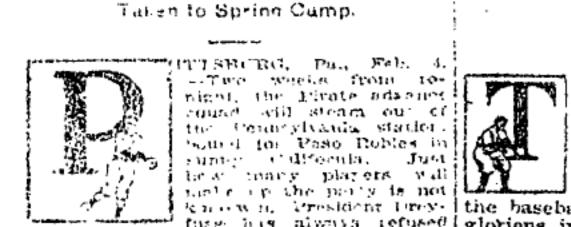
BUSH EXPECTS ALL TO STAND MUSTER

PASO ROBLES ROLL CALL.

Winch Means There'll Bo No Holdouts, for Unsigned Pinyers Are Never



the ways a staned, and there is no reaone for believing that he had charged his Thereful: who precede his buttery men in baseball. the Vertical jourcey, but he will Impetuous fighting blood, puguacious application and make it is a remarkable way, going via a charging, flory, indomitable spirit that knows no the East court and to Panona count signal for retreat, led the spike-shod feet of Mickey

The Bacca less, will not reach the traindeared him to his fellow players, foe and rival as well as of the use Jr., who will naturally as friend and teammate. His choice for the valuable that may crio up.

Absolute y remains and near an above and large in the local headquare y concerding the state of the Waner brothers, who restrained the decreases malled to the interpers in the lineary." Mickey Cochrane in action is the permitted was said two yeeks ago to have permitted in the outside, in the thick of things personifies faith, fight, confidence, courage, give-'em-hell and victory! for far as the chib is concerned, for the papers have not reached their destination.

The papers have not reached their destinations. The papers have not reached their destinations of battle there is no movement to the rearward, no plan for surrender, up falling back. Mickey Cochrane is an offensive machine. He conquers or losses while charging forward with line arim and even defiant.

Fether to a Sastern friends recontly that, i rorlle he had dispen his contract, he work exactly reduce bad had an other chance on one about the book energy and re- you, to wage this battle. It rook determination to win it. NO THE AR LOS WATER DONE ARE Tary form a bly two-thirds of the three outfield, and their hats bare been among the austest in the Bucco camp. that is said to have written a local "Mr. Verifors made me a business proposition when he tendered me my con-"act," anne chall "It wasn't entirely

wallefact sy, . I returned it asking for No werd has come from Lloyd, but the the surfer this woman mentally follows the while of his rider brother, and it is grebable that when lines blood win truth, he still preferred the infield out to de can only be gatered at, with 1925.

the pass be a not made any unreason and of a career be loved, on the college The sourcement are now such of the evices of Fileher Lee Meadows, the Saranac Lake's Bad Luck prierant who intired potentaries last Sum-

He went through a regular course of Class D league.

the improvement in his condition. After tell you what to do. You come along, the last season cloud, Manuscr Dones too. Tell Donohue you're a careber." Bush wert to blockie and cauch on Lee. "You," replied Mickey, "but I don't Ther spent some time together on a want to catch. I don't like it, I want cabing trip, and at its conclusion. Bush to play somewhere in the infield or outin I led try out his arm. It responded held," "Yeh, but don't you see," maded least twice a day, if he didn't make more "used the Harvard system, in which the wasn't very confident that I would in the share, and Mendews told Bush he has pal, "Jiggs doesn't need indelders or than one trip to town, he'd run half the quarterbeck never carried the ball. He sold to the A's, if I was sold at all." still bad some winning bezoball left in

Meadows is a serious-minded fellow, viewed optimistically here. He has been active in baseball for a long time, but he was slways a careful!

gune, he will be well worth carrying, for he knows all about the weaknesses of optusing batters, and can give valuable ad-

Fans Backing Ray Kremer. Local fans also believe that Remy Eremer will be much more valuable on Has His Troubles Trying ine mound that he was last season. The to Prove He's Catcher

year. He did well during the latter part self, just as he told the writer shortly that covered Blickey's head, That was stirred him. of the 1928 race, and proposes to start before the end of the sesson. right in where he left off.

Critics in other cities are predicting that Burleigh Grimes will not have an- told them. 'If he goes, I go. too.' other year as good as last, but he will so I stuck along. Then I decided I'd average about one licking a week." not have to shoulder so much of the bur-den if the other huriers are able to do their full share of the work.

