

# Yankees Sure Bet To Repeat In American League

(EDITORS 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.)

Baseball experts are saying that the high rolling New York Yankees are a sure bet to win the American league flag again this year due to off season trades in which they strengthened their championship pitching staff by the addition of Southpaw Ed Lopat and righthander Red Embree. Lopat came from the Chicago White Sox and Embree from the Cleveland Indians.

Through these trades, the Yankees obtained the one thing they might have needed—pitching—without giving up anything that would injure their pennant chances. Embree was brought from Cleveland in exchange for

outfielder Al Clark, and Lopat, who is considered the best southpaw in the majors outside of Joe Page of the Yankees and Hal Newhouser of the Detroit Tigers, cost them catcher Aaron Robinson and pitchers Fred Bradley and Bill Wight, both of whom hurled for Kansas City last year.

Lopat and Embree, placed alongside Frank Shea, Allie Reynolds, Floyd Bevens, Vic Raschi and the aging and ailing Spud Chandler, rounds out what is probably the best array of starting pitchers in the majors. If help is needed there is Karl Drews, Randy Gumpert, Don Johnson, Dick Starr, Frank Hiller, Tommy Byrne, and one of the best relievers in the business in lefty Joe Page.

As for backing the pitchers couldn't ask for more. In the outfield, Joltin' Joe Dimaggio is sound for the first time since he returned from the army. King Kong Keller believes that the removal of the disc on his spine has restored his devastating power. Then Tommy Henrich and Big Johnny Lindell and a couple of distance hitters, Cliff Mapes and Ed Stewart, who banged the ball around for Kansas City last season, round out an excellent outfield.

The Yankees' crack championship infield is back completely intact. Old George McQuinn insists that he still has one good season left in him. Snuffy Stirrweiss at second, Phil Rizzuto at short and Billy Johnson at third is as much as any one could ask for and get.

Young Bobby Brown is working at first where he will be able to fill in for McQuinn if need be. He also can fill in for any of the other

# HARBERT WINS CHARLOTTE OPEN

## 24 Finish under Par

Twenty-four golfers finished under par as Melvin (Chick) Harbert, Detroit pro, won the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tournament Sunday with 273, 15 under par. He was one stroke ahead of Cary Middlecoff, defending champion from Memphis, Tenn.

Harbert had rounds of 66-66-70-71 over the 6,4-10-par 72, Myers Park club course. Middlecoff, after shooting 67-67-68 rounds, fell off to par 72 in the last time around.

Harbert clinched the \$2,000 top money when Middlecoff's bid for a birdie and a tie just missed. Middlecoff putted from 15 feet out on the short final hole and the ball stopped two inches away from the cup.

Lloyd Mangrum, the nation's leading money winner so far this season, finished seventh with 279, nine under par.

Farmers in nine western North Carolina counties took advantage of recently held Workstock Clinics in their communities by having 930 animals treated.

In the catching department, Bucky Harris has a number of good receivers in Yogi Berra, last year's first string backstop, Gus Niarhos, who batted .321 for Kansas City last year, and Sherman Lollar and Ralph Houk, who are fighting for the third berth.

Taking it all around and adding two and two together, we can see where the strength of the American league lies so it presumably would be safe to put your money on the Yankees to repeat in the junior circuit.

# Services at The Churches

**Sylva Methodist**  
(The Rev. W. Q. Grigg, Pastor)  
Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m., Gudger Crawford, superintendent.  
11 a. m. Morning worship, the pastor using "The Second Coming of Christ" for his sermon subject.  
6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship.  
Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

**Sylva Presbyterian**  
(The Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Pastor)  
Services held in Episcopal church.  
10:00 a. m. Sunday School. Mr. M. C. Cunningham, Supt.  
11:05 a. m. Morning worship by the pastor using for his sermon subject, "There They Made Him A Supper." Observance of the Lord's Supper.  
7:30 p. m. Evening worship in charge of the pastor. Sermon subject, "The Good Samaritan." The movie of the ground-breaking for our new church will be shown.

**Cullowhee Baptist**  
(The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., Pastor)  
9:50 a. m. Sunday School  
11 a. m. Morning worship.  
4 p. m. Intermediate B.T.U.  
6 p. m. Young People's B.T.U. and Fellowship Hour.  
Wednesday—7:30 p. m. Sunday school lesson pre-view.  
Friday, 7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

**Cullowhee Methodist**  
(The Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., Pastor)  
10 a. m. Church school.  
11 a. m. Morning worship.  
6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.  
7:30 p. m. Wesley Foundation.

