

SPORTS TRAIL

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—(AP)—You felt a little sorry for Alpha Brazle, the long, lean, hungry country boy from Cortez, Colo., as he tucked his glove in his armpit, bowed his head and walked off the mound in the eighth inning and headed for the showers today.

He had pitched a fine game for the St. Louis Cardinals until that eighth inning, throwing low stuff with so much on the ball the Yankees were fouling all over the place. There were more people around him than he ever had seen in one bunch in his life, and the Yankee stadium field must have seemed as big as a Colorado ranch, but he seemed to be nervous out there, looking and winding up very much like Card Hubbell.

The errors behind him seemed harmless enough at first, but they were like grains of sand flowing into a bin until the sides bulged and finally split, and when Bill Johnson hit his triple to clear the bases it not only meant the ball game and the end for Brazle, but it called attention to the fact that the two 1942 series performers, outside pitchers, most missed this year are Terry Moore and Joe DiMaggio.

DiMaggio primarily because of the threat of his hitting, as in a tight game like the second game of the current series the big guy would be almost sure to bust out with some kind of a blow that would mean a run or two, and Moore mostly because of his fielding, as the outfield play of the Cardinals in the first three games has left much to be desired, and Terry Moore was incorporated as an outfielder in himself, besides being the inspirational leader who kept his teammates playing at times better than they knew how.

We don't recall a ball being hit over an outfielder's head in the stadium in the 1942 classic, but in the first three games this year two pokes sailed over Danny Litwhiler's head in left field, where Stan Musial probably would be playing were Moore available.

Both hits were tremendous clouts and maybe it's unfair to say that Musial would have got to them, particularly as Litwhiler came in to make a really great one-handed shoestring catch of

Joe Gordon's drive in the second inning today. But for some reason we just can't imagine a ball getting over the speedier Musial's head any more than we can imagine Moore or DiMaggio letting a fly ball get away from them if it was in the same park. Moore made unbelievable catches last year, and we are pretty sure that Johnson's three-base hit today would have been a long single were Moore out there, as Harry Walker just couldn't quite get to it.

Walker has been good on fly balls, but we saw him bobble a total of three ground balls in the three games, two of the juggles going for errors. One turned out to be harmless enough, but the one permitting Johnny Lindell to get to second in the eighth inning today was the first grain of sand in the pile that led to the Cards' and Brazale's downfall.

This is not by any means a criticism of Litwhiler and Walker as they were out there giving it all they had and there aren't many Terry Moores. Just one, in fact, the same as there is only one Joe DiMaggio.

But we do think the outfielders, particularly the Cardinals, are one of the big differences between the 1942 and 1943 series, although there have been some peculiar goings on in the infields and behind the plate this year that weren't apparent last fall.

At any rate, Alpha Brazale deserved a better rate today, as had it not been for the two errors permitting Lindell to get to the Yankee floodgates probably would never have been opened. But as Billy Southworth said, "That's baseball." Just what kind he didn't say.

Eighth Inning Rally Defeats Cards, 6-2

YANKEES CRASH THROUGH ERROR FILLED TOURNEY

Brazale Has New York Groveling Until Miscues Begin

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Oct. 7.—The St. Louis Cardinals, supposed to be baseball's wizards of defense, collapsed in the field today, and the New York Yankees crashed through the opening for five runs in the eighth inning to win the third game of the 1943 World Series, 6 to 2, before an all-time record series crowd of 69,990.

It was an old familiar story to many of the fans who jammed this big arena on a hazy October afternoon to see the last game here before the two teams left for St. Louis tonight to complete the series in the Cardinals' park beginning Sunday.

The Yankees were groveling helplessly before the amazingly cool pitching of Alpha (Bet) Brazale, 27-year-old rookie lefthander, who had come up from the Pacific Coast league in mid-July. Then came a break. Two errors and an intentional walk loaded the bases with one out and Bill Johnson, New York's slender freshman third baseman, smashed a triple into left center.

This block-buster blew the game right out of the park. After Brazale had been removed the Yankees made three more singles and scored two more runs just to make certain the Cardinals did not get over the concussion.

