

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Lord Byron Lacks Color — But Oh Boy!

Lord Byron Nelson, the current king-pin of golfdom's tournament trek and winner of no less than eight championships, doesn't draw the following that his nearest competitor, Slammin' Sammy Snead does, but he cashes in more often.



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The reason for Sammy's immense gallery is actually a compliment to the perfection of Nelson's game. Snead is in trouble more often than not and his marvelous recovery shots are the things that draw the gallery. On the other hand, Lord Byron is always methodically down the middle and is very, very, seldom in need of help.

The crowd will scream, "Snead just sunk one from out of a trap and is one under par," while Nelson may be following him with a score three under par and he didn't have to explode out of sand traps to rack it up.

Slammin' Sammy also didn't get his name for nothing. When he lays into a drive it resembles a siege gun with the pellet streaking way, way out to a distance of perhaps over 300 yards. Nelson doesn't get the distance that Snead does, but his accuracy is nothing less than amazing.

For instance, in one tournament this season, Nelson remarked to Tournament Manager Fred Corcoran that he had played shots in his second round out of divots he had made on his first trip around the course.

Like hundreds of others, we'll take Slammin' Sammy for our money, but there is little doubt that Nelson is the perfectionist of golf today.

Darkhorse May Cop N. L. Pennant

With the major league baseball season now underway, it is time to stick the old neck out on some predictions for flag winners.

For some reason, we do not feel that the Brownies will be able to repeat in the American loop and we sort of like the Detroit Tigers to cop the bunting. The Bengals have the top pitching staff of both leagues and have long distance power at the plate in Rudy York.

Their infield is capable and the outfield, while not the best in the majors, shows definite promise.

In the National league, the experts are picking the St. Louis Cardinals to repeat, but we like either the Chicago Cubs or the Pittsburgh Pirates. We pick the Cubs for sentimental reasons as the Chicago nine is our favorite ball club and we really feel that the Cubs have the stuff to take the flag if they can live up to their pre-season standard of play. Of the two clubs, we take Chicago.

This is, perhaps, wishful thinking on our part, but the Cubs have a potentially good ball club and we remember the year they won 21 games in a row to cop the National league pennant. They also came from behind not many years ago under Gabby Hartnett to nose out the Pirates and go on to the world series against the New York Yanks. The less said about the series, the better.

So there it is, the Chicago Cubs to take the National loop bunting—the Detroit Tigers to walk off with the American circuit flag. It could really happen, too.

Northwest Colleges May Resume Football

By The Associated Press. The possible resumption of northern division, Pacific Coast conference football this fall was foreseen today on the heels of announcements by Washington State college and Idaho officials that the two inland empire schools would field eleven "on a basis commensurate with the war-time restrictions."

WSC broke the ice yesterday when its athletic council requested Football Coach Orin E. Hollingbery to return to his coaching duties after a leave of two years.

Idaho's athletic director, J. A. B. Brown made a similar announcement late last night. No steps have been taken to fill the vacant coaching berth formerly held by Francis Schmidt.

The action will be laid before the Pacific Coast conference meeting in Spokane, June 11 and 12.

In Yakima, Coach Hollingbery said he was glad to hear the decision, but added: "There are details to be worked out and I can

make no comment on whether I will return to the college until we have talked things over."

OSC May Compete. Other northwest schools greeted the announcement with varied response. Oregon appearing dubious as to the likelihood it would follow suit, but Oregon State seemed anxious to get back into action.

Graduate Manager Al Ulbrickson of Washington told of the WSC and Idaho decisions, said "That's great—it was getting lonely around here."

"We can't play football with what we have," said Graduate Manager Anse Cornell of Oregon. "We haven't enough kids."

But Oregon State's graduate manager, Percy Looney, said the school "always wanted to play as soon as practicable and we still hope to see our way clear."

Northern division play collapsed in 1943. Only Washington has fielded a team during the past two years.

Marine Johnny Gates Meets Proctor Tuesday

Punching Leatherneck Decided John L. Sullivan in Portland Arena

Ready to Go!



Johnny Gates, fighting marine from the Marine Barracks, is scheduled to meet "Powder" Proctor in a six-rounder in the Portland auditorium next Tuesday night.

Gates successfully decided John L. Sullivan in a bout there early in April and will be gunning for his second straight win against Proctor. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo).

