pening Game of Major Loop Baseball Season Called Off

Top Mat Card Of Season Set

Promoter Mack Lillard, the top kid of Cauliflower Row, has up with a rassling card for Friday night that will be some- you hear about but seldom see.

The old fox of Gladiator's Gully announced day morning that a "battle royal" will fea- the mat clambake this week. But that's half of it—Tony Morelli, the bad boy from Bronx, will return to the wars in this ch classic along with five other top boys ding the "Grey Mask," "Sneeze" Achiu, Ross, Gust Johnson and Billy McEuin.

Elimination will follow as usual with the two muscles out rassling the opener, the two the semi-windup, and the final pair in the ring will clash in the main event the winner of the tussle proclaimed the r of the free-for-all.

HAINES

Morelli is one of the meanest hombres to ple in Klamath Falls in years and in previ- appearances here he has drawn a storm of jeers and hoots of ion from the rabid fans because of his rough methods. Mo- is still a tough customer, however, and it just may be that ill be the lad to eventually guzzle the hooded hoodlum. In that bout, should it come about, he would have the fans him to a man as the chief desire of every rassling fan in nath town is to see Mr. Stoneface taken apart in little pieces.

Some of the other boys are not to be discounted such as Ross, Achiu and Johnson. Tough Tony is always ready, ng and able to mix it up with any man on the circuit and eze" Achiu, the Chinese "sleeper" artist, is as quick as a cat s feet and possesses plenty of the old know-how.

Johnson lacks the color some of the other torso twisters , but he is an exceptionally clever and competent grappler.

One of the wildest battles in Klamath ring history is expect- riday night and Lillard, the mastermind of Punch Plaza, an- ced that there would be no raise in ducat prices. He also ed that it is extremely probable that only standing room be available.

An unusually heavy police escort will be on hand to quell disturbance as the roof may be literally torn off the armory these six top muscleмen collide Friday night for the de- on of Klamath rail birds.

Baseball Loses A Champion

With the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the d States, the American pastime of baseball has lost a true pion.

It may, to many, seem trite and facetious to speak of the man in relation to athletics, but Mr. Roosevelt was a sports siast and we feel that a few words are fitting.

He, himself, stated that he was "the No. 1 night baseball fan e nation" and backed the sport amidst the clamor to ban all for the duration of the war. Even with the trials and lations that beset him as president of the greatest country e world through war-torn years, he still enjoyed watching a of baseball and planned to be on hand for the opening of the season between the Senators and the New York es at Griffeth stadium.

The loss of Franklin Roosevelt will be sorely felt by the ath- world, but, in sports parlance, he was in there swinging to nd.

itman Nine Drops o Games to Idaho

OSCOW, Idaho, April 16 errors in each game spoil- pair of three-hit contests d yesterday by Whitman's er Mitchell and the Mis- ry nine dropped 2-1 and ecisions to the University aho baseball squad in the 's opening 1945 series.

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Brother Battery May Quit Cards

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 16 (AP) Catcher Walker Cooper may forfeit the captaincy of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals if he is not in uniform with the team ready to open the season Tuesday, unofficial sources close to the ball club said today.

Walker and Mort Cooper, famed brother battery, have announced they will quit the Cardinals unless their 1945 salaries are increased to $15,000.

Top Women Golfers Drop Benefit Match

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 16 (AP) Two of the nation's top flight women golfers, Mrs. George (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias, Los Angeles, and Miss Betty Jameson, San Antonio, Tex., bowed here yesterday 6 and 5 to Ernie Piper, California amateur golf champion, and Dick Richmond, also an amateur.

The 18-hole match was played over the San Jose Country club course for benefit of the northern California PGA war rehabilitation fund.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) Misty, chilly weather today caused the opening game of the major league baseball season between the New York Yankees and Washington Senators to be called off.

The game has been dedicated to the memory of the late President Roosevelt and the postponement was made with considerable reluctance.

Threats of rain and cold weather hung on during the morning but Owner Clark Griffith held off until after noon to announce the postponement.

Speaker Sam Raburn was selected to pitch the first ball, marking the first time in baseball history that the honor had gone to a member of congress. It usually is reserved for the president or vice president.

The dedicatory ceremonies to Mr. Roosevelt will be carried out Friday when the Senators face the Yankees here after a three-day series in Philadelphia.

It is the fourth wartime season and comes at a time when the end of the war in Germany is at hand with perhaps the first stages of a return to normalcy.

