

Philadelphia's War Vets Throttle Red Sox Twice

Minor Rioting Marks Opener At Cincy

By JOE REICHLER
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Joe McCarthy is back in baseball today—but please, mister, don't remind him. The former manager of the New York Yankees still doesn't know what hit him in yesterday's American league opener—his first day back since he went into his self-imposed exile a year and a half ago.

Old Connie Mack brought his upstart Philadelphia Athletics to Boston for a Patriots' Day morning-afternoon double header, welcomed McCarthy back with a "How are you, Joe?" then proceeded to rip McCarthy's Red Sox apart with a double-barreled 5-4 and 4-2 triumph.

Mack used two World War II vets—pitchers Phil Marchildon and Lou Brissie—to lead the charge. Marchildon, shot down by the Germans while he was flying for the Canadian air force, and held prisoner for nearly a year, spaced seven hits over 11 innings to win the first game. Brissie, for whom doctors once gave up hope after his left leg was nearly torn off by German shrapnel, limited Red Sox sluggers to four hits to win the afternoon tilt.

There were two other openers yesterday—one in each league—and they ran true to form. The world champion New York Yankees spoiled Washington's annual inaugural by knocking the stuffing out of the Senators, 12-4, behind a 16-hit attack. President Harry Truman—part of a 31,728 turnout—was on hand to throw out the first ball.

The way things went for the Nats, he might as well have thrown the others too.

Even an eighth-inning free-for-all scuffle failed to ruffle the calm of lanky Earl Blackwell. Cincinnati's splendid righthander, who fashioned a neat seventh-inning in pitching the Reds to a 4-1 triumph over the Pittsburgh Pirates in Cincinnati. A crowd of 32,147 witnessed the contest.

Brissie Knocked Down By Ted Williams' Hit

BOSTON, April 20 (AP)—A harshly batted ball cracked off his left leg like a shot from a gun and the big boy fell writhing and grimacing in pain. The blow was enough to force a normally well conditioned athlete out of action.

But left-handed pitcher Lou Brissie—just as he fought off a board of doctors who wanted to amputate the same limb after it was shattered by German shrapnel—got up off the dusty mound at Fenway park yesterday and pitched the Philadelphia Athletics to a four-hit 4-2 triumph over the powerful Boston Red Sox.

Then he went to Faulkner hospital where his leg was X-rayed and packed in ice overnight as a precaution against possible infection.

"I'm afraid I might lose my turn. I've got to get back on the field," the 23-year-old told doctors.

Said one physician, "That kid is utterly unimpressed, or seems to be, over the whole thing. He's got lots of courage."

And from Ted Williams, Red Sox slugging outfielder whose jet-like hit knocked down the South Carolinian yesterday, came this tribute: "The kid's got it, no question about that. I'm glad he's okay."

The fact that Williams' liner had knocked him down like a bowling pin bothered the boy not a whit.

In the ninth, with the fans cheering for the Sox to pull out, the game Brissie struck him out.

In fact, the Sox didn't get another hit off the wounded war hero after Williams' hit knocked him down.

WLoop Changes Scenery

By The Associated Press

Spokane and Tacoma nines make their 1948 hometown debuts tonight as the Western International league swings into its first series shift.

The Inland Empire Indians host the Bremerton Bluejackets while Tacocomans entertain second place Yakima.

In other shifts, Salem takes on Victoria in the Oregon city with Vancouver going to Wenatchee. All are three game sets.

Spokane made good use of five Wenatchee errors last night to defeat the Chiefs 4-3 as John Cordell bested Wenatchee Manager-Pitcher Chuck Cronin in a tight pitching battle. Both hurlers gave up four hits but Cordell got better support in the pinches.

It was the only league game scheduled last night. Bremerton dropped a 5-3 decision to its parent Pacific Coast league club, Oakland, in a kings-x tilt.

LOCAL KEG ACES TAKE TOP SPOTS

Klamath Falls keglers captured most of the firsts in the Klamath-Eugene Moose lodge bowling tournament here over the week-end.

Only team events and singles were rolled at Recreation alleys, the totals going toward all-events.

Ruby Phelps' 986 was high for all-events among the women, and C. Wall of Eugene had 1249 for the men. In singles Clara Bold scored 518 to lead the women and Hugh McDonald paced the men with 656. Both are from Klamath Falls.

In team events the Leach Service squad of Klamath Falls, composed of Flo Ann Eaton, Sylvia McConnell, Jackie Leach, Blanche Dixon and Frances Nelson topped 2250 pins for first among the women and the Retread Tire team of Eugene scored a lofty 3043 for the men's team event trophy.

