

# The Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin



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**Pinch-Hitting For Whitney Martin**  
LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Just about the biggest, tallest pitcher in captivity is on exhibition here every afternoon as the Cleveland Indians go through their spring drills on the Purdue University field.

He's barely four inches under seven feet, weighs more than 200 pounds and looks like a bruising tackle on leave from the Chicago Bears' forward wall.

The man is strong as iron, can throw a ball so fast you can't follow it and has good stuff. He's 25 years old and his name is Michael Naymick.

He hasn't the slightest suspicion of where the ball is going when he lets it loose. Then it's just duck quick, Johnny, and every man for himself.

The first time he got into the box for the Indians some years ago he hit Hank Greenberg and Charley Gehring. Next time Hank came up, shying a bit away from the plate, Mike threw one three feet back of him. Naymick has improved some since then, but you get the general idea.

**Came Up Six Years Ago**  
He came to spring training with the Indians six years ago and has made four other spring trips but every season Cleveland has farmed him out. He struck out 230 batters in 213 innings for Oswego in 1938 and the next year, pitching for Cedar Rapids, he whiffed 182 in 180 innings. He slipped on ice and hurt his wrist early in 1941 and didn't see much action that year. Last year he won three and lost five for Baltimore and then had a 1-0 record with Wilkes-Barre, pitching some 30 innings of relief work.

Both the army and marines have said he was too tall for them, so he's 4P and a pretty good bet to stay with the Indians.

Down in Florida three years ago Oscar Vitt told me Naymick would someday be a star—"He's as fast as Feller," Os said. Manager Lou Boudreau has the same idea—when ever Mike learns to locate the plate with any consistency.

The Indians have four other rookie mound prospects—Allie Reynolds and Paul Clavert from Wilkes-Barre, Marvin Center from Baltimore and Ray Poat from Indianapolis. Perhaps John Salvson will turn out to be the most valuable of the newcomers: Salvson is a 29-year-old righthander who has been up before with the Giants, Pirates, White Sox and Senators without notable success. He won 24 games for Oakland.

**Seven Holdovers**  
There are seven holdovers who'll probably do most of the chinking—Jim Bagby, whose 17 wins topped the Indians; Mel Harder, Vernon Kennedy, Al Smith, Joe Heving, Al Milnar and Chubby Dean.

Boudreau is trying both Roy Cullenbine, the outfielder from the Yankees, and Catcher Otto Denning at first base in the big gap created by hard-hitting Les Fleming's decision to continue his work as a ship-builder. Ray Mack will be at second, Skipper Lou at short and Ken Keltner at third. The army may call Mack before long but Boudreau isn't worrying about that until the summer arrives.

Jeff Heath and Oris Hockett are slated for two outfield posts, with Henry Edwards from Baltimore, and Fabian Gaffe contesting the other spot. Warren (Buddy) Rosar, from the Yankees, and Gene Desautels will do the back-stopping.

Boudreau isn't bragging about the outlook and he isn't crying either. The Indians may be tough.

**Tom Bridges Makes Debut On Detroit Tiger Mound**

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 31.—(P)—Veteran Tommy Bridges made his first appearance on the mound in the Detroit Tigers' training camp today, hurling four innings for the Yankigans in an intra-squad game and giving five hits.

The regulars won the game, 8 to 5, with a three-run seventh inning at the expense of Frank (Stub) Overmire, Rookie Southpaw.

Highlights of the workout were a two-hit pitching performance by Al Manders, his best effort this spring, the hitting of Ned Harris and Rudy York, who got a homer and triple respectively, and the fielding of Joe Hoover, rookie shortstop.

**Frio Of Boston Braves Suffer Leg Injuries**

WALLINGFORD, Conn., March 31.—(P)—Three of the Boston Braves' rookies suffered mishaps today as Manager Casey Stengel put the Tribesmen through a long outdoor drill at Choate School.