It marks the debut of the Yankees under new owners, Larry MacPhail, Dan Topping and Del Webb, who purchased the club from the Jacob Ruppert estate during the winter. It is the start of the 57th season for Clark Griffith, owner of the Senators.

It still was unknown whether the new president, Harry S. Truman, would toss out the first ball in keeping with a custom which began in 1910 when William Howard Taft was in the White House.

Truman, as vice president, promised to make the first pitch, if President Roosevelt were unable to do so. But now that he is the chief executive he may not find time to attend the game.

All that Washington club officials could say was that some high government official will occupy the presidential box and make the first pitch.

FDR Set Record

Mr. Roosevelt had found it impossible to participate in the official openings during wartime, although he set a record of making eight first pitches in peace time, from 1933 through 1941, missing only 1939.

In respect to the memory of Mr. Roosevelt, an expected near-capacity crowd of about 30,000 will stand for a minute of silent prayer shortly before the game starts at 3 p. m. (EWT).

Two veteran righthanders will do the pitching, Atley Donald for the Yankees and Dutch Leonard for the Senators.

The Yankees, who finished third last season, entertain some championship hopes, but the Senators, last in 1944, are not so ambitious. Both teams have almost the same lineups as a year ago.

HARTFORD, Conn.—William H. (Pa) Corbin, 81, one of Yale's football immortals, died.

Bevos Split Double Bill With Seals

Rainiers Take Lead With Double Win Over Stars

By The Associated Press

	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	12	4	.750
Portland	11	5	.688
Sacramento	9	7	.563
Oakland	8	8	.500
San Diego	8	8	.500
Los Angeles	6	10	.375
San Francisco	6	10	.375
Hollywood	4	12	.250

(No games Staturday).

Sunday Results

Seattle 10-14, Hollywood 3-4.
Portland 5-0, San Francisco 1-2.
Sacramento 5-0, Los Angeles 1-3.
San Diego 3-4, Oakland 2-3. (2nd game 8 innings).
No games today (traveling).

Games This Week

Oakland at Seattle.
Hollywood at Portland.
Sacramento at San Francisco.
San Diego at Los Angeles.

By The Associated Press

Seattle reassumed the lead of the Pacific Coast league today after a double Sunday win over last-place Hollywood, 10-3 and 14-4, and as Portland, split a pair with San Francisco, 5-1 and 0-2.

The Beavers and Rainiers had been tied Saturday, when all games were cancelled because of President Roosevelt's funeral. The clubs move north this week to give their home towns the first view of 1945 play. Seattle entertains Oakland and Portland is host to Hollywood. The California series are Sacramento at San Francisco and San Diego at Los Angeles.

Sacramento Splits With Angels

Hard-driving Sacramento pushed into third spot Sunday by splitting with Los Angeles, 5-1 and 0-3. San Diego locked with Oakland for fourth by trimming the Acorns, 3-2 and 4-3.

Seattle surged upward on the strength of Ted Norbert's bat work. He slammed out one homer in the first game and two in the second. Coupled with a sharp single the first game circuit swat accounted for five runs. Glen Elliott pitched his fourth straight victory in the nightcap.

Helser Tosses 4-Hitter

Roy Helser tossed 4-hit ball as Portland downed San Francisco in their opener; Bob Joyce gave out five hits as the Seals took the second after a 2-run first inning.

The Senators hammered the Angels' Don Osborn for 13 safeties as their moundsman, Earl Porte , got his third straight win in the first game. In the second, Charlie Cuellar, the Cuban twister, scattered the Solon blows while the Angels got to Jim McCarthy for six. At San Diego Dick Gyselman, in a Padre uniform for the first time, doubled to right to break an eighth-inning 2-all tie at Oakland's expense in the opener; then Pepper scored the finale's winning run in the eighth.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Old Arbitrator Won't Be Around For N. L. Opener

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 16 (AP)—The Old Arbitrator won't be around for the first time in 41 years when the National league resumes operation Tuesday.

Bill Klem, dean of the boys in blue, and for the last four years President Ford C. Frick's supervisor of umpires, plans to get the returns by radio at his home close beside Biscayne bay here.

It isn't that he has lost interest. It's just that he has attained the age of 71, sharing his birthday with George Washington. And, as explained by Sports Editor Guy Butler of the Miami Daily News, he has lost the sight in one eye "and—well, Bill's just getting along, that's all."

