

PLAYING

the FIELDS

With Billy Evans

IN considering the pennant chances of a major league ball club, regardless of its strength at the bat, the field on the bases, one invariably gets back to the pitching staff as the big question mark.

During my tour of the big league training camps, I didn't find a single manager who was willing to stand pat on his twirling corps. True, some of the pitchers were better than others, but not one would have turned down the addition of either a star south-paw, right-hander or both.

Jack McCallister of the Cleveland Indians wasn't worrying about his pitching, yet he was hopeful Huddell would come up to expectations. He is the husky right-hander who showed so much promise late last fall.

Connie Mack enthused over his pitching but added there is always room for another good hurler on any staff.

WASHINGTON'S STATUS

GIVE the Washington Club high class pitching and it will be one of the strongest clubs in the majors. In all other respects it is a great aggregation.

The Washington pitching staff is made up of a rather unusual combination, fading veterans and rising youngsters. The injury to Walter Johnson was a terrific handicap. It temporarily put out of commission a dependable veteran.

If the old-timers hold up and the youngsters come through, by that I mean, say two of the many rookie pitchers, Manager Huddell has under contract Washington will be mighty troublesome. Getting such a break is asking considerable.

A similar condition exists in the ranks of the New York Giants. It's a mighty pet ball club that may want for consistent pitching.

Secrets of 16 Years Successful Pitching

BY GROVER ALEXANDER

Veteran Pitcher of World's Champions

THIS is my seventeenth season in the National League and I have often been asked how much longer I expect to remain. My future is uncertain, just like it is with all pitchers.

I have passed my 40th birthday. Judging by the way I feel today, I expect to be pitching big league baseball for at least five more years. I believe I will, barring accident.

But pitching arms are not guaranteed against injury. I have been very fortunate in this respect. As for a sore arm, well I have had only one in my entire career.

This was several years ago while with the Cubs. I had pitched a tough game in Cincinnati on a hot day and we caught an early train for Pittsburgh. While sleeping I knocked the covers off my arm and going through the mountain a stiff breeze blew through the berth.

I woke up the next morning with a kink in the right elbow. It was very stiff but instead of having it massaged I rubbed some olive oil on it for two days. Then I found a warm spot in the muscle and it turned out to be a strain.

I have had but one serious injury. I blame myself for this, too. While

INDIANS GET HIGH RATING IN UNITED PRESS A. A. SURVEY

HORNSBY MUDDLE UNSOLVED

Giants Threaten to Take Case to Courts—President Heydler Firm.

By United Press
NEW YORK, April 9.—With baseball teams returning from their southern training camps to open the championship season on Tuesday, the prospect of legal warfare today threatened to involve the National League in a serious muddle.

Acting in behalf of their new second baseman, Rogers Hornsby, the New York Giants will go into court on Monday to seek a temporary injunction restraining the league and its president, John A. Heydler, from interfering with Hornsby's appearance in the New York lineup.

Decision to take the case to the courts followed a conference of National League club owners in Pittsburgh, which failed to unravel the tangled stock situation in which Hornsby is the central figure. The star infielder owns 1.167 shares of stock in his old club, the St. Louis Cardinals. For his holdings he demands \$165 a share. Sam Breadon, president of the Cardinals, has offered \$60 a share.

It will be the Giants against the field. The seven other clubs of the senior baseball circuit are lined up solidly behind President Heydler.

The National League, hoping to avoid legal recourse, the ramifications of which might disrupt the organization, offered a compromise price of \$100,000 for the block of stock, Breadon to pay \$75,000 and the league and the New York club the remainder. The offer was refused and Hornsby advanced a counterproposal.

He said he had an offer from a person, inclosed, of \$85,000, and suggested the New York and St. Louis clubs, together with the league, make up the additional \$35,000. The club owners vetoed this proposal.

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Betzel's Tribe Placed Next to Colonels in Potential Strength.

RECENT DEALS FIGURE

Guessers Place Hoosiers Second, Milwaukee Third.

By Clark B. Kelsey

United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, April 9.—The ball clubs that bloom in the spring may become the ripest melons at the end of a long summer's campaign, but indications are that the American Association teams will end the season in this order:

1. Louisville Colonels.
2. Indianapolis Indians.
3. Milwaukee Brewers.
4. Toledo Mud Hens.

On par for fifth place—St. Paul Saints and Kansas City Blues.