Charlie Workman, rated as a regular outfielder, pulled a leg tendon. First Baseman Johnny McCarty wrenched an ankle and Ben Geraghy, a shortstop prospect, suffered a bruised foot.

Stengel placed the blame for these injuries on the soft and slippery surface of the baseball cage.

"Our players must have more outdoor work than they've been getting, particularly the outfielders," Stengel said. "So from now on, regardless of how chilly it is, we'll do most of our work outdoors."

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WELDERS DEFEAT MAFFITT HOMES OUTFIT 39-33

Ball Park Has Effect On Players' Batting

'Y' Team Loses To Coast Guard: Fast Games Set For Tonight

The YMCA Invitational Basketball Tournament got off to a fast start last night before one of the largest audiences yet to witness a game in the "Y" gym this season.

The initial game of the evening was a clean, fast encounter between the Shipyard Welders and the Maffitt Homes quintet and was won by the Welders with a score of 39 to 33. McLemore of the Welders pushed into the lead for high score honors by garnering 22 points. Vickery of the Maffitt group was second in the contest with 12 points.

The second game of the tournament was equally as fast as the first and marked the Coast Guard as potential champions if their present scoring power and team play continues thruout the tournament. Tysinger and Bowen were the mainstay of the "Y" aggregation and Otts Harlan and Nobles played outstanding ball for the "middies".

As a result of last night's games, the Maffitt Homes and YMCA teams enter the semi-finals of the consolation bracket and play each other at 6:00 p. m. on Friday, April 2nd. The Coast Guard and the Welders enter the semi-finals of the Winners bracket and play each other Friday April 2nd at 7:30 p. m.

Tonight's quarter-finals bring together the Coppersmiths and the Green Flash from the shipyard at 7:30 p. m., and the High School Hep-Cats against the First Baptist church at 8:30 p. m. The latter encounter promises to be a top-class ball game plus some local and college stars.

Admission for tonight's games will be 25c. Referees for the encounters are Sam Johnston and James Moore. Scorer, O'Shields and Timer, Austin.

**Maffitt Homes F.G. F.T. T.P.**  
Vickery ..... 12 1 13  
Almond ..... 8 1 8  
Brinkley ..... 2 2 2  
Hurst ..... 2 2 2  
Wiles ..... 4 1 5  
Carter ..... 4 1 5  
O'Quinn ..... 4 1 5  
Connell ..... 4 1 5

**Coast Guard F.G. F.T. T.P.**  
Nobles ..... 10 1 11  
Murray ..... 4 1 5  
Reed ..... 12 12 12  
Harlan ..... 12 12 12  
Wilburn ..... 2 2 2  
Ott ..... 10 10 10  
McMayon ..... 2 2 2  
Devine ..... 4 3 2

**Shipyard Welders F.G. F.T. T.P.**  
McLemore ..... 22 22 22  
Walters ..... 4 4 4  
Beaty ..... 8 1 9  
Hudgins ..... 12 2 16  
Brooks ..... 6 1 7  
Hardison ..... 6 1 7  
Clark ..... 6 1 7

**Y. M. C. A. F.G. F.T. T.P.**  
Williams ..... 2 2 2  
Davis ..... 2 2 2  
Davenport ..... 8 1 9  
Bowen ..... 12 2 16  
Churchill ..... 12 2 16  
Tysinger ..... 12 2 16

**KEEP KRAUT COOL**  
Kraut made from a surplus of early cabbage should be kept cool during fermentation and subsequent storage, since failure is usually caused by high temperatures.

**DIP CHAINS IN OIL**  
To prevent damage and wear to chain drives on farm machines, dip the chains in a container of oil instead of squirting them with a few drops from an oil can.

**Mighty Blows Numerous In Cub-White Sox Tilt**

FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 31.—(P)—Rookie Frank Kalin's home run after Dick Culler had tripled in the ninth gave Chicago's White Sox and 8 to 7 decision over the Chicago Cubs today in their "strictly practice" engagement.

