



By Eddie Ash

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

EMMET MC CANN, 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 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 teams. Phil Todd, former 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.

FIRPO BRINLEY WILLIAM HAMLIN JOHN ETCHEISON

Zionsville Greenwood Henryville

Cronin, ss Gehring, 2b Averill, cf

Gehring, 2b Manush, ss Cronin, ss

Klein, rf Klein, rf Foxx, 1b

Foxx, 1b Simmons, lf

Simmons, lf Foxx, 1b

Berger, cf Cronin, ss

Martin, 3b Vergez, 3b

Dickey, c Dickey, c Hubbell, p

Hubbell, p Crowder, p

Cantwell, p Dean, p

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Berger, cf Cronin, ss Simmons, lf

Klein, rf Foxx, 1b Dickey, c

Gehring, 2b Higgins, 3b

Higgins, 3b Vergez, 3b

Grove, p 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; Foxx, 1b; Berger, cf; Cronin, ss; Dickey, c; Crowder, p; Brandt, p. Chuck Klein, in right field, and Joe Cronin, at short stop, have "made" every team looked over by The Times in 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 Etcchison, 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 tournament in Pittsburgh, and will stage a double-header at Perry stadium Saturday afternoon and charge a small admission. At 2 p. m. Polk Mine 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 "lawyers' 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 same fellows 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 feelings doubtless results mainly from his poor memory. The 39-year-old Yankee outfielder is almost as noted among his

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, Sheik Mar-Alah, pitted against Scotty Williams. Both men won their last match here.

The semi-final between two lightweights, Harold Davidson of Sullivan, a newcomer, and Bunny Clifford, will be for two falls, with an hour limit. The opener is a middleweight fray between Eddie 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, captained by George G. Gandy and Barrett Pharmacy, 10 to 5, The Grandpa Theater team will be met Sept. 6. Games will be at 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. at the White Louis G. Heckelberg, manager, 1410 North Lincoln avenue, Indianapolis, phone Chestnut 5-3310.

Yarr Joins Cardinals

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—Tommy Yarr, former Notre Dame center, has signed to play with the Chicago Cardinals of the National Pro Football League.

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Fate Plays Strange Pranks on Battling Braves and Giants

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Randy Moore

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 in despair. They court delirium and find it.

No creative brain is as nimble as the ball which rolls around the routine web 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—will be involved.

These two puppets of the lively ball may decide the National League race. Mowry is a young, sound of limb. His story is in the future. The story today is of Travis Jackson. It must be told quickly, because his number may go down as dramatically as it came up.

This is how it happened, how the little lively ball worked it out before the 40,000 who came out Thursday for the opening game of the series.

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 CUDY
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, may be 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 Bloody 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 it 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 Phillips 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.

Browns Recall Lefty Braxton

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—Edgar Garfield 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.

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