

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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THE HANGOVER SERIES... Although both teams just came out of a lost week-end, the Cardinals were first out of the fog in the National league playoff while the Dodgers still saw the little pink elephants on the march when hits would have meant runs.

X MARKS THE SPOT... What's cookin' in football, a Longhorn stampede? Deep in the heart of Texas the University of Texas rolled up 118 points in two games, 42-0, over Missouri, 76-0, over Colorado. ... Yet Missouri played Ohio State a 13-13 tie. ... Dana X. Bible is the Texans' head coach. ... And maybe that X points to the spot where the Longhorns inter teams which dare to invade the Lone Star state. ... **VOLUME 1, NO. 1**... The first issue of The Quarterback, published in St. Louis, by Sporting News, picks Minnesota over Indiana by a three-point margin. ... Last year the Hoosiers swamped the Gophers, 40-0.

LEO DENIES RUMOR... In Syracuse, N. Y., today, Leo T. Miller, president of the Chiefs of the International league, denied reports that he was interested in the presidency of the American association. "I am not a candidate and would not and could not accept this position even if it was offered," he said. "My stock ownership in the Chiefs and my general manager contract with the club have far more appeal to me than does the association presidency," he added.

OWNERS' GOLD MINE... The National league playoff receipts are split evenly by the St. Louis and Brooklyn clubs in St. Louis and also in Brooklyn, after a 5 per cent take by the league. ... The players only receive an extra week's pay.

NEUN WELL KNOWN HERE... Johnny Neun, the new manager of the Cincinnati Reds, was instrumental in knocking the Indians out of the American association pennant in 1924. ... Ask Omer Bush, the Tribe's president, who was field manager of the Redjacks 22 years ago. Neun, first sacker, was St. Paul's big gun that season, and in addition to batting 353 he was a base-stealing fool and pilfered 55 sacks.

LATE SEASON POISON... In 1924, the Indians were out in front in the flag fight when they invaded St. Paul for the next-to-the-last series of the campaign. ... It looked as though the Tribesmen had the pennant sewed up and Mayor Charlie Jewett and other local baseball boosters poured wine into St. Paul's champagne glass and his players for bringing the championship to Indianapolis.

JOHNNY BROKE IT UP... Bush and his pitchers feared Neun and tried everything in the book to get him out. ... But Johnny still was in a hot streak and his booming game-wrecking triple in the crucial game of the series pulled the Indians out of the lead. St. Paul took over, snatched first place then and there and held it. ... That same year, Johnny stole every base in succession in a game against Louisville.

ONE, TWO, THREE... As a big league player, Neun's outstanding performances included an unassisted triple play against Cleveland in 1927 when he was with the Detroit Tigers. ... Fleet of foot, the 5-foot, 11-inch Neun stole five bases in one game against the Yankees when he was with Detroit in 1927, and four days later stole home twice, once in each game, in a double-header with Washington.

FIFTEEN AND EIGHT... In regular season play this year, the Cardinals smacked the Dodgers 14 times in 22 clashes. ... Now it's one more on the St. Louis side of the ledger. ... The Red Birds won six out of 11 in Brooklyn in regular season and eight in 11 in the Mount City. ... Yesterday's playoff opener made it 15 in 23 over the Flatbushers thus far in '46.

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Cards Tote Notched Gun to Brooklyn

Feud Is On Again Tomorrow; St. Louis Club Sure Its Slump That Caused Playoff Is Over

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Oct. 2 (U. P.)—Baseball's version of the Hatfields and the Coys—the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers—suspended hostilities temporarily today as they moved to new feuding grounds at Ebbets field.

The Cards will move to the enemy's own back yard toting a once-notched gun, a hard-earned 4-2 victory over the Bums in the first game of a history-making playoff for the National league pennant.

Unable to settle their quarrel over the 154-game route, the contenders yesterday launched a play-off series, a two-city best-of-three set to decide who will play the Boston Red Sox in the world series.

There were plenty of heroes as the Birds topped their old rivals. Two of the Cards' top-notchers, Howie Pollet, a pitcher with an aching back, and Joe Garagiola, a kid catcher who not long ago used to beg for autographs from the guys who are now his teammates, stood out above the rest.

He Got Help He Needed
Pollet, a doubtful starter up to just before the game because of a pulled back muscle, stopped the Brooks when it counted. But he had to have help, and he got it. Marty Marion, Red Schoendienst and Stan Musial, the Cards' slick double-play combination, twice pulled him off the spot.

Rightfielder Enos Slaughter's strong throwing arm cut down a runner and staved off what looked like a sure trip to the showers for Pollet.

Garagiola, a resident of the so-called "Hill," an Italian settlement on St. Louis' south side, paid off for his admirers who had thrown a big hoe-down for him two nights before. His three hits could not have been better timed.

