

Major League Races Get Underway Tomorrow

Yankees Get Enos Slaughter

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK (AP)—The major league races decided last March when Boston's Ted Williams fractured his collarbone and Milwaukee's Bobby Thomson broke his ankle.
Can the Red Sox overcome the early absence of Williams, their star slugger and put an end to the New York Yankees' long reign in the American League? Can Cleveland finally do it after finishing second to the Yankees three straight seasons? How about Chicago?

Can the Braves continue their momentum and overtake the Dodgers despite the loss of Thomson, their hard-hitting outfielder, for at least another month? Maybe the St. Louis Cardinals or the New York Giants can do it?
How much will Enos Slaughter help the Yankees? Only seven weeks after astounding the baseball world by selling 35-year-old Vic Raschi to the Cardinals, the world champions pulled off another shocker late yesterday by acquiring the 35-year-old outfield star from the same club.

And what about Baltimore, which returned to the majors after 51 years to inherit the franchise of the St. Louis Browns? Will the Orioles give the same shot in the arm to the American League that the Braves gave to the National last year after they moved from Boston to Milwaukee?
All these answers will begin to take shape tomorrow when the major league baseball season gets underway in eight cities. Approximately 200,000 fans are expected to attend the openers. For the first time in years all openers will take place the same day and all games will be played in daylight.

The opening schedule, starting times and estimated attendance:
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago at St. Louis, 2:30 p.m., 18,000.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 2:30 p.m., 30,000.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1:30 p.m., 20,000.
Brooklyn at New York, 1:30 p.m., 35,000.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore at Detroit, 2:00 p.m., 30,000.
Cleveland at Chicago, 2:30 p.m., 30,000.
Boston at Philadelphia, 2:05 p.m., 20,000.
New York at Washington, 3:00 p.m., 30,000.

Despite industrious efforts on the part of the 14 other clubs to strengthen themselves, the defending champion Yankees and Dodgers are prohibitive favorites to add to their laurels—the Yankees are 10 to 1 to make it three in a row. Practically every club has altered its "face" either through trades, purchases, or advancement of their minor league players. The opening day lineups of the 16 teams will show a player turnover of 40 per cent. Five clubs have hired new managers, one fired his manager during spring training, another fired his pitcher even though he won two straight pennants. Even the Yankees and Dodgers have either added or changed something.

FIRST BALL
President Eisenhower will throw out the first ball in Washington at 3 p.m. tomorrow before a capacity crowd of 30,000. Either right-hander Bob Porterfield or southpaw Chuck Stobbs will hurl for Washington against lefty Ed (Whitey) Ford of the Yankees.
Mel Parnell, who has beaten the Athletics 21 out of 26 times, will open for the Red Sox against little Bobby Shantz.

Southpaw Billy Pierce will oppose veteran right-hander Early Wynn in the Chicago-Cleveland inaugural.
In the Detroit-Baltimore opener neither manager, is decided about his pitcher.
Bob Buhl, a hot pitcher all spring, will get the opening day shot for Milwaukee against Cincinnati's Bud Podbielniak.
Pittsburgh, opening the season at home for the first time since 1893, will field a brand new team. Not one was in last season's opening day lineup. The Pirates pitch Bob Friend against Robin Roberts, the ace Philadelphia right-hander.
Carl Erskine will hurl for the Dodgers who oppose their bitter rivals, the New York Giants, at the Polo Grounds. Sal Maglie, a Brooklyn nemesis for years, will be on the hill for the New Yorkers.
Harvey Hadix, the Cardinals' 20-game winner last year, will oppose Chicago's Paul Minner in a battle of left-handers at St. Louis.

SPORTS

Pelicans Win One On Cal Road Trip

Klamath Union High School's Pelican baseball team won one and lost two on last weekend's California road trip. The Pelicans took the measure of Oroville Friday afternoon 6-4, and then dropped two to the Redding High School nine Saturday, 3-2 and 3-1.
In Friday's contest, Dave D'Olive and Garry Williams combined talents to hold the Oroville squad to three hits over the eight innings and win the extra-inning affair.
Williams, who relieved D'Olive in the seventh, won his own ballgame by doubling in the winning run in the eighth and then scoring another counter for good measure.

Don Dexter led the Pelicans in hitting with two hits in two trips to the plate. One of his blows was a double against the left field fence.
In the first Redding encounter, Williams limited the home team to one hit, but Pelican errors accounted for the winning runs.
Redding's winning runs came in the fifth inning on a balk by the catcher, the one hit, a stolen base and a squeeze play that scored both of the men on base.
In the second game Redding's pitcher, Doherty, served up a neat two-hitter and led his team to the second win of the day over the visiting Pelicans.
It was a tightly pitched game on both sides, with Pelicans Earl Tichenor and Modesto Jimenez only giving up four hits between them for the afternoon's work.
Doherty set nine Klamath hitters down via the strike out route while giving up five free passes to first base.

