



## SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

AFTER THE Kansas City Blues committed murder on the diamond by swamping the Washington Senators, 22 to 5, in Florida the other day, managers of the other seven American Association teams saw blue spots before their eyes.

It's news when a Class AA outfit holds a big league team to a close score but the Little Yankees are not that way and it is self-evident they are determined to throw a scare at rival Association clubs in advance of the 1940 championship race.

Only Minneapolis was able to keep step with the Blues last year during the regular race and even the Millers succumbed—and decisively—to their superiority in the closing week of play.

Well, maybe the thumping Kansas City handed a major loop aggregation will serve as good medicine after all. . . . At least, the other A. A. clubs have been warned to "build up to the Blues" or take a kicking around again the coming season.

### Meyer Has Faith in Carnett

DESPITE THE lack of experienced moundsmen, it is said Kansas City's prospects are brighter than they were at a corresponding period last year when Manager Bill Meyer was faced with the necessity of piecing together an outfit and fashioning an infield around three youngsters who never before had competed in Double-A baseball.

Lost from last year's champions are Pitchers Tommy Reis, Marvin Breuer, Tiny Bonham, Johnny Babich and Al Pichotka. . . . All were big winners and Reis and Breuer set the pace in won and lost record and earned run average.

Experienced pitchers are Joe Vance, who won 10 here last year; Jack Haley, who finished the season with Columbus; John Lindell, another leftover, and Ed Garnett, Milwaukee southpaw who came to Kansas City via the Chicago Cubs. . . . Meyer believes Carnett will win and he fills the need of a left-hander.

THE remainder of the Kansas City staff consists of rookies. . . . They are big men and most of them come up with great records.

Among them are William Gill, Joplin; Al Gearhauser, Wenatchee; Charles Mason, Joplin; Don Hendrickson, Binghamton; Thomas Tisdale, Joplin; Charles Wenslow, Joplin, and Al Moran, Hartford.

### All Set in the Infield

BACK FOR the Blues' infield is that amazing double-play combination of Jerry Priddy, second, and Phil Rizuto, short. Bill Hitchcock, who made his debut in organized baseball last summer, is the third baseman.

Fred Collins, a long distance clouter from Binghamton, replaced Johnny Sturm at first. . . . Jack Saltzgaver remains for utility. . . . and Sturm may return before opening day.

EVEN THE Kansas City outfield situation is more satisfactory than it was last year despite the loss of Vince DiMaggio. . . . The Blues did not have a good outfield. . . . This year it may be a different story with Tony Bongiovanni and Frenchy Bordagaray flanking Russell Derry, young center fielder.

Bongy and Bordagaray come from Cincinnati in the DiMaggio deal. . . . Derry, a lefthand hitter, has been out two years and led two minor leagues in home runs.

Johnny Riddle starts work as No. 1 receiver, but he is being pursued for the job by Tony DePhillips, a great young prospect from Binghamton.

### Cronin Speaks Up for His Red Sox

JOE CRONIN doesn't want the New York Yankees broken up. "I want to win the American League pennant by a knockout, not by a four and I believe my Boston Red Sox can do it," says Cronin, manager of the Red Sox, in an article in the Saturday Evening Post, written in collaboration with George Kirksey of the United Press.

"Any attempt to break up the Yankees because they are too good would, I believe, cheapen the American League pennant. There is a reason why I don't want the pennant cheapened. I don't want to finish ahead of the broken-up Yankees."

CRONIN says the Red Sox already have surpassed the Yankees in one respect—in the success of their farm clubs last season.

"We can outwit the Yankees, and we've proved it the last two seasons. Last season we batted .291 to the Yankees' .288, and the year before .299 to .274."

Cronin predicts that Ted Williams will surpass Joe DiMaggio in all departments of batting in the coming season and says if any one ever breaks Babe Ruth's home-run record it will be Williams.

