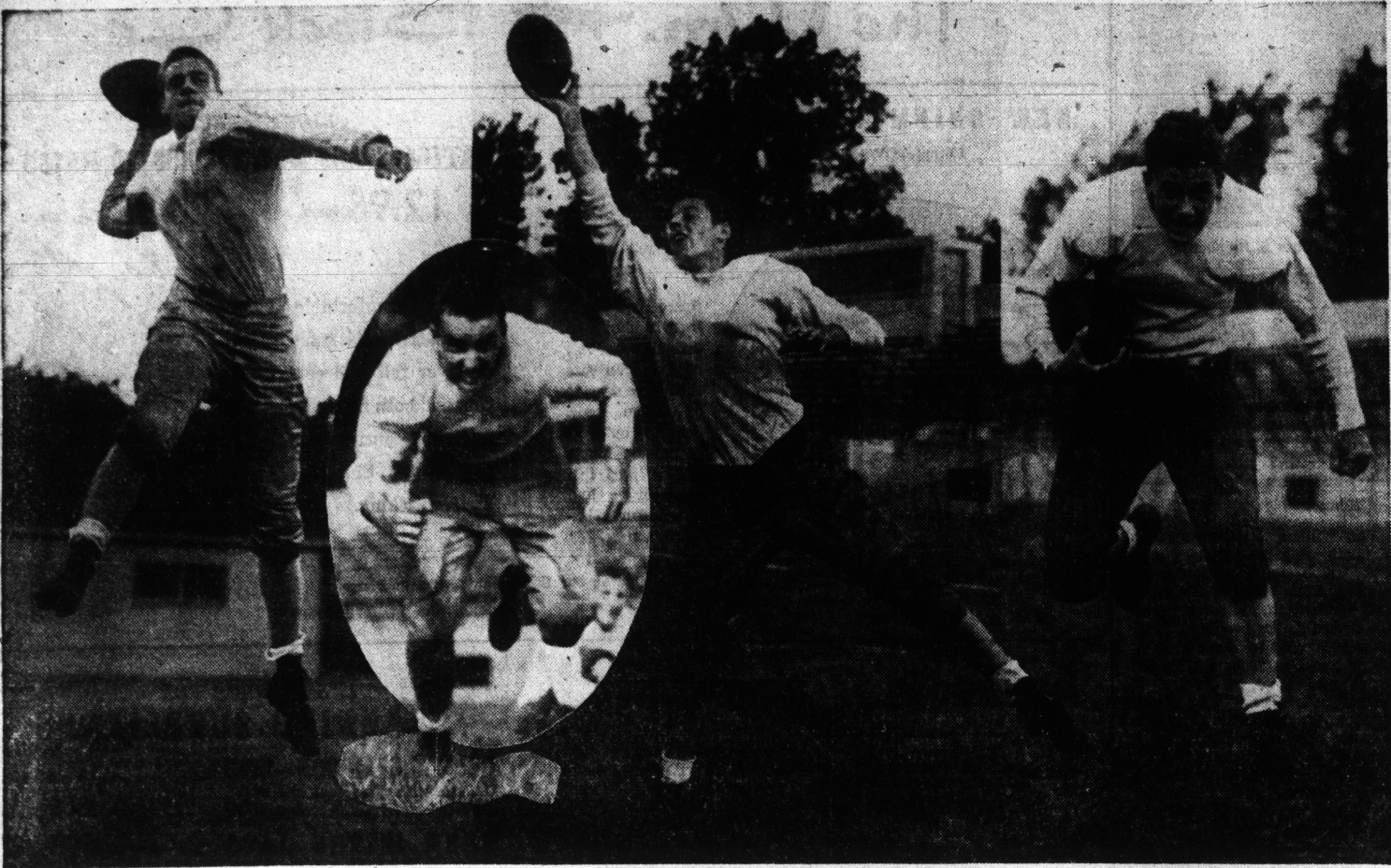


Shortridge Prepares for Gridiron Opener Sept. 22



These four returning lettermen form the nucleus of the 1944 Shortridge high school football team which Coach Tom Woods is drilling daily for the season which will be opened at the Shortridge field Sept. 22 against Warren Central.

