

By Eddie Ash  
BIG SEASON FOR THE ROOKIES  
THRIVE IN MAJORS THIS YEAR

BIG league pennant races and last week's major All-Star game developments emphasize the pleasant fact that in so far as the caliber of its recruits was concerned, 1938 stands out as one of the most remarkable seasons in more than a decade.

That the Cleveland Americans are leading the Yankees and the Red Sox threaten both; that the Pirates menace the Giants and the Reds have climbed down the cellar to the first division are traced to the influx of great players from the minor leagues.

To the National League goes the distinction of boasting the rookie of the year in Johnny Vander Meer, the Midland Park, N. J., lefthander who knocked down the American League sluggers in the first three innings of the All-Star contest. . . . And last Sunday beat the Cubs for his 11th win of the year, including two no-hitters.

WITH Syracuse last year Vander Meer won only five games and lost 11. . . . In the American League the fight for the freshman title is keen between Joe Gordon, Tony Lazzeri's successor at second base for the Yankees, and Ken Keltner, third sacker for Cleveland.

In the early weeks Keltner ran away from Flash. . . . But now Gordon, hitting .308, has the edge on Ken, who is batting around .290. . . . Joe is making plays rarely seen around New York since the days of Frankie Frisch.

Behind Gordon and Keltner are Sam Chapman, left fielder of the Athletics, who made the jump from the University of California to the American League; Harry Steinbach, outfielder and leading hitter of the White Sox; George Case, the streak of the Senators, who very likely is the fastest man in the major leagues, and Dario Lodigiani of the Athletics.

AMERICAN League pitchers of the freshman class who have done splendid work are Spud Chandler, Yankees; Jim Bagby, Red Sox; Harry Egan, Tigers; Howard Miller, Browns; and Johnny Humphries, Cleveland. . . . The last named is likely to emerge the star of the class.

National League rookies of unusual merit are Country Slaughter, Cardinal outfielder; Buster McCormick, first sacker, Harry Craft, outfielder, and Willard Hershberger, catcher, of the Reds; Johnny Rizzo, Pittsburgh slugger; Ernie Koy and Goodwin Rosen, of the Dodger outfield, and Emmett Mueller, second baseman of the Phillies.

Behind Vander Meer on the pitching list are Bill Klinger of the Pirates; Forest Pressnell, Bill Ponder, Dodgers; Bill Lohman, Giants, and Bill McGee and Max Macon, Cardinals.

TERRY'S Giants have won all their 10 games with the Dodgers this season. . . . The "big" series starts Saturday, Giants vs. Pirates, at Pittsburgh. . . . It's a three-day attraction. . . . John G. form the University of American baseball and basketball star, is pitching great ball for Syracuse in the International loop. . . . He stands 6 feet 8 inches.

Cleveland plans to take up third baseman Oscar Grimes of the Milwaukee Brewers next season and train him at second base.

JUDGE K. M. LANDIS, high commissioner of baseball, today advised that he would be on hand for the American Association All-Star game Thursday night when the Indians battle the pick of the other seven A. A. clubs. . . . Mr. Landis will head the delegation of big leaguers at the classic.

Will Harridge, president of the American League, also has made All-Star reservations, and Ford Frick, president of the National League, a native Hoosier, probably will hasten to Indianapolis to greet over his league's victory in the big league All-Star game in Cincinnati last Wednesday.

MANAGER SCHALK of the Redskins hopes to lead off in the All-Star classic with Vance Page, his ace pitcher, on the mound and with Bill Baker back of the plate. . . . Both were named No. 1 in their positions on the official A. A. All-Star team before Indianapolis clinched the right to play host to the game.

Whitlow Wyatt, Milwaukee ace who was sold last night to Brooklyn for 1939 spring delivery, probably will start on the rubber for the All-Stars with Joe Becker, Brewer catcher, handling his slugs.

It was announced today that in the event Jack Salitzberger, Kansas City second baseman, is unable to fill his All-Star assignment, that one of the utility infielders already named will start at the position. . . . They are Bob Boken, St. Paul; Jim Bucher, Columbus, and Oscar Grimes, Milwaukee.

# Baseball at a Glance

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION				YESTERDAY'S RESULTS			
	W.	L.	Pct.	American Association			
Indianapolis	46	31	.597	Elmer Insinger			
St. Paul	45	32	.584	St. Paul..... 901 930 000 = 4 11 5			
Kansas City	42	35	.543	Brown, Chetlin, Klarner and Silvestri			
Minneapolis	41	38	.519	Kelleher, Fisher and Ryba, Grilk.			
Toledo	38	51	.429				
Minneapolis	39	42	.481	Minneapolis..... 822 830 000 = 19 15 5			
Columbus	33	45	.423	Parmelee and Grace, McLaughlin, Nelson, Marberry and Linton.			
Louisville	26	52	.333	Kansas City at Louisville; rain.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Cleveland	44	25	.638	Pittsburgh	400	100	113 = 5 11 6
New York	42	27	.609	Chicago	390	100	105 = 3 11 6
Boston	41	29	.586	Swift, Tabin, Brown and Todd, Berres;			
Washington	39	27	.591	Cincinnati	380	100	100 = 8 12 6
Detroit	37	27	.574	St. Louis	370	100	103 = 3 11 6
Chicago	36	38	.486	R. Brown and Landon, L. Thomas, Har-			
Philadelphia	29	46	.386	rell, Lanier, Shoun and Owen.			
Philadelphia	27	42	.391	Kansas City at Brooklyn; rain.			
St. Louis	22	47	.319	Only three games scheduled.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.	No games scheduled.			
New York	47	26	.644	TRIBE BOB SCORE			
Pittsburgh	43	25	.632	MILWAUKEE			
Minneapolis	39	31	.557	Health, 1b..... 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Chicago	38	34	.528	Grimes, 2b..... 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Boston	32	34	.485	Johnson, cf..... 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
St. Louis	29	40	.420	Johnson, if..... 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Brooklyn	30	42	.417	Lewie, lf..... 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Philadelphia	21	47	.309	Hunt, 3b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
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				Totals..... 37 14 27 13 3			
TODAY'S GAMES				INDIANAPOLIS			
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION					W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City at Indianapolis (night).				Poffal, ss..... 5 1 0 3 2 0 0 0			
Minneapolis at Columbus.				Shelton, 1b..... 5 1 0 3 2 0 0 0			
Milwaukee at Louisville.				Lashburn, 1b..... 4 1 0 1 8 1 0 0			
St. Paul at Toledo.				Chapman, if..... 4 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
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				McCormick, cf..... 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
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				Griffin, 2b..... 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
				Niggeling, p..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
				Pinney, cf..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
				Totals..... 38 11 27 11 6			
AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
St. Louis at New York (2).				Milwaukee			
Chicago at Philadelphia.				Runs batted in—Irwin, 2; Schulte, 2.			
Detroit at Boston.				Pinney, 2; Johnson, Brown, 2; Pinney, 1.			
Cleveland at Washington.				Mennen, 3 Two-bas hits—Irwin, Chapman, 2; Grille, 1; Johnson, 1; Schulte, 1.			
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				Sacrifices—Chapman, 2; Grille, 1; Jones, 1; Irwin, 1; Schulte, 1.			
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