Lemon, Gordon, Bearden Sign Cleveland Contracts

Berardino Also 'In'; Sain to Hurl First Exhibition for Braves

Gil Hodges of Petersburg, Ind., Clouts Home Run for Brooklyn Dodgers

By United Press

TUCSON, Ariz., Mar 8—The champion Cleveland Indians today bore a closer resemblance to the one, big happy family of last October following the acceptance of terms by Pitcher Bob Lemon, Second Baseman Joe Gordon, Pitcher Gene Bearden and Utility Infielder Johnny Berardino.

Cleveland's only remaining holdouts are Infielder Roberto Avila and third-string Catcher Hank Ruszkowski.

Gordon, who received an estimated $35,000 plus a bonus which could raise his earnings to $40,000, called the contact the best of his career. Bearden also signed a bonus contract which could net him better than $20,000. Lemon was understood to have received the $25,000 he sought.

Berardino, who batted only .190, took a slight cut from his last year's wage.

BRADENTOWN, Fla., Mar. 8—The brilliant spring showing of Pitcher Johnny Sain of the Boston Braves was rewarded today when Manager Billy Southworth nominated him to hurl the club's opening grapefruit, league game against the Brooklyn Dodgers at Miami, Sunday.

Sain, the star of yesterday's intensive workout displayed four different types of curves for visitors A. B. (Happy) Chandler, baseball commissioner, and National League Umpire Bill Stewart.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 8—New York Giants Manager Leo (The Lip) Durocher indicated today that four of his youngsters have gained at least a temporary reprieve from farm clubs. He said that Bob Hoffman and Bill Jennings, both 23, George Spencer, 22, and Gail Henley, 20, would remain with the main squad for some time.

VERO BEACH, Fla., Mar. 8—The Brooklyn Dodgers, who were held back by their lack of home run power last season, got some hope of future slugging today from converted First-baseman Gil Hodges.

Hodges of Petersburg, Ind., boomed a homer over the centerfield shrubbery yesterday to lead Peewee Reese's Colonels in a 9 to 2 win over Bruce Edwards' Californians.

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 8—Kenny Raffensberger, Eddie Erautt, and Walker Cress were named today to hurl for the Cincinnati Reds in their opening exhibition game this Saturday against the Boston Red Sox at Sarasota.

CLEARWATER, Fla., Mar. 8—The Philadelphia Phillies were 100 per cent signed up today as Infielder Bobby Blattner, former New York Giant, inked his 1949 contract. Blattner signed for a reported $7000 after talking to club president Bob Carpenter.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Mar. 8—The Pittsburgh Pirates were scheduled to spend today sharpening up their batting eyes.

Manager Bill Meyer had planned an intrasquad game but ordered a concentrated batting practice instead.

SARASOTA, Fla., Mar. 8—The Boston Red Sox still awaited word today from Tommy O'Brien, former Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder, and the only member missing from the Sox camp.

Sox officials have heard nothing from O'Brien, who was being given strong consideration for the right-field job. He hit .359 with Birmingham of the Southern Association last season.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 8—Phil Marchildon, veteran Philadelphia Athletics pitcher, who had a little difficulty seeing eye to eye with Manager Connie Mack on terms, today appeared to be regaining his 1947 form.

He showed good control while pitching batting practice yesterday and said afterward that he felt none of the weakness that caused him to slip to nine victories last year.

Rookie Tribe Hurler Gets First-Hand Advice

Photos by John Spicklemire, Times Staff Photographer.

Indianapolis Indians Manager Al Lopez (right) gives Rookie Pitcher Ed Wolfe (left) some pointers on correcting his pitching stance as Pirate Scout Ted McGrew of Indianapolis looks on. The Tribe, in spring training at the Pelicans park in New Orleans, started practice yesterday.

Hustling Tribe Holds Initial Batting Drill

Indians Begin Stick Work on Second Day Of Training; Weather Excellent

Times Special

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 8—The calendar said it was just the second day of spring training but you wouldn't know it to see the Indianapolis Indians.

For Al Lopez's wild Tribe took to the woods with a vengeance this morning in New Orleans' spacious Pelican Stadium and held the first batting drill of the spring semester.

And although the pitchers weren't throwing with their customary gusto and the hitters were just meeting the ball, everyone seemed satisfied with the results.

Manager Al Lopez credited all this good fortune on the fine New Orleans weather. "This is just about the finest weather I've ever experienced at the start of spring training," he said.

Lopez said that the pitchers he used for the batting practice today were some of the rookies on the club who had worked the previous week in the Pirates rookie camp in San Bernardino, Cal.

All the veteran hurlers worked out a bit but did no serious throwing.

The Indians started the day off with catch and pepper games and then proceeded to the batting cage.