This month brings the anniversary of Ralph Knight. He was a Brown U. boy Goes to College So He the birth of John Honus Wagner, temous and once had a trial with the Tankees. | Can Keep Up Athletics Homes is now an assistant sorgeant at Then I'd try to catch them. burg. He has been in the sporting goods a day or two hours. I was chasing the college, The fond parents were proud rates, wanted to purchase Cochrane be yet he is constantly trying to haprove his Class B or C will not in the future be Contral High School, will play with the business here for several years, but for darn things all ever the park and gel- we daresoy, of their sons thirst for fore the Coast League season of 1924 even work; is watching other catchers, study- considered as class men, tune the not smiled upon the old Flying ting cricks in my neck from looking at knowledge. But that wasn't quite the player limit will be the same as Fernagivania League next season. At

during his capter on the element.

pulled down those than studios a year himself."

HOW COCHRANE, WHO DISLIKED CATCHING,

BECAME ONE OF GAME'S BEST BACKSTOPS

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NO ABSENTEES ARE ANTICIPATED AT Necessity Forced Aspiring Infielder to Fib His Way Into Receiving Job, and Tom Turner Did the Rest; Athletics' Star Is Throwback to Earlier Days of Baseball

By BILL DOOLY of The Philadelphia Record



HE FIRST active member of the Philadelphin Athletics to ever receive the coveted valuable player prize, Mickey Cochrane, black-haired catching star, literally lifted is a many players will to the peak of his profession within five years of the day he first set out to conquer there has always refused glorious in that it is one he won by his own battle

against adversity. Starting out with a keen dislike for catching, the sturdy Scotch-American kept plugging away until he made himself the best maskman

Cochrane up from the furmlands of New England to major league fame and glory. one came the same time after the play Mickey's flair for fight, his great spirit, has en-

nev. full reshority to servic any matters player prize was a popular one among the American League players. When it is a mitted that some of the Cochrane is one of the handful of players on the Ath-Photos bree to yet signed, it is hourd letics respected by the Yankees. In all the games, the

Absolute's nearline has been given out bent them, never curled up. Of him it is said. Babe at itself headquarts a concerning the Ruth once remarked. "We'd never lick those guys in

while charging forward with lips grim and eyes defiant. Cochrane was not cut out to be a catcher. The first battle he had in baseball, and purhaps the hardest and most trying, was to make himself a catcher. And this fight he carried on while deep in his heart he disliked the position. It took self-discipline, mark

These qualities of Mickey Cochrane have won him the admiration of his teamms: 0. con- the respect of his rivals and the love of the grizzled old-timers. Those survivors of there is little morry felt here more rugged day in baseball look at this black-haired raging hellion, wag their head about them, for it is ellig to think of the and say from their hearts, "He would have been one of us." They could pay him no deeper compliment, no fairer praise. He would have I become

one of them, indeed. Testy old Kid Gleason, a scrapper from way back, dotes on Mickey Cochrane. Time youngster brings back to the Kid his own playing days; when ball players fought to a felon it the elect than he ald not want finish, hid there hurts, curled their lips in sneers when hurt and bared their teeth in snaris for every challenge.

Cochrane is not as rough-hewn as those earnest gallants of the past. He has more polish, education, refinement. But he has their cast-iron innards, their love for fight and their disregard for injuries.

There is co harder worker in baseball than Mickey Cochrane. He wants to play in every game, let double-headers come as they may. He seeks no rest. The only excuse he has ever made has been to get into a game, not to get out, of one. The position the Athletic backstop holds in the starry nebula of the baseball firmaplay with the United next Silvemer. I ment was one not easily won, not softly achieved and mastered. His fight was won in

and not holding out, our taking for au the swiftness that characterizes his playing on the diamond, but a fight it was and a Accident, circumstances, call it what you will, led Mickey Cochrane to catching. He preferred the infield or the outfield, where he played most of his boyhood baseball. In-

and outfield to catching when he first The realist of other members of the la- | joined the Athletics in the Spring of COCHRANE'S VALUE GOES UP t. as sept, o of Harry Biconde, whose But necessity made him begin his casugged document in I now to to in the peer in Organized Paseball at the posi-O PRAWLED across the above likeness of Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane, you see a reproduction of the check the catcher received from the American League last Fall for being the most valuable player to his club in 1928. It is an

tion he didn't like. It was need of a 't in not believed here that there will job, need of money, that took him to I a single absences when the roll is Porce, Md. in the Fastern Shore League, called for the frat time at Face Reties to apply for a catching position because different powers very selders have just no other position was open on the team. ar son for holding out, and most of them | When he took the step it meant the

