Major League Baseball Season Opens Today in Four Eastern Cities

Elaborate Ceremonies Will Usher in Another Pennant Chase for National and American Clubs

New York, April 11.—Major league baseball will make its 1922 debut in four eastern cities tomorrow afternoon provided the weather man has been properly placated in advance.

In the National league the New York Giants will entertain the Brooklyn Superbas at the Polo grounds in this city and Boston will appear against the Philadelphia team on the latter's field.

American league combinations which will assist in the opening are the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox, who meet in Boston, and the New York Yankees and Washington Senators, who meet in the Capital city.

In all four cities, elaborate ceremonies have been planned to mark the beginning of another long pennant chase, and while there is little likelihood of departure from the traditional flag-bedecked stands, band concerts, parades of rival teams and the official throwing out of balls, the fans have shown undoubted desire to witness in person these preliminaries and the subsequent diamond battles.

Expect Large Attendances.

From all the centers of tomorrow's baseball activity come similar tales of unusual and urgent demand for tickets, and it is likely that, given fair weather, the opening games of the season will set new attendance records. The case of the New York Giants is an example of the interest being shown in these initial contests. For several days past, it has been impossible to purchase a reserved seat or box in the huge baseball amphitheater at the Polo grounds, notwithstanding its seating capacity of more than 35,000. Hundreds of prospective coupon buyers have been turned away empty handed within the past 24 hours and it is certain that there will be a rush for unreserved seats as soon as the gates of the park are flung back early tomorrow morning.

So far as the eastern opening games are concerned, the teams appear fairly well matched in the National league. Brooklyn had the edge over the Giants in last year's series, winning 12 out of 22 games played. Against the Yankees in the spring exhibition contests, the Superbas won 8 out of 14 played in the south and on the home diamond. Boston had decidedly the better of the Phillies during the 1921 season, but Manager Wilhelm has injected new material into the Quaker team combination and should offer stronger opposition than was the case last year.

Ruth Out of Lineup.

While the New York Americans will be without the services of "Babe" Ruth and Bob Meusil, they should have a slight edge over Washington, especially as Walter Johnson is not likely to be on the mound in the initial contest. The Yankees took about two-thirds of the 1921 games from Washington.

Boston and Philadelphia, had a nip and tuck series last season and while the Red Sox appear stronger than the Athletics, Connie Mack's combination may jump into a lead at the expense of the Bostonians in the initial clash.

Hanson Throws Tom Draak in 58 Minutes

Nashville, Tenn., April 11.—(Special.) — Charley Hanson defeated Tom Draak here last night in 58 minutes. The Nebraskan used a hammerlock, which injured Draak so that he could not return for the second fall. Hanson impressed local fans as being a much improved grappler since he was last here and stayed three hours with the then Champion Zbysko. Hanson almost pinned Draak in 25 minutes with a half Nelson and a leg and arm lock.

Frankie Schoell Beats Jack Perry

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Frankie Schoell, Buffalo's contender for the welterweight championship, won the judge's decision over Jack Perry, Pittsburgh, here last night. Schoell gave Perry a boxing lesson and won practically every one of 15 rounds. Perry was in distress several times but held on and though badly beaten was able to stay the limit.

Billy Miske Wins Over Billy Shade

Youngstown, O., April 11.—Billy Miske, St. Paul, won a technical knockout over Billy Shade of California in the second round of a scheduled 12-round bout here tonight. They are heavyweights.

Zibby Throws Petroff.

Port Arthur, Tex., April 11.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, former heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Joe Petroff here last night. Zbyszko wrenched Petroff's leg with a toe hold that won the first fall in one hour and 27 minutes and the latter was unable to start the second fall.

Commissioner Landis to Root for Teams in Cellar This Year

Chicago, April 11.—Kenesaw M. Landis, baseball commissioner, is going to root for the teams in the cellar this season, he said tonight in a statement in which he also declared that all indications were encouraging for 1922 in both majors and minors. The statement follows.

"No one can tell in April what the the situation will be in August, but all indications are encouraging for 1922 in both majors and minors. Generally speaking, team morale is good and what I am hoping is for you to see the fellows at the bottom pull up and shorten the distance between them and the top.

"Therefore, I am rooting for the team in the cellar, whoever it may turn out to be. And, for all teams and all players everywhere, my wish is that they may have 50 per cent of the breaks."

