

# The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, April 18.—(AP)—Curt Davis of the Brooklyn Dodgers hit a home run opening day, which may be an indication of the extent to which pitchers will be forced to go to win their games this year. They'll even learn to bat.

Davis may be classed as a fair hitter as pitchers go, but the average run of moundmen may be classed as automatic outs. That is, except for the chance of their being handed a base on balls by some jittery chucker or an error some accidental being made as well stay on the bench and have an out charged against their side.

Possibly the chief reason the pitchers don't hit so well is lack of practice, as they face real pitching every fourth day or so, and except on the days they work they don't take their practice licks regularly.

A contributing reason, through, probably is indifference; an attitude that they are doing all they are expected to do when they do their best on the mound. It's up to the other guys to get the runs. Consequently they don't try to learn, with the result they are yanked out for pinch hitters in games they might have stayed in and won or lost their own ball games because they can't get a ball out of the infield with the winning run on third.

There are plenty of examples to prove that pitchers can learn to hit if they really set their minds to it. You might take Babe Ruth as exhibit "A," but maybe it would

## YANKEES WALLOP BOSTON NINE, 6-2, TO COP LOOP LEAD

### Hank Borowy Hurls Five-Hit Ball; Yanks Tally Five Times In Third

NEW YORK, April 18.—(AP)—Five-hit pitching by Hank Borowy and a big five-run third inning enabled the New York Yankees to trim Boston, 6-2, today for their second straight victory. President Will Harridge was one of the 7,489 fans.

Don Savage's single scored Johnny Lindell for the first run of the game in the second and the Yankees clubbed Rookie Jim Wilson from the hill and continued on Yank Territory for four hits good for five scores in the next frame. Gerge Stinewiss, Lindell, Nick Etten, and Joe Buzzas singled during the rally.

Borowy lost his shutout in the eighth on a combination of a bad throw by Stinewiss, Ben Steiner's single and two infield outs. Stinewiss was caught stealing on his first 1945 effort in the first inning on a perfect peg by Fred Walters.

A few have been so good they were able to cash in on their hitting ability by taking fielding jobs when their pitching days seemed finished. Johnny Cooney, for one. And Joe Wood, the elder, who became an outfielder after a great career on the mound.

This year, with many blind spots in the batting orders, it might be a good idea for the pitchers to brush up on their hitting for their own good. Most teams are going to need all the plate power they can get, and eight hitters and a ghost stepping up there, well, it isn't so good.

## League Heads Move Into Salary Fight

CHICAGO, April 18.—(AP)—Leslie O'Connor, chairman of the Major League Advisory Council, and, indirectly, the Federal Government today moved into the salary squabble of the St. Louis Cardinals' stellar brother battery, Mort and Walker Cooper.

O'Connor announced, after an hour and a half conference with the Coopers in his office, that he would "look into the situation" and issue a ruling within a few days. The brothers are demanding salary increases from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually which, O'Connor admitted, may be complicated by the attitude of the Office of Wage Stabilization.

## DETROIT EVENS UP BY SHUTTING OUT BROWN NINE, 11-0

### Dizzy Trout Holds Loser To Seven Blows, While Bengals Get 21

ST LOUIS, April 18.—(AP)—The Detroit Tigers squared their series with the St. Louis Browns at one game each in decisive fashion today, batting five pitchers for 21 hits and an 11 to 0 victory, while Paul (Dizzy) Trout had easy sailing in setting the champions down on seven scattered blows.

Trout, winner of 27 games against 14 losses last season, never was in trouble. Only two Browns got past second base, McQuinn on a triple in the second inning, and Kreevich on a wild pitch in the ninth.

Jack Kratzer, leading 1944 pitcher for the champions, failed to survive the second inning but none of the successors fared any better against the Tiger attack.

## REDS WHITEWASH BUCCANEERS, 6-0

CINCINNATI, April 18.—(AP)—Big Ed Heusser, who reported late for training from his Contifut, Utah home, threw an eight-hit 6 to 0 shutout today as Cincinnati made it two in a row over Pittsburgh's Pirates.

The Reds were quickly away to a one run lead in the first as Dain Clay, first up, walked advanced on an infield play and scored on Frank McCormick's double. They added another in the fourth, then four more in the eighth.

## Football's Sinkwich Inducted Into Army

FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kans., April 18.—(AP)—Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia University's All-America football player of 1941 and 1942, was inducted into the Army at Ft. Leavenworth today.

Sinkwich, who played professionally with the Detroit Lions in 1943 and 1944, entered the Marine Corps Reserve following his graduation from Georgia, but was discharged because of flat feet.

Already accepted for service, he arrived at Ft. Leavenworth late yesterday and was put through the induction station today.

