



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

SWITCHING from football to hot stove league baseball... concerning the oldest pitcher in World Series competition... It seems there were six other oldsters ahead of Freddy Fitzsimmons of the 1941 Brooklyn Dodgers.

Although Fitzsimmons was hailed by some writers as the oldest hurler ever to perform in the autumn classic, Sid Keener, sports editor of the St. Louis Star-Times, has uncovered data to prove that Jack Quinn, Adolfo Luque, Arthur (Dazzy) Vance, Grover Alexander, Babe Adams and Jess Haines topped Freddy in age.

"This author rummaged through record books for several hours before coming up with Quinn's entrance in this 'Who's-the-Oldest?' controversy," declares Keener. "Jack's brief performance for the Philadelphia Athletics against the Cardinals in a game at Sportsman's Park in the fall of 1930 had been overlooked. Quinn's name was discovered in the relief role, when Bill Hallahan gained a 5-to-0 decision over the A's. The pay-off is—Quinn is the oldest World's Series pitcher.

"Fitzsimmons ranked seventh, and not first, as you'll note by the following:

- "Jack Quinn, pitched in Oct. 4, 1930, game when 45 years, 2 months old.
- "Adolfo Luque, Oct. 7, 1933, 43 years, 2 months.
- "Babe Adams, Oct. 11, 1935, 42 years, 4 months.
- "Arthur Vance, Oct. 6, 1934, 41 years, 7 months.
- "Grover Alexander, Oct. 5, 1928, 41 years, 2 months.
- "Jess Haines, Oct. 6, 1934, 41 years, 2 months.
- "Fred Fitzsimmons, Oct. 4, 1941, 40 years, 2 months.
- "Good old Alexander is the oldest pitcher to start a World's Series game. Alex. you'll note, was in his 42d year when he walked to the mound and faced the Yankees back in 1928."

Baseball Playoffs and Their Significance

ACCORDING to an editorial in the recent issue of Sporting News, results of 35 playoffs staged in the minors the past season reveal the chance of a winner over the regular schedule emerging the victor in a post-season series is only one out of three, a rather low percentage for teams establishing their superiority over a long period.

As usual, the playoff results this fall increased the eyebrow-raising among those who do not understand why these series are played after the regular season is over.

Continuing, the editorial relates in part: "The playoffs, of course, were designed to bring extra money into the coffers and to sustain interest during the lull of the season, especially where there has been a runaway race. . . . Unquestionably, the money goal was achieved the past season and many clubs that had finished the season in the red managed to get on the right side of the ledger through receipts from the playoffs.

"There also was a noticeable gain in attendance during the last month of the season in most of the minor leagues.

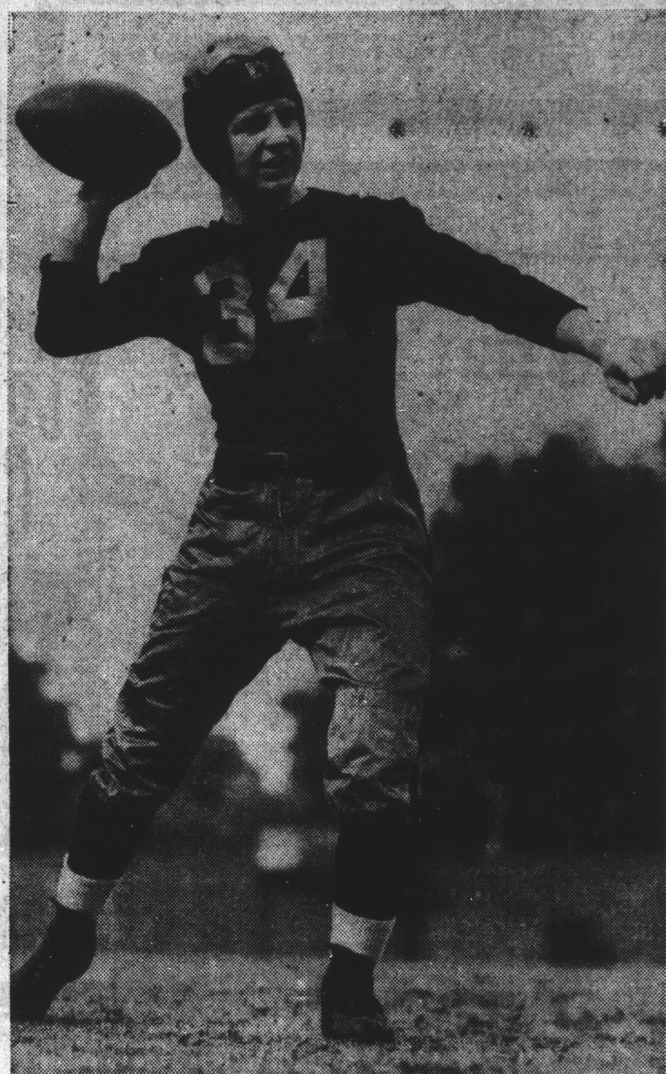
American Association Moves for Abolition

