

National and American Baseball Leagues Open Seasons Tuesday Afternoon

Many New Faces Will Appear on Fields This Week

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By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, April 12.—The finishing touches to preparations for what promises to be among the most keenly fought pennant races in baseball history will be applied over the weekend by major league pilots, who have practically completed the annual spring task of ironing out veteran kinks and gauging the worth of rookie talent.

Fans who flock through the turnstiles for the opening American and National League games Tuesday will view probably a greater array of new faces than any recent season has witnessed. Reports gathered from the various outfits show that more than 50 newcomers have earned their spurs for 1924, resulting in shakeups that appear most notable in the ranks of the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves in the National league and the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox in the Junior circuit.

With the exception of the Cincinnati Reds and New York Yankees, major changes have occurred in the lineups of every contender. And the Reds and Yankees, while remaining intact outside the battery positions, have added new blood to their pitching corps and strengthened their reserves.

Taken as a whole, the clubs in both wheels appear better balanced than in several seasons. This is particularly true of the American league, where such second division outfits of 1923 as the Red Sox and Athletics have been strengthened to such a degree that they appear among the outstanding obstacles in the path of the world champion Yankees.

General preseason opinion, however, has selected two clubs in each circuit as those most likely to upset the drives of the Yankees and Giants to set baseball history by capturing pennants for the fourth straight year. In the American, these are the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians, while the bulwark of anti-Gotham hopes in the Junior organization are the Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Six of the clubs start the season under new leadership. Four of these are in the American league, with Lee Fohl, in charge of the Red Sox, Frank Chance taking the helm of the White Sox, Stanley Harris, youngest big league pilot, guiding the Senators, and George Sisler directing the Browns. In the National league, Dave Bancroft has taken over the management of the Braves while Jack Hendricks has succeeded the late Pat Moran as field marshal of the Reds.

Sisler will attract two-fold interest besides his showing as a pilot; fans will watch keenly his attempt to regain his brilliant playing form after a year's lay-off because of eye trouble.

Bob Ruth, after a spectacular comeback that won recognition last season as the American league's most valuable performer, is out for a supreme bid to shatter his home run mark of 1921, when he shattered all existing marks with 59 circuit clouts. His durable team mate, Everett Scott, will attempt to further stretch the consecutive game record which he hung up last year. Scott now has played in 1,138 straight championship games, a record, begun in 1916.

Individual performances in the National league also will draw their share of attention, particularly because the magnates have voted \$1,000 as a prize for the season's outstanding star. Frank Frisch, brilliant captain of the Giants, and Rogers Hornsby, Cardinal slugger, are among the leading candidates in preseason discussion. Hornsby, who last year tied Hans Wagner's mark by leading the league batsmen for the fourth straight year will attempt to set a new record by leading at the top this season.

WOMAN SCORES KNOCKOUT OVER FREDDY FULTON

Minneapolis, Minn., April 11.—An unreported knockout scored against Fred Fulton, heavyweight boxer of Minneapolis, administered by a woman, was claimed Friday by Mrs. Maude Thompson, who, with her husband, Earl Thompson, filed two suits seeking \$21,000 damages from Fulton.

Charging assault and battery, Mrs. Thompson asked \$10,000 for alleged injuries to herself and \$5,000 for an alleged attack on her two children.

Mrs. Thompson's complaint charges that Fulton struck her during an argument. She returned the blow, knocking Fulton unconscious, according to her suit. She charged Fulton had kicked her children.

Preparation--The Backbone of Success

By ED HUGHES



ARE you weary of witnessing crude youngsters masquerading as professional ringmen who have an exhibition of sound boxing to offer club patrons? Does the slambang, hit-or-miss style strike you as a painful burlesque of what boxing should be? Or do you enjoy it and find it something delightfully Homeric, despite its flavor of darker ages?

Jack Skelly, famous old-time fighter, is an "ancient" with modernistic urges. Progressive thoughts and actions are usually reserved for the youth of the land. Hence Skelly becomes unusual. He has a new idea, although some may label it as the outburst of a graybeard with an "old-time complex."