Johnny Hutchings, the Indians' rotund hurler, put on an impromptu show for the New Orleans fans and wowed them with his antics. He didn't get to do any pitching to the batters but did enough on the sidelines to keep him busy.

Senor Lopez said tomorrow's practice will follow almost the same pattern as today's workout with more emphasis on the pitching.

Lopez and Coach Don Gutteridge worked the squad fairly hard for the first two days and have indicated that more hard work is in store.

Business Manager Ted Sullivan announced today that Catcher Jim Ballinger had arrived and was expected to sign his contract.

He also announced the Mel Rue, the sparkling New Orleans shortstop, had come to terms and worked with the club for the first time today.

Rue and Ballinger's signing leaves but a pair of Indians still on the laggard list. Catcher Clyde Kluttz and Pitcher Charlie Rushe have yet to ink their contracts.

Players now on hand for the training sessions number 32. Those who reported yesterday were Joe Gorski, Ed Bahr, Jack Hallett, Jim Walsh, Eddie Wolf, Bob Klinger and Curtis King.

The Indians official family, Donie Bush, Ted Sullivan, Frank McKinney, and Ted McGrew, the Pirates chief scout, are with the club and are staying at the Lafayette Hotel.

Geisel Speaker At Butler Banquet

Speaker for the Butler University basketball banquet tomorrow night in the school cafeteria will be Harry Geisel, former American League umpire.

Sponsored by the Utes Club, sophomore men's honorary, the dinner is to honor members of the 1948-49 basketball team. Awards will be presented by Dr. William L. Howard, chairman of the faculty athletic committee.

Toastmaster for the program to follow the dinner will be Angelo Angelopolous of the Indianapolis News. Newspaper and radiomen of the city will select the most valuable player of the season. Captain of next year's team, selected by the players, will also be announced.

Villanova Chosen For NCAA Berth

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (UP)—Villanova today was selected to represent the Middle-Atlantic district in the NCAA basketball semi-final tournament.

The appointment of the Philadelphia school as the district 2 representative completed the eastern bracket for the competition which begins at Madison Square Garden Mar. 21. Yale, Kentucky and Illinois previously were picked.

Villanova has won 22 games and lost three this season.

Amateur, Independent, Semi-Pro Basketball

Results of the city independent tourney last night at the Dearborn gym: Bu-Mar-Denis 41, Mayer House 42; East End Coal 37, Billings Hospital 43; May-fair 49, Stout Field Rockets 45.

Don Liggett of Mayer House, S. Peter of Billings and A. Gregorie of Stout Field were awarded sportsmanship honors.

Tonight's schedule: 7:15, IBEW vs. Fadely Anderson; 8:15, Moose Lodge vs. Roy Gale Studebakers, 9:15, Chevrolet Body vs. Strayer Post.

Scores in the Gold Medal tourney last night at New Augusta: Eden Texaco 54, Silver Circle 43; By Products 57, Cumberland 52. Tonight at 8:30 o'clock the two winners will meet for the championship, while the two losers will play in the consolation game starting at 7:30.

Groza, Combes Honored

CHICAGO, Mar. 8 (UP)—Center Alex Croza of Kentucky and Coach Harry Combes of Illinois today were honored by the Chicago Basketball Writers Association as the outstanding player and coach to appear in the Chicago Stadium this season.

Croza was cited for his play in Kentucky's 56-to-45 victory over De Paul Jan. 22. Combes led the Illini to the Big Nine crown in his second year as coach.

Celtics' Passing Attack Overwhelms Jets, 107-86

The smooth passing attack of a basketball team is a joy to behold, especially when it works. And when it does work, it gets a team a lot of points. The Boston Celtics had one that worked last night and it got them plenty of points, 107 to be exact, while all the Jets could garner was 86.

Unlike their two previous appearances at Butler Fieldhouse when the Jets dumped them, the Celtics last night floored as smooth a working combination as seen here in pro basketball. Nothing the Beaneaters did was wrong.

The passing attack was set up by Jim Seminoff, one of the best play-makers in the league, and it revolved around George Katan and Dermie O'Connell, two ex-Holy Cross stars.

The Jets did manage to stop them once. That was when Celtic Coach Doggie Julian put in his second string after building up a 27 to 20 first quarter lead.

The score was 48-all at the half.

3d Quarter Disaster

The third quarter proved to be disastrous for the Jets. They hit the hoop only four times for eight points while the Celtics went wild scoring 15 field goals and six free throws to pull almost out of sight of the straggling Jets.

The Celtics' victory established some new pro records for the Fieldhouse. It was their first win over the Jets here, they became the first club to score better than 100 points on the local floor and the combined scoring of the two teams, 193, was the most number of points ever scored here.

