

SPORTS

CARDINALS ARE FAVORITES IN SENIOR LEAGUE

Giants, Cubs, Pirates And Reds Seen As Distinct Threat

Daytona Beach, Fla., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—The National league's ratio this season is on a 5 to 3 basis—that is, five contenders and three clubs left over to battle for what's left.

The five top teams are the Giants, Cubs, Cardinals, Pirates and Reds. There's no stand-out among them. The Cardinals have been made the favorites in the betting books, with the Cubs second choices, and the champion Giants third choices.

Actually, the Cardinals are loaded with more problems than any one of the five contenders. They're strictly a gamble. Much depends on Paul Dean's attempted comeback. He may be the key man in the National league race.

The Cubs look like the "solid" team. They led the league last year in fielding, tied for the club batting title with Pittsburgh and were well-equipped with pitchers. They foundered for lack of an extra base hitter who could drive in runs. They have him now in Rip Collins, obtained from the Cardinals. They gave up Lon Warneke, a 16-game winner, but got Roy Parmelee, an 11-game winner in the bargain.

The Giants have had to revise their championship team, and will start with new men at first and third and Hank Leiber in center instead of Jimmy Riddle, an important cog in last year's winner. Bill Terry says his present team is the best he's ever managed but a lot of people want to wait and see.

Pittsburgh carries enough guns to win the title, but the Pirates seldom ever live up to their expectations. The club's main problem now is to get Paul Waner, National league batting champion and a stubborn holdout, in the fold. Without Paul the Pirates aren't the same.

Cincinnati has come on fast, probably showing more improvement than any club but the Reds may still lack the attack to blast their way to the pennant. They seem certain, however, to hustle their way into the first division.

Below these five, we have the Dodgers, Bees and Phillies ready to put on a triple-header scrap for sixth place or the cellar, as the case may be.

Sketches of the eight clubs follow: Giants—Will again rely on pitching and tight offense. Question whether McCarthy will fill first base job and Chiozza at third has to prove his fielding ability. Problematical whether benching of Riddle for Leiber will help. Still have Hubbell, and that means trouble for all.

Champ Gets Writ



Jimmy Braddock

Jimmy Braddock lost round one of a legal battle over his forthcoming fight when a process server caught up with him in New York and served him with a court order requiring his appearance April 5, to show cause why he should fight Joe Louis in Chicago on June 22 instead of first meeting Max Schmeling in New York on June 3.

Dean's comeback, an inexperienced infield and a kid catching staff. If all come through gashouse gang will again be tough. Warneke figures to help pitching staff but has been slow rounding into form.

Cubs—League's best infield and strong pitching. Outfield hinges on Galan's comeback and ability of Rookie Joe Marty to make good. Banking heavily on Collins giving team needed extra base punch.

Pirates—Potentially a champion. Lefty Brandt promises to improve pitching staff and Lee Handley may help at second. Have league's best punch, if and when, P. Waner deserts holdouts. May be Pirates' year.

Reds—Improved enough to crash into first division if any of leaders slip even slightly. Great young pitching staff. Need one power hitter. Team hustling like it's going places.

Bees—Banking on a veteran pitching staff. Weak on left side infield, with weak-hitting shortstop and Vince Dimaggio, a rookie outfielder, at third. Trying hard but will have job to hold sixth place.

Dodgers—Duffy days are over. Barleigh Grimes has instilled new spirit into team, but rebuilding hampered by lack of material. Catching weak defensively, and outfield a problem, outfielders who can hit can't field and vice versa. Mungo's arm biggest asset.

Phillies—Not as bad as last year, but no marked improvement. Three rookies in regular lineup. Pitching fair but club lacks punch of old days. Must get a new first baseman if Dolf Camilli continues to holdout.

Decatur Bowling League Results

MINOR LEAGUE

Cloverleaf		
Frisinger	246	171
Thoms	210	182
Kaylor	126	164
Hooton	118	194
Farrar	184	171

Total.....883 882 822

General Electric

Brown	176	153
Lankenau	123	169
Busse	121	212
Gage	171	159
McIntosh	170	176

Total.....761 860 796

St. Marys

Ulman	125	169
Briede	182	156
Green	177	152
Galligly	184	237
Ladd	163	207

Total.....831 921 902

Riverside

Zelt	146	138
Cherry	137	156
Miller	220	148
Mutschler	195	195
Stump	233	147

Total.....931 784 881

Ford-Lincoln

Lister	186	185
Scheiman	144	176
	140	140
	140	140
	140	140

Total.....750 781 736

Decatur Casting

Spangler	214	137
Ross	198	214
Cline	157	123
Strickler	129	176
Young	179	185

Total.....877 835 855

Monroeville

N. Richards	133	141
Zimmerman	143	100
J. Richards	145	136
	140	140
Bucher	169	134

Total.....765 686 762

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Reed	131	167
Cline	147	136
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	140	

