

THE SPORTS TRAIL

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NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Boy, how those Yankees slug that ball, don't they? It's really too bad they have no pitching. Some of their chuckers actually allow more than six hits a game now and then.

The common misconception of Joe McCarthy's club is that it is a team which just overpowers the opposition, and is willing to use one of the bloomer girls as a pitcher just as long as it gets its chance to bat according to the rule book.

There have been years when that was practically true; when the Yanks could spot another team 10 runs and beat it. Not that the present Yankee club is on the feeble side at the plate. It still is the most dangerous team in baseball when it has its "ins," as the kids say when it's their turn to smack 'em.

But it isn't the greatest hitting of Yankee teams by any means. So why are the Yanks where they are?

Well, one reason might be that, since August 1, their chuckers have turned in 17 games in which the opposition got six hits or less. Eight of these games were six-hitter, five were five-hitters, and they had one each of four, three, two and one-hitters. What! No no-hitters?

This was not a one-man parade by any means. The honors were split like a watermelon for a family of six, indicating Marce McCarthy can let the boys draw straws and be pretty sure the guy who gets the short one can handle the job nicely.

Ernie Bonham and Marvin Brewer each contributed four of these performances. Atley Donald and Hank Dorowy each was guilty three times. Red Ruffing twice, and Spurgeon Chandler once. The one-hitter belongs to Borowy.

And as another indication that the Yankee sluggers don't always slug, it is noted that they lost the decision in four of those 17 games in which the other team got six hits or less. We thought the Cincinnati Reds had a copyright on such funny business. A Red hurler has about a 50-50 chance of winning if he pitches a no-hitter.

So the Cards, whose mound staff is slightly tremendous itself, can be sure they are going to look at some pretty fair pitching in the World Series, and they have the added discomfort of knowing that when they do hit the ball solidly McCarthy has a bunch of rabbits loose

Wildcats Prep For Game With Charleston Friday

Smarter from their first loss of the season—a 19-6 defeat at the hands of Durham—New Hanover high school's Wildcats yesterday began preparations for their game with Charleston, S. C. high school in Charleston Friday afternoon.

Little is known about the strength of the Charleston team this season, but if the records of past seasons can be taken as any indication the Palmetto team will be anything but a pushover for Coach Ruppert Bryan's boys.

Taking the offensive, an underdog Durham eleven spoiled the locals' record last Friday night in Durham, 19-6, scoring two of the touchdowns on passes and the third on an interception.

In the statistical department, the New Hanover team had the upper hand, rolling up 17 first downs to only seven for Durham, but picked the necessary punch to cross the goal. Twice in the first quarter the "Cats drove to the Durham 10-yard stripe, but each time the Durham line rose up and hurled back the threat.

All three of Durham's scores came in third quarter, while the locals scored in the final minutes of play. Their vaunted aerial attack, which completed 16 out of 29 aeriels for a total of 150 yards, carried them to the Durham 10 where Thomas hurred a scoring aerial to Couchenour in the end zone. MacSwain missed the try for the point.

Following the Charleston game the Bulldogs will go to Rocky Mount October 9 for a conference game with Joe Caruso's eleven.



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World Series Atmosphere Grips St. Louis

Davis - Appalachian Game Here Saturday

FIRST GAME IS SET FOR SPORTSMAN'S PARK WEDNESDAY

Cooper And Bonham Are Probable Opening Game Pitchers

By JUDON BAILEY

World series atmosphere settled over sportsman's park today as the St. Louis Cardinals made ready to receive the New York Yankees in the first game of the classic Wednesday.

The World Champions were not due here until late tomorrow, but the redhot Redbirds worked on their home field while carpenters hammered up additional seats and Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis made a checkup on arrangements for playing the games and handling the crowds of about 35,000 for the two installments that will be played here this week.

Without committing himself definitely, Manager Billy Southworth of the Cards indicated that he had his pitching schedule already mapped out with Mordechai Cooper, Johnny Beazley, Max Lanier and Ernie White working in that order.

Starting Cooper in the opening game, of course, has been a foregone conclusion. His record of 22 victories and ten shutouts has stamped him the year's outstanding hurler in the majors, and in spite of the furious National league pennant fight that lasted till the final day of the season, Cooper has been rested since last Thursday.

