

TALKING IT OVER

WITH JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, March 23.—The news dispatches announce the transfer of one Lester Bell, third baseman, from the Cardinals to the Braves in exchange for one Andy



Williams

High, another third baseman, and \$20,000 in more or less actual cash. Taken simply as a news dispatch set in modest typographical dress alongside the men's store announcements, the exchange of Bell for High and what was thrown in hardly assumes the importance of an epochal event. But taking the dispatch and peering intently between the simply-phrased lines—peering into the soul of the thing, as you might say—you run right smack-dab into a development you had been expecting all spring.

Namely, and to wit: The influence of Rogers Hornsby on the present and future conduct of the Boston club. Nobody put that deal over but your friend Rogers, and if any subsequent deals are put over or vital changes made in the lineup or field operations of that club he'll make 'em.

In short, your friend Rogers is already beginning to function as the actual manager of the team to which he was traded in a moment of Ralstonian moment by Mr. Charles A. Stoneham of the Giants last winter.

Nominally the manager still is Pack Slatery and he is in a tough spot. He got the job a couple of weeks before Mr. Stoneham made his celebrated decision that the interests of the Giants would be best served if they tried to get along without a second baseman.

Later when Hornsby was signed to a three-year contract at \$40,000—which is about four times the amount Slatery signed for—the manager automatically became a figure of reduced importance; a King Emanuel to a Mussolini.

And while Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the club, assured all and sundry that Slatery would continue to manage the club and that Hornsby would serve merely in the capacity of captain, it wasn't in the cards for the arrangement to work out that way.

It is not easy to keep these \$40,000-a-year boys with managerial impulses in the background. And maybe they shouldn't be. Hornsby fits into that convenient classification known as a natural leader. He dominated the Cards even before he was manager, and he was no insignificant figure in the Giants' lineup a year ago.

Ultimately, of course, Hornsby will move into the job without reservations.

Tribesmen Swing Into Week-End; Oppose Bisons and Reds

Cathedral in Second Fray of Net Meet

Indianapolis Team Plays Clarksburg Quintet; Hoosiers Smooth.

By Times Special

CHICAGO, Ill., March 23.—Cathedral High of Indianapolis was to meet St. Mary's High of Clarksburg, W. Va., in a second round game of the national Catholic high school basketball tournament at Loyola University here this afternoon. The Hoosiers were slight favorites to advance into third round play.

Eighteen teams, including the defending champs, De La Salle High of Joliet, Ill., entered the second round of competition today, and in the first game of the second round St. Stanislaus High School of Bay St. Louis, Miss., defeated St. Augustine High of Grafton, W. Va., 46 to 11.

The Cathedral team, slightly smaller physically than other teams in the meet, were expected to provide ample opposition to the Clarksburg quintet with its smooth, fast-passing game. The Indianapolis team and followers are quartered at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

St. Louis Bowler Rolls 709 Score in Doubles Event

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 23.—Freddie Krens of St. Louis took the high scoring honors of the 1928 American Bowling Congress, thus far, when rolling through a thirty-frame series he counted nineteen strikes, for a total of 709. He was teamed with H. Rood of St. Louis in the doubles. The pair scored 1,293 for a second place in the standing.

STAGE PRELIMINARIES

More Than 600 Athletes in National Interscholastic Meet.

By United Press

EVANSTON, Ill., March 23.—Fifty-nine track teams and twenty-seven swimming teams, representing high schools of eight middle western States, met here today in the preliminaries of Northwestern University's sixteenth annual national interscholastic track and field and swimming meet.

More than 600 athletes were entered in the events scheduled for today and Saturday.

Leverett, Myers Slated to See Mound Action This Afternoon.

PLAY CINCY SATURDAY

Betzel Keeps Hoosiers Hustling in Practice.

BY EDDIE ASH

Times Sports Editor

PLANT CITY, Fla., March 23.—Following two practice sessions Thursday that were the longest and best of the spring training grind in Plant City, the Indians of Bruno Betzel were prepared to motor to Palmetto today to tackle the Buffalo Bisons in a return exhibition tilt.