Huskies Pick Cage Captain

SEATTLE, April 20 (AP)—Hard-driving Bill Vandenburg, one of the unsung heroes of Washington's drive to the Pacific coast conference basketball title, will captain the Husky cagers during the 1948-49 season.

The captaincy and the annual inspirational award both were voted to the lanky forward last night at the team banquet.

Harve Cassill, athletic director, said Washington is ready to accept a bid to the conference pre-season tournament slated for December 27-30 at San Francisco's cow palace.

The husky squad also named their all-opponent teams for the last year. Cliff Crandall, Oregon State forward, was the only Northwest player to hit the first five, but Vince Hanson and Ed Gayda, both of Washington State, took second team forward posts along with Oregon Guard Stan Williamson.

Idaho Powdered

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 20 (AP)—Taking 13 of 15 events, Washington State college swamped Idaho 98-32 yesterday in a northern division track and field meet. Idaho won only the pole vault and the low hurdle events.

ROAD RUNS WILL PICK OLYMPIC CYCLE SQUAD

CHICAGO, Ill., April 20 — Two 136-mile road races, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., June 23 and 25, will provide tests to select five cyclists for the U. S. Olympic team.

Milwaukee previously had been awarded the cycling track trials for June 26-27.

The first distance race on June 23 will qualify three road-race men for the Olympic cycling squad, and two others will be selected from the second run on June 25.

The roads to be used are located in metropolitan Milwaukee—Silver Spring drive, Bay road, Dean road and finishing on Washington road. The course covers 12 1/2 miles, and 11 circuits will be made to complete the Olympic distance of 135 miles.

State trials for the road race will be held May 23, with sectional try-outs scheduled for June 6.

Outstanding road riders expected to compete include: Gene Lechner, Milwaukee; Ray Florman, St. Louis; George Abt, Chicago; Spencer Busch, Buffalo; Donald Sheldon, Nutley, N. J.; George Sandruck, Baltimore; Clair Young, Detroit; Warren Bare, Reading, Pa.; Henry Seubert, Brooklyn; Benny Mirto, The Bronx, N. Y.; Frank Wurzt, Woodhaven, N. Y.; Chester Nelson Jr., St. Louis, son of the coach of the Olympic squad.

Wayne Scott Resigns Post As KU Mentor

School Holds Many Applications For Football Duties

Cochair Wayne Scott, basketball mentor of the Klamath Union high school Pelicans and one of the most capable hoop coaches in the state, Monday night formally resigned his KUHS post and the resignation was accepted by the high school board.

Scott announced several weeks ago that he intended to resign either to accept another post or to return to the University of Oregon for work toward a master's degree. It is believed he will choose the latter course for a year.

The school board received a letter from Scott saying:

"I wish to resign my position as teacher and coach of basketball at Klamath Union high school at the end of the current school year."

"I wish to thank the school board for the help that they have given me in the past."

"As a matter of record, I want it made known I am not leaving because of any dislike for the Quarterback club, townspeople or community. It is my opinion that the Quarterback club and interested townspeople should be commended on the fine support that they have given athletes."

VERY POPULAR

Scott is one of the best-liked coaches ever to handle a variety of teams at KUHS and he has had remarkable success in his three years as head basketball coach for the Pelicans. His work with young athletes has been excellent.

His 1943 team won the state championship, his 1947 team placed second and his 1948 squad came in fifth in the state, the only Pel teams ever to go to the state tournament.

He is a former Southern Oregon college and University of Oregon basketball player and was also active in independent basketball here in town.

About two dozen applications are in for football coach at Klamath Union high, Graalapp said, some of them from out of the state and most of them apparently strong contenders.

DECISION COMING

The school board probably will have the list of applicants shooed down by next Monday and an announcement can be expected shortly afterwards.

Each applicant is being asked to outline an athletic program he will expect to follow at Klamath Union high school and that, along with the prospect's experience and general reputation, will be used as a guide in making a selection. The school board is not rushing into the appointment of a football coach blindly.

He Did It



Rookie Lou Brissie, who was dangerously injured during the war, pitched and won his first major league game yesterday. He allowed the Boston Red Sox just four hits as the Athletics won 4-2.

Oregon Trout Season Open Five Months

May 1 Is Date For Start; Many Waters Excepted

Oregon's five-month trout season opens May 1, but as usual the exceptions are more important than the inclusive dates—May 1 to September 30.

Most lakes in this area will not be open until considerably later. Tidewater areas are closed until June 15.

The general bag limit is the same as last year, 10 fish but not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish in any one day, and 20 fish but not to exceed 30 pounds and two fish in any seven consecutive days, or all in possession at one time.

There is no limit on whitefish or Dolly Varden.