The Sox had a long pull to come from behind after Bill Nicholson's homer with the bases loaded followed by another circuit smash by Dom Dallessandro had given the Cubs five runs in the first inning, but after the Cubs added two more runs in the fourth, veteran Bill Dietrich and Rookie Dan Hanski, a Southpaw up from the semi pro ranks, blanked their northside rivals for the last five innings.

Dallessandro of the Cubs and Jim Grant, Sox recruit obtained from St. Paul, each got three hits for the day.

**PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS**  
WILMINGTON, Del., March 31.—(P)—The Philadelphia Athletics today signed Everett Fagan, 24-year-old pitcher who won 20 and lost 12 last season for the pennant-winning Pulaski club of the Dfunt class D Virginia League. He's from Gladston, N. J., and is 3-A in the draft. The Mackmen now have 13 hurlers in camp, but only Lum Harris, Roger Wolf and Rush Christopher have had big league experience.

## Two Yankees With Indians



Two former members of the slugging New York Yankees, Roy Cullenbine (left) and Buddy Rosar (right), chat with their new boss, Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians, as they await their turn in the batting cage of the Indians' training camp at Lafayette, Ind. Cullenbine is an outfielder, Rosar is a catcher.

## Davis Baseball Squad Continues To Increase

A daily increase in the turnout of Camp Davis baseball talent presages a wide open battle for the various berths on the Fighting AA squad. Yesterday's limbering up session saw a total of 60 diamond hopefuls put through their paces under the watchful eye of Captain Henry A. Johnson, Blue Brigade coach.

Particularly impressed was the general soldier mentor with the quantity and quality of his pitching candidates. Fifteen hurlers paraded of the late afternoon's festivities, lefthanders in the twirling department are at a premium but the AA roster includes seven portersiders which should eventually create an evenly balanced hurling corps at the Anti-aircraft Artillery training center.

Fifteen outfielders, fourteen infielders and six catchers romped about an improvised field just outside Farnsworth Hall, in preparation for next week's stepped-up program: A wealth of baseball background accompanies many of the candidates which should add to the keenness of the struggle for regular positions.

It was learned however that catcher John Delcastro, last year's first string receiver, had successfully undergone a hernia operation at the Station hospital and will be sidetracked for a number of weeks.

Daily practices will continue in preparation for the two-games-a-week program mapped out for the Cape Fear League in addition to bookings with outside clubs and college lines. These preliminaries will afford Captain Johnson ample opportunity to sift through the squad to determine his regular Camp Davis lineup.

**NEW YORK, March 31.—(P)—**A basketball game which will determine the unofficial "champion of champions," at least as far as two tournaments are concerned, will be played at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, and there will be one sure winner — charity.

The game matches the Wyoming Cowboys, National Collegiate A. A. champions, and St. John's, winner of the National Invitation Tournament at the garden, and it is half of a double header to be played for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The other game brings together the runner in the two tournaments — Georgetown, N. C. A. A. losing finalist, and Toledo, defeated by St. John's in the finals of the Invitation event.

Aside from the unofficial championship and charity angles, the Wyoming-St. John's game has the lure of outstanding individual performers matching skill. The duel between Harry Boykoff, St. John's six foot nine-inch center, and Milo Komenich, Wyoming's six foot seven-inch pivot man, looms of particular interest although it was Sailors who stole the show in Wyoming's victory last night.

Exclusive of postseason play, Wyoming's record was 23 victories against one defeat, that at the hands of Duquesne. The Cowboys averaged 60 points a game. They defeated Oklahoma and Texas in the Western N. C. A. A. regionals at Kansas City, and last night won the national crown by defeating Georgetown, 46 to 34.

