

the OTHER Side of SPORTS by Gil Smith

With both the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers in a position to cop the National league bunting, it's unusual to find a native New Yorker who says St. Louis will be the foe of the Yankees in the coming World Series classic...

Still several games behind the rampaging Dodgers, the Cardinals get the nod from both Muscemeci and his infield pal Bob Steckel, but there the similarity ends. Steckel says Cardinal experience in last year's series will prove too much for the Yanks to beat...

It's The Yanks

It's kinda pathetic... this rooting by Steckel for the Cardinals. He's from Pennsylvania, and his state's two representatives, the Pirates of Pittsburgh and the Phils, are currently waging a hot contest for the role of doormat...



MUSCEMECI

As far as Wilmington goes, both the Bucs predict the end of the year will find the locals in second place, not too far behind Sanford. They both agree the team is hustling better under Jim Staton, but don't feel it's very probable that the club will beat out the Spinners.

"But, we'll be closer than we are now," they agree. Glad to see Staton in the driver's seat, neither Pirate discounted Nate Andrews' ability as a manager, but were in accord that the ex-major league hurler lacked the interest shown in the team by Staton.

Muscemeci straightened some fans out on Steckel, who is beginning to hit the ball harder than his mates. It wasn't long ago that the Bucs were in a rough losing streak, and Steckel was singled out as the player to ride by the fans who have got to have a goat.

"It was unfair," Muscemeci said, as we blinked at his yellow sweater which shouldn't happen to a dog. "Bob couldn't go to his left for a grounder, and maybe he looked a little bad at times. But the players knew that his left leg was bandaged from an injury that he wasn't talking too much about because at that time we were shorthanded, and no one could fill in." Steckel remained silent, but we learned his leg is okay now.

The Buc shortstop had a pal in Al Lento, and he was mighty sad to see his ex-semi-pro mate traded. Muscemeci can't get over the feeling that someday soon Lento, now with the Dunn-Erwin Twins, will face the Pirates and beat them. "Hope he doesn't, but Al is a lot better than most folks thought. He needed work, and he was only pitching once every couple weeks," Freddie explained.

Both lads are first year men in pro ball. Steckel had a tryout with Hagerstown in the Interstate league, but he ended up here, and Muscemeci was one of a few New Yorkers who answered an ad to attend George Stirnweiss' school at Bartow, Fla., where Andrews signed him.

It's The Cards

Incidentally, the Buc speedster turned down a chance to go into the Yankee chain at \$100 a month, because Andrews offered him more than half again as much with Wilmington. He's not sorry, but he'd like to end up with the Yankee organization someday.

Freddie's a great champion of the Stirnweiss school. It's expanded this year, and will be out on the West Coast also. But, Muscemeci and Eddie Hardisky will be in Bartow again next spring working out to get in shape for 1948.

"Only this time we won't have to pay," Freddie grinned. "They asked us to help out for room and board, and Eddie and I are gonna do it."

As is the usual system, the contracts of the two Pirates (and all others we are told) are for one year. It's a safe bet that local fans won't see Muscemeci here next year, much as they'd like to. The classy fielding, dependable hitting shortstop is slated for at least Class B ball next year, and hanging around with major leaguers at Bartow isn't going to hurt him as far as getting his chance. It's a good contact both he and Hardisky made last season.

As for Steckel, if he continues to hit the way he has for the past two weeks, he'll be a hard man to keep in D ball also.

Right now Freddie and Bob aren't too interested in next year, because they figure there's a long two month season ahead of them, and then the play-offs.

And they're just as sure as we are, that with a little hurling aid, the Pirates will be in second place in September, only a few games off the pace of the Spinners. If some other clubs will kick Sanford down, the Pirates may be on the pinnacle.

However, when the World Series begins, the infield pair will no longer be friends.

"It's the Cards," says Steckel. "It's the Yanks," says Muscemeci, as he planned to skirt Brooklyn when he returns home this fall.

