

Tigers, Cubs Pitching Staffs Handcuff Rivals

Early Indications Point to Chicago, Detroit In World Series In October

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If pitching in the early games tells the story, the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs are headed for an October world series date. While the Bengals have been slapping the ball at a .281 clip, Dizzy Trout, Al Benton and Hal Newhouse have been throttling their American league opponents with a measly .193 batting average.

Six of Charley Grimm's Bruin hurlers have tossed winning complete games in 11 starts and four of them have been five-hitters or lower. Tops in both circuits is the one-hit effort by Hank Wyse against Pittsburgh, spoiled only by Rookie Bill Salkeld's eighth inning single.

Pitchers Blank Sluggers
The home run ball has not been troublesome to either Detroit or Chicago, the Tiger staff having blanked the long distance sluggers and the Cubs yielded only a pair. Every mound crew has given up at least one circuit clout, except Steve O'Neill's gang.

Russ Derry belted half the New York Yankees total of eight homers, high in the American but their rivals across the Harlem river, the New York Giants, have collected 13 and the Boston Braves 11, thanks to Butch Nixon and that shortened right field wall.

Nine Shutouts Hurdled
Nine shutouts have been pitched in the National, three by Chicago with Claude Passeau, Bob Chipman and Wyse each contributing one. Of the seven hurled in the American, Detroit has three, two by Trout and one by Benton.

Things were so tough during spring training days, Grimm had to borrow veterans Hod Lisenbee and Guy Bush from the Reds so they could play an exhibition. Now his average of two moundmen a day is not far behind the Brooklyn figure of 17 pitchers.

in 10 contests. Detroit used only 13 in nine tilts.

Pirates Start Slow
Pittsburgh's slow start can be attributed to failure of Frankie Frisch's tossers to go the route, only three complete performances by 11 starters. The Bucs have only two circuit clouts but that's better than the world champion St. Louis Cards who are still looking for their first homer.

Of last year's six 20-game winners only two have more than one victory to their credit. Bill Voiselle of the Giants and Trout each have 3-0 records but Rip Sewell of Pittsburgh and Newhouse are struggling along with 1-2 marks. Bucky Walters of Cincinnati hasn't won yet in four starts, being charged with two defeats and Mort Cooper of two after his salary dispute and last after his salary dispute and last after his salary dispute.

The Phillies' pitching has been almost as shaky as the Pirates.

Yesterday was an open date in both leagues.

PCL Clubs Fight For 2nd Place

Portland Should Hold First Position by Beating Stars

By The Associated Press
Emphasis was on the race for second place in the Pacific Coast Baseball league today as the circuit opens its fifth week of play with an all-California setting.

The fast rising San Diego Padres, who won five out of seven games from the San Francisco Seals last week to move within a half game of the slipping second place Seattle Rainiers, meet the weak Los Angeles Angels in the Padre field. Seattle, victims of a 4-2 series defeat at the hands of the last place Hollywood squad, will take on the Oakland Aacorns, who held the tough top position Portland team to a 3-3 series tie last week.

Portland should hold its two game advantage even though it meets the reviving but definitely league trailing Stars at Hollywood.

San Francisco, which has not yet shown much strength, meets the likewise unimpressive Sacramento Solons at the capital city.

Four Players Dropped From Bevo Roster

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Four players for the Portland Beavers—Pitchers George (Duke) Windsor, Clyde Dean and Herb Anderson, and Catcher Earl Norager—have been dropped unconditionally from the team, General Manager Bill Klepper said today.

Status of another pitcher, little Sammy Latino, is shaky. Klepper reported. A deal to option Latino to Wilkes-Barre of the eastern league fell through, and if another spot can't be found he, too, will be released.

Sports fans were surprised by Windsor's release. A holdover from last season, he was earlier a 20-game winner for Spokane of the Western International.

Dietrich May Be Lost to Chisox For Full Month

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—Bill Dietrich, who won 18 games for the Chicago White Sox last season, may be lost to the current American league leaders for a month, because of an operation on his pitching elbow from which four bone chips were removed. The veteran right hander, who won his only start this season, will be released from a hospital in a couple of days, said Dr. John Claridge, who described the operation as "highly successful."

SQUASH PRO HONORED
NEW YORK—Yale club members and friends of Frank Laforgue presented the veteran squash professional with a silver tray suitably inscribed.

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OSC Will Field Grid Eleven

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 1 (AP)—The ranks of northern division, coast conference, football grew stronger over the weekend with announcement by Graduate Manager Percy Locey that Oregon State college would "definitely" field a football team this fall.

Locey, announcing the decision of the Oregon State athletic board Saturday night, said, "we will play even if we have to choose sides and play among ourselves."