In the early innings the contest was a masterpiece of fine fielding with various players on both teams contributing a series of spectacular catches and for the third consecutive game the Cardinals scored first for a lead they seemed likely to keep throughout.

They loaded the bases twice against Hank Borowy, a wiry young righthander, in the fourth inning and a single by Danny Litwhiler, his first hit of the series, brought home two runs.

This was an imposing start, but it failed to rattle the Yankees, and St. Louis made only one hit over the last five frames and a total of six for the game.

However, the Cardinals would not have needed more the way Brazale was breezing along if the Redbirds had held up defensively. Over the first five innings he gave the Yankees just two singles, no walks, and let only one of these runners reach second.

He still looked good when the Yankees scored their first run in the sixth. Borowy led off for the Yanks and was looking like a pitcher at bat with a count of two and two when he smacked a soft liner to left. But Litwhiler was playing in close, did not start back soon enough, and the ball dropped behind him for a double. He went to third on a long foul fly by Tuck Stainback and, after Frank Crossetti had fled out, scored when Third Baseman George Kurovski fumbled a grounder by Johnson.

In the next inning the Yanks went down one-two-three, Nick Etten fanning for the third out, and Brazale still was a cool customer.

But in the last of the eighth John Lindell made his first hit of the series, a clean single to center, and Harry Walker got his hands all tangled up with the ball. While he was putting on his juggling act Lindell galloped to second on the error.

George Stirnweis batted for Borowy and laid down a bunt in an attempt to sacrifice. It was the obvious play and First Baseman Ray Sanders of the Cards swooped down within 20 feet of home plate to scoop up the ball almost as soon as it hit the ground and throw to third to head off Lindell.

His throw was in time, too, and Umpire Beans Reardon had his arm up to signal an out when Lindell, a big fellow 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighing 205 pounds, crashed into Kurovski full force causing him to drop the ball.

It was another error and the turning point of the ball game. Stainback fled to left and Lindell was held on third although Stirnweis sped to second after the catch. This caused Crossetti to be purposely passed, loading the bases, and set the stage for Johnson.

The kid who came up from Newark last spring to fill the shoes left empty by Red Rolfe took one strike and then lined a hit into left center. For a minute it seemed Walker would be able to get in front of the ball and hold it to a single, but it went through both Walker and Litwhiler and rolled all the way to the bleacher wall, 450 feet from the plate, for a triple, scoring three runs.

This broke Brazale's poise and he quickly walked Charley Keller, causing Manager Billy Southworth to bring righthander Howard Krist to the mound.

Krist pitched three balls and finally a called strike to Joe Gordon, a righthanded swinger, before the Flash shoved a sharp single to right scoring Johnson and putting Keller on second.

Harry Brecheen, a rookie southpaw who had appeared in relief for one inning of the first game of the series, then strode to the mound to pitch to lefthander Bill Dickey. The veteran catcher rapped a grounder between first and second and the ball hit Gordon on

Marion Tallies With Homer As Cards Defeat Yankees



Slats Marion (right) Cardinal shortstop, comes into the plate after his third inning home run in the second game of the World Series in Yankee Stadium between the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals. Waiting to congratulate him is Cardinal Pitcher Morton Cooper (left), while in the background the Cardinal batboy expresses his feelings. Marion, a native of Richburg, S. C., formerly lived in Atlanta. The Cards won, 4-3, to even the series. (AP Wirephoto).

Composite Box Score

NEW YORK YANKEES												
G	Ab	R	H	2b	3b	Hr	Rbi	Bb	So	Pct	Po	A E
Stainback, rf-1f	3	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	182	6 1 0 1.000
Crossetti, ss	3	10	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	300	7 9 1 .941	
Metheny, rf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1.000
Johnson, 3b	3	12	3	5	1	1	0	3	0	1	417	0 5 0 1.000
Keller, lf	3	11	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	182	5 0 0 1.000	
Gordon, 2b	3	11	1	3	0	1	2	1	2	273	11 10 0 1.000	
Dickey, c	3	11	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	273	19 3 0 1.000	
Etten, lb	3	12	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	285	24 1 1 .962	
Lindell, cf-rf	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	167	5 0 0 1.000	
Chandler, p	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	333	0 2 0 1.000	
Bonham, p	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Borowy, p	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	500	2 0 0 1.000	
Stirnweis, xx	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Murphy, p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Weatherly, x	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Totals	96	13	22	2	2	1	10	4	16	229	81 32 2 .983	

xx—Batted for Borowy in eighth inning of third game.

