



## The Sports Angle

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Ralph Guldahl, the popular Texan shotmaker, probably still chuckles when he thinks of the extra \$1,000 a missed putt brought him in last week's Dapper Dan golf tournament. The former two time winner of the national open, had the \$2,500 first prize money in the palm of his hand in last Sunday's final round but a missed putt on the 18th green caused a three way tie of 287 for the scheduled 72 holes of the tournament. Sending the event into an extra day, Guldahl and the other two finalists, Denny Shute and Gene Samazen, pocketed an additional \$1,000 apiece. The other half of the extra day's receipts went into the coffers of the Dapper Dan club for charities. The first prize purse was \$2,500. It must have been a happy day for the 210 pound shotmaker who once quit golf to make a living selling automobiles and staged a comeback on borrowed clubs.

Managing a big league baseball team used to be about as safe and sane a vocation as a steeplejack shining up the spires of Notre Dame, but things look different now. It looks like the fellows who are holding down the jobs now are going to have steady work for at least another year and get in the 1940 census after all. The sudden signing of Oscar Vitt by the Cleveland Indians and Del Baker by the Detroit Tigers answered most of the questions about the return of pilots next year. This year brought four new faces into the managerial lineups and it's rare enough for all the managers to get through a season intact, much less get new contracts. Vitt had been rumored on the way out and Baker appears none too secure.

Jimmy Dykes of the White Sox and Frey Haney of the St. Louis Browns were recently given new contracts and the other American league managers, Joe McCarthy, Connie Mack, Joe Crogin and Bucky Harris are safer than money in the bank.

In the National league, Bill McKechnie already is under a long term contract to the Cincinnati Reds and would hardly be in danger if he weren't. Silent Ray Blades, who has brought the Cardinals along in sensational fashion seems assured of another contract because Sam Breadon is bound to be pleased with the former minor league manager's work. Doc Prothro has made a start at Philadelphia which is pretty satisfactory for the Quaker Nationals and Leo Durocher is blooming like a perennial at Brooklyn. Bill Terry is a fixture with the Giants and the same might be said for Pie Traynor at Pittsburgh. Gabby Hartnett has been under fire several times at Chicago and he and Owner Phil Wrigley have been reported at outs but the Cubs' showing has probably been satisfactory enough for a renewal for the tomato-faced catcher. Yes, for a change, it looks like the managers are all set for another year but to re-create a moth eaten expression, "there's many a slip between the cup and the lip", and by the same token there may be many a slip 'twixt now and next April.

Back in 1934, one Jerome Herman (Call me Dizzy) Dean won 30 games for a certain Gas House gang from St. Louis, Mo. and since that year the major league pitchers have been looking up to that mark wistfully. This year a few fans think Bucky Walters, the ex-third baseman turned pitcher, might do the trick but this writer thinks differently. The Dean mark will still be standing when October has come and gone.

With 20 victories already hung on the nails at the Crosley Field locker room, Bucky would seem well on the road to a 30-win year. However, although this coveted mark is not so far away, it still seems well nigh possible. The Reds have 45 more games to play to complete their schedule of 154. If Walters could work every fourth day, he might go through 10 of the remaining games but a perfect record is highly improbable. The Reds' schedule is filled with pitfalls the rest of the way out and Bucky's steps are as likely to lead to the pits as those others of the hurling corps.

### DANZIG DELAY FORSEEN

Rome, Italy — Italian officialdom believes that Foreign Minister Diano in his week's parley with Chancellor Hitler has succeeded in obtaining postponement on the part of Germany of any drastic move to force Danzig into the Reich. Berlin reports the German and Italian conferees in agreement, without disclosing their

objective. London believes that peaceful negotiations will be concluded through the League of Nations, with a possible revision of the Versailles Treaty as affecting the position of Poland. Observers recall Mussolini's statement of May 14th, "I declare that there is nothing in the European situation to justify war", as a warning that the Southern end of the Axis will not support Germany in her designs against Poland.