## League Leading Giants Blast Brave Nine, 8-4

### PHILLIES DEFLATE 'DEM BUMS', 6-2

BROOKLYN, April 18.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies evened their series with the Brooklyn Dodgers at one game apiece taking today's game 6-2 with the aid of a five-run outburst in the fourth inning at the expense of Ben Chapman.

Rookies Granville Hamner, Bitzy Mott and Vance Dinges featured the Philly rally. The younger of the Hamner brothers singled with the bases full to drive in the first two runs and after Pitcher Dick Barrett stroked, Mott singled in another. Dinges' double accounted for the final two runs of the inning.

BOSTON, April 18.—(AP)—Continuing their display of power hitting, the New York Giants made it two straight over the Boston Braves today, tallying six runs in the final two innings to win 8-4.

Once again the Giants' power house trio of Mel Ott, Phil Weintraub and Ernie Lombardi spearheaded the attack, the manager making three hits, Weintraub two, and Lombardi driving in a pair of tallies in the big four-run ninth inning, with a single.

The Braves got away to a two-run lead in the opening frame when Chuck Workman hit his second homer in as many days with Tommy Holmes, who had walked, aboard. The Giants tied the score with single runs in the fourth and fifth, scoring the first on a pair of singles by George Hausmann and Ott and a double by Weintraub. Nap Reyes' triple followed by an infield out accounted for the second run.

After the Giants had taken a two-run lead in the eighth, the Braves tied the score on a homer by Carden Gillenwater, Eddie Joost's double and a single by Clyde Klutznick. Three singles, a double, a hit batsman and a walk added up to four runs for the Giants in the ninth.

## ATHLETICS BLANK WASHINGTON, 1-0

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—(AP)—Scattering seven hits over 12 innings, Russ Christopher hurled the Philadelphia Athletics to a 1-0 win over the Washington Senators.

The lone tally was scored by Irv Hall as George Kell forced Ed Busch. Hall had reached first on Gil Torres low throw, stole second and taken third on an infield single by Busch.

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## Mrs. Page Still Leads Pinehurst Golf Group

PINEHURST, N. C., April 18.—(AP)—Two extra-hole matches and another that was decided on the 18th green featured today's quarter-final play in the North and South Women's Golf Tournament.

While defending champion Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page of Chapel Hill, N. C., gained a 2 up victory over Mrs. Marie Becker of Englewood, N. J., her opponent in tomorrow's semi-finals, Margaret Gunther, University, Ala., was carried to the 17th hole before outlasting Jean Hopkins, Cleveland, O.



HOW THEY STAND

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS  
American League  
Chicago-Cleveland, ppnd.  
Detroit 11, St. Louis 0.  
New York 6, Boston 2.  
Philadelphia 1, Washington 0.

National League  
New York 8, Boston 4.  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 0.  
Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 2.  
(Only games scheduled.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	2	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Detroit	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Boston	0	2	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000
Boston	0	2	.000

## Recreation Department Plans Junior Baseball

City Recreation Department announced today that the long-anticipated Junior Baseball league has been organized. The age limit on players is 17 years.

The loop is composed of eight teams: Hemenway, Ninth Street Sluggers, Fifth and Castle, Tabernacle, Vance Building, Raleigh Building, YMCA and Lake Forest.

All games will be played at Robert Strange playground, Lake Forest, and Maffitt Village at 5 p.m. Each team will play a total of 14 games, the winner of the first half playing the second half's winner.

## Injured Homing Pigeon Is Discovered By Child

A homing pigeon with a broken wing was found yesterday afternoon on the sidewalk at Ninth and Orange streets, by Edith Ann Brock, 14-year-old daughter of R. P. Brock, 901 Orange street, according to a report last night by Mr. Brock.

The pigeon was said to be wearing a red leg band with the figure "10" stamped on it, but was carrying no message, Mr. Brock said.

Mr. Brock said he was unable to locate the owner of the bird, and officials at the Blueenthal Army Air Base were unable to offer any information concerning the injured pigeon.

## News Syndicate Head Dies of Heart Attack

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 18.—(AP)—Joseph V. Connolly, 50, president of Kings Features Syndicate, International News Service died here early today of a heart attack and International News Photos, attack.

He was stricken while returning to his Pelham, N. Y., home from a movie theater with his wife. He had been in ill health for several months. In 1940 a serious operation caused him to give up his post as general manager of all Hearst newspaper properties.

Connolly joined King Features in 1920. He became president of INS in 1934 and of INP in 1936.

He was a veteran of the first world war.

Survivors include his widow, one son and one daughter.

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## Chess, Checker Club Inducts New Members

Chess and checker fans will have their full opportunity for free-for-all competition when the New Hanover Chess and Checker Club meets each Tuesday night at the Industrial USO.

The last meeting featured a team match captained by Bill Eubanks and R. C. Harris. Eubanks' team emerged victorious 29-19.

