

Minor Baseball Leagues Decide Fate This Month

Check Shows Dozen Likely to Open;
Guarantees to Be Posted by March 1

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NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—This is the month in which the nation's minor leagues must decide whether or not they will undertake to play ball this season and a checkup today showed that approximately a dozen are likely to open.

The deadline for their decisions is March 1, when guarantees must be posted with the National Association of Baseball Leagues and to this end several league meetings are scheduled during the next two or three weeks.

At present all of the top minors, "A" classification or better, seem certain to start with the possible exception of the Texas league, and the outlook for this circuit seemed more optimistic in recent days.

Before the war struck sports there were 41 minor leagues. A year ago 31 started and 26 finished their seasons. This shrinkage is continuing, of course, but thus far has shown no signs of reaching the vanishing point of 1918 when only the International league of all the minors was able to play a complete schedule.

Only six leagues thus far have given up all hopes of operating. They are the Western association, Mountain State, Northern and Virginia in the class "C" bracket and Georgia-Florida and Bi-State in class "D."

Leagues that are believed certain to start are the International, American association and Pacific Coast in class "AA"; Southern association in class "A1"; Eastern in class "A"; Interstate and Piedmont in class "B"; Canadian-American in class "C"; and the Pony and Wisconsin State leagues in class "D."

In class "B" the South Atlantic, Southwestern, Three-I and Western International are all considered likely to fold, although the South Atlantic, commonly known as Sally, may reduce its membership and make a start.

The Pioneer league, class "C," also still is hopeful.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
James E. Wray, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "The Dodgers are seeking a new emblem for their uniforms. . . How about the branch of a tree with Rickey crawling out toward the end?"

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE
Although it's nearly two weeks until the Notre Dame-NYU basketball game, the Garden is only 2000 short of a sell-out for that evening. . . Uncle Ed Diddle, coach of the red-hot Western Kentucky basketball team, claims he doesn't have any trouble about his boys breaking training. "Why, only one of them smokes," he says, "and the rest got together and promised to beat the tar out of him if he didn't stop."

HOLDOUT
When General Manager Jack Zeller of the Tigers sent a contract to Bob Hogue, rookie pitcher from Winston-Salem, N. C., he may have expected the kid to ask for more dough, but Jack didn't expect the answer he got: "The contract arrived and I was delighted with the terms, but I won't be able to play with the Tigers this year. I'm in the navy now."

SERVICE DEPARTMENT
Dan Magill, Jr., former Georgia athlete now a marine at Paris Island, S. C., reports that Johnny Novatch, formerly of Notre Dame and the Redskins, and Ike Pearson, the Phils' pitcher, are in his platoon. "I find," writes Officers' Candidate Magill, "that the boys with athletic training are the quickest to catch on to instruction."

Bremerton Hoopers Break Streak; Beat Sand Point, 64-57

SEATTLE, Feb. 2 (AP)—Under the impetus of a record scoring spree by Allan Maul, the Bremerton All-Stars broke their losing streak last night by downing the Sand Point Flyers 64-57 in a northwest league game.

Maul dropped through 27 points, high mark for the current league season. The Flyers put on a blazing finish which knotted the count at 45-all and 49-all before the All-Stars were able to pull ahead safely.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
BALTIMORE—Buddy Walker, 192½, Colton, Ohio, outpointed Tony Marto, 200, Chicago (10).
WASHINGTON—Clint Conway, 180, Fort Dix, N. J., outpointed Corp. Buddy Knox, 194, Bowling Green, Ohio (15).
NEWARK—Jimmy Caroleo, 194, New York, outpointed Pvt. Larry Scalone, 175, Newark (10).
NEW YORK—Marvin Bryant, 155, Dallas, Tex., outpointed Freddie Flores, 157, New York (6).
TAMPA, Fla.—Buddy Scott, 165, Tampa, knocked out Art McCurdy, St. Petersburg, Fla., 181 (2).

Coed 'Commandos'



Women in the University of Washington's new "Commando" physical training courses at Seattle watch a classmate climb a rope. The aim is rugged physical condition.

Guerrillas, Pelicans Take Tilts

Victory League Hoop Play
Sees Junior Pelicans, Tik Tok, Baptists Leading List

In Victory league hoop play last night at the high school, Chuck Slaymaker sank eleven points to lead his Guerrilla team mates to a 20-19 win over the DeMolays despite Noel's twelve counters and the fact they were trailing 9-15 at the half. The Junior Pelicans dropped the Tik Tok in a close hard-fought game by a score of 38-34 after a 19-19 tie at the half.

