

'Batter Up' Calls Sixteen Big League Teams Into Pennant Contention Today

By JOE BREU

It will be "batter up" for all 16 major league baseball teams today as both pennant races swing into high gear with a full schedule of four games apiece.

That is, if the weatherman is in a better mood today than he was yesterday when one game was washed out and the other was played in weather better suited for football.

The largest crowd is expected for the New York Yankee-Boston Red Sox game in Yankee stadium. Fifty-five thousand fans are expected to be on hand to see Bill Wight of the Sox face big Vic Raschi of the Yanks. It will be the first look at rookie wonder Mickey Mantle, by the Yankee home fans.

The big interest in the National league will be in the two games in the east where the four teams listed as contenders for the flag will clash. Top billing probably belongs to the Brooklyn Dodgers-Philadelphia Phillies battle in Brooklyn. The Dodgers will send Carl Erskine against the National league champs' Robin Roberts, twenty-game winner last year. Thirty thousand are expected.

Bickford To Start

Boston's Braves will send Vern Bickford to the mound against the New York Giants in Boston before an expected crowd of 20,000. Manager Leo Durocher will counter with righty Larry Jansen.

The other senior loop games find St. Louis invading Pittsburgh and Cincinnati traveling to Chicago. Pittsburgh will try to make it two straight, having beaten Cincy amid snow flurries yesterday. The Pirates will sendurry Dickson against Tom Poholsky, a rookie, of the Cards. Thirty thousand are expected to be on hand.

Ken Raffensberger will face the Cubs and his mound rival will be Frank Hiller. Expected attendance is 28,000.

The first night opener in American League history will pit the Washington Senators against the Philadelphia Athletics in the Quaker City before 10,000. Bob Muzava will hurl for Washington against Bobby Shantz.

Indians Meet Tigers

Cleveland and Detroit will match talents in Detroit with 54,000 expected to watch the proceedings. Bob Lemon, top winner in the majors a year ago, will face Hal Newhouser.

The final contest will be played at St. Louis with the Browns playing host to the Chicago White Sox. Ned Garver will pitch for the Browns against Chicago's Bill Pierce. The attendance is expected to be 15,000.

The total attendance at the eight games is expected to be close to 242,000.

Both races stack up as three team affairs with one other team in each league given an outside chance. In the American loop, New York, Boston, and Cleveland figure to make strong runs for the flag with Detroit given a chance to break in.

Brooklyn, New York, and Philadelphia are favored to grab off the top three spots in the national. Boston is the dark horse.

Flag Winning Managers



Casey Stengel



Eddie Sawyer

State Linksmen Defeat Lehigh In Steady Rain

Penn State's golf team captured it's opening match Saturday with a win over Lehigh, 5½ to 3½.

A surprising number of fans braved a cold wind and steady downpour to watch the Blue and White golfers conquer a previously undefeated Lehigh team on the Nittany links.

The visiting team brought only six men, thus requiring the match to be scored on a nine point basis instead of the usual seven points. Three points are for best ball and the remaining six were individual.

Robby Tops Baldwin

Number one man for Penn State was Ted Robertson who defeated Dave Baldwin six and five. Jack Wylie, in his first appearance with the Nittany varsity, lost to Larry Carpenter who topped him six and four. Lehigh won the best ball one up.

Tom Crampton secured a point for the Brown and White by defeating State's Captain Joe Duraniak two and one. George Mazanowski defeated Lehigh's Bob Kiesling five and four. Both Crampton and Mazanowski birdied the eighteenth hole to tie for best ball.

Ray Artz scored another point for State by defeating Larry Lund six and five. A newcomer to Penn State's squad, Hud Samson, defeated Cliff Lasto six and five. Penn State won the best ball six and five.

In spite of the unfavorable conditions remarkably good scores were turned in. Robertson's medal score—70—was only one over par. Larry Carpenter, of Lehigh, came very close with a 71.

NCAA Committee To Study Grid TV

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—The television committee of the National Collegiate Athletic association will meet in Washington Wednesday to study proposed experimental football television next fall.

The NCAA headquarters here confirmed scheduling of the meeting, but said details of the 12-man session would have to be announced by Tom Hamilton, Pittsburgh, committee chairman.

Previously, it had been expected the meeting would be held in Chicago following outlining of a steering committee's plan for test telecasting last week at New Haven, Conn.

