

By Eddie Ash
McCann Too Popular for His Own Good
Selection Time Ends for Ruth's Team

EMMET McCANN, former Indianapolis first sacker and manager, tossed up the managerial reins of the St. Paul Saints Thursday. It was announced as a resignation. McCann is an example of a good ball player ruined as a result of being plucked out of the ranks too young in life and elevated to the position of chieftain. He was an agile fielder, great hitter and swift baserunner when Indianapolis named him to succeed Johnny Corriden early in 1931.

From that point on, however, Emmet's playing prowess suffered. He took himself out of the game too often, especially in 1932, and his physical condition lost its snap. An off season of hard training may see him back in 1934, playing somebody's first base in bang-up style. Emmet is entitled to a measure of credit, however. The Saints finished seventh in 1932, and they were fourth when he left them.

It's just possible the several off days enjoyed by the Saints this week had something to do with McCann's resignation as pilot. They went from last Saturday to Thursday without turning a hand, and the "strain" of the long vacation may have been too much for Emmet to bear up under. He's been a popular figure in all cities of the A. A., and one year was voted the most popular member of the Columbus team. As a matter of fact, McCann, as a club manager, appeared to have more trouble managing himself than managing his team. Phil Todt, veteran first baseman, was appointed to succeed Emmet Thursday and got off to a flying start by trouncing Milwaukee in a double-header. All of which was bad news to the Indians, who are again challenged for third place.

THE TIMES' invitation to fans of the city and state to endeavor to name Babe Ruth's all-America big league team for 1933 met with a bumper crop of selections. Midnight of Aug. 31 was the closing hour on the chance to become a big league "expert." Ruth will name his team shortly and it will be published in The Times within a few days. The Babe gives out no advance pointers on the players of his choice, and The Times is just as eager as the fans to obtain a peek at his all-star lineup. Here are a few more fan teams, selected at random:

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| FIRPO BRINLEY
Zionsville
Cronin, ss
Gehring, 2b
Klein, rf
Foxy, 1b
Simmons, lf
Berger, cf
Martin, 3b
Dickey, c
Hubbell, p
Cantwell, p | WILLIAM HAMLIN
Greenwood
Gehring, 2b
Manush, cf
Klein, rf
Simmons, lf
Foxy, 1b
Cronin, ss
Vergez, 3b
Dickey, c
Hubbell, p
Dean, p | JOHN ETCHISON
Henryville
Averill, cf
Cronin, ss
Foxy, 1b
Simmons, lf
Gehring, 2b
Traynor, 3b
Dickey, c
Hubbell, p
Crowder, p |
| EDDIE HAVEY
No. 5 Eng. House
Berger, cf
Cronin, ss
Simmons, lf
Klein, rf
Foxy, 1b
Dickey, c
Gehring, 2b
Higgins, 3b
Grove, p
Hubbell, p | TOM DUNCAN
6026 College
Berger, cf
Cronin, ss
Simmons, lf
Klein, rf
Foxy, 1b
Dickey, c
Gehring, 2b
Vergez, 3b
Hubbell, p
Grove, p | WILLIAM WOOST
Greenfield
Gehring, 2b
Cronin, ss
Klein, rf
Simmons, lf
Foxy, 1b
Dickey, c
Gehring, 2b
Vergez, 3b
Hubbell, p
Grove, p |

LEFTY BRANDT of the Braves is named as one of the pitchers on a Babe Ruth team sent to The Times by Carl Fletcher Jr., of 5693 Central avenue. Here is Fletcher's lineup: Martin, 3b; Gehring, 2b; Klein, rf; Simmons, lf; Cronin, ss; Berger, cf; Dickey, c; Fox, 1b; Brandt, p. Chuck Klein, in right field, and Joe Cronin, at catcher, have "made" every team looked over by The Times. The final rush of fan selections swamped the sports department and not all teams have been checked. One of the teams, listed above, signed by John Etchison, Henryville, is from the civilian conservation camp.