Total.....768 823 800

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Dizzy Proves His Prowess as Slugger Also



Dizzy connects with one

When Dizzy Dean, ace hurler of the St. Louis Cardinals, went to bat in an exhibition game against the Detroit Tigers at Daytona Beach, Fla.,

above, he proved that his ability was not confined to the mound by poling out one of the Tiger offerings for a smashing line drive.

At the Training Camps

By United Press

Reds

Tampa, Fla., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—The Cincinnati Reds released infielder Ed Miller to Syracuse today, subject to recall on 24 hours notice. Manager Chuck Dressen said that if any big league club wanted to make a trade for Miller he is ready to listen but that no cash offers would be considered. Rain kept the Reds off the diamond yesterday for the first time since they began training March 4.

Cubs

Ontario, Cal.—The Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles coast league came here today for another exhibition. The coast league team, scored four runs in the first inning. Larry French and Roy Parmelee threw the Cubs to an 11-8 victory over the Angels yesterday in Los Angeles.

Pirates

Santa Monica, Cal.—Pittsburgh's Pirates bunched seven runs in the sixth inning to beat Seattle of the coast league, 12-8 yesterday. The Pirates were outbatted and made three misplays but Swift and Weaver saved the game in critical minutes.

White Sox

Pasadena, Cal.—Indicating that young Steve Mesner hasn't made the grade, Jimmy Dykes said today he will be at third base when the Chicago White Sox play the Cubs Friday at Yuma, Ariz. The Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates were salted for an exhibition today.

Today's Sport Parade

(By Henry McLemore)

Jacksonville, Fla., March 31.—(U.P.)—"A few more of these exhibition ball games," the man said, "and I'll be screwy, and ready for a trip to the forgot factory."

The man took a pull on his beer, let the smoke from a two-for-fifty cigar idle through his nostrils, and gazed sadly at the ceiling. "Yes sir," he said, "They're driving me nuts."

The sad man is a betting commissioner, and it's his business to lay the odds on anything from midget motorcycles to the grand national. Right now his customers want to bet on the baseball games—the exhibition games of the Grapefruit league. And he says they can't be figured.

"Those screwball managers just don't make sense," he moaned. "They won't let the lineups alone. You lay 8 to 5 on a club, expecting it to be something like the one that played the season last year, and the manager runs in a bunch of fuzzy-eared farm boys who couldn't

hit a curve with a broom, and couldn't field a grounder with a basket. or, soon as a team gets a few runs ahead, and you're figuring on the dough you're gonna collect, the manager puts in a pitcher who couldn't fan me."

The sad gambler told a harrowing tale of his experience in Daytona Beach last Sunday when the Cardinals locked horns, to use an old baseball expression, with the Detroit Tigers. The gambler had \$1,500 riding on the cards and was mentally thumbing its bright green crispness when the Tigers went to bat in the last of the ninth, trailing 4 to 7.

"It was a pipe," the gambler said, "Just three more guys to get out, and this Winford, the Cards pitcher had been knocking off those Tigers like flies. Then that Freisch had a brainstorm. For some reason nobody but a crazy man will ever know, he shoed Winford off the hill and bawled to the bullpen for something named Ira Smith. I asked the guy next to me who this Ira business was and he said he was a rookie from Shabbon, or something like that, Illinois. White, the first guy up, knocked the first ball down the middle for two, and when Walker followed with a single to left I called that Frisch thinks nobody ever called him before. I could feel that \$1,500 climbing right out of my pocket. I didn't really suffer, though, till Gehringer walked, filling the bases. Guess how I felt then? All I had was a grand and a half riding, and there the bases were filled and the Greenberg up. And all I had out there between me and a licking was that Ira Farmer."

The man started shaking so, just from the memory of the horrible moment, that he had to stop for another beer.

As it turned out, he didn't lose his money. Greenberg hit into a double play, and two plays later Terry Moore made a perfect throw from center to nail Simmons, with the tying run, at the plate.

The commissioner said the minor league clubs gave his bankroll fits. "You gotta give odds when those minor guys play a major team, but down here they look just as hot as the big leaguers. Most of the minor teams get in shape in a hurry, and do they shoot the works trying to beat the big guys."

