

THE WORLD OF SPORT

SIXTEEN MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS OFF TODAY IN PENNANT RACE

All Other Teams Intent On Humbling Giants and Yankees.

REDS' HURLERS BEST

Pittsburg, With Strong Pitching and Hitting, Looks Like Real Contender.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 14.—The forces of major league baseball inaugurate their 1924 pennant season campaign tomorrow.

Fandom east and west is keenly awaiting the opening shout of "play ball" that will mark the close of the long "off-season" and send the sixteen American and National League outfits off on a battle for supremacy that will not close until the last week in September.

Fair weather is promised for the inaugural games, and indications point to record outpourings of the faithful to compare pre-season ratings of their favorites with actual performances.

The chief fight in both major leagues this year is clean cut—a combined attack by seven clubs in each circuit to dislodge the mighty New York Giants and Yankees, pennant victors in their respective organizations for the past three years, who will seek to shatter National and American League precedent by capturing their fourth straight emblems of triumph.

The world's champion Yankees are overwhelming favorites to set diamond history with another American League pennant. Detroit, with improved pitching and a heavy attack, but weakness around second base, and Cleveland, a hard-hitting outfit, with only a fair defence and mound corps, loom up as the chief rivals of the Yankees, who bank upon their brilliant hitting and an offensive of swat, led by Babe Ruth, to blaze the path to another triumph.

Giants Favorites. The Giants are also generally picked to finish again in front and fulfill an ambition to win the pennant once before failed to gain after winning three straight pennants. But the National League champions, forced to rebuild their pitching staff after its collapse last fall and to reconstruct partially their infield and outfield, face a more formidable task than the Yankees.

The Cincinnati Reds, with the best hurling staff in the league, but lacking some of the McGraw attack, and the Pittsburgh Pirates, with a strong offense and good pitching prospects, stand out as contenders-in-chief.

Umpire assignments for the opening games in the National League were announced today by President John A. Heydler, as follows:

At Philadelphia—O'Day and McCormick.
At Cincinnati—Klem and Wilson.
At St. Louis—Moran, Pfirman and Powell.
At New York—Quigley, Hart and Sweeney.

EXPECT RECORD CROWD. Associated Press Despatch. Detroit, April 14.—If the weather is not wet one of the greatest crowds ever to attend a sporting event in Detroit will be jammed into Navin Field at 3 o'clock tomorrow, when the Tigers and Cleveland Indians open the 1924 American League season. This was the opinion of club officials, who announced receipt of 50,000 requests for the 17,500 reserved seats.

Temporary "circus bleachers" have been strung around the outfield to handle part of the record crowd expected. Although no definite announcement has been made, Manager Cobb's pitching choice for the opener is said to rest between Earl Whitehill, George Dauss and Bert Cole, with the odds favoring Whitehill's selection because of his better condition.

Race Results

BOWIE RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 4 furlongs—Bernice Harrar, 115 (Morris), \$2.90, \$2.60, \$2.00.
Trigler, 115 (Marinelli), \$3.90, \$3.10, second.
Catharine Douglas, 115 (Milner), \$5.10, third.

Time, 1:49.
Dusky Belle, French Lady, Tarrace C. Marguerite E., The Crole ran.
SECOND RACE, 5 furlongs—Just, 115 (Lang), \$5. \$3.60, \$2.90, won.
Haughty Lady, 111 (Barnes), \$21.80, \$8.50, second.
Conscript, 115 (Lee), \$2.90, third.

Time, 1:09 2-5.
Lard Kamen, Bonnie, Laddie, Concoct, Sand Rock, Shine On, Thomasin, Rhinelandale, Gold Rock, Comedy, U. S. Steel ran.
THIRD RACE, 7 furlongs—Arendal, 107 (Murphy), \$4, \$3.20, \$2.80, won.
M. Maxim, 98 (Lang), \$6.30 \$4, second.
Antilles, 107 (Wallace), \$8.50, third.

Time, 1:28 2-5.
Lovellness, Zouave, Duke John Poedie, Huckleberry Plinn, Demos, Cavendish, Theasilly, Mumbo Jumbo, Belle of Plymouth ran.
FOURTH RACE, 7 furlongs—Ajbula, 88 (Howard), \$6.30, \$5.70, \$3.60, won.
Febrah, 88 (Lang), \$3, \$2.90, second.
Salmon, 97 (Marriner), \$12.30, third.

Time, 1:27.
Bodlehem Steel, Quick Time, Warren Lynch, Chae J., Craiglin, Mountain Rose, H. Kirah, Valentia ran.
FIFTH RACE, 7 furlongs—Listen, 102 (Miner), \$6.50, \$2.80, \$2.30, won.
Top Sergeant, 117 (Stirling), \$2.80, \$2.40, second.
Aldila, 100 (Wallace), \$2.90, third.