FANS of Indianapolis will have an opportunity Saturday to exhibit their loyalty toward amateur baseball and to reward the city association teams for the many free games played on city park diamonds throughout the season. The city association is short of funds to pay the expenses of the local league champion to the national amateur tourney in Pittsburgh, and will stage a double-header at Perry stadium Saturday afternoon and charge a small admission. At 2 p. m. Polk Milk nine will meet the Lux Laundry, and in the second tilt Hercules club and Riverside A. A. will battle. Many of the best amateur and independent players of Indianapolis are included in the lineups of the four teams. Unless the city association receives the support of the fans it will be impossible to have Indianapolis represented in the national championship. It will be the last opportunity for the public to aid the cause. All of the teams drew large crowds this summer at free games. Give the boys a big hand! Any seat in the grand stand, 25 cents. Children under 12, accompanied by adults, free.

WHEN Red Killefer's Indians return home next Tuesday, Sept. 5, they will battle the Columbus Red Birds in a twilight-moonlight double-header at Perry stadium, first game at 4 p. m. and the second at 8 p. m. One admission will be good for both contests and pass-out checks will be issued between games. On Thursday night, Sept. 7, when the Toledo Mud Hens oppose the Tribe, Frank Sigafoos, leading Tribe hitter and top batter of the American Association, will be appointed a "judge." He is studying law and Indianapolis attorneys will band together and present him with a set of law books autographed by lawyers and judges. It's a dead cinch "Judge" Francis Sigafoos will appreciate the library and the honors to be heaped upon him Thursday will be designated as "lawyer's night" at the ball park.

Rabbit Maranville, in defense of the batting averages of the Boston Braves, which are not so hot, asks why the heavy-hitting Phils don't go somewhere. The fiery little veteran infielder points out that the pennant-winning Braves of 1914 had only one .300 hitter, Joe Connolly.

Babe Indignantly Denies He Will Retire as Regular

By United Press
NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Babe Ruth is hurt at the speed with which newspaper men are writing him out of active baseball—the "best friends" whom he called "my best friends" on a cold night in the winter of 1922-23 when they began rebuilding his shattered career as the home run king.

Ruth's aggrieved feeling doubtless results mainly from his poor memory. The 39-year-old Yankee outfielder is almost as noted among his associates for his memory lapses as for his slugging.

Thursday morning the Babe allowed himself to be prodded about how he planned to retire from active play next season. So he was the most surprised man in New York when he read about his approaching retirement.

After considerable cogitation, the Babe Thursday night issued a formal statement to the press, saying he hadn't made up his mind yet about retiring. That he would play next season if he could. It all depended on his physical condition.

"But say," said the Babe informally, "what's the matter with you fellows? What's the idea of retiring a fellow all of a sudden? Why, you'll be writin' me right into my grave if I don't watch out."

While none of the baseball writers are trying to retire George Herman before his time, most of them are confident the Babe will not be a regular with the Yanks next year.

Persian to Face Scotty Williams

Tonight's wrestling card will offer a welterweight, middleweight and a light heavyweight bout at South Meridian arena, with the feature bout a return of the Persian grappler, Shaik Mar-Allah, pitted against Scotty Williams. Both men won their last match here.

The semi-final is between two lightweights, Harold Davidson of Sullivan, a newcomer, and Bunny Clifford, and will be for two falls, with an hour limit. The opener is a middleweight fray between Eddy Slaughter and Jack Adams. Ed Westfall will officiate and the first bout starts at 8:30.

City Softball Notes

A picked softball team of Little Flower players defeated Keystone 10 to 5. The Granada Theater team will meet Sept. 6. Games are wanted with city and state clubs. Write Louis G. Heckelsberg, manager, 1410 North Lincoln avenue, Indianapolis, phone Cherry 3343.

Games are wanted with city and state softball teams by the Little Flower club. Call Mike Garver, Irvington 3882, or write 1202 North Wallace street. El Lilly, Indiana National Bank and Link Bell take notice.

YARR JOINS CARDS
By Times Special
CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Tommy Yarr, former Notre Dame center, has signed to play with the Chicago Cardinals of the National Pro League.

RECALL SPRINZ, MOONEY
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—Jim Mooney, young southpaw pitcher, and Joe Sprinz, veteran catcher formerly with Indianapolis, have been recalled from Rochester and Baltimore, respectively, by the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Fate Plays Strange Pranks on Battling Braves and Giants



Randy Moore

BY JOE WILLIAMS
Times Special Writer
BOSTON, Sept. 1.—The town is baseball mad—caught in the grip of one of our most popular forms of mass lunacy. As many as 40,000 of the citizens of this cultural community daily assemble at the plot of ground known as Braves Field. They find relief in ecstatic delight, then sink to imprisonment despair. They court delirium and find it.