Omaha Opens Western League Today at Oklahoma City

Pulls Wicked Trigger at Traps

Pete Simpson, member of the Omaha Gun club, has earned the nickname of "Eagle Eye" Pete because of his ability to shatter the clay "birds" as they "flutter" from the traps. Simpson recently broke 44 out of 50 targets.

Pete Simpson

Benny Leonard to Defend Title

Lightweight Champ to Meet Either Dundee, White or Kansas, July 4.

Benny Leonard

New York, April 11.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight boxing champion, will defend his title at Michigan City, Ind., on July 4, Billy Gibson, his manager, announced last night. His opponent will be either Johnny Dundee, Charley White or Rocky Kansas.

Gibson declared that he had signed articles for such a bout with Floyd Fitzsimmons, promoter, who will build a special arena capable of seating 25,000 persons for the event.

Actresses to Replace City Officials in Diamond Ceremonies

Oakland, Cal., April 11.—City officials will give way to actresses when the 1922 Pacific Coast baseball league season is opened here today with the Oakland team playing San Francisco.

Mayor John L. Davie, who has hurled the first ball for several years, will step out of the box today and hand the ball to Nana Bryant, leading lady at a local theater. Miss Bryant will pitch to Marie Walcamp, former movie star. On the bases will be members of a vaudeville company.

Princeton Plays Giants.

New York, April 11.—Princeton university's baseball team came to the polo grounds today to meet the Giants in the last game of the preseason activities of the big league champions. Yesterday's game between the Giants and Fordham was a farce. The professionals scored almost at will, the final score being 23 to 2 in their favor.

Ban Johnson Will Attend Opening Game at Washington

Chicago, April 11.—B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, left here today for Washington, where he will attend the opening game of the season between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees.

New Champs Set Record Score of 2,979

P. Melchior and Son Place Second — Doubles and Singles Scheduled Today.

STANDINGS.
Team Standings.

Name	Final	Total
Nourse Oils		2,979
P. Melchior & Son		2,788
Gordon Chocolates		2,754
Beselin Kids		2,683
United States National Bank		2,667
Hussong Fords, Lincoln		2,651
Omaha National Bank		2,645
Universal Auto Tops		2,632
Doubles.		
W. Olson-E. Kasal		1,152
F. Moylan-W. Barron		1,138
W. Watt-C. Winn		1,123
D. Clark-H. McCoy		1,116
P. Brown-B. Amsppker, Lincoln		1,110
A. Tomes-G. Wertz, Schuyler		1,099
F. Sprangler-R. Sprangler, Lincoln		1,095
H. Hoag-C. Benton		1,087
L. Hammond-F. Middaugh, Fremont		1,077
R. Bushman-W. Bates		1,065
W. Pepper-F. Pepper, Grand Island		1,058
F. Rys-C. Whisinand, Hastings		1,043
F. Anthony-H. Smith		1,028
C. French-A. Christensen, Lincoln		1,026
A. Rocky-A. Hofman		1,013
Singles.		
W. Barron, Omaha		624
F. Simadyner, Wahoo		624
E. Carr, Lincoln		616
F. Pepper, Grand Island		599
H. Krall, Grand Island		593
C. Benton, Omaha		593
H. McCoy, Lincoln		588
H. Page, Grand Island		581
B. LaRue, Lincoln		573
J. Sherdendan, Lincoln		572
H. Hoag		571
A. Fletcher		569
E. Neale		565
A. Jensen		563
G. Miner, Lincoln		562
W. Banks, Lincoln		559
E. Maurer		558
D. Clark		549
W. Rice		549
B. Norguard		549

THE team events of the seventh annual Nebraska state bowling tournament closed at the Omaha alleys Monday night with the Nourse Oils capturing first prize with a total of 2,979 sticks. The Oils rolled their high score Saturday evening.

When the Nourse Oil contingent of maple-pushers bowled their high game total Saturday night they not only won the championship of Cornhusker land, but established a new Nebraska bowling association record.

Last season the Bowen Furniture team copped the championship with a 2,755 score. The Furniture Dusters' score was a new association record until Saturday night, when the Nourse Oils took the alleys.

The Beselin Kids rolled their way into fourth place in the standings with a 2,683 total. It was the highest game total of the evening.