This week the Pelicans will be working out in preparation for a Fri will be the second outing for the

Tough To Unseat ABC Leaders
SEATTLE (AP)—The first indication that leaders in the 51st American Bowling Congress, now in its 24th day, will be tough to unseat came Sunday when only one change was posted after a full day of bowling.

Clarence Buck of Oakland, Calif., whose league average is 180, scored pins for a 680 score and barely eased into the top ten in the singles. He took over ninth place three pins in front of Jerry Black of Buffalo, N.Y., who dropped to tenth.
The trundlers started rolling at 9 a.m. and wound up at midnight with action in all divisions.
Entering the 24th day Wisconsin Bridge and Iron of Milwaukee was the only early pace-setter still in the top ten of the open team division. The Wisconsin squad grabbed the lead on opening day but now shares fourth place with King Louis Shirts of Chicago.
In the individual class, only Ray Schanen of Milwaukee remains of the opening day contingent. He clings to sixth place in the all-events.

Syracuse, Lakers In Seventh Game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Nervy Syracuse matches its comeback spirit against the fading genius of the Minneapolis Lakers Monday night for the National Basketball Assn. championship.
The Nationals forced the NBA final playoffs into the decisive seventh game Sunday when Jim Neal, a will reserve center, sank a 27-foot push shot in the last four seconds for a 65-63 victory. It squared the series at three games apiece.
The Lakers still are slight favorites, largely on the theory that George Mikan, Jim Pollard and the other vets have the big game left.

Exhibition Baseball

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Sunday's Results
Boston (A) 5, Milwaukee (N) 2
Baltimore (A) 5, St. Louis (N) 3
Chicago (N) 12, Chicago (A) 9
New York (N) 5, Cleveland (A) 4 (10 innings)
Cincinnati (N) 5, Detroit (A) 5
Brooklyn (N) 5, New York (A) 2
Philadelphia (N) 1, Philadelphia (A) 0
Washington (A) 9, Pittsburgh (N) 2
Saturday's Results
Detroit (A) 7, Cincinnati (N) 3
Philadelphia (A) 7, Philadelphia (N) 5
Brooklyn (N) 3, New York (A) 2
Washington (A) 6, Pittsburgh (N) 3
Chicago (A) 6, Chicago (N) 3
Boston (A) 5, Milwaukee (N) 1
St. Louis (N) 8, Baltimore (A) 3
Cleveland (A) vs New York (N) at Evansville, Ind., cancelled, rain

Portland, Hollywood Split

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Big question in the Pacific Coast League after the first week of play is: What will the Hollywood Stars do? With Seattle and Portland tied at the top of the heap the defending champion Hollywood club is tied at the bottom with San Francisco.
And the Stars are the bunch many baseball men picked to take a third straight PCL pennant. Hollywood finally broke a five-game losing streak Sunday, beating Portland 10-3, but lost the finale 11-2.
Seattle beat San Francisco a sixth straight time 3-1 but the Stars finally won a game 3-2 after 11 innings in the nightcap. San Diego downed Los Angeles twice, 5-4 and 3-1 and Oakland and Sacramento split, the Oaks winning 6-2 and then losing 6-0 to Marino Pieretti pitched a one-hitter.

When play resumes Tuesday San Francisco will be at Los Angeles, Hollywood at Oakland, Seattle at Sacramento and Portland at San Diego.
PITCHING
Getting back to the Hollywood problem, Manager Bobby Bragan says it's pitching.
"There is nothing wrong with us that some good pitching won't cure. If our present pitchers can't do it, we'll get more. Didn't the Yankees lose nine straight last year? And don't overlook the fact that Portland is good too."

Bragan figured his best tossers are Roger Bowman and Bob Hall. Bowman did all right in winning the opener, but Hall ran out of steam in the seventh inning and scored nine runs. Six hits, including homers by Grady Glendon and Walt Judnich, his second of the day, plus two walks, and two errors produced the nine runs. That made it six victories in seven games for Portland.

RELAY
Bearden, former major leaguer, pitched Seattle to the first game win over San Francisco, and also started the winning rally. His single was the first hit of the game for the Rainiers off Tony Ponce, and the rally netted three runs. In the second game, Bob Dipe finished last in the field of six with 18 points.
Klamath was whitewashed as far as first places were concerned, but they managed to take three seconds and two thirds and one fourth place.
Medford won nine firsts while Ashland took the other three events.

