

Indians Sell Baker, McCormick and Riddle to Cincinnati



Myron McCormick, the fans' choice as the Tribe's most popular player, rewarded by advancement.



Bill Baker, a clutch hitter, gains another trial in the majors as a result of consistent work.

By Eddie Ash

GEHRIG WEIGHS BUSINESS OFFERS
HE'S READY TO LEAVE YANKEES

IT seems a foregone conclusion that after the World Series Lou Gehrig will retire as a member of the New York Yankees. . . . While he has arrested the progress of his spinal trouble, he is not likely to want to do any more chasing around in Pullmans next year.

According to President Ed Barrow, Gehrig has before him many lucrative offers for 1940. . . . The best of these is a radio job, 15 minutes every day.

Another proposition concerns a syndicated art strip to be run daily in newspapers, dealing with Lou's baseball career. . . . In any event, Gehrig may look to the future with confidence as to his financial outlook.

The former king of first sackers has been putting in his time serving as a coach with his old team.

CINCY Reds pulled one out yesterday as Bucky Walters pitched with only two days rest. . . . The old pressure calls for drastic action. . . . When the Pirates put over the winning run on the Redlegs Thursday, Catcher Lombardi broke under the strain. . . . He dropped his big glove out beyond the pitcher's mound and threw his mask into the Pirate dugout.

The Pirates rubbed it in by telling the Reds it would be a crime to toss them onto the same field with the Yankees. . . . But Walters and Paul Derringer are not cracking open, and that's a big relief to Deacon McKechnie.

Pitches 25 Complete Games

WALTERS has completed 25 of his 30 starts this season. . . . That's really impressive in the durability league. . . . The White Sox have won 13 out of 14 games from the tallend Browns and have eight more to play.

Since the White Sox are only a game and a half away from second place, their chances of ousting the Red Sox are rosy.

Only three of Jimmy Dykes' regulars are batting in the .300 class. . . . They are McNair, Appley and Kreevick. . . . Edgar Smith of the White Sox is the only one of that family name in the big leagues. . . . and the family has not a single representative.

BROOKLYN has concluded its night ball games for 1939 and a strong suspicion exists that all three metropolitan parks will be under lights next season. . . . There is no going behind the gate receipts, and the Dodgers, in seven home games, drew over 200,000 at night. That's about 30 per cent of what the New York Giants have drawn in all their home games so far.

Nathan Mann, Patsy Perroni and Roscoe Toles, all of whom have been victims of Joe Louis, will appear in preliminary matches to the Louis-Bob Pastor heavyweight title bout in Detroit Sept. 20. . . . Don Siegel, former University of Michigan athlete, also is booked in one of the curtain raisers.

Tribe to Rest Here Monday

AFER the double-header in Louisville tomorrow, the Indians will return to Indianapolis for a one-day rest before they show off for Kansas City Monday night to battle the pennant-winning Blues in the playoff series starting Tuesday night.

Three games will be played in Ktown on consecutive nights, barring rain, after which the clubs will come to Indianapolis to conclude the four-best-out-of-seven series.

The Redlegs hope to give the champions red hot competition and perhaps score an upset and reach the playoff finals. . . . The Tribe mound staff looks capable of meeting the pressure and other members of the team are anxious to put a large dent in the Blues' aspirations and prestige.

Baseball at a Glance

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
W. L. Pct. G. B.
Kansas City 104 46 .693
Indianapolis 97 54 .642
St. Paul 78 49 .595
Milwaukee 73 77 .487
Columbus 66 69 .496
Toledo 44 106 .390

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. G. B.
Cincinnati 100 112 .511
Pittsburgh 100 102 .500
Walters and Lombardi, Butcher and
Hedges, Harrell and V. Davis; Crouch and
Todds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. G. B.
Cincinnati 100 112 .511
St. Louis 23 34 .375
Chicago 25 37 .382
Milwaukee 67 69 .378
New York 63 69 .370
Boston 57 70 .419
Philadelphia 49 87 .313

GAMES TODAY
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Indianapolis at Louisville
Columbus at St. Paul
St. Paul at Kansas City, two.
Milwaukee at Milwaukee.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
New York at Brooklyn
Philadelphia at Boston

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington at New York
Boston at Philadelphia
Chicago at St. Louis

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Louisville 000 012 .1115
Columbus and Lewis; P. Dean, Drake, and
Franks.