Earlier this month, the steering committee had met in Washington to explain the status of the anti-video football ban voted by the NCAA at its annual convention in Dallas, Tex., last January.

The convention ban, however, left an opening for experimental televising. In the wake of constant pressure by state legislators and other factions, the NCAA has turned more and more attention to the experimental possibilities.

Phils Sell Donnelly To Boston Braves

PHILADELPHIA, April 16—(AP)—Blix Donnelly, veteran righthanded pitcher, was sold by the Philadelphia Phillies today to the Boston Braves.

The purchase price was not disclosed but it was understood the figures were in the neighborhood of the \$10,000 waiver price.

Donnelly, 36, came to the Phils in the middle of the 1946 season from the St. Louis Cardinals. He was used chiefly in relief roles, appearing in 14 games last season for a record of two victories and four defeats.

\$75,000

FOR A SHELLACKING

WHETHER IT WAS WORTH IT OR NOT REMAINS TO BE SEEN BUT THAT IS THE SUM JAKE LA MOTTA RECEIVED FOR TAKING ONE OF THE WORST BEATINGS EVER SEEN IN THE RING IN HIS FEBRUARY TITLE BOUT WITH SUGAR RAY ROBINSON.

QUIZ CORNER

WHO WAS THE LAST PITCHER TO WIN THREE WORLD SERIES BASEBALL GAMES?

THE ANSWER IS IN 1946 HARRY BRECHEN OF

IN 1863 BASEBALL BATS COULD BE OF ANY LENGTH BUT NOT OVER 2 1/2 INCHES THICK

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Amig Defaults In IM Wrestling

Don Amig, Tau Phi Delta's defending 145-lb. champion, unexpectedly bowed out of the IM wrestling tournament in last night's action at Rec hall.

Amig defaulted midway in the second period to John McCall, ATO. Before the default, it looked like a battle between Amig and Al Pancerev, Phi Kappa Psi, for the 155 honors. Pancerev remained unbeaten last night when he pinned Jim Miller, KDR, in 4:46. Other action in the 155 class saw Bob Pawloski, Kappa Sigma, pin Carl Liachowitz, ZBT, in 3:30; and Vic Straub, Phi Kappa, won by forfeit over Bob McFadden, Phi Kappa Tau.

165 Class
Three decisions and a pin registered in the 165-pound class, Bob Gower, ATO, decisioned Rich Style, SAM, 9-1; Joe Policastro, TKE, defeated Dick Cameron, Beta Theta Pi, 5-0; Marv Borling, Phi Psi, defeated Sam Sanders, Triangle, 7-4; and in the lone fall of this division, Bob Farquhar, Phi Gamma Delta, pinned Ed Barber, Delta Chi, in 2:30.

In the 175 class, only two matches were scheduled. Will Lundgren, ATO, edged Ted Geary, Phi Gamma Delta, 4-2. In the other bout Jim Diehl, Sigma Nu, won a forfeit over Phi Psi's Link Van Sickle.

Heavyweights
The heavyweight class saw Les Burdette, Delta Theta Sigma, and Bob Smith, Beta Theta Pi, advance to the semi-finals in this class. Burdette pinned Pat McPoland, KDR, in 2:38 while Smith did the same to Allan Weise, Phi Kappa Tau.

Tom Runyan, Delta Chi, and John Baffa, DU, also advanced to the semi-finals in the 121 class. Baffa pinned Charlie Webb, Triangle, while Runyan decisioned Fred Fieni, Theta Chi, 5-3.

In the 128 class, Tom Lukas, Phi Kappa Sigma, edged Frank Randazzo, Alpha Phi Delta, 2-0; and George Hamilton, Beta house, pinned Ed Smith, Phi Delta Theta, in 4:51.

In the 145 class, Dick Rostmeyer, Phi Psi, pinned Dick McQuillen, Sigma Chi, and Jim Hancock, Phi Sigma Kappa, also pinned Norm Gage, Phi Delta Theta. In the other match of the evening, Bill Sundius, Theta Kappa Phi, edged Dave Colton, TKE, 3-0.

Only two matches were run off in the independent section. John Clark, 145, pinned John Note, three seconds before the final whistle to register a victory over his opponent, Ron Miller, 135, won his second straight match when he decisioned Paul Whippley, 9-2. In another bout in the same class, Frank Wallis decisioned Doyle Corman, 7-4.

