

Baltimore Boxer Wins European Theater Title

LONDON, April 20.—(AP)—Cpl. Leo, Matriciani of Baltimore, Md., captured the European Theater heavyweight boxing championship today, scoring a decision over Cpl. Willard Reed of Indianapolis, Ind., before a crowd of 4,000 in Albert Hall.

Pfc. Herbert Williams of New Orleans, La., won the lightweight crown, knocking out Cpl. Trinidad Marques of El Paso, Tex., in 30 seconds of the first round.

Results in other divisions: Light heavyweight—Sgt. Aaron Kah, Brooklyn, N. Y., defeated Sgt. James Wade, Birmingham, Mich.

GIANTS WALLOP BROOKLYN, 10-6

NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP)—Phil Weintraub's two homers, each with a man on base, paced the New York Giants' 13-hit attack on three Brooklyn pitchers today for a 10-6 victory before 23,640 fans at the Polo Grounds opener.

Harry Feldman was lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh with the Dodgers only one run behind but Ace Adams protected the home club's lead.

Starter Tom Seaver was yanked in the third with the bases loaded and none out and Ernie Lombardi greeted Reliever Clyde King with a two-run single, boosting his season runs batted in total to 13 and giving the Giants a lead they never yielded.

SOVIETS 7 MILES FROM NAZI GOAL

(Continued from Page One) spearheads surged across the Sprea and captured Hoyerswerda, 31 miles northeast of Dresden.

The Germans said the Russians had driven another 15 miles west, shoving a wedge into Senftenberg, only 34 miles from the American First Army on the Mulde river at Wurzen, east of Leipzig.

BERLIN REPORTED ASKING FOR PEACE

(Continued from Page One) their C rations and had a picnic in front of the Nuernberg rostrum from which Hitler used to sneer at "decadent democracies."

Now "decadent democracies" had overrun most of his greatest cities from the west, and had promised him that before long they would overrun a few more and meet the Russians from the east.

INDIANS DEFEAT TIGER NINE, 4-1

DETROIT, April 20.—(AP)—Steve Gromek, 25-year-old Hamtramck, Mich., righthander, yielded only six hits today as the Cleveland Indians whipped the Detroit Tigers 4 to 1 in Detroit's home baseball opener before a crowd of 28,357 fans.

The Indians, recording their first win of the American League season, knocked out Lefthander Frank Overmire in the third inning when Myril Hoag and Ed Carnett doubled and Pat Seery singled for Cleveland's last two runs.

Cleveland counted once in the first on two hits and once in the second on a walk, two singles and an infield out.

Walter Wilson, Detroit rookie pitcher who succeeded Overmire, pitched shutout ball for 6 2-3 innings.

The Tigers got their only run in the sixth on doubles by Rudy York and Don Ross.

Totals Ab. R. H. O. A. E. Cleveland 33 4 10 27 8 1 Detroit 11 1 2 0 0 0

WHITE SOX TAKE BROWN NINE, 3-2

CHICAGO, April 20.—(AP)—The Chicago White Sox triumphed over the championship St. Louis Browns, 3 to 2, in ten innings today for their third consecutive victory.

A chilled crowd of 3,649 saw Ed Lopat, winning White Sox pitcher, close a home run in the third inning with Ellis Clary, Browns' third baseman, also connecting with a homer in the fifth, both coming with the bases empty.

Leroy Schalk's right field double in the tenth, scoring Hockett who had singled and reached second on Dickshot's sacrifice, broke up the game.

15 YANK SHIPS SUNK BY ENEMY

(Continued from Page One) sides engaged in the heaviest dueling of the Pacific war.

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the 10th Army in the campaign only 325 miles below Japan's southern mainland, said that Army and Marine artillery, aided by aerial pounding and naval gunfire, had thoroughly blasted the enemy's positions and communication system.

"But we all know we'll have to use blowtorch and coxswain methods to get them out," Buckner added.

YANKEES DEFEAT WASHINGTON, 6-3 IN CAPITAL TILT

Baseball Pays Respect To Late President: Rayburn Tosses Ball

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The Nation's capital paid its respect to the late President Roosevelt today in the Washington baseball opening as New York's Yankees defeated the Senators, 6 to 3.