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Lamb Hurls Five-Hitter For Tenth Win; Ancrews Back In Uniform, May Hurl Today

Steckel, Benton Hit Hard As Pirates Sweep Series; Play In Warsaw Today

Hefty Roy Lamb came up with his tenth win of the year, as he chucked a five-hitter past Selma-Smithfield last night at Legion stadium, and Pirate bats thundered over the New Hanover county countryside to turn a 13-hit assault into a 7-1 victory.

Lamb should have had a shutout, but a passed ball in the ninth set up the only Leaf tally. Carroll singling home the run after Lamb had fanned two enemy hitters, Eddie Hardisky then ended the tilt with a fielding gem off Bernstein.

The Bucs opened scoring in the first frame when Eddie Hardisky doubled and moved to third on Bill Benton's infield hit. The Buc base-runners promptly pulled a double steal. Hardisky scoring. In the second, the roof fell in on Joe Eonta. Andy Poklemba

Morris Wade, business manager of the Wilmington Pirates late last night said Nate Andrews' return to the Pirate fold pushed Bob LeBlanc on the suspended list for seven days. LeBlanc is reportedly suffering from a tobacco arm. Wade also said Tobacco State league clubs were attempting to shorten the time a player must remain on the suspended list to three days. No mention was made of Andrews' salary as a pitcher.

hoisted to the outfield, but Bob Steckel beat out an infield roller down the third base line. Skipper Jim Staton gave Steckel the hit and run sign.

Freddie Muscemeci slashed one to short, forcing Lamb, but Steckel scored. Hardisky hit one in front of the plate and Staton beat checking in at third. Again Hardisky scampers down to second base beating the throw, and Muscemeci scored when Howard booted the ball. Benton tripled savagely down the right field line. The Buc keystoneer hitting paydirt. Benton crossed him plate a moment later on a passed ball, Hoggy Davis singled, but Harry Bridges fled out to end the nightmare.

In the fifth, the Pirates tallied again, as Lamb kept mowing down the Leafs allowing just two scratch hits up till the sixth. Davis hit the left field wall for two bases, and after Bridges and Poklemba went out, Steckel kept his hitting streak alive with a two bagger. Eddie Hardisky, but the Pirate third sacker was out trying to go to third on the play.

The Bucs travel to Warsaw today for a single game, and ex-Manager Nate Andrews may be a surprise hurler. Andrews was back in uniform last night, and Bob LeBlanc was put on the suspended list to make room for the ex-pilot.

