

James Mayfield Tenders Resignation As Head Coach At Bethel High School

Mentor To Accept New Post

Coach James Mayfield has announced his resignation as head coach at Bethel High School, effective at the end of the present school term.

Mayfield said he is leaving Bethel because he feels he can better himself with another coaching post. He added that he has had two offers, but has not made any decisions as yet.

Mayfield served as assistant to C. C. Poindexter at Bethel for two years before going into the Army. After his discharge, he was named head coach at the Pigeon Valley school, taking over in football from Poindexter and in basketball and baseball from J. M. Carver.

Mayfield disclosed that his successor will have experienced material to work with since this year's basketball and baseball squads will lose only one man apiece. The football squad also will have a lot of letter-winners returning next fall.

Women Golfers Hold Season's First Event

The Woman's Division of the Waynesville Golf Club played a Blind Bogey last Wednesday morning for the first Ladies' Day of the Season.

Mrs. Bill Ray and Mrs. Willowby Cox tied for low. Mrs. Dan Watkins won low putts in the 18-hole group. In the 9-hole group Mrs. Russ Kibbe won low score and low putts.

Fred Hutchinson's plans. He and Lane would like to see nothing better than to have Schmidt put in his first full year with the Cardinals.

Johnny Jordan is in his fifth season as Notre Dame basketball coach. In four years his teams have won 71 of 99 games.

Lane Waited Four Years To Get Pitcher Schmidt

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

"I've been chasing you four years," General Manager Frank Lane shouted when Willard Schmidt reported to the St. Louis Cardinals at St. Petersburg.

It was worth looking into. Lane's tone of voice sounded as if Schmidt owed him some money. But Frantic Frankie soon explained that he tried to get Schmidt four years ago when Lane was Chicago White Sox general manager.

"I saw him pitch for Omaha in the Western League at Colorado Springs in 1951," Lane elaborated when questioned about his odd greeting of the 27-year-old Schmidt who never has quite lived up to expectations. "He had a great, great fast ball."

"In 1954 he was eligible for the big league draft and I wanted him for Chicago. But the Cubs drafted Jimmy King off the Columbus, Ohio list and that prevented Schmidt from coming to Chicago. The Columbus list was closed."

Lane was tempted to buy Schmidt but he just didn't get around to it. A look at the 1955 National League pitching records and Lane still has reason to be enthused about Will. The native of Hayes, Kan., who now lives in Norman, Okla., pitched 283 innings last year between Omaha in the American Assn. and St. Louis. He was 12-5 at Omaha.

Though he was 7-6 with the Red Birds, he was 14 innings shy of leading the National League in the all-important earned run records. His ERA was 2.77 for 130 innings. Pittsburgh's Bob Friend led with 2.84.

The high spot of Schmidt's career came last Aug. 11 when he one-hit Milwaukee. A seventh-inning single by Johnny Logan ruined his no-hitter. Schmidt credits the curve ball



WILLARD SCHMIDT

Harry Brecheen showed him in 1952 with giving him new life.

"I had no curve ball until 1954 at Houston where I won 18 games," says Schmidt. "I finally stayed with the way Brecheen showed me how to throw it and it finally came around. I have a slider and a fast ball but that curve is a big pitch for me now."

"Having my tonsils out also helped. I used to pitch at 176 pounds but this spring I reached 199. I pitched at 192 last year."

Schmidt scared the Cardinals this spring when he went to a Florida hospital with a stomach obstruction. Previously he had three abdominal operations. However, Schmidt recovered after a 24-hour stay in the hospital and came back pitching as good as ever.

Willard figures high in Manager

Reese's Advice Helped Clem Labine's Pitching

By FRANK ECK
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VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Determination to master one particular pitch and an open mind to suggestions has made Clem Labine the best relief pitcher in baseball.

At least that's how the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers feel about their 29-year-old sinker ball expert from Woonsocket, R. I.

It has taken Labine six years to realize his ambition—to be a steady winner for the National League rulers. He has played for three different managers, been in 204 big league games, pitched a



LABINE'S GRIP

shutout in the 1951 pennant playoff and has participated in two World Series.

Burt Shotton, Chuck Dressen and Walter Alston, never knew for sure whether Labine was best fitted as a starter or a reliever. Since his 1951 masterpiece against the Giants in the Polo Grounds he has had his share of starting assignments yet has completed only one game he started.

"I'm happy to be on relief after the contract I got," says Labine. He will get between \$20,000 and \$25,000 this year.

In an exclusive interview Labine revealed how he got straightened away on his sinker.

"Pee Wee Reese came to the mound one day in Ebbets Field last April when I was pitching against Cincinnati. He said:

"I'm not trying to tell you how to pitch so you can take this for what it's worth. But you are throwing your sinker inside and the right-handed hitters are rapping it. In your good games you used to throw it outside."

"That was the best advice I ever got since I began fiddling around with the sinker when I pitched in Venezuela in 1950. Pee Wee



CLEM LABINE

pointed out that when I threw my sinker low and outside the right handers would hit it to him at shortstop or back to me on the mound.

"It has always been my intention to keep the ball low. The sinker would break in like a natural screwball. I had never concentrated on throwing it outside until Pee Wee made the suggestion."

Labine throws the pitch "close to an overhead delivery." Labine, who tied the Dodger workhorse record by 60 appearances on the mound last season, attributes control to his 1955 record of 13 wins against 5 losses.

"I was getting my curve ball over on odd counts, like 3 and 1 and 3 and 2," says the clothing designer from Woonsocket. "The hitters never knew whether to expect the sinker or the curve. The sinker is my pitch but I guess the curve keeps them honest."

