



By Eddie Ash

PIRATES ARE DICTATORS NOW
PLAY 15 TILTS WITH 3 LEADERS

FREE from pressure, the Pittsburgh Pirates apparently have assumed the role of pennant dictator in the National League. . . . On Monday they just about erased the Chicago Cubs from the picture by taking a double-header from them and in three extra-inning games with the leading Reds this week the Bucs have snared two.

Reds and Pirates meet nine more times before the curtain drops, including the last three tilts of the campaign. . . . And from the looks of the situation, the pennant may hinge on that trio of skirmishes.

The Cards have four more battles with the Pirates and the Cubs just two. . . . With a total of 13 games yet to be disposed of with the three top teams, Pie Traylor's boys are happy to be in a position to act as pennant spoilers.

The players who draw their salaries from the Smoky City still remember last September when they were kicked around and out of the flag after having a firm hold. . . . The Cubs and Reds played the role of pennant wreckers at that time. . . . The Bucs were knocked out of first place in Chicago and then the Reds made the road for the Cubs easier by taking three out of four from Pie Traylor's boys.

Indians Hope to Buy Scott

LEO MILLER, Indianapolis club president, has been turned down on a couple of cash offers made for Outfielder Legrant Scott. . . . The player is with the Indians on option from the Phillips and he certainly would look good on the regular Tribe roster next year.

Scott is a lefthanded power hitter and in three games at Columbus, after replacing Milton Galatzer in right field, collected two home runs, triple, double and two singles. . . . and batted in seven runs.

LATE last season Indianapolis purchased Scott from the Southern Association only to lose him in the big league draft. . . . Doc Prothro, new Philly manager, came up from the Dixie loop and was aware of the outfielder's slugging ability. . . . and promptly snatched him away from the Hoosiers.

The Phillips have recalled Scott for 1940 but President Miller still hopes to land the player by purchase.

Ziminsky and Archinski on Roster

DON'T look now, but Outfielder Joe Ziminsky and Pitcher Tony Archinski will be given tryouts by the Indianapolis Indians next spring. . . . They are coming up from the Erie Sailors of the Mid-Atlantic League.

Also sought by the Indians is Al Moran, six-foot-four-inch righthanded pitcher now with the Boston Bees. . . . The Hoosiers tried to buy him off the Hartford Eastern League club recently before the Bees threw out their landing net.

Last winter the Yankees proposed a trade of Charlie Keller for Jeff Heath. . . . Cleveland laughingly turned thumbs down. . . . But that was last winter. Just another break for the world champs when the Vittens declined the deal.

REPORTS from New York indicate that First Sacker Zeke Bonura has no place in the Giants' plans for 1940. . . . The popular Italian is a hustler every minute he is in the game but his fielding never pleased Manager Terry despite flashes of improvement in the early season.

Big, strong and willing, it seemed certain that Zeke would satisfy the demands on him but his bat never helped the Giants as much as had been hoped.

Bonura's weakness is that he can be stopped with good pitching. . . . He'll climb aboard a run-of-the-mill pitcher for a field day, but despite his average he repeatedly has been turned back by first flight hurdlers.

Baseball at a Glance

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION					
W.	L.	Pct.	G.	B.	Minneapolis
Kansas City	101	54	.631	22	12
Minneapolis	81	69	.549	22	12
INDIANAPOLIS	81	69	.549	22	12
St. Paul	72	77	.483	30	12
Louisville	67	82	.438	30	12
Memphis	60	89	.433	30	12
Columbus	59	87	.418	17	12
Toledo	48	105	.395	29	12
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NATIONAL LEAGUE					
W.	L.	Pct.	G.	B.	Minneapolis
Cincinnati	76	49	.588	15	1
St. Louis	75	50	.571	15	1
Chicago	73	52	.562	15	1
New York	61	60	.529	11	1
Browns	65	66	.522	11	1
Pittsburgh	59	67	.488	17	1
Boston	57	70	.437	20	1
Philadelphia	55	73	.419	20	1
St. Louis	35	93	.274	36	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
W.	L.	Pct.	G.	B.	Minneapolis
New York	93	55	.618	161	1
Boston	76	71	.514	161	1
Chicago	73	57	.558	181	1
Cleveland	69	60	.529	11	1
Detroit	69	62	.527	24	1
Washington	59	70	.434	24	1
Philadelphia	55	81	.419	24	1
St. Louis	35	93	.274	36	1

GAMES TODAY					
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (All Games at Night)					
Indianapolis at Toledo					
Louisville at Columbus					
St. Paul at Kansas City, two.					
Minneapolis at Milwaukee, two.					

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS					
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION					
St. Paul	60	61	.500	8	11
Minneapolis	53	101	.393	4	12
Frasier, Strachan, Taylor and Silvestri, Jacobs, Jungels, Kimball, Blachelder and Hernandez.					

High School Football					
Gary Emerson, 25; Gary Tolleson, 6.					

There's No Depression These Days in College Football Publicity Business					
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By HENRY KULEMORE
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NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Agriculture once was the biggest industry in the United States, but it isn't any more. It has been surpassed both in number of men employed and volume of output by the business of college football publicity.

For every bushel of wheat grown this year two bushels of brochures of football teams will be published, and for every pack of potatoes, every bale of cotton, there will be three mail bags full of gridiron dope run through the mimeographing copper. . . . and now, how many farmers there are, but there aren't as many as there are publicity men at work spreading the word about the Wildcats, the Tigers, the Ardvarks, the Bisons, the Chipmunks, the Red Scourges, the Green Scourges, the Tornados, the Cyclones and the Heaven-Help-Me-Everythings.

The postman doesn't ring twice these days. In fact, he doesn't even ring at all, but he ticks on the door, what with his arms so full of football literature he has to deliver. Three times a day the postmen arrive with their burdens and I am beginning to regret that neither heat nor snow nor rain nor gloom of night can stay the couriers from their appointed rounds.

A few more days and this department is going to be forced to stage "blackouts" so that the mail carriers can't get around and bombard us with the 100% football statistics of all the schools from Alfred and Bates to Yale and Xavier.

There is about as much variety in the football catalogs as there is in a jar of peppermints. They all open up with a vivid paragraph listing the 1939 schedule, continue with a superbly written chapter listing the coaching staff, and then

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