

Oldsters Shine in Openers

Preacher Shackles Braves

By The Associated Press

Who said youth must be served? Apparently that doesn't go in baseball. At least it didn't in Tuesday's Major League inaugurals.

Two dozen rookies, the most in more than 20 years, saw action as the 1952 season got under way. And while the majority of them did little more than fight off their nervousness, up stepped the grizzled veterans to steal the show.

Here's how the oldsters practically blanked the youngsters:

Boston — A chilled gathering of 4,684 watched 34-year-old Preacher Roe still the Braves' bats with seven hits as Brooklyn edged out a 3-2 victory.

Chicago — Early Wynn, Cleveland's 32-year-old righthander saddened 25,037 Windy City spectators, outpitching Lefty Blyler to give the Indians a 3-2 triumph over the White Sox.

HOMER

St. Louis — Red Schoendienst, one of the Cardinals' "old guard" hammered a first-inning homer to get the Redbirds' off to a lead they never relinquished. Pittsburgh came within one run of wiping out



MONTY MONTGOMERY ... faces Carlson

WOLFE SPOTS POUNDS

With the Pacific Northwest's best welterweights on his list of victims, Indian Dick Wolfe continues his invasion of the middleweight ranks in the headline bout on an outstanding fistic card Friday at the Armory.

Wolfe will meet Tacoma's busy-punching Frankie Rowe in a schedule 10-rounder.

The Pacific Northwest welterweight king goes against Rowe four days after beating Eddie Kahut Monday night in Portland.

The popular champion gave away some 12 pounds in winning over 162-pound Kahut, Joe's kid brother.

He'll be shy almost that many pounds when he faces Rowe.

SUPPORT

Promoter Mack Lillard pulled all the strings in lining up what promises to be the best supporting cast in many years of boxing here.

Ralph Weiser, who gives the appreciative fans a knockout virtually every time he goes to the post, meets Bobby Doll of Boise, Ida., in the six-round semi-windup.

The special event, also down for six rounds or less, sees the return of Monty Montgomery. The classy Sprague River Indian had draws a stiff assignment in his return to local resin wars. He'll square off against hard-hitting Rudy Carlson of Klamath Falls.

KNOCKOUT

Carlson stopped Darrell Harrington April 5 here in a bout billed for the "championship of Kalpine Plywood" where both are employed.

Harrington is back too, scheduled to meet Clyde Phoenix, knockout winner over Billy Plummer on the April 5 card.

The other four will show Billy Sunday against Merrill's Stan Virges, a rough club fighter.

Reserved tickets for the boxing show are on sale at Dick Reeder's.

90 Greet Al Kircher

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Ninety players including 20 varsity lettermen reported to Head Coach Al Kircher for the opening of spring football practice at Washington State College Tuesday.

The squad included 33 who won numerals playing freshmen football.

HOCKEY

Pacific Coast Hockey
Wednesday's Schedule

Saskatoon at Victoria (best-of-seven championship series tied 1-1) No games Tuesday.



ARCARO DOWN — Generally you see Eddie Arcaro spic and span in the winner's circle, but here the great jockey was caught in a mud-splashed and sullen after finishing third atop Pompano in the first race in Jamaica slop.

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NED GARVER ... blanks Detroit

St. Louis' early 3-0 lead behind righthander Gerry Staley but 37-year-old relief pitcher Alpha Braze stopped the Pirates cold, retiring the last four batters to give the Cards a 3-2 victory.

DETROIT — St. Louis swelled five freshmen in its opener against the Tigers but it was the pitching of veteran Ned Garver and the hitting of 34-year-old Marty Marion that was responsible in the 3-0 victory over the Bengals.

Garver allowed only six singles. Washington's Walt Dropp doubled in two runs and Ted Williams' triple accounted for the other as the Boston Red Sox shut out the Senators, 3-0.

ROOKIE

Cincinnati — Four rookies appeared in the lineups — two each for Chicago and Cincinnati — but it was a third-inning grand slam homer by 33-year-old Hank Sauer and a run-scoring pinch hit single by 31-year-old Gene Hermanski that enabled the Cubs to beat the Reds, 6-5, in 10 innings.

Blustery, cold and wet weather ruined the opening day attempts of the New York Giants and Philadelphia Athletics. Weather permitting, the Giants will inaugurate their season Wednesday against the Philadelphia Phillies while the Athletics will stick to daylight with the New York Yankees as their opponents.

Wildcats Shade Chiloquin

Don Peterson's Klamath Union High School Wildcats scored four runs in the sixth inning yesterday on Modoc Field to edge Chiloquin, 7-6, in an opening game for both clubs.

Klamath's David D'Olivo and Chiloquin's Allen Hatcher each gave up six hits — and each served up a home run ball.

Larry Yarnell homered for the Wildcats, Scott Hartley for Chiloquin.

Russ Tomlin also banged a triple for the Klamath nine.

Line score:

Chiloquin	100	021	2-6	6-4
Klamath	002	014	x-7	6-3

Gentry and Hatcher; D'Olivo and Yarnell.

Slim Turnout For Openers

NEW YORK (AP) — Opening day in the Major Leagues Tuesday was far from a financial success — only 143,078 fans turned up for the six games played.

Rain postponed contests between Philadelphia and New York in the National League and New York and Philadelphia in the American.

The American League outdrew the National 94,918 to 49,061. The largest crowd was the 43,112 which showed up at Detroit and watched the Tigers drop a 3-0 decision to the St. Louis Browns.

Sports Mirror

One year ago — Doris Hart, Jacksonville, Fla., defeated Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio, 6-3, 8-6, to win the women's singles title in Rome International Tennis Tournament.