"However, considerable agitation is being raised for the abolition of the playoffs, especially in the American Association, where sentiment is growing to have the pennant winner meet the champion of the International League in the Junior World's Series, instead of having the winners of the post-season series represented, which might be the first place teams, but could be clubs that finished as low as fourth in the regular season.

"Several factors influence the opposition to the playoff system in the American Association. . . . It is argued the Junior World's Series, as a result of the preliminaries, comes too late in the season; there is no natural interest unless the champions of each league play; bad weather frequently interrupts play to the detriment of good performances on the field and of the attendance, and the World's Series is far too great a counter-attraction.

"Despite the accompanying headaches, however, the smaller leagues are likely to retain the playoffs."

Iowa Seeking to Spoil Purdue Homecoming



Robert Hajzyk.....a 60-minute sophomore for Purdue.

I. U., Wisconsin Dark Horses Clash Headon at Madison

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 24.—Two football eleven's which exploded with bomblike fury to win 1941's first victory in their last appearance will clash headon here tomorrow afternoon when Wisconsin and Indiana meet in the Badgers' annual Homecoming grid show.

And tomorrow's battle, which two weeks ago appeared to be just another football game, now shapes up as one of the most important of the Western Conference pigskin warfare, for despite early reverses by both teams, the Badgers and Hoosiers are certain to be highly instrumental in the distribution of Big Ten honors.

Both Come to Life

The 1941 failure and success story of Wisconsin and Indiana is much the same. Both had extreme difficulty finding its bearings. While the Hoosiers were dropping games to Detroit, Notre Dame and Texas Christian, Coach Harry Stuhldreher's team was stumbling and fumbling in defeat to Marquette and Northwestern.

But against T.C.U., the Fighting Hoosiers showed signs of coming to life. Against the Wildcats of Evanston, the Badgers astounded the onlookers with two quick touchdowns in the initial period. Texas Christian and Northwestern won the ball games, but the followers of both Indiana and Wisconsin knew the day of reckoning was not too far ahead. Last Saturday found both of them exploding—the Badgers against a favored Iowa team and the Hoosiers against the Rose Bowl Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Watch Hillebrand

Three of the league's top sophomore backs, Wisconsin's Pat Hillebrand and Indiana's touchdown twins, Billy Hillebrand and Charles Jacoby, will be on parade. Hillebrand's 17-point spurge against Iowa is enough to convince Indiana he is a good man to have under control. Hillebrand, Jacoby and Earl Doloway, the Hoosier handymen, have provided most of the offensive fireworks for the Indiana eleven. Hillebrand and Jacoby together have scored six of Indiana's seven touchdowns during the first half of the 1941 season, while Doloway's passing accounted for three tallied against Notre Dame and T.C.U.

Dodgers Split Series Swag

CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis today announced individual shares of the Brooklyn Dodgers' \$132,717.17 winnings in the 1941 World Series.

Landis' office also announced \$35,563.84 was to be split among members of the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals, second place clubs in the American and National leagues respectively, and \$11,854.61 among members of the Pittsburgh Pirates, fourth place club in the National League.

Full shares of \$4,829.40 each were awarded to the following 22 members of the Brooklyn Club: Durocher, Camilli, Casey, Coscarart, Davis, Fitzsimmons, Hamlin, Herman, Higbe, Kimball, Lavagetto, Medwick, Owen, Reese, Reisner, Riggs, Walker, Waddell, Wyatt, Drennon, Corriden, McDonald, Franks.

Other receiving portions were: Spencer, Allen, \$2,414.70; Wilson, \$3,622.05; Lindstrom, Albosta, \$1,207.35; French, Gahin, \$1,609.80; Comerford, \$1,500; Schwab, Bodner, Hamberger, \$1,000; Griffin, \$500; Kavanaugh, Boylan, Labate, Comerford Jr., \$250.