ST. LOUIS NATIONALS												
G	Ab	R	H	2b	3b	Hr	Rbi	Bb	So	Pct	Po	A E
Klien, 2b	3	12	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	167	6 8 1 .933	
Walker, cf	3	13	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	111	8 0 2 .800	
Musial, rf	3	11	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	273	4 1 0 1.000	
W. Cooper, c	3	11	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	273	15 3 1 .947	
Kurovski, 3b	3	10	2	2	1	0	1	0	3	200	3 4 2 .778	
Sanders, lb	3	10	2	3	0	1	2	2	3	300	25 2 0 1.000	
Litwhiler, lf	3	10	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	200	9 0 0 1.000	
Marion, ss	3	8	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	250	4 10 1 .933	
Lanier, p	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	500	0 1 1 .500	
Brecheen, p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
M. Cooper, p	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Brazale, p	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 1 2 1.000	
Garms, z	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 0 0 1.000	
O'Dea, zz	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Krist, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1.000	
Totals	95	8	20	3	0	2	8	17	21	75	32 8 .930	

z—Batted for Lanier eighth inning of first game.

zz—Batted for Kurovski in ninth inning of second game.

PITCHING SUMMARY												
G	Cg	Ip	H	R	Er	Bb	So	Wp	Hb	W	L	Pct
Chandler (N. Y.)	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
M. Cooper (St. Louis)	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Borowy (N. Y.)	1	0	8	6	2	3	4	0	0	1	0	1.000
Lanier (St. Louis)	1	0	7	4	2	0	7	0	0	1	0	2.57
Bonham (N. Y.)	1	0	8	6	4	3	9	0	0	1	0	4.50
Brazale (St. Louis)	1	0	7-13	5	6	3	2	4	0	0	1	0.000
Brecheen (St. Louis)	2	0	12-3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Murphy (N. Y.)	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Krist (St. Louis)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000

Composite score by innings:

St. Louis (National)	011	510	000	8
New York (American)	000	303	052	13

Summary:

Earned runs—St. Louis 7, New York 8. Stolen bases—Crossetti, Marion, Sacrifices—Kurovski, W. Cooper, M. Cooper, Crossetti. Double plays—St. Louis (3)—Klein, Marion and Sanders; Marion, Klein and Sanders 2; New York (2)—Gordon, Crossetti and Etten; Crossetti, Gordon and Etten. Left on bases—St. Louis 17, New York 14. Interference—W. Cooper (Metheny) sixth inning second game. Times of games—2:07 (first game), 2:08 (second game), 2:10 (third game). Attendance—68,676 (first game) 68,578 (second game), 69,990 (third game).

the legs, making him out automatically, although Dickey was credited with a hit and the Yanks still were left with runners on first and second.

Etten then singled to right, scoring Keller, but Dickey was caught sliding into third as Catcher Walker Cooper relayed Stan Musial's throw to Kurovski.

Thus the Yankees came through once more with a wild, unruly uprising to win a series game by taking advantage of the mistakes of their opponents. They made eight hits, five of them in the eighth, and played errorless ball defensively, but except for the let-down by the Cardinals they never would have had a chance today.

By making four unearned runs and brought their total of miscues to eight for three games of the series. It also was their misplays in the field which cost them the opening tussle, 4 to 2, in a pitching battle between Max Lanier and Spud Chandler.

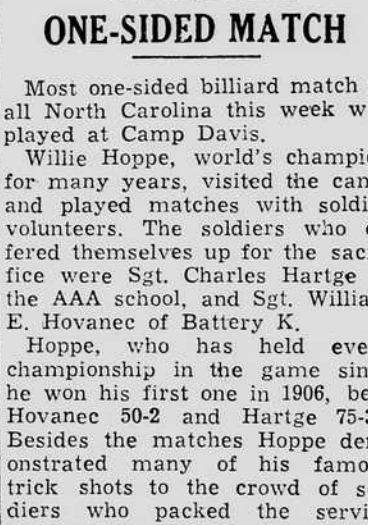
The outcome of the games here left the Yankees confident as they headed for St. Louis, and Manager Joe McCarthy announced he intended to pitch Lefty Marius Russo in the fourth game of the series when the teams meet again Sunday at Sportsman's Park.