Though last night's play changed the percentages somewhat, at the end of the third week of Victory league hoop play, the Junior Pelicans and the Tik Tok are tied for first place in the American branch and the Baptists lead the National branch, all with three wins and no losses.

League standings:

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Junior Pelicans	3	0	1.000
Tik Tok	3	0	1.000
First National	2	1	.667
Academy	1	2	.333
Buzzards	0	3	.000
Southern Pacific	0	3	.000

National League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Baptists	3	0	1.000
Guerrillas	2	1	.667
DeMolays	1	1	.500
Future Craftsmen	1	2	.333
LDS	1	2	.333
Great Northern	0	2	.000

Games previously scheduled for Tuesday night at the high school have been postponed to Friday night. At that time the First National Bank will play the Academy, and the Future Craftsmen will play the LDS hoop men.

Thursday's game will be played on schedule. The Baptists will meet the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific will play the Buzzards at the high school.

Summary for Monday night's games:

Guerrillas (20)	(19) DeMolays
Eitrem, 5	0, Robin
Lyman, 2	2, Wilson
Slaymaker, 11	2, Hoyt
Krueger, 0	3, Brown
House, 2	12, Noel

J. Pelicans' (38)

(34) Tik Tok
Giovanini, 6
7, Reginald
Pope, 7
3, Vallancour, B.
Biggers, 10
1, Hunsaker
Metz, 4
4, Cada
Smith, 4
7, Fife
Hunter, 0
6, Vallancour, R.

British Tennis Player Marries Davis Cup Man

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 2 (AP)—Ruth Mary Hardwick, one-time holder of the British amateur tennis title, and Charles Edgar Hare, former British Davis Cup player, who now lives in Chicago, enter their biggest doubles event today—as man and wife. They obtained a marriage license yesterday.

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Cruz Fights Jack Chase In Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Costello Cruz, California middleweight from the choicest of the flistic stock, will meet Jack Chase of Colorado, in the 10-round main event of a boxing show here tonight.

Chase is rated as one of the most dangerous newcomers on the coast in his weight and is little short of an even choice over the California Mexican who will be appearing here for the third time.

Other bouts: Young Otto, Springfield, Ill., vs. Tommy Orrin, Portland, heavyweights, six rounds.
Orv Teeters, 29th engineers, Portland, vs. Speedy Cannon, San Francisco, welterweights, six rounds.
Sgt. Leo McCormick, Portland, vs. Tommy Trollinger, Portland, welterweights, four rounds.
Richard Mathewson, Woodburn, vs. Mel Roberts, Portland, lightweights, four rounds.

Five Day Notice For Emergency Hunt Closures

SALEM, Feb. 2 (AP)—The senate game committee introduced a bill today to require the state game commission to give five days notice before making emergency closures of fish and game areas.

The bill is the outgrowth of last fall's emergency closing of forest areas to fishing and hunting because of the extreme forest fire hazard. The closure was ordered after the season opened, and many sportsmen already were in the woods where they could not be notified.

Backboard Play Makes Winner Says Portland Coach

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—Coach R. L. Mathews predicted today that backboard play would determine the victor in tonight's Portland-Willamette basketball game here.

"We've got to gain control of the backboard and be more aggressive in following up shots if we are going to avenge the defeat handed us last season," the Portland mentor said.

Orchids to Derringer From Cubs

Manager Jimmy Wilson of Chicago Cubs Enthusiastic About Derringer Purchase

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Jimmy Wilson, manager of the Chicago Cubs, was smiling all over the place today, highly pleased and enthusiastic about the purchase of Paul Derringer from the Cincinnati Reds.

Derringer and Wilson came to Chicago from their respective winter homes of Philadelphia and Sarasota, Fla., to confer with General Manager Jim Gallagher about spring training and other matters.

The big right-hander presumably was to talk about his contract, but Gallagher's only announcement after a brief meeting was that the Cubs will assemble at their spring training base in French Lick, Ind., March 22.

The late practice start would give the Cubs less than a month of workouts before the season opens April 21, but Wilson intends to compensate for the limited time by holding drills twice daily.

Gallagher insisted there would be no discussion of contract—at least for public knowledge—because National league headquarters has not yet officially notified him how the wage freeze act will affect baseball salaries.

Derringer and Wilson will return home before the weekend. Before joining the spring training group, Derringer plans to warm his arm in daily dozens at Sarasota.