In the first inning his infield single, coming with Terry Moore, Slaughter and Whitey Kurowski aboard and two out scored Moore with the first run of the game.

Keeps Rally Alive
He kept a two-run rally alive in the third frame. Musial had walked with one down and Slaughter's single had sent him to third. Stan scored while Kurowski was forcing Slaughter, and it was again up to the kid catcher.

His single to right center moved Kurowski to second from where he scored on Harry Walker's single.

Again in the seventh the youngster showed the way. In that stanza, Musial hitless up to the time, found the range against Manager Leo Durocher's fourth pitcher. He plastered a triple against the right-center field screen, but seemed fated to remain at the way station as Slaughter and Kurowski failed to power him home. Joe drove in the run.

Meanwhile, the faltering Pollet slipped in and out of one jam after another. Although Brooklyn counted only twice against him—in the third on Howie Schultz' homer and in the seventh on singles by Peeewe Reese, Bruce Edwards and Schultz—he had him in danger several times.

In the fifth, the cause looked darkest for the Birds. Reese had singled through the box to open the

Spy Reports That Sycamores Will Pass Against Butler

Butler university's coaching staff devoted yesterday practice session to a careful study of scouting reports on next Saturday's opponent, Indiana State.

Scouting notes were supplied by Assistant Coach Herbert Schwoymer, who attended last week's game between the Sycamores and Washab at Terre Haute.

According to the reports, Indiana State has a powerful passing team. This aerial attack stopped Illinois Normal, 13-0, in the Sycamores' season's opener Sept. 21.

Max Woolsey, passing ace of the Sycamore offensive, was the leading ground gainer of last season's team. Woolsey, 162-pound halfback, specializes in jump passes and is a dangerous broken field runner.

Alternating with Woolsey in the first team passing chores and serving as chief punter is Robert Brown. Letterman quarterback from the 1941 squad.

Indiana State's passing staff is lined five deep, according to Schwoymer. First team passers are supplemented by Bob Chester, junior halfback; Red Vaughn, junior quarterback; and Fred Pugh, freshman quarterback.

Working at the receiving end of the passing attack for the Sycamores are Tex Graham and Stan Saljko, veteran ends. Graham is a senior letterman who played on the

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Cardinals' catcher Joe Garagiola, who got three hits, Winning Pitcher Howie Pollet and Manager Eddie Dyer rejoice in dressing room after winning the opening game in the National league playoff series against Brooklyn.

Sidelights of the Playoffs—Confident Card Fans Save Steam for World Series

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2 (U. P.)—A restrained kind of carnival atmosphere hung over St. Louis today as the city's confident baseball fans, no longer worried about the Dodgers, saved some steam for the anticipated world series.

Everyone was grinning and relaxed, and the strain of the final week of the regular season, as the Cardinals and Dodgers backed into the first tie in 71 years of major league history, was gone.

The celebration started in the dressing room of the Cardinals after yesterday's game which Howie Pollet, with a pulled back muscle, won with a great fighting exhibition.

Hillbilly Music in Order
Ol' Doc Weaver, the Red Bird trainer, had the gramophone all oiled up and playing hillbilly music by the time the boys returned from the field. You could hardly hear "Wabash Cannon Ball" over the din.

The music was but a faint thump-thump in the background as the uproar grew to full size. About that time Sam Breadon walked into the place, not acting like the owner of the club at all. He placed an arm about Bobby Scanlon, the veteran batboy.

The arm of the boss-then went around the Pollet shoulder. The sore one. Howie didn't even say "ouch."

Sam Breadon couldn't overlook Joe Garagiola, the kid catcher who virtually won the game for the Cardinals yesterday with three solid smacks.

No Letup in Celebrating
Breadon moved out of character. "Hi, slugger," he greeted Garagiola.

The celebration in a more quiet sort of way was still going on today. On the Natural Bridge buses, out Kings highway on the south-bound trail, in the joints where coffee still sells for a nickel, in the lobbies of office buildings, and in cabs.

And next week there will be the big show of baseball—the world series—to welcome.

Purdue Legion Golfer 11 Strokes Off Pace
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Oct. 2 (U. P.)—Dave Laffin, Purdue university, had a card of 163 in the American Legion's national golf tournament today to finish 11 strokes behind the winner. Bill Maxwell, Oklahoma City, Okla., a veteran of world war II, won the tournament with a card of 75-77-152. Laffin had 77 on the first 18 and fell back to an 86 on the final 18. Laffin was Indiana Legion golf champion this year.

Fight Results
NEW YORK (Park Arena)—Johnny Colan, 174, New York, stopped Tony Musial, 125, Chicago, (3).
NEW YORK (Broadway Arena)—George Koehnen, 175, Akron, O., outpointed Joe Reddick, 186, Paterson, N. J., (8).
JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Bobby Zetter, 147, Montreal, outpointed Vince Fratello, 159, Wilkes-Barre, N. J., (10).
HARTFORD, Conn.—Johnny Cessario, 142, Hartford, outpointed Bobby Fryer, 147, Springfield, Mass., (10).

