

League Pace-Makers Will Engage Heavy Opposition

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The major league's current pace makers — Brooklyn's precocious kids and Boston's slugging Red Sox—go on trial today when they engage the defending 1945 champions for the first time.

For the Dodgers' youthful crew, the opening inter-sectional series takes them to Chicago and then around the "horn" to St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati will be an acid test.

Although the Brooks swept through the east on an eight-game winning spree until they collapsed at New York Sunday,

they have been feasting on inept pitching offered by the Phillies and Giants.

Rookies Dick Whitman, Carl Furillo and Ferrell Anderson have been doing a good job but they have been breaking into the big show under most favorable conditions. Now they encounter some real "pros." Hank Borowy is slated to oppose Ed (No-hit) Head today and they'll be looking at Max Lanier, Joe Beegs, Rip Sewell, Ed Heusser and Bucky Walters before they come home.

Dodgers' Plate Punch
To date, the hitting of Billy Herman (.389) who is out with

a leg injury, and Pete Reiser (.385) has provided the punch to back up some fine hurling by Vic Lombardi, Hank Behrman and Head.

In the American league, the Red Sox must open up against the Detroit ace, Hal Newhouse, winner of his first three starts.

Joe Cronin has been getting fine pitching from Mickey Harris and Joe Dobson with Tex Hughson and Dave Ferriss ready to hit their true stride but the slugging has been the thing in Boston.

Shortstop Johnny Pesky, who couldn't hit in spring training,

is burning up the league with a .391 average, but Ted Williams boasts a .387 mark and Catcher Hal Wagner is close behind at .384. Two other regulars, Center Fielder Dominic DiMaggio and First Sacker Rudy York are well over the .300 level.

Just as in the case of Brooklyn, the Red Sox have yet to see the league's best pitching. They face Newhouse today and probably Dizzy Trout and Al Benton later before Cleveland comes in with Bobby Feller, Steve Gromek, Allie Reynolds and Red Embree. St. Louis and Chicago follow.

While the Red Sox are tangl-

ing with the world champions, the Yankees open a long home stand with Cleveland. Manager Lou Boudreau has nominated a slightly "peevish" Bobby Feller to take the hill today. It seems Rapid Robert is upset by the inference in some quarters that he is "slipping" because he dropped two of his first three starts.

Washington's slow start has been a cause for concern in the east but Ossie Bluege hopes to get his left-handed hitting lineup started against the Chicago White Sox tossers. Luke Sewell's St. Louis Browns, off to a .500 start, hope to climb into con-

temptation by slapping down Philadelphia in the other series opener.

In other National league inter-sectional openers, New York is at St. Louis, Boston at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.

St. Louis, the odds-on pennant choice, warms up for the Dodgers by going three rounds with the Giants who experienced a sudden awakening with the addition of Goody Rosen. Giant Owner Horace Stoneham is still talking about a deal with St. Louis for pitching and this first visit would be the logical time to talk turkey.

Team Tussle Arranged For Mat Headliner Thursday

Peeved over Martino Angelo's crawling on his promised title bout with Georges Dusette, Promoter Mack Lillard has broken off dealings with the swartly muscled for a while and has lined up another of the sensational team matches for this week.

The team tussle pairs Pete Belcastro with Tough Tony Ross against Jack Kiser and Bob Keneston, and will run until one team scores two falls over the other.

Rules of the tag match call for one member of each team in the ring at a time, and the silent partner outside the ropes with a hand on the corner turnbuckle. When one of the rascals gets in a bad way it is up to him to scramble over to his corner and touch the outstretched hand of his partner, who at the time must be reaching over, not through, the ropes.

As soon as contact is made, the erstwhile inactive partner must climb through, not over, the ropes and take his buddy's place in the fray.

The other match Thursday night will be a four-round tiff between popular Angelo Martinelli and "Silent" Rattan, the deaf and dumb rascaler. Silent has not appeared here for several months.