Left is Larry Stuart, senior halfback. Insert is Dick Sutton, senior guard. Next is Bill Myers, senior right end, and extreme right is Jack Thompson, senior quarterback and captain.

SPORTS... By Eddie Ash

USUALLY an eight-club league produces four teams capable of winning half their games... But the National league in 1944 has developed just three clubs—the Cardinals, Pirates and Reds—which have won more than half their battles.

Such a thing hasn't occurred in the old league since 1915, when the fourth place Chicago Cubs won 73 and lost 80 for a .477 percentage.

In many ways 1915 was one of the strangest pennant chases of all time... The New York Giants finished in last place, but had a percentage of .454 which is enough to assure a team of ending fifth ordinarily.

Kansas City may finish the season with the second lowest percentage in the American association's long history... The all-time low was Columbus' 1926 record of 39 won and 125 lost for a .238 percentage... In 1926 the A. A. schedule called for 164 games.

Leagues Forego World Series Tickets

THE major leagues are going all-out in compliance with ODT requests to confine attendance at the world series to the cities where the games will be played.

Besides restricting the ticket sale to fans in the cities directly involved, American and National league headquarters and member clubs in other cities will pass up their usual allotment of tickets.

In the past, it has been customary to make blocks of tickets available to headquarters of the two leagues and to officials of non-participating clubs.

THE ODT's request to the majors read in part as follows: "As a further step in our campaign for the curtailment of non-essential travel, we request the additional concession that in connection with the forthcoming world series games, such special arrangements for the distribution of tickets will be set up as will confine attendance to the cities in which the games are played."

Last Series at Home for Reds

ANSWER to query: The Cincinnati Reds open their last home series of the season tonight, meeting the Pirates... The Pirates will be in Cincy over the week-end, playing a single game Saturday afternoon and a double-header Sunday afternoon... Sunday twin bills at Crosley field start at 1:30 (12:30 Indianapolis time).

If any other team than the Browns wins the American league pennant, the prospects of the champions being housed at their regular St. Louis home—Hotel Chase—are not so good.

Early reservations by fans, in anticipation of an all-St. Louis series have the popular hostelry, as well as other Mound City hotels, booked solid.

LAST SUNDAY, in Louisville, the Colonels and Toledo Mud Hens started double-header play at 1:45 p. m. and the second game wasn't completed until 7:20... Louisville's home attendance for regular season play is 224,035, which is 80,000 more than last season at Parkway field.

Many Clubs in Softball Derby

A heavy entry has been reported in the annual softball derby starting at Speedway Stadium tomorrow night.

Teams from Muncie, Anderson, Connersville and Lafayette are

among the early out-of-town entries, according to John Deveny, who is in charge of the event. Deveny also announced that Dayton, O., Marion Victory Girls, Connersville and Camp Atterbury had entered teams in the girls' division. Pepsi-Cola is the defending champion in the girls' division, while Ruse's Service of Brownsburg are present title holders in the men's division.

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RESULTS YESTERDAY	
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	
First Game, 7 Innings, Agreement	
St. Paul 6-0 Cleveland 6-0	
Milwaukee 4-0 Detroit 3-0	
Baker, Werth, Farry and Castro, Acosta and Easterwood.	
Second Game, 10 Innings	
St. Paul 5-10 Cleveland 2-10	
Milwaukee 4-0 Detroit 3-0	
Baker, Werth, Farry and Castro, Acosta and Easterwood.	

Mud Hens Blank Tribe, 4-0; Brewers Win Pennant Again

TOLEDO, Sept. 7.—In the series opened out at Sayway field last night the second-place Toledo Mud Hens whitewashed the sixth-place Indianapolis Indians, 4 to 0, behind Earl Jones' three-hit pitching. And the Hens supported Jones' fine hurling by playing errorless ball.

Stanley Kopp opened on the Tribe mound and the Hens got him for a run in the fourth stanza. The home pastimes sewed up the contest in the eighth by staging a three-run spurge. Carl Lindquist relieved Kopp in the eighth. The Tribesters made two errors.

The Toledo boys won the struggle on eight hits while Jones kept the Redskins subdued.

Two games remain in the series, tonight and tomorrow night, after which the Indians will move to Columbus to close the season, playing the fifth-place Red Birds in a single tilt Saturday night and a double-header Sunday afternoon.