The choice of Beazley for the second game was based partly on the reasoning that a rookie would have a better chance performing in his own park before friendly fans than he would in pitching before some 70,000 persons in Yankee Stadium.

Beazley achieved his 21st triumph of the season yesterday in the second game of a doubleheader with the Chicago Cubs and the assignment to face the Yanks on Thursday would bring him back into action right on his regular pitching schedule.

The two southpaws who then would attempt to muzzle the champions in their own arena are sufficiently seasoned that Southworth figures they can withstand the strain that all National league clubs, coming out of small parks, feel when they invade the huge concrete triple-decked stadium in New York.

The Cardinals frolicked through their practice today and will hold another session tomorrow. They were to appear at a rally sponsored by a local furniture store tonight.

The return of the World series to St. Louis for the first time since the wild affair of 1934 was being taken calmly enough by the local populace, but there was a great deal of speculation about the identity of the Yankees' first game pitcher.

Most everyone believed Manager Joe McCarthy would lead with Ernie Bonham, his huge right-handed ace who has won 21 games and lost only five. He seemed to be a better bet against Cooper than the veteran Red Ruffing, who probably would oppose Beazley in the second game.

The Cardinals for their part evidenced no particular interest in whom the Yankees pitched, although they were somewhat surprised to learn that the Bombers were not going to arrive until the eve of the opening game.

DUKE PREPARES FOR WAKE GAME

Planning Strong Offense To Hurl Against Deacons On Saturday

DURHAM, Sept. 28.—(P)—Planning a formidable offense to throw against the Wake Forest Deacons on Saturday occupied the Duke Blue Devils here today, and Coach Eddie Cameron placed special emphasis on touchdown punch.

The Blue Devils drilled extensively on line play as Coach Cameron worked to iron out the weaknesses discovered in the Davidson tilt last week. Blocking and tackling along with other fundamentals were the highlights of these drills.

Backfield play from the defensive angle was taken up at the close of the session and attention was given to defensive halfbacks and line backers.

Bob Gantt and Tom Burns appeared on the field for today's workouts, but neither was in uniform. Gantt was sidelined with a knee injury, while Burns is out with an infected boil. Both men are expected to be in uniform tomorrow.

North Carolina And Georgia Pre-Flight Elevens Meet Friday

ATHENS, Ga., Sept. 28.—(P)—Jack Crain and Noble Doss, former University of Texas players, will make their debut with the Athens Navy Preflight school football team in its game with the Chapel Hill, N. C. Preflight eleven here Friday night.

Crain, a tailback, and Doss, a wingback, reported for duty in the military department here last week. Both are Ensigns.

Lieutenant Ray Wolf, head coach, was pleased with his team's performance in its surprise victory over Penn at Philadelphia, Saturday. The team shook off effects of a 23-hour ride in railroad day coaches and showed unexpected pep as they bested the team that generally is regarded as the class of the Ivy league. The Chapel Hill Navy team defeated Harvard the same day. Coach Jim Crowley's Cloudbusters previously had defeated Catawba and will meet the local skycrackers in a contest of unbeaten teams.

Formerly of Fayetteville and now a promising prospect in Promoter Moring's stable. Steady plugging gave Brown the edge in this one.

Donald Lane, 122 pounder from Burgaw, and Jack Inman, former Golden Glover from Whiteville, fought to a bloody three round draw that opened the show. Pell-mell rushing featured the Pender county boy's attack while Inman overcame a nasty cut in the second chapter to score with some racking lefts in the final round.

Bill Rhodes refereed the entire card and judges for the night were Delmar Mobley and Jack Brinson.

Clemson Wastes No Time In Starting Rough Work For State Game Saturday

CLEMSON, Sept. 28.—(P)—Clemson's Tigers, passing up the customary "light drill" today, plunged right into scrimmage and tough work in preparation for N. C. State at Charlotte next Saturday night.

Pass offense and defense and fundamentals were stressed. Claude Rothell, blocking back, who missed the V. M. I. game, has been released from the hospital and may rejoin the squad Wednesday.