This conclusion was reached after the United Press had taken a poll of sports editors in the cities having Association clubs, after consultation with league officials, after a thorough study of the teams' rosters and after striking an average on the league experts' opinions.

Nearly every sports editor who was asked to vote on the pennant winner named the Colonels as potential champions of the circuit, despite the records, which show that few clubs capture the flag three seasons in a row.

Bruno Betzel, who accepted the responsibility for the Tribe at Indianapolis when Owine Bush went to the Pirates as manager, recently acquired Outfielder Brickell from Pittsburgh, in addition to Outfielder Walsh from Buffalo and Outfielder Hartley to Boston. Betzel still has a superhydroxy receiving set in Bob Snyder, Ernie Vick and Paul Florence.

At Milwaukee, Manager Jack Lelievre lost a prize in Fritz Schulte, who was sold to St. Louis, but plugged up the gap with Frank Wilson, who lacks Schulte's mechanical genius, but possesses more fire than the Flying Dutchman. Pitcher Dave Danforth signed this week, deserting the hold-out ranks.

R. J. Conner, owner of the St. Paul club, is confident the Saints are as good as any in the league, and boasts it is the best he ever has had. Casey Stengel at Toledo has a formidable outfit which will be made stronger with purchases. It is said Edward (Dutch) Zwilling's Kansas City Blues got Joe Hauser when they lost Bud Brannan. Unless Hauser's housemaid's knee bothers him, he should be a tremendous boost for the Blues.

Mike Kelly's Millers seem to lack something, and they are capable of making errors when errors are valuable to the opposition.

Just what the Columbus team will do under Ivy Wingo remains to be seen. The Senators may not hit their stride later in the season, but with Wingo at the helm, it is quite likely that they'll step on the shoulders to keep out of the basement.

TO TRY COMEBACK
LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Paul Berlenbach, who won the light heavyweight title from Mike McTigue and lost it to Jack Delaney, plans to leave here in a few weeks for the Berkshire Hills of New England to start training for a comeback in the ring.

TO CAPTAIN FADDLERS
PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Johnny Bleecker, Westchester, Pa., will captain the University of Pennsylvania team next year. His best event is the 400-yard free style and 150-yard back stroke, and he led his team in individual scoring this season.

RETURNS TO WORK
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 9.—Gruft, improved in health, George Huff, director of physical welfare at the University of Illinois, has returned to his work, after a stay of several months in the West and South.

PRACTICE GRID GAME
EVANSTON, Ill., April 9.—Northwestern supporters this afternoon will be giving the first opportunity of seeing the style of play of Dick Hanley, the new coach, when two teams from the regular squad, engage in a practice game.

DUAL TRACK MEET
PALO ALTO, Cal., April 9.—All-Stars of the Southern Conference were to clash with track and field athletes of Stanford University in a dual meet here today.

PHILADELPHIA—Joe Williams, Philadelphia lightweight, outpointed Young Womack, Atlantic City, eight rounds.

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EASTERN PLAYERS AT PARK

Rochester Fray Sunday Ends Indians' Exhibitions —Walsh Accepts Terms.

George Stallings' Rochester team of the International League invaded the city today to battle the Indians in exhibition tilts at Washington Park this afternoon and Sunday. Games will start at 3 o'clock.

Rabbit Maranville, Heinie Groh and Eddie Murphy are some of the well-knowns with the visitors. Rochester is called the Tribe in the International and perhaps there will be a lot of redskin chatter heard out on West Washington St. over the weekend.

Cold weather held the Betzelites idle Friday. The feature exhibition battle with Cincinnati was canceled and the Reds went home to meet the Cleveland Americans today and Sunday.

Manager Betzel held a club meeting Friday and discussed signals for the opening A. A. game with St. Paul here Tuesday. Indications point to Burwell or Schupp drawing the mound assignment in the important struggle. The Indians will spend Monday in practice and otherwise preparing for the Tuesday opener.

Outfielder Johnny Anderson, formerly of Louisville, wired he would report Sunday morning. He is the right-handed hitter obtained from the Hollywood team of the Coast League. He has been working out and is in shape.

