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Major League Clubs Will Open 1931 Campaigns Today

HOT RACES WILL MARK NEW SEASON

Senators Open Season In Capital Against A's With Ceremony

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NEW YORK, April 13. (UP)—The long dusty drive toward October and the glory and riches of the world series begins tomorrow, when 16 major league clubs inaugurate the 1931 baseball season on eight different fronts.

As ever, the new season promises to be the grandest, most glorious, and what not in the history of what is tritely but rightly termed the national sport. As ever, each and every club will begin the season with championship hopes running high and, as ever, but two will win. The losers, true to the finest traditions of the game, will explain just why they lost and chant as one: "Wait until 1932."

EXPECT REAL RACES

The 1931 campaign (here we go) should provide the millions of fans with two of the hottest races seen in years. No less than five national League clubs—St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh—are of championship calibre, while in the American League three clubs—Philadelphia, Washington and New York—appear strong enough to wage a neck-and-neck battle to the finish.

Philadelphia's Athletics and the St. Louis Cardinals are the popular favorites to retain their honors won in 1930. These teams are favored, however, only in the event they receive their share of "breaks," and are able to keep their regular line-up intact.

WITHOUT FULL CREW

Four clubs will start the season without their full strength. The Brooklyn Robins will not be able to use Pitcher Adolf Luque for two weeks because of his dislocated thumb. And Second Baseman Fresco Thompson for three or four days because of a spiked hand.

George Pipgras, New York Yankees' pitcher, still is under the weather as the result of an appendicitis operation, and Harry Heilmann, veteran Cincinnati outfielder, may be out the entire season because of arthritis.

THREE NEW BOSSES

The St. Louis Cards will be handicapped by the absence of Outfielder Chick Hafey, a holdout.

Three clubs will start the campaign under the guidance of new managers. Rogers Hornsby has replaced Joe McCarthy as boss of the Chicago Cubs, with McCarthy moving to the New York Yankees. John Shano Collins will make his major league debut as leader of the Boston Red Sox.

OPENING SCHEDULE

The opening day schedule follows:

National League
Brooklyn at Boston.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.
New York at Philadelphia.

American League
Detroit at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Boston at New York.

HOOVER TO PITCH

Washington's is likely to be the most gala opening with the world champion Athletics and Senators providing the setting for the customary gay and elaborate ceremonies which the national capital alone can accord.

President and Mrs. Hoover will be in attendance and the president will toss out the first ball. In this breath-taking feat he is certain to have the full support of his cabinet. Representatives of foreign legations, dignitaries of state and high military officials.

BABE AND A CROWD

A capacity crowd is assured for the Yankee Stadium, where the ample Mr. Babe Ruth will again unfurl himself for the delight of the audience of something like 75,000 persons.

Teams opening away from home will make their home debuts April 22. That is, all save Brooklyn, which will appear at Ebbets Field for a single game with the Phillies on April 19.

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Apr. 13. (UP)—The Univtrsity of Santa Clara baseball team defeated the U. C. L. A. Bruins, 12 to 8, in a California intercollegiate league game here today.

"I SINK WE GOT GOOD CHANCE TO LICK STRIBLING," SAYS MAX

By WERNER LAUFER
NEA Service Sports Writer

I had not seen Max Schmeling since last June, the day after he won by a foul the heavyweight championship of the world. He, together with his manager, Joe Jacobs, Trainer Max Machon and faithful aide-de-camp Mushky Jackson were sitting in an obscure box at Jefferson Park track during the recent race meeting at New Orleans.

"Hi, wie gehts?" said Max Schmeling.

"What d'ya sayin'?" said Mushky Jackson.

"Hello, Pal," said Joe Jacobs.

Max Mahon said nothing.

"Who do you like in the next race and what are you doing in this here sunny south, heh, heh?" said Joe Jacobs. It was cold, windy and raining.

"I don't care who he likes," said Max Schmeling, "I sink I like this horse Blimp and I sink I play him 5 to win and 5 to lose. (Maxie's expression for a win and place bet.) You see I just handicapped that one from the score card," said Maxie. (Maxie uses the Eenie, Meenie, Meinie, Moe system with a pencil and a racing program.)

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Just then the observant announcer yodeled through the amplifiers that Mr. Max Schmeling and a party of friends were viewing the races from Box 2.

"Here's where we scram," said Jacobs. "Look us up tonight at the hotel and maybe I'll dig up a big scoop for you," and the Schmeling party beat an orderly retreat to the clubhouse, while a multitude of curious customers surged around Box 2. The writer concentrated on the task of getting even.

A few hours later the interview was renewed in Max Schmeling's modest hotel suite.

"Boy, this exhibition tour has been a big success for the champion, hain't it Max, heh, heh?" said Jacobs. "Course, times are tough and we don't show to capacity houses every time, but it's great the way the south has welcomed the champion.

