

# SPORTS

## LEAGUE CLUBS TO HIT BETTER

New York, Mar. 31.—(UPI)—The National league, which came within .001 per cent of the American league's general batting average last year, will show considerable improvement in hitting this season, according to baseball writers with the eight National clubs.

A poll of correspondents revealed today that Boston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York are expected to do heavier slugging; Cincinnati may; Chicago and Philadelphia will continue at their 1932 pace, and no improvement is expected from Brooklyn.

Although Bill McKechnie's Braves gained the title of "hitless wonders" in the Florida grapefruit league this season, they are expected to better last year's seventh rank batting average of .276. When McKechnie settles his serious problem of half a dozen holdouts, the team's morale will be better and Willie Berger, Randy Moore, Red Worthington, and Bill Urbanski should start walloping, assisted probably by the newcomers, Art Hunt and Dick Gyselman.

The Pirates, who ranked second in batting with .285, are meeting the onion better than ever. Bolstered by Freddie Lindstrom, last year's sluggers, Paul and Lloyd Waner, Pie Traynor and Floyd Vaughn, are slated for impressive hitting accomplishments.

The Cardinals are expected to regain their lost punch. Joe Medwick of Houston, who played a few games with the club last season, is touted as one of 1933's hitting sensations. He should fill the batting gap left by Charlie Gelbert's hunting injury. George Watkins and Ernie Orsatti may be assisted by Rogers Hornsby and Jim Collins.

Bill Terry's reorganized Giants are showing improvement. They swing viciously, averaging nearly a home run per exhibition game. Terry, Mel Ott, the recently acquired Gas Mancuso, Hughie Critz, and Johnny Vergez are expected to be the big guns, aided by rookie Johnny Ryan and possibly Travis in the San Francisco Seals who

Jackson.

Cincinnati's attack depends on whether the regulars can last 100 games. Babe Herman went to Chicago, but Chick Hafey seems ready for consistent play, and Sunny Jim Bottomley will aid in making up for the Babe's absence. Lombardi, Moore and Grantham should be heavy hitters.

Babe Herman's arrival bolstered Chicago's punch, but it was weakened this week by Kiki Cuyler's fractured leg. The pennant-winning Cubs are expected to hit their 1932 fourth-rank batting stride, with Babe Herman, Riggs Stephenson, Bill Herman and Woody English supplying the drive.

The Phillies, who lead the league with a batting average of .292, should maintain that tempo. Chuck Klein, Don Hurst, Pinky Whitney, Hal Lee and Virgil Davis may be aided by Gus Dugas from the Pirates.

Brooklyn is not expected to improve unless Hack Wilson should have a big season. Forty-year-old Joe Judge, despite his past hitting record, is a question mark. Lefty O'Doul, the league's leading batsman, Tony Cuccinello and Joe Stripp will be the outstanding hitters. Jake Flowers is expected to make a good showing.

At the Training Camps  
By United Press

Los Angeles March 31—(UPI)—The Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates, generally considered as leading favorites for the National League championship, continued their four-game spring windup series today.

Yesterday the Cubs scored in a 16 to 10 victory in a contest featuring by 31 hits, 16 of them for extra bases. The victory gave the Chicago club four out of five games played this spring. Score: Chicago (NL) 16—19—0; Pittsburgh (NL) 10—12—0.

Grimes, Tanning and Hartnett, Z. Taylor, French, Harris and Grace.

San Francisco, March 31—(UPI)—The Chicago White Sox wind up their local visit today, again meeting Johnny Ryan and possibly Travis in the San Francisco Seals who

handed them a 7-3 beating in the first of a two game series yesterday. The Sox were held safely in check by Bill Tenderson and Lester Powers, a rookie, who limited them to nine safe blows. Al Simmons accounted for two of Chicago's runs when he homered in the seventh with a runner on base.

### NINE OTHERS ARE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

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motors of the plane seemed to be in trouble.

Suddenly the craft started to lose altitude, and the pilot shouted: "We're going to have to land. Everyone look out for himself."

A moment later it nosedived with a terrific crash. The plane was badly crushed by the impact.

Virginia Miller, living on the Hyde Tank farm five miles north of Neodesha, witnessed the crash.

Her little sister heard the noise of the motors of the plane, flying low through the heavy clouds. The sister called Virginia to look at the plane. As they watched it, it suddenly dived and struck in a plowed field.

Persons living near the scene of the crash ran to the spot to aid in extricating the injured and removing the dead.

Some of the injured were pinned so firmly that they had to be dug out.

At the Wilson county hospital it was said that a complete list of the injured had not yet been compiled. Many of the injured were unconscious.

The crash occurred on the second anniversary of the worst airplane disaster in the history of Kansas, that in which Knute Rockne and seven other men were killed near Bazaar, Kan.

Bazaar is little more than 50 miles from Neodesha.

The weather today was almost identical with that prevailing on the morning the famous Notre Dame coach and his companions on a Transcontinental Air Liner were dashed to death.

Low hanging clouds made visibility poor over southeastern Kansas.

One of the regular air lines ordered its plane grounded this morning at Oklahoma City on the northward trip because of the weather conditions in this section of Kansas.

Celest Dolt, 72, of Linn Grove, suffered a broken hip Monday when he fell at his home.

### PINS HOPE ON INSANITY PLEA

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disclosed it had decided unanimously that a letter written by Mrs. Judd shortly after she shot Mrs. Leroi and another friend, Miss Hedvig Samuelson, contradicted her story of self-defense.

"She read my face and when I was carrying sad news," said H. G. Richardson, one of her attorneys. "She was stunned, but I do not believe she fully realized the significance of the board's refusal."

"I'm so disappointed," he quoted Mrs. Judd as saying as she turned to receive a comforting embrace from her elderly, white-haired father, the Rev. H. J. McKinnell.

"It's God's will," murmured the pastor.

It recommended "national economic planning, directly aimed at

the raising of standards of living," and extension of federal credit to states and municipalities "to enable them to maintain their public schools."

and Mrs. Clyde Hendricks and family.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Dunbar visited relatives in Anderson, Indiana for a few days.

Elmo Stuckey of Fort Wayne spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Stuckey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price spent Saturday in Fort Wayne.

Miss Ruth Bahner is spending the week with friends at Bluffton.

Mrs. Golda Gault of Decatur spent and Mrs. J. F. Crist.

### MONROE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Hendricks and son McGee spent the week-end at Fort Wayne the guests of Mr.

the week with Mr. and Mrs. William Wiby.

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