



By Eddie Ash

Old Connie Believes Senators Have 'It'

Champ Yankees Look Tired, Mack Says

WHEN the veteran and popular Connie Mack, dean of big league managers, talks he usually says something. The slender and fatherly leader of the Philadelphia Athletics is not given to "popping off" and speaking out of turn, and during a conversation the other day he unloaded a few opinions regarding the tight American League race. If Mack is correct in his estimate, the Yankees are not going to beat out that Senator outfit.

Said Connie: "It looks like a Washington year. I am astonished at the poor showing of the New York pitching staff. The Yankees as a whole look very tired. I never saw Lou Gehrig look so bad. One of the game's greatest players, but unnatural now."

MANAGER MACK is getting a kick out of the way Joe Cronin has been successful in keeping the Senators on top. Laughing, he commented: "That Washington situation is funny. Or maybe I have a peculiar sense of humor. Once in ten or a dozen years a club like that comes along and makes everything go. It seems Cronin just can not guess wrong. No. 1 pitchers are taken out for No. 2 hurlers, and the Senators win. I used to remove a second stringer in favor of the first-flight pitcher, but Washington has reversed that method—and is leading the league. Maybe it is the proper way to play ball, for it has succeeded."

LAST year Jess Solters, Baltimore outfielder, was offered to Brooklyn and the New York Giants for \$1,500. The price tag on him now is \$30,000. Brooklyn paid \$25,000 for Joe Hutchens, Memphis flycatcher. And Joe is in Len Koenoe, former Indianapolis star, is expected to be called in by the Dodgers any day. He is with Buffalo.

MOST Cleveland fans now are of the opinion their new manager, Walter Johnson, has established his authority in the minds of the American League Indians as a result of the manner in which he handled the young star, Oral Hildebrand, when Hildebrand chose to criticize the club management. Johnson said the other day the controversy is closed incident. Hoosier Hildebrand returned to the team and fell down on a starting assignment, but Johnson thinks the youth soon will regain the form that made him a sensation during the early part of the season.

WHILE Hildebrand was explaining his baseball troubles to the Cleveland Press he asserted that Patsy Clark, former Butler university athletic director, had given him a bad recommendation to big league clubs who sought his services when in college at Indianapolis. As a matter of fact, it is said Clark signed Hildebrand for the Indianapolis A. A. team and described Hildebrand as about the best college baseball prospect ever to come under his observation. Clark said the other day: "It's too bad that a boy with Hildebrand's ability has to let his temper get the best of him."

EVIDENTLY there was a heat wave in Brooklyn Tuesday. The Giants only got three hits in eleven innings. It was only recently that Manager Bill Terry said: "We are a cold weather ball club." Managers think up the strangest things. Bill and most of his players haul from the south and southwest, where the natives don't begin to perspire and order mint juleps until it's 100 in the shade.

Chicago Cubs have won twenty-six of their last thirty games at home. They have the last month on their own lot, and always will remain a constant threat on that account if they stay anywhere within distance of the top during their next long road trip. The Bruins are the best in the land when it comes to dishing out victories for the home fans.

BILL THOMAS, Indianapolis pitcher, was marooned at Perry stadium a night or two ago. He moved during the day and then went from his new residence to the ball park. Having his mind on baseball, Bill forgot the street number of his home and there was no phone there. Moreover, the rental office was closed. Dale Miller assisted in guessing "about" where Bill had moved, and after a search of the neighborhood Thomas finally located his own household.

Equipoise, the horse many experts rate as the equal of Man o' War, has scored twenty-four victories in thirty-eight trips to the post. He has covered better than thirty-four miles in his winning jaunts and earned something like \$300,000.

RED KILLEFER, Indianapolis pilot, still was absent from Perry stadium Tuesday night, and Bill Burwell, assistant manager, guided the Tribe to another win. It was "reported" Killefer was away doing secret training, fixing himself up for a boxing match with Frank O'Rourke, Milwaukee chief, in the event Brewers and Indians stage some more fireworks during the new series opening this evening.

Cubs Win Five of Six Tilts, Trail Pirates by One Game

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Warning that they'll fight to the last ditch to retain their pennant, the Chicago Cubs stepped out and won five of their last six games just when the experts were ready to count them out of the National League race.

Like true champions, the Cubs snapped out of a six-game losing streak to advance to one game behind second-place Pittsburgh, after Tuesday's 4-to-2 victory over St. Louis.

Handicapped by an injured wrist, Dizzy Dean, who on July 30 struck out seven Cubs, was subjected to

an eight-hit attack by the Cubs led by Gabby Hartnett and Kiki Cuyler. Charley Root held the Cards to seven safeties. The Cards dropped into a fourth-place tie with the Boston Red Sox.

The New York Giants' first-place lead over Pittsburgh was cut to three games when Brooklyn blanked the Giants, 1 to 0, in eleven innings, enabling the Dodgers to displace Cincinnati at seventh position.

Ray Benge hit the Giants to three hits in a great pitchers' battle with Hal Schumacher, who gave up nine. The Dodgers' winning run was scored when Johnny Vergez, Giants' third sacker, made a wild throw to the plate in the eleventh inning.

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