"What Oh, yes, we got a bird once in a while from some phoney that gets in on a free ducat, but what champ didn't? Didn't they boo Dempsey and Tooney and all the rest?"

"What is that, 'the bird'? asked Max Schmeling.

"The bird is the same thing as the old berry or in other words the Bronx cheer," replied Joe Jacobs.

"Oh," said Max Schmeling.

"What do we think about our chance to lick Young Stribling next summer?" Jacobs replied to my question. "Ask Maxie."

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"I sink we got a good chance to lick Stribling," said Maxie. "I know Stribling is a good boxer but we (Schmeling has the "we" habit from Joe Jacobs) beat good boxers before. I feel good and strong and I have been boxing nearly every day since we come on this trip.

"I met Stribling in Miami and he iss a nice fellow, but I sink we change our minds about that when I hear the bell ring."

"Boy, that's right," Jacobs cut in.

"Say, heres a hot one for you," said Jacobs. "I read the other day where Jack Sharkey said he thinks Max will win if the fight goes over 10 rounds. Hain't that a pip? I guess the old gob overtalked himself when he made that crack. You see that's exactly what Max would have done with him if it hadn't been for that low wallop, heh, heh.

"And say, before I forget it I want to give you that big scoop.

"We came through Thomasville, Georgia, the other night at 2 o'clock in the morning and that is Stribling's home town. Boy, there were at least 200 people at the station and they set up a big cheer. Maxie was sleeping, but I sent Mushky and the sparring partners on the back platform and boy, did they got a big hand!"

"Boy, that's right!" said Schmeling, "they yelled so loud they woke me up."

"But to get back to the Stribling fight next summer," Jacobs continued, "I tell you I think it's going to be held in Cleveland.

"How does that new stadium shape up? Cleveland is a swell fight town and it's in a swell spot right between New York and Chicago and Detroit. And I really think that Max Schmeling is going to beat Stribling and then he's bound to be a big popular champion like Dempsey, hain't it Max, heh, heh?

"We sometimes start slow but boy, how we finish. You saw that Blimp run last at the three-quarter pole today and then win the race, didn't you? (Blimp won the race by a neck and paid around $18 for a $2 ticket.)

"How about that Max?"

"Boy, that's right," said Max Schmeling.

Max Schmeling, left, heavyweight champion, as he answered questions put to him by Werner Laufer, right, NEA Service sports cartoonist and writer.

FIGHTERS TO TAKE LIGHT WORK TODAY

Pothier Has Job on Hands In Meeting Mills Workout Shows

Tomorrow night's fighters have completed their strenuous workouts and today only light exercises are on the program for the 12 leather tossers who will clash in Legion Hall in the first card under the promotion of Matchmaker Jack Walker.

Pierre Pothier, European featherweight champion, will have a scrap on his hands when he steps into the ring against Tex Mills, Amarillo, Texas cowboy, who will outweigh the Frenchman by about five pounds.

MILLS CAN PUNCH

Mills in his pre-view workout Sunday before a crowd of 200 fans showed that he is a veteran of the ring, has more of a punch than a "club fighter" is supposed to have and is fast. He is also a good man on the ropes and fast on his feet.

Even with Pothier understanding the American style of fighting, the referee's instructions and being fresh after a two month's rest the European champion will have plenty to do when he faces the Cowboy.

TO BE FAST

Mills is stockily built, has a fighter's jaw and keeps it well covered. He is no setup in any sense of the word. He can hit as hard if not harder than Pothier, although the Frenchman will probably show better at the end of the fight as he keeps in wonderful physical condition through strenuous and consistent training.

The bout bids fair to be one of the fastest and best from a boxing standpoint of any yet shown in the city.

YOUTH VS. VETERAN

Red Mondott, Santa Anna junior college star, has been learning a great deal about ring tactics, boxing and footwork in training here and when he meets the veteran Pat McFadden who can fight and box he will be against the toughest opponent he has ever met.

Youth and a husky punch, combined with ability to stand punishment should give the husky sorrel-top the advantage in the six round semi-windup. But McFadden's craftiness and experience may outweigh the accomplishments and conditions and bring a decision to the Klamath man.

SURE TO BE BATTLE

Johnny Jackson, fighting Modoc Redskin, is sure to put up a whale of a scrap against Battling Leo Burns, husky Sprague River boy who is also of Red blood.

The fight may be one of the best on the card and is sure to draw the interest of the Indians who just experienced a pay day.

Red Stanley and Lee York who met in an exhibition bout at the opening of the Klamath Athletic club will settle a little ring dispute. Each believes he is the better man and their exhibition bout did not allow a real chance to battle. It is a good match.

