

YANKEE FRANCHISE ORIGINALLY BOUGHT FOR \$18,000

NEW YORK, April 7 (NEA)—The Yankees will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their magnificent stadium by holding a world championship pennant to the top of the flagpole and playing the Red Sox April 28.

The Yanks opened the stadium by unfurling a pennant and meeting the Sox before 74,217 paid admissions April 18, 1923.

Despite the increased rivalry between the two clubs, the front office will settle for a similar attendance this trip.

"We haven't progressed a bit," laughs General Manager George M. Weiss.

Charles A. Stoneham, John McGraw and Judge Francis X. McQuade did New York a tremendous favor when they kicked the paying colonels, Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston out of the Polo Grounds in the fall of 1921, gave them a year to find another lot for the Yankees.

The colonels were paying 10 per cent rental up to \$100,000, and were perfectly satisfied, but the New York National league moguls were mad.

Col. Ruppert and Huston, who never did get along, had brought in General Manager Ed Barrow from the Red Sox in the autumn of 1920 to back up the mite manager, Miller Huggins. A young fellow named Babe Ruth and others had also come along from the Sox, and the Yankees were stealing the Giants' stuff.

Col. Ruppert and Huston were forced to buy the 16-acre plot across the Harlem river from William Waldorf Astor for \$850,000, and for \$2,500,000 more build the monument that made the American league top kick in the big town.

Outside of football and the more important fights, much has happened at Yankee Stadium in a quarter of a century—from Huggins to Bucky Harris, Ruth to Joe DiMaggio.

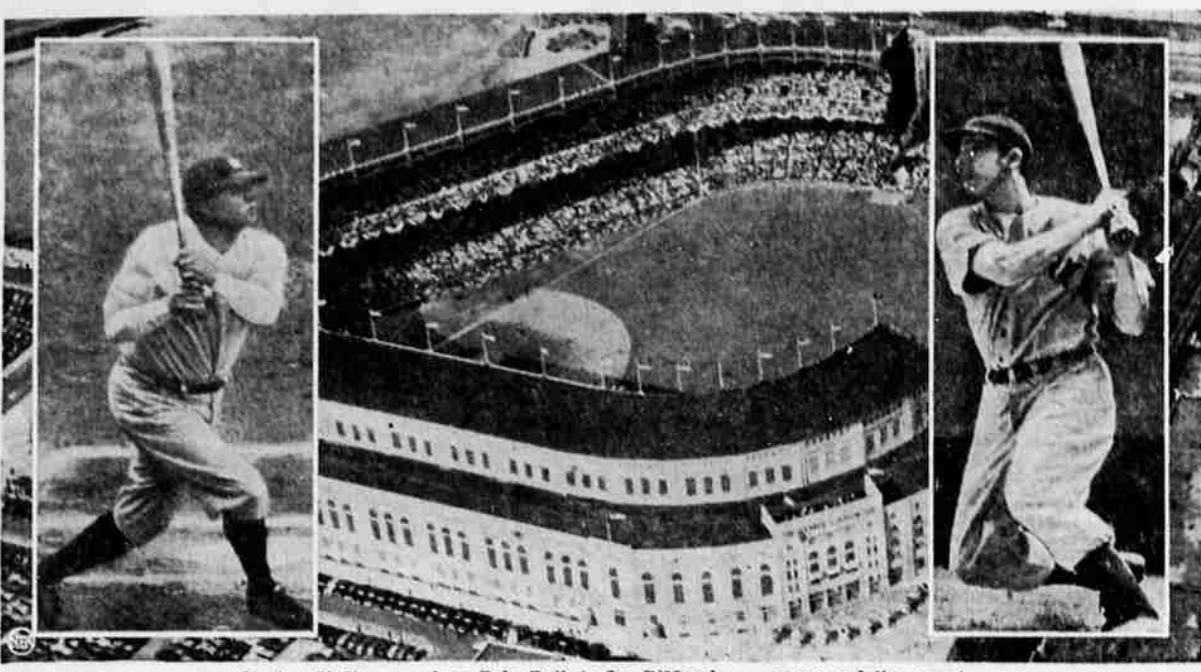
The Yankees completed a run of three consecutive pennants as they moved into the matchless edifice in the Bronx and have capped 12 more since. They have bagged 15 pennants and 18 world championships in 27 years, which is par for the course, and then some.

Stoneham, McGraw and McQuade saw what was coming, but the Giants might just as well have had all that rent.

The Highlanders, as they were known at the outset, were born in a spirit of conviviality. When two men sat with Byron Bancroft Johnson at the old Criterion hotel in New York in January, 1903, they were contractor Frank Farrell and Police Commissioner Bill Devery.