Spring, els enflored from a coron of the infield and in a few games he went physical disabilities, in m which he tilled behind the bat. But the team broke up Knows How to Run to recover samplently to take his place and Mickey was out of work. It was then that he east the die. A teammate! to tondly be any discouraged, decided on the Samnuc Lake team asked Mickey that he was correless to the c'ub, and what he was going to do. Mickey admitif ed list. As you as this was done, Lectto find something." he said. "I need hard huns or to he harme in Leesburg, immey. I can't afford to loaf around." I'm, and pravel blasself under 'no core Then dis player told him of Jiggs Donojum and the Dover team in the little!

prescribed exercises, and was amazed at "I'm going down there," he said, Bucco pilot, who believes that the old boy a backstop and you can land a job." while there called on Doc Whalen, his as fast as I could."

meeting illustrates the determination that staged foot races profty regularly. in less than two years was to lead Cochliver, and, but for his illness last Spring, rans to the big leagues. Mickey told the coach of his intention paying a certain price. You might say Plays All Positions might have been a real asset to the club to go into prefessional baseball. "Well," he paid w If he can se in and win an occasional raid the gridiron mentor, 'are you going things around, 'rem for a youngster to to be just a mediocre player or the best do that a in the land?" . "I'm going to be the pest," was and chur a a baseball around on the

vice to the counter members of the slab Mickey's trese response. How well he village da send. has lived up to that promise we will leave [

Recent word from him is that he is make good at a position he didn't like, not a very high structure, but it was tall college, nevertheless it was there that the test catcher in the league, formed an infeeling fine, and looking forward to a big Of this we will let Mickey tell you him- enough to hide the unruly shock of hair ambition to become a big leaguer first stant and lasting friendship. before the end of the season. as high as it needed to be. "I was terrible at Dover," began the "I'd get to that wall," said the

a farcy raise in pay. If he is so valuable, Mickey just naturally wants Connie to know it and show the proper pecuniary appreciation. prove that he is made on the pattern of a dish "wrastling" Job in the college cate- me. 'I have three offers for you already.' Haute, like the other Three-I clubs, lost the old-time player, of men like Gleason, teria,

for punts and mixing with the other can- | Wanted to Get Chance didates in the preparatory skirmishes for the honor of being bumped off for dear Under Connie Mack

son. "Give those pointoes a hoeing."

"has hours of trilious, tiresorie practiculation found one where he was sure him: It cave him confidence

And Loves to Use Legs old Foston U.

PECD IS ONE of Cochrane's greatest | Here was a sport that was the country to be sold to the Mackmen. His repassets. He has always loved to run, boy's meat. He played four years of footassets. He has always loved to run, boy's meat. He played four years of foothome, he runs. He does it for a pur- freshman year he didn't even bother to leaguer. "Well," he replied to the query, of the Cleveland recruits who may later pose. He does road work every day, runs a try out for the baseball nine. That was "up in our part of the country we had couple miles to get the kinks out of his too tame for a varrity gridder.

innocent enough looking piece of paper, but nevertheless is indirectly giving

Connie Mack some worry. As the boys who follow the gee-gees say, Mickey is

trying to parley the grand, rather the recognition for which he received it, into

legs from crouching behind the bat, to There was only one fly in Mickey's He comes from around there, you know, limber his muscles and keep him fast pintment during his tirst season of foot- and the people think there's nobody like Mickey's boyhood was spent in the ball. Only one, but it was a big and an- him. Another thing, I knew the Athletics country and in a town of Bridgewater, hoying one,

As a kid, he told us, he was crazy about dell. The spot he picked out for Mickey was stay up for eight or nine years.

rane made a flying visit to his home and I'd get to that I'd run the whole distance when I nut in a kick he shifted me to the sporting columns. little incident that took place, at this his ago and size in Bridgewater. They while they carried me off the field, but war dence. The next day I hopped a League on option. I was never seriously hurt in my four train for home." But all this foot racing and baseball years of it."

didn't come without the Cochrane boy! lart. There are other on Baseball Team

Once in a while Mickey's dad would in the outfield and the infield, according to But if the busher was green and input a hos in his hand and point to a whore they were shy an experienced play experienced, he was fast. He could hit, 1928, Catcher Bill Pritchard, Infielders Zu-ling the Washington, representatives who now and cut out this monkey business hind the bat.