Today's Games

Western League.
Omaha at Oklahoma City.
Des Moines at St. Joseph.
Sioux City at Tulsa.
Denver at Wichita.

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

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

American Association.
Milwaukee at Columbus.
Kansas City at Toledo.
Minneapolis at Louisville.
St. Paul at Indianapolis.

Dempsey Leaves to "Clean Up" Europe

New York, April 11.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, left today on the Aquitania to "clean up Europe."

Jack said he would fight anyone who appeared willing, but that everything was indefinite because neither he nor his manager, Jack Kearns, had any offers for fights on foreign soil.

Dempsey will tour England, France and Germany. He may meet Bombardier Wells or Joe Beckett in London, and it is possible he may climb into the ring with Georges Carpentier somewhere in France. But if he meets anyone, he said, it will be only after a challenge, and after he has had proper training.

Even the length of his European trip is problematical, he said. He may stay six months or a year and there is a chance he will stay longer.

Ineligible Maroon Pilot Won't Return to School

Salt Lake City, April 11.—Milton Romney, captain-elect of the 1922 football squad at the University of Chicago, announced last night that he will not return to that institution this fall. Romney was recently ruled ineligible because of his many scholastic credits.

Patterson and Anderson Will Compete in Tourney

Melbourne, Australia, April 11.—(By A. P.)—Gerald Patterson and J. O. Anderson, Australian tennis stars, are definitely available for competition in the Davis cup matches next September, it was announced today. The Australian team will meet the Belgian players in the first round of the preliminary matches.

Griffin Defeats Californian.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 11.—Dick Griffin of Fort Worth, bantamweight, defeated Ad Rubidoux of Riverside, Cal., by a technical knockout in a 10-round bout here last night. The referee stopped the bout just before the final gong to save the Pacific coast fighter from further punishment.

Denver Only New Addition to "Pa" Tearney's Circuit of Clubs for 1922 Championship Scramble

By RALPH WAGNER.

"Pa" Tearney's Western league of baseball clubs will crack open the 22nd annual pennant race this afternoon when the four northern cities of the circuit pry off the lid in four southern cities.

The Omaha contingent of Western leaguers, wearing the Barney Burch flannels, open at Oklahoma City. The same teams clashed in the opener last season, the Indians winning from the locals.

With the exception of one city, the towns will be represented in the Western this season as last. Instead of Joplin competing this season will be Denver.

Welcome Denver.

Western league moguls welcome the return of the "Mile High" city to the fold. The first championship pennant of the Western league was won by Denver in 1900, the first season of the circuit.

Omaha has been a member of the league every year since its organization. The local entry won the championship in 1904, 1907 and 1916.

Last season the Buffaloes finished second, Wichita nosing the local club out of the championship after one of the most interesting pennant races ever staged in the Western circuit.

Barney Burch and "Mike" Finn, chief moguls of the Omaha team, have signed up what looks to be another hard-hitting and good fielding club for the 1922 season.

The outfield with Lee, Griffin, veterans, and Fred Manush, holding down the places, appears to be the equal of any in the league as far as hitting and fielding are concerned.

Snedecor at First.

At first base is Peter Snedecor, a hard-hitting and good fielding player. Pete takes Jack Lelivelt's place, the latter is manager of Tulsa.

Second base will be taken care of by "Whitey" Gislason, a veteran. Mee and Wilcox have been playing short during the spring training grind.

Grantham is slated to hold down the third sack this season. He is a good hitter and fielder, according to reports received from the south.

For the backstop job, Manager Burch has "Cy" Lingle, veteran, and Fred Wilder of the Eastern league. The latter is said to be a hard-hitting catcher; one of the "Babe" Ruth variety.

The pitching department has on its roster Harry Baumgartner and Frank Okrie, who were with the team last season, and Coffindaffer, Stokes, "Mutt" Wilson and Drugmand.

Omaha and Oklahoma City open the season in this city, Friday, April 28.

Tendler Disqualified in Seventh Round

New York, April 11.—Lew Tendler, Philadelphia lightweight, was disqualified for fouling in the seventh round of his match last night with Charley Pitts of Australia.

Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Predicting that this will be the most successful season in the history of the Western league, A. L. Tearney, president, came here from Chicago today on his way to Wichita for the opening game there tomorrow, and met with his umpires to give them instructions for the year and make assignments.

