

# Injuries Beset Major League Baseball Clubs

## Six Key Players On Sidelines, Joe Cronin May Be Out For 1945 Season

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Baseball's iodine list assumed serious proportions today with such key men as Joe Cronin of the Red Sox, Joe Medwick of the Phillies, Eddie Miller of the Reds and Horshel Martin and Mike Garbar of the Yankees on the sidelines.

Loss of Cronin, perhaps for the season, upset Boston's infield plans. When the skipper broke his leg Thursday he was playing third base and Acting Manager Del Baker used rookies Nick Polly and Jack Tobin at the position in recent losing games.

Medwick was unable to open the season in left field for the New York Nationals, yielding to Freshman Steve Filipowicz because of a back injury.

Fox, counted in Freddy Fitzsimmons' plans as his regular first sacker, was able to play in few of the exhibition games because of sore feet and appeared only as a pinch hitter during the first week of the season as Jimmy Wadell took over his job. Regular Phil Second Baseman, Fred Daniels was out as the result of a back operation.

Martin collided with Center Fielder Johnny Lendell chasing a long fly during the same game in which Cronin was hurt. Lendell's spikes clipped Martin's nasty cut across the nose and he was out of the weekend series in Washington.

Garbar Given Rest  
Catcher Mike Garbar of the Yankees had to take a rest because of an ear infection, giving Herd Crompton and Bill Drescher a chance to break into the lineup.

Boston's Braves were hardest hit when Third Baseman Tom Nelson, Shortstop Whitney Wietel-

# Baseball Men May Pick Czar

By HAROLD HARRISON  
CLEVELAND, O., April 24 (P)—Owners of the major league baseball teams were to pick themselves in a Hotel Cleveland room today and, if some of them have their way, they'll stay there until they select a successor to the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis as high commissioner of the sport.

If they succeed in agreeing on someone to handle the \$50,000 a year job, they will have taken just one day less than five months to make the choice.

May Mentioned  
As the time for the meeting approached there were almost as many persons mentioned in lobby gossip as there were magnets at the conference.

Procedure for the day's sessions was this:

A four-man committee—Don Barnes of the St. Louis Browns, Alva Bradley of the Cleveland Indians, Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs and Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals—which has been considering a long list of possible choices—was to meet first. They have been attempting to agree on a recommendation to the membership and that's what they hoped to do in this final session.

May Choose Czar  
Two hours later the committee was to join the full group from the American and National leagues and if 12 votes from a possible 16 can be mustered for one man, the commissioner will be chosen.

Although one group of owners expressed belief they should stay in session this time until they can reach an agreement, some of the "lobby sitters" considered it significant that most of the owners already have their train reservations to leave Cleveland tonight.

Whether that meant they hoped to reach an agreement quickly or whether it meant they might give up and try it again later, no one seemed to know.

# Marines Battle Tonight

PORTLAND, April 24 (P)—Thirty-two scheduled rounds of boxing topped by Johnny Suarez of Portland and Irish Johnny Taylor of San Francisco will provide a full card here tonight.

Suarez, who climbed from low round preliminaries to main events in four months, is scheduled for ten rounds against Taylor. The Californian will pack a six-pound weight advantage.

**Marines Fight**  
In the six round semi-windup Johnny Gates, Marine Barracks, Klamath Falls, will meet Powder Proctor, Portland. Other six rounders will pit Charlie Harris, Marine Barracks, against Jerry Brown, Portland, and Johnny Pancho vs. Kelly Jackson, both of Portland. Lito Perez, Marine Barracks, is billed for four rounds against Leroy Durs, Portland.

**Horse Players' Loss Is War Vets' Gain**  
CHICAGO, April 24 (P)—Horse players failed to pick up pari-mutuel winnings of \$88,382.20 at Illinois race tracks in 1944—and the bettors' loss is a gain for war veterans.

The money has been turned over to the Illinois veterans' rehabilitation fund by the Illinois racing board.

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**Horse Racing May Be Resumed In Spokane**  
SEATTLE, April 24 (P)—Possible resumption of horse racing in Spokane in event the national ban is lifted was discussed yesterday by representatives of that city's Playfair Racing and Fair association and members of the state racing commission but no action was taken on the allocation of racing dates, commissioners said.

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# PCL Moves Into 4th Full Week

Portland and Seattle clubs will meet in the most important match of the season today.

The match will consist of 18 holes of match play at the Forest Meadows Country club, the first of two 36-hole matches at the Forest Meadows Country club in West Orange, N. J., the second day. To be crowned the champion of gold, one of the other of the contestants will have to take both events or the whole match will wind up in a deadlock.

The only way to decide it would be to either flip a coin or play another 36-hole match and the PGA hasn't decided about that yet, pending the outcome of the first two days.

Most of the smart money will probably be riding on Lord Byron, but we'll take Slammy Sam for our dough. Both men have all the shots in the bag and it is true that Nelson is more consistent and more accurate. He also has the better golfing temperament, but more accurate. He also has the better golfing temperament, but more accurate.