"He showed me in the World Series that he's a great relief pitcher," says Manager Alston. "I started him eight times last year in emergencies due to sore arms. If I never have to start him this season we'll be in great shape."

Bob Setzer Named Co-Captain of WCC Catamounts

Bob "Ape" Setzer, right guard of the Western Carolina College Catamount gridders, was elected Co-Captain of the 1956 edition of the Catamount squad at a recent meeting of the team members.

Bob, a graduate of Waynesville High School, was well on his way to becoming a little All-American three years ago, only to have his career interrupted by Uncle Sam. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, Bob returned to the Catamount fold last year, where he shined, in the late season, in his form of old.

He is the son of Mrs. Estelle and the late Lee Setzer, of Route 2, Waynesville.

While in high school, Bob distinguished himself on the gridiron by achieving practically every football honor bestowed upon high school gridders. He was All-Conference in 1949 and repeated in 1950. In 1950 he was also chosen to the All-Western North Carolina squad and received honorable mention for All-State laurels.

This is one Catamount that certainly will carry a load on his shoulders in the forthcoming season, and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Bob is All-Conference material and would be no surprise to anyone, if the Catamount gridders turned out to be a little All-American.

Gorgeous George Due At Asheville Wednesday Night

Gorgeous George will head the card at the Asheville Auditorium Wednesday in a tag-team match, and two other mat bouts promoted by Chief Saunooke.

The Gorgeous One will team up with his valet, Dobson, against Don Eagle and Billy Two Rivers in a match with a 60-minute two limit, judged on two falls out of three.

In a one-fall bout with a 45-minute time limit, Jack will take on Mr. Moto, while Kinjia Shabuya will tangle with George Becker in another one-fall match with a 30-minute limit.

Doggie's Teams Get Birds

HANOVER, N. H. (AP)—Dartmouth basketball coach Alvin (Doggie) Julian has had five of his teams in post-season basketball tournaments in the last 13 years. His Muhlenberg teams went to the National Invitation Tourney in 1943 and 1944; his Holy Cross teams made the NCAA tourney in 1947 and 1948 and this year his Dartmouth Ivy League champions played in the NCAA tourney.

hits in a row right at the start and I seemed to get adjusted right away. I finished the season there hitting .352 in 75 games.

The team treated me fine and the fans were real good, too. But of course, you don't feel satisfied in the minors once you've been in the majors, and I was real happy when the Cubs drafted me during the big league meeting at Columbus, Ohio last fall.

I don't know what Manager Stan Hack's plans are. But I do know one thing. It's nice to be back in the majors again and I'm going to do everything I can to stay right here.

Canton Club Plans June Horse Show

Plans for a spring horse show were set in motion by the Canton Saddle and Bridle Club at a dinner meeting Tuesday.

The show is to be held Sunday, June 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Gerald Miller was named manager of the show, and Mrs. Harry Sherrill, secretary.

The following were appointed to committees: Harry Sherrill, L. H. Hargrove, Flossie Devlin, Vinson Worley, Tom Best, Walter Zachary, George Throstell, Sr., Max Cogburn and Glenn Simmons.

Henry C. (Shag) Crawford, new umpire in the National League, was aboard the destroyer Walke when it was hit by a Japanese suicide plane during the invasion of Luzon.

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Monte Irvin In An All Out Try For Comeback

(The following story was written especially for AP Newsfeatures by Monte Irvin, former New York Giant left fielder.)

By MONTE IRVIN

CHICAGO (AP)—When the Giants sent me down to Minneapolis, I figured the trouble might be that I wasn't trying hard enough.

So I decided right then that it was time I started trying harder. Well, I hustled and had a good season at Minneapolis, and it got me another chance in the majors, with the Chicago Cubs.

I won't predict how I'm going to do this season, or say how many homers I'll hit, or anything like that. But I feel fine and hope to come back and have a real good year.

I played about 50 games with the Giants before I got moved to Minneapolis last season. I didn't have any luck at all with New York. The Polo Grounds was against me. I kept hitting the ball right where outfielders were waiting to catch it. And I was being platooned in the outfield.

Usually, when a guy has a real good season the year before, they'll let him stick around quite a while the next year even if he isn't doing so good. Well, I didn't have a real good season the year before. I had a good one in 1953, when I



MONTE IRVIN

hit .329, but in '54 I hit only .262.

Actually, the Giants didn't send me to Minneapolis. They just left me there.

We had an exhibition game at Minneapolis last season and when it was over they just told me to stick around.

The Giants hadn't given any indication I was going to be moved, but I had a feeling something was going to happen.

At Minneapolis, I got seven

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Pinbusters 714

Gutterknives 708

Alley Cats 704

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Men

D. Gragg 527

C. Swanger 518

M. Hipps 484

Women

A. Wyatt 468

I. Yount 440

E. Gragg 420

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

Men

D. Gragg 196

T. Atkins 192

C. Swanger 192

Women

A. Wyatt 168

W. Woodruff 167

I. Yount 159

TEAM STANDINGS

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Happy Four 22 8

Gutterknives 16 14

Screwwalls 16 14

Keglers 15 15

Alley Cats 12 18

Pinbusters 9 21

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Men

C. Swanger 168.6

J. McCreary 165.1

J. Riggins 159.6

T. Atkins 159

M. Hipps 157.2

Women

A. Wyatt 158.8

C. Elliott 151.5

I. Yount 147

H. Knight 141.5

P. McCreary 134.9

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 25

Pinbusters vs. Happy Four, Gutterknives vs. Alley Cats, Screwwalls vs. Keglers.

Robin Roberts of the Phillies, who led the National League in low run games pitched in 1955, allowed the most home runs during the season (41).

Rookie catcher Haywood Sullivan of the Red Sox is a former star football player at the University of Florida. He gave up a chance at pro football.

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