The fact the Bisons finished out in front over the Hoosiers in Wednesday's game at Plant City didn't set well with the Betzel boys and the tossers wearing Tribe colors were burning up to hand the International League champions a flogging this afternoon.

It's a tough week closing for the Indians for they will cover many miles today and Saturday. If weather does not interfere with today's long journey to Palmetto, the Tribesmen won't get much rest after the return trip tonight because they must hop cut early and scorch the highways to Orlando to fill a date with the Cincinnati Reds, Saturday afternoon. The Orlando arrangements also call for the athletes to jump back to Plant City for a Sunday rest before clashing with the Cincy Reds again Monday on the Tribe's spring training lot.

Dixie Leverett, veteran right hander and Herman Meyers, youthful left hander, were slated for Tribe mound duty against Buffalo at Palmetto this afternoon. A third pitcher was to be used, if needed, according to Manager Betzel, who planned to pilot a squad of nineteen players to the March home of the Bisons.

Leave Next Friday

One week from tonight, Friday, March 30, the Hoosiers depart for Indianapolis, and they intend to bear down heavily in the remaining exhibition games in Florida in an effort to build up their reputation before showing before the home fans in Indianapolis.

As for Thursday's practice in Plant City it had all the earmarks of actual labor. Manager Betzel called for intensified batting drill and he found a way to get it. He simply used two pitchers at once at different places in the spacious Plant City park and the hitters were kept busy walking back and forth and taking three swings at each place.

All ball players love batting practice and some of the Indians raised hard blisters Thursday keeping up with the pace of Betzel's arrangement.

The pastimers were in their uniforms by 10 o'clock Thursday

Yankee Pilot Confident of A.L. Pennant

Miller Huggins Says New York Team Is Stronger Than in 1927.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 23.—"I really believe the Yankees are stronger than they were last year," Miller Huggins, diminutive manager of the world's champions, told the United Press in an exclusive interview today.

"But," he added promptly, "I do not look forward to anything like the runaway we enjoyed in 1927."

The shrewd little pilot who has steered the New York Yankees to five American League pennants in the past seven seasons, a record unequalled in the history of the national pastime, feels confident that this year means just another triumph for his club.

"We have improved all down the line," said Huggins, "and I still believe we have the best ball club in baseball."

"I think we still have the pitching," he argued. "A great deal depends upon it, of course. We have released Reuther and Shawkey, and Shocker, a great spit-ball pitcher of particular effectiveness in the spring, has retired. In their places, we have Stan Coveleskie, Henry Johnson and Al Searles."

"Covey, I believe, will do well, although he was hit kind of hard Thursday. Then there is Pipgras, ready to take his regular turn, and Myles Thomas, about due to work steadily."

"Opposition? Well, I think we may expect our strongest opposition from the Athletics, who will be helped greatly by Speaker and Cobb and who have picked up quite a nice pitcher in Ossie Orwoll, who was with Milwaukee last season."

"The Senators look better than last year and they, too, should make things interesting. With these two contenders improved, the race should be tighter, but don't overlook our own improvement."

Loveless to Head De Pauw Netters

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 23.—Clifton Loveless, Francisco, Ind., will pilot next year's De Pauw University basketball team. He was elected captain of the 1929 quintet here Thursday. He is a junior, played forward on the basketball team and end on the football team.

morning and after a short luncheon rest they returned to action and kept occupied until 2:30. Pitcher followed pitcher and even outfielder Reb Russell and Chet Russell, rookie first sacker, were pressed into service on the mound to keep the hitters hustling.

The batting spurge was ordered by Manager Betzel who is striving earnestly to bring out a punch in his club. He has what appears to be a formidable outfit on paper, but in all but one of the exhibition tilts to date the team has failed to come through as expected on the attack.

infield practice at the Indians' spring training park, Thursday, was a dandy. It followed the double sessions of batting drill and the ginger jar was split wide open by the pastimers who represent the inner defense.