In 1940, Nelson came from behind to top Sammy I up in the match play final of the national professional golf championship. Their other two battles occurred during this winter's tournament trek with Snead downing Nelson at Gulfport, Miss., in a sudden-death playoff on the 19th hole and Nelson nosed Sam out by two strokes in an extra-hole playoff at Charlotte, N. C., with a 69 against a 71.

There is no room for argument that these two are the best in the business, but which is the better is a moot question. Sammy is, unfortunately, inclined to weaken a bit in the stretch, while Nelson is a strong finisher. By this token Byron is the better of the two, but when Sammy rifles out those long drives and his game is hot in general, he's a tough man to beat. So, when the chips are down, we'll let our lettuce ride along with Samuel Jackson Snead.

The match is for the benefit of the veterans' rehabilitation fund, which the PGA has sponsored with great success.

# KUHS Trackmen Place Third In Relays on Technicality

Due to a technicality in scoring, the KUHS trackmen were found to have placed third in the Hayward Relays instead of fourth, according to Paul Deller, KUHS track coach.

# Two Tony's Will Clash In Mat Tiff

Supporting the headline tiff between the "Grey Mask" and "Sneeze" Achiu Friday night at the armory, will be the semi-windup bout with Tony Morelli against Tony Ross.

Morelli's return to the ring wars here last week was more or less as expected with the Bronx bombshell using all the dirty tricks in the book to top Gloomy Gus Johnson.

Morelli is seeking a top billing with Mr. Stoneface and should he dump Tough Tony, Promoter Mack Lillard may give him the go sign next week. This is providing, of course, Achiu doesn't put the "big sleep" on the hooded hoodlum Friday night.

Lillard is seeking the services of "Blood and Guts" Davidson against an unnamed opponent in the opener and the complete card will be announced tomorrow.

CHICAGO—Wally Reppenhausen and Bill Kenet of Detroit won national doubles bowling championship by beating Buddy Bonar and Bill Flesch, Chicago, 17,649 pins to 17,432, in 42-game match.

# Denverites Crowned Ski Champs

## Pair Takes Top Honors In 3-Day Alta Ski Meet

SALE LAKE CITY, April 24 (P)—Two pint-sized Denverites today are proof you don't have to be all muscle and six feet tall to be a champion skier.

The pair, PFC. Barney McLach and Barbara Kidder, neither of them more than five foot six, took top honors in the three-day Alta ski meet which ended Sunday and which attracted more than a score of experts from throughout North America.

For Barney, it was his second win, having taken the meet in 1942. The army private was here on leave from the army air force Arctic training command, Alaskan division, at Edmonton, Canada, where he instructs flyers in how to save themselves when downed in the snowy wastes.

**First In Giant Slalom**  
With a first in the giant slalom, second in the downhill and third in the tight slalom, Barney had an aggregate score of 204.10. In second place in the men's division was Mac Maester of Salt Lake City with 287.71. He took fifth in the downhill and second in both over events.

Pierre Jalbert, Canadian champion who was accompanied to the Alta basin in the Wasatch mountains by Fritz Loosli, foremost exponent of parallel skiing and head coach at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec wound up in third place with a tie for second in the giant slalom and fourth in the other events. His score was 287.40.

**Takes First Honors**  
The comely 18-year-old Miss Kidder, University of Denver oneed, ripped through the gates of the giant slalom for a first and the tight slalom for second but took eighth in the downhill run. Her first place total was 285.68. It was her first national championship.

Rhoda and Rhona Wurtel, Canada's top skiing and swimming stars from Westmont, Quebec, were right behind Miss Kidder in the meet tally with 285.14 and 278.84, respectively. In 5-2 series victory over the Stars, Seattle skidded to the runner-up spot a game behind the Beavers through a 4-3 series loss to the Acoms.

Sacramento, beaten 5-2 by the resurgent Seals, tumbled from third to a tie with San Francisco for fifth. The Angels moved down a notch from a tie for sixth to an undisputed hold on seventh as they lost their series 4-3 to San Diego, now knotted with Oakland for third.

# Marshfield Coach Will Resign Post

COOS BAY, April 24 (P)—Walt Commons, Marshfield high school athletic coach, will resign his post at the end of the school year to enter private business in Silverton, he said last night.

Commons coached six years at Powers before moving to Marshfield high two years ago. He is a Willamette university graduate. Commons coached three Powers teams and one Marshfield team to berths in the state basketball tournament.

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# Swift Swede Finds Golf Links Ideal

## PHILADELPHIA, April 24 (P)

Gaucher Haegg, who accepted an invitation to compete in the 51st annual University of Pennsylvania relay carnival Friday and Saturday has fallen under the

beneficial influence of Philadelphia officials have learned. Haegg, staying with a friend at Greenwich, Conn., has found the links ideal and then played the game.

"I am very happy with the hope to get to Philadelphia Thursday."

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