Baltimore had dropped out of the new American league, and President Ban Johnson sold the New Yorkers the franchise for exactly \$18,000. Col. Huston and Ruppert paid \$350,000 for the Yankees in December, 1914, and the American league gave Farrell and Devery \$100,000 more.

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Col. Ruppert, the brewer, and Col. Huston, the contractor, had never met when one of the yeast Fleischmanns brought them together in the baseball field.

The Yankees and their subsidiaries are worth \$6,000,000.

It cost the original owners \$300,000 to buy a parcel of land and erect wooden stands on the hilltop at West 137th street and Broadway, where the Medical Center now stands. The name Highlanders was derived from the location.

Clark Griffith was named manager, and signed a number of famous National league stars, including Wee Willie Keeler and Jack Chesbro. Old Fox Griffith finished fourth the first year, and lost the pennant on the final day of the 1904 season, when Happy Jack Chesbro made his never-to-be-forgotten wild pitch. The Highlanders were second again in 1906 under Griff and in '10, when managed by George Stallings and Hal Chase.

The Highlanders, now the Yankees, moved to the Polo Grounds in 1912, but didn't get going in a big way until a half dozen years after the paying colonels took over, by which time Ruth and the rest had been brought from the Red Sox.

Col. Ruppert and Huston squabbled all the while.

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Record Entry Slate Competing In Trials

One hundred and six entries have been received for the Shasta Cascade Retriever club's AKC licensed field and water trials coming up next week-end, necessitating a full two-day slate of events, Saturday and Sunday.

The Pacific coast trials will be the crowning event of the retriever club's schedule here this year as well as the finale of the spring trial season.

Entries have been made from Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Arkansas, Hawaii, New Mexico, as well as many from Oregon, Washington and California. The best retrievers now running will take part in the meet, which is the first American Kennel club licensed trial ever attempted here.

Junior stakes and non-winners stakes will be run off Saturday, starting at 8 a. m. Sixty-eight dogs will perform that day.

The Sunday schedule will be devoted to the open all-age stakes, highest of the meet, and 38 dogs will compete.

Outstanding dogs entered include Gilmore's Peggy, a field champion Labrador handled by Charles Morgan of Minnesota; Legend's Iron Duke, Labrador owned by Huntington Malarkey of Portland; Okanagan Pat of the Malakye kennels.

Little Benjamin Labrador—an Irish importation that competed in a sanctioned trial here several weeks ago, will be back. This dog has false teeth.

Roy Gotta, McKenna, Wash, handler, will guide a British Columbia entry, Rip of Hollisbill, and Herb Fleishacker, millionaire San Francisco sportsman, will bring in his black Lab, Hoova's of Tuttle town. Hoovah won both the non-winners

Williams Gets 40 Grand Tab

LOS ANGELES, April 7 (AP)—World Lightweight Champion Ike Williams demanded a stiff price to defend his title, and got it.

Williams was given a guarantee of \$40,000 or 40 per cent of the net gate receipts, to put his crown on the block against Enrique Bolaños, the No. 1 challenger, in their 15-round battle here May 25.

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Beavers Move Up To Second Place By Topping Padres

By The Associated Press

It's away too early to tab the pennant winner in the Pacific Coast league but San Francisco will do until somebody stops it.

Frank (Lefty) O'Doul's Sassy Seals pocketed their fourth straight win last night at the expense of the hard-hitting Hollywood Stars, 4 to 1. Jack Brewer pitched his second win of the season and had a shutout with two down in the ninth, only to have it spoiled by Tod Davis' two-run homer.

The outstanding pitching performance was contributed by Red Lynn, Los Angeles veteran right-hander. He held Oakland 10 one hit, Brooks Holders' double, and blanked them, 3 to 0. Only three Oaks got on base as Lynn continued to complete mastery. Mickey Burnett, Angel second sacker, doubled in the sixth to score two runs and elude the victory.

Portland advanced to second place in the standings by trimming San Diego, 4 to 3, but had to stave off a ninth-inning rally that saw the Padres score twice. Harvey Storey and Ed Felson, Mole, blasted home runs for the Beavers.

Dick Barrett scored his 300th pitching victory in the coast league as Seattle went 11 innings to nose out Sacramento, 4 to 3. Lou Novikoff's home run in the first inning was good for three Seattle runs, but Jack Salveson pitched brilliantly the rest of the way. Infield errors in the eleventh by Leo Wells and Bill Wirtzmann gave Seattle its winning run.