A fighting marine in more than one sense of the word is Sioux Indian Johnnie Gates of Ft. Yates, N. D., veteran of three Pacific campaigns against the Japs and 108 squared-circle bouts with light-heavyweight punchers.

Gates, who has the reputation of concealing a tomahawk in either hand during fistic encounters, started training early for a ring career when he entered Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kans., in 1938.

Realizing that he had great potentialities with his deceptive style and brutal left, Johnnie entered the midwestern AAU tourney and came out with the light-heavy championship that same year. Following up, he copped the Missouri Valley title at Kansas City in 1940, and a year later took the northwestern AAU light-heavy crown in Minneapolis.

Fought in Pacific. When the Japs hit Pearl Harbor, Gates exchanged his glove for an M-1 rifle and a two-year tour of duty with the marines in the Pacific. He fought at Guadalcanal, Tarawa and in the Marianas.

During the Saipan engagement he was hit in the leg by grenade fragments but stayed on in the front lines until the wound became infected. A few days later, on Tinian, he had to quit because of blood poisoning.

While overseas Johnnie didn't have time for much boxing and his weight soared to around 190. With this added poundage he did venture into the ring one time at Pearl Harbor and consequently lost the fifth fight of his ring life.

His first professional fight was against John L. Sullivan in Portland early in April and he completely out-boxed and out-smarted him in a six-round semi-windup.

When he enters the ring in Portland next Tuesday, his opponent, one "Powder" Proctor, may go the way of Sullivan and a long list of other leatherpushers who have done battle with the Marine Indian.

Washington Nine Skeds Road Trip

SEATTLE, April 19 (P)—A five-game road trip into eastern Washington and Idaho has been scheduled for the University of Washington baseball team late in May. Graduate Manager Al Ulbrickson said yesterday.

The Huskies will play a double bill with Whitman at Walla Walla May 30 and a single game the following day with the McCarry hospital team. The University of Idaho will furnish the opposition at Moscow June 1 and 2.

PHILADELPHIA—Ray Morrison, football coach, and Josh Cody, basketball coach, signed to new five-year contracts by Temple university.

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Rapid Robert Will Pitch For Sailors

GREAT LAKES, Ill., April 19 (P)—Bob Feller, the former speedball pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, will be permitted to pitch for the Great Lakes baseball team this season. An earlier announcement was to the effect that Feller, chief specialist and in charge of the team, would not take his turn on the mound. He is expected to hurl the Sailor's opening game against Louisville of the American association next month.

BERKELEY, Calif. — Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw named head football coach at the University of California as successor to Stub Allison.

Stars Top Portland Nine, 2-1

By The Associated Press. Seattle and Portland, riding the crest of early season Pacific Coast league winning streaks, both tumbled to defeat last night in opening games on their home fields.

The Rainiers, leading the loop, received a 3-2 rap at the hands of the Oakland Acons, who moved into third place. Two runs in the third and another in the sixth clinched the game for the Oaks. Floyd Strome received credit for the win, though he was relieved on the mound in the seventh by "Sad Sam" Gibson when Seattle scored its second run.

Veteran Ad Liska of the Beavers weakened in the ninth inning to allow the lowly Hollywood Stars to squeeze across their two runs, giving the cellar-dwellers a 2-1 victory. Butch Moran, Hollywood first baseman, scored the winning run when Shortstop Johnny O'Neill threw low on Hugh Willingham's ground ball.

The Angels and San Diego split a twin bill at Los Angeles, the Padres copping the opener, 9-4, and the Angels the nightcap, 5-1. The league's leading pitcher, Carl Dumler of San Diego, racked up his sixth straight win in the first game.

Lou Novikoff, the madcap Russian castoff from the Chicago Cubs, clinched the nightcap for Los Angeles with a three-run homer in the first inning.

Sacramento dropped from third to fourth place with its second straight loss to San Francisco, losing a loosely-played game to the Seals, 10-9.

The Padres exploded in the eighth for five runs to knot the score at 9-9, but a sharp single by Bernie Uhart in the last of the ninth brought in Johnny Trutta to give the Seals the game.

The same teams will meet tonight under lights.

McDonald Holds PCL Batting Lead

LOS ANGELES, April 19 (P)—George McDonald, Seattle's first baseman, raising his average 42 points in a week, forged into the Pacific Coast league batting lead with a mark of .389 through last Sunday.