# SPORTS OF THE TIMES

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## Youthful Admirers Flock to Conn Training Quarters



Billy Conn, new Irish king of the light-heavyweights, is just like all other champions—always a favorite with the kids. Scores of young admirers flock to his training camp at Ligonville, Pa., every day, hoping to get a glimpse of the popular young fighter. Conn's backers are looking forward to the day when he'll put on enough weight to meet Joe Louis for the heavyweight title.

## Duke Has Good Nucleus But Many Spots Are Open

Durham, N. C. Aug. 19 — As Coach Wallace Wade looks forward to the reporting of his Duke university Blue Devils on September 1 and the start of his 21st year as a gridiron mentor, he sees the task of finding replacements for seven of the "Iron Dukes" who started the Rose Bowl games in January.

While there are many holes, the Duke mentor has a good nucleus around which to build his 1939 edition and he expects the Blue Devils to be able to take care of themselves during the coming season.

The seven boys who started the game with Southern California and who will not be back are Bob Spangler, quarterback; Bob O'Mara, fullback; Eric Tipton, halfback; Bob Haas and Tom Maloney, tackles; Dan Hill, center; and Fred Yorke, guard. In addition,

Bob Alabaster and Bob Baskerville who alternated at the guard spots last season have gone. All finished except Maloney who dropped out of school due to financial reasons.

That "good nucleus" is composed of Bill Bailey, Bo Perdue and Leonard Darnell, ends; Captain Allen Johnson, guard; and Willard (Easy) Eaves, blocking back. All those are names which were prominent in the affairs of the "Iron Dukes" of 1938 and they should man their positions as well as any players in the nation.

The big program is in the backfield where only Eaves of the 1938 regulars returns. The Duke mentor is hopeful that George McAfee at quarterback and Roger Robinson at fullback will relieve his worries about those two spots. The other berth is wide open with Wesley McAfee,

George's younger brother who put some fine games under his belt last season, and Steve Lach, a sophomore of promise, as the two best bets to battle down to the finish for the post.

To pair with Johnson at the guards, Coach Wade shifted Frank Ribar, tackle last year, to the post. He likely will be the answer there.

The tackles are open. To three outstanding candidates in spring training were "True-Toe" Tony Ruffa, the placekick specialist who was a reserve last season, Alex Winterson, another reserve from 1938, and Bob McDonough, a sophomore.

At center, it appears that Gordon Burns, Dan Hill's sub for the past two seasons, will hold forth. Duke is short of center material and would be in a tough spot if Burns failed to come through as expected.

The more outstanding reserves at the various posts; ends, Jim Marion, reserve last season, and Tommy Prothro, sophomore, guards, Kike Karmazin and Chas. Jett, sophs, and Lange, reserve end in 1938; center, Spencer Robb, reserve last season and Aubrey Gill, sophomore; quarter-back, Winston Siegfried, sophomore; fullbacks, Jap Davis, reserve blocker last year, and George Bokinsky, sophomore; blocking backs, Carl Deane, 1938 reserve, and Grady Hedrick, sophomore; halfbacks, Frank Killian, reserve last season, and Frank Swiger, sophomore.

The reporting squad will be one of Duke's largest but many of them will be coming up from last year's freshman squad and are green.

The schedule opens with a Southern conference game with Davidson on September 30. Then follow a trio of intersectional games on successive Saturdays — Colgate at Durham, October 7, Pittsburgh on October 14, and Syracuse at Durham for the Homecoming attraction, October 21.

It follows:  
Sept. 30 - Davidson at Davidson.  
Oct. 7 - Colgate at Durham.  
Oct. 14 - Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh.  
Oct. 21 - Syracuse at Durham (Homecoming).  
Oct. 28 - Wake Forest at Durham.  
Nov. 4 - Georgia Tech at Atlanta.  
Nov. 11 - V. M. I. at Lexington, Va.