No creative brain is as nimble as the ball which rolls around the roulette wheel of the baseball diamond. It is driven, thrown here and there. Baseball technique seeks to guide its movements, but because of the human element, the ball is lively, indeed. It falls into strange cavities.

Thursday, the fortunes of Johnny Vergez and Randy Moore were wiped off the board for the year. The capricious little globe rolled into a forgotten corner. And the numbers of Travis Jackson and Joe Mowry came up and so, today, the Giants are gambling on Jackson while the Braves are playing Mowry. And while they play the five remaining games of this important series, the eyes of the baseball public will be upon them, and the fortunes of the other contending clubs in the race—the Cubs, Pirates and Cardinals—also will be involved.

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IN the Boston half of the first inning Parmelee threw a ball to the plate—fast and true. Too fast and too true—through the middle and waist high. One of the top homer hitters of the league, Wally Berger, met it squarely and its very speed sent it hurtling back from the impact of the bat for a home run that gave the Braves the opening point. Randy Moore was up. The ball came in again—fast, but not true. Moore couldn't quite avoid it. It hit his hand. He took first base and later scored with the second Brave run.

In the fifth inning, Johnny Vergez hit a home run and the score was 2-1 for the Braves, but in the eighth Vergez made an error in the pinch. He muffed a double play ball and then threw wide. Instead of two men being out, both men were safe. Then Parmelee threw a bunt away and hits by Whitney, Lee and that grand little Maranville counted five runs. That was the ball game—and the fact that Vergez made a hit and scored a run in a futile Giant rally at the finish did not cancel the obvious fact that Vergez, who might have been the hero, had been the goat.

The crowd released its last mad shrill and those near the official box advanced upon Governor Ely and Mayor Curley, fans for the day, for that curious, trifling thing called an autograph.

Later they read that Randy Moore's finger had been broken and that the wild pitch which had helped to win the ball game had cost the Braves one of their few stars of the first magnitude.

Later the crowd discovered that Vergez had almost won and finally lost the ball game while suffering from an appendix so inflamed that three hours after the game ended it was cut from his body and he, also, was lost for the season.

Wants Title Again
HELEN HICKS, 1931 national women's golf champion, is doing a comeback. She faces Maureen O'Connell in the semi-finals today at Chicago and is favored to face Virginia Van Wie, defending champion of Chicago, in the thirty-six-hole title struggle Saturday.

Loss of Vergez May Cost Giants Pennant

By United Press
BOSTON, Sept. 1.—Johnny Vergez, star third baseman of the league-leading New York Giants who still believes he is going to play in the World Series, was in a serious condition at St. Elizabeth's hospital today after an emergency operation for acute appendicitis Thursday.

BY JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—At the season's crisis, the New York Giants, leading the National League by virtue of brilliant pitching and an airtight infield, faced the possibility today of a disastrous slump because of the loss of Johnny Vergez.

Third baseman Vergez was operated on for appendicitis at Boston Thursday night and will be out of the game the rest of the season.

The Giants are only five games ahead of the fast-stepping Boston Braves following Thursday's defeat at the hands of the Bostonians in the opening contest of a "crucial" six-game series. This lead may dwindle rapidly if the Giants react to Vergez' absence as they did some time ago to shortstop Blondy Ryan's absence because of spike wounds.

Vergez has been more important in the club's success than Ryan because he's batting around .268 and playing brilliantly on the hot corner. It's doubtful if Byrne James or the veteran Travis Jackson will be able to replace Vergez successfully.

The Braves suffered the loss of outfielder Randy Moore, their second best batsman, who sustained a broken hand when hit by a pitched ball. He will be out for the rest of the season. Although Moore was batting .303, his absence is not of such vital importance to the Braves as is Vergez' to the Giants.

Vergez made a home run in Thursday's game, which the Giants lost 7 to 3, and Wally Berger of the Braves drove out his twenty-fifth homer of the season to remain tied with Chuck Klein of the Phillies for National League home run honors.

Thirty-five thousand fans saw the Braves get off to a two-run lead in the first inning and clinch the contest with a five-run spurt in the eighth. Ben Cantwell allowed the Giants eleven hits but kept them scattered while the Braves found Parmelee and Bell for eight.

