

DERBY ODDS STILL FAVOR LITTLE ALSAB



Sports Hodge-Podge BY CARLE HODGE

Major league baseball was making money long before it even thought of playing under lights—and in times when there was much less of the green stuff in circulation than is right now. Then we can't see why all the excitement about dim-outs.

Procy Ford Frick gallantly declares that the national pastime will do anything to help the war effort. That's mighty sweet of him.

We walk to and from work and just about everywhere else—no more tires, cars or gasoline. Pay exorbitant prices for everything. Can't volunteer but may be drafted any minute. Are allowed only a spoon of sugar in each coffee cup. And there are millions of others in the same boat.

American blood is being shed on foreign soil, and Mr. Frick says he wouldn't mind giving up an extra dollar or two by not spotlighting ships for the U-boats.

Baseball should definitely continue—even if passing a collection plate for donations is necessary—to keep up the national morale. But it should lose no time in finding out if those are lights are showing up vessels on the coast.

And if they are, the glow must go. People will go right on seeing games. The fellow who has enough intestinal fortitude to brave a crowded subway car to get out to Ebbets field for a look at "dem bums" would certainly be on the spot for a twilight tilt.

If the arcs have no effect on illuminating the coast, night games should certainly continue. There should be no doubt, though, what to do otherwise.

An added thought: Now comes the story that the Navy has turned down Champ Miller Les MacMitchell because of a weak ticker. His heart, it seems, beats slower after exercising than before. As a real test, though, we would suggest that he be shown a few of those Miami bathing beauty pictures.

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Ban On Night Baseball May Not Be Necessary

ARMY WILL TEST EFFECTS OF ARCS OVER COAST AREA

Valentine Declares Games Under Lights Will Continue If Possible

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Apr. 30.—(AP)—Night baseball in the New York area, a threatened \$200,000 casualty of the army's dim-out precautions against enemy craft, received a welcome reprieve today when Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine said he "hoped" it would not be necessary to ban the arclight contests.

The matter has been in a high state of confusion for several days now. First, an army spokesman said explicitly that there was no immediate intention of blanketing the normal "glow" over the city, to which the ball park flood lights contribute only nominally. But yesterday Commissioner Valentine, whose task it is to enforce army regulations, said that "naturally it will affect baseball and other sports at night."

So the baseball magnates' hearts thumped somewhat easier after the Commissioner, in reply to a set of questions submitted by the Associated Press today, indicated that he at least still was of an open mind.

"I hope it will not be necessary to discontinue night baseball," he replied, "and I did not at any time yesterday say that it would be necessary. We may find some scientific method of preventing the glow and glare from these powerful lights above the horizontal, which we hope will permit the continuance of night baseball."

He offered no suggestion as to how the glow from the parks might be subdued, however, and baseball men who were questioned professed to be at a loss. Floodlights in all parks are aimed downward on the playing surface, and the glare which arises is reflected from the diamond.

As for night fights in the local parks, they appear to be on the safe side at least temporarily. "Boxing contests," the Commissioner said, "are in a different category. As you know, there isn't nearly the lighting requirements for fights that we have for baseball games."

There still is plenty of time for each of the local baseball plants with lighting equipment, Ebbets field and the Polo Grounds, to put on a special test for the army and police officials before the first night games are scheduled May 22.