Marion Craig and Charlie Wright who played 60 and 59 minutes respectively against V. M. I., said they were ready for 60 more against State.

No serious casualties resulted from the V. M. I. game.

Georgia Tech Scores On Auburn In Last Minute



Eddie Prokop, (No. 75), indicated by arrow, plunges over from the one-yard line in the last minute of the Georgia Tech-Auburn game in Atlanta Saturday. Tech then added the extra point to round out a handy 15 to 0 victory over Auburn. Note official's hand up to signal the score.

Alsab Appears Cinch To Win Lawrence Realization Stakes

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(P)—Unless the form chart is completely wacky, little Alsab should get good start on his fourth \$100,000 tomorrow in the 50th running of the Lawrence Realization Stakes at Belmont Park.

Four just so-so three-year olds have been named to oppose Mrs. Albert Sabath's Chicago-owned ace and it's difficult to picture any of them in front of the son of Good Goods at the end of the testing mile and five-eighths.

Ten days ago Alsab hung in on Whirlaway, winner of last year's Realization, in their match race at Narragansett Park, and the \$25,000 he picked up then boosted his total earnings to \$298,475. If all five face the barrier tomorrow, the ancient stake will have a gross value of \$11,500 with \$7,900 going to the winner.

Mrs. Payne Whitney's Shut Out, conqueror of Alsab in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes but beaten by the Chicago colt in the Preakness, originally was slated to start in the Realization. The Greentree Stable star, however, turned up lame over the week-end, after his Saturday morning workout and apparently hurt himself in his stall.

As the result, Alsab's opposition will consist of J. M. Roebing's Lockinvar, Buckskin, stablemate of Shut Out, and William Woodward's three-year-old filly, Vagrancy, and Triearch. The Sabath charger will carry 126 pounds to 115 by Vagrancy, 114 by Lockinvar and 110 by the other two. A shift in riders will place George (Iceman) Woolf up on Alsab instead of Carroll Bierman.

Blocking Stressed As Deacons Point To Game With Duke

WAKE FOREST, Sept. 28.—(P)—Blocking and still more blocking was the order of the day in the Wake Forest football camp today as the Demon Deacons set about preparing for next Saturday's game with the Duke Blue Devils.

The blocking session was followed by pass defense work against Duke plays.

The squad was out in full strength.

Strong Man



Milo Steinborn

Bob Johnson Says He's Through Playing With Team So Poor As A's

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 28.—(P)—Bob Johnson, outfielder for the Philadelphia Athletics, arrived home today and told newspapermen he had played his last game for the Philadelphia club.

He said he was dissatisfied with the bonus system and that he didn't care to play with "a team so poor as the Athletics." He would neither deny nor verify reports he was about to be sold to the Boston Red Sox.

Johnson, who completed his 10th season this year, says he'll work in the local shipyards.

Civilians from plants producing Army equipment are attending current Army maneuvers, to study operation of equipment under conditions closely approaching those of actual combat.

LONDOS ARGUING WITH STEINBORN

Principals For Wrestling Card Here Can't Agree On Type Of Match

"This business of arranging a championship wrestling match is going to put me in the bug-house before it comes off," says Bert Causey, promoter of the match which is scheduled to take place here Friday night.

"First, it takes about a month to get Jim Londos and Milo Steinborn to agree to a match here," he continued, "and now the both of them want to argue about the number of falls and the time limit."

Further airing his woes, Causey revealed that Londos wants the match to consist of a single fall with no time limit and Steinborn wants the best two-out-of-three falls type of bout but with a 90-minute time limit.

Londos claims that the single fall bout is standard for a championship encounter. Steinborn doesn't dispute his word but the strong man avers he can stand a better chance of winning as he can tire Londos down in three falls.

In the meantime, Causey is in the middle with the cost of telephone calls to both men piling up by the hour as he tries to reach an agreement on the match.

Pending a settlement, Bert's keeping his fingers crossed in the hope that "Sailor" Hill and Al (Masked Panther) Mills won't find anything in their scheduled encounter to argue about.

The match between Londos and Steinborn is slated to headline the Thalian Hall wrestling program here Friday night and the Hill-Mills tilt will be the semi-final attraction.

"Wurra," sobs Bert, "what a headache."