That was Mickey's first extching exwith that gang of kids," he'd say to his perience. He didn't like it then, nor was dropping to his knees. Cy Perkins, whose anxious over the plans for 1929, the post- for the players have been much curtailed. Spring, and it was not until mid-season Spring to take, helped him. Dutifully, without a word, Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice to be was trying to take, helped him. Dutifully, without a word, Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice to be was trying to take, helped him. Dutifully, without a word, Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice to like it until after he had spent sevice and it was not until mid-season. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice and it was not until mid-season. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. Mickey would be to like it until after he had spent sevice from the players have been much currently. The players have been much currently to the players have been mu that he was capable of showing at his was a catcher. There started his away. But a short distance away from the same locality, the kid catcher demand attention. J. C. STEWART. time, and their condition is what it's attention. trials and tribulations, his battle to the house there was a stone wall. It was didn't go in very strong for baseball at er and the great veteran, in his day the

was performing behind the bat for the sisted on doing all the catching during Class Men Defined as Players Who Have with Messrs; Griffith, Bynon, et al., Griff If Bash's veterans deliver, he should maskman, "Foul balls were dropping all "throw the hoe away, grab my glove from Portland Beauers, on the Pacific Coast, batting practice. He drove himself to the not have to worry much about his pitch- larger man around me. I couldn't catch the blamed inside my shirt and beat it down the That was the year following the recom- task of mastering the position-which, ing, for he has a number of younger men things. Sometimes they almost hit ms road to town. Most of the time I'd get mendation that Jiggs Donohue made to remember, he didn't yet like and while mittee appointed to revise the constitution as in other things baseball, and he had who appear to be just about ready to things. Sometimes they almost the made considerable progress, when the tion of the Cotton States League met the greatest part in planning the new down to Dover scouting players.

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| Sometimes they almost the tion of the Cotton States League met the greatest part in planning the new down to Dover scouting players. Donohus to fire me. 'Fire 'im, hell,' Jiggs But once in a while he'd get tired of Turner sold Cochrane a year later at a ing even an ordinary backstop.

way it stood. Mickey wanted to go to the Beavers' training camp, but when he weak points. investments hat a not turned out well, and his proffee to the ball park at Pover, and football! inayhe Mickey was better the the has no fortune to all the upon. He "You know," he said, "Enght has al- Mickey picked out Boston University as itsed and decided to held on.

artist, "I felt I could hit them in the big having two free days and naying 25 cents falter, as they did with their backs in leagues. But I wasn't much satisfied with on other week days, the women may now the wall and their pitching staff shot in f ought to insist on playing the outfield i They told me I wouldn't keep my speed Directors Raymond H. Rhyan, Ed Leever, runs scored, 718 to 705; hits, 1,510 to 1, 1

when I reported for the following season: Citif. "But Turner said he was going to sell The annual report showed that Terre they beat the Yanks in batting, .27, 10

cervant young man for a minor always heard a lot about Connic Mack. were a coming ball team, a team of young Mass., a village of about 7,000 population. The coach of the team was Percy Wen- fellows that were up there and due to

foot racing and baseball. He lived on a quarterback. The kid from Bridgewater "That was the kind of a team I wanted farm about a mile out of town, and at didn't like it a bit. "Wendell," he said, to play with. At the time, though, I He was encouraged in this by the "You go down there and tell him you're said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought a newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as newspaper on a street corner in the said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as and the bought as a said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as a said Cochrane, "that was level and "But in my second year, Dr. Charles bought as a said Cochrane, "that was level as

rane in the Spring of 1926. Certainly and Ray Deeds, Isleta, O., a southpaw, 322, and fielded 968 at second base. You things around the for a youngster to college, Cochrane was a member of lie was awkward. He didn't know how to receive and he didn't know how to Dolan, with Evansville last year, are the portfolio. They moved him around throw. He was still weak on foul balls. outfielders. [willingness to learn and practice. Linked by the communal spirit of com-still being held up and several problems of the most importance during training

> Mickey worked hard to make a catcher Two years after, he left college, Mickey of himself in the training camp. He in-

anter a gravita from a concrete put in an inches told been bl. Steppink committed in who a their freezent cut have proges, and have

EVERYTHING SO FAR STAND THEIR GROUND

NAMING OF WOLGAMOT AS MANAGER GOSLIN, MYER, HAYES, HARRIS AND HITS FANS IN RIGHT SPOT.

Catcher Should Be Star on Field of Battle | Young Catcher Said to Have Returned in Addition to Piloting; New Plan

Set for Woman Fans.

Dollars .