A hushed throng of 24,494 stood as Under-Secretary of War Patterson; Will Harridge, American League president; Walter Johnson, one-time Washington pitching great; and Owner Clark Griffith of the Senators lead the march to the flag pole for brief ceremonies, followed by a minute of silent prayer in memory of the man who frequently befriended baseball.

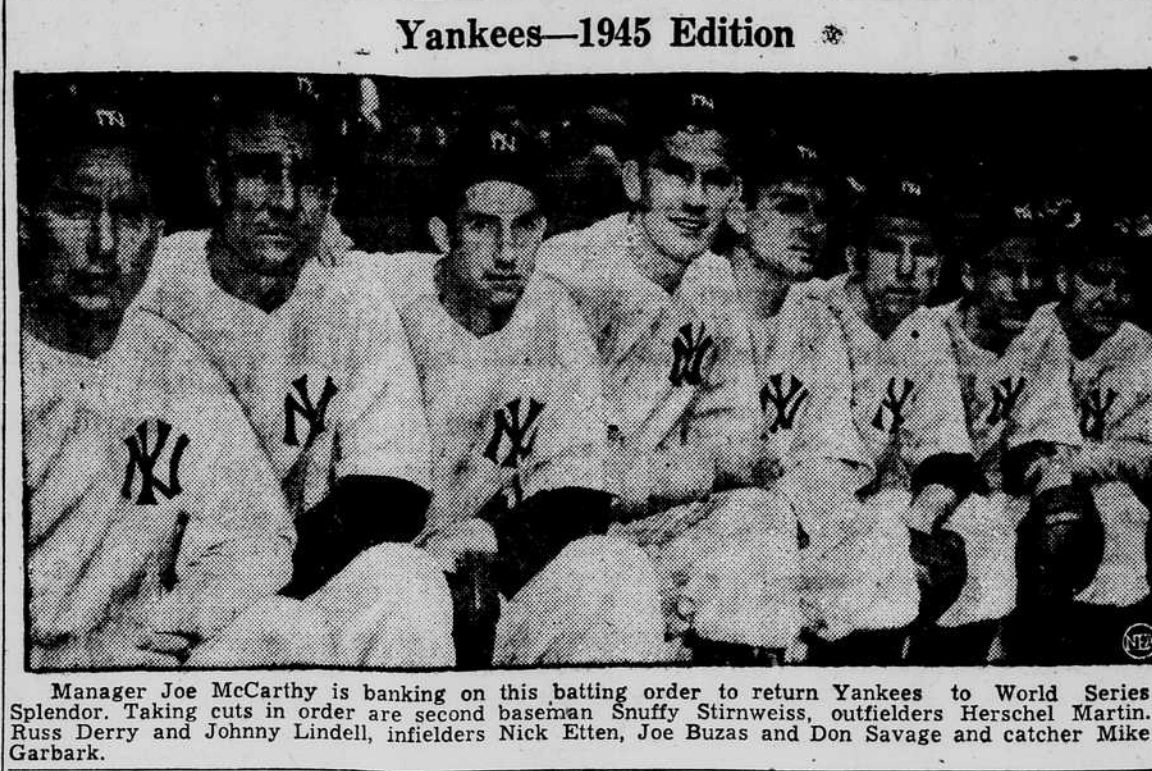
Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, stood in front of the Presidential box and threw out the first ball, caught by Santiago Ullrich, Rookie Washington pitcher from Cuba.

Under heavily overcast skies, the game began as a pitchers' duel between Floyd Bevens of the Yankees and Mickey Hafner, little Washington southpaw, but neither was around at the finish.

Yankee bats began speaking with authority in a three-run assault in the fourth inning, and they made it 5-0 in the fifth before Bevens grew wild. With the score standing 5-3, Yankees, in the sixth, Al Gettel, freshman from Norfolk of the Piedmont League, came in for the Yankees and blanked Washington the rest of the way.

New York hurler, Steve Gromek, 25, pitched a 2-3-1 record, striking out seven and walking three.

