



By Eddie Ash
Cherokee Bob Johnson on Way to Fame

Bush Mentioned as Next Pilot of Cubs

BOB JOHNSON, the new home run sensation of the major leagues, is a modest pastime and in that respect resembles Chuck Klein, the Indianapolis pellet thumper with the Chicago Cubs. Smacking the horsehide over the fence has not put any swell in Bob's head and Connie Mack thinks his new slugger is destined to become one of the greats of baseball. He is built for endurance, standing 5 feet 11 and weighing 190. Moreover, Johnson has good speed, a strong arm and a fine pair of hands.

Bob's brother Roy is with the Boston Red Sox and both are fly chasers. Bob is four years younger and is 25. He did not take up professional baseball until he was 21 and is just beginning to reach his playing peak. The Johnsons were born on a ranch in Oklahoma and Cherokee blood courses through their veins. Roy lists his nationality as Norwegian, Swedish and Indian, but Bob merely puts down "American." Bob is proud of the redskin angle.

JIMMY FOX says Bob Johnson will be a main factor in the construction of the "new Athletics" and expresses the opinion that Connie Mack will produce with another pennant winner by 1938. Johnson hit twenty-one homers in 1933 and has surpassed that mark at midseason this year. His idol on the team naturally is Foxx, and Bob predicts Jimmy will lead the major league home run parade again this season. Foxx struck off forty-eight last year. His best mark was in 1932 when he socked fifty-eight, two short of Babe Ruth's record. Johnson is not boastful and says he has no idea of clouting a circuit drive when he goes to the plate. He explains: "I take my signals from the bench, and if the signal calls for slugging the ball, I let go and blast if I can."

JOHNSON joined the Athletics in 1931, but was weak on curve balls and was returned to Portland of the Pacific Coast League. He stayed with Portland the remainder of the 1931 season and all of 1932. He collected twenty-six homers with the Beavers in 1932 and batted .340. This led Connie Mack to recall the redskin for the 1933 campaign, after outfielders Mule Haas and Al Simmons had been sold with infielder Jimmy Dykes to the White Sox. Bob was placed under the tutelage of Bing Miller, veteran Mackian outfielder, and Bing gradually taught the youngster how to hit curve balls as well as confidence. Miller always was an outstanding curve ball hitter. Johnson batted .290 in 1933 with the Athletics and he has improved that figure and also has increased his slugging average. Bob attributes his success in the game to pointers given him by his brother Roy, Bing Miller, Connie Mack and Jimmy Foxx. Johnson's homer total today was twenty-four, the same number on the 1934 record of Foxx.

THE rumor factory says Owen Joseph Bush of Indianapolis, the popular pilot of the slipping Minneapolis Millers, will be the next manager of the Chicago Cubs, if Charlie Grimm is removed. Grimm has been reported fired so many times this year that it's old stuff, but he's still at the head of the Bruins and they are in second place. However, the rumor factory says that "in the event" Grimm is dismissed Bush will be in line for the post. It is said the California influence backing Jack Lelivelt as No. 1 man to succeed Grimm has lost some of its punch and that Bush has collected a lot of support. The Indianapolis product already has piloted four big league clubs and it is known he is eager for another opportunity with a major outfit—of his own choice. He is through with tackling losing clubs such as the Chicago White Sox and the Cincin Reds. His other jobs in the majors were with Washington and Pittsburgh. He also piloted Indianapolis three years. Jack Lelivelt, former manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, is pilot of Los Angeles, a Chicago Cub Class AA enterprise.

BASEBALL fans in Indianapolis who "relaxed" yesterday instead of celebrating kept in close touch with the results of games in the American Association and it was just like tinkering with a crossword puzzle. When Minneapolis lost the morning game to St. Paul the Millers lost the league lead and Indianapolis and Columbus advanced to the top tied. In the afternoon the Columbus victory over Toledo put the Red Birds in undisputed possession of first place as the Indians lost the first half of the double-header to Louisville. Columbus then rested until night for its second game. In the meantime Minneapolis dropped its afternoon tilt to the Saints for another slide and Indianapolis regained points when it thumped the Colonels in the second game at Louisville. In order to end the Fourth of July in a tie for first place, however, the Indians had to pull for Toledo, and the Hens produced, defeating Columbus at night.

IT was a tremendous turnout of cash customers at Columbus yesterday. The afternoon contest was witnessed by 14,000 and the night game by 16,624, for a total of 30,624 paid attendance. The old A. A. record for one day is 28,973, established in Kansas City, Aug. 28, 1927. The K. C. mark was posted at an afternoon double-header, whereas at Columbus it was a split twin bill, day and night, with double admission.

Indian Runner Is Holder of Unique Racing Record

Winner of 1933 Stars and Stripes Handicap Repeats; Also Has Won Arlington Inaugural Twice.

By United Press
ARLINGTON PARK, Ill., July 5.—Indian Runner, D. A. Wood's gallant thoroughbred, today held a unique record in American racing history. Last year he won the Arlington Inaugural and the fifth running of the Stars and Stripes Handicap.

This year he started out by taking the Inaugural once more and yesterday a gay, colorful Independence day crowd of 25,000 saw him flash across the finish line, again the winner in the sixth renewal of the Stars and Stripes.

Despite his record, Indian Runner went to the post yesterday at odds of 6 to 1. As a result he paid \$15.26, \$6.06 and \$4.32 for \$2 wagers and brought home a purse of \$10,760.

Advising Anna, overlooked by the bettors, paid \$21.72 and \$9.76. Ladyman, top-heavy favorite at 3 to 2, finished third to pay \$3.26.

Jockey Tipton held the defending champion under restraint for six furlongs, then sent him up fast to win by a nose after a furious drive.

MAJOR LEADERS

(By United Press)
LEADING BATTERS

Player and club	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Johnson, Athletics	24	10	1	0	0	0
Fox, Indians	21	8	1	0	0	0
Gehringer, Tigers	73	28	72	109	382	0
Terp. Giants	73	27	58	102	370	0
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