The Beavers will make up a schedule at the Pacific coast conference meeting in June, its extent to be guided by conference action and war conditions, he reported.

Coach Lon Stiner reported more player material available than at any time since the war began. The last Beaver grid team played in 1942.

Washington State college and Idaho recently announced they planned to resume the gridiron sport this fall along with the University of Washington, which has never stopped. Oregon and Montana still are on the doubtful list.

Anson B. Cornell, Oregon athletic manager, said there was no change in Oregon's stand on returning to intercollegiate football despite the return of Oregon State college to the grid, and leaving Oregon as the only northern division school, expect Montana, to remain idle. "We will have football here as soon as manpower makes it possible and practical," Cornell said.

Some observers believed, however, that action to return to the Pacific coast conference football field may be taken at the next Oregon athletic board meeting, to be held within the next two weeks.

Achui Will Meet Dusette In Mat Tiff

Promoter Mack Lillard announced this morning that the headline event on the mat card at the armory Friday night would be a "Sneeze" Achui against George Dusette.

The "Grey Mask" refused Lillard's offer to meet either Morrell or Achui in the main tussle. Mr. Stoneface has been playing coy with the boys now for some little time, but this bout should top anything the hooded heel could possibly offer in the way of real rassing.

Achui specializes in his famous "Chinese sleeper" and Dusette is an exponent of his equally famous standing full-Nelson.

An interesting point is that Achui seldom uses the sleeper unless his opponent starts roughing it up and Dusette is well known as a clean grappler. The question is will Achui be forced to resort to the dangerous hold in order to subdue Dusette or will he use only the orthodox holds?

Dusette is probably the most powerful muscleman to perform here in a good many years, while "Sneeze" is fast and clever. This match should provide enough thrills and action to satisfy the most calloused fan.

In the semi-windup, Lillard has obtained the services of Kenney Ackles, who is reported to be a biter, boy a bit on the flashy side. Ackles is said to have been wowing them in Hollywood and will make his debut here Friday against a top opponent.

ANGELS GET HURLER

LOS ANGELES, May 1 (AP)—The Los Angeles Angels have acquired a new pitcher, Free Agent Ralph Mariani, a right-hander from Dallas who formerly twirled for Oklahoma City in the Texas league.

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By PAUL HAINES

Sportsmen Ask Reopening Of Sheepy Lake

A resolution requesting the opening of Sheepy lake to duck hunters in the fall was drawn up recently at a meeting in Weed. Sportsmen's clubs of Yreka, McCloud, Dunsmuir, Weed and Dorris were represented at the session. This resolution will be submitted to federal fish and wildlife service officials at Dunsmuir on May 2.

The resolution reads: WHEREAS there is now a surplus population of mallard, widgeon and sprig; and

WHEREAS there is also a deficiency of the diving ducks; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the opening of the Sheepy lake area is necessary because:

1. It is pre-eminently a dipping duck habitat.

2. For the acreage involved it will accommodate the largest number of guns of any equal acreage in northern California.

3. It will offer the unattached hunter an opportunity to take his kill from these surplus species.

4. It will offer shooting to the returning servicemen in the same area they had and were satisfied with before they went away.

Therefore we ask that approximately 7000 acres of this present public shooting grounds be returned to the Lower Klamath Migratory Bird Refuge and that a new public shooting grounds be created.

The newly formed Lower Klamath Sportsmen's association at Dorris will meet May 8 to hear a report on the subject. It seems to us that it behooves Klamath Falls sportsmen to follow this proposed action closely and perhaps to submit an opinion on the matter.

Marines To Have Use Of Recreation Park

At a meeting of the city recreation committee on Friday, it was decided that the marine ball team from the Marine Barracks should be granted the use of Recreation park. Specified times were set for the Leathernecks from 2 to 5 p. m. with Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays designated for scheduled games and the remaining afternoons devoted to practice sessions.

It was learned that the naval air station has built a diamond of its own for practice this year and the majority of the sailors' games may be played at the station for the entertainment of naval personnel, although this program is only tentative.

The afternoons of May 12-13 were definitely stipulated as being reserved for the marine ball team which has scheduled tilts with the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters on those dates.

A green light was also given to the proposed softball Twilight league. Two circuits are tentatively planned, one league for grade school youngsters from the 5th to 8th grades inclusively, and the other an Industrial loop for boys of high school age and for any business or corporation teams that may desire to field a club.

As sponsors will have to be secured and equipment obtained, we ask all men interested in forming a team to either call us on the phone or drop us a line stating how many players and how much equipment will be available from each source. This will give us a definite line on the number of teams that will be available and enable us to go ahead in the securing of sponsors.

