

# BAD WEATHER IS BIG LEAGUE BASE BALL HANDICAP

Cold and snow played havoc with both major league schedules Thursday and crippled attendance and hampered the players, where games were played.

A single exception was the brilliant performance turned in at St. Louis by Howard Keen, the former Cub twirler, who pitched the Cardinals to a shut-out victory over the Pirates, 2 to 0.

Elsewhere the games were free hitting affairs, with errors frequent as balls bounced from hands that were blue with cold.

Games at New York, Cincinnati, Boston and Detroit were postponed because of the icy blasts and occasional snow flurries.

The Philadelphia Athletics, who had been trying to play baseball without their batting eyes, finally found those necessary optics, and proceeded to slaughter the Senators, 9 to 3. Joe Bush, Alie Ferguson and Curly Ogden were touched up for 12 hits, and Washington contributed five errors to help the visitors along.

**8 in 1 inning.**

The White Sox blew themselves to eight runs in the first inning of their game with the Browns, driving Tom Zachery, the former Senator, to the showers before the announcer had finished informing the handful of fans in the bleachers who was pitching. Hoken stemmed the tide, but Teddy Blankenship led the visitors safely in hand, and the Sox won, 11 to 4, and now are alone out in front in the American league.

The amazing Phillies continued to trample over the helpless Braves from Boston, making it three straight with an 8 to 4 victory. Fifteen hits were garnered by Fletcher's surprises, including home runs by Leach and Williams.

With the score at 4-1 in the last of the ninth, Cy Williams went in as a pinch hitter with the bases full. He knocked over the fence, his second home run in as many days. Benton, who had relieved Morgridge in the ninth, was the victim.

The Pittsburgh Pirates were unable to solve Howard Keen's deliv-

ery, while the Cards found "Red" Morrison for just enough hits to win, being assisted by three Pittsburgh errors.

The first serious accident of the 1926 season occurred at Philadelphia, where Harry Riconda, Boston third baseman, who was obtained by the Braves from the Athletics, fractured his leg trying to score in the eighth inning. He slid into the plate and was blocked by Jimmy Wilson, the Phillies' catcher.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

New York at Boston, no game, cold weather.

Score—	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	9 13 1
Washington	3 4 5

Baumgartner, Pate and Perkins; Bush and Ruel.

Score—	R. H. E.
St. Louis	4 9 3
Chicago	11 11 0

Zachary, Hoken and Schang; Blankenship and Schalk.

Cleveland at Detroit, no game, cold weather.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Brooklyn at New York, no game, cold weather.

Score—	R. H. E.
Boston	4 10 0
Philadelphia	8 15 2

Mogridge, Benton and Taylor; Knight and Wilson.

Chicago at Cincinnati, no game, cold weather.

Score—	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	9 5 3
St. Louis	2 6 2

Morrison and Gooch; Keen and O'Farrell.

## 2 Shut-Out Games in Coast League

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.**—(United News)—Two shut-outs and a continuation of the strong pitching which has featured recent Pacific Coast league ball games were the high spots of Thursday's contests.

San Francisco was able to garner only two hits off Ludolph of Mission, and the Seals took another trimming, 10 to 0.

The other shut-out was across the bay, where Martin of Sacramento hung a string of ciphers on the Oakland team. The Senators won, 4 to 0.

Hollywood lost its second game of the season when Los Angeles, aided by Jacobs' valiant flinging defeated the Stars, 5 to 1. Despite

## N. H. Peak Finally Conquered as Zero Gale Rages



The dog team of Arthur T. Walden, first huskies to scale famous Mount Washington, in New Hampshire, reaches (right) the peak with a 60-mile gale raging and the thermometer at minus ten. At left Walden and his lead dogs are seen resting in the protection of an improvised shelter before beginning the return trip.

the defeat Hollywood still leads the league, with Mission second.

A tight, light hitting contest at Seattle was won by the Indians with three runs to two for Portland.

**COAST LEAGUE**

Score—	R. H. E.
Portland	2 5 1
Seattle	3 8 0

Meeker and Tobin; Elliott and Jacobs.

Score—	R. H. E.
Los Angeles	5 9 1
Hollywood	1 4 1

E. Jacobs and Hanna; Fullerton and Redman.

Score—	R. H. E.
San Francisco	0 2 1
Mission	10 10 1

Williams, Moudy and Yelle; Ludolph and Murphy.

Score—	R. H. E.
Sacramento	4 12 1
Oakland	0 4 1

Martin and Koehler; Delaney, McKinley, Stuart and Baker.

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## SPORTS DONE BROWN

Between, now and the close of the 1926 season we are liable to see several important changes in the lineups of the big league clubs—the lineups which start the season.

This is apparent to anyone who watched the big league managers in the southland. And it also would seem to be the logical result of the semi-makeshift lineups the bosses finally decided upon.

The Cleveland Indians, for instance, go into the campaign with plans laid to use a made-over catcher in right field. Glenn Myatt is entirely an experiment. Myatt has played the outfield, but not as a regular with a big league baseball team. The shift, if held to, will necessitate either placing the entire burden behind the plate on young Luke Sewell or giving a newcomer, Chick Autrey, a chance to show his stuff behind the plate. And in no other position in the field does the cost of experimenting come higher than behind the plate.