CREE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. -- With the announcement that Catcher Earl R. Wolgamot will manage the Terre Hanto Three-I Learne team, the Store League is making plans to move its headquarters to the Stadium for Spring! training Catcher Wolmound was secured from

. I Dumovich to the Texas League club, years old, should continue to improve for the chipper made a time record dur- for some time. All he needs now for an "do or in the league, a consistent litt- to get him that.

as usual; lift, should his arm not come ted . there of the Three-I circuit in against it, unless new talent of remark. , but we won intirete matter d. Nick able caliber is developed.

all soud a region him ever more effective, perience, Nev Deal All Around. " ith the couldn't a new manager will men new material. Consident;

hit the work spiced up. the team is practically wrecked, and the club has come to light. . .) Polton, Shorts'on John Burnett and returned three contracts. This is a geom will probably light in faster embarrassed if it meets his terms.

is laded as the new talent is Shortstop Will a Routh, from Canaha of the Westor io: First Baseman Guy Durham, to Home Enastey and John Riffe, from ; the Bernard Bollowan, from New Orleans case would be somewhat similar if Bool the Southern Langue; Third Baseman should come through as hoved and Rue! to one, formerly of the Florida State with a big batting improvement and onand, and Frank Six, pitcher, from

derick of the Blue Ridge League. No More Free Days for Women. The annual meeting of the stockholdof the Terre Haute Pans' Association out with the first prediction of the Amerw. held during the pant week, and an- lean League standing at the end of the the meement was made that there would season and puts Washington third, and be no ladies' days in the Three-I loop it seems destined to do as well as that. during 1929, a decision made at the na- Of course, Ed picks the Yanks to win. tional meeting of Toronto. To take the That is what he is paid for, and besiden, place of the former free days for women, most critics will. They led last year, and, season tickets will be offered for \$2.50; barring special reasons, which are not as these tickets being good for all games ex- parent, would na wrally be chosen. They cept Saturdays, Suadays, holidays and are a very game outfit, too, and get in exhibitions. By this plan, instead of on their here where some others would attend any week day game for an ad- September last. "A let of the Coast Leaguers fold me mission that is practically five conts.

tehind the place, and that I'd last longer Will Stuebe and George Schaal expired, isteals, 110 to 73; bases on balls, 481 to but the stockholders re-elected them to 466; and batting average, .284 to "I told Turner before the season was serve again for two years. The directors They had fewer strikeouts, 200 to 10 over that if I wasn't sold to the majors who hold over are John Hickey, Louis and tied in home runs, 40 to 40. that year I was going to be an outfielder Suberman, D. W. Eggleston and Harry

Proves Good Luck for Mickey.

Who practiced to everyome their weak- Mickey next reported to the football and one from the athletics. Which club The split-season decision, springs on the split season decision, springs on the sp for the last half the attendance fell off

more than one-half. Manager Wolgamot will do his Spring conditioning in the training camp of the Cleveland Indians at New Orleans; and in addition to getting himself in shape blossom out in Terre Haute uniforms,

ARTHUR M. WATERS.

Wheeling Manager Reports Signing of a

WHEELING, W. Va. Feb. 3 .- A half dozen athletes have been signed by Manager Pat Haley, new pilot of the Wheel- third in assists, with 21: All of which was supposed to have brains. That was Mickey learned of his sale to the Athing Stogics, according to a letter to the was quite some record. letics in December of 1924, when he the writer from Haley at his bome in Others now with Washington were Hefore making the trip to Dover, Coch- straightaway for about half a mile. When Whalen came from Tufts to coach us and los Angeles and read a brief notice in ing officials announced that Johnny Mor- age, won 20 and lost four, for an .833 pe das, Ambridge, Pa., a catcher on the Sto- centage; twenty-fifth in earned run averone of the halfback posts. Then I did "Gee, I was surprised," he said. "I gle roster for the past three years, has age, with 3.68; and .926 in fielding. Pitchthe livery gives a club bis best, and for was so happy about it I felt like doing a been sent to Springfield of the Three-Ler Paul McCullough was forty-first, with

Probably there was never a worse baseman and two outfielders under con-fielding, .915; batted .275, with 22 h'rs, catcher that ever reported to a major tract. R. J. Monahan, Rockville, Conn., two of which were home runs. league training camp than Mickey Coch- and John Apostol, Chicago, righthanders,

potate patch or comfield. The out there er, and finally one day told him to go be Better than all, he showed a remarkable pancle and Hasselman, Outfielder Conners, are on the ground. While scatting caand Pitchers Dresher and Morgan, . Kid Gleason broke him of the habit of Middle Atlantic owners are becoming locker space and other accommodations

