

Cubs Set at First Base, Owner Says

Wrigley Declares Chicago Is Not Dicker for Mize.

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—Phil Wrigley, Chicago Cubs owner, said today his team is not in the market for Johnny Mize of the St. Louis Cardinals or any other veteran first baseman to take the place of Jim (Rip) Collins, who was sold this week to the Los Angeles Angels.

"We've got two younger first basemen to play instead of Collins," he said. "He is getting old. If he has a good year at Los Angeles we can always bring him back. As far as I know Mize is not for sale."

The Cubs will enter the season with Phil Cavarretta as regular first baseman and Rubeen Glen Russell as a reserve.

YUMA, Ariz., March 31 (U. P.).—The Chicago Cubs and White Sox meet here today in their first exhibition game on the road.

Gene Lillard will pitch for the Cubs and Johnny Rigney and John Whitehead will be in readiness for the Sox. The teams came here today after completing their spring exhibition series in California.

The Cubs finished off their stay here yesterday by defeating the Los Angeles Angels, 12 to 1. Of more importance than the victory to Manager Gabby Hartnett was that warm weather permitted Dizzy Dean to try out his ailing right arm in a round of batting practice in the first pitching he has done in 1939. After the workout Dean said his arm felt fine.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 31 (U. P.).—The New York Yankees make their final Florida stop today when they meet the Tallahassee club. Their barnstorming itinerary then carries them through Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia before they reach New York April 14.

BATON ROUGE, La., March 31 (U. P.).—The New York Giants came back to their base today after four days on the road. Of the three games scheduled on the trip, rain prevented two so they returned with yesterday's 10-5 victory over Shreveport their only conquest. The Giants entertain the Cleveland Indians here in two games over the weekend.

TAMPA, Fla., March 31 (U. P.).—The Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers meet in the final of their four-game spring series today, and the Reds need to win for an even break. The Dodgers beat the Detroit Tigers, 6-4, yesterday for their eighth win in 14 starts. The Reds dropped their ninth in 17 starts, 9-2, to the Washington Senators.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., March 31 (U. P.).—The St. Louis Cardinals came here to meet their Columbus, O., American Association farm hands today. The Cards licked Rochester, 9-5, yesterday for their 13th win in 19 spring starts. Paul Dean worked the last three innings and held the International League farm hands to two hits and one run.

ORLANDO, Fla., March 31 (U. P.).—The Washington Senators pulled up from a three-game losing streak yesterday to take the measure of the Cincinnati Reds, 9-2. Pitching of Dutch Leonard and Joe Haynes, and batting by Bobby Estelle featured.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 31 (U. P.).—The Philadelphia Athletics started preparations for breaking camp today after losing the last game of a short series with Cleveland, 5-3.

NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex., March 31 (U. P.).—A two-hour conference between Manager Thompson (Doc) Prothro and Jack Doyle, Chicago Cubs scout, and the fact that Ted McGraw, Brooklyn Dodgers agent, is lingering in the vicinity, added impetus to rumors today that the Philadelphia Phillies are negotiating for a major trade.

EN ROUTE TUCSON, Ariz., March 31 (U. P.).—The Pittsburgh Pirates, after losing their final California game, 5-3, to the San Francisco Seals, moved eastward and southward today to take on the University of Arizona baseball team and an independent club at Nogales, Mexico.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 31 (U. P.).—Manager Oscar Vitt of the Cleveland Indians, happy over the effective three innings pitched by Willis Hudlin against the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday, said today that the veteran Earl Averill would break into the lineup in the New York Giants series at Baton Rouge. Bob Feller gave up two hits in four innings as the tribe defeated the A's, 5-3.

Irish Coach Seeks Slugging Fielders

NOTRE DAME, March 31.—Coach Jake Kline of the Notre Dame baseball nine is concentrating his efforts on a search for hard hitting outfielders for the Irish's first game with Illinois at Champaign Saturday, April 8.

Capt. Joe Nardone has been moved from left to center field. Replacements for Capt. Chuck Borowski and Ernie Arboit, leading 1938 hitters, appear to be at this time Lou Zontini in left field and Roy Pinelli in right field. Kline believes that this all-Italian outfield may give the team the punch it needs to go with veteran hitting.

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If you play tennis about as effectively as a college dean shooting dice on a windy day, the chances are you made your original mistake by having strings put in your racquet—or maybe it would have been better if you hadn't bought any racquet at all.

"That's right," you say. "If I hadn't bought the bloomin' thing I wouldn't feel obligated to go out every Saturday and let someone run me around until I get the semi-faints from exhaustion."

