

## Manager Hornsby To Use Spastic Youth As Special Assistant To Guide Browns

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SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Rogers Hornsby will be supported by a spastic youth from Everett, Wash., this year in his efforts to bring the St. Louis Browns out of the American League doldrums.

Quiet and unassuming 25-year-old Dave Kosher will be offering "called-for-advice" to the Rajah—a Hall of Fame great and a man John McGraw once said "knows more baseball than any other man."

Kosher is Hornsby's bench confidant — and arrangement they made a year ago at Palm Springs, Calif.

An avid baseball fan all his life, Kosher had taken an Everett American Legion pitcher to the spring training camp of the Seattle Rainiers, the team Hornsby managed to a pennant in the Pacific Coast League last season.

**JUST LIKED HIM**

The prospect Kosher brought along didn't last, but Hornsby took a liking to Dave. In fact, the tactician Rajah invited him to be his "side-kick" on the Seattle bench during home games. That led to a swing around the coast loop on the Rainiers final road trip for

Dave and then to the World Series as Hornsby's guest last fall.

Hornsby considered Kosher a "good luck" man and a smart student of baseball, although most of Kosher's experience had been confined to master-minding semi-pro teams around Everett.

For those reasons, Dave today has a full-time job with Hornsby who has returned as a manager under "the big top."

Kosher packed his bags last week and took off for Burbank, Calif., where Hornsby is working with several members of his team.

And before he left, Dave said: "Mr. Hornsby took me to the World Series last year. I hope we can make the trip again this autumn—with the Browns as the American League representative."

**ALL YEAR LONG**

Paseball is a year around proposition with Kosher. In the winter he talks it constantly around his hometown.

His father, Abe Kosher, is in the real estate and used car businesses but, says Abe, "Baseball always has been the life ambition of Dave. He knew he could never be a player but that didn't discourage him."

"In the off season he talks the hot-stove league with a passion. And of course this past year he had his eyes open for deals involving material being traded to the Browns."

If Hornsby and the Browns make it tough on the other clubs some of the credit of success will rub off on a fellow who has never thrown a baseball across the diamond, rammed a hot liner over infield or slid heading into one of the bases.

Dave Kosher holds a unique position among the handicapped youths of America who made it to the big leagues.

**VARIETY OF PRAISE**

Dick Groat has received praise from many players, coaches, writers, and broadcasters, but the few selected for reproduction here were given by Groat competitors—those that really count.

"The thing that impresses me most about this amazing gent is not his uncanny shooting ability, his amazing ball-hawking, daredevil dribbling, or remarkable playmak-

## TODAY'S SPORTS PARADE

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NEW YORK (AP) — At least 10 men were acceptable candidates today for basketball Coach of the Year honors but the showdown choice appeared to be between Kentucky's ever-present Adolph Rupp and Duquesne's Don Dudley Moore — with the Pennsylvanian this corner's choice.

A fine season's record is, of course, important in earning a spot in contention. And of the job they did with the material at hand you have to bow to such as Phog Allen of Kansas, Tippy Dye of Washington, Bucky O'Connor of Iowa, Ed Melvin of St. Bonaventure, Ed Hickey of St. Louis, Jack Gardner of Kansas State, Bob Brown of West Virginia and Harry Combes of Illinois.

Rupp, who came up with his 14th straight Southeastern Conference champion and a record of 28-2, naturally is a strong candidate.

But the plaudits here go to Moore who brought a team out of nowhere to win 21 against only one loss.

Coach of the Year may be interpreted in several ways. It could go to the coach who had the best record or the mythical national champion. Or it could go to the fellow who brought his team the farthest in one season, starting from scratch and hitting near the top.

Either way you look at it, Moore appears to have earned the plaudits. His club lost one game and is top-seeded in the National Invitation basketball tournament starting at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. And he started this season from about as close to scratch as any coach likes to get.

Last season, Duquesne won only 16 against 11 losses, not exactly breathtaking. But this year the club was welded around a freshman, a sophomore and a senior and climbed into national prominence. Nor are these three among the nation's 10 best players.

For instance, soph Jim Tucker, the team's leading scorer with a 17.2 point average per game, obtained for Duquesne no better than a third team berth on the recent United Press All-America team voted by more than 200 sports-writers.

Rupp, on the other hand, had an all-veteran team which wasn't exactly desperate for coaching. True, the bluegrass baron lost seven-foot Bill Spivey. But he had left such greats as Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey, Bobby Watson, Lou Tsioropoulos and Skippy Whitaker.

Proof of their ability is that Hagan won a first team spot on the U. P. All-America—and just about everybody's "all" quintet—while Ramsey made the second team. That would seem to fit the classification of being loaded with talent.

Rupp obtained them, sure, and polished them. But it wasn't a job which had to be accomplished this year. And nobody is inferring that the man in the brown suit isn't terrific in turning out fine teams. His overall record of 470 victories against 81 losses in 22 years, plus three NCAA titles and one NIT crown, prove that.

But for the coaching job of the 1951-52 season, Moore turned the trick. He took a mediocre team, kept the balance of seniors, gave free rein to the sharpshooting Tucker and filled out the height with Dick Ricketts, a six foot, six inch freshman. It meshed for him because of a job well done.

ing. Its his calmness under fire. With things tied up in the last minute of play, Groat usually is the calmest man in the gym. Chances are the fans will be sweating more than the Duke ace who, for my money, is as cool as the proverbial cucumber. He's a real All-American in my book." — by Zane Robbins, Sports Editor of The Daily Tar Heel (51), University of North Carolina Newspaper.

"Dick Groat is the best college ball-player I have ever seen." — Jay Handland, star of Washington & Lee.

"He's the best. And he'd be even better in my possession system with his ball-handling and shooting." — Coach Bud Millikan, University of Maryland.

"I've never seen any player who could do as many things as well as Groat. The guy just kills you, that's

**RAVE NOTICES**

DURHAM — Ed (Country) Meadows, brilliant sophomore tackle on the Duke football team last season, received plenty of praise for his play during the campaign and three of them who, went heaviest on the dynamic Blue Devil were General Rob Neyland of Tennessee, Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech and Art Guepe of Virginia.

**FRICK TELLS STORY**

Ford C. Frick, commissioner of baseball, sticks to the conservative side in most things, even in the matter of naming an all-time team of players from within his own experience.

Frick jots down the name of Pie Traynor for his third baseman and selects no other candidates. He goes in for grouping of his all-stars at

other positions.

His pitchers are Grover Cleveland Alexander, Lefty Grove, Carl Hubbell, Dizzy Dean, and Herb Pennock; his catchers are Gabby Hartnett, Mickey Cochrane, and Bill Dickey; he has Bill Terry, Lou Gehrig, and George Sisler, Sr., as first basemen; Frank Frisch, Rogers Hornsby, and Eddie Collins his second basemen; Leo Durocher, Marty

Marion, Dave Bancroft, and Glenn Wright as shortstops, and Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio, and Ross Youngs as outfielders.

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