Coach Corriden hit many fast ones to the infield guardians as Manager Betzel called for more speed and Shortstop Warder's ground covering skill again stood out. If this lad produces in games in the same manner he does in practice he'll have the home fans screaming glad tidings.

Walter Holke, first sacker, bothered by a spring training batting slump, extended himself during infield drill Thursday and scooped up many hard drives to his right that were his weakness last season.

Bud Connolly worked out at third after Fred Haney retired and the little fellow fitted right into the hot pace set. He is among the best hustlers in camp.

Ferd Schupp has a wild spell on the mound Thursday and one of his pitches crippled Catcher Roy Spencer, who was batting at the time. The ball struck Spencer on the left leg below the knee and finished him for the day.

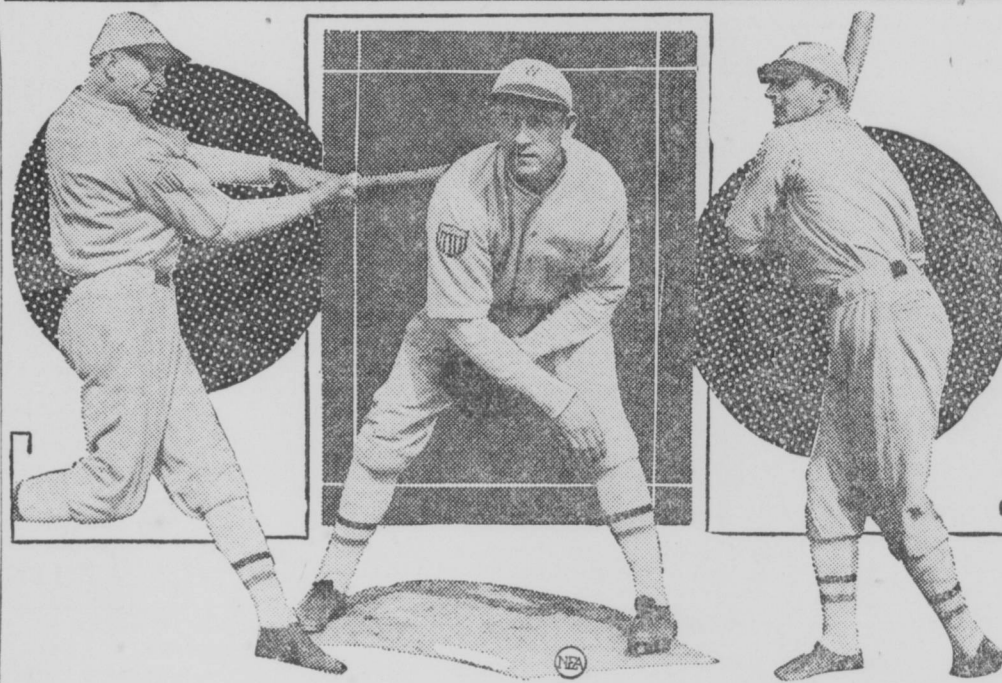
A. C. Clouds, Big Four telegraph operator of Indianapolis, who accompanied the main squad of Indians South for a vacation, has returned home bristling with glowing hopes for a winning tea mat Washington Park. He scored a popular hit with all the players by not missing a single practice and taking in all the games.

Catcher Paul Florence, the lone Tribe holdout, has been a camp absentee several days. He was called home on an important matter and he departed without signing his contract. He left the impression with Manager Betzel he would agree to terms on his return. But regardless of the manner in which the controversy ends, Florence doubtless will face a penalty when Owner Perry returns from Cuba, his destination when he left Plant City on Wednesday night.



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Bear Brunt for Senators



Knowing Bucky Harris, the boss, doesn't concede the 1928 pennant to the New York Yankees, these three valuable members of the Washington Senators are ready to show reasons why Harris made such a statement recently. Bobby Reeves, left, thinks he will be a better man at field and with the bat this season.