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Manager Joe McCarthy is banking on this batting order to return Yankees to World Series Splendor. Taking cuts in order are second baseman Snuffy Stirrweiss, outfielders Herschel Martin, Russ Derry and Johnny Lindell, infielders Nick Eiten, Joe Buzas and Don Savage and catcher Mike Garbark.

Mrs. Page Captures Title At Pinehurst

Becomes First To Win Historic North-South Event Seven Times

PINEHURST, April 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Estelle Page, playing only because she had been asked by her husband, a wounded soldier, easily defeated Mrs. John Gessler of Chestnut Hill, Pa., in the final round of the North and South Women's Golf tourney here today, to become the first seven-times winner of the historic event. The score was 5 and 4.

Previous to her victory today, the sturdy Chapel Hill, housewife had shared with Mrs. Glenna Vollett Vane of Philadelphia the distinction of having won the title six times.

Mrs. Page had been urged to enter the tournament by Sgt. Julius A. Page, now being treated in a hospital in England for battle wounds which may prevent him from playing golf again himself.

When she closed out the match against her youthful opponent Mrs. Page virtually collapsed in the arms of her father, Dr. Robert B. Lawson of Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Gessler, the former Annette Coar who became a bride three weeks ago, was three down at the end of the first nine. She could not stand up against her veteran competitor's long wood shots, deadly chipping and dependable putting.

The 10th was halved, Mrs. Page went four up on the 11th after the Pennsylvania girl bunkered her tee shot. Mrs. Page took the 12th with a birdie by sinking a 20-foot putt. Mrs. Gessler came back with a 20-foot putt herself on the 13th to stay in the running but Mrs. Page closed it out with a 5 and 4 count on the 14th hole.

The cards: Page out 454 544 434-37 Gessler out 645 553 644-42 Page in 533 54 Gessler in 554 54

In the consolation round, Mrs. Thomas Rudel of Roslyn, L. I., defeated Pat Harrington, of Steubenville, Ohio, on the 18th green.

AMERICANS BUILD NEW ROCKET BOMB

(Continued from Page One) on the German holdout garrisons in the Bordeaux area on the French Atlantic coast. This fire bomb resembles the extra gas tanks carried by planes in their wings.

The American special aircraft engineering section has also been responsible for the development of the P-38 fighter plane into a high altitude precision bomber known as "droop snout."

The new rocket-propelled high explosive bomb can be packed like ordinary bombs. When it is released and straightened out in flight, a special fuse sets off the rocket charge. According to experts who have seen this bomb on the practice range, it maintains perfect stability during flight.

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Rocky Mount Beats New Hanover, 15-3

BRAVES DEFEAT PHILLIES, 6-5

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—(AP)—A three-run homer by Butch Nieman with two out in the ninth inning, gave the Boston Braves a 6-5 win over the Philadelphia Phillies today in the National League season opener here.

Pfc. John Rizer, wounded infantry veteran, threw out the first ball before 2,600 rain-soaked fans, including Mayor Bernard Samuel.

A circuit clout by Vince DiMaggio boosted the Phillies lead to 5-2 in the third inning.

Charley Schanz 13-game winner for the Phils last year, was charged with the defeat.

Nieman's four-bagger was his only hit in five trips, and the eighth for Boston. The Phils had nine off Johnny Hutchings.

Totals Ab. R. H. O. A. E. Boston 33 6 8 27 10 1 Philadelphia 11 1 2 0 0 0

HALLSBORO BEATS JUNIOR VARSITY

HALLSBORO, April 20.—A homer in the last half of the 12th by Ray Cook, former first sacker for the Whiteville Junior American Legion team, gave HallSBoro baseballers a 7-6 victory over the Junior Varsity of New Hanover High school here this afternoon.

This was Cook's second homer of the day. His hits included one double.

Wilmington lost the game in the seventh, when HallSBoro scored four runs over the Junior Varsity's 5-2 lead. Going into the eighth, Wilmington made only one run.

Charles Smith was leading batter for the New Hanover Jayvees with three singles.

Going the full trip, W. A. Brown allowed the HallSBoro team eight hits, while the Jayvees made 11 hits, taking nine off Sessions, who was relieved by Council in the eighth.