Jimmy Walsh, right-handed batting slugger purchased from Buffalo at a big price, notified the Indian officials today he had accepted Indianapolis' terms and would reach this city late Sunday or Monday. He batted .388 for Buffalo last season and drove in 131 runs. In the A. A. last year Pat Duncan drove in 123 runs to lead the league in this respect, and Bunnie Brief drove in 122.

Therefore it is evident Walsh can crash the ball. Over long distance phone today Walsh told Vice President Smith it would take him only a few days to get in shape. All he needed, he said, was to throw a few and take a few daily batting drills and he would be ready to enter the lineup.

A. B. C. MEET

Dwyers and Zavokos Make Strong Pin Bids.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Leaders in two events of the American Bowling Congress tournament quivered during the five-man team barrage Friday night when the Dwyers of New York threatened the leadership in the team classic and Tommy Zavokos of Dayton, Ohio, fell two pins short of the all-events lead.

The Dwyers finished with luck against them for a total of 2,997 pins and in a tie for eighth place with the Timkens of Canton, Ohio.

Zavokos needed a strike on his last ball in the tenth frame of the final game to nose out Adolph Carlson of Chicago for the all-events leadership, but two pins stuck and he finished second with a total of 1,932.

The Little Buckeye shot his doubles and singles two weeks ago, dropping 723 in the two-man event and 629 in the individuals. His 723 series is the highest recorded by any one in the tourney in any event. He needed a 582 series Friday night to go over, but topped 580 in scores of 168, 212 and 200.

Fights and Fighters

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Haakon Hansen lost to Jack Malone in ten rounds. Britt Gorman beat Sig Kelly in ten rounds.

CHICAGO—Frankie Monroe lost a ten-round battle to Henry Lenard and Harry Jones. Lenard defeated Joe Hall, Jackie Lombardi defeated Young Warner, Mickey Ross defeated young Petino.

SAN FRANCISCO—Young Jack Thompson stopped Peno Flores, Filipino, in the second round.

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WINS MEET

Illinois A. C. Takes National A. A. U. Swim Honors.

By United Press

CHICAGO, April 9.—Performing brilliantly throughout the National A. A. U. men's indoor swimming meet and climaxing its efforts with record-breaking performances Friday night, the Illinois Athletic Club team today held both the men's indoor swimming and the water polo championships of America.

The I. A. C. swimmers scored 42 points to win the meet, 20 points more than were garnered by the Chicago Athletic Association and Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A., who tied for second place.

A pitcher Weissmuller, one of the greatest swimmers who ever lived, maintained his position by winning the individual trophy given for the best all-round performance.

Weissmuller topped his performance Friday night with a record-breaking swim of the 500-yard free style event. The I. A. C. star covered the distance in 5:28.5, eclipsing Arne Borg's world record of 5:32.5 for sixty-foot pools.

Farrell Gives His A. L. Size-Up

By Henry L. Farrell

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, April 8.—With five new managers handling clubs in a league that has been reorganized almost entirely, a prediction of the outcome of the American League championship races involves more than the ordinary risks.

It would be a simpler and a more pleasing process to act like the bookmakers and establish two clubs on the same odds as the favorites for the championship.

Accepting the responsibility of being wrong—and very wrong—the standing of the teams in the American League next October looks like this:

Philadelphia Athletics.
New York Yankees.
Washington Senators.
Cleveland Indians.
Detroit Tigers.
St. Louis Browns.
Chicago White Sox.
Boston Red Sox.

BRAZIL BEATS MANUAL

Brazil track team defeated Manual Friday afternoon at Willard Park, 57-41. Cassidy, with 12 points, was the individual star for Brazil, while Rubush, with 20, was the outstanding long performance. The track was in poor condition from the recent rains.

INDIANA CENTRAL VICTOR

Indiana Central baseball team defeated Muncie Normal, 5-0, in a seven-inning game at the local's University Heights diamond. Muncie was able to touch Harrison, star Central twirler, for but five safe singles. Muncie failed to give Summer good support.

14 to 6, GEORGETOWN

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Ten hits and eleven passes off Dartmouth pitchers gave Georgetown University a 14-to-6 victory in the first of a two-game series.