Simon Recovering From Appendectomy

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Abe Simon, gigantic Long Island heavyweight fighter, came through an operation for the removal of his appendix "very nicely," his doctor, Maurice Wien, said today.

Dr. Wien said "everything was fine" and that Simon would be in Jamaica Memorial Hospital for about 20 days.

Simon's manager, Jimmy Johnston, explained that Simon had complained of pains in his abdomen before he was knocked out by Lem Franklin at Cleveland Monday night. Since then his condition became worse.

20,000 Expected to Attend 'Nip and Tuck' Battle at Lafayette Camp Tomorrow

Boilermakers Pit 60-Minute Iron Men Against Wide-Open Hawkeye Aerial Attack

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 24.—An aroused Iowa eleven that hopes to bounce back with the form it displayed against Michigan has its heart set on spoiling Purdue's homecoming celebration here tomorrow afternoon in what is expected to be a nip and tuck tussle.

The 20th renewal of a keenly fought series in which the Boilermakers enjoy a slight edge is expected to attract a near-capacity crowd in the neighborhood of 20,000 persons.

In the past two seasons the two eleven's have taken turn about in Homecoming depredations. Two years ago here the Hawkeyes scored a peculiar 4-0 victory by the margin of two safeties, while last year the Boilermakers returned the compliment by subduing Iowa at their own Homecoming, 21-6. In the 19 games between the two foes to date, Purdue has won ten, Iowa has won eight, and there has been one tie.

Both Depend on Speed

Both teams will depend on virtually the same type of speed attack, and a wide open battle is in prospect. The Hawkeye offense is built around Bill Green, one of the country's ranking fullbacks, and a pair of accurate passers, Jim Youel and Tom Farmer, who specialize in long aerials to a pair of rangy ends.

Purdue's backfield is again expected to be a sophisticated affair, with John Peifer, ranking candidate for all-team honors at full-back, as a stabilizing influence. Kenny Smock, who has taken over the left halfback spot since John Galvin's unfortunate injury, has developed into an exceptional handler of punt and kickoff returns, and ranks second in the conference in the forward passing department as far as gains are concerned. Bob Hajzyk, blocky quarterback, and Francis Meakin, who went the full 60 minute route against Ohio State, are another pair of sophomores who are expected to complete the starting backfield contingent.

In the forward wall, the main question mark is provided by Captain Tom Melton, brilliant guard, who injured his ankle against the Buckeyes and may be unable to see action. His place will probably be taken by either Bill Powers or John Vees, a pair of fast moving reserves.

Bob Johnson, sophomore who is the real "iron-man" of the Big Ten, a center who has yet to miss a minute in three games and Bill Combs, comparatively slight right end whose defensive play has been outstanding, remain as permanent fixtures in the forward wall.

Frisch Loses Tonsils

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Condition of Frank Frisch, Pittsburgh manager, was satisfactory following a tonsillectomy at St. Elizabeth's Hospital here.

Illini Invade Notre Dame Looking for Another Upset

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Oct. 24.—Illinois and Notre Dame reach the midpoint of their respective football season in a make-or-break game here tomorrow before a crowd expected to reach 40,000.

The Irish will be after their fifth straight victory of the first season in which Frank Leahy, 33-year-old alumnus, is at the coaching reins. Illinois will be shooting for its third victory in four starts.

Should the Irish lose, they will have good reason to fear their steadily stiffer November schedule of Army, Navy, Northwestern and Southern California even more than now. Illinois, with only an outside chance to share in the Western Conference title, hopes to "make" its season tomorrow before tackling Michigan, Iowa, Ohio State and Northwestern.

Zup Seeks No. 1

Coach Bob Zupke, the famous upsetter, will be after his first victory over Notre Dame in a series which has seen three Notre Dame victories and a tie over a span of 43 years. Notre Dame won, 5 to 0, in 1898. The next meeting was in 1937, when the Illini not only tied a favored Irish eleven, but barely missed victory when Mel Brewer's placement from the field fell low of the bar. Notre Dame won a 14-to-6 thriller here the following year, and Steve Juzwik led the Irish to a 26-to-0 victory at Champaign last season, scoring two touchdowns. There was a game in 1939 because of schedule difficulties.

Tomorrow's will be Illinois' second

Color System

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—James Wallace Butts, Jr., insists he's still using the color system at Georgia.