## Time Is a Great Healer—and Maybe It'll Help the Browns

(Editor's Note—Following is the fourth of a series sizing up the major league clubs.)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21 (U. P.)—Time still is a great healer, so once again the St. Louis Browns are looking ahead to bigger things after years of failure. And for a club which was licked 111 times last year for a new St. Louis low, the Browns are mighty chipper.

More outfield strength, a better balanced and more experienced set of pitchers and a new shortstop have Manager Fred Haney talking in positive terms about finishing no worse than in front of the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics.

"We've got more flexibility and better balance all around," says Haney, who knows he must show real improvement this trip or reach for his hat. "It's still an 'I' club, but the way the fellas are hustling this spring, I figure we ought to wind up sixth or better."

**His Mound Hopefuls**

"Last spring we started off with only two pitchers who had actually won four or five ball games in the major leagues—Buzz Newson and Howard Mills. Although Newson's gone, we have several men who've shown they can win in the majors—Elden Auker, Vernon Kennedy, Mills, Roxie Lawson, Bob Harris, Johnny Whitehead, Jake Wade and Jackie Kramer."

Haney figures he should be able to find a few in that group, as well as from others among the 19 hurlers now in camp who can cut off the late rallies by opposition clubs which cost the Browns many a ball game in 1939. Besides, there are a few rookies, such as southpaw Emil Billidi, 22-game winner for San Antonio last summer, who should help.

Alan Strange, Seattle's star shortstop who was caught in the draft by the Browns last fall, is being counted upon to tighten up the right infield zone and ease the pitcher's load. A classy fielder and a good hustler, Strange has only to show he can hit American League pitching better than he could for Manager Rogers Hornsby in his first time up several seasons ago. Last year he hit .335 on the Coast.

### McQuain Top Star

If Strange comes through—and he's the only man on the club at the moment Haney feels can handle shortstop satisfactorily—then the Browns should have an infield that rates with the best. George McQuain could play first base for almost any club in the league, and Harland Clift, despite his 1939 slump, still rates with the top bracket men at third. Don Heffner, a neat fielder but weak at the plate, and Johnny Berardino, a fine prospect starting his sophomore season, will fight it out for second base.

The outfield shapes up on the credit side, with a half dozen lads battling for jobs. Three of them are ex-Yankees—Myrl Hoag, Joe Gallagher and Walter Judich—with Chet Laabs, former Tiger, Rip Radcliff from the White Sox and rookie Joe Grace also in the running.

Judich, straight from the San Francisco district which produced the DiMaggios, is making the front office men forget the large price tag that got him from Newark. His



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### Four in Semi-Finals At Augusta Meet

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 21 (U. P.)—Led by defending champion Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, Ga., four women began play in the semi-finals of the Augusta Invitational Golf Tournament today.

Miss Kirby eliminated Helen Detweller, Washington, D. C., 6 and 5, yesterday. Jane Cothran, Greenville, S. C., defeated medalist Grace Amory, Aiken, S. C., 2 up; Jean Bauer, Providence, R. I., edged Louise Suggs, Lithia Springs, Ga., 1 up, and Helen Siegal, Philadelphia, won over Isabel Ogilvie, Aut-

## Duquesne, Western State Fives Arrive Today

### Our Fair City Regains Its Basket Throne

#### Becker Is Expected in Dukes' Lineup

Our own fair city of Indianapolis (howdy, Mayor) hopped back up on its rightful basketball throne today as two traveling bands of college players steamed into town for the N. C. A. A. Eastern regional opening here tomorrow night.

The lads to whom the welcoming is due are the Dukes of Duquesne and the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky State.

That makes three teams in town now—Springfield is comfortably settled, having arrived Tuesday evening—and as soon as I. U. arrives from Bloomington, Ind., there's nothing left but the ref's starting whistle at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. That's when the new arrivals—the Dukes and the Hilltoppers—take the floor.

