

Beavers Edge Senators, 5-4, As Rainiers Lose to Angels; Portland Now in First Place

Quiet! Mr. Stoneface At Work



The "Grey Mask" applies a half-crab to Georges Dusette in their bout at the armory last week which the hooded hoodlum won by working on Dusette's bad knee. This Friday the same two gladiators will meet in the main joust with Georges a favorite to top the masked menace. In the semi-windup Pete Belcastro, the Weed assassin, will clash with popular Ernie Piluso and the opening tiff pits Billy McEulin against Tex Hager. The curtain-raiser is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p. m.

Brownies Big Worry Is Finding Hurlers

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., April 5 (AP)—Finding replacements for starting pitchers, Denney Galehouse and Bob Muncieff is Manager Luke Sewell's biggest immediate problem as the St. Louis Browns prepare to defend their first American league title.

U. S. Should Concentrate On Sports for Its Youth After War, Says Colonel

By JIMMY JORDAN
CHICAGO, April 5 (AP)—Intercollegiate and high school athletics have played a bigger part in World War II than most citizens think, and to be prepared for the future the United States should concentrate on sports for its youth.

At least, that's the opinion of Col. Ted Bank, recently appointed head of the Athletic Institute and a former coach at the University of Idaho who has served seven years in two world wars.

Col. Bank, like everybody else, doesn't want to think we'll have another world conflagration, but he says "if we had had such a program after the world war up to Pearl Harbor, we wouldn't have had married men with children being drafted, and sent into war zones. We wouldn't have had to take fathers because there wouldn't have been nearly so many rejections by draft boards, nor nearly so many medical discharges."

Col. Bank was en route to Washington to aid in revision of the recently passed physical fitness legislation which offers states financial and technical aid in providing programs of competitive sports for boys and men of the upper grades and high school. He stopped to address a group of sportsmen.

Army Training Not Enough
"I know that thousands of young men have died on the battlefields, especially early in the war, because the training they received in the army could not compensate for the lack of training in competitive sports

games as possible to see what my new men have on the ball." Sewell has three good veterans to form the backbone of a starting staff—Nelson Potter, Jack Kramer and Sig Jakucki. This trio won 49 of the Browns' 89 victories last year. Potter's 19 triumphs was the third best record in the league.

Most likely candidates for the other two starting jobs are Al Lamachia, Tex Shirley, Earl Jones and Al Hollifsworth. "Lamachia looks a lot better this spring than when here for trial last year," Sewell said. "Hollifsworth has shown me his best work in two years during this training session. If he can continue he'll be a big help."

they receive earlier in life," he said. Col. Bank added that once a young man reaches maturity it is difficult to instill the coordination needed for hard-to-learn combat. That must be learned when he is younger.

"Physical fitness programs in schools will provide this physical need," he continued. "Mere calisthenics is not enough to provide the coordination necessary for a soldier. Competitive athletics, combined with other physical conditioning programs are needed."

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COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	5	1	.833
Seattle	4	2	.667
Los Angeles	3	3	.500
Sacramento	2	4	.333
San Francisco	2	4	.333
Hollywood	2	4	.333
Oakland	1	5	.167
San Diego	1	5	.167

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Portland 3, Sacramento 4
Los Angeles 8, Seattle 3
Oakland 5, Hollywood 3
San Diego 5, San Francisco 2

TODAY'S GAMES

Portland at Sacramento, 8:30 p. m.
Hollywood at Oakland, 8:15 p. m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 2:30 p. m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 8 p. m.

By The Associated Press
Portland's Beavers were atop the Pacific Coast Baseball league pile today after they had edged Sacramento, 5-4, last night and the Seattle Rainiers slipped under the batting guns of Los Angeles, 8-5. The Beavers and Rainiers had been tied two nights running.

Two other clubs the experts had pegged for lower division operation—Oakland and San Diego—came up with wins as the league started the second half of its split first week. Oakland, behind the six-hit pitching of Floyd Stramme, put down Hollywood, 5-3, while San Diego tripped San Francisco, 5-2, on the combined efforts of Moundsmen Jim Brillheart and Vallie Eaves.

Portland's victory was a pitching duel between the Beaver submariners, Ad Liska and Gene Babbitt, who balked to allow the eight frame winning run in Seattle's downfall at the hands of the Angels came in a tie-breaking seventh when Los Angeles scored three runs. Paul Lammer, rookie righthander from Notre Dame university, held the Rainiers in the last four innings to win credit for the victory.

Short scores:
Seattle 000 000 000-5 7 2
Los Angeles 201 001 202-8 11 3
Fischer, Speece (7) and Sueres; Osborn, Lammer (5) and Easterwood.
Portland 001 002 020-5 13 1
San Diego 002 100 010-4 10 3
Liska and Adams; Babbitt and Schlueter.
Hollywood 100 101 000-3 6 1
Oakland 310 100 005-8 8 0
R. Smith, Miskasek (6) and Hill; Stramme and Rainome (6) and Hill.
San Francisco 000 101 000-2 3 5
San Diego 000 031 012-3 7 5
Sromdell and O'Gradowick; Brillheart, Eaves (6) and Ballinger.