SYRACUSE WINS

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Syracuse University tennis team defeated Georgetown University here, four matches to two.

Action Provided at Legion Show

Billy Peterson, Detroit, and Emil Bakis, Gary, former amateur champions, Friday night at the American Legion boxing show at the Armory, staged what came close to being one of the best matches ever held in the city.

Almost identical in height, weight and build, the middleweights unleashed vicious right and left-hand blows that brought cheers of approval from the fair-sized crowd. Peterson gained an edge in a number of rounds, sufficient to put him slightly ahead on points.

Wallie Patterson, Columbus, who was matched against Kewpie Trimble, East Chicago, should learn that making faces at one's opponent, to make with jumping up and down, never would win a fight. The honors were even.

Allen Watson of Indianapolis knocked out Jimmy Hall, Indianapolis, in the second round.

Hank Graham and Bob Lewsader went six rounds to a draw.

Young Nasser and Frankie Collierbank fought four fast rounds to a draw in the opener. It was a good card.

CITY BOWLING GOSSIP

By Lefty Lee

The Big Four Railroad League games rolled on the Century allies resulted in a three-time win for the Beech Grove boys over the Brightwood outfit, while the Store Dept. and Local Agents were taking two out of three from the Car Dept. and Locomotives. The Transportation team had no opponents. English was the chief cause for the Beech Grove boys' triple win. He had games of 225, 211 and 171 for a total of 607, which was high for the league.

Mrs. Johns of the Silver Flash Ladies team led the Indianapolis Ladies League in individual averages with an average of 163 per game for the season. Mrs. Weisman, a teammate was next in line having 164 for her season's efforts. The Silver Flash and A. C. Bradley teams have had a great fight for first place in team standing and at the last report were tied for first place.

The A. C. E. S. League games showed the W. W. Wise, Brandt Bros. and Wege-Stanford Co., winning three games from the A. & P. Co., H. J. Baker, and Standard Sanitary teams, while the Geiger & Peters boys were grabbing two out of three from the Indianapolis Electric Supply. W. W. Wise had high team game a 997 in their third game and high total of three games counting 2,757.

Johnson of the W. W. Wise team hit for games of 170, 223 and 235 giving him a total of 628, which was high for this loop.

CUBS AND BLUES

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Rained out Thursday and Friday, Chicago Cubs and Kansas City Blues were to try it again today.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Chicago Americans, 4; Louisville, 4 (called by agreement).
Boston Americans, 13; Boston Nationals, 2.
Detroit, 11; Wichita Falls, 8.

Warming Up —with— The Indians

By Eddie Ash

OUTFIELDER Christenbury, who has come out of baseball retirement to strive for a place with the Indians, the club he used to shine for, credits teeth extraction for the return of his old strength.

Christie played very little ball in 1925 and last year remained out of action altogether. When the Betzelites played in Birmingham recently Christie visited the ball park and his old friends were surprised, he looked so well.

The Tribe outfield was going poorly at that time and it didn't take the little fly chaser long to decide to make an effort to come back, and he joined the Indians Wednesday.

Christie, when at his best, was difficult to pitch to and he had a habit

of crashing the ball on the line. And he thinks he can do it again. He isn't worried by bad teeth now.

When he gets a base hit, the dental doctors will point with pride.

And if he gets a flock of safe swats, they'll hurry back to their offices and wait for a rush of customers.

ATTABOY, CHRISTIE, CRASH IT FOR A ROW OF MOLARS!

When Grover Hartley, former Indian, was here with the Red Sox this week he blasted a triple in a pinch in one of the games. A Hoosier friend remarked: "Well, Grover, I see you got hold of one." And Hartley replied: "Yes, my blind hog is liable to find a nut."

Some A. A. History
The league was organized in 1902. Mike Kelly managed St. Paul that year and he's still present in A. A. ranks as boss of the Millers.

Largest attendance—Toledo at Columbus, Sept. 1, 1907, 20,531.

Shortest game—Columbus vs. Toledo, Sept. 30, 1919, 53 minutes.

Most extra innings—Minneapolis vs. Louisville, June 9, 1914, 20 innings.

Most errorless games by team—Indianapolis, 19