

# Manager Weiss Thinks Farm System Big Reason For Yanks Winning

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NEW YORK — General Manager George Weiss viewed his young, vibrant world champion Yankees today and estimated that they have not yet reached the peak of their transitional stage. This stage began in 1947 when Weiss began the task of converting his aging post-war team into a new, young one. Since the beginning of the transition, Weiss managed to win five of six American League pennants despite an 81 per cent turnover in the Yankee roster.

"It was the farm system that saved us," Weiss said with justifiable pride, since it was George who built it. "It is true we made some important deals and that we reached into the National League to acquire more veterans than Yankee teams usually do."

"But in the final analysis it was our farm system that kept feeding us the good players and actually won the pennants for us."

"YOUNG BLOOD"  
Although often referred to as the "Old Champs," the Yankees actually are a young team. Phil Rizzuto is the oldest regular at 34 and outfielders Hank Bauer and Gene Woodling are both 30. But Mickey Mantle is 20, Billy Martin is 24, Yogi Berra, 27, Gil McDougald, 23, and Joe Collins, 29. He figures out an average age of 27.

**FIND SUCCESSOR**  
Although Weiss did not say so, it appears that his next important task is to find the eventual

successor to Rizzuto. The little shortstop showed occasional signs of slipping this year and while he is not expected to take a sudden nose-dive toward mediocrity next year, Weiss must begin seriously to think of his successor.

Young pitchers—to take the place of Allie Reynolds, 34, Vic Raschi, 33 and Ed Lopat, 34—represent the next most important job of the future. Along these lines it is significant that Whitey Ford, the rookie pitching sensation of 1950, will be out of the Army in about a month and will be back with the team next season.

**ONLY FOUR OUTFIELDERS**  
"We are not a set team as we look toward 1953," Weiss said. "We played with only four outfielders most of this season and there is the obvious opportunity for a young outfielder to make our club."

Neither of the reserve catchers, Ralph Houk or Charley Silvera, is regarded as a sure-shot to return next year and there also is room for a young infielder. Weiss becomes perhaps unduly modest when asked if he can recall any other transitional stage which proved so successful for a team. But other baseball men insist there never was a parallel.

## Deacs To Try For Upset Victory Against Villanova

WAKE FOREST, Oct. 8 — Wake Forest's Deacons will be shooting for one of their traditional upset victories in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon when they face the undefeated Villanova Wildcats at 2 o'clock on Franklin Field.

The Deacs have a 1-1-1 record to date after three hard tussles with Baylor, William and Mary, and Boston College. They dropped a 17-14 thriller to Baylor, edged out William and Mary 28-21 in another exciting contest, and played a 7-7 tie with Boston College in Wilston-Salem last Saturday night.

The Wildcats will throw a perfect record on the line in their Homecoming Day Game. They opened their season with a surprisingly easy conquest of highly touted Kentucky, 25-6. Two weeks ago they scored an impressive 14 to 7 decision over Clemson and Saturday turned back the University of Detroit 21 to 7.

In recent seasons Wake Forest has pulled some of the biggest upsets in the nation. In 1946 Tenn-

## Crowd Of 30,000 Expected To See Duke-S.C. Game

By TOM PRICE  
(AP Sports Writer)  
COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — The strong right arm of the second-ranked passer in the Southern Conference, plus the loop's top receiver, hold the key to South Carolina's chances against Duke here tomorrow in the South's football

headline. A crowd of 30,000 is expected to turn out to see the mighty Blue Devils, unbeaten in three starts and the nation's sixth best team, in the latest United Press poll, tackle the one-busted Gamecocks whose bones side on the throwing ability of Johnny Gramling and the catching of Clyde Bennett.

Duke limited offensive-minded Tennessee to 25 yards rushing and two first downs last weekend, and the Gamecocks' first concern is to knock rushing through that defense. But Gramling has completed 22 of 42 passes for 241 yards and three in less the Gamecock here.

The junior quarterback from Orangeburg, S. C., flipped four scoring tosses against Furman last week and has now passed for five touchdowns. Bennett tosses the conference with 10 catches for 185 yards and two touchdowns.

But Duke is a statistical high-ranker also. The Blue Devils top the loop in total defense, are second in both passing and rushing defense, and are fourth in rushing offense, after whipping Washington and Lee, Southern Methodist and Tennessee.

Duke fullback Jack Kistler is second in rushing with 291 yards and seventh in total offense. But an injured hand may limit his action against the Gamecocks.

Duke quarterback Worth (a million) Lutz is the top passer, percentage-wise, in the conference with 10 completions in 18 shots.

The unbeaten split-T of Coach Bill Murray, who became United Press coach of the week for whipping Tennessee, is hoped to be too much for the Gamecocks of Rex Enright, whose team one-ates from the "T" with some shifts into a "V" formation.

Virginia Military Institute sets the conference slate going this weekend with a game tonight at Florida State University.

North Carolina State and Davidson meet tomorrow at Raleigh in a game postponed a week to allow State to fill North Carolina's police-cancelled game with Georgia last weekend.

essee, the nation's fourth ranking team, was defeated 19 to 6. A highly favored North Carolina eleven, featuring All-America Charlie Justice, dropped a 19 to 7 decision to an underdog Wake Forest eleven. Duke and William and Mary were upset by scores of 27-20 and 21-12, respectively, in 1949. Clemson and William and Mary were defeated by scores of 35-21 and 55-28 in the big surprises of 1949. North Carolina and Duke were favored in 1950 but were shaded by identical 13-7 scores. Favored Duke was again beaten 19-13 in 1951.