Also four new member, Empie Latimer, Louis Goodman, S. F. Hightsmith, and D. A. Herring, were inducted.

## HOME EXERCISES

NEW BERN, April 18.—In addition to extensive recreation programs under way here for boys, girls, young men and young women, including service personnel, Selwyn Orcutt, city recreation director, has started a series of light exercises and games for housewives who want to lose some of their weight. Calisthenics and basketball are being featured at present.

## SPANISH AIRPORTS BARRED TO NAZIS

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reaching Madrid by this route were blocked by military authorities in Barcelona.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—A Government official expressed gratification at Spain's action today in forbidding all German planes to land in Spanish territory.

Concern over the possibility that Nazi war criminals might escape to Spain with their loot by regular airline service had mounted increasingly as the Allies closed in on the Reich.

## Rabies Inoculations Scheduled For Area

William Lassiter, City rabies inspector, has announced that dog vaccination clinics will be held Saturday. Vaccination is required each spring for all dogs six months old or more.

The clinics location of the ETAA Location of the clinics and time are: The corner of Fifth and Brunswick streets, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Williston High School, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; The corner of Tenth and Grace streets, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Plaza, Fifth and Castle streets, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## BASKETBALL LOOP TO MEET

The Sunday School Basketball loop's meeting, originally scheduled for the Grace Methodist church will be held tonight at 8 p.m. at the YMCA. All members are urged to attend. Awards will be presented and T. T. Hamilton will address the group.

## Thalian Mat Matches Are To Be Thrillers



"Tomorrow night's Thalian Hall mat matches promise to be one of the most—if not the most—outstanding wrestling cards of the entire season," says Promoter Bert Causey.

Female grapplers, one of the biggest box-office attractions in the United States, are to be the main feature of this gala event. Four ladies will display their talents in the same ring at the same time.

Violet Valentine and Popular Ann Miller, the pretty little gal from Baltimore, will compose one team, while Nell Stewart and the rough and ready "Mysterious Miss Red" will compose the other.

There should be plenty of hair-pulling, bone-bending, and everything short of a "regular old-fashioned hog killing" when these four team up in the bag-team match. The usually bood and seldom cheered referee will have his hands full when these fast and tricky Misses meet. Incidentally, the referee will be none other than Dave "Murphy" Cohen, a Holly Ridge tavern keeper. The girls' match, which is to headline the card, will be two out of three falls with a 75 minute time limit.

Sonny Meyers, the "Sinatra" of grappling, will pit his science and strength against the "Old Meanie" himself, Jumping Jim Coffield.

Meyers lost quite a bit of blood last week when "Texas Jack" O'Brien popped him one in the mouth, by Meyers says that he is ready, willing, and able to deflate Coffield.

There will be no advance in the price of the duets, however. Caution was very emphatic when he said that the "free-list" was cut off once and for all.

## WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Temperature  
1:30 pm, 66; 7:30 am, 68; 1:30 pm, 72; 7:30 pm, 72.  
Maximum 81; Minimum 64; Mean 72; Normal 63.

Humidity  
1:30 am, 95; 7:30 am, 92; 1:30 pm, 67; 7:30 pm, 51.

Precipitation  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.88 inches.  
Total since the first of the month, 1.73 inches.

Tides For Today  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

High	Low
Wilmington 3:24a 10:44a	3:34p 10:59p
Washington 1:21a 7:48a	2:30p 7:57p

Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.; Sunset, 6:46 p.m.; Moonrise, 11:48 a.m.; Moonset, 1:29 a.m.

## Newspaper Association Names Contest Winners

CHICAGO, April 18.—(AP)—The Rhinebeck, N. Y. Gazette; the Brighton, Mich., Argus, and the Redwood City, Calif., Tribune, won first place honors for general excellence in their respective classifications in the National Editorial Association's better newspaper contest, the Association announced today.

The Gazette was rated the best of 55 weekly newspaper entries having circulations of more than 1,500. Second place in this division went to the Elkin, N. C., Tribune, and third to the Jefferson County Union, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

## MONTANAN IS HIGH SCORER

ANACONDA, Mont. April 18.—(AP)—Perhaps one of the greatest high school scoring records in the nation's 1945 play was set during the recent Montana tournament, when Jimmy Cordial, Anaconda forward, scored 96 points in four games for an average of 24 points a game.

## State Downs Pre-flight For Third Time, 13-4

RALEIGH, N. C. April 18.—(AP)—N. C. State's Red Terrors, their long-distance hitting again predominating, made it three in a row over the Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters by coasting to a 13 to 4 Ration League victory here today.

The triumph put the State College lads in second place in the league standings behind the undefeated North Carolina Tar Heels.

The Cloudbusters gained a short-lived advantage in the second frame by shoving across two runs but a homer by State's Paul Gibbons in the same inning and three more State tallies in the third ended the initial Pre-flight threat.

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