At any rate, Mr. Skelly has a new idea which is important if for that reason only. He believes that the boxing public should be spared the agony of watching youngsters perform who haven't the faintest notion of what scientific boxing means. Of course, as Mr. Skelly admits, these stupid encounters frequently result in considerable excitement, copious blood-letting and the like. However, the Yankees sage believes both the boxer and the fan should be above such morose delights. He subscribes to the belief that there is nothing worse than ignorance in action, be there barrels of sincerity and fun in the display.

The plan, at least, brings the writer to this reflection: That the American ring exhibits more untaught performers than any branch of sport he can think of. It is cluttered with a quagmire of uneducated youngsters who think that a tough jaw and a good punch are all that are needed to win a championship. And the drab part of

it is that most of them have neither the punch nor the jaw.

No ball player ever reaches the major leagues until he has shown signs of marked talent. And even then he is put through a post-graduate course of hitting, base running and general field tactics by the big league manager. The major league fan is treated to the finished product. Collegiate football players are coached thoroughly in all branches of the game for a year before they are selected for a team. And there is the same stern and thorough attention to crew candidates. The rowing coach has his candidates hard at it even during the winter months. On the rowing machines in the gym he is sized up for general fitness, and is then taught his position in the boat, feathering, the play of the legs, the stroke, the catch, the recovery, and so on.

In England the shell candidate is first made to operate on a fixed seat in order that he should understand the difference between a swing and a mere slide on the seat. Even veteran oarsmen are frequently seen out in tubs without slides drilling in the valuable knowledge.

Most of our golf champions have served as caddies in younger days. Studying the methods of the cracks for whom they toted bags formed the groundwork for their subsequent successes. Few tennis players ever achieved renown without instruction, either from professionals or tournament players. Theockey first serves an apprenticeship as a stable boy.

Most beginners in the ring just go in and fight the best they know how. Some instructors first might spare them ring destruction later—might even make champions of them.

OPEN FIVE GREENS AT FIELD CLUB

Five greens at the Omaha Field club will be opened today, according to an announcement made this morning.

The club will not open until the middle of May.

Stanley Davies, club professional, reports that the course is in fine condition.

With the KNIGHTS of the GLOVES

Chicago, April 12.—Joe Farrell, Italian boxer, who had a one-fall match from last year, fought here Friday night. He was defeated by Johnny Meyers, former lightweight wrestling champion, and Jack Burke, Chicago, wrestler, out of the ring.

Appleton, Wis., April 12.—Young Striding won an uneven match with Gunner Joe Quinn here Friday night. Quinn, the southern heavyweight, was out of the ring after a severe beating before referee stopped the affair in the sixth round.

At East Chicago, Ind.—Warrick Smith, Oklahoma heavyweight, beat Morris Schaeffer, Chicago, knocked out Boots Hanson, Elgin, Ill., in second round. McCarthy, Chicago, knocked out King South, Chicago, in second round. Eddie Walsh, South Chicago, knocked out Steve Adams, four rounds. Eddie Morris, Sioux City, beat Fatsy Rocco, in eight rounds.

At Appleton, Wis.—Yonnie Striding won a technical knockout over Joe Quinn, in nine rounds.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 12.—Young Battling Butch of Miami, Ariz., knocked out Harry Tate, heavyweights, in two rounds, and Jack Burke, New York bantam, in one round.

At Casper, Wyo.—Tommy Connelley, Denver, won a foul in the fourth round. He knocked out Mike Burns, Casper, knocked out Eddie Lynch, Nevada, in the fourth. Harry Tate, heavyweights, in two rounds, and Jack Burke, New York bantam, in one round.

Philadelphia, April 12.—Jimmy Sacco, California lightweight, Friday night, without striking a blow. His victory was in Judge Monahan's court, where the man and his manager were ordered to meet Carl Egan in a return bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, on May 2. Egan and Egan recently fought a sensational draw at one of the smaller clubs in New York.

Jack Zivic, Pittsburgh lightweight, will meet Ever Hammer of Chicago on the Olympic fund show to be staged in Madison Square Garden, New York, on May 2. Egan and Egan recently fought a sensational draw at one of the smaller clubs in New York.

Bobby Garcia, featherweight champion of the United States army, is booked for two more battles. On Monday night he will clash with Earl Burd in Baltimore, while on April 25 he will book up with Jimmy Conroy in Hotkops, Mass.