INTERESTING FACTS

A lacquer that peels off has been provided for protection of highly polished surfaces during handling or shipping. It can be applied by spraying, brushing or dipping and dries in a few minutes.

Football Is Standout But Swimming Is Most Important At Pre-Flight Schools

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(P)—Swimming, not football, is the major sport at the four Naval Pre-Flight schools whose gridiron machines haven't been defeated, Comdr. Tom Hamilton told the New York Football Writers' Association today.

"After all, these schools are a part of the war program and swimming is the cheapest insurance policy the government can buy for its student Navy flyers. The football teams are used mainly for building school spirit and for recruiting purposes," the originator of the tough-up process told the writers.

Statistics showed, Hamilton said, that when the Cadets arrive at the Universities of North Carolina, Georgia and Iowa and at St. Mary's College, 18 per cent of them can't float. By the time he has finished the 12 weeks course the Cadet can tread water for 40 minutes fully clothed.

The football that really counts is administered to the Cadets in an intramural program. Each school has 12 squadron teams. Every Cadet must play football for two hours daily for 14 days and it is here that Aloysius Bookworm becomes Joe Bruiser.

To keep the "varsity" squad serving its dual purpose no more

than five officers may be in the lineup at any time except at Georgia where the Cadet ranks haven't been filled completely.

"The officers," Hamilton explained, "are used only to bring the teams on a par with the colleges which have given us a spot on their schedules. Football victories are fine but football victories are only secondary."

The playing officers are culled from the approximately 1,000 coaches, athletic instructors and former outstanding athletes inducted into the service from the 17,000 applicants.

had received from flying instructors rated the Pre-Flight graduates as the best aviator prospects and that every graduate gained almost five pounds in the 12 weeks course and that he lost two inches around the waist but increased his chest expansion by the same amount.

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SEVERAL CHANGES SLATED IN ARMY ELEVEN'S LINEUP

Vannoy, Center, And Pagano, Are Out With Injuries

With plenty of hard work forecast for the week to iron out the rough spots found in The Citadel game, the Camp Davis footballers yesterday started intensive preparations for their game with Beatrice Feathers' Mountaineers of Appalachian State Teachers College in the Legion Memorial stadium here Saturday afternoon.

Lost to the Camp Davis team for Saturday's battle are Frank Vannoy, center, and Nick Pagano, guard. Vannoy, who played a stellar role as pivot man last week, aggravated an old knee injury, while Pagano suffered a dislocated elbow. To add to the woes comes word that tackle Morrison Clay has been accepted for Officer Candidate School.

Coach Johnson plans some wholesale conversions of backs to line positions. Allie Goldberg and Primo Primavera will be given trials at the guard posts, while Bill Gallagher, who did a good job in backing up the line against The Citadel, will be inserted as one tackle. Other backs are to be tested at different forward wall slots in an attempt to improve the hitherto lethargic display on the part of some linemen.

The Fighting A's coach feels that with a more spirited display up front, his backs, who were well bottled up by The Citadel, might break loose and show their flashy football wares. Jimmy McLaughlin showed fine potentialities as a running back, but lacked the necessary blocking support. Allie Goldberg and Bill Gallagher were aggressive performers and did well defensively.

To mold his individual talent into the semblance of an attacking unit is Captain Johnson's main problem. This week may well be the determining factor in the ultimate status of the Camp Davis football team. Whether a reconstruction can be effected in time to bring about a reversal of form, will be the question during the next few practice sessions. The game between the Fighting AA's and Appalachian this week-end will supply the answer.

Seagate Man Walks Away With Fishing Laurels Yesterday

FLOYD STAFFORD of Seagate, walked away with fishing laurels at Atlantic View pier yesterday, landing two good-sized puppy drums, one weighing eight pounds, the other 10 pounds.

Several smaller catches were reported during the day. Mrs. Formyduval had the largest number of fish for the day—25 blues.

RESIGNS AS MAYOR WHITEVILLE, Sept. 28.—Paul J. Williamson resigned as mayor of Whiteville today to assume the duties of acting county recorder on Oct. 1, succeeding W. E. Harrelson.

No successor has been appointed for the mayor's place.

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