Ike Williams Is Favored Over Bolanos

LOS ANGELES, April 30 (AP) — Deadpan Ike Williams, NBA lightweight champion from Trenton, N. Y., ruled a 1 to 2 favorite over Challenger Enrique (The Beezer) Bolanos of Durango, Mex., for their 15-round, outdoor title bout tonight at Wrigley field.

Barring rain, a 25,000 crowd and a \$100,000-plus gate appeared certain for the first major open-air fight here in two years.

Barring snow — veteran ringbirds consider it that sure — the hard-hitting Williams was tabbed to make his first title defense a winning one, possibly via the knockout route. The champion's two-fisted barrages have slumberized 33 opponents in 81 fights during his rugged six-year career.

Barring hail — a driving stream of lefts by Bolanos, that is — the dusky defender could duplicate his crown-lifting, second-round knockout of Juan Zurita in Mexico City April 18, 1945.

The speedy Bolanos, trying to return the title south of the border, has been carefully groomed by George Parnassus, who also manages Zurita. Unless he gets his prominent proboscis in the road, one of Williams' jolting hooks, the 21-year-old challenger will set a lightning pace which, his backers believe, may wear down the champ.

Scheduled For Four-Rounder Tuesday



Lloyd (Blackie) Smith, weighing about 140, is scheduled to fight a four-round welterweight bout with Dally Lotches of Chiloquin in the armory next Tuesday night. Also on the fight card will be a couple of five-rounders and two more four-frame tilts.

Fights Last Night
By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Tippy Larkin, 130 1/2, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Willie Joyce, 135, Gary, Ind., 12 (junior welterweight title).

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Union Tabs Solons With Unfair Diamond Practices

BOSTON, April 30 (AP)—The question of jurisdiction was raised today by the national labor relations board which yesterday received from the American baseball guild charges of unfair labor practices against the Washington baseball club.

The guild action, announced here by Director Robert Murphy, was the first move against any club in the latest attempt to unionize professional ball players.

.429 Clip Leads PCL Willowmen

LOS ANGELES, April 30 (AP) — Loyd Christopher, slugging Los Angeles outfielder, led the Pacific Coast league batting lead with a mark of .429 through games of last Friday, statistics compiled by Leo Moriarity disclosed today.

Christopher upped his average 22 points while Cully Rickard, Hollywood, leader the previous two weeks, slipped 42 points to .380 and second place. Among regulars, Third Sacker Ted Jennings of San Francisco was next with .356.

Christopher's honors extended to homers, which department he topped with nine, and runs batted in, where his 21 tied for the lead with Hollywood's Tom O'Brien.

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Tony Ross and Jack Kiser are shown in the throws of an attempted grapevine. This week see Pete Belcastro team up with Tony against Jack and Bob Keneston. Angelo Martinelli will meet Silent Rattan in the opener.

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Retriever Club Meets Tonight

Local hunters and sportsmen will be asked to form a retriever club here tonight at a meeting of dog fanciers to be held at 7:30 in the chamber of commerce building.

The Oregon Retriever Trial club of Portland is interested in the formation of a group here and the possibility of field trials being conducted here next fall.

Dick Morgan, Keno sportsman, has been making arrangements for the formation of the group and tonight details of the organization are to be worked out.

All hunters who work dogs are invited to attend the retriever meeting tonight.

Wild Fifth Inning Gives Huskies Tilt

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 30 (AP)—After a wild fifth inning which netted the visitors six runs, the University of Washington Huskies defeated Oregon State college 9 to 7 yesterday in a northern division baseball meet.

The game was Oregon State's second straight without errors, due largely to a standout job by Firstsacker Darwood Cecil.

Score:
Washington 001 080 110—9 12 3
Ore. State 031 000 012—7 10 0
Goldberg, Soriano (9) and Constantino; Cecio, Frazer (6) and Wegner.

Bambino Will Take Mexican Vacation

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP)—Babe Ruth was all set today to fly to Mexico May 15 for a "vacation" at the invitation of Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican league.

Ruth said he would stay in Mexico "from 10 days to two weeks" but insisted that baseball was not even mentioned in his conversation with Pasquel's New York representative.