But that, sir, is not the old will to win, nor is it the old college try. Confidentially, of course, that statement about not buying a racquet may be shoving the truth around a little bit, but it is a matter of record that good tennis players now are being turned out under coaching methods that involve stringless racquets and progress to no racquets at all.

This unique procedure was explained today by C. O. Brown, Athletic Institute, Inc. executive vice president, who is attending the Midwest Physical Education Association convention here.

Parkhill Originated Recipe

His connection in the matter springs from the fact that the institute, which is a nonprofit making organization financed chiefly by sporting goods manufacturers, has as a primary aim the teaching of various kinds of games.

Only good players maintain an unprotracted participating interest in a sport. Thus the development of competent players actually is an indirect promotional scheme for the equipment makers.

Since it is obvious that there are not enough experienced coaches in the field of athletics to give detailed individual instruction to great numbers of players, the problem, according to Mr. Brown, is to develop systems which are easy to learn and can be readily explained to large classes.

The recipe for good tennis was originated by William E. Parkhill, Chicago pro who also acts as consultant not only for the institute but for the Chicago public schools and park district. He was assisted by Miss Eleanor Tennant, noted West Coast teacher, and Ellsworth Vines and Donald Budge, leading American players.

Under Nine Headings

Mr. Brown said that old style tennis instruction like that given for golf often has dealt so much with details that the players, having so many things to think about, never get their game functioning perfectly.

Tennis form, under the Parkhill system, is divided under nine headings, namely, grip, stance, point of contact of racket with the ball, body movement, shift of weight, arm movement, head down, knees bend and keeping eyes on the ball.

All of these are taught in the simplest and easiest way possible.

A new type of tennis instruction system involving use of stringless tennis racquets and sometimes no racquets at all is being demonstrated by C. O. Brown, Chicago, executive vice president of the Athletic Institute, Inc. Here Mr. Brown is shown catching the ball in his left hand after he has first bounced it on the floor and stroked his stringless racquet through it.

On the grip, for example, the dub is told to grasp the racquet as though he were shaking hands with someone. He then will note that it actually forms an extension of his own arm.

For the stance a fixed pivot is used. In the case of the forehand, this fixed pivot is the left foot, and for the back hand the right foot. For left-handed players these designations are exactly opposite.

Saves Steps

Pupils then are taught that if they hit the ball at a point of contact back of their body the shot on a forehand will go to the right. If hit ahead of their body it will cross court to the left, and if hit on a plane directly above the left foot it will go straight.

To save time they are taught to run to every position with their racquet drawn back and at arms length in hitting position. Right hand players go to every forehand shot so that their left foot is forward and to every backhand so that the right foot is forward. If the steps they are required to take don't come out this way they have to do a skip to see that their feet are right.

Mr. Brown said a player who hits from a fixed pivot and doesn't run forward after every shot actually saves himself 1200 unnecessary steps and a corresponding amount of time in every set.

How It Works

But what of the stringless racquet? A duffer will look up before he makes a shot and will never know what sort of contact he makes with a ball unless this system is used. By bouncing a ball on the ground and striking it with a stringless racquet the player is required to keep his head down.

This same procedure also develops timing and Mr. Brown said it has been a training secret of American Davis Cup teams while on shipboard for years. The good players drop a ball and pass it through their racquets eight times before it stops bouncing.

Pleasant Run Golf Meeting Scheduled

Committees are to be appointed at a meeting of the Pleasant Run Golf Club at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the clubhouse, Clark Esple, president, said today.

Following a business session several golf movies will be shown. Representatives of local sporting goods companies will explain the films. All club members and their friends have been requested to attend.

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AUGUSTA, Ga., March 31 (U. P.).—Under a smiling Georgia sun, the 47 participants in the Masters' Tourney make their opening trek over the Augusta National Golf Club course today.

Because rain delayed the tournament one day, this brigade of top-flight professionals and amateur linksmen will play 18 holes today and 18 tomorrow and double up with 36 Sunday.

The postponement, the third in six years of Masters' competition, had no effect in the betting last night. The three favorites, still quoted 8-1, were Henry Picard, defending champion; Ralph Guldahl, U. S. Open king, and Sam Snead, biggest money winner of 1938.

Gallery of 5000 Expected

Although a bit soggy in lowest spots on the fairway and in some traps, the course generally was in excellent condition, having dried out under the sunshine.

Everyone agreed with Clifford Roberts, tournament committee general chairman, that the postponement had been smart in view of yesterday's rain which drenched the course and pared down the gallery to less than 1500 cash customers.

Roberts believes that the delay would not affect the gallery total. He expects at least 5000 persons to witness the four rounds, with particularly large crowds at Sunday's double-header.

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