Horace Lisenbee, center, a sensation last year, his first in the majors, will be the ace of the hurling staff this year. At the right is "Goose" Goslin, Harris' hardest hitter, and he is prepared to wield a bigger and better war club this season.

Tex May Match Delaney, Tommy

By United Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 23.—Tex Rickard has in mind a bout for the light heavyweight championship in which Jack Delaney, who forsook his light heavy crown for an adventure in heavyweight ranks, will meet Tommy Loughran, present champion. Rickard said here.

Rickard, in announcing Loughran's next opponent, set aside reports that either Loughran or Delaney would be given a chance at Gene Tunney later on in the year.

"There is no such prospect—this year at least," Rickard said. "Neither is big enough to worry the heavyweight champion."

BATTLE ROYAL ON CARD

A battle royal will follow the feature bout at the Russell A. C.'s fight show at the club rooms, McCarthy St. and Russell Ave. tonight. Lew Epstein, south side bantam, meets Cherokee Kid in the six-round main event.

Joe Levy and Young Buck battle in the semi-windup. Eddie Casper boxes Sammy Nahmias and another four-round go featuring George Smith.

IN BELLAIR FINAL

BELLAIR HEIGHTS, Fla., March 23.—Albert Hakes, Dunkirk, N. Y., and Harold Ingersoll, Colorado Springs, Colo., will meet in today's thirty-six-hole final for the Bellair golf championship.

FISTIC SEMI-FINALS

DETROIT, March 23.—Semi-final matches of the National A. A. U. junior boxing tournament was to be held this afternoon at the Olympia arena with thirty survivors of Thursday night's first round matches competing. Finals will be held tonight.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

The Fraternal Baseball League will meet tonight at the Em Roe Sporting Goods Company store, 209 West Washington St. There still is one opening in the league, and any team desiring to enter should have a representative present at this meeting.

The Garfield A. C. will practice at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at Garfield No. 3. All players and those wishing tryouts are requested to report to Johnny Dickinson.

Premier Jockey Is Reinstated

By United Press

BALTIMORE, Md., March 23.—The Maryland Racing Commission, which last November definitely suspended Earl Sande upon the complaint of Pimlico stewards, today voted unanimously to reinstate America's premier jockey.

Sande's suspension, which became effective at all tracks, followed an alleged rough ride in the Pimlico Futurity, in which Sande was accused of fouling Reigh Count, favorite.

HAHN ON MITT CARD

Ray Hahn, popular Indianapolis welterweight, will meet Jimmy Rocks in the six-round main event of the Belle View A. A. show at 2702 W. Tenth St. Monday night. Chick West and Joe Levy meet in the four-round semi-windup.

Clyde Henderson and Herb Marsh meet in another four-rounder, as do Kid Wise and Jimmy Whitney.

BEST REST FOR WALTER

By United Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 23.—Walter Johnson, pitcher-manager of the Newark Club, International League, was to leave for Daytona Beach today for a ten-day rest. He has been ill in a hospital here from an intestinal infection.

Culver Advances to Semi-Final Round of Meet

By United Press

MADISON, Wis., March 23.—Four teams from New York, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee will meet tonight in the semi-final round of the University of Wisconsin's third annual national basketball tournament.

Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tenn., will play St. Johns Manlius, Manlius N. Y., and Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., will play Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Ill.

Thursday night's results: Castle Heights Academy 22, Chicago Latin School 12; St. Johns Manlius 27, Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wis., 12; Lake Forest 26, Shattuck Military, Faribault, Minn., 21; Culver 45, Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass., 17.

DISREGARD MARYLAND

New York Jockey Club to Allow Sinclear Horses to Run.

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 23.—New York State racing authorities will take no further notice of the ban on Rancocas Stable entries imposed by the Maryland Racing commission and Harry P. Sinclair is at liberty to race his horses when and where he likes in this State, the Jockey Club announced today.

"BIG LEAGUERS" ENTERED

By United Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 23.—Johnny Farrell, Bobby Cruikshank, Joe Kirkwood and Bill Mehlhorn are among the prominent golfers entered in the Florida open golf championship which starts today.