The Bambino refused comment on the possibility he might be offered the post of baseball commissioner of Mexico.

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Larkin Wins Crown For Little Guys

BOSTON, April 30 (AP) — Taking a leaf from the pages of its books of the golden twenties, boxing today had a new junior welterweight champion—a betwixt-and-between division that thrives only in its days of prosperity—in stylish Tippy Larkin of Garfield, N. J.

Boxing Master Larkin survived three knockdowns under the iron-fisted punching of Windmill Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., only to go on, thanks to fleet foot-work and expert left-jabbing, to throw himself as the first postwar junior welterweight titlist by gaining an unanimous 12-round decision in bruising fashion last night at the Garden.

Those battlers were engaged in a return match, after almost a year's lapse, and Joyce had much the best of it during the early stages. In their previous clash Joyce, while battling from a stand-up stance, was defeated by a decided margin.

He elected to battle from a crouching style last night when they got started in their 12-round bout, the winner of which was to be recognized as the fabulous forty-two (2) junior welterweight ruler, not only by the Massachusetts boxing commission, but also the National Boxing association's solons and the New York state commissioners as well.

Louis Training At Ball Game

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis arrived today from his Indiana training camp and greeted reporters and photographers with the question:

"Is Bob Feller pitching for the Cleveland Indians against the Yankees?"

Told that the Cleveland fireball hurler was slated to pitch, Louis replied "Let's finish this in a hurry."

Louis added he hoped to see today's game, would leave for his Pompton Lakes, N. J., camp this evening and would start boxing for his June 19 title bout with Billy Conn on Saturday.

Both Louis and Conn will appear before the New York athletic commission for a preliminary physical examination Friday.

Nelson Needn't Bid For National Berth

SEATTLE, April 30 (AP)—The Post-Intelligencer said this morning Amateur Champion Bud Ward and Professional Byron Nelson have been added to the list of players who need not qualify for the National Open Golf tournament at Cleveland in June.

Ward, the Spokane kinkpin, otherwise would have had to qualify in the 36-hole sectional eliminations June 3.

Grey Ends Holdout With Toledo Mudhens

NANTICOKE, Pa., April 30 (AP)—One-armed Pete Gray, who failed to make the grade in the major leagues after one season with the St. Louis Browns, ended his month-long holdout with the Toledo Mudhens of the American association.

The Browns sold Gray to Toledo at the end of last season.

SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

So That's Where The Big Ones Are Hanging Out

SANDPOINT, Ida., April 30 (AP)—When the fishing season opens tomorrow on Lake Pend Oreille, anxious north Idaho sportsmen are betting that before sundown some lucky angler will have landed the world's largest rainbow trout.

Although the bet can't be regarded as a sure thing, the odds are with the fishermen who drop their lines in the Pend Oreille. Last summer Lawrence Hamilton of Reardon, Wash., landed a 32-pound eight ounce rainbow, listed by Field and Stream magazine as the number one catch on its records.

Since Hamilton made his record catch, anglers from all over the country have been besieging this lakeside town for summer reservations.

Around the Pend Oreille boat-houses they're saying that two trout larger than the 32-pound eight ounce have already been landed this season but couldn't be weighed officially because the anglers were after Dolly Varden on which there is no closed season in the Idaho lake.

Last year, two of the four-year-old rainbows exceeded the former record trout catches. They had waded on a diet of blue-back salmon and the catches indicated that the rainbows add 15 pounds a year in weight after the second year. If that pace keeps up, it means fish nearing the 50-pound mark are ready to bite.

The old-timers around Pend Oreille are ready with instructions for the angler who might like to try for a record catch. They say he'll need a stout trolling rod, at least 600 feet of 15 to 35-pound test line and of course the necessary lures.

Zimmerman Takes Links Title Again

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30 (AP)—Outstroking Harold West of the Tualatin club 3 and 2 in 36 hole final playoff, Emory Zimmerman won the Oregon professional golf match-play championship for the fifth time yesterday.

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