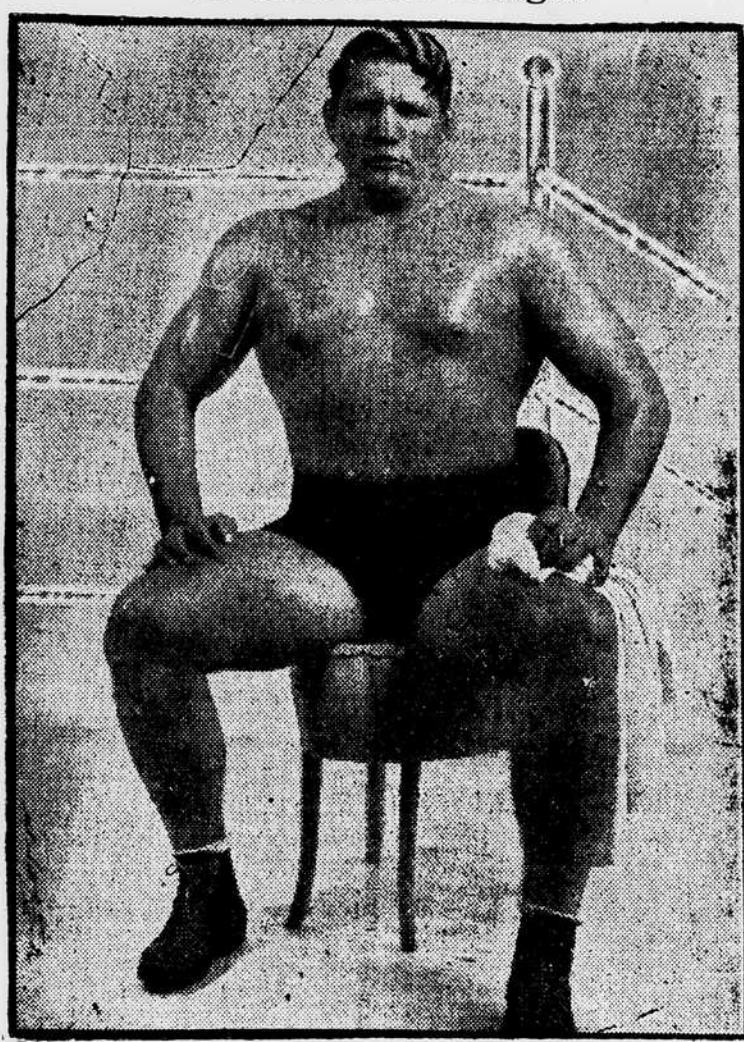
The Giants and the Dodgers are to play a twilight game May 8, at Ebbets field for the benefit of Army and Navy relief, but they will start at 4:30 P.M. and should not need lights to finish.

The military problem involved in the current mix-up appears to revolve around whether it is possible for an enemy surface craft offshore to silhouette a ship against the high glow of the city. Apparent the question must be settled before Valentine makes his final decision on night ball.

"We hope, of course, that the Commissioner will permit us to play," said a National league figure, "but not if it might cost the life of a single man at sea."

Other points of the Eastern seaboard are concerned with the same problem, and it was reported that the Army would make a thorough test during the first night game at Philadelphia on May 22 to see if the reflection was visible down Delaware Bay.

On Card Here Tonight



Chief Little Beaver, Cherokee Indian, who wrestles Stranger White at Thalian Hall tonight.

Ethyl-Dow Probable Team To Beat In Loop

New Chemist Squad Is Strongest Yet, Opens Play With Opticians Monday

Ethyl-Dow's softball team will be at its strongest it has been in its four-year history, Manager Max Register said this week. The addition of several new players and the fact that the 1941 regulars now have a year of experience under their belts establishes the Chemists as the team to beat in the Victory softball league this summer.

Last year Register's Blue-stockings won the first half of the old Independent league, and lost out in the play-offs at the end of the season to the clubbing Taylor-Colquit team.

The Dow pitching staff again will consist of crafty Slugger Brown, Wilmington's perennial softball chucker, and 6 foot 2 W. Parker, who pitched good ball the end of last season. Brown won 13 games last year, and Parker, though late in joining the club, managed to win 8 games himself.

With these two veterans alternately dishing up the ball to opponents the Dows have the best-balanced pitching staff in the league. Both field their positions well and both can sock that apple for long distances.

Either can handle an outfield position when the other pitches so that no punch at the plate is lost. Ralph Horton, last year's rifle arm catcher, will handle both pitchers in his own undisputed style.

The Chemist infield will be even stronger this year than last, when it established itself as the best infield in Wilmington. W. S. McKeithan, recognized over a period of years as Wilmington's best fielder and most consistent hitter in both softball and baseball, again will hold down shortstop.

Lanky Billy High will be the target at first base, Speedster Morris will handle the keystone sack, and newcomer S. Strickland will take care of the hot corner. Strickland promises to be the year's new star with his fielding and hitting, and may be just what Register needs for a league title.

As reserves Dow can call on Earon for duty either as a pitcher or as a first sacker, and J. High can fill in at any of the infield spots.

The outfield will be picked from Herring, W. Moore, Raynor, Stephens, Peterson, Turnage and Pete Crawford. All can go get that white pill and all know what to do with the willow. Victory league teams this year will be up against the most consistent hitting and flashiest fielding team around when they are unfortunate enough to clash with Ethyl-Dow.

Major League Standings

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League
Boston 7, Chicago 2.
Brooklyn 11, Cincinnati 8.
St. Louis 7, New York 3.
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2.

American League
Washington 1, Chicago 0.
Boston 4, Detroit 3.
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 1.
New York 3, St. Louis 0.