Tomorrow and Saturday are open dates on the schedule set aside for travel and McCarthy said he might change his mind in the meantime, but there was no reason to expect him to waver on Russo, who, after nursing a sore arm for

ONE-SIDED MATCH

Most one-sided billiard match in all North Carolina this week was played at Camp Davis. Willie Hoppe, world's champion for many years, visited the camp and played matches with soldier volunteers. The soldiers who offered themselves up for the sacrifice were Sgt. Charles Hartge of the AAA school, and Sgt. William E. Hovanec of Battery K. Hoppe, who has held every championship in the game since he won his first one in 1906, beat Hovanec 50-2 and Hartge 75-33. Besides the matches Hoppe demonstrated many of his famous trick shots to the crowd of soldiers who packed the service

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IS FIRST TASTE OF CONFERENCE PLAY FOR 'CATS

Game Scheduled For 4 P. M. At American Legion Field

The Wilmington Wildcats, with victories over the Whiteville and Charleston elevens, clash with Rocky Mount High at 4:15 P. M. Friday on the American Legion field.

This is the initial conference tilt for the locals, while the Blackbirds trounced the Goldsboro eleven 46 to 2 in a recent league engagement. A strong rivalry has long existed between the 'Cats and the 'Birds and this year's game brings about the meeting of the most evenly matched Wildcat and Blackbird teams in many grid seasons.

The Wildcats will be without the services of their star quarterback, Bill Auld, who is still out with a leg injury. The remainder of the squad is in fine condition after a week of heavy drills.

Much of the local's success will rest in the stopping of the powerful Rocky Mount running attack. The massive Wildcat line, averaging 189 pounds, which held the vaunted Charleston Bantams to a scant 45 yards gained rushing, will be out to curb the Blackbird ground game.

Last week's defensive star, Red Holt, crashing 205 pound tackle, has completely recovered from a hand injury and is expected to stand out in the 'Cat line along with a couple of 195 pounders, Nig Snow and John Hobbs. Snow, veteran guard has been a constant menace to the opposing ball carriers with his continuous slashing through the line and bone-crushing tackles.

Dick Watts, the local's 6 foot 4 inch end has been a standout on defense and also a main cog in the Wildcat aerial attack.

In the backfield the 'Cats will spearhead their offense about their hard-driving 190 pound full-back, Piggy Dyches. John Symmes, passing ace, will be in the tailback spot in place of the injured Auld. Jumping Jack Lowmore, one of the leading leather luggers in the

local backfield will be in the wingback position, with the Wildcat backfield being rounded out by Bill McIlwain, running in the blocking back slot.

The probable starting lineup: Pos. Wilmington Rocky Mt. LE—Dick Watts Landis LT—John Hobbs Whittle LG—Norman Glines Angus C—Stanley Glines Hedgepeth RG—Jim Snow Kessie RT—Herbert Holt Matthews RE—Eugene Ward Combs QB—John Symmes Page RHB—Jack Lowmore Patterson LHB—Bill McIlwain Watkins FB—Randall Dyches McDuffie

WAR BOND QUOTA ROXBORO, Oct. 7.—(P)—Gordon C. Hunter of Roxboro, Third War Loan chairman for Group Four, made up of eleven counties including Wake and Durham, announced today \$22,164,000 had been raised in the area.

J. MILLS FLACK CHIMNEY ROCK, Oct. 7.—(P)—J. Mills Flack, 89, proprietor of Mt. View Inn here for 45 years, died this afternoon.

RECONCILED Babbling Brook, N. D.: Mrs. Amy Whipple, who was suing her husband, Mortimer, for divorce on grounds of cruelty, has withdrawn her suit. "Morty has finally wined up and started shaving with Treet Blades," explained Mrs. Whipple.

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