The Yankees start with a green infield, with the exception of Joe Dugan at third. Wallie Gehrig has yet to prove his worth at first; Tony Lazzeri is a rookie fresh from the Coast league and must produce at second and maintain a good batting gait. Mark Koenig comes from St. Paul destined to become a great shortstop, but he may have to be given some time in which to find himself. If any of these youngsters fall into a slump or the dumps Huggins will have to use Aaron Ward, Spencer Adams and a couple of others in an effort to revive the infield, shattered by the release of Wallie Pipp and Everett Scott.

The White Sox infield is not an assured quartet. The veteran Everett Scott may find the pace too hot for his legs.

Connie Mack is having troubles due to the apparent slump of Chic

**NINE HOME RUNS**

**NEWARK, N. J., April 15.**—(United News)—Nine home runs featured the International league game between the Newark Bears and the Buffalo Bisons Thursday. Frank Kane of the Bears made two, one in the first and another in the second. Newark collected hits and finally won, 18 to 10.

**LEAPS INTO FIGHT**

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.**—(United News)—James J. Jeffries, a 90 pound pit bull terrier, lost his temper Thursday at the sight of two French bulldogs. James leaped from a third floor window to get at the dogs. He lost his belligerency and some of his hide and will be in the hospital for a month.

**LOOKS FISHY.**

**BROOKLYN, April 15.**—(United News)—Patrolman James McElrath reported to his superiors that he had lost his shield while patrolling his beat. The detectives raided a speak easy and found it under the bed. The speak easy keeper cleared the air when he said he had found it on the street, and McElrath hastened to clinch his vindication by making an additional charge of petty larceny against the fellow.

**TAKES JOY OUT OF LIFE**

**WASHINGTON, April 15.**—(United News)—The canoe variety of romance may be somewhat threatened by a new rule of the United States bureau of navigation that canoes in navigable waters must display a red light to avoid accidents, just like motorboats. No need of it on non-navigable lakes and streams, however.

**GUN FOR PLAYTHING.**

**NEWARK, N. J., April 15.**—(United News)—After 4-year-old Katherine Cocuzza had been found shot and killed in her home, neighbors told the police that her 12-year-old brother had run from the house screaming:

"I've shot my sister. She can't talk."

Galloway. Bill Wamby may have to save the day.

In the National League the Cubs, Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds have uncertain infielders. Half a dozen clubs in the two league aren't sure of their outfield combinations.

And you can bet the pitching staffs will be juggled considerably. So it will be a wise fan who knows his own team's box score.

## RICKARD TAKES FIGHT CONTROL

**Alleged Promoter Fails to Qualify in Wills-Jack Dempsey Match**

**NEW YORK, April 15.**—(United News)—Tex Rickard's grasp on the heavyweight boxing situation tightened Thursday.

The time allocated to Floyd Fitzsimmons to post a guarantee for a match between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills expired, with no money in evidence.

Paddy Mullins, who manages the negro challenger, proceeded to get in touch with Rickard. Jack Dempsey also has been in communication with Tex, and Gene Tunney has signed on the dotted line.

All that remains to be done, it would seem, is for Rickard to decide whom he wants to match, and where.

This does not mean that Dempsey is going to fight, as few believe that the heavyweight champion has any intention of returning to the ring. It does mean, however, that Paddy is that Rickard is the man with whom they must do business.

Mullins and Harry Wills now realize "An important announcement," as they like to say at Madison Square Garden may be expected from the promoter within a day or two.

Meanwhile Tex has arranged for another "natural" which will give Mickey Walker his second shot at the middleweight championship. The welter king, who boxes Pete Latzo at Scranton on May 17, has been signed to fight "Tiger" Flowers of Atlanta at Yankee stadium next June.

**AFFLICTION AN ASSET.**

**NORTHAMPTON, Eng., April 15.**—(United News)—Mrs. Mary Law, motor bus owner, escaped prosecution for using an unlicensed bus because she is stone deaf and cannot read or write. The case was adjourned for a week while the prosecution tried to find some way to convey the nature of the charge to Mrs. Law. No way was found and the case was dropped.

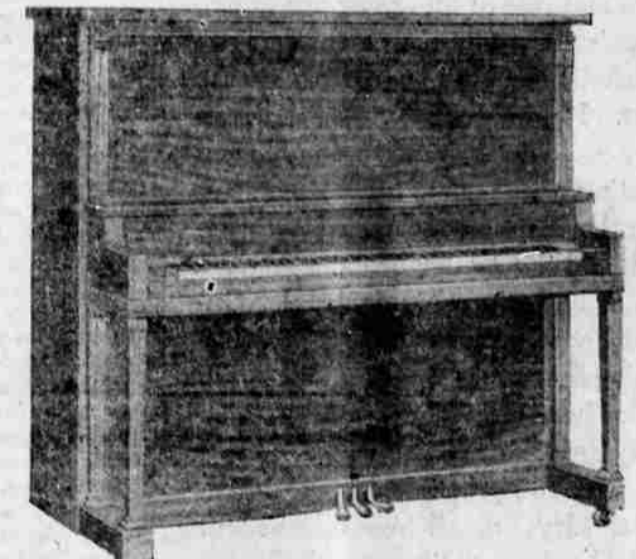
**TRADES OFF LIBERTY.**

**REDDING, Cal., April 15.**—(United News)—William Tierney will spend five years in Folsom penitentiary because he escaped from the chain gang here last July, when he had but 28 more days to serve in the county jail. Tierney was recaptured the day of his escape.

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