THE STANDINGS

National League
Brooklyn 14 3 .823
Pittsburgh 13 3 .800
Boston 9 6 .599
New York 8 8 .500
St. Louis 7 7 .500
Chicago 7 9 .444
Cincinnati 5 10 .333
Philadelphia 4 12 .250

American League
Cleveland 10 3 .769
New York 10 5 .667
Detroit 1 7 .125
Boston 9 6 .600
Washington 9 9 .470
St. Louis 7 11 .388
Philadelphia 5 12 .294
Chicago 3 12 .200

TODAY'S GAMES

American League
Detroit at New York—Trout (2-1) vs. Brewer (2-1).
Cleveland at Washington—Harder (1-1) vs. R. Kennedy (0-0).
Chicago at Philadelphia—Rigney (1-2) vs. Knott (0-2).
St. Louis at Boston—Muncief (1-3) vs. Dobson (2-1).

National League
New York at Chicago—Koslo (1-2) vs. Moggy (1-2).
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—Fitzsimmons (0-0) vs. Heintzelman (2-0).
Philadelphia at Cincinnati—Podgajny (0-1) vs. Riddle (0-3).
Boston at St. Louis—Salvo (1-1) vs. Warneke (0-2).

THE BIG SIX

Player, Club, G, Ab, R, G, Pct.
Dickey, Yankees 13 48 6 21 .438
Gordon, Yankees 14 54 7 22 .407
Doerr, Red Sox 8 30 7 12 .400
Fernandez, Braves 17 73 9 26 .356
Brown, Cardinals 15 57 2 20 .351
Murtaugh, Phils 14 43 7 15 .349
Walker, Dodgers 12 43 9 15 .349

HOME RUNS

National League
Camilli, Dodgers 6
F. McCormick, Reds 5
Litwiler, Reds 5

American League
Keltner, Indians 6
York, Tigers 6
Williams, Red Sox 5
Doerr, Red Sox 3

RUNS BATTED IN

National League
F. McCormick, Reds 18
Marshall, Reds 17
Brown, Cardinals 15
Camilli, Dodgers 15

American League
Spence, Senators 19
York, Tigers 15
Williams, Red Sox 14
J. Dimaggio, Yankees 14
Fox, Red Sox 14
Gordon, Yankees 14

Rookie Beats Giants For St. Louis Cards

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—(AP)—Howie Pollet, the youthful southpaw who made a sensational debut in the National league late last season, achieved his first 1942 victory today with a four-hit performance that enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to down the New York Giants 7 to 3.

For eight innings Pollet pitched a one-hit shutout and he succeeded in suppressing a ninth inning rally in which the Giants scored all their runs on a walk, singles by Mel Ott and John Mize and a triple by Hank Danning.

Chisox Lose Seventh Straight, Bow To Nats

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—The cellar-shackled Chicago White Sox were dealt their seventh straight defeat today as Washington's young Early Wynn beat 41-year-old Ted Lyons 1 to 0 in a pitching duel.

Wynn permitted the Sox only five hits and none in the final five innings, while Lyons yielded the Senators only four hits.

Chicago 000 000 000—0
Washington 1000 000 00x—1
Runs batted in—Vernon. Two base hits—Campbell, Jones. Three base hits—Spence. Stolen bases—Jones, West, Case. Left on bases—Chicago 7; Washington 7; bases on balls—off Lyons 5; off Wynn 3. Struck out—by Lyons 1, by Wynn 2. Umpires—McGowan, Hubbard and Passarella. Time—1:55. Attendance—2,000.

RED SOX BOMBARD DETROIT, 8 TO 3

Dom DiMaggio, Johnny Peacock Lead Boston Attack; Newsome Pitches

BOSTON, April 30.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox bombarded three Detroit pitchers for 13 hits and a total of 21 bases today to give Dick Newsome his third straight pitching victory of the season by an 8-3 margin in the series windup.

Dom DiMaggio, who performed in sensational fashion afield, and Johnny Peacock led the Boston attack by connecting safely three times—and Ted Williams indicated he was on his way out of his batting slump by homering in the third inning.

Detroit 020 000 100—3 6 1
Boston 021 310 01x—8 13 0
Runs batted in—Bloodworth 2, Hitchcock, DiMaggio 2, Williams 2, Newsome 2, Pesky and Peacock. Two base hits—Bloodworth, Higgins, Hitchcock, Pesky 2, Fox, Doerr and Peacock. Home run—Williams. Sacrifices—Tabor and Newsome. Double plays—DiMaggio to Fox, Left on bases—Detroit 7; Boston 7. Bases on balls—off Fuchs 2; off Henshaw 1; off Manders 1; off Newsome 5. Struck out—By Henshaw 1; by Manders 1; by Newsome 1. Hits—off Fuchs 6 in 3 innings (none out in 4th); off Henshaw 4 in 3; off Manders 3 in 2. Losing pitcher—Fuchs. Umpires—Summers, Rommel and Pipgrass. Time—1:58. Attendance (actual)—5,482.

