

Surrender Day Means Baseball Will Continue

No Great Influx of Returning G. I. Athletes Expected As Conflict Ends

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Surrender day means baseball will play its world series this fall and may reinstate its all-star game but no great influx of returning G. I. athletes is to be expected.

Of about 500 major leaguers now on the national-defense service lists, a majority are believed overseas, many in the Pacific theater. War department estimates are that more than 12 months may be required to return the European armies to this nation, giving little hope for any familiar names returning to the 1945 box scores.

Circuits Appear Even

After three weeks of play, both circuits appear to be in such delicate balance that re-appearance of a star player in the lineup of any team could make it a pennant contender. The 1944 experience of Dick Wakefield and the Detroit Tigers was proof enough it could happen.

Giants, White Sox Surprise

The New York Giants and Chicago White Sox were the big surprises of the new season but the intersectional tests were just beginning. Chicago polished off some unfinished business with Cleveland today, before opening a series with the Philadelphia Athletics tomorrow.

No All-Star Tilt

Recently scheduled benefit games for the July 9-11 period, may prevent any all-star tilt this season although Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler has indicated he will try to arrange a new date.

President Ford Frick and Will Harridge of the majors had cancelled the all-star game and left the world series dependent on the status of the war at a winter meeting with ODT chieftains.

Junior Baseball League Talked At Meeting

At a meeting of Legionnaires and other interested persons last night, it was decided to call a meeting of ALL boys eligible for American Legion junior baseball residing in Klamath Falls and outlying areas on Wednesday, May 16, at Modoc field. Any and all boys interested between the ages of 12-17, inclusive, are asked to be present.

The meeting will be called at 4:30 p. m. and any adults interested in coaching a team or in umpiring games are also asked to be on hand. This is the first step in re-forming a junior baseball league in this city and the cooperation of both boys and adults is urged in order to get the proposed league off to a flying start.

Golfers Seek Rich Prizes

Eleven Tournament Dates Already Listed by PGA

CHICAGO, May 8 (AP)—There'll be approximately \$250,000 in war bonds scattered along golf's golden trail this summer for such sharpshooters as Byron Nelson, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Sam Snead and the rest.

Starting at Montreal June 7, the professional golfers will be busy almost every week in tournaments with war bond values ranging from \$10,000 to the \$80,000 in the Tam O'Shanter Open to be played here July 26-29.

The Professional Golfers' association, which sanctions all the meets, already had listed definite dates for 11 events, and has scheduled a Pacific northwest tour that will touch at Spokane, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver during September and October. The northwest series, for which definite dates have not been set, will carry an aggregate purse of at least \$50,000 in war bonds, the PGA has announced.

The PGA championships, to be held at the Moraine Country club, Dayton, O., July 9-15, will give "Slammin' Sammy" Snead an opportunity to regain the championship he relinquished when he entered the navy. Snead won the title in 1942. There was no tournament in 1943 and last year Bob Hamilton lifted the crown. Since then, Snead has been discharged from the service, and Hamilton has been inducted.

Tam O'Shanter: Big Plum

The Tam O'Shanter Open, however, will be the big plum along the summer trail. The prize was raised to \$60,000 in bonds this year by its sponsor, George S. May, Chicago engineer, from the \$42,500 war bond figure of a year ago.

GRIFITH MOVES TO REVIVE ALL-STAR TILT

WASHINGTON—Clark Griffith is in favor of bringing back the major leagues' all-star game. The Old Fox believes that if the war in Europe should terminate before mid-summer, Col. J. Monroe Johnson, ODT director, might sanction it, even though baseball's advisory council cancelled it to reduce travel.

The president of the Washington club says service men want the all-star game played, so they can enjoy moving pictures taken for distribution overseas.

This year's game was listed for Fenway Park, Boston, July 10.

BROOKLYN—Allie Stolz, 134, Newark lightweight, started ring comeback by outpointing Mario Colow, 132, Puerto Rican in eight-round bout.

DES MOINES—Illinois won three relays at annual Drake relays.

RICHMOND—Dixie Professional Football league decided to resume play in fall if equipment and manpower can be obtained.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.



NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—The news of Germany's surrender had just come over the cable and in the comparatively quiet corner where the sports department functions there was some speculation as to when horse racing would be resumed, when real big league baseball players would be rejoining their clubs and whether football will be better next fall. One opinion was offered that hockey, the first major sport to feel the war's effect, will be the first to recover—apart from racing, which is ready to go at a moment's notice. . . . When the discussion simmered down, the day's sports news still came from the armed forces. Here are a few samples:

NEWS AROUND THE TABLE

John Rigney, former White Sox pitcher, sends word from the Marianas, where he manages a ball team, that his best man, ex-Tiger Johnny Ligon, misses a lot of games while flying casualties from the Okinawa region. Rigney says that riding a B-29 bomber is "just like a trip on the Chicago 'L', except the ride isn't so jerky and it doesn't cost a dime."

... In England six soldier boxers speaking on a radio program, picked Billy Conn, as the one most likely to succeed Sgt. Joe Louis as heavyweight champion. PFC Ben Schurr, in civilian life, Referee Patty Ryan, named Pete Morelli of Stockton, Calif., as his candidate. Morelli agreed with Schurr. . . . A note from the University of Arkansas points out that three former Razorbacks have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—Capt. Maurice L. (Footsie) Britt, Lt. Nathan Gordon and, posthumously, Lt. Harold (Buck) Lloyd. . . . In Italy, Pvt. Edward J. (Bruce) Patty of Hollywood, Calif., former national junior tennis champion, won the Florence allied area singles championship last weekend, beating Capt. Edward Minch of New York, 6-1, 6-0. Minch holds the North American title. . . . In a letter written from a German prison camp last January, Capt. Hal Van Every, ex-Minnesota and Green Bay Packers back, commented: "Just heard Green Bay won the western division title. I'm a scabback now." Apparently he lost a lot of weight.

Wagner Will Meet Achiu In Mat Tiff

Gorgeous George Wagner, the self-styled "Toast of the Coast" with his robes of every hue, will return to the Klamath ring wars Friday night when he meets Walter "Sneeze" Achiu, the Chinese sleeper artist, in the main event on Promoter Mack Lillard's crunch card.

This tussle is made to order with the rugged Wagner attempting to down "Sneeze" with his varied attack while Achiu will undoubtedly be forced to fall back on his famous sleeper if he is to come out on top.

The colorful Wagner has whipped himself as able to whip any musclemen on the northwest circuit and looks with disdain upon his rivals who are unable to match Gorgeous George in sartorial splendor if nothing else.

In fact, Wagner has remarked upon several occasions that he dislikes sullying himself on the low caliber of talent present in the northwest. This remark has infuriated the other sloop boys and a valiant effort is made to top the massive Wagner every time he enters the ring.

In the semi-wind-up Jeff Pasov Katonen, ever popular in Klamath mat circles, will make his debut after a long absence against an outstanding opponent.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

BALTIMORE—Freddie Schott, 208, Akron, outpointed Jimmy Bell, 183, Washington, 10.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Johnny Greco, 150, Montreal, knocked out Lou Miller, 156, New York, 2.

SAN ANTONIO—Fritzie Zivic, 155, Pittsburgh, outpointed Kid Azteca, 151, Mexico City, 10.

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2 Surprise Sluggers Hold Lead

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—Two surprise package hitters, Luis Olmo of Brooklyn and Tony Cuccinello of the Chicago White Sox, led the major league batsmen today at the end of the first three week of competition.

Olmo picked up 123 points for himself by collecting eight hits in nine at bats against the Phillies Sunday, boosting his average from .286 to a lofty .409.

Cuccinello who spent most of his 15 big league years in the national loop, had a .395 mark for 11 games was one reason the Sox were in first place.

Olmo's closest competitor was Butch Nieman of the Braves at .400, one of the most improved hitters in the circuit. Tommy O'Brien of Pittsburgh followed at .377, two degrees higher than Mel Ott of New York. Vance Dinges, standout Phil rookie, was fifth at .369.

Vern Stephens of the St. Louis Browns was a close second to Cuccinello in the American at .389. Eddie Mayo of Detroit was clubbing at .352 for third honors followed by the two base stealing "champs" George Case of Washington .339 and George Stirnweiss of New York .333.

PRESSURE IS OFF YANKS—MCARTHY

ATLANTIC CITY—Joe McCarthy says that with the pressure off, the Yankees may come back and win.

