

Lowly Phils Seem to Be On Upgrade

Pilot Prothro Seeks Slugging
Outfielder, Bettered Right
Side of Infield.

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NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex., March 31.—Manager Doe Prothro wants a better break on one-run victories, improvement in the right side of the infield and a slugging outfielder to bring the Philadelphia Phillies out of eighth place in the 1939 National League race.

The conservative Dr. Thompson Prothro (he's a Memphis dentist during the winter) thinks it may take three or four years to bring about the changes needed, but he isn't pessimistic about the outlook right now.

The Phillies' spring training season at Landa Park here has brought several indications that the once hapless and helpless Phils are on the upgrade. Prothro says his pitchers look good, and that the Phils will be in there swinging in every game.

The Phils can list on the asset side Pitchers Max Butcher, Hugh McLeaheney and Claude Passeau, right-handers; Al Hollingsworth and Jennings Poindexter, left-handers. The first four are almost sure to take regular turns on the mound, and Poindexter, a free-swinging rookie from Longview, Tex., may make it a "Big Five."

*B*obkie Receiver Promising

Virgil Davis, a major league for several years, tops the catching staff. He batted .335 and had a .976 fielding average in 1938. John Dutch Clark and Bill Atwood are other holdovers; catchers and a Norman Whitten is a rookie who shows promise. With Montgomery last year, the 23-year-old Whitten batted .318 and fielded .982.

Leslie Powers, left-fielder, is giving veteran Baxton Jordan a race for the first-base job. Jordan showed well last season, however. His batting average with the eighth-place club was .299, the best of the team, and his fielding record was .973. Powers comes from Jersey City of the International League with a .292 batting average and .983 fielding record.

Ernest (Heine) Mueller and Del Young are back to handle second-base for the Phils, but both must improve their batting averages over 1938. Mueller hit .250 and Young .229, but the latter has been banging the ball in spring training.

*P*ushie Holdover Shortstop

George Schaerin, holdover shortstop, is having competition from Edward Feinberg, 21-year-old Montgomery rookie. Powers also may be used as a reserve shortstop.

Merrill May, who hit .333 for Newark in the International League, opened the Phils' exhibition schedule at third base. He promises to be a capable competitor for the veteran Arthur (Pinky) Whitley.

Outfield prospects bring smiles to Manager Prothro. That may be the most improved part of the team. Morris Arnowich, who led the team last year in runs batted in, will be back in left field; Herschel Martin in center and the veteran Chuck Klein of Indianapolis in right field.

Alex Pitko, up from Montgomery, hit well in early games and L. E. Scott, rookie centerfielder from Birmingham, also drew approval. Pitko plays left field.

Gil Brack will be back as utility outfielder. Another youngster who has prospects of making the grade is Norman De Weese, centerfielder from Montgomery.

Local Boxers Win 7 Amateur Bouts

Times Special
LAFAYETTE, March 31.—Indiana boxers were victorious in seven of their 10 bouts in the annual Indiana A. A. boxing tournament here last night.

Indianapolis winners in first-round contests were Bill Cummings, 112 pounds; Leroy Dicus, 135 pounds; Albert Samsbury and Sam Johnson, 147 pounds and Charles Duncan, 175 pounds; Dick Miller, 112 pounds, and Sam Haslet, 135 pounds, both of Indianapolis, were defeated.

In second-round battle Cummings lost on a decision to James Case of Michigan City, while Dicus took his match from Don Fitzsimmons of Michigan City. Samsbury also survived the second round.

*T*able Tennis Scores

Last night's results in the Circle Table Tennis League at Jimmy McGuire's Club:

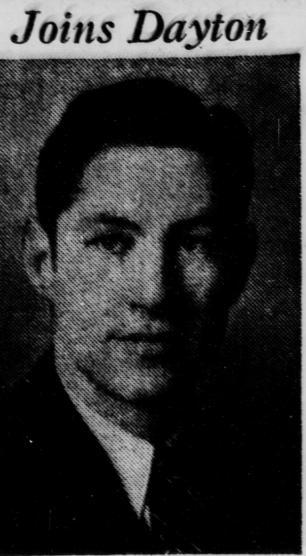
Calvin Fletcher School, 13; Central Supply, 5; Lincoln Camera, 18; DeMolay, 8; Kroger, 11; J. J. Holcomb, 6; Bardsch Gran, 18; Tiny Town, 9.