COTTON STATES TEMPERS RULE

Been in Class A Ball. season opened he was still far from be- here last week at the Elks' Club. George stadium at Cleveland, and introduced some Brannon of Jackson and P. M. Atkins of excellent and original features; so, no doing it all and tell on me. Then I'd get profit of \$50,000 and touted him as the But Mickey stuck to his task. He never Monroe, numbers of the committee, were urally, the Old Fox sought his counted and "One thing in my favor, I was hitting a licking when I came home. I used to greatest catcher in the business—which quit. He never showed the discourage present, but James Swayne of Hatties to the job. President Barnard proposed Mickey most assuredly was not-but when ment that, no doubt, he often felt. Then burg was absent, and his proxy was held that, instead of having the home plate ment that, no doubt, he often felt. Then burg was absent, and his proxy was held that, instead of having the home plate ment that the home plate ment the home plate ment that the home plate ment the home plate ment that the home plate ment the home plate ment that the home plate ment the home plate ment that the home plate ment the home plate ment the home pla he was down at Dover he scoffed at lalong about the middle of the season it by Frank Scott, president of the league, front of the center of the grandstand, it Donohue's the to sign the college boy. It began to come to him. He stepped from The committee fixed the number of he left where it is. Owing to local conrequired quile a lot of urging and persua- mediocrity to greatness almost over night class men for each team at three and ditions, this would give the funs a be sion before Turner finally agreed against Before the year was out he was the sen- the constitution was so changed as to ter view of the players and the ganthe birth of John Homs Wagner, 'emons and once had a trul with the Lankeds.

Old Pirate shortstop, whom Ed Barrow of the Yankees recently declared was the Yankees recently declared was the With me every morning and bat fly balls high school in the village of Bridge-was a free agent.

Straight up in the air around home plate.

When through grammer and his better judgment to sign the lad, who is secure, the constitution was so changed as to ter view of the players and the grantest catcher in baseball.

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When through grammer and his better judgment to sign the lad, who is secure as the lad, who is secure. The lead of the constitution was so changed as to ter view of the lad, who is secure as the lad, who is secur school, he gave his folks a surprise could have unloaded the following Spring. likes catching now, will never play any- had played ten games in higher than consideration, so this is not final. arms in the state legislature at Harris- "Wo'd do that for an hour and a half by informing them he wanted to go to Joe Devine, scout for the littsburg Pi- where else, if it is left to him. And even Class D. With the new rule players in Willo Wolfe, star outfielder of the local

He was always a fragal liver, but his Mickey smiled here at the memories of college so he could go on playing baseball talked purchase. Turner suspected that There will come a day some time when with the salary limit at \$2,800, excluding considered the most finished player to maybe Mickey was better than he will engage the manager.

he has no for one to the upon. He "You know," he said, "Enght has all Mickey picked on Boston University as itsed and decided to hold on. In was learned there is see a doubt in the little and aptitude, shift nick ability are related to the course, but he liked ways claimed that he made a great catches the scene of his attitude and average district content to Guilfort being a number of the Construction and he is every find. to Gulffort being a member of the Consimprishle, and he is very fast, in fine before the days of olg solaries, and never or out of me and a rotter pitcher out of first thing he did when he enrolled was make a categor out of the youngeter from I And he will nelice to the solaries, and never on the solaries, and never on the solaries and never of the solar to look for some kind of a job. Suckely far-off New England, but it did this for join bocause of the two predominating is understood that several cities of the hitter, with some of the characteristics of smithtles of his character- title AND bestreen are sedons herely the exist to be feed at the tion of a light time time of the con-

KENNA AMONG UNSIGNED.

Three Contracts to Club; Griff Still Working on Trainining Camp.

but his President Ross C. War- ble-jointed short fielder, who shows some cide, through a freit that most Pitcher enrmarks of stardom, and, being only "

ASHINGTON, D. C., 1705. 4.--Contracts of Washin ... ton players continued to come in, your being added to the list lest were. They were Shortstop Jon Crouin, Catcher Albert Bool, and Pitchers Arease Campbell and Paul II ; kins. The club sets my h faith in Cronin, the done-

". Id of these years at the Teans city, A-1 rating is a better batting average, and the ten or more pounds he has added the trans was one of the best delding this Winter may prove to be all he tacked and a bulding player. During a good! Bool, the backstop, is also marked above of of this vigo he served as a flet fleu. The general run of recruits, and will reand to Manager Praise so is not a relive extra attention. Muddy Ruel is exthe division, trials and tribula- pected to caten most of the team's ganges,

has Ancies podnet and behaves that Campbell, who blew in in the draft, is If me .. the cover of the universe, so rated as a fine prospect; but Hopkins is the ment to a Southern outr near " bonne believed to need further minor league ex-Talking of signed players suggests hold-

outs, and some out-of-town writers have

referred to some of the Griffs as heldents and the the variety is the spice preference for waiting before her bague lanchill and intends to jaccopting terms, is one of these. Hereever, no definite difference between in a Buddy Myer, Jack Hayes and Spence hi, Second Reseman key Bendringr Barris have offered amendments, as v.a to Wilker-Brire, Pitcher Sai Gliatto say in cougress, but they have not been montion and Pitcher Nick Dumo-accepted by the boss. Ed Kenna is the Marc. It addition. First Baseman pearest to being a real holdent. He has Was Ferred were called in by the thing for the postal service, and if he uh at the close of the season, adds repayment of postage to the sum to of they do not stick with the is demanding, the club may be financially

