

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

Editor's Note—Joe Williams' physicians have ordered him back to bed for a complete rest, and pending his return to work—which may be next week—his column will be handled by members of the World-Telegram staff.

BY DANIEL

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 9.—Those who doubt the ultimate success of John J. McGraw's effort to convert Freddy Lindstrom into an outfielder seem to forget that Mel Ott is a revamped fly chaser. And if Mel, with those heavy legs of his, was able to make the grade there is no reason why Lindstrom should not achieve similar success. It will be recalled that Ott came to the Giants a catcher. McGraw at once saw Mel's tremendous possibilities as a hitter, realized that it would be several years before he could make a top flight backstop out of him and at once sent him into right field. For a time this experiment was regarded as highly doubtful of success. But we all know how great an outfielder Ott became.

On the other hand, McGraw's short lived effort to turn Bill Terry into a fly chaser was a laughing failure. Terry, rather tired of hanging around while George Kelly was playing the outfield for a chance on the pitcher line. He got it and Bill immediately begged off.

MAC'S conversion of Lindstrom reminds us of another try to turn a third baseman into a right fielder. The subject was Fritz Mal-sel, now manager of the Baltimore club. When Bill Donovan took hold of the Yankees he was in a bad way for outfielders and decided to shift Fritz. The effort was a misguided one from the start, and soon Mal-sel skidded on his chin holding a liner, and broke his collar bone.

However, McGraw had had almost one form success in such undertakings. He turned the trick with George Burns, Fred Snodgrass, Jack Murray and Josh Devore, all of whom came to him as catchers. Burns became an especially brilliant outfielder, one of the most graceful in the history of the game.

Bob Meusel was a third baseman when Miller Huggins sent him to left field. Jack Wilson started out as a catcher, Huggins achieved passing success in the outfield after starting on the pitcher line and after starting on the pitcher line and after starting on the pitcher line.

THE refusal of Billy Evans to become a candidate for the presidency of the American League comes as no surprise to those who know his financial opportunity with the Cleveland club, and his desire to remain affiliated with the vigor and the activity of a fight for a pennant.

With both matters in perfect harmony, thanks largely to the fine spirit shown by the late Ernest S. Barnard, who sought uniformity of rules and objectives, running a league now is a peaceful and somewhat routine job. It takes acumen and tact, but in so far as the outfielder is concerned it is a task conducive to quiet and composure.

Evans is not one to sit back and rest. Besides, he has a lucrative place with the Indians, which will be a year and a percentage of the profits.

HEAVIES IN MATCHES
Heavyweights will supply the chief action on Friday night's wrestling card at Cadle tabernacle, where three bouts will be offered. It will be "ladies' night" with women admitted free. Featuring will be the appearance of Joe Banaski, Polish performer, who will oppose Ray Carpenter.

Ad Herman of Iowa will clash with Roy Lumpkin, Georgia heavy-weight, in the semi-undisputed. A prelim will open the show at 8:30.

Mark Fator, Once Foremost Jockey, Now Sells Papers
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◆Down the Alleys◆
BY LEFTY LEE
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THREE REGULARS WILL MISS BIG LEAGUE OPENERS

2 Hurlers Are Hurt

Luque of Robins, Heilmann of Reds, and Pipgras of Yanks Injured.

BY LEO H. PETERSEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, April 9.—Injuries sustained during the spring training season have wrecked the championship hopes of many ball clubs in the past, but when the sixteen major league teams line up for their opening games on the 1931 pennant campaign next week only three teams will be without their full strength.

A United Press survey today disclosed that Adolph Luque, veteran pitcher of the Brooklyn Robins; Harry Heilmann, Cincinnati Reds outfielder, and George Pipgras, star of the New York Yankees' hurling staff, are the only three players counted upon as regulars who will not be ready to help fire the opening guns.

Luque, who did much to keep Brooklyn in the National League race last season, is suffering from a dislocated thumb on his pitching hand and probably will not be able to take his turn on the mound for another month. Heilmann is suffering from muscle ailments that likely will keep him out the entire season, while Pipgras is recovering from an appendix operation and probably will not be available to Manager Joe McCarthy until sometime in May.

There have been the usual number of minor injuries during the exhibition game season, but none of them will handicap players to such an extent that they will not be ready for the season's opener. Sore arms and legs are a common ailment this time of the year, but the condition of none of the victims is serious.

Travis Jackson, star shortstop of the New York Giants, has a sore arm that has kept him on the bench the past four days but after a short rest he should be able to resume competition. Harvey Hendricks, Brooklyn utility man, probably will be incapacitated until Monday with an injury received when struck over the eye by a batted ball.

Hockey Clubs Renew Battle

BY UNITED PRESS

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 9.

Les Canadiens were expected to have their full strength available tonight for the third contest of the Stanley cup championship series. Each team won one of the games played at Chicago and with the remaining three games scheduled at the Forum, Les Canadiens are favored to retain the championship, won in 1930 from the Boston Bruins.