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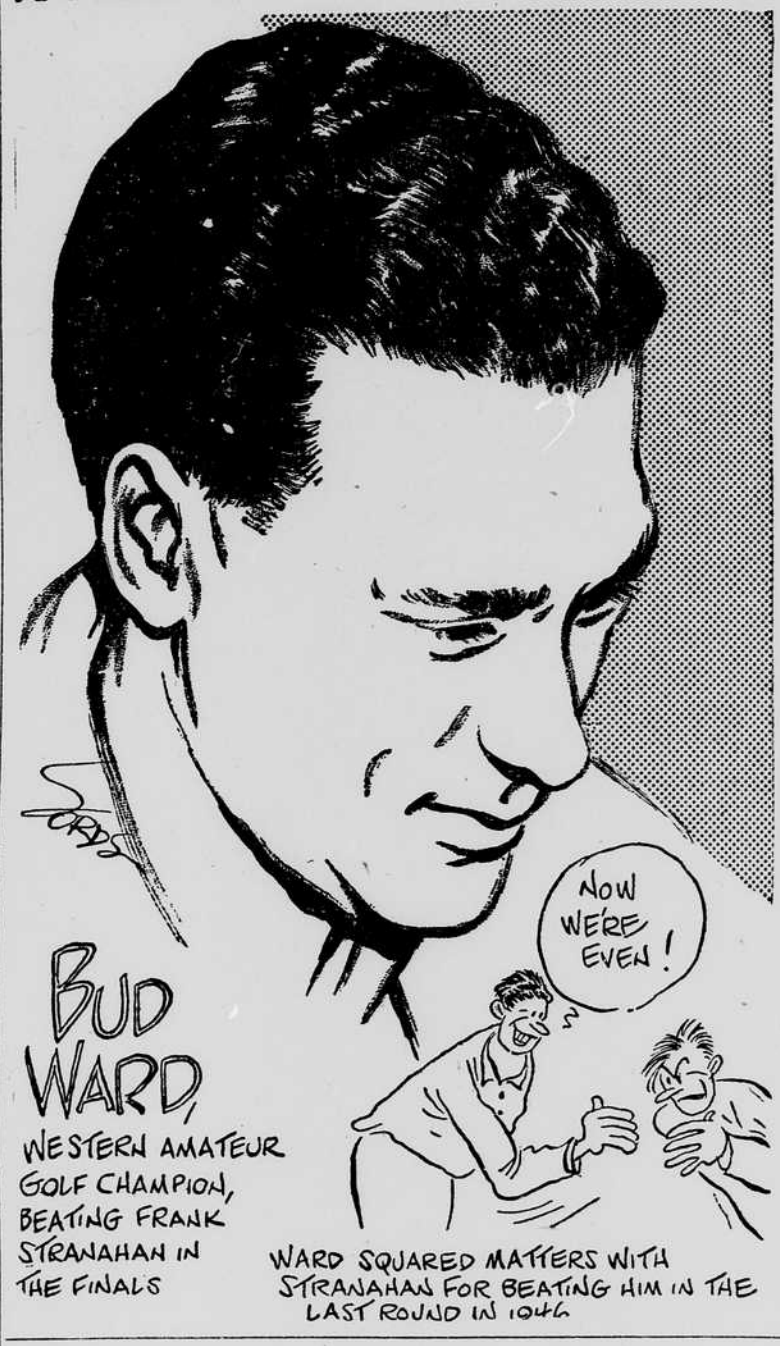
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AMATEUR ACE By Jack Sords



Ramblers Christen New Home Field

Baseball In Brief

The Masonboro Ramblers, just one half game out of first place in the Eastern State league, play host to the Elizabethtown Red Sox today at the new Rambler home, Bellamy Park, at 3:30.

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Sprunt, Colucci Tie For Honors

Sam Sprunt and John Colucci, Wilmington yachtsmen, came home today all tied up for second place honors in the Charleston Yacht club's annual regatta.

Colucci tied yesterday for top honors in the Class B Inland Lake scow division, finished fifth in a five boat race in the third day's running, and his Stardust III dropped valuable points, but held onto second place in the final point total. Sprunt's Wahoo finished third yesterday putting him in a deadlock with Colucci for the entire event.

Both local skippers finished behind H. Paul's Zephyr, out of Charleston, in yesterday's race, but Bob Pete, another Charlestonian raced his Easy Does It into second place yesterday and copped top honors.

Billy Lockwood's Wing It III, was a fourth placer yesterday and in the total event was just behind Colucci and Sprunt in third place.

WILLIAMS BELTS 2 IN BOSOX WIN

BOSTON, July 26.—Ted Williams collected two homers and Jake Jones, each with one on base, today as the Boston Red Sox collected 16 hits to smother the St. Louis Browns 12-1.

Pitcher Joe Dobson won his 12th victory, walking three, fanning five and holding the Browns to six hits. The Browns got their lone run in the first inning when Johnny Berardino singled and scored on Paul Lehner's freak triple to right center.

After that not a single St. Louis man got beyond second base. Williams whacked out his 21st homer in the first inning and his 22nd in the third. At that point he had hit safely six times in succession, four of the hits being circuit drives.

In the fourth, Williams flied out to Willie Brown, who was back up against the fence and reached high above his head to snare the ball.

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