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(Bear in mind, Ross boxed the ears off a Japanese in his first venture outside his own backyard.) In Oct. 1942: Corp. Barney Ross, ex-champion of the U. S. Marine Corps is boxing instructor at the

## ATHLETIC'S STAR CHANGES GROUNDS EXPECTS TROUBLE

Big Bob Johnson Moves From Philadelphia To Washington; Worried

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 31.—(P)—How much effect does the layout of a ball park have on a player's batting average? The answer is plenty in the opinion of most baseball people, who are watching to see what happens to Bob Johnson now that he is playing in Griffith Stadium for the Washington Senators.

The big Indian has been one of the outstanding outfielders in the American League for the past ten years and for nine consecutive seasons never failed to collect between 21 and 34 home runs. Even though his production dipped to 13 round-trippers last year, his batting average was a respectable .291 and he still was the kinspin of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Johnson is a leftfield pull hitter and during his entire big league career his home has been Philadelphia's Shibe Park, where the leftfield bleachers are 334 feet from home plate.

Now that he has been traded to Washington Johnson will have to shoot for a leftfield barrier that is 405 feet from the plate at the closest point. Instead of playing 11 games a season in Griffith Stadium as in the past, Johnson now will have to appear in 77 there.

Naturally the individual who recognizes this handicap most fully is Johnson.

"You'll probably hear me moaning a lot during the season about that leftfield," he predicted. "It's not going to look as friendly out in that direction as it did in Philadelphia. It's bound to keep me from getting some homers that I would take at Shibe Park."

"But maybe I'll be able to get hits anyway. It's a big field and I've got an idea I can punch some hits into the empty spaces."

Except when he's at bat Johnson thinks he will like Washington's leftfield. "I like to play a big field because it gives you a chance to run and get a lot of ball you can't handle in a small park," he explained.

**BROOKLYN-CADET TILT CANCELLED**

**West Pointers Strapped Down By Classes; May Play Game At Academy**

WEST POINT, N. Y., March 31.—(P)—The exhibition game scheduled to be played today between the Dodgers and West Point Cadets was called off, and will be played tomorrow if the Cadets are free from classes.

In the event the Soldiers are unable to play, the Dodgers will meet the Montreal Royals in a practice game.

In place of today's game, the Dodgers went through a workout in the cage in the Army Field House. Outfielder Hal Peck, who accidentally shot off two of the toes on his left foot last September, showed an improvement over his form of yesterday. He ran well, with his damaged foot protected by a padding.

Bobo Newsum, veteran pitcher, was in uniform for the first time and Manager Leo Durocher made him do considerable leg work to take off extra poundage. When he reported he said he weighed 220, but Durocher guessed his weight to be 235.

## Cards Select World Championship Rings

CAIRO, Ill., March 31.—(P)—The St. Louis Cardinals picked the design for their world championship rings today. Made of gold, the rings will have a diamond in the center and rebirds astride a bat on each side of the shank.

In the afternoon practice game, Coach Mike Gonzalez' team won its first victory of the spring, defeating Coach Buzzy Ware's squad, 9 to 3. Harry Walker hit a

## PINEHURST MEET FAVORITES WIN

Dorothy Kirby, Jane Crum Advance To Third Round Of North-South Tourney

PINEHURST, March 31.—(P)—The consistent play of Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, who fired a 35-mer's part—on the first nine, paid off in an 8 and 7 victory for her over Helen Warin of Pinehurst in the second round of the 41st Annual North and South Women's Golf championship here today.

Glenna Collet Vare of Philadelphia advanced into the third round tomorrow by a 4 and 3 win over Mrs. Edward Stevens of Greenwich, Conn., whose sinking of 25-foot and 40-foot putts on the first and third holes gave her only a brief lead.

Mrs. Vare scored a 39 on the outgoing nine.

Other winners in today's play were Jane Crum of Orangeburg, S. C., whose long tee shots brought her an 8 and 6 victory over Mrs. J. Stuart Brown of Sewickley, Pa., and Mrs. W. G. Boggs, Pittsburgh, who won an upset victory over Peggy Kirk of Findlay, Ohio, 5 and 4.

