

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Cardinals seem to have another Art Shires in the appropriate captioned Dickey Dean who admits that he is one whale of a pitcher. Like Shires, Dean has provided the writing boys with a lot of sprightly copy this spring.

Dean's favorite subject is the wizardry of his pitching arm. "I can't miss being a great star because I've got everything," Dean tells interviewers. He joined the Cardinals late last season and made his debut at the Pirates' pitching a three hit game.

Consequently, on his victory, Dean comments, "I had a great game, but I wasn't myself at that time. I had a kink in my arm. Otherwise those balls wouldn't have been so good."

At the moment, Dean appears to be in bad with the Cardinal management due to his mounting eccentricities and there is talk that he may be shipped back to the bushes. That would be regrettable. Base ball can stand a few dizzy teams around. They add a dash of pizzazz to the show. In the end a long procession of stenciled types becomes more and more interesting.

THE blow hard in sport is more amusing than vulgar, anyhow. Jack Sharkey was a much more interesting personality before he got a lawyer to do his talking for him. The verbal bombast of Shires didn't make him any less attractive as a ball player. It was too bad that he didn't have the ability to measure up to the high esteem he held for himself.

Self confidence is a fine quality, and generally it plays an important part in the success of a player. But it is not always easy to distinguish genuine self-confidence from blustering cockiness and conceit. No right man at the moment is as rather strong for the cocky athlete, provided he is not too cocky. I find it much easier to accept this type as sincere than the professional modesty which is the mark of triumph, says to his public, "I deserve no credit at all. I was merely lucky."

All the leaders in sport have been pronouncedly cocksure, and when they have their race, their achievements spoke for them. Some old John Sullivan seemed to strike the keynote for the modern champion that night long ago when he "stalked to the footlights, so to speak, and belloved around at the lookers and belloved the rotary base voice. "My name is John L. Sullivan and I can't help it if I'm a little bit of a show-off, but I don't care if all of them here doubts it, come on!"

That in principle can't be applied to any champion. Sullivan became the champion of the world because he was the arch enemy of baseball. For the start he lived himself better than any ball player that ever got off the ground. Most of his early days conflicts grew out of a sense of extreme superiority as a person, and that could be done on the diamond by a human hand, then he didn't do as well, if not a great deal better.

COBB was an egotist with brains. When he talked he said things. Once he told me: "When you go to bat in a tight ball game with runners on base, all you've got to remember is that the pitcher is more worried about you than you are about him. Keep that in mind, make him get the ball over, and when he does, smack it. The advantage is all on your side, but you must make yourself appreciate it to do any good."

I don't imagine it is possible to have confidence without determination or vice versa. When Cobb was in base ball it was what the boys call a sucker for a left hander. Cobb was a lefty. The Sox used to find his particularly weak in one game the Doctor fanned Cobb each time he came to the plate.

In a later game his efforts against the same lefty were with determination, and when he was the same, he was beaten by the right hander. Just as Sullivan was sure he could kick any man alive, Cobb was sure he could solve the delivery of any pitcher in the game.

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As the world knows Cobb ultimately became the batter without a weakness. In a game with the same frequency and intensity as right handers. This went for Cobb, who was as good as any lefty. Indeed, there came a time when the Doctor couldn't get the Georgian out.

TRIBE BOOSTS SPRING VICTORY TOTAL TO SEVEN

Philly Bat Star Signs

Klein Takes 3-Year Contract Calling for \$40,000.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Chuck Klein, erstwhile holdout, is expected to make his Philadelphia city series debut today when the Phillies and Athletics resume competition.

Klein signed Sunday and served as a pinch hit in the Phillies' 2 to 1 defeat by Newark. He is reported to have secured a three-year contract calling for \$40,000. The young Indianapolis slugger did not report to the Phils in spring training and his appearance here Saturday, after a hurried trip from the Hoosier capital, resulted in his signing. It was reported Klein was seeking a one-year contract for \$14,500.

Before signing, Chuck denied he had any desire to be traded. When asked why he had refused to come to camp when invited by President Ruch, Klein remarked: "They might have thought I was giving in a bit." Phil Collins, ace of the Phillies' mound staff, is expected to sign soon, according to President Ruch.