Penn State's lacrosse team split its opening two games with Western Maryland and Navy this past weekend as Coach Nick Thiel opened his 17th season as lacrosse coach at Penn State.

The Lions literally wiped Western Maryland off the field, 17-0, at Westminster, Friday afternoon. However, State fared badly at Annapolis against the power-laden Middies as the Midshipmen bounced them, 10-1, Saturday.

State opened up with three goals inside three minutes against the Green Terrors. Midfielder Bud Wolfram scored two of these; one came at 2:59 while the other crashed the nets at 4:35. John Wilcox sandwiched the other goal between Wolfram's pair at 3:12. John Walker and Bob Koons also tallied in this period as the Lions led, 5-0. The second quarter told the same story for the Lions as they pounded six more shots into the Western Maryland nets. All of the State scores came within three minutes of each other except the first.

Epenshade Hurts Leg

Jack Epenshade, of Philadelphia, was lost to the Penn State lacrosse team for the season when he suffered a leg fracture in the opening game against Western Maryland.

He was admitted to the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, after the game, where he will remain until later in the week.

Dan Grove, of State College, also suffered a cheek injury in the opening game but is expected to return to the lineup in another week.

State also began second-half scoring in quick fashion when John Walker tallied just 30 seconds after the face-off. Three more goals by Paul Raffensperger and Wayne Hockersmith, who tallied twice, gave the Lions a 15-0 lead at the three-quarter mark. Two additional tallies in the last quarter gave Penn State its 17-0 victory.

Against the Middies, Thiel's team didn't play too badly. State made the grave mistake at the start of having its midfielders come out to meet the attacking Navy team. This opened up a gap in the defense which the Middies promptly took advantage of.

Navy Scores First
Navy's Charlie McDonough pushed the first one through at 0:55. This counter was quickly followed by goals by Bob Burch and Larry Treadwell. After a lapse of 17 minutes, in which the Lion defense tightened, Treadwell scored again. Bill Earl then finished up the first half scoring with a goal at 26:12.

State showed some signs of coming back in the second half when Bud Wolfram took a pass from John Wilcox to register for the Lions.

Phil Benedetti, goalie for the Nittany Lions, gave a superb demonstration at that position as he turned away no less than 33 Navy shots.

Mantle Still No DiMag-Henrich

NEW YORK, April 16—(AP)—

Just how good is Mickey Mantle? For the benefit of those who have been too engrossed in the President Truman—Gen. MacArthur rhubarb to read the sports pages lately, Mantle is the sensational youngster who has made the big jump from class C to the New York Yankees in one season. Nearly all who have seen the 19-year-old lad from Commerce, Okla., have hailed him as the rookie of the generation. Those who haven't seen him can't believe what they've heard. Those who have, find it hard to believe their eyes.



Henrich Tutor
An opinion worth considering is that of Tommy Henrich, the Yankee outfield coach who was something of a slugger in his own right. Henrich has been handed the assignment of teaching Mantle, a natural shortstop, all the tricks of the outfield.

"I hate to disillusion you," the ever-frank Henrich said. "Mantle is a rare youngster. He has great potential. He is one of the finest-looking kids I have ever seen. But

this stuff about his being another Joe DiMaggio at the plate, another Ty Cobb on the bases and a future Tris Speaker in the outfield is just so much bunk.

"It just goes to show you what publicity can do. Only a few months ago, Mantle was playing at Joplin. He was doing the same things he is doing today. But nobody ever heard of him. Just be-

cause he's with the Yankees, he becomes the marvel of the age. Such stuff may hurt the youngster.

"Sure, Mickey has a lot of power and he runs like a scared rabbit. But nobody knows how good he is. Why not wait until he faces big league pitching when it counts. What everybody forgets is that he hasn't played a major league game yet.

Lots to Learn

"Mantle has lots to learn. He hits with amazing power but he can be fooled by certain pitches. Maybe not too often, though. And he has more to learn about outfielding. He must learn how to adapt himself to different situations."

How does Mantle compare to DiMaggio when Joe broke in 15 years ago?

"There is no comparison," answered Henrich. "Mantle is a raw youngster who appears to have a great future. Joe was a finished player when he came up. Not only in the field but at the plate. There was only one Joe DiMaggio."