#### Colorado Turned the Tables

Duquesne, you'll remember, is the outfit that fought its way into the finals of the national invitational tournament last week in New York, only to lose to Colorado University, 51 to 40. Winners over the Golden Buffaloes earlier in the season, the Dukes had to play without their veteran Morris Becker, who was knocked out earlier in the tournament with an ankle injury suffered in the game with Oklahoma.

Becker, second highest scorer on the squad, has been favoring the ankle but probably will be ready for action tomorrow night.

The Dukes lost but one game during their regular season—that to Indiana, 51 to 49—and they're directed by Chick —, who never had another coaching job. He's been with the Pittsburgh school 16 years.

#### Dukes Have Win Complex

A young lad of 23 summers when appointed in 1924, — stepped right out and established a winning complex for the Duquesne team that is respected the nation over.

Coach Tony Hinkle of Butler, tourney director, reported today that ticket sales are going strong and it was reported that nearly 800 tickets had been sold yesterday at Bloomington, Indiana's delegation will be led here by the Famous Marching Hundred band.

Tickets, 65¢ and \$1.10, may be purchased here at L. S. Strauss and at the busars' office on the Butler University campus.

#### Easterners Seeking 'Basket Eye'

Springfield took a lengthy shooting drill in the Fieldhouse today to regain the "basket eye." Coach Ed Hickox said his boys had lost in a week's inactivity.

The Easterners until Tuesday night hadn't had a practice since last week.

"We hope to recover our basket eye by Friday night and if we do, it's going to be a ball game," the tall, dark-haired coach said.

That was his reply to a reporter who didn't have a one-two punch.

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#### Teams Draw Today In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21 (U. P.)—The four district winners in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball play-offs were here today, ready for the final rounds of practice before they begin the play-offs tomorrow night for the Western title.

The draw will be held today. The winners will clash Saturday night for the right to meet the Eastern winner in Kansas City March 30.

The entrants are Kansas, Colorado and Southern California Universities and Rice Institute. All have fine records—they've won 77 and lost 12 for the season—and none has been installed at a standout favorite.

#### Amateurs

##### BASEBALL

The Indianapolis Eagles, formerly playing as the Cardinals, were scheduled to workout at the Penny Gym at 5:30 this evening. Last year's players and those wanting a tryout were requested to report. For games with the Eagles write R. Day, F. O. E., 43 W. Vermont St.

##### SOFTBALL

The Riverside Methodists will practice at 4:30 Saturday afternoon on the Riverside diamond. Attention: Hardy, Clark, Mattingly and Crouch.

##### BASKETBALL

Hibben-Hollweg won the Elm-Road Downtown Merchants' title last night at the Hoosier A. C., beating Mt. Jackson, 46 to 32. Royal Crown Colas took consolation honors by defeating Pure Oil, 41 to 33.

Results of semi-final games:

Mountaineers, 35; Tuscaroras, 29.

Mr. Jackson, 45; Tuscaroras, 29.

The sportsmanship award went to Emory Schlafer of the tournament winners.

#### Named at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21 (U. P.)—Francis M. Simpson of Oak Park, Ill., has been elected captain of next season's Harvard basketball team, it was announced today.

Such a phenomenon is not to be overlooked—and indeed

### Step Right Up and Meet the Betoppled Dukes of Duquesne



### Moe Berg Leads Henry Into The Land of 1-2 Punch

By HENRY McLEMORE  
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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 21.—It wasn't until today that I realized there was a definite kinship between baseball and boxing. As recently as yesterday, I would have stoutly (and I mean "stoutly") to the tune of 180 pounds and twin chins) declared there was any connection between the two, say, a light field and a light cross.

But all of a sudden I found myself lolling under a palm tree with

Moe Berg of the Boston Red Sox, one of the better minds, baseball or otherwise, in this country. And before we quit lolling he had established a definite relationship between the two.

He bound them together with the expression "one-two punch."

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