The Celtics hit 45 shots in 124 attempts for a .362 shooting average while the Jets hit only 37 of 125 for a .296 average.

Undaunted, the Jets bounce back into the fray here tomorrow night. Their opponents will be the St. Louis Bombers. Last night's summary:

Boston (107)	fg	ft	pf	Indianapolis (86)	fg	ft	pf
Doll, f	7	3	0	Hamilton, f	3	1	4
Kaftan, f	7	2	0	Mogus, f-c	11	1	4
Farbman, f	0	0	0	Byrnes, f	3	0	1
Spector, f	2	1	0	Nagy, f	2	0	1
Stump, f	0	0	2	Towery, c	1	2	6
Kinney, c	6	3	3	Eskridge, c	3	0	1
Nostrand, c	3	2	3	Brookfield, g	3	2	0
O'Connell, g	8	1	2	Kirk, g	5	3	3
Seminoff, g a	6	3	0	Malamed, g	6	3	1
Ehlers, g	2	1	0				
Ezersky, g	4	1	3				
Totals	45	17	13	Totals	37	12	21

—Score by Quarters—

Boston	27	21	36	23	—107
INDIANAPOLIS	20	28	8	30	—86

Free Throws Missed—Doll, Kaftan 2, Kinney 2, Nostrand, O'Connell, Stump, Brookfield, Hamilton, Kirk 6, Mogus 2.

Officials—Phil Fox and Ed Boyle.

Regionals Send Coach to Hospital

Times State Service

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Mar. 8—Regional excitement proved too much for William Rey, assistant coach of Terre Haute State High School basketball team.

Rey collapsed at the Bloomington gym Saturday night and was admitted to the hospital here where he is still under treatment.

Hoosier Entries Survive First Round NAIB Games

Greyhounds Trip Connecticut Team, 72-59; Indiana State Wins by 60-42 Count

By JOHN RIDER, Times Special Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 8—Two Indiana teams, the Greyhounds of Indiana Central College and the Sycamores of Indiana State, won their first round games in the chase for what some consider collegiate basketball's toughest title, the NAIB crown.

The Greyhounds, paced by Dwight Swails, who netted 23 points, yesterday advanced to the second round by defeating Connecticut Teachers' College, 72-59. The Sycamores gained the second round by downing Eastern New Mexico College of Portales, 60-42.

Win From Foul Line

The Greyhounds outscored the Connecticut team both from the field and from the charity stripe, but it was the free throws that did the trick. Central hit 26 field goals and 20 free throws while the teachers were getting 25 and 9.

Swails, who led the scoring, and Harley Griffith, controlled the backboard both offensively and defensively. The Greyhounds, although winning by a comfortable margin, shot the lowest percentage from the field they have hit this year, .231. This low average led Greyhound Coach Angus Nicoson to remark after the game:

"The boys can play a lot better basketball than they did today."

The Greyhounds tomorrow will meet Hamline who yesterday experienced little difficulty in defeating Arkansas State College 76-43. Hamline, named as one of the top 10 teams in the nation, was an early favorite to take the NAIB championship.

Klueh Hurts Back

Indiana State had little trouble in subduing East New Mexico college, 60-42, but the victory might cost them in the long run. Their high scoring all-American Duane Klueh suffered a recurrence of an old back injury and Coach John Longfellow is afraid he won't be able to use him very much.

Bob Royer led the Sycamores to victory scoring 17 points. State got away to an early lead and then coasted to victory. The half-time score was 37-22 State. Summaries:

Indiana Central (72)	fg	ft	pf	Connecticut (59)	fg	ft	pf
McGrath, f	0	1	0	Johnson, f	1	0	3
Stevenson, f	2	3	0	Pinney, f	2	2	1
Swails, f	7	9	4	Massa, f	2	0	3
Roberts, f	1	0	2	Detrick, f	0	2	4
Robertson, f	1	0	0	Cogan, f	0	1	1
Griffith, c	5	5	4	Carlson, c	7	4	3
Blevins, f	0	0	0	Anderson, f	0	0	0
McBride, g	7	0	2	Canavari, g	10	0	1
Robinson, g	0	0	0	Rosmarin, g	3	0	2
Harner, g	3	2	1				
Totals	26	20	13	Totals	25	9	18

Score at Half—Indiana Central 37, Connecticut 33.

Free Throws Missed—Stevenson, Swails 3, Roberts 2, Blevins, Massa 5, Deitrick 2, Cogan 2, Carlson 2, Anderson, Canavari.