V-E Sports Program Planned

By BUS HAM

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) When the end comes to Germany, America's millions of men in Europe will lose no time swinging over from fighting to athletic competition.

The war department has at the "kickoff" stage a vast sports program to include every man in uniform.

These games eventually may be climaxed by allied championships that will dwarf by comparison the largest of peacetime Olympic games.

Such countries as England, France, Poland, Brazil, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Yugoslavia and others probably will compete.

"And we hope that Russia comes in," said Col. Henry W. "Eskie" Clark, head of the athletics branch of the army special services division under Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron.

Sports Beneficial

"When the fighting stops, our men will have leisure time before they are transferred to the Pacific or some come home," Clark said, "and these sports games will keep them interested and in physical trim."

A corresponding program will be put into effect for servicemen in this country.

More than $7,500,000 worth of equipment already is available for practically every form of athletics, including:

Enough baseball uniforms for 15,000 men with additional balls, bats, gloves and the like for 500,000 more players;

Equipment for 600,000 softball players; complete gear for 700 football squads of 25 men each with 72,000 footballs; basketball uniforms for 5000 teams of 10 men each.

Ann Curtis Wins Five AAU Titles

Presented Sullivan Award After Swim Championships

By JIMMY JORDAN

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—Ann Curtis, who only a few years ago was taking lessons to learn to swim, today packed away five gold medals emblematic of national swimming titles as well as the Sullivan Memorial trophy, and then began to worry about the national AAU outdoor championship next summer at Los Angeles.

Miss Curtis, unusually shy and modest for a girl who holds more American and world records than any other swimmer of her sex, picked up the five gold medals in the women's national AAU indoor swimming championships which ended at the Chicago Town club's pool last night. She not only held her 220 and 440-yard free style titles, but also upset Brenda Helser of Hollywood to add the 100-yard free style title to her list.

In addition, the dark-haired mermaid anchored the San Francisco Crystal plunge 400-yard relay and 300-yard medley relay teams to victories.

The Sullivan Memorial trophy, annually awarded to the outstanding amateur athlete of the nation, was presented to Miss Curtis following the swimming championships. She is the first woman to receive the award.

Now she must defend her 100, 200, 440, 880 and 1500-meter titles in outdoor competition.

Miss Curtis was easily the class of the field of more than 50 that competed in the three-day meet here. Her only real competition, from Miss Helser, came in the 100 and 220-yard free style events. She won the former Friday night by inches, and then came through in the last lap of the 220 to shake off the challenge of Miss Helser and win by 10 feet.

Her 220 time, 2:31.5, was far off the record, and in fact, only one record was broken during the meet. Miss Jeanne Wilson, a Northwestern university freshman, representing the Chicago Lake Shore club, set a new American standard of 1:15.1 in winning the 100-yard breast stroke.

Pennant Favorites Selected by Pilots

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh and possibly New York will battle for the National league pennant, and St. Louis, Detroit and New York for the American loop flag, according to a digest today of pre-season comment by major league managers for The Associated Press.

None ventured an outright pennant pick and all expected their own clubs to show "improvement," qualifying all remarks with "If we can keep what we have." As usual, no manager expected his team to finish in the cellar, occupied last year by Washington and the Phillies.

The managers followed the general line of reasoning of 76 baseball writers who predicted similar races with another all-St. Louis world series.

O'Neill Enthusiastic

Perhaps the most enthusiastic statement by a skipper came from Steve O'Neill of the Detroit Tigers.

"With the best pitching staff in the league and plenty of good reserves for all positions we're much better prepared for the opening than we were a year ago," said O'Neill. "Hitting has been our big question mark but Rudy York, Roger Cramer and rookie Bob Maier have been meeting the ball squarely and we may be stronger offensively than we thought."

All skippers agreed a fine break from the weatherman who provided unusually warm March and early April left the clubs in the best condition since northern spring training was inaugurated.

Due to travel restrictions and curtailed exhibition schedules, managers had not been able to size up the opposition accurately. All they knew about the rookies, in most cases, was what they had read.

Servicemen May Attend All N.L. Ball Games Free

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Every day will be servicemen's day in the National league this year, according to President Ford Frick who announced today all uniformed men will be admitted to all games without charges. Sundays and holidays were included.

A uniform is the servicemen's pass to all home games of most clubs and a trip to the local USO unit will provide the necessary credentials at Boston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Chicago.

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