**Cashiers Baptist**  
(Rev. Edgar Willix, Pastor)  
Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a. m.  
Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
Schedule of Mass  
Sylva, 4th Sunday ..... 8:00 a. m.

**Sylva Baptist**  
(The Rev. C. M. Warren, Pastor)  
Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Carl Corbin, Supt.  
11 a. m. Morning Worship.  
B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m., Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton, Director.  
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship.  
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting.

Thursday, 7:00 p. m. Youth choir practice at the church. All between 13 and 20 years of age are urged to be present.  
Fri., 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal.  
Each Monday at 10:30 a. m. the Baptist Ministers' Conference meets here.

**East Sylva Baptist**  
(Rev. E. W. Jamison, Pastor)  
10 a. m. Sunday School. DeWitt Beasley, S. S. Supt.  
11 a. m. Morning Worship.  
6:30 p. m. B.T.U. James Jones, director.  
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship.  
Wed. 7 p. m. Choir Practice.  
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

**Wesleyan Methodist**  
(Rev. W. A. Todd, Pastor)  
10 a. m. Sunday School.  
11 a. m. Morning Worship.  
8 p. m. Evening Worship.

**Scotts Creek Baptist**  
(The Rev. B. S. Hensley, Pastor)  
10 a. m. Sunday School.  
11 a. m. Morning Worship by the pastor.  
6:30 p. m. Baptist Training Union.  
8 p. m. Evening Worship.

**Episcopal**  
(Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Pastor)  
Worship service by the pastor Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**Glenville Baptist**  
(Rev. Hoyt Hadaway, Pastor)  
10 a. m. Sunday School.  
Mr. McCoy, S. S. superintendent.  
11 a. m. Morning worship.  
7 p. m. B.T.U.  
8 p. m. Evening worship.

**Lovedale Baptist Church**  
(Rev. G. E. Scruggs, Pastor)  
10 A. M. Sunday School.  
11 A. M. Worship Service.  
7:30 P. M. Worship Service.

**Tuckasee Baptist**  
(Rev. Edgar Willix, Pastor)  
Sunday Schools each Sunday at 10 a. m.  
Worship service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each 2nd and 4th Sundays.

# Coaches Pleased with Work of WCTC Gridders

Western Carolina Coaches Tom Young and Truck McConnell found their spring grid forces at full strength Monday and ready for another week of rugged training after a layoff of last Friday and Saturday which afforded their cripples a chance to get well.

The coaches are definitely pleased with the improvement the boys are showing over their work last fall and with their fine attitudes toward spring drills. Much progress has been made this spring in developing new boys who are showing up well and who have possibilities in the stressing of fundamentals, and in preparation for the rough schedule next fall with High Point and Appalachian coming up in one-two order.

This week the drills are based on pass cuts, pass defense and a passing attack. According to line coach McConnell, the heavy Catamount line is getting smarter by the day and will prove its ruggedness next fall.

Several of the boys were shifted from the positions they played last fall to new posts and are learning fast. Ralph McConnell, a potential triple-threatener, was moved from tailback to fullback and, along with Joe Hunt, should afford the Cats a pair of the best fullbacks in the conference.

Hambone Nims was shifted from tackle to left guard behind all-conference Clark Pennell and with Art Byrd and Bill Powell on the other guard, Young should have no trouble at these positions. Pinball Allison was also shifted from his unfamiliar tackle post back to end and is looking good in scrimmages. Along with Mace Brown, who is showing offensive improvement, and Speck Everhart, 6 foot, 3-inch, 230 pounder, the Cats

should be stronger on the flanks. The Catamounts stand four deep in blocking backs with Jack Arrington heading the list and Ralph Clark, Lawrence Arney and Max Clayton coming behind. At tailback Al C. Perilla, Hugh (Pee Wee) Hamilton, Harry Duke and Charlie West should be sufficient.

Five wingbacks, Dewey Whitaker, Wade Bryant, Jim and Paul Monroe, and Fred King are all looking good and showing improvement.

With Buffalo Humphries, Dan Robinson, Harry Jaynes and Ermit Fiemster around there is no danger of Young coming up short

for tackles and Hugh Constance and Vaughn Lemmond are still at center.

Taking all-in-all, the Catamounts of Western Carolina are gunning for a bigger and better season next year than they have ever had, and from all outward appearances there is no reason why they shouldn't.

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