

SPORTS

CARDINALS ARE FAVORITES IN SENIOR LEAGUE

Giants, Cubs, Pirates And Reds Seen As Distinct Threat

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Mar. 31.—(UPI)—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 standout 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 founded 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 Ripple, 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 Chiozzi at third, has to prove his fielding ability. Problematical whether benching of Ripple for Leiber will help. Still have Hubbell, and that means trouble for all.

Cardinals—Gambling on Paul

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 6 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—Daffy days are over. Burleigh Grimes has instilled new spirit into team, but rebuilding hampered by lack of material.

Catching weak defensively, and outfield a problem, outfields 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

Frisinger	246	171	177
Thoms	210	182	137
Kaylor	126	164	166
Hooton	118	194	153
Farrar	184	171	189
Total	883	882	822

General Electric

Brown	176	153	199
Lankenau	123	169	132
Busse	121	212	140
Gage	171	150	166
McIntosh	170	176	159
Total	761	860	796

St. Marys

Ulman	125	169	162
Briede	182	156	158
Green	177	152	204
Gallogly	184	237	179
Ladd	163	207	199
Total	831	921	902

Riverside

Zelt	146	138	158
Cherry	137	156	126
Miller	220	148	209
Mutschler	195	195	174
Stump	233	147	214
Total	931	784	881

Ford-Lincoln

Lister	186	185	158
Schelman	144	178	158
	140	140	140
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Total	931	784	881

Decatur Casting

Spangler	214	137	219
Ross	198	174	169
Cline	157	123	128
Strickler	129	176	191
Young	179	185	148
Total	877	835	855

Monroeville

N. Richards	133	141	187
Zimmerman	143	100	124
J. Richards	145	136	125
Bucher	169	134	151
Total	765	686	762

Kuhn Chevrolet

Zehr	167	155	157
Reed	131	167	179
Cline	147	136	122
Mies	183	167	169
Lankenau	198	173	
Total	768	823	800

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Dizzy Proves His Prowess as Slugger Also



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.—(UPI)—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.

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 outhit 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.

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 have 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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Those screwball managers just don't make sense," he moaned.

"They won't let the lineups alone. You play 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

YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING GIRL

Admits Buffalo Killing; New York Search Continues

Buffalo, March 31.—(UPI)—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