Box score: PORTLAND—Rucker, cf, 2 0 0 1 0; Katto, ss, 4 1 1 0 0; Smith, if, 3 0 0 3 0; Reich, rf, 4 2 1 1 0; Storey, 3b, 4 0 1 1 0; Mole, lb, 3 2 1 10 0; Mullen, 2b, 4 0 0 0 2; Hallinger, c, 4 0 0 0 0; Dibiasi, p, 3 0 0 0 2; Lazar, p, 0 0 0 0 0; West, p, 0 0 0 0 0.

Totals 38 3 11 27 8. SAN DIEGO—ARBH POA; Clay, cf, 5 0 1 2 0; Graham, rf, 4 0 1 1 0; Shupe, 3b, 4 0 1 10 0; Barrett, lf, 4 0 0 3 0; Coscarart, 2b, 4 0 2 4 0; Ritchey, c, 4 0 1 1 0; Lillard, ss, 3 0 1 0 4; Flores, p, 2 1 0 2 2; Perlmutter, p, 1 1 0 0 0; Jensen, p, 1 1 0 0 0.

Totals 38 3 11 27 8. —Batted for Lillard in 9th. —Batted for Flores in 9th. Portland 029 010 010-4. San Diego 001 009 002-3.

SUMMARY—Left on base, Portland 7, San Diego 10; two-base hit, Jensen home runs, Mole, Storey; sacrifice hit, Dibiasi; stolen bases, Katto, Mole; runs batted in, Mole 2, Graham, Reich, Storey, Clay, Handley; winning pitcher, Dibiasi; Time, 2:13. Umpires, Oka, Sears and Ford. Attendance, 3908 officials.

Ladies Open Links Round

Ladies of Reames Country club will begin their golfing season Friday—weather permitting.

First event on the calendar will be a two-ball foursome and pairings will be made at the No. 1 tee. Any women coming out at 10 a. m. will be matched for the opening competition.

Men golfers are urged to turn in rounds as soon as possible. Next event of size is the annual competition with Medford April 24, and by that time handicaps for the year must be established.

Several rounds as a basis for figuring handicaps should be played by the week-end of April 18.

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Training Camp Briefs

Bevins' Injury Not Thought So Serious

BRADENTON, Fla., April 7 (AP)—Earl Torgeson, formerly of Snohomish, Wash., has a new batting stance today which Boston Manager Billy Southworth believes will give him a better feel for the ball.

The one-time Seattle Rainier is standing more upright, rather than in his former crouch.

"In the crouch," Southworth explained, "the bridge of your nose sometimes hides a piece of the ball. I know. I once had the same trouble."

SARASOTA, Fla., April 7 (AP)—Bobby Doerr, Oregon contribution to the Boston Red Sox, has the third best batting average of the American league camp despite a sore back.

He has compiled a mark of .405 in 12 games.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 7 (AP)—Pitcher Bill Bevins has only a sprained right shoulder and not burkitis as the New York Yankees feared.

The Forest Grove, Ore., hurler is receiving physio-therapy treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, but is expected to rejoin the Yankees April 16. Dr. George Bennett described the sprain as "slight."

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 7 (AP)—Things were looking up for the York Giants today, particularly in the pitching department. Ray Poat, Joe Beegs, Earl Mcgowan and Jack Hallett combined to toss eight hitless innings against Cleveland yesterday as the Giants won 5-2, in 11 frames. Poat, who went the first five, looked especially good. Bobby Rhawn's game-winning homer was No. 32 for the New Yorkers in 23 spring games.

TAMPA, Fla., April 7 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics sought to break a four-game losing streak here today against the Cincinnati Reds. The A's were doubly handicapped by the loss of their ace, Ed Delmonico, who was out for 10 days with a \$2000 worth of equipment stolen and then lost 3-2 to the New York Yankees yesterday.

Gems Start Practice For Season At Lodi

Down in Lodi, Calif., today Manager Joe Ganienben and some 25 young baseball hopefuls began working out for positions on the 17-man roster of the Klamath Gems of the Far West class D baseball league.

Among them are nine boys from Klamath Falls and vicinity, while most of the others are from the California bay area, signed by scouts of the Philadelphia Phillies and optioned to the Gems.

The team is staying at the Travelers hotel in Lodi and will be doing its spring training at 807 Market street, San Francisco, and has hired eight regular umpires to work the exhibition and season games.

The men-in-blue include Gene McIsaac, Charlie Trainor and Howard Lovett, all of San Francisco; William Rossi of Santa Rosa; George Garibaldi of Santa Maria; Lou Ziger of Vancouver, B. C.; Stanley Dollar of Tujunga, Calif., and Evans Mann of Burbank.