Russell Howard will fight Jerry McKenney in a bout of interest to the fans who like to see the local boys tossing gloves and each has a backing of fans that will furnish amusement an interest in the affair.

OPENER IS GOOD

The opener between Battling Beno, Pride of Pelican City, and Young Jack Johnson will see two husky youngsters meeting. They have about equal experience and their ignorance is liable to start fans laughing so hard that they won't be through when the card is over for the boys drew big hands at the workouts Sunday.

Tickets which are on sale at the Mecca, Spar, Waldorf and Klamat pool halls, are selling fast and the card bids fair to be a financial success as well as from the standpoint of the fan watching the show.

Eddie Arthur will return to the ring in the role of "third man" and will be assisted in his decisions by two judges.

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KLAMATH MEN TAKE FIRSTS IN TRAPSHOOT

Klamath Falls and Bend trapshooters participated in a registered shoot at the Klamath gun club Sunday. None of the Medford players arrived.

N. Y. Stoddard, Modoc Point, won the class A event, E. N. Hardenbrook, class B, W. A. Wood, class C, E. N. Hardenbrook, the handicap and W. A. Yamsey, Bend the doubles.

Scores were as follows:

	16 yard	hdcp	D.
N. Y. Stoddard, M. P.	99		
G. W. Houston, K. F.	97	49	
R. E. Deweese, K. F.	97	45	16
W. A. Yamsey, Bend	95	48	22
W. A. Wood, Bend	95	43	
S. L. Woodard, K. F.	95	45	
C. A. Hayden, K. F.	95		
W. E. Heckman, M. P.	94		
E. Hardenbrook, K. F.	94		
J. H. Cawker, K. F.	93	44	
W. E. Lamm, M. P.	92	45	19
C. V. Rugh, K. F.	89	41	
C. A. Dunn, K. F.	90		
Lloyd Magill, Bend	90	43	
Dr. R. W. Stearns, K. F.	88	38	
Dale Mattoon, K. F.	88	37	
H. R. Turpin, K. F.	88	45	
H. E. Hauger, K. F.	88	45	9
G. C. Runtz, Bend	87	40	17
B. Hardenbrook, K. F.	87	41	
L. E. Alexander, M. P.	54		
E. Nitscheim, K. F.	85	45	15
W. Baum, K. F.	84	42	
J. O. Gilfillen, Bend	90		
V. E. Patton, Bend	92		
S. E. Roberts, Bend	79	38	16
A. D. Legg, Bend	76	46	
Rex Lawson, K. F.	75		
T. Taris, Bend	62		
Paul Noel, K. F.	62		
G. A. Massey, K. F.	61		
P. Foster, K. F.	77		

Wind Prevents Motorboat Race

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 13. (UP)—A strong and gusty east wind across the Indian creek race course prevented motorboat speed trials by Gar Wood today, but the Detroit speed pilot ordered "dope" injections for his Miss America IX, in preparation for the eventful trials.

Mrs. Lifur Wins Medal Honors in California Play

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13. (UP)—Playing in a high wind, Mrs. Gregg Lifur today shot an 84 to win medal honor in the qualifying round of the California state championship golf tournament for women at the San Francisco golf club here.

Mrs. Lifur was out in 41 and back in 43 to finish one stroke ahead of Miss Hermine Wocker of the Crystal Springs Country club. Mrs. Leona Pressler, defending the title, came in third with an 88. Tied for next place with cards of 89 were Miss Marion Hollins, Pasatiempo Country club, Mrs. Brent Potter of San Jose and Miss Beatrice Gottlieb of Los Angeles.

Richards Hits Treatment from Tennis Promoter

NEW YORK, April 13. (UP)—Deploring what he termed the "run around" he was being given by Bill Tilden and Karel Kozeluh, professional tennis stars, and Jack Curley, sports promoter, Vincent Richards in a statement to the United Press today offered to wager $2,500 that he could beat Tilden anytime and anywhere.

Richards also claims that Curley has not played fair with him in regard to a contract he signed to meet Tilden, a match that also was billed for the professional championship. He charged that Curley was attempting to pay him off on the contract without going through the match.

New Baseball Will Receive First Tests

NEW YORK, April 13. (UP)—The new baseball, which experts believe will be an aid to the pitchers rather than to the hitters, will receive its first major league test tomorrow.

The baseball which the National league will use this year has a looser and thicker cover than the one used in 1930 and also has raised stitches. The American league baseball will be the same as last year except the stitches have been raised.

The raised stitches are expected to be a big aid to pitchers as it will enable them to get a better grip on the ball and put more "stuff" on their curves.

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Klamath's New Football Coach Has Fine Record As Athlete in College

Latest reports from Oregon State proves Leslie Avrit, Klamath high's new football coach, to be an all-around athlete.

