



## 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 autumnal classic, Sid Keener, sports editor of the St. Louis Star-Times, has uncovered data to prove that Jack Quinn, Adolfo Luque, Arthur (Dazy) 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," declared 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, 1925, 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 38 playoffs 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 fag-end 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."

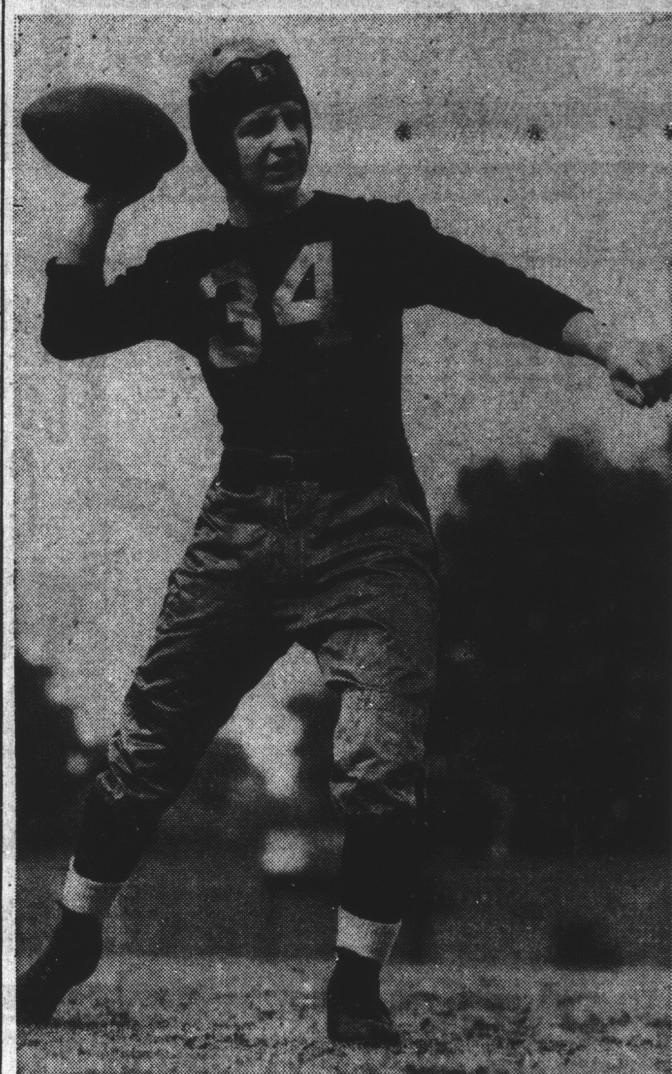
## American Association Moves for Abolition

"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.

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

Times Special

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 elevens have taken turns about in Homecoming deprivations. 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.

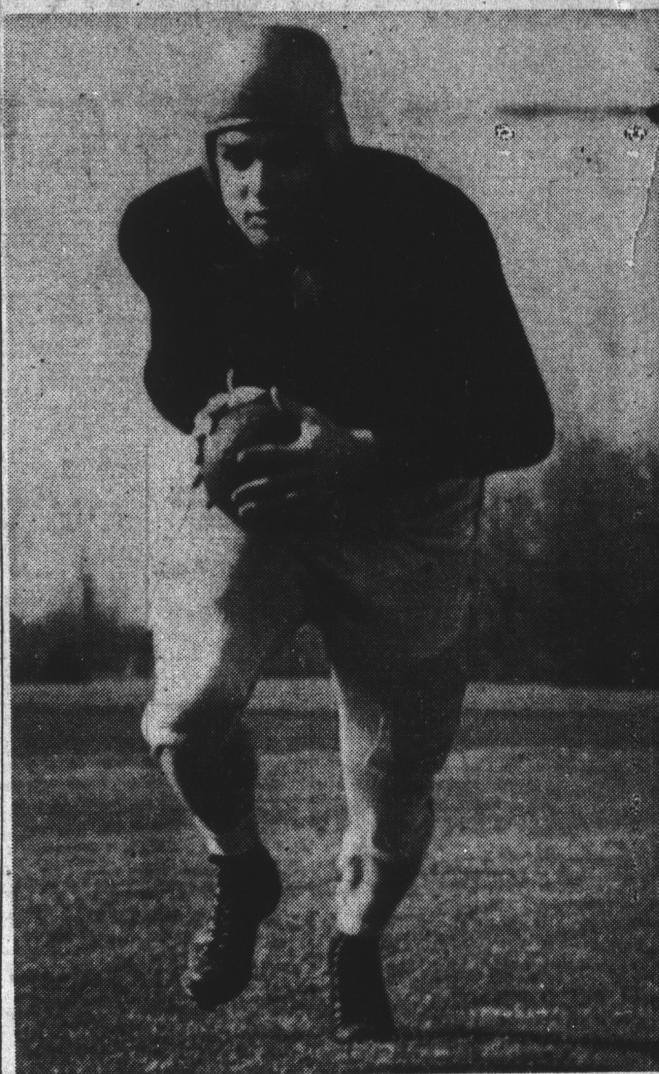
Both Depend on Speed

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 ariels to a pair of rangy ends.

Purdue's backfield is again expected to be a sophomore affair, with John Petty, ranking candidate for all-time 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 forward passing department, as far as gains are concerned. Bob Hajzyk, blocky quarterback, and Frank Meekin, 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 Vecs, 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.



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

Denson Fights  
Again Tonight

DETROIT, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Managers of Frank Barbour's White Hope heavyweight tournament, ever full of surprises, were making only one declarative statement of fact today—that the show's second round would go on tonight.

Other details such as which fighters would fight which and how many, were withheld pending the 10 o'clock whistle of the first bout.

In the way of a vague prediction, the managers said there would be 52 rounds of fighting. Those rounds, they thought, would consist of nine four-round affairs plus supporting cards.

As nearly as could be computed, it appeared that the tournament favorite—Lee Savold of Des Moines, Iowa—would meet 198-pound Al Cooper of Rock Island, Ill. (Last night Savold was scheduled to batte Earl Campbell of Cincinnati. Campbell has withdrawn from the carnival because of a broken hand.)

At the last announcement, Johnny Denson of Indianapolis, No. 2 contender, had drawn Charlie Roth, tournament darkhorse from Cincinnati. Roth, a clever 185-pounder, out-pointed highly-touted Mickey Hayes of Milwaukee last week.

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

up against a beaten but smoldering Northwestern team.

In the East, Fordham's Rams toss their Bowl hopes against Texas Christian in an intersectional contest and the two revitalized service clubs, Army and Navy, go back to the wars against Columbia and Harvard. Another perfect record breather in Maryland.

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