BUTLER FACES EARLHAM

Earlham thimble will oppose Butler in the Bulldogs' first outdoor meet of the season at Fairview track Saturday afternoon. In two indoor meets this spring the Blue Thimbles showed power, but Coach Herman Phillips expects better results on the outdoor cinders.

Following the Earlham event, Butler stars will compete in the Ohio, Kansas and Drake relays.

Pickard Winds Up Drills for Doran Scrap in Legion Ring

Harry Memering of Lafayette has been signed to meet Erbie Dill, Danville (Ill.) welter, in the six-round match of Tuesday night's fight card at the Armory, the Legion announced. Dill originally was scheduled to meet Larry O'Connell of Terre Haute, and O'Connell was knocked out in three rounds by Tony Petruzzelli at Elwood Friday night, and automatically faded out of the Armory picture. Memering has fought here many times in the past and is a favorite with the fans.

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Freddie Shines

THE Indianapolis youth with the Chicago White Sox, Freddie Eichrodt, has been peeling the "apple" with regularity for Manager Owne Bush. He has been performing in right field in place of Smeal Jolley, who is out of action with an attack of boils. In exhibition games Friday, Saturday and Sunday Eichrodt collected six hits to bring his spring training record to eighteen safeties in thirty-three times at bat.

Freddie is toting the tremendous average of .545 and no errors have been chalked against him.

Coast League Clubs Start Pennant Race

By Times Special

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—With prospects for the most successful season in history, eight Pacific Coast League clubs opened their 1931 title campaigns today in four California cities.

It will be the twenty-eighth year for the loop. Two weeks have been cut off the playing schedule, the season ending in October after twenty-six weeks of action. Noted for its supply of major league talent, the Coast loop has hopes of sending up its biggest crop in seasons this year.

Los Angeles entertained Seattle, Sacramento was host to Hollywood, Oakland was visited by San Francisco Missions and Portland helped the Seals dedicate their new \$1,250,000 stadium at San Francisco in opening encounters today.

Three Leaguers Held to Four Blows by Cvengros and Daney: Fitz Contributes Pair of Doubles; Series Ends Today and Toronto Comes Tuesday.

By EDDIE ASH

Conquering the Boston Red Sox for two in a row over the weekend, and 4 to 1 Sunday, the Indians brought their spring training record up to seven wins against two losses, and were slated to wind up the series with Shano Collins' Beantown brigade this afternoon, starting at 2. On Tuesday a three-set match will be launched with the Toronto Internationals, with game time at 2:30.

It was great stuff for the fans at Washington park as the new edition of Johnny Corrigan's Tribesmen blasted their way to decisive triumphs. Burwell and Holshouser operated on the mound Saturday against Danny MacFayden, and the high light was a home run by Curt Walker with the sacks filled. Howard Fitzgerald also smote for the circuit.

Pilot Corrigan assigned Mike Cvengros to the box on the Sabbath, and Milton Gaston occupied the firing

step for the Red Sox, and went the full distance. Cvengros was relieved by Lee Daney after the fifth, and the real redskin stepped out and hurled even better ball.

The big leaguers were held to four blows, three off Cvengros. Gaston was touched up for eight safeties, with the Indians bunching their drives in the first and third stanzas.

Fitzgerald contributed a pair of doubles. Koenecke hit for two sacks and Montague for three. Koenecke gyped himself out of a triple in the third when he failed to touch second and was tagged out, the blow being recorded as a single.

The Easter fray was run off in the fast time of 1:18 and the royal roosters present saw some snappy play at times and were delighted with the manner in which the home nine came through in the pinches. Evidently the new Indian outfit has it all over last year's aggregation in the important matter of finding the safe spots when mates are on the scoring bags.

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Three jumpers are working the Red Sox Indian outfit. Connolly is a youngster coming up and represents a new series in the old line. The third is a veteran, and the fourth is Bill Graw, a regular arbiter in the National League and is shaping up for the new campaign. Graw is a good boy just starting out in the profession.

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