Harris May Be Out on Limb. It is all right for a player to get all that he can. But the club has a strong argu to with Salam of the Fledmont ment in Harris' case, because it aiready to this her Hatry Anderson, and Out- has four gardeners who are good enough fer any trans, on their 1928 records, he-" ... Central Longue; Second Base- sides Milburn Shnons in reserve. Kenna's threns from Topeka of the West-jarm be right. Myer is a bit more necesexcelution; First Baseman Tom Sary unless Cronin should come through able the club to keep Bluego at third. The team is well furtified for contingen-

> This fact is realized by close observer: like Ed Barrow of the Yankocs, who is

"Last year, the Senators, in their can With the coming of 1929, the terms of 155 games, surpassed their opponents in

Match Up Well in Figures.

for blood, and the Griffs go into them. with as much confidence as against any other adversaries. The talent is picking the Cubs, Gan s and Pirates to make the race in the wit circuit, probably because the Cards me in process of reconstruction. It locks logical. But there are two recruits who are going to make good this year, and

they are Gelbert at short for St. Louis and Stroner at third for Pittsburg. American Association official averages contain much that is of interest to Wasis-Ington fans. Outfielder Spencer Harris was first in home runs, with 32, and in body else was near him. In 169 games he scored 133 runs and batted) in 127. He led in bases on balls, with S7, hit for .221, made 23 sacrifice hits, and was third in steals, with 25, and in a triple tie for

13 wen, and 16 fost for a losing team, av-Haley has three new pitchers, a first orage, 448; edraed run average, 4....

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pacity has been increased 70 per ceu. about, this is causing some concern. Tun laying out of the diamond is also unce . tain now, though it was thought to in settled a week ago.

took him to look over the ground. Ba-Wilkes-Barre team of the New York.

[1] V. J. W. CATON.

Fireball Cochrane Led Tigers to Two Flags

Dynamic and Colorful Hall of Fame Catcher Dead at 59

Ace Receiver Sparkplug on Champion A's

Battler Won Berth on 'Bible' All-Time, All-Star Team; Rated as Top Competitor

> By FREDERICK G. LIEB CHICAGO, III.

One of the game's most exciting and aggressive personalities, Hall of Famer Gordon Stanley (Mickey) Cochrane, THE SPORTING NEWS' catcher on its mythical All-Time, All-Star team, died at a hospital in Lake Forest, Ill., June 28.

The former flamboyant Detroit catcher-manager, who was on the Tigers' scouting staff up to the time of his death, had been in poor health for some time. The great Mickey was 59 years of age.

Cochrane, high-strung and a bundle of nervous energy, was a dynamic catcher with Connie Mack's old Philadelphia Athletics, American League champions of 1929, '30 and '31, and the fiery player-manager of the Detroit title-winners of 1934 and '35. Pugnacious and truculent on the playing field, Mickey was an affable, debonaire, friendly fellow in his civies, who wore well-tailored clothes, liked to play the saxophone and enjoyed listening to "hot" orchestras with congenial friends.

Inspired A's Comeback

No star, not even the magic Babe Ruth, was as successful in jazzing up clubs that he joined as was Cochrane. When Black Mike reported to the Athletics as a 22-year-old catcher, the Philadelphians had just spent ten successive seasons in the second division. The A's had been fifth in 1924, but thanks to the inspirational play pennant.

Mickey had a similarly dynamic effect on the Tigers when Frank Navin, the former Detroit president and half owner, purchased him from the Athletics late in 1933 for \$100,000.

Detroit hadn't won a pennant in a quarter of a century and, in the six seasons before Mickey switched to the morasses of the second division. Navin immediately announced that Mack's former aggressive catcher would be his new 1934 manager.

In Mick's first year in command, he beat out the favored Yankees for the pennant and then lost a tough World's Series to the Cardinals. Cochrane repeated his American League triumph in 1935, and then capped the post-season classic by defeating the Cubs, four games to two, in the World's Series.