SEATTLE, April 5 (AP)—The best-of-seven playoff hockey series between the Isaacson's Ironmen and the Portland Eagles now is for the Pacific Coast league title, rather than the northern division crown, Al Leader, league secretary said today.

He was notified this morning the San Francisco Shamrocks had decided to pass up the final playoffs, as representative of the southern division, and forfeit their interest in the championship.

The teams are now all-square, with two wins each, and meet here tomorrow night. The winner qualifies to represent the Coast league in the forthcoming five-game playoff with the Boston Olympics for the national amateur championship. The Olympics arrive Saturday.

Swede Scooter May Encounter Trouble Getting Back Home
NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Gunder Haegg and Heakan Lidman may have the same trouble getting home that they had in coming from Sweden for their U. S. track tour. They were scheduled to leave Tuesday, but their plane trip was cancelled. They now hope to depart Friday.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
Cleveland — Jimmy Doyle, 146, Los Angeles, outpointed Chuck Hunter, 150, Cleveland (10); Harry Jeffers, 130, Baltimore, outpointed Leroy Jackson, 129, Cleveland (8).

Yankees May Lose Nick Etten

American Loop Home Run Champ Reclassified 1-A

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Uncle Sam continued to shape the 1945 pennant races today as threatened loss of First Baseman Nick Etten, last year's American league home run champion, struck a body blow at the hopes of the New York Yankees.

Etten's reclassification to 1-A by a Chicago draft board was hardly a surprise to Joe McCarthy. The Yank skipper had expected such tidings and planned accordingly, but coming on top of similar news on Oscar Grimes and Johnny Lindell's imminent induction, it may force considerable shuffling.

If Etten and Lindell go, the vaunted Yankee power of bygone days will be strictly a one-man act by George Stirmweiss, 4-F but also up for re-examination. If Grimes also goes, McCarthy will be up against it for a first sacker.

Emerson Roser's six shutout innings in yesterday's 8-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox must have been some comfort to Marse Joe for his title chances lean heavily on the pitching staff. Roser was of little help in 1944 but could win a regular job with that kind of chucking.

Other Training Camp Items:
Boston Red Sox—Joe Cronin impressed by ground covering ability of Ben Steiner shifted the rookie to shortstop. Skeeter Newsome will go to third and Jack Tobin to second.
Boston Braves—Bob Coleman having trouble finding best outfield trio of many capable performers. Arrival of Elmer Nieeman sent ballhawk Carden Gilenwater to bench.

Philadelphia Athletics—Bobo Newsome nominated self to pitch season's opener for A's against Washington. Ted Connie Mack in phone call from his "personal" training camp at Hartsville, S. C., "I see by the papers where some of the boys ain't been looking so good. Well, I'll be in Baltimore Sunday to work against the Orioles."

Chicago White Sox—Opened exhibition series with 6-0 win over Detroit, rapping Art Houtteman, Les Mueller and Walter Wilson for 15 hits in game played under wintry conditions. Bill Dietrich, Ed Lopat and Joe Haynes held Tigers to four blows.

St. Louis Browns—Relief man George Caster arrived to complete roster of expected players. Game with Toledo, postponed by cold, will be played today.
St. Louis Cardinals—Johnny Hopp failed to agree to terms with President Sam Breadon. Holdout Harry Brecheen due to confer today. Billy Southworth said Bliz Donnelly may be regular starter.

13 Cubs Absent
Chicago Cubs—Charlie Grimm concerned about 13 absentees as game with Reds rained out. Phil Cavarretta due for weekend series. Claude Passeau in Chicago for elbow treatments.

Pittsburgh Pirates—Pitcher Fritz Ostermueller said he would stay with club until induction date set.
New York Giants—Pitcher Bah again classified 4-F after Newark exam, subject to Washington review. Joe Medwick in New York for back treatment. Harry Feldman named to pitch Red Cross game against Dodgers Wednesday.

Brooklyn Dodgers—Coach Clyde Sukeforth, 42, signed player contract to help catching staff. Mike Sandlock and Les Webber report.
Philadelphia Phillies—Curtis Bay slammed three hurlers for 10-8 edge. Phils picked up 14 hits, including homer by Andy Seminick.
Washington Senators—Hills Layne's pinch homer with two on helped Senators shade Norfolk naval training station, 8-7.
Cleveland Indians—First Baseman Mickey Rocco came to terms, due today freeing Ed

From Midfield

Marines to Box In Portland Friday

Come Friday night in Portland, three leathernecks stationed at the Marine Barracks will trade punches on Promoter Joe Waterman's fight card at the Portland auditorium.

The three boys to appear on the bill are Johnny Gates, light heavyweight; Charlie Harris, middleweight, and Leo Perez, welterweight. Johnny Stephens and Lt. Robert Myers have been training the boys and will accompany them to Portland tomorrow.