In 20 clashes with the Mud Hens this season, the Indians have won eight games and lost 12.

By UNITED PRESS

The Milwaukee Brewers today had undisputed possession of the American association pennant for the second consecutive year after splitting a double-header last night with the St. Paul Saints.

The Brewers made the 1944 championship a mathematical certainty when they drubbed the Saints 6-0 in the first game, giving them a standing of 98 wins and 48 losses for 67.1 per cent.

The champs then dropped the nightcap, 6-5, in a 10-inning show. It was the fifth time the Brewers have won the association flag. Other pennants were won in 1913 and 1914 when Harry Clark was manager, in 1936, under the late Allan Sothoron, and last year under Charley Grimm, present manager of the Chicago Cubs.

Pitcher Julio Acosta nailed the tag to the mask when he held the Saints to three hits during the seven inning go, while his fellow Brewers hammered three St. Paul mounds-men for nine hits to bring in four runs in the first inning and swell the total again in the fourth and fifth.

In the second game the Brewers trailed 4-1 in the last half of the ninth, but staged a three-run rally that made everything even. In the 10th the Saints crossed the plate twice and the Brewers were able to match them with only one run.

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Totals 39 32 7 Totals 22 8 27

Lyon batted for Kopp in eighth.

Indianapolis..... 000 000 000-0
Toledo..... 000 100 03-4

Errors—Poland, Sabena. Runs batted in—Boken 2, Bury, Two-base hit—Burgie. Stolen bases—Hettel, Schulte. Double play—Hettel to Sabena to Farrell. Left on bases—Indianapolis 4, Toledo 6. Base on balls—Off Jones 1, Kopp 1, Lindquist 1. Strikeouts—By Kopp 6, Jones 4. Hits—Off Kopp 6 in 7 innings. Lindquist 2 in 1. Wild pitch—Kopp. Losing pitcher—Kopp. Umpire—Paparilla and Steingrafe. Time—1:40.

Two Games Carded At Victory Field

Two games for the East-West supremacy in Negro baseball are on tap at Victory field tonight, starting at 6:45, with the Birmingham Black Barons, Negro American league champions two successive years facing the New York Cubans, in the first game, and the Indianapolis Clowns, taking on the Cubans in the nightcap.

Both games are scheduled for seven innings.

Gary Fighter Wins

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Willie Joyce, speedy 140-pounder from Gary, Ind., won a 10-round decision over Chester Silder, 143, San Francisco, here last night before 4000 customers.

Silder took an early lead but Joyce finished fast to win the judge's decision.

Quarterback Hurt

CHICAGO, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Northwestern university's veteran quarterback Frank (Red) Clawson will be out of the lineup when the Wildcats open their season Sept. 22 against Ft. Sheridan because of a dislocated left elbow, Coach Lynn Waldorf said today.



By TIM TIPPETT

THE DEATH THIS WEEK of Former Senator George Norris of Nebraska marks the passing of one of American fishermen's best friends, although the much-respected statesman was not an angler and his achievements in life far overshadowed anything as small, comparatively, as improving this country's angling.

Senator Norris, father of the TVA, creator of the unicameral state form of government, and champion who finally succeeded in abolishing lame ducks (not the kind subjects to open season, although many once thought they should be), also did a great deal to swell the fish population of America.

The vast bodies of water backed up by the massive TVA dams are well stocked with fish and the power dams themselves are equipped to protect migrating fish.

And Another Project

FROM THE TVA sprung another project in the west known to all residents of the vast Plateau valley some hundred miles this side of the rolling hills leading to the Rockies as the P. V. P. P. and I. D. Natives can roll that off their tongues quicker than Joe Jacobs can yell "We was robbed." But to the outlander it's a mouthful and means the Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District.

The P. V. P. P. and I. D. is a huge series of canals, locks and lakes which serpent-like twines its way through the hills and tiny valleys of the Platte district, gathering more and more water and momentum until at various locations it funnels off into the green farmland to either side of it.