We assume a few business companies already have a fair amount of athletic gear from past years and we would deeply appreciate prompt notification on the subject.

All the games will be played starting at 5 p. m., as the plans now stand, and this will not conflict in any way with the marines' use of the grounds. We feel that a softball league would really go over with a bang in Klamath Falls if properly organized and we urge the cooperation of any and all outfits which might be interested in forming a team.

Golf Balls Will Soon Be Made for Civilian Usage

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Golf balls—perhaps as many as 5,000,000—will soon be produced for civilian use.

Manufacture of this scarce sports item will be made possible under a planned revision of WPB rubber regulations to permit use of neoprene—a non-flammable synthetic rubber—for the inside of the balls. The covers would be of balata, the gum rubber now used for "retreading" old balls.

Sears Announces Release
W. James Sears, chairman of WPB's rubber requirements committee, in announcing the prospective release of neoprene said he could not estimate how many balls could be produced until the allocations were made.

From manufacturers, however, came the 5,000,000 figure. WPB officials said the revised rubber order should be issued within about ten days unless the plans should unexpectedly land in the "rough."

Golf ball manufacture now is limited to supplies for rehabilitation programs for service men.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Mrs. George Zaharias the former Babe Didrikson, beat Betty Jameson, 10 and 8, in 72-hole charity exhibition golf match, first 36 holes of which were played at Los Angeles two weeks ago.

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Brownies Hoist Flag Tonight

Baseball Luminaries Will Be On Hand For Ceremony

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 1 (AP)—Amid hoopla and fanfare worthy of a Hollywood premier, the St. Louis Browns will raise their first American league pennant in history tonight before a crowd which may number 30,000 fans.

In the gathering will be Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler, making his first official visit as baseball's new commissioner. President Will Harridge of the American league, Leslie M. O'Connor of the commissioner's office in Chicago, and Artie Latham, the only living member of the 1885-86-87-88 Browns who won four consecutive championships in the old American association.

First Night Ceremony
The game, the first night contest of the major league season, will mark the opening of St. Louis' 89 game after-dark schedule.

It will also be the first time the major league pennant has been raised at flood light ceremonies. Latham, who at 88 is still active in baseball as grounds-keeper at the Yankee Stadium in New York, will join a group of St. Louis old timers in a one-night exhibition of baseball's "bare-handers" when players wore neckties but no gloves.

Bing Will Warble
Bing Crosby, who appeared as an ex-member of the Browns in his Academy-award winning performance in "Going My Way," has prepared a special transcription of baseball songs and of his best wishes for another successful season for the Browns.

The traditional march to the flag pole for the formal pennant raising ceremony will be enhanced by colorful units of the armed forces with special drills by all-girl bands.

Members of last year's championship team will receive rings from President Don Barnes of the Browns.

And after all the fireworks, the 1945 Browns will take the field to meet the Cleveland Indians in an attempt to live up to all the good things that will have been said about them.

WORCESTER, Mass.—Jack Titman, freshman southpaw, twirled no-hitter for Holy Cross to beat Charlestown, R. I., Navy Air, 7-0.

PINEHURST, N. C.—Welby Van Horn, Atlanta, retained north and south professional tennis title beating Richard Skeen, Palm Beach, 8-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Marine Ball Team To Meet Skymasters

Two old service rivals will meet here May 12 and 13 when the newly-former Marine Barracks baseball nine vies with the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters in a two-game series that will officially open the Leatherneck season.

Out of 73 men who initially signed up to try out last week, only 33 remain to go into inter-squad game practice sessions this coming Friday and Saturday.

Capt. Norwood E. Jaqua, manager-coach of the team, has had a tough time picking men to stay on after cuts, and is still faced with some pretty tight problems in mapping out his starting squad.

The majority of the men left on the roster have had pro, semi-pro or college experience and have shown up extremely well while working out.

At the shortstop post, four men have looked exceptionally good in fielding practice, but the deciding factor of who will win out at the position will be determined by their hitting ability this week. The same holds true at the hot corner and on second, although the field is narrowed down here, two men seeking third and three battling for second.

Perhaps the only thing that can be said about the team at this writing is that they will have an excellent fielding club with stellar pitching behind them. This was quite apparent last week and will undoubtedly become more evident as the season progresses.

In the only other game scheduled at this time, the marines

Medford Reports Oregon Baseball Loop Shaping Up

MEDFORD, May 1 (AP)—Prospects for a southern Oregon baseball league were shaping up today, with Paul Freer, manager of the Medford Craters, trying to contact team managers in other cities.

Freer reported Klamath Falls and Camp White, probably will field teams, but Grants Pass and Ashland entries are doubtful.

Large turnouts of high school players and some older talent have been reported for practice sessions here.

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