Mr. Khayyam Derby Choice

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—With Mr. Khayyam as the favorite, a field of nine appeared probable today for the renewal of the \$10,000 added Chicago Derby at Hawthorne Saturday.

Two more stars from the east loom as outstanding contenders, one being F. A. Griffith's crack colt, Sadra, and the other Okapi, from the Brockmeads stable.

E. R. Bradley's fleet filly, Barn Swallow, also is expected to start. Another star filly, At Top, from the Nash Bros. barn, also is a likely start. Esself, Gay World, Royal Blunder and Teracile complete the probable field.

Browns Recall Lefty Braxton

By United Press
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—Edgar Garland Braxton, veteran southpaw, has been bought, or recalled, by the St. Louis Browns from their American Association farm at Milwaukee. He will report next week.

Braxton led the American League in earned-run average in 1928 for the Senators, when he yielded only 2.52 earned runs per game. This year he has won 15 and lost 6 for the Brewers.

FIVE TEAMS IN MEET

By United Press
NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Winston Guest's Templeton team, defending champions, will meet the powerful Greentree four in the first round of the national open polo championship on Sept. 9, according to the draw announced Thursday night.

Stephen Sanford's Hurricanes, the Aurora quartet, led by Seymour H. Knox, and Sands Point, are the other teams entered.

Regains Form



Counted out of the national tennis title race because of his poor play in European meets and Davis Cup action, Ellsworth Vines now is given an even chance of retaining his United States title after beating Wilmer Allison in the east-west tourney Thursday.

Bill Lee Wins No. 20 at Expense of Tribe

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 1.—The league-leading Red Birds downed the Indians in the series opener here Thursday, 5 to 1, on five hits. Some of the six bases on balls issued by Stewart Bolen figured in the scoring for the home nine. Bill Lee also held the Tribesmen to five hits and had a shutout until the last inning.

The teams were to meet in the series second tilt this afternoon and on Saturday the Indians will end their Columbus visit in a night game and then make a quick getaway for Louisville.

The Birds put over two markers in the opening stanza Thursday, one in the seventh and two in the eighth. They scored in the seventh without the aid of a hit. Two passes were issued by Bolen, the runner moved up on an out and then worked the double steal for a run.

The Hoosiers got only three hits off Lee in eight rounds. In the ninth Cooney and Bedore singled and Riddle drew a walk, filling the sacks. Angley batted for Bolen and hit into a double play, Cooney scoring. Layne lined to Rothrock to end the game.

It was Bill Lee's twentieth victory of the season against nine defeats. Rothrock got a lucky homer in the eighth with one mate on base. His hard drive to center, an ordinary single, took a high hop over Cooney and rolled away for the circuit.

The Indians, in third place, are three games ahead of St. Paul, the Apostles making a big gain Thursday by annexing a twin bill in Milwaukee. Columbus has defeated Indianapolis eleven times this season in seventeen clashes.

Tribe Regulars at Bat

	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Sigafoos, lf	385	215	368		
Cooney, cf	469	150	320		
Callaghan, of	324	100	309		
Bedore, if	476	146	307		
Riddle, c	272	82	301		
Angley, c	294	88	299		
Wingard, if	501	149	297		
Chapman, of	439	129	294		
Hoffman, of	7	2	286		
Lee, if	461	128	278		
Layne, of	377	101	268		
White, if	268	65	243		

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COLUMBUS

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Anderson, cf	4	1	2	0	1
Borrmann, ss	2	1	0	1	0
Riggs, 3b	4	0	1	0	0
Rothrock, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Celanow, c	2	1	0	0	0
Whitehead, 2b	4	0	1	2	0
Heath, 1b	3	0	1	4	1
Lee, p	2	1	0	1	0

Runs batted in—Rothrock (2), Riggs, Cullop, Angley. Two-base hits—Layne, Anderson. Home run—Rothrock. Singles—Borrmann, Whitehead, Heath, Anderson. Double play—Borrmann to Whitehead to Heath. Left on bases—Indianapolis, 5; Columbus, 6. Base on balls—Off Bolen, 4; off Lee, 3. Struck out—By Bolen, 4; by Lee, 3. Time—1:44. Umpires—Johnson and Devorner.

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