Five years ago — Harry Jelfra, former bantamweight and featherweight champion, and James Clarence Burman, once a top heavyweight, were arrested by the FBI on indictments charging them with violation of the Selective Service Act.

Ten years ago — Toronto Maple Leafs tied the Stanley Cup playoff series at three games by defeating Detroit Red Wings, 2-1.

Twenty years ago — Wilmer Allison beat Ellsworth Vines in the semi-finals of North and South Tennis Tournament at Pinehurst, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

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Mizell Supplies Speed, Laughs

By MURRAY OLDERMAN
NEA Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP) — Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell, the kid pitcher picked to open the season for the St. Louis Cardinals, really wasn't dry behind the ears when he auditioned his way into pro baseball three years ago.

Cardinal scout Buddy Lewis yanked a dripping, unadorned Vinegar out of a swimming hole deep in the Alabama turpentine country, watched him elbow three pitches and signed him up pronto.

Now such a competent observer as Manager Johnny Keane of the Columbus Red Birds (American Association) says:

"I think, with a little more training, he will be the greatest left-handed pitcher I ever had."

Fantastic? Well, so's Wilmer.

The first night he deserted Vinegar Bend, Ala. (population 37), for his pro debut at Albany, Ga. (Geor-

gia-Florida League), Mizell wandered uptown and promptly got hopelessly lost.

When he was issued two uniforms — a white one for home games, a gray one for the road — he nobly returned the gray flannels "because I can only wear one suit at a time."

Last Winter he invested his baseball earnings — none, not in a restaurant or bowling alley, but in a classy dump truck.

Even that Vinegar Bend tag is a misnomer.

"I was born in Leakesville, Miss.," draws Wilmer. "Warn' no post office 'round where I live, so I walked across the state line to Vinegar Bend every day to get my mail."

"Bunch of us boys got up a team to play ball Sundays when we wasn't turpentinin'. The Vinegar Bend Rebels. Mostly kintfolks came out to see us play."

The town of Vinegar Bend, Kan-

ols and all, descended on Houston, Tex., en masse last year to watch Wilmer pitch one night. He fanned a mere 15. His more incredible feats with the Buffs included three straight shutouts, a record 18 whiffs in one game and 257 for the season.

In three minor league seasons he won 45, lost 14. He's been just as impressive this Spring in the Grapefruit League.

The 21-year-old portlander looks like an over-sized Preacher Roe, stretching to an ample 6-3 1/2 and weighing 205 pounds. But he throws with more abandon, if less guile, than the Preacher. The first two pitches he threw in organized ball sailed six feet over the catcher's head.

Keane, who managed him at Houston last year, claims he's faster than Dizzy Dean or Wild Bill Hallahan ever were.

Manager Eddie Stanky will settle for a little of their success.



Gun Club Posts 73

Klamath Gun Club trapshooters fell to a 73 in the Journal telegraphic shoot Sunday on the Wocus range.

W. G. Cooley hit a perfect 25 but Nelson Reed and E. E. Driscoll each missed a target to score 24's.

Cooley and Reed, along with J. M. Adams, led the club's regular 16-yard shoot with 48 x 50 scores. R. M. Smith was the leading handicap shooter with 47.

Results:

	16-yd	Hdp
W. G. Cooley	48	45
Nelson Reed	48	45
J. M. Adams	48	45
E. E. Driscoll	47	43
F. C. Broyles	46	45
Bill Davis	46	43
C. J. Martin	46	x 19
G. M. Grant	45	45
Vern Moore	45	43
Bud Cloake	45	45
T. B. Waiters	45	44
H. H. Kenaga	43	47
R. M. Smith	41	41
J. F. Adams	x 17	
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PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, will be in Oregon May 8 to speak at a luncheon.

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ROCKY GRAZIANO ... underdog

Prussian Favored Tonight

Georges Dusette, a wrestling man who's held the top popularity spot here for years, and Kurt Von Poppenheim, as well liked by the fans as a neighbor at dinner-time, square off tonight in the top bout on the Armory's weekly mat card.

The Proud Prussian must be given the favored role because of two recent wins over Dusette.

But the French-Canadian, whose full Nelson is as convincing as a Mickey Finn, thinks the third time will be the charm. So do the customers.

This bout shares main event billing with another one-hour scuffle matching Frenchy Roy and Buck Weaver.



GEORGES DUSETTE ... third time charm?



KURT VON POPPENHEIM ... mat patron's peeve.

SPORTS

RED HURD, SPORTS EDITOR

Malin Drubs Merrill, 11-2

MERRILL — Malin's Mustangs defeated Merrill 11-2 in a non-league baseball game here Tuesday afternoon. Bruce Sanders got two of the three Merrill hits, a double and a fourth-inning homer.

Shortscore:

Malin	220	330	1-11	13-2
Merrill	100	100	0-2	3-8

Mauney, Evans, Rick and Herringshaw; Haskins, Wolftrum and Johnson.

The world's annual paper production is more than eight million tons.

Bean, Hall Mix for Title

TACOMA (AP) — Jess Hall of Tacoma and Willie Bean of Los Angeles clash here Wednesday night in a 10-round main event boxing match.

The fight is promoted as the Pacific Coast heavyweight championship.

Lightweights Ernie Davis of Seattle and Terry McLean of Tacoma paired in a semifinal match.

Whitman Wins Two from EOCE

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Whitman swept a baseball doubleheader with Eastern Oregon College of Education Tuesday, 12-0, 16-1.

Sid Aronson pitched one-hit ball for the winners in the opener. Max Senchris held the Oregonians to two hits in the second game.

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