## Ca-Vel Concludes Inter-City League Campaign Saturday

### Major Leaders

**BATTING**  
Three leading batters in each major league for play to date:

DiMaggio, Yankees	395
Foxx, Red Sox	368
Mize, Cardinals	353
Johnson, Athletics	344
Arnovich, Phillies	341
Bonura, Giants	336

### HOME RUNS

<b>American League</b>	
Foxx, Red Sox	30
Greenberg, Tigers	20
Gordon, Yankees	19
Silkirk, Yankees	19

<b>National League</b>	
Ott, Giants	24
Mize, Cardinals	20
Camilli, Dodgers	19

### RUNS BATTED IN

<b>American League</b>	
Williams, Red Sox	95
Foxx, Red Sox	92
Johnson, Athletics	88

<b>National League</b>	
McCormick, Reds	97
Bonura, Giants	77

## YOUNGSTERS—RISE AND FALL IN THE MAJORS

A year ago a young Dutchman named Vander Meer was the most sensational figure in professional baseball. Now he's just another fellow named Johnny struggling to get along.

Last August you saw his picture plastered everywhere and the 24-year-old southpaw of the Cincinnati Reds was idolized by the country's baseball fans. He had achieved the unprecedented feat of hurling two no-hit, no-run games in consecutive appearances on the mound.

Vander Meer went on to win 15 games against 10 defeats last year, his first full season in the big leagues. But now Johnny, like many another freshman star has fallen victim to the "second year" trials. He has appeared in 25 games this season, but has completed only eight for a record of five victories and eight defeats.

But Vander Meer is not the only victim. There's 23-year-old Jim Bagby, who won 15 and lost 11 as a freshman. This year he had won only three and lost four when the Boston Red Sox shipped him back to the minor leagues.

Johnny Rizzo, Pittsburgh outfielder, is another sophomore who has faded badly, batting .301 in 143 games last year and only .253 for 72 games this year.

Many other freshman standouts of last year, however, are shining brighter than ever afield and at bat. Frank McCormick of Cincinnati, now is batting .333, seven points over his 1938 mark, and has knocked in 97 runs. Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox, batted .289 a year ago as compared with his fancy

**Tower To End Season Here Next Saturday. Locals Have Creditable Record.**

Ca-Vel's men of baseball are scheduled to wind up the regular Inter-City league schedule with a final game with Tower of Burlington here next Saturday.

Manager Baxter Mangum's boys have stacked up a creditable record in their first year as a member of the Inter-City league, fastest semi-pro circuit in the state and can only look forward to the campaign next year. Standings of the teams after yesterday's games were not available as the Times went to press.

McCrary's powerful Eagles, undefeated during the first half race, will meet the second half winner in a playoff series at the end of the regular season.

The locals have several who should come in for honors when they begin passing out all-star assignments at the close of the season.

Carlton Slaughter, hitting in the .380s, could hardly be left off any Inter-City all-star outfit except for the fact that he has played with Ca-Vel only part of the past season. Morris Briggs' four homers in four trips to the plate in a single game put him in position for honors when the reckoning rolls around. He hit a .317 clip.

On the fielding side the key-stone combination of Cotton Powell and Lester James look tops in the league and can't be overlooked.

Haywood Slaughter and Sam Shotwell, hitting .305 and .347 have also been important cogs in the Ca-Vel attack.

## Bi-State Games At South Boston

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**  
Mayodan—3:00 P. M.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
Danville Here  
2 Games - 3 P. M. and 8 P. M.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
Mayodan — 800 P. M.

### PRESIDENT WATCHES SALVAGE

Portsmouth, N. H. — On board the cruiser Tuscaloosa, of which he is bound for a vacation at his camp on Campebello Island, New Brunswick, President Roosevelt witnessed the final steps in the raising of the submarine Squalus, which sank last May carrying half her crew of 40 to death.

.329 figure at present. George Case, the Washington base stealing artist, has a .318 average, 12 points above his 1938 performance.

Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees batted .255 last summer and knocked out 25 homers. Now his mark is .299 and he has 19 homers. Ken Keltner is batting .309 for Cleveland, more than 30 points over his freshman average.

Enos Slaughter of the St. Louis Cards at .298 is 20 points ahead of his 1938 batting mark while Ernie Koy of Brooklyn is hitting 24 points under his .299 mark as a newcomer. Taft Wright of Washington batted .380 in 100 games a year ago and now is .302 in 92 games.

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