Pete Zivic, bantam brother of Jack, will clash with Johnny Moore of Youngstown at Motor Square Garden, Pittsburgh, Monday night.

Bangtails Filling Ak-Sar-Ben Stalls as Time for Spring Race Meet of King Ak Nears Starting Time

From the ranges, from stock farms and from winter race meetings the bangtails come to fill the stables at the Ak-Sar-Ben track. For three weeks they have been arriving almost daily and more are expected this week.

Last week the morning workouts on the track began. The earlier arrivals had attempted to make the oval a few times, but the windy straw, coupled with the fact that the frost was still in the ground,

made the experiments disheartening.

For several days Charles Trimble had his "gang" busy with rakes and matches and the oval was "shaped up." Gradually it is getting into good shape and soon the promising 2-year-olds that are to start during the spring meeting will begin to breeze.

But it is not only the 2-year-olds that make up the aggregation at the track. Several old friends of the race fans of Omaha are already munching their oats in familiar stalls.

Mark Dunnozo, erratic actor of the Jones-Udell string, is present and in good shape after a winter spent on the farm at Parnell, Mo. So far he has shown better speed and endurance than ever before and promises to be a contender in several of the events this spring.

Parnell Boy, a newcomer, is in the stall next to Mark. He also looks and acts like a comer. So far he has stepped around the track in good shape and has shown great promise.

Then there are others. Cardom has been placed in his stall after a winter of quiet rest. A few others have come back from Havana. Among these is Orleans Girl, winner of five starts at the Cuban in the Tri-state, whereby they might place a team at Sioux Falls. Not only did the meeting ignore their offer, but they propose to appropriate the Lincoln players of last season without compensation. Moon and the Beltzlers asserted. They offered, they said, to sell the club intact for \$750.

Century Dash to Feature Relays
Des Moines, Ia., April 12.—The 100-yard dash is expected to prove one of the outstanding features of the Drake relays here, April 25 and 26. Last year the event attracted an exceptional glittering array of star sprinters.

Topping the list in the entries for this event this year is Erwin of the Kansas Aggies who won the century against a classy field in the Drake meet last year, stepping the distance in 9.45. Illinois will have a trio of stars in Ayers, Evans and Higbee, while Michigan will be represented by Whittman, Brookins and Coulter of Iowa, two of the speediest men in the Big Ten, also will be in the 100-yard event along with Laydon of Notre Dame, Grey of Butler, Locke and Blodgett of Nebraska, Donovan of Ohio, Anderson of Washington, Maddox of Purdue and Williams of the Kansas State Teachers.

Says "Big Three" of Golf Will Compete Abroad
New York, April 12.—William Abbott is authority for the statement that Gene Sarason, Walter Hazen and Jack Hutchinson will compete in the English open classic late in June. He says that Jim Barnes, Johnny Farrell and several others will undoubtedly decide to go abroad. From the way things are going up it is becoming more apparent that the overseas invasion will all be in one direction and that the American open championship early in June at Detroit will be without English representation.

Rowing guests include regiments of elevator boys on annual vacation. They will continue to have their up and downs.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

Lincoln Holdouts Come to Terms

Lincoln, April 11.—Howard Wakefield, manager of the Lincoln Western league team, who arrived recently from Chicago on his way to rejoin the club at its spring training camp at Nowata, Ok., said practically all the holdouts of last season's Sioux City club had come to terms. Outfielders Miller, Milan and Henry have reported, he said, and with Dick O'Conner, who is to join the club at Wichita. Wakefield thinks he has one of the strongest outfielders in the league. Another bit of good news, he said, was the promise of Catcher Snier, who has been playing on the Pacific coast, that he will be on hand when the season opens next Wednesday. Art Stokes, star pitcher of the Lincoln State league club last season, is also to join the team.

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In the half mile race Borg's unofficial time for the quarter mile was 5:29, compared with the world's record of 5:11.45.

Offers Medical Treatment Free to Amateurs
Dr. Nathan Dansky, who has offices in room 482 of the Brandeis theater building, comes to the front with a big offer to the amateur ball players. Dr. Dansky says he will give free medical treatment to any amateur ball player who is injured on the sandlots this season.