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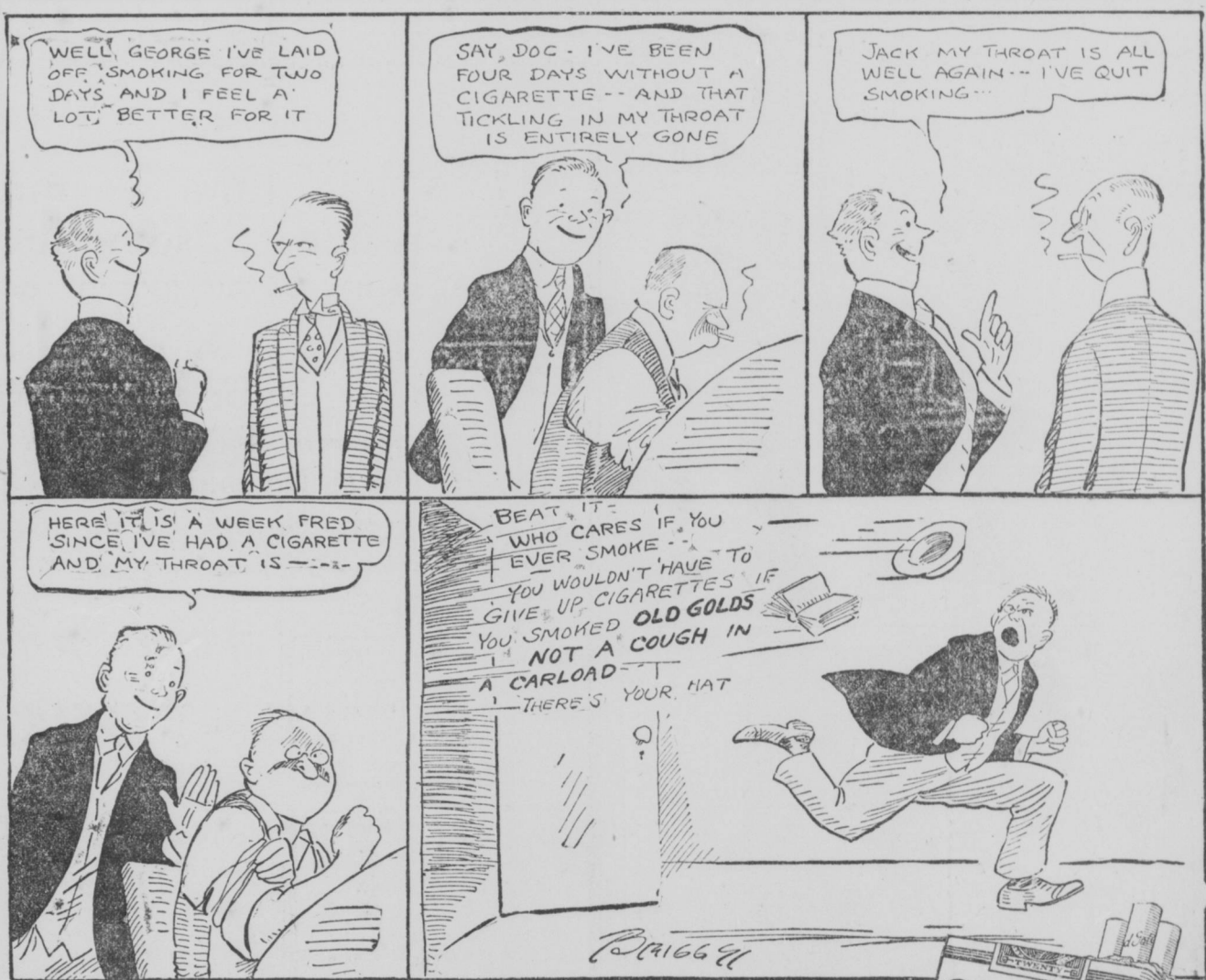
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