Time, 1:27.
Clansman, Hidden Jewel, Jack Fairman also ran.
SIXTH RACE, mile and eighth—Normal, 113 (Dawson), \$6.10, \$4, \$2.50, won.
Majority, 113 (Mergler), \$7.10, \$3.10, second.

Time, 1:58.
Lord Wrack, 113 (Rose), \$2.30, third.
Attorney Muir, Neapolitan, Royal Charlie, Our Birthday also ran.
SEVENTH RACE, mile and eighth—Wessie B., 107 (Wallace), \$3.30, \$3, \$4.20, won.
Smarty, 107 (Miner), \$3.70, \$3.10, second.
Waywassamo, 112 (Lee), \$5.90, third.
Time, 1:58 3-5.
Soviet, Col. Whallen, Little Ammie, Gen. Cadorna also ran.

P-l-a-y B-a-l-l!

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn at New York,
Boston at Philadelphia,
Pittsburg at Cincinnati,
Chicago at St. Louis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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

"UNCLE" WILBERT ALWAYS POPULAR

Danny McPhee's Boss Still Considered One of Biggest Assets of Game.

W. O. McGeehan has the following to say of Danny McPhee's boss: "Uncle Wilbert Robinson's artless Dodgers seem to have had a more or less calamitous trip north with the Yankees. Of course these exhibition games mean nothing at all in connection with the league race, but they seem to have caused some lugubriousness in Flatbush. Already those to whom the frankness and honesty of Uncle Wilbert Robinson have been a constant offense, are beginning to show much concern as to the future of the Dodgers. They are claiming that Robinson has a collection of real first division material, which is far from the truth."

It is true that Charles H. Ebbets, the good old squire of Flatbush, made one magnificent gesture when he offered \$275,000 for Rogers Hornsby in the open sports market of Chicago. The Dodgers have a few good pitchers, but the rest of the club is just a ball club. If they land up in the first division it will be because of the genius of Wilbert Robinson in the handling of very mediocre material.

Somehow, Uncle Wilbert Robinson is the handling of the Dodgers' minds me very much of Uncle Wilbert Robinson in his flivver on the way to the ducking shore. The flivver is somewhat asthmatic and decidedly wobbly on its wheels. Embarking with Uncle Wilbert Robinson the guest would be willing to give odds that the flivver would never make the return trip. But somehow Uncle Wilbert always is able to coax it from Baltimore to the South River, rain, hail or snow.

Needs No Alibis. If he had a good car half of the excitement of the trip would be destroyed by the pitching staff. If he had an expensive ball club like the Yankees or the Giants I believe that half of the fun of the baseball season would be gone for him.

There is no disposition here to belittle the achievements of McGraw and Huggins, who kept the world's largest collection of dollars where the Dodgers have been able to spend only tens of thousands. The Yankees now have perhaps the most expensive collection of athletes ever gathered together, and the cost of the Giants is not very much lower.

Squire Over-Thrifty. Charles H. Ebbets, the good old squire of Flatbush, has the reputation of being over-thrifty. Perhaps this is not exactly deserved. It stands to reason that the squire cannot spend with the same prodigality as Colonel Jacob Ripper and Charles A. Stone, who are always ready with the smoothly-running fountain pen and the check-book when there are gaps in the lineup of the Yankees or the Giants.

There are times when this sort of competition seems a bit unfair. In order to demonstrate his ability as a manager, Uncle Wilbert Robinson ought to be given something to manage. But there is never a squawk coming from the rotund manager of the Dodgers. He troubles his flivverlike team into the field every year as though to say, "Oh, well, we are going somewhere this season, and anyhow, we will be around there anyhow, and the cost of the more expensive machines."

In addition to his knowledge of the game and his genius as a baseball strategist, his sunny personality makes Uncle Wilbert Robinson not only the biggest asset of the Brooklyn Dodgers but one of the biggest assets of all organized baseball.

CHESS MASTERS TAKE DAY OFF PREPARING FOR FINAL

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 14.—Chess masters competing in the international tournament rest today in preparation for the twenty-first round tomorrow, which is expected definitely to decide the first five positions and money prizes. Wednesday will be devoted to completing adjourned games. The twenty-second and final round will be played Thursday.

Dr. Emanuel Lasker of Germany, world's champion for 25 years until dethroned by Jose R. Capablanca of Cuba in 1921, has only to win or draw his two remaining games to clinch first place, even though Capablanca wins his final brace.

Golf

AS CHAMPIONS PLAY IT



Is it a good thing for a player to be constantly striving to drive long distances? (If not, what are the harmful effects of so doing?)

Answered by JOHN BLACK.

"The Carpenter of Troon" whose great gamesmanship and mastery of golf make him feared at all tournaments. Particularly competent on approach shots.