Scores in the Church League at the Paddle Club:

Tabernacle Presbyterian, 15; Broadway, 16; E. 2.

Third Christian, 18; Woodruff Place Baptist, 8.

Westminster Presbyterian, 13; First Reformed, 8.



Jim Carter, former Purdue football star and newly appointed assistant coach at the University of Dayton, will report for duty at the Dayton institution April 3 in time to assist in the final part of spring football practice.

Carter, who with Duane Purvis was known as one of Purdue's "touchdown twins," will serve as assistant to Harry Baujan in football and will be head basketball coach at Dayton.

Ellis Registers 695 Pin Score

"So near, yet so far," probably is the thought in Howard Ellis' mind today as he looks back on his last night's bowling score. Ellis racked up a 695 in the Thursday Night Handicap tour at Pritchett's and is doing so barely missed hitting the coveted 700 pins.

Ellis opened with 220 and followed with a brilliant 258, only to fall to 217 on his last try. Pug Leyland, veteran pinman whose name is well familiar with the Shooting Star list, came through with seconds on 688 rolled in the International League at the Upshaw Alley. He opened with 244, took a weak 186 and then skyrocketed to 258 in his anchor game.

Forty-four Indianapolis bowlers graced the Shooting Star list today and of these an even 10 were above the 650 mark. No one league clearly dominated the places on the list. Of the first seven names each one was from a different league.

Bees and Dodgers Put Through Deal

BRADENTON, Fla., March 31 (U.P.)—The Boston Bees today traded Catcher Al Todd to the Brooklyn Dodgers for Pitcher Bill Posedel.

The Bees obtained Todd from Pittsburgh, where he batted .265 in 133 games last season. Posedel won eight games and lost nine for the Dodgers last season and had an earned run average of 5.66.

The Bees also sold Third Baseman Bob Kahl, who has had arm trouble this spring, to Newark of the International League on a conditional basis.

46 Wabash Gridders In Spring Training

Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, March 31.—Assistant Coach James J. Paterson has been putting 46 Wabash College football players through their spring paces. Nineteen of them are veterans from last year and the remainder is coming up from the freshman squad.

Some of the teams on the Little Giant schedule next fall are Chicago, Lake Forest College, Georgetown College, and the traditional rivals, Butler and DePauw.

All managers are invited to attend a softball meeting at the Kroger Sporting Goods Store at 8 p.m. today. Managers of the following teams are to contact Bill Britton at the Em-Rox Store: Howard Street Merchants, Indiana Avenue Market, R. C. Cola, 22d Street Merchants and Shamrocks.

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The Union Printers will practice at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Riverside No. 6. All members are asked to be present. If weather will not permit practice, a short meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the clubrooms.

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PARKWAY, 1105 W. Washington St.
PENNSYLVANIA, 151 N. Penn St.
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STURM RECN, 1428 N. Illinois St.
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This coupon entitles any white person to roll three practice games for 50 cents. Green fees for 15 or more days or 10¢ each for 30 minutes of play.

Persons not having coupon and hold table to receive benefit of reduced rate.

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Italian Car First Entry In Speedway

Stapp to Drive Alfa Romeo Speedster in 500-Mile; White Sponsor.

An Italian-built Alfa Romeo speedster today became the first entry for the 500-mile race May 30 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Bill White, familiar figure in Speedway circles, will sponsor the entry and it will be driven by Babe Stapp on April 7.

If the Chicago Medinah Club gets credit for his points, it will stand a good chance of dethroning Ohio State's championship team, but if the Texas Aquatic Club of Austin gets the points, Ohio State's strongest rival probably will be the New York Athletic Club.

Kiefer competed unattached in the opening program last night while the dispute was being argued. He won the 150-yard backstroke and placed second in the individual medley. These points would put the Medinah Club right up with Ohio State, which took an early lead with 10 points.

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Stapp is one of the Speedway veterans. He drove for the first time in 1927. In 11 years of competition the 36-year-old bricklayer has driven a total of 1,765 miles in sweepstakes competition and has collected \$2,000 in prize money.

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