"We have dropped the smallest town in the loop, Joplin," the Western's chief executive said, "and in its place have added a town larger than any of the others. Denver will add strength of the league and already the owners of other clubs have made preparations to keep pace with the 'mile high' city.

"Denver always was a good baseball town and will put forth a real contender in the league this season. The other owners know this and all are working hard to build up clubs that will be the equal of the western club. I look for a most successful year in every respect."

Tearney and his staff of eight umpires met at the hotel today and went over the rules, the arbiters agreeing to interpret the code in the same manner, and getting their final instructions from Tearney.

The umpires were assigned as follows: McGloom and Brown in Oklahoma City, Ormsby and Holmes at Tulsa, Donohue and Anderson in Wichita, Burnside and Fitzpatrick in St. Joseph.

Following the meeting the umpires left for the towns to which they were assigned and Tearney left for Wichita, where he will witness the opening game between the Isabelites and Denver. He will go to Oklahoma City tomorrow and will witness the Sioux City-Tulsa game in Tulsa Friday, after which he will return to Chicago.

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Ring Champs Are Born, Not Made---Kearns Can't Take Credit for Dempsey

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Champions are born—not made.

If you're skeptical, gaze in the general direction of one Jack Kearns.

For more than a decade he has been frivoling around with ring warriors, keeping ever before him the vision of a champion. Through 10 years Kearns hoped—but in vain. He grabbed one likely looking prospect after another, taught the pugger all he knew, schooled him as best he could—but no champion or near champion resulted.

At last came Jack Dempsey.

Kearns is credited with having made Dempsey the fighter that he is. It's been said that he picked him up, a raw novice, tutored—tutored—and tutored some more—and then, presto—Dempsey first became a sensation and then a champion. All of which made Kearns stand out as a great manager—as a miracle worker in the handling of fighters.

But beyond Dempsey, this manager has developed no one.

But, whether Dempsey was a two-fisted bird before Kearns got him, or fought with just one hand, is more or less an incident of this recital.

Wants More Champs.

After Kearns had managed Dempsey to the heights of the knuckle bruisers' world, he wasn't satisfied with just one champion. He aspired to be the boss of other divisional kings. And his leisure moments since then have been directed along those lines.

Everywhere he's wandered, he has looked around for 'comers." He has combed the big towns and the bushes. He has gone hundreds of miles out of his way to look at fighters who were touted to him as wonders. Here and there he has picked up a few men who looked to him like certainties in the matter of belt winning. And yet every last one of them have flivvered—and sadly, as far as championship greatness is concerned.

Marty Farrell, a lightweight, was regarded by Kearns as a certain middleweight champion. Marty got a few fights—and showed up in fearful manner. Then came Joe Benjamin, hurrahed by Kearns as the one man in all the world who could whip Benny Leonard. He was given several tryouts against ordinary gladiators and showed up fairly well. Then he was put to the real test—against Johnny Dundee— and was niftily beaten.

Five Flivvered.

Kearns scooted out to the coast and picked up a youth named Hymie Gold, known as Oakland Jimmy Duffy. He carted him east and informed the whole world that at last he had a lightweight wonder. He gave to Gold all the knowledge that he could; tutored, trained and conditioned him. Gold, in three fights since then, suffered two knockouts —and has gone back to the old home town.

This same Kearns picked up Babe Herman, a bantam, and predicted that the kid would become a champion. He praised him to all the heavens. Yet, Herman, aided by all the knowledge that Kearns can impart, trained under the same system as Dempsey, has been beaten in quite a few of his starts against even the second rate bantams in the east.

"Jim Darcy," said Kearns, disdiscussing a middleweight which he picked up, "is a greater at this time in his career than Dempsey was at the same time in his career."

Fighters Are Born.

How funny it sounds in the light of the present-day events! Dempsey knocked folks dead with one or two punches from the day that he donned a boxing glove; Darcy, on the other hand, hasn't a sock, is what you might call uncouth in ring manners and has nothing to recommend him except ability to take punishment and willingness to slug.

If Kearns made Dempsey, why hasn't he been able to make another champion in five enthusiastic starts with men who were not culls, as was Dempsey, but men who were presumed to be the greatest near champions in their respective divisions? Isn't the answer simply this:

You can't make a fistic champion; he has to be born that way—and guided by destiny through the years.

