

# SPORTS

## Here and There

By Bobby Terrell

### Dodgers Spell Trouble For National League

#### They're Big, Fast, And Loaded

(Editor's note—This is one of the first of a series of articles which will be printed weekly, in which we will attempt to give our readers our opinion as to how the major leagues are stacked up for the coming season.)

Who's going to win the National League pennant this year? That's a good question, but just take a glance at the Brooklyn Dodger

roster before making any wild guesses. From the way things look the firm of Ricky, Durocher and Co. is going to have to turn these major league talent to meet their player quota and that spells trouble for opposing National League clubs.

First, take a look at their pitching staff. Last year's starters are ready to go again. Rex Barney, Don Hatten, Clyde Knicker, and Harry Taylor are all Number One hurlers and Hugh Casey, who was rated as the Yankees' Joe Page as one of the two best pitchers in the business, all round out an excellent mound corps. But that isn't all. There's John Banta, Dan Bankhead, Pat Haagstad, Paul Minner, James Ramsfell, Preacher Roe and John Van Cuyk all to choose from for the other positions on the pitching squad.

In the receiving department, Bruce Edwards is rated one of the best catchers in the majors, and with Bobby Bazen and Gil Hodges ready to assist in the receiving, the Dodgers have no worries about this position.

Durocher is apparently not worried about his infield. If he were, would he be getting rid of Eddie

### Applications Coming In For Table Tennis Tourney At Cullowhee

Miss Helen M. Hartshorn announced Tuesday that she had received a number of applications for entry in the District Table Tennis tourney which will be held in Breeze Gymnasium April 9 and 10. Several applications were received from the Ecusta plant in Brevard and from Canton.

Any one may enter this tourney provided he or she is an amateur who can meet the player qualifications. All those planning to enter are urged to get their entry applications and one dollar entry fee in the mail at once.

Address all entries to Miss Helen M. Hartshorn, Manager of District Table Tennis Tournament, WCTC, Cullowhee.

Stanky? Stanky went to the Boston Braves for first baseman Ray Sanders, outfielder Bama Rowell and cash. With Sanders on first and Pete Reiser training for it, Eddie Robinson back at his original position at second, Pee Wee Reese at short and Johnny Jorgensen at third plus Tommy Brown, Bill Cox, Harry Lavagetto, Eddie Mikis, and Floyd Vaughan available as reserves, the Dodger infield is shaped tighter than a drum.

The outfield is a setup with Rowell, Carl Furillo, Al Gionfriddo, Gene Hermanski, and Duke Snider around plus a number of outstanding rookies.

So, a new word has come into being around the National League. It has the same meaning as trouble, but it is spelled — D-o-d-g-e-r.

### Tom Fore Making Good In Vero Beach Training Camp

Tom Fore, the Canton product who broke into organized baseball at the latter part of last season with the Asheville Tourists, is making a big impression on the Vero Beach, Fla., training camp directors and managers.

The lanky, 22-year-old outfielder, who roamed the centerfield garden for Tom Young's WCTC Catamount last spring, is a fellow who hits often and hard. Considered a good prospect when he hooked on with Bill Sayles' Tourists, Tom is a sure bet to stick in organized ball this year. Among other things, the Canton boy has a natural build for an outfielder, he is tall, has good hands, moves fast, and has a good eye for the apple.

Under the watchful eye of the great Peuer Martin, Tom is working well in the sliding pit. The experts like the way he hooks the bag.

Taking a shot at Tom's future in baseball, we see him rising through the minors because we know that he is ambitious and will give his ball playing everything he has, and he has plenty.

### BRIEFS - IN DETAIL

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#### Herald Sports Section To Play Up Professional Sports More

With local sports a little on the dead now and your sportswriter taking a breather during the lull between the basketball and baseball seasons, we've decided to give you a look at the professional side of sports for a while. As a feature each week, we've decided to do an article on one baseball club from each the American and the National leagues. We will still keep our readers posted on local sports.

The Western Carolina Teachers' baseball squad opens up Friday against the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears. It's the first of a 20-game schedule with ten of them to be played at Cullowhee.

When the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series last October it was their 11th championship out of 15 pennant wins in 28 years—an incomparable record.

Former heavyweight champion Max Schmeling, the German who once knocked out Joe Louis, is now at the age of 43 trying to make a comeback in professional boxing and is trying to come to this country for an exhibition tour. He may or may not be allowed this chance.

Zeb Eaton, who was up in the majors as a pitcher with the Detroit Tigers during the war, is back in the big time again this year. But not as a pitcher. He is up with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics as an outfielder on the strength of his .359 batting average with Birmingham last year.

Here's one for the books: Frank Johnson, Jr., 22-year-old University of California athlete, while training for the Olympic 10,000 and field a base on balls.

### Catamounts Open Season Friday, And Saturday

Brown, Deyermond Named to Hurl Coach Jim Gudger's Catamount Baseball club will square off Friday and Saturday at Cullowhee in their opening series with the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears. It will be the first of a rugged 201game schedule with more games possibly to be added.

In an announcement made Tuesday Gudger named Lawson Brown and Warren Deyermond to hurl the openers. Friday's game will begin at 3:30 p. m. and Saturday's at 3:00.

Gudger's starting lineup will be Brown or Deyermond pitching, Bill Powell catching, J. B. Beam at first, Tommy Ellis or Marshall Teague at second, J. C. Price or Ellis at short, Price or Hoot Gibson at third, Clyde Pressley in left field, Ovie Heaver in center and Don McKinzie in right. If Brown starts on the mound Friday, Deyermond will go Saturday and vice-versa.

Next Monday afternoon at 2:00 the Catamounts will take on the North Georgia college nine in a double-header at Cullowhee with Ted Gayle and L. C. Crocker scheduled to do the mound work.

### Dodgers, Tourists Will Clash at McCormick Field

#### Rickey, Day To Accompany Major League Team

The Brooklyn Dodgers will play a two-game exhibition series with the Asheville Tourists in McCormick Field, Asheville, April 8 and 9. Branch Rickey, Dodger president, has notified Asheville executives that he will accompany his team on the exhibition to Asheville.

3,000 meter steeplechase, collided with a moving automobile. The car suffered a dented fender and torn window wing. Johnson was not injured.

And here's a tip to you pitchers: The best fielder in the world can't train for the Olympic 10,000 and field a base on balls.

ville.  
It was also learned that Loraine Day, film actress, wife of Libby Leo Durocher, will also be present for the series. The Dodgers will be at full strength for the games with both their A and B squads on hand during the two-day stand.  
This is the first time that baseball fans of this section have had the opportunity to witness a National league championship club in action for a long time and capacity crowds are expected to overflow the stadium for the games.

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