McDonald supplanted Pete Elko, Los Angeles infielder, who dropped to second among the regulars with .386. Ken Richardson, Hollywood, and Bill Raymond, Oakland, boast higher averages than McDonald, but have not played regularly.

Circuit clout king is Ted Norbert, veteran Seattle outfielder, batting .379 and possessor of seven home runs—five more than his nearest rivals. Norbert also leads the loop in runs batted in, with 19.

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Brownies Shut Out By Trout

Ace Detroit Hurler Blanks American Loop Kings, 11-0

By JACK HAND. Dizzy Trout's strong right arm looms as important in the American league scheme of things today as it did last year when the talented Detroit righthander won 27 games in a pennant bid that missed fire by one game.

Critics who feared Trout might have "burned out" his salary whip in 1944 by overwork, hurling 352 innings in 49 games, got the answer in yesterday's seven-hit shutout of the defending champion St. Louis Browns.

The dizzy one never was in trouble in the 11-0 victory that ruined St. Louis' hopes of breaking away from the field in another running start like their nine straight of a year ago.

Bengals Claw Brownies. Steve O'Neill's Bengals clawed five Brownie tossers, including loser Jack Kramer, for 21 blows, four by Jimmy Outlaw and three each by Skeeter Webb, Eddie Mayo and Doc Cramer who batted home six.

Threat to St. Louis from another quarter was seen in the New York Yankees' newly-found ability to stage big game-winning innings. The old Yank habit was sadly lacking last season but the 1945 version copped their opener from Boston with a seven-run frame and made it two in a row with a five-run third inning that kayoed Rookie Jim Wilson.

Hank Borowy turned in the lowest hit performance of the day when he rationed Boston to five safeties and won 6-2. It was an afternoon dominated by fine pitching, with three shutouts and two other neat jobs in the six games.

A's Top Senators. Russ Christopher's 1-0 verdict over Washington must have done Connie Mack's heart good. The tall sidestepped an injury to a toe in spring training at Frederick, Md., and was believed out for a few weeks but he turned in the masterpiece of the infant season by scattering seven Senator blows over 12 innings.

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tern by earning his first decision at Brooklyn's expense, 6-2. Freddy Fitzsimmons' rookie belted Ben Chapman off the hill with a five-run fourth inning. Granville Hamner, 17-year-old younger half of the first brother second base combination, came through with a bases-loaded single to ruin Leo Durocher's strategy of passing Gus Mancuso to get at him.

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Cooper Brothers Salary Dispute Up to O'Connor

CHICAGO, April 19 (P)—The next step in the salary dispute of Morton and Walker Cooper, star brother battery of the St. Louis Cardinals, is up to the right-hand man of the late baseball commissioner, K. M. Landis. He is Leslie M. O'Connor, chairman of the major league advisory council, who yesterday conferred with the Cooper boys for an hour and a half and said he would act within a few days in their hold-out for salary increases from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually.

Cards Limit Salaries. O'Connor said he would confer with the local office of wage stabilization which he asserted was "right in the middle of it all." He was referring to wage ceiling restrictions which in the case of the St. Louis club are said to limit salaries to \$12,000 annually.

The Coopers last month signed 1945 contracts for \$12,000, but then threatened to quit baseball unless they received \$15,000 after learning that their teammate, star Shortstop Martin Marion, had signed for \$13,500.

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At O'Connor's suggestion the Cooper boys were to be given uniforms for the season. If his findings warrant, a hearing will be held involving the Coopers and Landis. O'Connor, who has offered the \$13,500 which, like the salary, is above the ceiling.

TOUGH LUCK. DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (P)—Lefty Miller, Doylestown high school pitcher, has a lone safety in two games lost both of them. His is a no-hitter.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., April 10 (P)—The Seattle Ironmen and the Boston Olympics tonight at Seattle will go into the fifth game of their best of seven series all even.

The Ironmen lowered at 10-4 boom in the Bostonians here last night to square the series at two all in the battle for the mythical United States amateur hockey championship.

The Ironmen outplayed and out-manuevered their eastern rivals throughout last night, racing into a 4-2 lead in the first period, adding four more in the second during which the Olympics were blanked and winding up the evening with a 2-2 final period.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT By The Associated Press. OAKLAND, Calif.—Cleo Shans, 138, Brawley, Calif., out-pointed Ray Salas, 137, Berkeley, 10.

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