FIFTY CANDIDATES REPORT

Fifty candidates, including the entire varsity line from last season, reported to Coach Joe Dienhart for baseball practice at Cathedral Wednesday.

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Milt Wimberly tried to put the Wheeler Lunch over with a total of 686, but Johnson Westman and Rasmussen went over the 600 mark for Marotts and they took the entire series.

In the other games, Indiana Garage and Universal won two from Covall Stars and Gregory & Apple.

Dave James carried off the high single game honors when he tossed a 2-0 at the finish.

Fred Mounts, Indianapolis Tool Company star, pushed his average for the season up to .20, when he hit for 693.

The Liebart family, Charlie and Frank, rolled their usual good game, both players going over the 600 mark.

Two game wins ruled the all-star doubles league play. Mounts-Abbott, Strickberger-Hucker, Fulton-Stuyver, Fair-Scott, Schuler-Pritchett and McNair-P. Liebart, defeating Bohm-Fairbach, Myers-C. Liebart, James-Cray, East-Westman, Johnson-Pox and Hognberger-Wimberly. The Strickberger-Hucker combination won a total of 1,224 on games of 424, 471 and 429.

Holcomb & Holke, Indianapolis Drop Forge and Pease, Electric, won three games from Barrett Coal, Hooser Optical and Indianapolis Office Supply, as Erbrich products won two games from Continental Press, during the Hooser A. C. series. A 246 game by Clement featured.

Is There a Standout Hurler Here?



Will one of these seven Washington pitchers win 20 games this season? Walter Johnson says if any of the above hurlers should so oblige, the Senators would win the American League championship.

Revamped Phillies Have Small Hopes of Bettering 1930 Position

Editor's Note: This is the last of a series of articles discussing the 1931 prospects of major league baseball teams.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, April 9.—With such stars as Lefty O'Doul, Fred Thompson, Les Sweetland, Tommy Thoenow and Denny Southern no longer on the pay roll, the Philadelphia Phillies of 1931 are not expected to materially improve their performance of last season, when they finished in the National League cellar.

Should some of Manager Burt Shotton's newly acquired pitching talent come through, and Phil Collins, star hurler, comes to terms, the Phillies may beat out the Cincinnati Reds for seventh place, but it is not expected that they will finish any higher.

Phil Collins was the ace of the Phillies' poor pitching staff last season and with him out of the fold, Shotton can not expect much better fling than last season unless Jim Elliott and Dudley, acquired from Brooklyn in the trade that sent O'Doul and Thompson to the Robins, show considerable improvement over previous years.

The Phillies have been revamped completely since last season, when Shotton had dreams of finishing high in the first division, only to see them shattered when his stars failed to come through and his pitching staff was unable to produce. As a result, the Phillies in the off-season traded off some of their clouters for pitching strength.

An epidemic of sore arms has made the pitching appear poor in training camp games, but the staff has potential power, as is evidenced by their performances against the Athletics in the city series. Ray Benge, Harold Elliott, John Milligan, Chet Nichols and Art Phillips are holdovers from last season. Lil Stoner, Harold Witte and Stew Bolen were purchased from the minors, while Watt, a free agent, has displayed some talent. In addition there are Elliott and Dudley, who labored for Brooklyn last year.

Don Hurst and Pinky Whitney, stars of the 1930 infield, will be back in their old positions, while Dan Bartell, obtained from Pittsburgh in exchange for Thoenow, will work at shortstop. Barney Friber or Leo Mallon, a rookie, will be at second base.

The outfield appears to be the most improved department of the team, even though O'Doul has been traded. Chuck Klein will be back in right with Hal Lee, former Brooklyn player, and Fred Koster, a youngster from Little Rock, or Buzzard, costly Coast League slugger, as his mates. Lee has been the outstanding star of the spring training games and Koster, although a light hitter, is a good leadoff man, a brilliant base runner and a fine fielder.

Virgil Davis, Harry McCurdy and George Rensa comprise a capable catching staff.

Griffith to Officiate in State College Carnival
LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 9.—Major John L. Griffith, athletic commissioner of the Big Ten, has been named referee and starter for the annual Indiana Intercollegiate Conference track and field meet at Ross-Ade stadium, Purdue, on Saturday, May 16.

BASKETBALL NOTE
Capitol Bulldogs will play in a hardwood game at Commercial building, 17 West Morris street, 7:30 p. m., Sunday. A dance will follow.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY
The Marott Shoe Shop Ladies' team will leave for New York City today where they will roll in the Women's National Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Gelsen Product, new state champion women's team, will leave Monday for New York and will roll their events the following Friday and Saturday. These girls are going to make a tour of their trip, visiting New York and Cleveland and a few days and will engage in two match games, rolling the team for Sheriff girls and Susan All-Stars. The Gelsen team is composed of Shes, Broch, Kritsch, Holt and Johns.

A women's tournament that is attracting the attention of local teams is the third annual meet of the St. Louis Women's Interstate Bowling association. Play will be at the Wilson Recreation May 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Entries being accepted until midnight April 21. Entry fee is \$2 for each player in each event.