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Tilden Scores First Victory Over Perry

Pittsburgh, March 31.—(U.P.)—Big Bill Tilden, 44-year old tennis veteran, last night scored his first victory over the youthful Fred Perry whipping the English professional by a decisive 6-2, 8-10, 6-3, 6-3 score before 3,208 cash customers.

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YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING GIRL

Admits Buffalo Killing; New York Search Continues

Buffalo, March 31.—(U.P.)—A "model youth," who quit school to care for his widowed mother, who never drank nor smoked and who preferred to stay at home rather than go out with girls, was charged today with slaying 18-year-old Mary Ellen Babcock.

Police said that the youth, Thomas Smith, 18, signed a confession that he stabbed and beat the girl to death because of an "uncontrollable impulse that comes over me once in a while," but he denied that he criminally assaulted her.

Young Smith allegedly admitted the slaying after he was trapped into drawing a picture of the knife found with Miss Babcock's bruised body in a vacant lot seven weeks ago.

Medical examiners said she had died in a futile attempt to defend her honor.

Smith first was arrested for questioning by officers investigating the stabbing Saturday night of 14-year-old Frances Fitzgerald. Originally she claimed she slipped and fell on the ice pick but later she said Smith terrorized her into attempting to conceal the fact that he stabbed her. He had persuaded her to take a ride with him.

Smith admitted the attack on the Fitzgerald girl and then a detective said to him:

"Draw me a picture of the knife found under Mary Ellen Babcock."

Smith, police said, calmly sketched an exact likeness of the weapon.

He told officers that he met Miss Babcock when he was walking home the night of Feb. 6.

"I'd never seen her before," he was quoted as saying, "but I turned and followed her. When I got behind her, I grabbed her. She started to fight and I dragged her across the street. Then I stabbed her and threw her down the bank into the lot. She still fought with me so I beat her with a rock and stabbed her some more. I don't know why I did it except an uncontrollable impulse comes over me every once in a while."

Between the attacks on the two girls, Smith acted in a normal way, police said.

Question Four

New York, March 31.—(U.P.)—The



first persons questioned in the triple murders on Beekman Hill were reassembled at the East 51st street police station today with district attorney Wm. C. Dodge taking his first official part in the case in the questioning of Joseph Gedeon, father and husband of the two women victims. Dodge said prospects for solution of the mystery looked "good." Asked if police had discovered a motive he replied: "If I told you that I would be telling the name of our suspect."

Medical examiner Thomas Gonzales, who deducted the slayer was an elderly man from gray hair found under the nails of Mrs. Gedeon, added that the time of the murder was indefinite, and that they could have taken place over a period of many hours. Gedeon, 54, was roused from sleep for questioning. Georges Guerret, released yesterday; Robert Flower, former husband of Veronica Gedeon, 20, a victim; and Miss Jean Karp, a close friend of the family, also arrived under police escort. The four were separated and an intensive examination began on the strangling of Mrs. Mary Gedeon, 64, the daughter, and the stabbing of Frank Byrnes, a bartender who lived in their home.

Former Policeman Sentenced To

Muncie, Ind., Mar. 31.—Robert Wilson, 38, former police officer, today was sentenced to two years in Indiana prison after pleading guilty to a circuit court to a second-degree larceny charge.

He was charged with a holding station holdup March 14.

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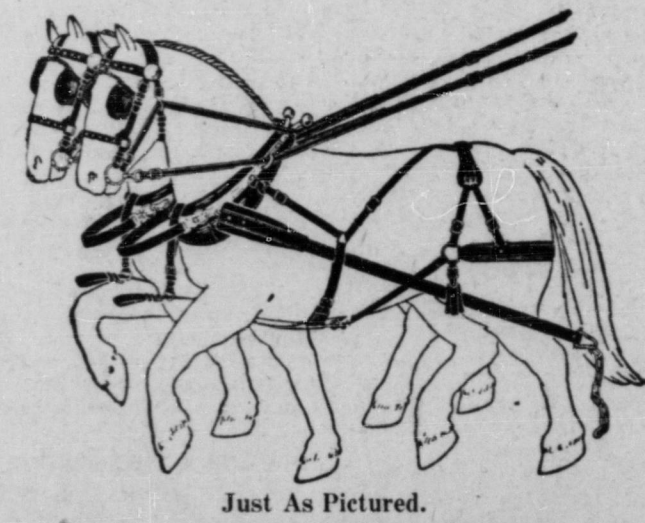
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