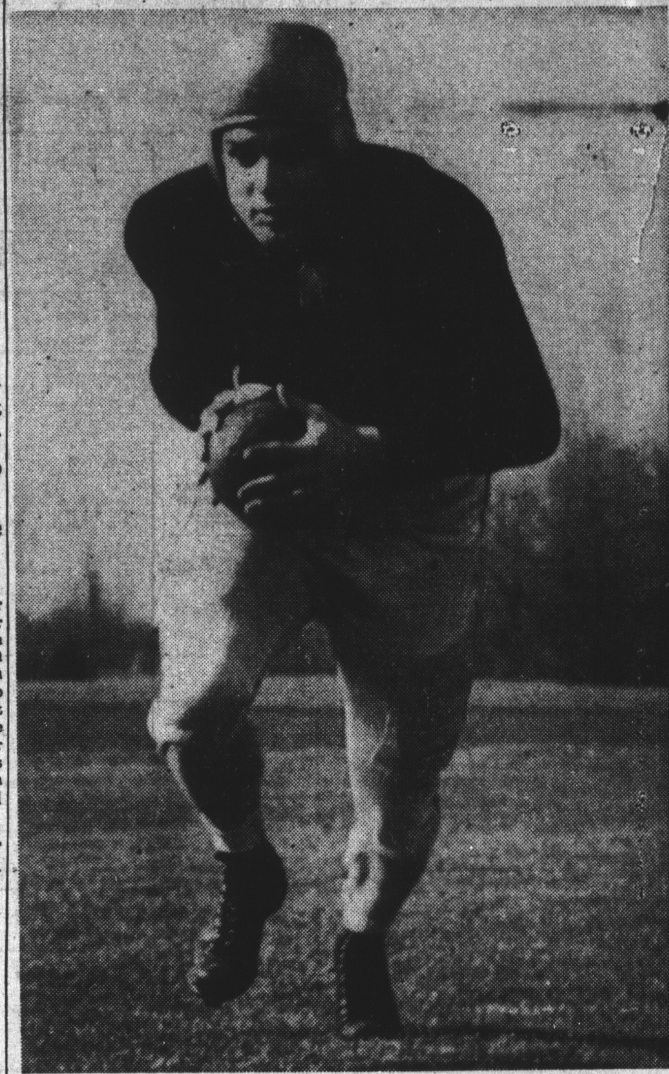
"Frank Sinkwich was out there intending to pass against Columbia," explains Wally Butts, "but he couldn't see any way to get the pass off, so he just ran for a touchdown."

Georgia does all right with the color system. Coach Wally Butts picked it up a few years ago while coaching a little old high school in Louisville.

At a faculty meeting one day, one of the teachers asked him how in the world he taught signals to his fullback.

"The boy had an I. Q. of 68," relates Butts, "and anybody who knows anything at all about those things realizes it's dangerous to let a boy like that cross a crowded street all by hisself."

"It was then that I convinced the teacher of the soundness of the color system. I explained that every time an eleven number was called the boy knew he was supposed to run to his right. If he saw somebody wearing a uniform of a different color than his own, he simply ran over that fellow and kept on going."



Bill Green.....Iowa fullback bidding for Big Ten honors.

Ah, That Little Brown Jug—'Tis in Jeopardy Once More

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—against a beaten but smoldering Northwestern team.

The familiar strains of an old college favorite—"Little Brown Jug How I Love Thee"—drift from the midlands today as mighty Minnesota carries a battle for the Western Conference title into Michigan territory in the banner game of football's fifth big week-end while a dozen more unbeaten teams gamble their records in other sections.

The collision of the two Middle Western giants is expected to attract an overflow throng of 87,500 spectators to Ann Arbor. This is tomorrow's biggest game but fans in other sections have other big ones. Just a few hundred miles away Nebraska will meet Missouri in a Big Six clash and undefeated Ohio State will move

Northwestern team. In the East, Fordham's Rams toss their Bowl hopes against Texas Christian in an intercollegiate contest and the two revitalized service clubs, Army and Navy, go back to the wars against Columbia and Harvard. Another perfect record squad, Penn, draws a comparative breather in Maryland. In the Far West the big dish is Washington versus Stanford in a battle which eliminates the loser from further Rose Bowl consideration. In the Southwest the Texas U. juggernaut is rolling against Rice and in the Deep South beaten but unbowed Tulane continues its comeback, assault against Mississippi.

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