Wake Forest will be doing its utmost to pull a big surprise on Saturday. The Deacons already have made a good showing against a heavily favored Baylor eleven this fall. Walled off 42-0 by the Bears a year ago, they came back this season to play the Texans on even terms all the way before losing by the margin of a field goal in the final six seconds of play.

Coach Tom Rogers' club will be shooting the works Saturday in an effort to dump the Wildcats into the ranks of the defeated. With Veterans Bruce Hillenbrand and



**THEY BATTLE SUNDAY:** Herb Thomas, left, of Oliva, N. C., winner of the 1951 NASCAR Grand National Circuit championship, will be battling to overtake Tim Flock, right, of Atlanta, Ga., in the 1952 championship race as they head a field of some 40 drivers competing in the 150-mile late model stock car speed classic at Oconeechee speedway, Hillsboro, N. C., Sunday afternoon. Time trials start at 1 o'clock. The race starts at 2:30 p. m.

## Casey Stengel Just Waiting To Sign Contract

NEW YORK (AP) — The highest-priced managerial contract in baseball history—a two-year \$200,000 pact—awaited Casey Stengel today as soon he is ready to sit down and sign it.

Flushed with success of four straight World Series victories, the grizzled, grey-haired New York Yankee manager presumably only is delaying his signing to determine how much of the sum he wants as a base salary and how much as a bonus.

Stengel, who dropped vague hints about retiring before his Yankees landed in the World Series against the Giants last year, no longer gives quitting a thought.

Stengel minimized the chances of the Cleveland Indians for 1953. "They can have their three 20-game winners," he said. "I'll take my man, Allie Reynolds, and stack him up with any of 'em. And the rest of our pitchers ain't so bad, either."

"How about that Bob Kuzava? I got him lined up for a job already. He'll go in and wind up the World Series for me again next year, just like he's done the past two years."

Stengel's confidence for the 1953 season stems from the fact that his pitching staff undoubtedly will be bolstered by the return from service of left hander Ed (Whitey) Ford, who posted an impressive 9-1 record before he entered the Army late in 1950.

Other help is due from the Yanks' Kansas City farm in the form of outfielder Bill Skowron.

NEW YORK (AP) — Gene Filipki, who would be starting for Army except for the "cribbing scandal," was disclosed by official figures today to be the nation's leading ball carrier in his new role as quarterback of the Villanova football team.

Statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau show that Gene has ripped off 397 yards in overland gains while sparking Villanova to victories in its first three games.

Joe Koch pacing the runners and Charles (Sonny) George heading the passers. Wake Forest is expected to throw a strong offense at Villanova Saturday. Captain Jack Lewis and Bob Ondilla are the top men on the receiving end. Ondilla has caught 10 passes this season while Lewis has snared six aerials.

## Bert Bell Has New Rule For Faking Game Time

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Disturbed over players with "fake injuries" who "begin dropping like flies" solely to kill the clock in the final minutes of a ball game, Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Football League threatened today to introduce a new rule discouraging the practice.

Bell said he will watch the games this season and if the abuse continued, he would suggest a rule change to NFL owners in January. "I'm tired of seeing three or four men go down and claim an injury just to stop the clock," he declared. "A play runs, time is running out and they begin dropping like flies all over the field, without anyone near them."

"The referee can't ignore them. A boy might actually be hurt. But we're after the fakers just trying to beat the rules."

Bell admits it is difficult to weed out the faking players from the legitimately injured ones.

Bell has in mind a new rule for the final two minutes of play which conceivably could cost a team the opportunity to make one last stab for a score on a legitimate injury, although such a rule would be designed primarily to discourage the fakes.

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Coach Waggoner says that his charges will be in peak condition when they go against the Rockets tonight. The only outstanding injury is left-half back Dickie Surles who may be out again this week with an injured leg.

The Greenwaves will be led by their very capable quarterback Daley Goff who is equally dangerous running and passing. Bobby Day Godwin will start off in Surles place at halfback. Last week Godwin was the chief ground-gainer for the Greenwaves.

Rockingham will be the favorite in this contest. The Rockets have won four games and lost one. Among the conference teams Rockingham has beaten are Clinton, Wadesboro, and Tabor City. The Sanford Yellow Jackets handed Rockingham their first defeat last week by downing the Rockets 20 to 0.

The starting lineup for the teams is:

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LB—Godwin	Herridon
RH—Dixon	Tay
FB—Johnson	J. Brown

The High School students have chartered a bus and a large crowd is expected to go down for the game. This is the sixth meeting of the two clubs and the series is tied up at 3 games apiece.

## Holmes Has Choice Of Milwaukee Team

NEW YORK (AP) — Tommy Holmes had his choice today of managing the Milwaukee farm team of the Boston Braves of the Elmira, N. Y., farm team of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

It was believed that the squeaky-voiced Dodger outfielder, who began the 1952 season as the Braves' manager but was released in May, could have either job simply by saying "yes." In either case, he probably would be a playing manager.

Lou Perini, owner of the Braves, confirmed that he has received permission from the Dodgers to negotiate with Holmes. But he wouldn't admit that Tommy has the inside track on the Milwaukee job, saying that he also would talk to "others" about the same position.

today of the same men with teeth—and a couple more to straighten out what the magazine agreed was an "inexcusable" error in identification of the pictures.

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