Phils Snatch 6 To 3 Victory From Pirates

PITTSBURGH, April 30.—(AP)—The Phils won their fourth game of the season today and won it the hard way, exploding four home runs against the Pirates to snatch a 6 to 3 victory. The triumph snapped a five game losing streak for the Quakers.

Lefty Frank Hoerst was returned the winner, his second of the year. Only one Pirate run was earned the first two coming on Bobby Bragan's two-run wild throw.

Philadelphia .111 110 001—6 12 2
Pittsburgh .020 100 000—3 9 1
Runs batted in—Glossop, Warren, Etean, Northey, Gustine, Litwiler 2. Two-base hits—Glossop. Home runs—Warren, Etean, Northey, Litwiler. Stolen bases—Etean, Sacrifices—Lopez, Waner. Double plays—Gustine and Fletcher; Gustine, Coscarart and Fletcher 2; Murtaugh and Glossop. Left on base—Philadelphia 7; Pittsburgh 10. Bases on balls—off Hoerst 5, off Dietz 1, off Lanning 1, off Klinger 1. Struck out—by Hoerst 3. Hits—off Dietz 4 in 1-1-3 innings; off Lanning 3 in 2; off Klinger 4 in 4-2-3; off Butcher 1 in 1. Losing pitcher—Lanning. Umpires—Sears, Dunn and Stewart.

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YANKS SHUT OUT BROWNS, 3 TO 0

Ernie Bonham Hurls Second Hitless Game As New York Rallies In Series

NEW YORK, April 30.—(AP)—Big Ernie Bonham pitched his second shutout and third straight victory of the season today with a four-hit performance that brought the New York Yankees a 3 to 0 verdict over the St. Louis Browns after they had lost the first two tussles of the series.

Bonham gave a superb show, facing only 30 batters. Besides four hits, no more than one to an inning, he walked two men but the Yankees reeled off three double plays.

Bob Harris gave a creditable rebuttal, holding the world champions scoreless 'till the fifth when Joe DiMaggio singled two runs across. After Harris gave way to a pinch-hitter in the eighth, the Yanks added another run off Al Hollingsworth on two singles and an error.

St. Louis 000 000 000—0 4 1
New York 000 020 01x—3 8 0
Runs batted in—DiMaggio 2, McQuinn, Keller, Sacrifices—Henrich, Priddy, Rizzuto and Hasset; McQuinn and Stephens; Rizzuto, Priddy and Hasset. Left on bases—New York 10; St. Louis 3. Bases on balls—off Harris 3; off Bonham 2; off Hollingsworth 1. Struck out—By Harris 4; by Bonham 3. Hits—off Harris 6 in 8 innings; off Hollingsworth 2 in 1. Losing pitcher—Harris. Umpires—Geisel, Grieve and Rue. Time—1:38. Attendance (paid)—8,519.

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FUTURE BOOK IS STILL SELECTING SABBATH ENTRY

Game Requested Arrives At Louisville Unheralded As Post Time Nears

By SID FEDER.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—(AP)—The final future book odds tonight for Saturday's Kentucky Derby still had Alsab—beaten seven times in a row this season—the betting choice, adding another dizzy doing to the collection that makes this "daffy" Derby of all times.

Any resemblance between the Alsab of today and the great Itita juvenile champion of 1941 is purely coincidental.

At the same time, game little Re-quested, who came to town almost unheralded yesterday, in spite of his important Wood Memorial and Flamingo stake victories, zoomed up in the current wagering almost alongside the Chicago Downs strip for the first time with a neat 1:54 3-5 mile and an eighth workout.

Requested clicked off the last quarter in a snappy :24 4-5, and didn't complain about being the least bit tired at the finish.

The result was that, although the local betteges still had Alsab at 3-1-2 to one in the futures, the chances were the Derby fans sitting in on the party would make either Requested or Mrs. Payne Whitney's solid entry of Devil Diver and Shut Out the betting choice when the barrier springs on this 68th running of the Derby.

Meantime, while Alsab figured to plummet not only out of the favorite's spot but also from a place among the top three choices, it was learned the chances for Warren

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