"Les" started his education at Oregon State in 1925, after graduating from Corvallis high school. His athletic career has been outstanding both in high school and college. In the Corvallis prep institution he was captain of the team that played Scott high of Toledo, Ohio, for the national grid championship in 1922.

In college Leslie made his rook numerals in football, basketball and baseball.

On Coach Paul J. Schissler's varsity grid team in 1925, '26 and '27, Avrit did some mighty sweet, plain and fancy ball packing from the fullback position. The three years that he played on the varsity were those that saw the University of Oregon on the short end of the score of each game. Also, the teams tied the University of Washington two years for the championship of the northern division of the Pacific coast conference.

Avrit played one year on Coach Coleman's varsity baseball team and was credited with some fine hitting and fielding. The year 1928 and '29 found "Les" loading lumber at Garibaldi to help defray his schooling. He returned to school the latter part of 1929 and was appointed assistant freshman football coach. While serving in that capacity he proved himself a capable and efficient mentor.

P. J. Schissler, director of athletics, says that Avrit is one of the most capable possibilities for a coach that he has turned out in his seven years at O. S. C.

EQUIPOISE WINS PURSE IN MARYLAND

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., Apr. 13 (UP)—Equipoise, C. V. Whitney's star three-year old and favorite to win the preakness and Kentucky derby, emerged from winter training in the six furlong Glen Oaks purse here today.

Giving away great chunks of weight, the strapping son of Pennant and Swinging took up 123 pounds and cantered to victory in the smashing time of 1:11 3-5. He was fighting for his head all the way and might have even bettered this time had Jockey Arthur Robertson elected to let him do so.

The Glen Oaks was just an overnight purse, but Trainer Hopkins decided it afforded an excellent opportunity to engage his charge in actual competition. Panetian, which set the early pace for Equipoise, finished in second place, three lengths back, with Dark Hero, another Preakness and derby eligible taking third money. The crowd backed the Whitney colt so heavily that he paid but $2.60 for a $2 mutuel ticket on his winning chances.

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New York (N) 4; Army 3.

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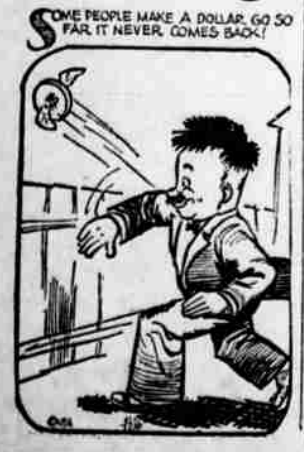

O'Grady, Dixon To Fight Next Tuesday Night

A number of Klamath Falls fight fans are expected to journey to Medford next Tuesday to witness the Gene O'Grady and George Dixon fight in the Medford Armory next Tuesday night.

The fight will be a test for O'Grady, who has been fighting many main events in San Francisco bay cities in the past six months.

Alexander Gets Nogales Offer

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 13. (UP)—Grover Cleveland Alexander, for 29 years a major league pitcher, may appear soon at Brewery ball park, Nogales, Sonora, in the uniform of the Nogales Internationals of the Arizona-Texas league, according to Al Whipple, secretary of the Internationals.

"Our pitching staff is a bit wobbly," Whipple said on arriving here tonight. "We need a veteran like Alexander to steady and balance the youngsters," in explaining that an offer has been wired to the former big league star.

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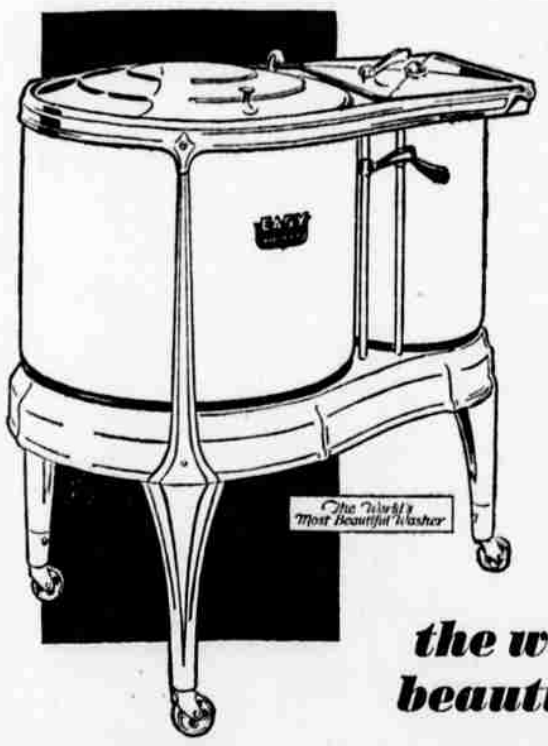

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