It is bad practice for a player who is trying to build up his game to strive for long distance. Long distance comes from proper timing of the swing, and if the player is trying for distance all the time he will not get the timing right. He should try to hit easily and relax until the snap that the timing is about right. Then he can hit with a little more snap. Long driving does not come from hard hitting. It comes from relaxing and getting the snap at the right place. If a player is trying to hit hard all the time he will naturally tighten the muscles and will be unable to get a long drive.

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RUGBY RESULTS.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 14.—Games played in the Rugby Union over the week-end resulted as follows:

Moseley 15, Stratford-on-Avon 3.
Worcester 16, Kidderminster 6.
Old Edwardsians 16, Waterloo 12.
Old Blues 27, U. G. S. Old Boys 0.
Sunder 6, Old Halliburians 6.
Southend 16, Old Dunstonians 5.
Abercromby 12, Llanelli 6.
Crumlin 31, Macdonald 6.
Risca 8, New Bridge 3.
Tulway 20, C. W. M. Brian 13.
Newton 6, Cambourne 3.
Cheltenham 6, Waverhampton 6.
Nuneaton 14, Aston old Edwardsians 5.

PERCY PARK WINS.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 14.—Percy Park defeated Northern 4 to 3 in the final of the Northumberland senior rugby cup played at Gosforth over the week-end.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE.



On the Side Lines

With C. S. G.

BACK TO THE SOURCE.

Considering the misunderstandings that arise from the use of the telegraph and telephone in athletics, and especially girls' basketball, it mightn't be a bad idea to go back to smoke signals.

HE WASN'T A PIRATE.

The public have been asked to weep alligator tears over the fate of poor fighters who get into the grasp of unscrupulous managers. No doubt there are many fight managers of that type, and the constant pounding they receive while plying their trade does not tend to sharpen the fighters' financial acumen any.

However, Jack Bulger, who died the other day following an operation, is one fight manager who doesn't seem to have flinched his charges at all. Although manager of Mickey Walker, a world's champion, even though rather an inactive one, Bulger's relatives have been unable to find any trace of holdings of any kind.

NO JUNIORS, ALL "SENIORS."

Spanish fighters are getting to be just about as common as the Spanish prisoner letters. And just about as authentic. Senior Andrew Balsa of Barcelona, Spain, is the latest arrival in New York. He looks like Tom Sharkey. If he performs like the sailor, the Spaniard will have to be taken seriously in the ring.

DOESN'T UNRAVEL!

The soccer tangle doesn't seem to unravel at all. The O. F. A. is in the position of telling the Maple Leafs that they must not play under the L. A. A. A. in the O. F. A.'s Provincial League. The O. F. A. needs all the teams it can get, so this ultimatum must have caused a real struggle.

There is little doubt but that the C. F. A., the newly-organized soccer body, will survive and eventually dominate soccer in Canada. Once soccer players who stick to the D. F. A. and O. F. A. are refused amateur cards for other sports, as they will be, now that the A. A. U. of C. has become mixed up with soccer, the real situation will be driven home.

The present situation is that the C. F. A. have placed themselves under the Dominion governing body, and have received the concession that players now resident in Canada, though known to be ex-British pros, will be whitewashed, but that all players arriving from a certain date must show amateur credentials from the Old Country.

The Dominion Football Association, on the other hand, want the same loose conditions to prevail as heretofore, which permitted pro players to be brought over here and whitewashed as they passed through the customs.

Considering the small number of real pro soccer players who might be induced to come over to Canada, the policy of the D. F. A. looks like a short-sighted one. Some of the players who perform in Canada, giving the impression they are ex-pros, would have an easier job to prove their amateur status than producing a record in professional soccer over some.

WOODSTOCK TO HAVE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

Football Association Members Elect George Couch President For Year.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, April 14.—At an enthusiastic meeting in the G. W. V. A. rooms tonight, the Woodstock Football Association was organized, with George Couch as president. The other officers elected were: Honorary presidents, Frank Hyde and A. E. Woodroffe; executive, F. C. Harrington, J. W. Bryan, J. Payne, J. Purcell, and Tunstall, W. D. Ellis and James F. Nicol; secretary-treasurer, William Young.

It was decided to enter a team in the intermediate series of the W. F. A., and J. W. Bryan was named to represent the association at the annual meeting in Listowel Friday. The formation of a city league was authorized, and the Oxford Rifles, the G. W. V. A. and Woodstock College expressed their intention of entering a club team from the east end and also expected to enter a team in the city league.

The schedule will be drawn up, and play in the city series starts as soon as the entries are complete. Considerable new soccer material is available in the city this year, and a very successful season is anticipated.

TORQUAY IS VICTOR. Associated Press Despatch. London, April 14.—In the semi-final of the Devon senior rugby cup, played at Exeter over the week-end, Torquay defeated Sidmouth 6 to 0.