Minimum length for trout is six inches, except that an eight-inch minimum has been established by the state game commission for certain coastal waters, including the Rogue and Umpqua and tributaries of both.

In Diamond lake and Owyhee reservoir the minimum length for legal catches will be 10 inches, same as last year.

PROTECT FINGERLING

The eight-inch minimum on coastal streams is designed to protect fingerling trout, steelhead and salmon during downstream runs. Coastal waters south of the Columbia also have a later closing date, October 21, to permit some angling during the fall run of cutthroat.

Here are some of the special seasons that do not conform to the general dates for trout:

Davis lake—June 15 through August 29, bag limit five fish in one day, not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish in any seven consecutive days.

Lake of the Woods—May 1 through September 30, bag limit 10 pounds and one fish, not to exceed 10 fish in any one day and double that for any seven consecutive days.

Rosary lakes—May 1 through September 7.

Diamond lake—June 15 through September 15, bag limit five fish but not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish in any one day and double that in any seven consecutive days.

Paulina and East—June 15 to September 15. Bag limits in Big Cultus, Little Cultus, East, Paulina, Sparks, Elk, North and South Twin and Wickiup reservoir are five fish not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish in one day.

In Lake county Campbell and Blue lakes are open from July 1 through September 10, and except as otherwise provided, the general trout season for Lake county will be May 22 through September 30.

NUMEROUS STREAMS

Klamath county waters opening May 1 include such streams as the Williamson, Sprague, Sycan, Sevenmile, Four Mile lake and the little skyline lakes. The latter probably cannot be reached any time soon.

The game commission reports it has liberated several hundred thousand rainbow of approximately legal size in Cascade lakes and streams this spring.

Western Mail Bag

Kewpie Dick Mops His Brow And Throws A Curve

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE, April 20 (AP)—There is a little ditty often warbled in these parts and this is how it goes:

"Roses red, violets blue,
"Barrett pitching; three and two."
This is a calumny on the flinging of our Mister Barrett. No other Pacific Coast league pitcher ever has struck out 1664 men. Few have won 201 games. But our Richard—also known to the paying customers as Kewpie Dick—has a knack for getting into trouble.

As sure as day follows night, a time will arrive in a game pitched by Barrett when the score will be tied, the bases loaded, nobody out and the count at three and two. Then, while strong men faint and Richard pitches himself out of the hole, he is likely to lighten the drama by staggering around the hill mopping his brow—which, after 28 years of such treatment, extends clear back to his ears.

Barrett keeps the batters loose and alert up there at the dish. As one left hander said of right-handed Dick, "He's always just wild enough to be good."

Seattle Manager Jo-Jo White is often asked by rivals if Barrett plans on living forever.

He admits to 41 years in the age department, but the old flinger is as good as it ever was. "I don't fear back and throw it past 'em on every pitch the way I used to do," says Dick. "I give 'em a fast ball, a few curves, a change of pace. I think the old wing has lasted this long because I never used any freak pitches."

"There's bound to come a day," Dick shudders at the thought. About 10 years ago he decided Barrett's baseball life was not unlimited. He went into the insurance game and has built up a nice business for ex-pitcher Barrett, when the day comes. He doesn't expect to be handed a cushy job as coach or manager when his hurling days are done, but "I don't think I could turn it down. I love baseball too much."

There are four little Barretts who share his feelings. Three daughters were when Round Richard loses. The Barrett son, 14, is a left-handed outfielder on his school team. "I can't help him a bit," chuckles Dick. "I throw from the wrong side."

The Barrett career started in 1925 with Williamsport. He's made two trips to the big time, playing for the Philadelphia Athletics and for Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia in the National league. In 1942, with an earned run average of 1.72 for Seattle, he was named the standout pitcher in all the minor leagues.

This is his 11th year with Seattle and he never had a better start, winning his first three. In seven seasons he won 20 or more games for Seattle, and 20 is his goal for 1948.

Like most tossers, Dick loves to bat and can't hit his weight. "This is down in the records as 170 pounds, but they must have weighed him standing on one foot." With all the managerial brains rattling around the coast loop it's surprising Dick's weakness hasn't been found. It's his legs.

The way to beat the guy is to walk him every time he goes to bat and wear him out running bases.

Players Cinching Position

LODI, Calif., April 20—The starting lineup of the Klamath Gems—or at least part of it—is rapidly coming into being after two weeks of intensive practice and five exhibition games.

Here's the way some of the positions stack up now:

Infield—Dick Small, lefthander, virtually a cinch at first base; Manager Joe Ganienben either at short or second and Irvin Whitt at third base looking better all the time. The other position is open, but a shortstop is expected from the Phillies' system.