Indiana State (60)	fg	ft	pf	Eastern (42)	fg	ft	pf
Klueh, f	3	1	3	Wallis, f	5	0	1
McDonald, f	0	0	5	Creamer, f	1	4	4
Powers, f	0	0	2	Chisum, f	1	2	0
Hooper, f	1	1	3	Dunning, c	0	3	1
Dimich, c	4	1	5	Miller, c	1	1	0
Hans, c	2	2	1	Moore, g	0	0	2
Rzeszewski, g	2	1	0	Stratten, g	0	0	1
Walker, g	2	1	1	Smith, g	5	4	2
Royer, g	8	1	2	Fitt, g	1	0	1
Woolsey, g	4	0	3	Brown, g	0	0	0
Totals	26	8	26	Totals	14	14	13

Score at Half—Indiana State 37, Eastern New Mexico 22.

Free Throws Missed—Klueh 4, Powers 2, Dimmich 2, Wallis, Chisum 3, Dunning 2, Moore, Smith 5, Fitt 2.

Mikan Tops BAA Scoring Parade

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (UP)—George Mikan, towering Minneapolis Laker center, continued to re-write the Basketball Association of America record book today as he posted new all-time league marks for successful field goals and free throws.

Mikan broke Joe Fulks' all-time BAA individual scoring record for a single season two weeks ago and all his latest feats erased records held by the Philadelphia Warrior star. Including games played Sunday, Mikan had made 502 field goals, breaking the mark of 475 set by Fulks in 1946-47, and his 486 free throws broke the previous high of 439 sunk by Fulks two years ago.

Mikan led the individual scoring parade with 1470 points, and also had the best average per game, 28.3 points.

Fulks was second in point-making with 1367 and Max Zaslofsky of the Chicago Stags, last season's individual scoring champion, was third with 1058 points.

Andy Duncan of the Rochester Royals was the most accurate of the BAA shotmakers who had taken more than 300 shots. He had connected with .435 per cent of his field goal tries.

Hartz, Rose Take Off On 'Landwriting' Jaunt

Times State Service

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 8—Harry Hartz, former auto racing champion, and Mauri Rose, three time winner of the Indianapolis Speedway 500-mile race, began a 9000 mile "landwriting" jaunt last Tuesday.

The pair will follow roads from Amarillo, Tex., to Miami, Fla., which will spell "Drive Safely" on the map. The tour will wind up late in April.

Hartz, sales engineer and traffic expert for the Studebaker Corp., recently made a tour of the northern states spelling out "Studebaker" on the highways.

Former White Sox Star Is Seriously Ill

CHICAGO, Mar. 8 (UP)—Bill Cissell, former Chicago White Sox shortstop, fought for his life in an oxygen tent today.

Mercy hospital attendants said that Cissell, 45, was in a serious condition after suffering a heart attack. He had the attack after being completely cured of a nerve condition in both legs which prevented him from walking.

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Eastern Division	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Washington	36	19	.655	....
New York	28	25	.528	8
Baltimore	26	29	.473	10
Philadelphia	25	28	.472	10
Boston	21	32	.396	14
Providence	13	42	.222	23½
Western Division	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Rochester	42	12	.778	....
Minneapolis	39	13	.750	2
Chicago	34	20	.630	8
St. Louis	23	26	.442	18
Ft. Wayne	19	34	.358	22½
INDIANAPOLIS	17	39	.304	26

RESULTS LAST NIGHT

Boston 107, INDIANAPOLIS 86.

Crusaders Trip Manchester, 68-63

Times State Service

NORTH MANCHESTER, Mar. 8—Valparaiso University's basketball team splurged in the second half to defeat Manchester College 68-63.

The Crusaders built up a 13-point advantage after the lead had changed hands 10 times during the first half.

Valparaiso (68)	fg	ft	pf	Manchester (63)	fg	ft	pf
Scheoer, f	5	0	4	Hyde, f	5	3	3
Ebel, f	1	0	1	Lozier, f	1	0	1
Schreiber, f	3	0	5	Spencer, f	2	0	0
Mack, f	1	1	3	Stine, f	2	1	1
Nelson, f	2	0	0	Beck, c	3	4	4
Water, c	2	3	5	Bauer, c	0	0	0
Heilnrich, g	0	0	0	Mautin, g	0	0	1
Bean, g	8	6	2	Weaver, g	6	0	2
Metcalf, g	5	3	4	McKee, g	1	1	3
Harper, g	0	1	4	Piper, g	5	4	3
				Fruce, g	1	0	1
Totals	27	14	26	Totals	25	13	19

Half-Time Score—Valparaiso 26, Manchester 28.

Free Throws Missed—Schreiber 4, Bean 2, Metcalf 4, Harper, Hyde 4, Lozier Stine 2, Spencer, Bec 2, Weaver, McKee, Fruce 4.

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