Leads 3 Times Ted Williams, Boston, led the American league in home runs for three seasons—1941, 1942 and 1947.

A new record of 2,016,819 duck stamps were sold in the 1947 fiscal year, from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947.—Sports Field.

Caps Strong Down Middle And At Plate

Vancouver Nine Looks To Repeat For WIL Pennant

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 7 (AP)—Strength down the middle, speed on the hill and power at the plate. Those appear to be prospects of the Western International league's defending champions Vancouver Caplanos this season.

Business Manager Bob Brown is unusually happy and hopes that this season Vancouver will improve its .001 finish ahead of Spokane last year.

While he won't come right out and predict the September finish of his favorite team, he will say "they'll have a cracking good ball club."

Manager Bill Breiter is out for second pennant in his second year as boss and will anchor the through-the-middle combination as catcher. Joe Kaney looks good for second and pre-war veteran Ralph (Sammy) Samhammer seems set in center field. Kaney played with Lynn, Mass. last season.

INFIELD SET Bill Reese will return to his first-base job, training camp stories say. Little Len Tran has looked sharp at third while newcomer Dick Briskey, who has played second, third and short equally well, will likely play the latter. Bud Hjelman could get the utility slot.

Bob Stumpf, if he is returned from Seattle, will get the other catching job.

Orrin Snyder, edged out at first, has moved to left field because of his hitting. Charles Mead will end up in the right pasture.

Getting down to what many consider to be the most important part of any successful club, the pitching staff, things look pretty fair. Last year's 22-game winner, Lefty Jim Hedgecock, is expected back from Seattle on option.

YOUNG HURLERS One youngster named Bob White, another, Lefty Dumbroje, Larry Manier, Carl Gunnarson and a fifth man from the number trying out at the Sunnyside camp will fill out the full-time mound corps.

White is a big right-hander, while Dumbroje and Gunnarson are southpaws. Brenner is going in strong for the silyliders because of the short right field barrier in the Caps' home park.

Tierney Tops Detroit Boy

SEATTLE, April 7 (AP)—The chopping blows of Billy Tierney gave the former Cleveland welterweight his sixth successive Seattle ring win last night—an eight-round technical knockout over Johnny Camarata of Detroit.

Tierney, 148, opened a deep cut over the Detroitier's eye in the fifth round and Referee Rod Murphy halted festivities when it grew worse.

In other bouts of the triple main event, Eddie Cotton, 160, Seattle, floored Joey Albino, 159, Portland, three times to win an easy decision, and Buford Ransom, 147½, Seattle, knocked out Louie Jordan, 145, Oakland, in the third round after flooring the Californian four times in the round.

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Champ Ortiz Okays Scrap At Portland

PORTLAND, April 7 (AP)—Manuel Ortiz, the little Mexican mauler who holds the world's bantamweight championship, has been signed to headline the next main event of the National Boxing Club.

Ortiz will meet Joey Dolan of Spokane in the civic auditorium Tuesday, April 27, in a ten-round non-title match.

Properly enough, the diminutive senior with dynamic wallop will return to a local ring at the height of the most successful boxing run in Portland history.

It was Ortiz who appeared in the first show sponsored by the National Boxing club when it revived the sport in 1942, after boxing had been dormant for two years.

On that card, Ortiz defeated Nat Corum in a fight which drew a surprising \$5000 gate. He returned on New Year's of 1943, to defeat Kenny Lindsey, the Canadian champ, in the only bona fide championship match ever held in Portland.

Ortiz ranks with the greatest ring champions of all time. He has defended his title more than any fighter in any division, including Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong.

His match with Dolan, who is a featherweight, will be an over-weight affair. Dolan, who earned the important shot by virtue of a thriller with Harold Dade, and a decision over Luis Castillo, has agreed to make 126 pounds for the tiff.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT SEATTLE—Billy Tierney, 148, Cleveland, stopped John Camarata, 144½, Detroit, 8.

STOCKTON—Dado Mariano, 117, Honolulu, outpointed Mike Bernal, 119½, Oakland, 10.

LOS ANGELES—Freddie Beshore, 193, El Monte, Calif., outpointed Dutch Culbertson, 187, Los Angeles, 10.

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NO SPIK ENGLISH DEL RIO, Tex., April 7 (AP)—Most of the Pittsburgh Pirates were confused yesterday in their game with the Chicago White Sox at Juarez, Mexico, because all of the public address announcements were made in Spanish. The Bucs lost, 7 to 5. Today they get another chance at the Sox, but north of the Rio Grande, where the announcer will speak English.

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