SOUTHPORT TRIUMPHS
BY TIMES SPECIAL
SOUTHPORT, Ind., April 9.—Southport high school track team won a triangular meet here Wednesday, scoring 68 points. Greenwood was second with 16 and Whiteland third with 15. Ellis of Greenwood and Orme of Southport starred with two triumphs each.

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Pick A's for Crown

Senators Second, Yankees Third in U. P. Poll.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 9.—The Philadelphia Athletics, winners of two consecutive world championships, are heavy favorites to win the American League pennant for the third successive year, a poll of the eight United Press correspondents attached to the various teams in the junior loop revealed today.

Five of the eight correspondents who have been with their respective clubs since the start of the training season, picked the Athletics for first place while the other three picked Connie Mack's proteges for the runnerup position.

Here are the way the clubs will finish in the opinion of the correspondents:

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

This, save that the St. Louis Browns finished ahead of Chicago, is exactly the way the teams stood at the close of the 1930 race.

Four Diamond Stars to Talk on Air Hookup

By Times Special

CHICAGO, April 9.—King Baseball will be ushered to his throne in a gala pre-season opening on Monday night, April 13, 6:45 to 7 p. m. (C. S. T.), when two of the greatest defensive players and two of the greatest hitters the game has ever known address America's waiting fans through WENR and a wide network of stations.

Speaking on the eve of the opening battles of the American and National Leagues, Dazzy Vance will open the program from New York NBC studios, hurling a few verbal fast ones to Brooklyn's opponents. The scene then will switch to Washington, D. C., where Robert (Lefty) Grove, Athletics' hurler, will predict what he believes the season holds. From the Chicago NBC studios Hack Wilson, last year's home run king, will speak for the challenging Cubs, after which the listeners will again go to New York, to hear Babe Ruth.

NORMAN SCORES K. O.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Edgar Norman, 171, Chicago Norwegian, knocked out Harry Robarth, 166, in the eighth round here Wednesday night.



Pin Event Under Way

State Teams to Put in First Appearances Saturday.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 9.—Booster play continued today in the twenty-second annual Indiana state bowling tournament at the La Salle recreation parlor here, with out of the city teams scheduled to make their first appearance Saturday. Keglers from Newcastle, Michigan City, Lionier, La Porte and Anderson will take the drives on Saturday.

Forty Indianapolis bowlers are scheduled to put in an appearance on Saturday, April 18, after more local teams put in their links during the week.

Forty-five-man squads, 106 doubles teams and 204 individuals from the capital city will roll for the \$6,254 prize money posted. Other large entries are from Ft. Wayne, including twenty-one in the team event, forty-seven in doubles and ninety-four in singles, and South Bend, represented by 202 team E. Carr, all-events, M. Wimberly, Indianapolis, 1,882.

Play will continue until Sunday, May 3. Defending champions and their scores: Five-man event, Farnan Bowling Shoes, Ft. Wayne, 2,969; doubles, L. Swinick and B. Lasky, South Bend, 1,268; Singles, C. Cade, Terre Haute, 699; all-events, M. Wimberly, Indianapolis, 1,882.

AL SILER, secretary, will present the prospective tournament schedule for Riverside and also the Indianapolis District Golf Association method of uniformly determining handicaps the coming season, and a junior membership plan.

John Niblack, one of the organizers of the Indianapolis Municipal Golf Association, comprising all the local public links, will detail the progress of that organization which is expected to promote team matches and other activities between the clubs this season.

The publication offers a word of commendation to Arthur Lockwood, new city director of golf and to the park board. They have noted the Riverside course has been expanded to 18 holes, and all efforts expended toward building up Riverside is in for a heavy play, both being closed this season, and it looks like the Riverside club organization will have a big year.

BYMASTER RING VICTOR

Jack Bymaster, substituting for Dutch Baling, shaded Cy DeWiggin in eight rounds at Tomlinson hall Wednesday. Other bouts: Jimmie Carr defeated Spode Webb (6); Don Pichler beat Billy Watson (4); Jack Cornelius and Randall Mitchell drew (4); Bud Wiley knocked out Roy Collins (3) and Lefty Watty defeated Tim Stone (4).

League Joins Diamond Group

Municipal baseball league, a fast Sunday afternoon loop, has joined the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association. Arthur E. Carr, association president, stated the addition of this league placed all amateur and semi-pro baseball in the city under the direction of the association.

30 ROUNDS ON BILL

A thirty-round program consisting of six scraps, will be presented at Riverside arena Friday night. The card will bring together Glen Nidy and Ray Drake, junior welterweights, in the eight-round main go. The remainder of the lineup follows:

Six rounds, Lefty Nicholson vs. Bret Wagner, junior welterweights; four rounds, Young Leach vs. Allan Smith, featherweights; Jack Bymaster vs. Bill Carson, welterweights; Tommy Jones vs. Tim Walsh, bantamweights; Bobby Vernon vs. Jimmy Doll, featherweights. The initial tilt will start at 8:30.

In this country there is

one good five cent cigar

Tom Pern