The Tornado squad broke four of the six track and field records that fell in Saturday's meet.

Results:
440 yd. relay—Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass.
Shot Relay—Medford, Klamath, and Coos Bay.
Mile Relay—Medford, Coos Bay and Grants Pass.
Discus—Brophy, M. Lewis GP, and Boyle, C.
880 yd. Relay—Ashland, Medford and Klamath.
Distance Medley—Medford, Klamath, and Grants Pass.
Shuttle Relay—Medford, Klamath and Grants Pass.
High Jump—Medford, Coos Bay and Ashland.
Javelin—Huber M. Anderson GP, McGonagle C.
Pole Vault—Foley M. Blevins GP, Robinson CB.
Mile Relay—Ashland, Coos Bay, and Klamath.
Broad Jump Relay—Medford, Grants Pass and Coos Bay.

Dark Horse Important To Badgers

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Wisconsin held its seventh NCAA boxing championship Monday because a "dark horse" came through when Badger favorites failed.
The "dark horse" was Bobby Meath, a rangy, 21-year-old junior. The modest six-footer, unbeaten this year, outpointed Dick Bender, Pacific Coast champion from San Jose State, to win the 156-pound crown and five points that brought Wisconsin a 19 to 17 edge over Maryland's Eastern Kimpkins.

The victory not only enabled Wisconsin to squeak through but it earned Meath the John S. Lawrence trophy as the outstanding boxer of the three-day tournament held in Penn State's Recreation Hall.
Maryland was the only school with two individual champs. Vince Palumbo captured the 132-pound title for the Terps by beating John Stiglitz of Louisiana State.
Bob Hinds, a six-foot, 185-pound junior, was edged by Idaho State's Mike McMurry, a 6-2, 192-pounder.

Here's how the other champions were crowned:
126-pounds: Selji Naya, Hawaii, outpointed Bobby Freeman, Louisiana State.
147-pounds: Herb Odom, Michigan State, outpointed Lynn Nichols, Idaho.
165-pounds: Gordon Gladson, Washington State, stopped Estolichols, Virginia, in 1:30 of the third round.
178-pounds: Adam Kois, Penn State, outpointed Don Quarles, North Carolina A&T.
Kois' win enabled the host Penn State team to finish third with 11 points. The game Washington State and Hawaii, 10 each; Michigan State, LSU, Idaho State and Syracuse, 9 each; San Jose State & Virginia, 5; North Carolina A&T, 4; Idaho 3; and Hamilton Institute, 2.

TIME OUT



"I'll concede you that shot, Fred Frisby!"

Men's Pin Tournament Underway

Stone's Signal Station jumped off to the lead in Class A of the Men's City Bowling Tournament last night by rolling a 2797 total and Consolidated Freightways took over first place in class B with a game score of 2937 pins.
The Signal team was followed by Suburban Flower with a 2760 game and Sons of Italy was third with a 2739 total.
In Class B action Summers Lane Tavern was runnerup to the division leading Freightways team with a 2808 score for the evening and Mac's Store took over third place with a 2846 total.
Mel Robinson, of Stone's, rolled the top game and high series scores of the evening with a 224 total for one line and 570 pins for a series score.
In class B action Earl Tabor collected a high series score of 568 and C. P. Nelson rolled a 209 game for high honors in that division of play.
The tournament continues action tonight with more team play at 9 o'clock.

Canadiens Still Alive In Playoffs

DETROIT (AP)—The Montreal Canadiens are alive—and definitely kicking—in the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs because a pair of veterans refused to quit.
Center Kenny Mosdell, a scoreless failure through eight previous playoff games, fired a dramatic "sudden death" goal Sunday night to give the Frenchmen a 1-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.
And Goalie Gerry McNeil, sidelined for exactly two months with a fractured ankle, returned to the nets and cooled the red-hot Red Wings with a remarkable display of goaltending.
Thus, Detroit holds a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series for the Stanley Cup—hockey's most prized possession—but the advantage is a slim one.
The sixth game of the series will be played in Montreal Tuesday night with the Canadiens favored to square matters and force a seventh and deciding game in Detroit on Friday.

Oregon Wins Four Way Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—The University of Oregon piled up 88 points in taking 12 firsts in 15 events to win a four-way track meet at Lewis and Clark College here Saturday.
Second place team was Oregon State with 53 points. Lewis and Clark had 28 and the University of Portland had 17.
Lewis and Clark's Caley Cook was the top point-getter of the meet with firsts in the broad jump and 220-yard low hurdles and a second in the 100-yard dash. He also ran on the second-place relay squad.
Cook's 22 feet 2½ inches in the broad jump set a new stadium and school record.