"The big shoes have shrunk," says Manager McCarthy. "The players don't have the feeling that they have to fill the shoes of a famous predecessor. That feeling presses down on a young player, may make him tighten up because he is trying to top the fact that we finished third last year eases the mental strain."

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Kegling Exhibition To Be Given At Marine Barracks

Frank Benkovic, Milwaukee bowling great, will give an exhibition of his pin-topping skill on the Marine Barracks alleys next Thursday and Friday.

Benkovic, over a period of 15 years of league and tournament play, holds a 223 competitive average, has rolled 19 perfect games and twenty-eight 299 lines.

He is the only bowler to ever hold an ABC championship for two consecutive years. With different partners, he took the 1932 world's championship doubles and then successfully defended that title the next year. The 1415 mark the team set in 1933 is an all-time high.

Records for 15 years of ABC tournament play show that Benkovic is third high-average among the nation's top bowlers. All the way through he has averaged 188.5, rolling against new pairs of new alleys. That tourney is always played on new maple.

Chandler Names Cincinnati As Baseball Headquarters

CHICAGO, May 8 (AP)—A. B. (Happy) Chandler, who is undecided as to when he will shed his toga as Kentucky senator and don the official robes of baseball commissioner, spent a busy day in Chicago last week—but his business was about baseball.

The major item affecting the commissioner-elect's office was announcement by Mr. A. B. C. that business of the commissioner will be directed from two fronts—at least temporarily.

Cincinnati Headquarters

The commissioner's headquarters, in Chicago during the 24 years the late K. M. Landis held office, will be in Cincinnati, Chandler said. But Leslie M. O'Connor, Landis' secretary-treasurer, is his new "special assistant," and will be in charge of the Chicago office. Eventually, Chandler said, the Chicago office will be discontinued and all business directed from Cincinnati. The new secretary-treasurer is Walter Warring Mulbry, Chandler's senate secretary.

Confers With O'Connor

Chandler visited Landis' office yesterday after a press conference, posed for photographers on the "throne" of the white-tatched square, who died last November 25, and then conferred at length with O'Connor. That apparently was the start and finish of Chandler's "home-

coming" to baseball headquarters. He told newsmen he did not know when he would resign from the U. S. senate—it may not be for some time—but in the meantime the commissioner's office would be established in Cincinnati with Mulbry in charge. The Kentucky senator said the uncertainty of world affairs might force him to delay signing his seven-year contract beyond June when it had been expected he would quit the senate.

Badgers Replaced by Hawkeyes on Notre Dame Sked

NOTRE DAME—Nine opponents of last season will again be met next fall by Notre Dame, Wisconsin being replaced by Iowa, which will be tackled in South Bend, October 27. Only two other home games are listed, the others being Illinois in the opener, September 29, and Dartmouth, October 13. The army engagement is once more slated for Yankee Stadium. The site of the navy game has not yet been determined.

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PITTSBURGH—Peter George, 15, of Akron, won 1481-pound class title in national AAU junior weight-lifting championships.

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PCL Clubs Still Scrap For Second

Seattle Club Drops From Second to Fourth Place

By The Associated Press

The battle for second place in the Pacific Coast league still held the spotlight today after a week of play in which the big upset was Seattle's drop from second to fourth place.

Six of the clubs will open their sixth full week of competition tonight. Oakland will start its series at Los Angeles Wednesday with a doubleheader scheduled to start at 12:30 p. m. All games will have a California setting.

Acorns Take Second Place

The Acorns held the flank-killer role last week, trimming the Rainiers five games out of seven to take second place five full games behind the Portland leaders.

The Beavers will take on the dangerous San Diego Padres, in the third spot a half game behind Oakland. The Padres were shaded 4-3 in their series with Los Angeles last week while Portland was adding to its lead by trouncing Hollywood six games in seven.

Rainiers Meet Solons

The Rainiers, in fourth but only one full game behind Oakland, tackle the fast-rising Sacramento Solons who knocked off San Francisco five out of seven last week, to wind up in fifth a half game behind Seattle. The Seals and Hollywood, seventh and eighth place clubs, stage a battle for the cellar.

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Littlefield States National Open May Not Be Resumed

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—Charles W. Littlefield, vice president of the U. S. Golf association, said last night it was unlikely that the National Open golf tourney would be resumed this year.

ST. LOUIS—Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden defeated Sammy Snead and Jimmy Thomas, 3 and 1, in 18-hole four-ball charity golf match.

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