder who gave the 147 pound crown when he whipped Jake La Motta to gain the middleweight heights, probably will go about 155.

Robinson was a solid choice largely because he has never been knocked out and has been beaten only twice in 139 pro fights. Both losses were to recognized top scrappers, Jake La Motta and England's Randy Turpin, and Robinson avenged both defeats quickly, beating LaMotta four times and whipping Turpin in a return engagement to regain his 160-pound championship.

Keyed 85
In addition Robinson has knocked out 85 opponents, compared to 52 knockout wins for Graziano in 87 pro battles. Graziano has lost eight battles and was knocked out twice, both times by former middleweight king Tony Zale.

Graziano held an edge in age, too, at 29 compared to 32 for Robinson. The former Deadend Kid from New York's lower East Side could have the proper style to give the taller titleholder a rough evening.

Graziano promised he would drive in with both fists swinging from the opening bell, and it was obvious he hoped an attack to the mid-section would weaken Robinson enough to set up some right hooks to the head for an early finish.

Fast One Whistles
So day after day, with the

Sport Parade



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New York—(U.P.)—Slender Curt Simmons, back from the Army to make a real contender out of the Philadelphia Phillies, disclosed Wednesday that he would be ready to take his regular turn on the mound "within a week or 10 days."

Expectations had been that the southpaw with the sizzling fast ball would not be ready for anywhere from three weeks to a month. But as the Phillies opened the season against the New York Giants, Simmons disclosed that he had been readying himself for months by throwing in the vast privacy of an Army airplane hangar in Germany.

"I don't say I could start right now," he explained, "because my legs aren't in real good shape. But I could pitch relief right this minute. But give me another week to sharpen my running and my control and I'll be aching to get in the game regularly."

Good News

It was good news to the Phillies, themselves. They hadn't seen Simmons, who set them on the pennant trail before being inducted in September, 1930, until Saturday. And his return still hasn't been hashed out all around in the rush of homecoming from spring training.

"I guess nobody knew I'd been getting my pitching arm ready for three or four months," Curt explained. "I was director of athletics for the 28 Infantry Division and ran basketball, baseball and all other types of athletic activities for the men."

"Well, when we know we were going to be rotated home, I started getting ready. We had a lot of former minor league ball players in our outfit and although the weather was cold there was a big hangar with plenty of room. The floor was concrete but you could throw, and it meant getting my arm in shape."

Fast One Whistles
So day after day, with the

wind howling outside, big Curt made the air whistle with his fast one.

"I've still got my speed, I guess," he grinned happily. "Of course my control may not be perfect—because I've had about a 10-day layoff."

"He's a good kid," commented Manager Eddie Sawyer. "He always has kept himself in fine condition. When he came up all we had to do was teach him how to pitch. That he knows, and while I don't want to take a chance on hurting his arm because he hasn't done enough running to get his legs in top shape, I could use him right now."

Detroit Nabs Stanley Cup

Detroit—(U.P.)—Weary but happy Detroit Red Wing hockey players headed home Wednesday, holders of the Stanley Cup and the National Hockey League championship, plus a couple of playoff records for good measure.

The Red Wings completed the greatest rout in the playoffs Tuesday night by downing the Montreal Canadiens, 3 to 0. Detroit thus became the first team ever to sweep through the playoffs in eight games, the minimum number possible. Teammates mobbed goalie Terry Sawchuk as the Olympia organist played "Auld Lang Syne," denoting the end of the long ice season.

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high school basketball team. The Grady's team recently won the basketball championship of the 12th Naval district.

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San Francisco	7	6	.538	2 1/2
Sacramento	6	7	.462	3 1/2
Portland	6	8	.429	4
Hollywood	6	8	.429	4
Oakland	6	8	.429	4
Seattle	5	10	.333	5 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	
Washington	0	1	.000	
Detroit	0	1	.000	
Chicago	0	1	.000	
New York	0	0	.000	
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000	
Chicago	1	0	1.000	
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	
Boston	0	1	.000	
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Tornado Raps Crater Diamond Crew 11-0

The Medford high baseball nine yesterday posted its second win of the season over Crater high, winning 11 to 0 at Central Point.

It was a non-district engagement. Crater got only one hit off the combined offerings of Blake Maddox and Terry Maddox.

Strong Race Seen At Indianapolis

Indianapolis—(U.P.)—With a field of at least 63 power-laden racers already entered, the 36th annual Indianapolis Speedway classic promised to be one of "the strongest in the history of the race," according to Speedway President Wilbur Shaw.

The deadline descended Tuesday night for filing entries for the 500-mile derby but Shaw expected another "10 or 12" applications in the mail Wednesday.

Rainfall Lowers Game Attendance

New York—(U.P.)—Rain, which caused postponement of two games, cut baseball's 1932 opening day attendance to 143,068—nearly 30,000 under the 171,678 drawn by last season's openers.

But actually, Tuesday's six openers drew a better average attendance than last year's first games. This year's average crowd was 23,845 while the average crowd at each 1931 opener was 21,460.

RED RAIDERS LOSE

Ashland—Southern Oregon College lost both games of a baseball double-header to Oregon Technical Institute yesterday at Klamath Falls, 19 to 15 and 18 to 13.

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