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ST. THOMAS FORMS INTERMEDIATE LOOP

New O. B. A. A. Circuit May Include Shelden, West Lorne and Dutton.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, April 14.—At an enthusiastic meeting of baseball fans here tonight it was agreed to form an intermediate O. B. A. A. group to be composed of four or six teams.

Shelden, West Lorne and Dutton were represented and expressed their desire to enter an intermediate group with St. Thomas teams. The West Lorne representative stated that he had no power tonight to say definitely that his team would enter, as another representative was meeting the officials of the Kent County League this evening, but he would speak definitely next week.

A committee was appointed to interview Al. Hurd, chairman of the O. B. A. committee, with a view to having the diamonds at Athletic Park put into condition. R. J. Cottrell assured the league that the senior group would do all in its power to co-operate with the intermediates. A meeting has been called for next Monday to line up the teams. It is possible that a city league will be formed from the teams not included in the intermediate O. B. A. A. group.

OTTAWA BOXER BEATEN BY STRIBLING IN PHILLY

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, April 14.—"Young" Stribling scored a technical knockout against Tex McEwen of Ottawa, Ont., in the seventh round of their scheduled ten-round bout here tonight. Referee Baily stopped the fight to save McEwen further punishment.

Stribling gave McEwen a severe beating. Taking the offensive at the opening gong, the Georgian hammered and pounded his opponent about the ring almost at will. McEwen fought gamely, but was no match for Stribling, and was saved by the bell in the fourth and fifth rounds. McEwen weighed 170 pounds and Stribling 187.

WOODSTOCK GUN CLUB PLANS SHOOT FRIDAY

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, April 14.—The Woodstock Gun Club is staging a big merchandise shoot Good Friday, when it is expected a large number of shooters will be on hand. Four events will be staged with six valuable merchandise prizes in each. Besides, there will be a number of specials for high gun, local high gun, long run, ending up with a booby prize.

EDIE ROUSH HAS NINE PUTOUTS PLAYING OUTFIELD

Associated Press Despatch. Cincinnati, April 14.—An unusual occurrence was recorded in yesterday's Cleveland-Cincinnati baseball game when Edie Roush had nine putouts in center field three more than the first baseman.

Two sessions of practice were held today in final preparation for the opening of the championship season with the Pittsburgh Pirates tomorrow.

Exhibition Games

At Baltimore.
Boston Nationals 4 8 0
Baltimore 2 6 0

At Waterbury.
Toronto 1 6 1
Waterbury 0 2 1

POOK-BREBNER FIGHT IS HEADLINER TONIGHT



Quebec Heavyweight Meets Champion in Season's Final Mitt Show.

SEATS GOING FAST

Local Sportsmen Volunteer Services To Handle Testimonial Boxing Card.

Evan Shute, the inter-collegiate light-heavy champion, could not make the trip up here to meet Cy Pook on tonight's boxing bill at the armories, but the genial Cy is going to be an added starter, nevertheless, in an exhibition bout against George Brebner, a heavyweight from Quebec, who has had a lot of experience in amateur ranks, and since his arrival in the Railroad City has given Cy some of the toughest workouts. This will be Cy's last appearance before he goes to the Dominion trials on the 25th to defend his light-heavyweight title.

The card was intact last night, and should remain so until the opening gong tonight, barring railroad accidents or earthquakes. The possibility of plenty of action tonight has apparently got to the ears of the fans, judging by the interest shown in the advance seat sale.

Face Splendid Future. The card doesn't bristle with top-notchers from the titular angle, but neither did the mystery "Q" boats bristle with guns during the late unpleasantness, but they produced plenty of action, nevertheless.

The talent appearing on tonight's bill, arranged as a testimonial to Sgt. Tommy Wallace by the London Garrison A. A. Elgin Regiment of St. Thomas and the Perth Regiment of Stratford, just about embraces Western Ontario's amateur pugilistic hopes.

Pook, Gardner, Bear and several others on the card are boys who face a splendid future in the mitt game. Some others may rock out a future for themselves tonight, because there is nothing much more uncertain than a boxing bill.

Taylor to Referee. A. T. Taylor will handle the bouts. He has donated his services, and will have as judges Tom Cook and George Wesley.

Many other sportsmen, interested in the work Wallace has been doing to develop amateur boxers in London, have volunteered as ticket sellers, odd takers and ushers.

The bouts will start sharp at 8:15, but the doors will be open an hour earlier to look after the rush of fans, who have not been given a boxing show for over a month.

PLAY TO 0-0 TIE. Associated Press Despatch. London, April 14.—Cardiff City and Huddersfield failed to reach a decision in their scheduled game of the first division of the English Football final score read 0-0.

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