Outfield—Eugene Bonner, hard hitter and good thrower, seems a fixture in center. Vincent Gianchini holding down right field, the other garden open. Bonner is the boy who played a home run to beat the Stockton Ports last Sunday.

Catchers—John Mankey and Dick Desalco divide time behind the plate, with Mankey, the harder hitter, probably drawing the No. 1 position.

Pitching—John Lopeman, Bob Blengino, Lou Vitous, Bert Krohn and Al Anderson. The latter two, both from Klamath Falls, are having trouble finding their shape. Art Meyer probably will also make the squad. Lopeman and Blengino look to be the axes.

Monday's work for the Gems including bunting practice and a general skill session and Manager Ganienben is confident he will be able to put forward a team which will more than hold its own in the Far West circuit.

The Stockton Ports have asked another game for Wednesday night.

Pel Basketball Squad Honored

The Pelican basketball team of the 1948 season will be honored Tuesday night at the 20-30 club's annual basketball banquet being held this year at the Willard hotel.

The event is scheduled for 7 o'clock. One member of the Pel squad will be given a trophy emblematic of outstanding performance through the season. The recipient is being selected by vote. The 1947 winner was Joe Zarosinski.

The Pelicans this year finished fifth in the state tournament after winning the Southern Oregon conference by a wide margin.

Henley Honors Its War Dead

A tennis court dedicated as a living memorial to former Henley high school students who died in World War II is to be built from funds raised by the community at the school.

Location of the court will be on the parkway between the football field and the highway.

Henley had seven former students killed during the war, representing all branches of the military service. The casualties to whom the memorial tennis court will be dedicated include Robert Hunnell, air force; Charles Semon, army; Lloyd Barnes, army; Bob Hamilton, army; Rollo Cheyne, marines; James McKeehan, coast guard, and Bob Cameron, navy.

Woodward said the British ration of 2700 calories daily is enough for ordinary people but not for athletes, who require a minimum of 4000.

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WIBC GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

DALLAS, Tex., April 20 (AP)—The Women's International Bowling Congress takes time off from its gigantic tournament today to hold a series of business meetings.

Topics on the program will be the awarding of the 1950 tournament tonight. Seattle, St. Paul and St. Louis have made strong bids for the meet.

In the women's international individual sweepstakes bowled last night, Mickey Michaels, Sunnyside, Long Island, N. Y., and Pat Broilard, Yakima, Wash., won honors.

The New Yorker took the major division on 1069 and the Washington keglers won the minor in a roll-off with Erma Rogers, Oakland, Calif., on 1118.

Leaders to date are: Team (regular)—Kathryn Creme Pact, Chicago, 2181.

Team—(boosters)—Schell's Nursery, Dallas, 2194.

Doubles—Moss - Bunger, Corpus Christi, Tex., 1123.

Singles—Jennie Virkuts, Grand Rapids, Mich., 666.

All-events—Virgie Hupfer, 1850.

Grants Pass Facing Pels

The Grants Pass high school track team, which has not burst into any eminence thus far this season, is due to inaugurate the home under season for the Pelicans Wednesday afternoon on Modoc field.

Klamath has not encountered the Grizzlies except in the Little Haywards at Medford, with the Pelicans finishing second to Medford and Grants Pass finished fourth.

Wednesday's meet will be the first of the home season for the Pels although the Pelican 'B' squad was defeated Monday afternoon by the Henley Hornets in a practice session. Coach Paul Deller's Pels will be heavily favored in the hand-to-hand meeting.

Oldsters In Opener Bout

A couple of oldsters, but very active oldsters, Buck Weaver and Bob Kenaston, have the opening tilt on Friday night's wrestling card at the local armory.

Kenaston, from Gold Hill and a specialist in touch and go grappling, and Weaver, former collegian from Indians, are scheduled for five stanzas.

Main event of the armory card will be a tag team match putting those doughy foes Georges Dusette and Frankie Stojack in opposite corners. Stojack will team with Glenn (Buddy) Knox and Dusette has chosen Frankie Hart as his partner.

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Suds Return Cap Fielder

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 20 (CP)—When Vancouver Capilans tackle Wenatchee Chiefs in their scheduled Western International Baseball league contest tonight, there will be a familiar figure in Caps center field—Frank Mullens.

Mullens, whose sharp, line-drive swatting and classy all-around play sparked Vancouver to the WIL pennant last year, arrived here from the parent Seattle Rainiers last night. He had only one starting assignment with Seattle.

Last year popular Mullens hit 321, batted in 137 runs and hit 33 homers. He was also a smooth fly-chaser.

"I learned a lot in Seattle," he said on his arrival here. "But I figured I'd like to go some place where I'd get a chance to try it out."

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