Portland U Wins Tennis Tourney

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland University posted its 25th consecutive tennis victory Saturday, downing Oregon, 7-0.
The only Oregon player to win a set was Ron Lowell of Klamath Falls. He beat Jack Neer, 7-5, but Neer won the next two sets 6-3, 6-4, and the match.

Owls Split With Humbolt Hogan, Snead Meet For Masters Title

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, called the "two greatest golfers in the world" by grand slam king Bob Jones, met today in an 18-hole playoff for the 1954 Masters championship.
The little man from Texas and the long ball hitter from West Virginia had 289 totals. That is 17 for a 290 total, Dutch Harrison, with a 68, and Lloyd Mangrum, with a 69, tied for fourth. Next came Jack Burke, Jerry Barber and Bob Rosburg at 292.
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Baseball Bigshots Have Problem
By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Amid all the hoopla attending the brave new big league season, we still find it difficult to forget a little scene that took place in a Florida hotel lobby about a month ago. It has somehow stuck in the mind.
The principals were (1) the owner of a once prosperous minor league franchise in a small Southern city and (2) the general manager of a major league club. The owner wore a harried look as he approached the big shot, whom we'll call Joe for convenience.
"Joe," he said diffidently, "have you got a player or two you could let me have? I sure would appreciate a little help."

YELLING
"I'm sorry," replied Joe, "but there isn't a thing I could give you that you'd want. Our own farm clubs already are on my neck yelling for help. Why don't you try out your friend over at (another Florida town)."
"I already did," the owner admitted sadly. "He couldn't help me either. Looks like I'm in a spot, doesn't it?"
"It does," the P.M. agreed. "How many players have you got now?"

"Not a one," said the owner as he prepared to continue his quest. "Isn't that a hell of a note," commented the P.M. a little later. "I guess you've just heard one of the main things that's wrong with baseball. I can remember when a man who owned that franchise had a gold mine."

The sale of Dave Koslo to the Baltimore Orioles calls for a slight revision in our estimate of where the American League infant will finish in the coming race. Move 'em up to sixth, two full hops above their 1953 station as the St. Louis Browns.

Pitching in a new league, and happy again after two seasons of thinking he was getting the worst of it, the grim little southpaw who pitched the Giants to victory over the Yankees in the opener of the '53 World Series could prove a valuable addition to Jimmy Dykes' pitching staff.

Medford captured eight first places and Klamath six.

RASCHI CAN HIT

NEW YORK (AP)—Vic Raschi, ex-Yankees pitcher now with the Cardinals, always will remember Aug. 4, 1953. No, he didn't hurt a no-hitter. That was the day he set a major league record for a pitcher by batting in seven runs during one game. Against the Tigers Vic blasted a home run, a double and two singles.

The Western Open golf championship will be held at the Kenwood Country Club, Cincinnati, June 3-6.

drama was the spectacular comeback after a poor third round by Billy Joe Patton, the happy-go-lucky amateur from Morganton, N. C.
Patton, who tied for the lead the first day and moved out by himself the second, finished with a 71 for a 290 total. Dutch Harrison, with a 68, and Lloyd Mangrum, with a 69, tied for fourth. Next came Jack Burke, Jerry Barber and Bob Rosburg at 292.
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Merchants Start Baseball Practice

Practice will start tomorrow evening for the Klamath Merchants semi-pro baseball team according to manager H. Hestfield.
The practice will be held at Recreation Field at 5:30 Tuesday evening.
This year's team will again play in the Oregon-California League. Members besides Klamath Falls are: Burns, Lakeview, Alturas and are the possibilities that Malin might field a team to make the league stand at five members.
Anyone who would like to try out for the team is invited to tomorrow evening and practice with the team.

in BRIEF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
BASEBALL
NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Yankees acquired Enos (Country) Slaughter, veteran outfielder, from the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for pitcher Mel Wright and three minor league players to be named.

GOLF
AUGUSTA, Ga. — Ben Hogan and Sammy Snead tied for first place in the Masters Tournament as they finished the 72 holes with totals of 289.
NEW ORLEANS — Marlene Bauer shot a live-under-par 70 to win the \$5,000 Colonial Country Club tournament with a 72-hole score of 297.

BOXING
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Wisconsin won its seventh National Collegiate Athletic Assn. championship.