Miss Crum shot a 38 on the first nine and Mrs. Boggs went out in 40.

Tomorrow's pairings: Kirby vs. Boggs and Crum vs. Vare.

## THORNG TURNS OUT FOR CAMP BOXING

3,000 Soldiers Witness All-Colored Bouts In Farnsworth Hall

The first boxing show of the 1943 season at Camp Davis was greeted by a host of 3,000 howling fans, as the all-Negro card got underway in Farnsworth Hall last night.

The program was sponsored by the 395th CA BN, and was under the direction of Lt. Robert Shimoft. Eddie Browne, former trainer for several heavyweight professional fighters handled the chores of the third man.

In the first feature attraction Yancey Henry, heavyweight contender from California, pounded Joe Anthony, substitute for Mamon Haves of the shipyard, to win by a TKO in 1 minute, 45 seconds of the third round.

Last night's bouts: 135 pound class—Burlin Peoples won a clean decision from Windell Davis.

149 pound class—Willie Butler won a TKO over Milton Ashford in 2 minutes, 33 seconds of third round.

150 pound class—Stanley Rice won TKO over Carl Harris in 2 minutes, 30 seconds of second round.

165 pound class—Ted Foster won TKO over Elijah Jones in 54 seconds of the first round.

Heavyweight division — Yancey Henry won TKO over Joe Anthony in 1 minute 45 seconds of third round.

## SENATORS PLAY NORFOLK STATION

Sailor Lineup Expected To Include Dom DiMaggio, And Others

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 31.—(P)—Opening an exhibition schedule calling for 17 games in 18 days, the Washington Senators meet the Norfolk Naval Training Station team tomorrow at Norfolk.

That Manager Ossie Bluege considers the Norfolk team no soft touch was indicated when he nominated tentatively Dutch Leonard, Micken Haefner and Milo Candini for the hurling chore.

The Norfolk lineup is expected to include such former major league performers as Phil Rizzuto, Dom DiMaggio, Don Padgett and Jimmy Gleason.

After the game with the Training Station, the Senators will play a two-game series with Norfolk Air Base, then return to the College Park training camp for 12 games in as many days.

Included will be games with the Baltimore Orioles, Syracuse, and Newark of the International league, the Philadelphia Athletics and Phillies and New York Giants.

## Batting Power-Fielding Ability Amazes Doerr's Boston Red Sox Players

MEDFORD, Mass., March 31.—(P)—Bobby Doerr participating in his first Boston Red Sox spring practice session, amazed his teammates today by hitting to all corners of the Tufts Baseball Cage and fielding everything in his flawless mid-season fashion. Then he explained that he had worked out with a group of major leaguers in Los Angeles for more than five weeks and was more than ready to take over second base in the opening exhibition game at Brooklyn Saturday.

Manager Joe Cronin put his squad through its usual indoor drill. The Soxers will hold their last workout here tomorrow, for they are scheduled to entrain for New York Friday morning.

**George Stirnweiss Moves To First Place In Lineup**

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 31.—(P)—George (Stuffy) Stirnweiss, the chunky speedster from Newark, will take over Phil Rizzuto's place as lead-off man in the New York Yankees' lineup as well as his spot at shortstop if he is not accepted for service when his draft call comes next month.

Picking his lineup for Saturday's opening exhibition game against the Newark Bears, Manager Joe McCarthy named Stirnweiss for the No. 1 spot and said he would remain there, since he has the speed and potential hitting ability for the job.

The rest of the lineup will be Roy Weatherly, cf; Bud Metheny, rf; Nick Etten, 1b; Johnny Liddell, lf; Bill Johnson, 3b; Bill Dickey, c; Oscar Grimes, 2b; and Spud Chandler, Tommy Byrne and Andy Donald, pitchers.

During the regular season, McCarthy said, either Joe Gordon or Charley Keller will take over the cleanup hitting job from Etten. Keller reached camp too late to participate in today's two-hour drill.

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