(First Game)
St. Paul 000 001 .000
Kansas City 000 004 100 .2 .8
L. Brown and Pasek; Breuer and Riddle.

(Second game; 7 Innings; agreement)
St. Paul 000 010 1 .2 .6
Kansas City 320 14 01 x .28 .33

Wolfberger, Reis, Taylor, Strachan
and Vance and Holloman.

(First game; 7 Innings; agreement)
Milwaukee 000 000 100 .2 .0
Huntington, 33; Columbia City, 6.
Linton, 25; Bloomfield, 9.
Sullivan, 37; Dragger, 6.

Butland, Smythe and Lacy; Willis and
Just.

Blues Soar To Pennant

Vince DiMaggio Hits No. 45,
Johnny Riddle Shines.

BRIGHTON, Mich., Sept. 9 (U.P.)—Bob Pastor, training for his world heavyweight title fight with Joe Louis in Detroit Sept. 20, planned workouts today and Sunday after canceling a scheduled sparring session because he was underweight.

Two hundred persons missed a chance to see Pastor work out yesterday when the scales showed he weighed only 183½ pounds. Jimmy Johnston, his manager, said he wanted Pastor to go into the ring at 187 pounds.

NORTHVILLE, Mich., Sept. 9 (U.P.)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis resumes workouts with his sparring partners today following a day's rest at his camp here. Louis' handlers were guarding the Brown Bomber against the bugaboo of over-training.

Take 104 Games

The double victory over St. Paul last night boosted the Blues' wins to 104; they have lost 46. Minneapolis lost a double bill last night to Milwaukee but has clinched second place. Louisville passed St. Paul into fourth place by defeating Columbus, 11-3. Indianapolis has third place wrapped up.

Vince DiMaggio, who flunked with the Boston Bees last season, blasted his 45th homer. Weeks ago he was sold for \$40,000 cash and two \$500 players to the Cincinnati Reds.

In last night's first game Catcher Johnny Riddle belted a home run with the bases loaded.

All the Kansas City lads could do last night with the pennant clinched after the final game of a doubleheader with St. Paul was 23 hits.

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Army Alters Polo Lineup

Two Officers Are Added for Match Tomorrow.

For the first time this season the Ft. Benjamin Harrison polo team will be composed entirely of Army officers when they play the Rolling Ridge foursome at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Heretofore Alfred Buck, a civilian, has played with the Army but he will receive Sunday as the fort has added Capt. J. J. Baker and Lt. Henry L. Richey to its lineup.

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Ripple Nets Two Triple

Brooklyn grabbed undisputed possession of fourth place by scoring a double victory over the Phillips, 11-2 and 3-1. Bill Crouch, recalled from Montreal, held the Phillips to seven hits in the opener to beat Kirby Higbe.

Jimmy Ripple, playing his first game for the Dodgers since he was bought from the Giants for the waiver price, was the hero of the second game, called at the end of the fifth because of rain. He hit a triple with two on in the first, and another triple with one on in the third to drive in all Brooklyn's runs.

Although the Yanks lost half a game when President Harridge ruled they had to replay a game forfeited to them in Boston last Sunday, the Bronx Bombers kept their lead at 16½ games by downing the Red Sox, 4-1. Crosetti's homer and Selkirk's double gave the Yanks two runs in the first which were good enough to win for Ruths the Red.

Two star light heavies top the card. They are Whitemy Wahlberg, Duluth, Minn., who is unbeaten here, and Billy Thom, mat coach at Indiana University. They drew last spring. Wahlberg will be the blind-pair event with cash and merchandise prizes awaiting the winners.

The weekly show is to go indoors to the Armory and three bouts are to be offered.

Savage, a bewiskered husky, is shown on stage but comes highly touted as a powerful performer. He is better than six feet tall and "wades" with an easy-going style.