RACING
NEW YORK (AP)—Errard King (\$10,500) won the fastest Experimental Handicap ever raced as he was clocked in 1:10 2/5 for the six furlongs at Jamaica.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Blue Butterfly (\$4,800) took the San Mateo Matron Handicap at Bay Meadows.
Karl Schladehan has been track coach at Michigan State for 14 years. During that time his teams have won four NCAA championships, eight ICAA titles, three Big Ten crowns and one National AAU championship.

Patry Berg won the 1953 USGA women's golf crown with a 6 and 3 victory over Mrs. Julius A. Page of Sedgfield, N.C.

Oregon Tech and Humbolt State split yesterday's doubleheader at Recreation Field with the Owls coming back in the nightcap to post a 3-7 win after Humbolt won the first game 5-3.

In the first contest, the Oregon Tech nine took a 3-1 lead in the first inning, but the Lumberjacks sewed up the game with a four run seventh inning.

A three-hitter by the seventh provided the visiting Owls with the needed margin to cop the first game.
The Owls' first inning runs were registered when Dick Joslyn connected with one of Bob Keszely's pitches and sent it soaring over the left field fence, 320 feet away from home plate, with Odie Canada on base.

Keszely pitched eight hit ball for Humbolt's win while the Lumberjacks jump on Owl pitchers Ron Wright and Ray Carrow for eleven safeties.
In the second game, the Mile High Campus crew took advantage of Humbolt errors and wildness from the pitchers mound to win the extra inning affair.
With the score 7-4 going into the last of the eighth inning, Lew Emerson started the rally by getting to first on an error, and Humbolt pitcher, Ben Henke, who had come into the ball game as a relief pitcher in the seventh, kept it going by issuing four straight walks to force in Emerson and Odie Canada with the winning runs.

In the sixth frame the Owls took a 6-5 lead and looked as if that might be the ball game but Humbolt jumped back with a run to tie it up on two base on balls and a single by Bill Tuttle.

Arvey Nelson, Tech pitcher, displayed fine "stuff" on the mound against the visitors, striking out 16 while scattering seven hits.

Tomorrow afternoon the Owls will journey back to Astoria to meet the SOC Red Raiders in a doubleheader.

The Tech squad managed a split with the experienced Raider team last Tuesday in the Owls season opener.

BOWLING SCORES

MAC'S STORE	W	L
Mac's Store	73	47
Potter's Market	88	53
Cascade Garage	83 1/2	54 1/2
Superior Tire	81 1/2	57 1/2
Balinger Oil	81 1/2	58 1/2
Perkins News	87	63
Levin's	86	64
Swan Lake	72	77

Sunday night's results
Lodley's & Clark's 9
Mac's Store & Leon's 6
Lodley's & Clark's Garage 9
Potter's Market 3 Parking News 1
J. W. Kerns & Swan Lake 2
Swan Lake 3 Superior Tire 1

Mac's Store and Safeway continued to run one-two in the Alley Kats League after action at Lucky Lanes last night.
Both of the leaders turned in wins over Leon's and Superior Troy respectively.
Potter's rolled high scores in both the high team game and high team series last night. The Market team collected a game score of 923 and then put together lines of 878-843-923 for a series total of 2644 pins.

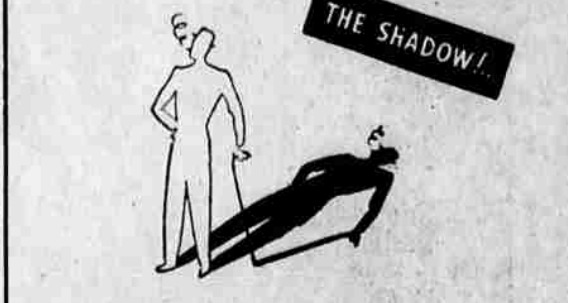
Perkins News managed to cop both second places for team play with a 880 game and a 2481 series consisting of 823-778-880 lines.

In individual events, Jo Reginald, city chas. A champion, rolled a 197 game for high game honors and Dorothy Braniff put together lines of 196-184-133 for a series high of 483.

Braniff also took second high game with a 196 total. Sally Hitchcock was second in series action with a 481. Her three lines were 197-168-179.

Betty Iovet picked up two splits during the alley action. During the evening she picked up the 5-6 and 5-10 combinations.

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San Diego	4	4	.500
Sacramento	3	4	.429
San Francisco	1	6	.143
Hollywood	1	6	.143

Sunday's Results
Hollywood 10-2, Portland 3-11
Seattle 7-2, San Francisco 1-3
San Diego 5-3, Los Angeles 4-1
Oakland 6-9, Sacramento 2-6
Saturday's Results
Los Angeles 3, San Diego 2
Seattle 6, San Francisco 5
Portland 11, Hollywood 9
Oakland 8, Sacramento 6