BASKETBALL Results

EAST
Dartmouth 65, Columbia 44.
Georgetown 65, Syracuse 33.
SOUTH
NC State 69, Clemson 34.
Davidson 57, North Carolina 41.
Kentucky 54, Vanderbilt 48.
Alabama 50, Mississippi 40.
MIDWEST
Great Lakes 65, St. Joseph 58.
Illinois 68, Northwestern 51.
Oklahoma 46, Iowa State 37.
Tennessee 48, Xavier 35.
SOUTHWEST
Texas A. & M. 39, Baylor 45.
WEST
Washington State 41, Oregon State 35.
Arizona 71, Arizona State Teachers (Pia staff) 42.
Oregon 51, Harlem Globetrotters 44.
Central Washington 54, Western Washington 40.

Cougar Victory Settles North Coast Hoop Race Into Cross State Fight

FULLMAN, Feb. 2 (AP)—The northern division basketball race was settled momentarily today into a cross-state argument between Washington State and Washington following last night's 44 to 35 victory by the Cougars over Oregon State. Coach Friel's boys now hold an undisputed clutch on first place.

OSC and WSC meet again tonight here, but the Huskies will remain idle until their all-important series Friday and Saturday against the Cougars in Seattle.

This will be the first dog-eat-dog series of the current race, with both clubs battling for a chance to bounce conclusively out in front in a conference race which, up until now, has offered little choice between four of the five teams.

Last night's defeat dropped the Beavers into fourth place behind Oregon at the same time it boosted the Cougars into the pole position over Washington. Idaho brings up the rear.

The Vandals, however, have shown consistent improvement and will have a capital chance to improve their league stock in games against Oregon State Friday and Saturday at Corvallis. The Vandals won one and lost one in a previous series with the Beavers.

Although they were guilty of pretty poor shooting themselves, the Cougars last night so dominated both backboards that most of OSC's chances were both from far out and hurried.

Gall Bishop and Al Akins led the WSC attack, accounting for 21 of the winners' 25 last half points. Akins was particularly effective in snatching Beaver passes and converting them into Cougar scores in a fast break for the basket.

The host five cracked the scoring ice three minutes after the opening whistle on a field goal by Bob Sheridan and never thereafter let the Beavers draw closer than three points. The half-time count was 19-13.

Oregon State missed eight times from the foul line, while the Cougars failed on but four free tosses. Washington State connected with 20 of 60 field goal tries but the Beavers were successful only 15 times out of 48. Bishop and Akins were high scorers with 17 and 12 points respectively. Bill Taitt got 10 to lead the Beaver attack.

The lineups:

Oregon State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Warren, F.	3	1	1	7
Cecil, F.	3	1	1	7
Taitt, C.	4	2	2	10
Howard, G.	3	0	2	6
Beck, G.	1	1	0	3
Jeffries, G.	1	0	1	2
Holman, G.	0	0	1	0

Total

15	5	8	35
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Wash. State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Akins, F.	5	2	3	12
Bishop, F.	8	1	1	17
Boach, F.	0	0	1	0
Witt, F.	0	0	0	0
Sheridan, G.	1	0	0	2
Sundquist, G.	2	0	4	4
Mahan, G.	0	0	1	0
Hunt, G.	4	1	1	9
Davidson, G.	0	0	1	0
O'Neill, G.	0	0	0	0

Total

20	4	10	44
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Half-time score: Washington State 19, Oregon State 13. Free throws missed: Cecil, Taitt, 3, Howard, 2, Jeffries 2, Sheridan, 2, Mahan, O'Neill.

Field goals attempted: Oregon State 48, Washington State 60.

DR. STEVENS REPORTS
SAMPSON, N. Y.—Lieut. Comdr. Mal Stevens (MC) USNR reported for duty with the naval hospital staff at the training station on the shores of Seneca Lake. He is the former Yale and New York university football coach.

Golf—Gas Shortage Style



Willie MacFarlane, former open champion, suggests this way to get in your golf if pleasure driving ban keeps you from the fairways. He takes a regular swing because the balls are made of felt.

Oregon Basketeers Lead From Start in Beating Harlemites

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team led from the start here last night in defeating the Harlem Globetrotters 51-46 in an exhibition game. Every man on the Oregon squad saw action. Roger Wiley, Webfoot center, led scoring with eight points. Oregon held a 26-15 half-time advantage.

WEATHER CLEAR
PHILADELPHIA — Connie Mack recalls that the Philadelphia Athletics did not miss a single day of practice when they did their spring training at Shibe Park in 1918.

ATHLETIC LEGISLATORS
WASHINGTON—Two who formerly were prominent as athletes are members of the new congress. LaVerna Dilweg (D-Wisconsin), who was a Green Bay Packer end, and Sunny Sundstrom (R-N.J.), old Cornell tackle, took seats.

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