Chuck Wiggins Wins Over Block

Columbus, O., April 11.—Chuck Wiggings, Indianapolis middleweight, won a technical knockout over Ted Block of Detroit, here tonight in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. The referee stopped the fight to save Block from further punishment.

Large Entry List

Paris, April 11.—One thousand men and women tennis players have entered for the Easter championship here. This is the largest entry list on record in France. Among the more prominent entries are Andre Gobert, Max Decugis and M. Barotra for France; Eric Tegner for Denmark, and Signor De Morpurgo for Italy.

"Babe" Ruth, Sultan of Swat, Will Sit in Grandstand Today When Yanks and Senators Open Season

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 11.—Tomorrow George Herman Ruth becomes a "sadder and a wiser man."

The home run king cannot play for 38 days because he defied Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, and went barnstorming in exhibition baseball.

While hundreds of thousands of fans in the eight American league cities are marking one day off their calendars tomorrow the misbehaving "Babe," notwithstanding long, gruelling training in the south, will be seated in the grandstand of the park at Washington, looking on, listening to the blare of the opening day —"sadder and wiser."

Ruth to Loaf.

For 38 days Ruth will loaf while the public impatiently stamps its wearied feet and Colonels Houston and Ruppert, owners of the New York Yankees, pay the heavy hitter his regular stipend, reliably reported to be $75,000 a year.

Babe went through all the calisthenics of training, including baseball practice, country hotels and slow trains, with his teammates, came to New York with them and will be on hand when they open in the capital. But other than being "on hand" he will be of little assistance.

During the period of his "jugging" Ruth will be missed by Washington, Boston and New York fans, particularly by the Congressmen, as the Yanks make two trips to the capital before Ruth's "time is up." It will be May 27 before the official family can see Ruth in Washington.

Dons Uniform May 20.

Ruth will don a Yankee uniform May 20, at his Polo Grounds home, and be permitted to stay on the playing field to his heart's content, and if he is in condition, Huggins will stick him into the batting order for his 1922 debut. It may be that he will not be in condition.

"That's what is worrying me," Manager Huggins said today.

Ruth is universally acknowledged to be the greatest figure in baseball today. He is paid the highest salary of any athlete in the history of competition, is the most powerful magnet at the turnstiles and, judging by the photographs of him that deck the streets, flash across the movie screen and appear regularly in the sporting pages, he is the most popular.

Golfers Debate Cause of Men's Superiority in Driving Power

Chicago, April 11.—The tremendous driving ability of Miss Glenna Collett of Providence on the golf links as compared to the average woman golfer has started a discussion among golf experts as to why women cannot drive as far as men.

The forum also mulled the reason why the best female golfer could not score as low as the male champions. Some of the ruminators held that the difference was anatomical, others that it was muscular, while still others declared the whole difference was mental.

The anatomists contended that such long drivers as Miss Collett, who can hit the ball 230 yards or more, as compared to 330 by Jesse Guilford, national amateur champion; Miss Marion Hollin, national woman title holder, and Miss Alexa Sterling, former champion, were just as strong muscularly as Harrison Johnston of St. Paul, who can average 300 yards, or Robert Gardner of Chicago, who outdrove Guilford in the finals last summer of the championship. The difference, they maintained, lay in the bone and joint structure. They cited authorities to the effect that a woman's sternum and shoulder joints are so constructed as to prevent freedom and strength combinded, so important to a lusty wallop with a brassie. They quoted again that the pelvis was similarly incapable of the strong pivoting, or body twist, that helps propel the ball, and added that the wiriness was not so great in the female ankle for the foot rock or the wrist snap. They also pointed to the straight hips of such experts as James Barnes, national open champion; Jock Hutchison, British open champion, and Willie Hunter, British amateur title holder, and others, as proof that the straight lines of a man were more fitted for long driving than the modulated structure of women.

The psychologists based their arguments more on the scores of the two sexes, as long driving does not necessarily spell victory in golf. They held that women with ages of uxorious life behind her had never acquired the leonine courage instilled in man as the protector of the home, and that without this courageous determination to play boldly and firmly under difficulties, woman could not equal man's par on a golf course.

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