Gates will fight in the semi-windup against John L. Sullivan, a slugger of no mean repute, in a go slated for six three-minute rounds. Harris will swap leather with Leo Sherlock in a bout set for the same distance, and Perez will tangle with a character known in fistic circles as Frenchy Chenault in a tiff scheduled for four three-minute cantos.

In a chat with Myers Wednesday, he stated that all three of the boys were in top physical trim and were looking good in workouts. They have been going four or five heats every day in the ring and abides by none of the rules of warfare, and that they have all been hospitalized at one time or another for a stammina-draining tropical disease, it kind of makes you want to stand up and cheer for the implacable spirit they have shown. That doesn't only go for just these three boxers, but for the great majority of marines stationed here.

There is not much doubt in our mind that these boys will have a tough time going the distance, but there is also no doubt that they WILL go the distance—they're that kind of men.

We frankly admit that we know little of the men these marines are scheduled to fight, but we are positive of one thing, and that is Sullivan, Sherlock and Chenault will know they have been in a battle when it is over, win, lose, or draw.

Stephans and Lt. Myers will be in the corner coaching their buddies and we want them to know we will be pulling for them all the way Friday night and that we will be hoping for a victory in each bout, but more important, that we're all proud of them whether they win or lose.

Believe It or Not; Phils May Win Flag
By J. HERBERT ALTSCHULL
WILMINGTON, Del., April 5 (AP)—Robert M. (Bob) Carpenter may have whiffed one when he predicted in 1944 that his Philadelphia Phillies would be a pennant contender in five years.

Joining the wartime speedup program, the Phils have already entered their bid for that flag this year.

General Manager Herb Penneck says "naturally I'm not predicting the Phils will finish first, second or third—but we're

an improved ball club and we'll be playing to win. He cited these reasons: "We could easily afford to trade Al Gerheuser to the Pirates for Vince DiMaggio, Kenny Raffensberger, Vernon Kennedy, Charley Schanz, Kewpie Barrett, Whit Wyatt and the rest make up one of the finest pitching staffs in the league."
"Our young infielders, Granville and Garvin Hamner, Fred Daniels, Bitsy Mott and Ralph Caballero have speed, hustle, ambition and determination. We're looking for Jimmy Foxe to play a lot of first base and help settle the boys."
The fates of 35-year-old hurler Bill Lee and catching recruit Hal Spindel from Seattle are "in the hands of the draft boards," Penneck said.

If it's a "trozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

Sam Snead Has Case Of Jitters

Long Hitting Virginia Pro Not Satisfied With Putts

By CHICK HOSCH
ATLANTA, April 5 (AP)—Sammy Snead, golf's slammer from Hot Springs, Va., has a bad case of putter jitters, on which he blames his poor showing in the three North Carolina tournaments.

After two days of concentrated putting practice here preparing for the winter tour's finale, the \$10,000 iron lung invitational which starts today, he still isn't satisfied with his greens play.

Looking up from a row of balls he was methodically dunking in a cup six feet away, Snead remarked in his soft mountaineer drawl: "If I could do that under pressure, I could have won three or four more tournaments this year. That's where I fell down."

He didn't exactly say so, but he probably was thinking of that four-putt green he had at Durham last Sunday, not to mention four holes he three-putted.

Short Ones Cause Trouble
He stowed his "flat-iron" and added: "I used to be very good on short putts—from six to 10 feet—and way off on the long ones. Now it's the other way. The 25 and 30-footers don't bother me—it's the short ones."

The pressure for the 72-hole affair here will be even greater, for he is anxious to tie the new tour record set by Byron Nelson. He took a big lead in winning three straight meets, at Gulfport, Pensacola and Jacksonville, making his total six. But Nelson, in second place with four wins, took the tar heel matches, to go one up.

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EXHIBITION BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
New York (A) 8, Boston (A) 3.
Philadelphia (A) 2, Toronto (IL) 1.
Washington (A) 8, Norfolk Naval Training Station 7.
Chicago (A) 8, Detroit (A) 7.
Brooklyn (N) vs. Washington, cold.
Toledo (AA) vs. St. Louis (A), wet grounds.
Cincinnati (N) vs. Chicago (N), rain.
New York (N) vs. Jersey City (IL), rain.
Curtis Bay (CG) 10, Philadelphia (N) 6.

Hockey Boss Hands In Resignation

CHICAGO, April 5 (AP)—Thompson, for the past six one-half years manager of Chicago Blackhawk of the National Hockey League, submitted his resignation yesterday. President William J. Tobin, the Hawks' training school Regina, Saskatchewan, has served the Blackhawk as player and manager for years.

Thompson, who broke in the National league as a player with the New York Rangers in 1926, will become manager with a sports arena in Vancouver, B. C., his home. He is to take over the Vancouver hockey team and obtain a choice in the Pacific Coast league.

Joining the Hawks in a 1932, Thompson was a club's outstanding scorer for years. In the middle of the 30 season he was named manager to succeed Bill Stewart. During his tenure Thompson led the Blackhawk into Stanley cup playoffs four times.

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