John McMillan replaced Williams (Doc) Newton at South Carolina and Bert La Brucherie left the Los Angeles high school ranks to become the UCLA mentor after Babe Horrell resigned.

Duke Opens Baseball Season With Marines In Durham Park Today

DURHAM, April 20.—(AP)—The 1945 Duke University baseball team getting off to its latest start in recent years, launches its season here tomorrow afternoon by playing host to the strong Cherry Point Marines. The tilt begins at 3 o'clock in the Duke park.

Coach Jack Coombs' Blue Devils are expected to have their hands full since the Leathernecks defeated Carolina Pre-Flight and North Carolina's Tar Heels in games earlier in the week.

Duke's other two spring athletic squads also see action tomorrow. The tennis team, after opening its season with William and Mary College here this afternoon, departed for Atlanta, Ga., to tackle Georgia Tech's racquet swingers, while the Blue Devil trackmen travel to Annapolis, Md., to match wits with the United States Naval Academy Middies.

DURHAM, April 20.—(AP)—William and Mary's all-victorious tennis team today beat Bob Cox's Duke Blue Devils, 5-2, in a match which was shortened because of rain.

Famous Blooper Hurler Captures 100th Victory

PITTSBURGH, April 20.—(AP)—Rip Sewell, master of the famous bloop pitch, chalked up his 100th major league victory today as the Pirates out-hit the Chicago Cubs 14-9 for a 5-4 victory in chilly weather that held the Pittsburgh home opener crowd down to 9,449.

Outfoxing the Cubs with his bloopers and fast ones, the Pirates' star hurler struck out six batters after losing a wild pitch that advanced Stan Hack a base and wound up in the Bruins' first run in the opening inning.

Pittsburgh took the lead in the second when Babe Dalengen tripled to score Bob Elliott and came in himself on a single by Frankie Gustine.

Wildcat Horseholders Lose Third Class 'A' Conference Contest

New Hanover High School horseholders lost their third conference game of the season yesterday afternoon to the Rocky Mount Blackbirds, 15-3, on the Thirteenth and Ann streets field.

The Birds, now tied with the Wilson Cyclones in first place in the Eastern Class A conference, took an early lead in the first of the third frame, when they pushed three tallies over the plate.

Al Denson, Rocky Mount short stop stole second. Jack AllSBrook, center field was hit by a pitched ball, and Hoge singled, loading the bases. AllSBrook scored on a pass ball and Hooks stole home.

The Wildcats came back in the half of the third to score a home run when Vic James, Cat third baseman, tripped and scored on Tinkie Rogers' single.

The Blackbirds put the game safely on ice in the fourth when Al Denson, center fielder, and Earl Lanier, Blackbird hurler, bunted and was safe on a fielder's choice. Thorne scored on Pitcher Kenneth Rogers' error.

Denson took a walk and AllSBrook made a homer, scoring Lanier and Denson.

Trailing 12 runs in the eighth the Cats added two more runs when Hardison and Sharpe walked, and Jimmie Smith, who went into the game in the seventh to replace Price at short, doubled.

Vic James led the hitting attack for Wilmington with two singles and a double for four trips to the plate.

Al Denson paced the Rocky Mount batters with three singles for five trips.

The Blackbirds collected 13 hits and made three errors, while Wilmington cashed in eight hits and six errors.

Score by innings: Wilmington 010 200 000-6 Philadelphia 013 001 000-3

ATHLETICS BEAT BOSTON RED SOX

BOSTON, April 20.—(AP)—With Coach Del Baker as acting manager, the Boston Red Sox dropped their fourth straight game today when the Philadelphia Athletics opened the Fenway Park season with a 5-3 victory before a chilled and skimpy 3,489 crowd.

The Athletics collected nine hits off three Boston pitchers and got off the mark fast when Frankie Hayes homered with Bobby Estabrook on base in the first inning. Starter Joe Bowman was clubbed for two more home runs in the second on singles by Irvin Hall, George Kell and Ford Garrison.

Righthander Don Black gave the Red Sox nine hits but never was in serious trouble. The home forces scored in their side of the first on a pass, an infield between singles Johnson's tripled between singles by Pete Fox and Nick Polly.

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