Deacon Happy To Be Coach

CLEVELAND, Oct. 2.—(U. P.)—Bill McKechnie, former manager of the Cincinnati Reds, has become a coach of the Cleveland Indians and says he "will never be anything more."

"I have no designs or desire to manage the Indians in the future," McKechnie said from his home in Wilkinsburg, Pa., "and if and when Lou Boudreau is through as manager of the Tribe, I am through, too."

The "Deacon" said his new job "represents a perfect setup for me. I never want to manage again and I particularly relish the chance to help as fine a playing manager as Boudreau. I think I can take some of the load off his shoulders."

McKechnie, 59, signed a two-year contract with the Indians, at a salary believed to be near \$20,000 a year. He resigned as manager of the Reds on Sept. 22 after nine years at Cincinnati's helm. In that time the Reds won two pennants, one world series, and finished out of first division only twice.

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JOE WILLIAMS SAYS...



NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Now if the children will please pipe down and stop c-o-o-o-o-ing and a-a-a-a-h-ing over the delirious situation which finds the Brooklyn and Cardinals in a playoff for the NL pennant, we'll tell them about a baseball season that was really something.

We'll have to take them all the way back to 1908 but the trip through the misty years is worth it because that was the year when not only one pennant but two were practically decided on the final day in the same city.

Let's first consider the American league race of that year. To begin with, it was a four-team photo finish. Coming up to the last week only three games separated the four first division teams, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis, and they faced each other in the closing games.

Cleveland had three with St. Louis. If the Naps, as they were known then, a tribute to their gifted second baser, Nap Lajoie, could take the series they'd have the pennant. They took the first, lost the second, and were eliminated.

Ultimately the issue came down to the final game between Detroit and Chicago in the latter's own park. If the Tigers won they clinched the pennant; if they lost they tied with the White Sox with 89 wins and 63 defeats. They won. Wild Bill Donovan, fated to die in a railroad wreck some years later, pitched a shutout, 7-0.

Now while these stirring paragraphs were being added to sports history, drama of almost identical dimensions and character was being screened in the National league. Three teams, the Giants, Cubs and Pirates, were slugging it out. This was the season you will be reminded of the celebrated "Merkie boner," an incident which contributed greatly to the complicated climax.

Briefly, Merkie, Giant's first baser, failed to touch second while the winning run was crossing the plate in a game with the Cubs at the Polo grounds. This game, incidentally, is often confused with the subsequent playoff; actually it was played in mid-September, and on pre-test, was ruled a 2-2 tie.

They did not have Sunday baseball in the East in those days, and as a result the Giants still had three games to play (with Boston) after their rivals had closed the book. The Cubs and the Pirates had gone down to the final day. The situation was such that if the Pirates won the game they had the pennant and it wouldn't matter what the Giants did in their remaining games. But they lost and the Cubs went into the lead.

They took the lead, mind you, in the same city and under the same circumstances, that the AL Pennant had been decided. It was now up to the Giants. To catch the Cubs they had to take all three from Boston. This the men of McGraw proceeded to do and so the race was tied, each team having won 98 and lost 55.

Two days later came the playoff at the Polo grounds. It is of only academic interest whether this was a playoff of the league tie or the Merkie game tie, as is frequently debated; the fact is the winner was to take the pennant. As history records, the Giants weren't the winners. Famed three-finger Brown overcame a two-run deficit to out-pitch equally famed Mathewson and win, 4-2.

Next came the World Series and then for what must have been the first time, the question was asked: What are the odds against a tired team, handicapped by mental and physical strain, which must face a well rested, eager, buoyant team, as the Tigers were at that stage?

As this question is currently being asked of both the Brooklyn and Cardinals with reference to the Red Sox, it is interesting to note that the Cubs almost made a clean sweep of the series. They won four of the five games, with Brown coming in to save the first and to win the fourth with a four-hit shutout. Even Cobb didn't get a loud foul off him.

Yes, children, that was quite a baseball season with both races coming down to the very last day and both being decided in one city in one day.

Brr—Snow Likely For Little Series

MONTREAL, Oct. 2 (U. P.)—Snow and rain were forecast for Montreal today, endangering the fourth game of the "little world series" scheduled to be played tonight between Montreal's Royals, International league champion, and Louisville, king of the American association.

Louisville leads, two games to one, in the best four-of-seven series. Snow covered the diamond yesterday until it was washed away by rain, and the temperature stood at 32 degrees.

However, Montreal officials said the game could be played if there was no more rain today, since the diamond dries quickly.

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