Rickard Holds Monopoly on Heavy Fighters

Signing of Harry Wills Puts Promoter in Position to Stage Big Bouts—Firpo Outwitted.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Tex Rickard has made the first business-like move to force Jack Dempsey into a match with Harry Wills by signing the negro for several ring battles at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. As far as it can be learned, no other promoter ever attempted to obtain the negro's signature to articles of agreement providing for a battle with the world champion.

Perhaps Rickard is banking on public opinion to round up the world champion and his manager. Having signed Wills, Rickard knows that if the negro defeats one of the foreign champions, Firpo, Romero or Spalla, popular clamor will compel Dempsey to meet the Brown Panther in September or take another ring out. It looks as if Rickard, by clever manipulation, has put Dempsey and Kearns in a hole from which he knows they can extricate themselves only by accepting terms for the long delayed mill with the negro.

Firpo also has been outwitted by Rickard and must fight and beat Wills or forfeit another opportunity to rake in a golden fortune in a return match with Dempsey. Firpo all winter flouted with Rickard's rivals who fail to get him under contract. Now Rickard is in a position to freeze the Wild Bull out of another fight with Dempsey if he refuses to first meet the negro, Romero, the Chilean heavyweight, who will arrive here this week, and Spalla, the Italian, who recently stayed 14 rounds with Firpo in Buenos Aires, standing ready to meet them ring destruction later—might even make champions of them.

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"Carp" to Fight Gibbons in May

Chicago, April 12.—The return of Georges Carpenter to the American rosin has been set for May 31, at Michigan City, according to the very latest dope handed out by and about promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons today.

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WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

Quintin Romero-Rojas wishes to gain favor with U. S. sporting editors he should send his name to the laundry and have it shrunk.

New York-Pennsylvania league wants eighth club to round out league, but can't find one which comes up to standard. How about the Phillies?

All Buffaloes need for successful season is one good pitcher and 10,000 cash customers.

Teeling Up.
"You golfers are a funny lot," remarked the puzzled vicar; "You start a match by talking tea. But end by guzzling liquor!"

Al Reich may be an Adonis, but he won't be if he continues taking on sockers like Firpo.

Washington club faces big financial problem this year. With frenetic congressmen calling each other all the names not in the dictionary and providing free vaudeville, who wants to watch a ball game?

Creighton to Hold Net Meet

Tennis is to assume a place as a minor sport at Creighton this spring and the athletic department has promised that a university tournament will be held. If the tournament showing is strong enough to warrant a representation, a team will represent the Bluejays at the Conference spring meet, May 23 and 24.

Among the student body at Creighton are many players of a high caliber and it should not be difficult to build a team which would make a very creditable showing.

Creighton has been a tennis champion; James McGrath, law, has held honors at Carter Lake for the past two seasons; Paul Fitzgibbon is rated as one of the best from his part of the country, and Anthony Ariano of the Dental college captured his county's championship when he was in high school in Colorado.

Bluejay Relay Tryouts Soon

Track Coach "Chet" Wynne of Creighton will hold the final tryouts for the Kansas relay squad Wednesday evening. "Chet" expects to enter a team in the 2-mile relay and also in the mile, half mile, 440 and 220-yard dashes.

The trophies for the relays which are to be held April 19, consist of 77 white gold watches, 145 silver medals, 145 golden bronze medals and also a large challenge cup for each winning relay team.

There will be 17 relays, divided into university, college, military academy and high school classes, and also nine special events open to university and college athletes.

Hoppe and Schaefer to Start Exhibitions

New York, April 12.—Wille Hoppe, world's 18.2 halckline billiards champion, will leave for a tour of the Pacific coast Wednesday for a series of exhibitions with Young Jake Schaefer.

Hoppe and Schaefer will be on hand when the season opens next Wednesday. Art Stokes, star pitcher of the Lincoln State league club last season, is also to join the team.

SPALLA TO MEET FLOYD JOHNSON

Montevideo, Uruguay, April 12.—Erminio Spalla, European heavyweight, on his way to New York, told the newspapers that he had signed engagements with Tex Rickard, American promoter, to meet Floyd Johnson and Quintin Romero-Rojas in the United States.

French People Turn to English Language for Sporting Terms

Paris, April 12.—The word "bookmaker" in its racing sense has been admitted to the French language by the French Academy, but it refuses to sanction the English sporting term "crack."