Through all this system science has done its best to propagate and protect fish. The project has only been a going concern for the

Heavies Top Pro Mitt Bill

A six-round bout between Colton Chaney, young Indianapolis heavyweight, and Homer McClain, newcomer from Chicago, will top the pro mitt bill to be staged at Sports Arena tonight. Chaney will scale 190 pounds, while the Windy City puncher expects to tip the beam at 185.

The complete six-event program follows:

Six rounds—Heavyweights: Colton Chaney, Indianapolis, vs. Homer McClain, Chicago.

Six rounds—Welterweights: James Sherron, Indianapolis, vs. Robert Fowler, Minneapolis.

Five rounds—Middleweights: Tito Taylor, Chicago, vs. Arnold Deit, Indianapolis.

Five rounds—Lightweights: Dick Cook, Camp Atterbury, vs. Ted Christie, Chicago.

Four rounds—Middleweights: Jim Crowe, Danville, Ill., vs. Frank Rand, Indianapolis.

Four rounds—Welterweights: Mike McKessick, Indianapolis, vs. Tiger Kiggins, Indianapolis.

The McKessick-Kiggins clash will open the action at 8:30 o'clock.

Sgt. Ross Gets Gold Medallion

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Marine Sgt. Barney Ross, Guadalcanal hero and former lightweight and welterweight boxing champion, today held a gold medallion from the Helms Athletic foundation.

Foundation director Bill Schroeder presented the special award to Ross at Legion stadium last night for his ring and war record.

Ross won the navy cross for his heroism on Guadalcanal in holding a foxhole by himself in the face of two-way Jap gunfire.

The foundation presents a regular award to the Southern California "athlete of the month."

McCarthy Bids for Pennant With Squad of Striplings Recruited From Minor Leagues

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Yankee Manager Joe McCarthy, the old black magic man of baseball, is making his pennant bid with a squad of striplings from the minors which includes replacements for 12 players of the 1943 championship team.

Compared with the other three contending teams, the Yankees have the most revamped lineup of all, which probably accounts for their belated bid, since McCarthy worked for weeks to eliminate "bugs" by experimenting. He simply switched players until in typical fashion he hit a winning combination.

In contrast to the Yankees are the Tigers and Browns, both operating with virtually the same squads as in 1943. Only one Tiger regular, Second Baseman Jimmy Bloodworth, and two pitchers, Tommy Bridges and Virgil Trucks, are absent from the team which finished the race a year ago. The Browns had only to find replacements for three pitchers, Steve Sundra, Charley Fuchs and Al Milnar, veteran catchers, Rick Ferrell and Frankie Hayes, both traded

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Emerging from an avalanche of 40,000 mail requests for world series tickets, the St. Louis Cardinals management cried "Uncle" today and announced it no longer could accept such orders.

With only 12,000 seats available at Sportsman's park, the Red Birds bosses said all future check or money-order bearing mail would be returned—unopened, if possible.

Ticket assignment will not be made until the National league-leading Cards actually clinch the pennant. The tickets are being printed and are expected to be delivered next week.

away, and a substitute outfielder, Hal Epps.

The Boston Red Sox were hit hard, losing such stars as pitchers Cecil (Tex) Hughson, catcher Hal Wagner and second baseman Bobby Doerr in the midst of their pennant bid, but nevertheless have all but four regulars and five pitchers who were along in 1943.

Gone from the Yankees are Joe Gordon, conceded the top second baseman in baseball; Charley Keller, one of the great outfielders and hitters of modern times; Billy Johnson, winner of the 1943 league rookie award; Spud Chandler, top pitcher in both leagues; and William Dickey, without a peer as a catcher. The other losses were outfielder Roy Weatherly, catchers Rolfe Hemsley and Ken Sears, and pitchers Marius Russo, Charley Wensloff, Johnny Murphy and Marvin Breuer.

But McCarthy never gave up. He got Hershell Martin, a spirited outfielder from Milwaukee, George Stinweis, a disappointment while serving as second fiddle to Gordon, developed into a standout fielder, the team's leading hitter and the league's top base stealer. Oscar Grimes, shaky for awhile, became an adequate replacement for Johnson at third, while Frank Crosetti's return cleared a major problem at shortstop.

Hemsley, until called to the colors recently, was a capable fill-in for Dickey and the unexpected steadiness of Mike Garbar has kept the catching up to par.



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