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The game between Ajax Beer and the F. R. Mallory nine was to be played on Riverside No. 1 instead of Riverside No. 3. Baird's Service was to play General Exterminating at Garfield No. 2.

Mallory and Ajax are unbeaten thus far in the series, while the other teams have suffered one loss.

Thinking of Fans

SALEM, N. H., Sept. 9 (U.P.)—The management announced today that the ends of the new grandstand at Watertown Park will be walled with glass for the fall meeting to provide further comfort for the spectators.

Any Football Team Could Use an Open Field Runner Like This



Nipper, the Marquette University football team's Great Dane mascot, takes a punt and runs through the entire defense for a touchdown as practice opens at Hilltop Stadium in Milwaukee. Adept at reversing his field, he easily outdistances would-be tacklers. The only thing he couldn't do was kick goal.

Tribes President Leo T. Miller today announced the outright sale of Catcher Bill Baker and Pitcher Elmer Riddle to the Cincinnati Reds and the conditional sale of Outfielder Myron McCormick to the same club, all for 1940 spring delivery.

The sum of cash involved was not divulged but President Miller indicated he was pleased at the terms.

The Indians now have disposed of six members of the 1938 team to the majors. Pitcher John Nigglig was first to go and landed with the Reds.

Outfielder Milton Galatzer was next, also to Cincinnati. This pair joined the Indians just as soon as the Indians were announced.

Earlier this week Pitcher Don French was sold to the Boston Bees to report next spring. New Baker, McCormick and Riddle get the call that all ball players like to hear to the big time and more money.

Baker's strong point is batting and he carries an average of .330. There

are better receivers in the American Association, but Big Bill makes up for a shortage of finesse in back-stopping by pounding the ball at a consistent clip. He was voted on the A. A. All-Star team this year by the league's sports writers.

McCormick's forte is covering ground in the pasture and speed on the base lines. He's classified as one of the best flycatchers in the minors and is batting .310.

Young Riddle was farmed out this year and turned in a splendid record during the late season at Birmingham in the Southern Association. He is brother of Johnny, former Tribe catcher who helped the Kansas City Blues win the A. A. pennant this year.

Baker is 26 years old and has had trials with the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs. McCormick is 22 and at one time belonged to the Cleveland Americans. Riddle is 25 and is more or less home grown by the Indians who started him out.

President Miller regrets that the Indians will have to be rebuilt in a big way next season but believes that he will be successful with the assistance of the Cincinnati Club.

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Pastor, Louis Resume Drills For Title Go

Ace Hurters Gain New Triumphs in Games Won; Bucky Calms Cincinnati's Jittery Reds.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Baseball's three foremost chunkers—Bucky Walters of the Reds, Red Ruffing of the Yanks and Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians—blazed their way to new triumphs yesterday to further their claims as the outstanding pitching candidates for the major league All-Star club.

Walters, pitching with only two days rest, calmed the jittery Reds by putting a brilliant five-hitter to give the Rhinelanders a 5-2 victory over the Pirates. It was Walters' 23rd triumph, eight more games than he's ever won, and made him the major league leader in game won.

Ruffing, who has been subjected to some rough treatment by the Red Sox lately, left them at mercy as the Yanks beat the beaneaters 4-1, in seven-inning game halted by rain and darkness. It was victory No. 21 for Ruffing, tying his best previous year (1938) in wins.

Feller notched his 20th triumph by hurling Cleveland to a 12-1 victory over the Browns. Bob, whose previous high mark was 17 last year, set the Browns down five hits and fanned five to increase his total strikeouts this season to 212. Oscar Grimes had a perfect day with "three for three."

This victory for Toledo gave the Mud Hens an even break in their final two-game series with the Tribe and snapped a five-game losing streak of the last-place club.

The Hens had to come from behind to triumph. They were trailing 5-2, going into the eighth when a six-run spurt capped by Les Fleming's 26th home run of the season with two men on sewed up the victory.

Don French, Indian pitcher who has been sold to the Boston Bees, was chased from the mound in this eighth-inning uprising and Jimmy Sharp was rushed from the bullpen to finish out the game. Junie Barnes pitched the full nine innings for the Hens, who like the Indians committed three errors.

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