Work on the new dictionary is progressing slowly, and one of the main reasons for the delay is the trouble with which the members of the academy have met in passing upon the numerous words of Anglo-Saxon origin that have become of current use since the great development of sports in the life of the French nation.

Some rulings have been strange, to say the least. For instance, the academy ruled that "challenge" become a French word, while it refuses to recognize "center." Carpenter can challenge Dempsey in French, but Epland cannot win in a center. He must pass the winning post "au petit gabop."

Pancho Villa to Defend Title Against Frank Ash

Champion Flyweight and a Leading British Challenger Will Battle Wednesday.

Pancho Villa, the Filipino flash, retains his place at the head of the world's best flyweight boxers, it is going to be called to defend the title against the two best men of England and the United States before the coming summer campaign is completed.

The first of the pair to get a crack at the crown which adorns the bronzed skinned athlete from Uncle Sam's possessions in the far Pacific is the Englishman, who will meet Villa in a scheduled 10-round contest in Toronto Wednesday night unless there is an eleventh-hour postponement.

This bout virtually will prepare Villa for a battle with Genaro, who is the most worthy foe for the champion, and who has signed up with Jimmy Johnston, New York promoter, for a contest with Villa as soon as the open air season gets under way and is waiting anxiously for Villa to accept terms.

According to British boxing critics, who know more about the game than any other sports writers in Europe, Ash is the best boxer sent to this country since Jimmy Wilde made his more or less successful invasion of these parts some time ago and ended up by losing to Villa. Wilde was a great boxer, but he had slipped some when he ran into the Filipino and was outpointed by a wide margin.

Wilde returned to England and helped to teach Ash some of the big points about the manly art in the hope that the flyweight title could be returned to that country. When Ash was believed to be ready for an invasion of United States boxing arenas, he was sent here. In his first two starts in this country the British mite has performed very creditably, winning each one in a rather handly fashion.

Ash's performance has been such a nature as to impress American fight critics, who believe he will give Villa a serious argument, although they do not believe he can beat the champion. In the Toronto engagement, which has been scheduled at some time, the title is not at all likely to change hands. It is a no-decision contest and, like most small English boxers, Ash is a light hitter. He cannot be expected to knock out a tough, fast fellow like Villa, who is a much harder puncher than his adversary, and Ash's only chance to get the title is to fatten Villa.

The Villa-Ash bout is not the only one on this week's calendar of athletic entertainments in this country that is interesting. Harry Greb, middleweight champion, who would rather fight big men than those of his own poundage, will meet Kid Norfolk, a tough warrior, in Boston for 12 sessions. Greb is fast enough to outpoint the negro, but Norfolk can hit hard enough to cause Greb some trouble should he manage to plant one of his rights against the chin or midsection of the middleweight king.

Norfolk couldn't make the middleweight limit if he would cut off one leg.

This is but one of two bouts in Boston this week. Jock Malone, middleweight champion contender, will meet Hughie Ratner for 15 rounds. Ratner has fought Malone before and always has finished second, but close enough to make it a highly interesting entertainment. On one occasion neither one showed enough to entertain the referee and they were ordered out of the ring, but that is only once. The others have been all right.

Modern Football Plant Is Vital Need at Brown

Providence, R. I., April 12.—With work on the new Brown athletic field, with its four baseball diamonds and its six gridirons for football, offering ample opportunity for general student preparation, about to begin, Brown men and friends and followers of Brown in Providence and elsewhere are asking more insistently than ever:

When will Brown have a modern football plant?

Of the need of such a plant there appears no doubt. Brown men themselves say that Brown is not serving either itself or the public with the present football facilities.

In north, elevator boys are given discarded suits by wealthy apartment dwellers. Then they go south and buy new ones for impoverished bookmakers.

BOWLING

Final Team Standings.

Schneider Electric Works... 14 25 48
R. F. Thompson... 14 25 48
McKinney Denton... 14 25 48
A. L. Cleary... 14 25 48
John H. Bush Florida... 14 25 48
Hartman Furniture Co... 14 25 48
Burdick... 14 25 48

Individual Averages.

Thompson... 133
Burdick... 123
Hartman... 123
Schneider... 123
R. F. Thompson... 123
McKinney... 123
A. L. Cleary... 123
John H. Bush... 123
Hartman... 123
Burdick... 123