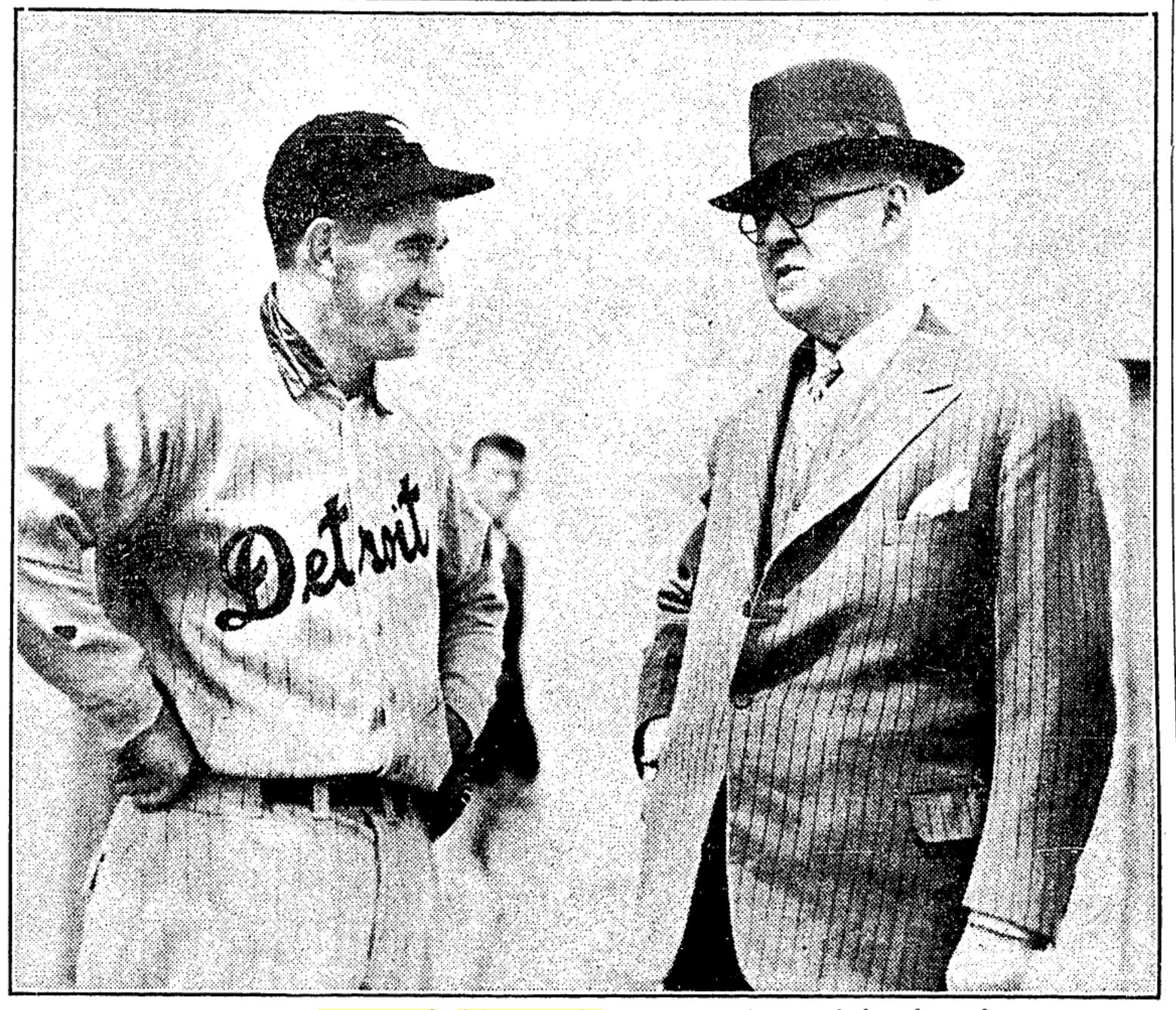
Mike Scored Winning Run

tory in five attempts. Mickey per- Eastern Shore League. sonally scored Detroit's winning run demonstration and one of the zaniest held a meeting two weeks after he he then didn't care too much about ington champions. And, none had for \$200,000. in the game's annals. Adversity then joined the club to demand his release. catching, preferring the outfield, and more to do with the club's spectacular caught up with Cochrane after the They said, "The Dover club must get told Turner that if he wasn't sold to climb than the fighting, hustling culties, and had to borrow from his years of his greatest success.

and of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was catcher, always a terrific competitor. Mickey had no need for concern, 331, and some already were calling feel the club could afford both Grove born in Bridgewater, Mass., April 6, He went to the park each morning, as Mack and the Athletics knew every him the best catcher in baseball. and Cochrane, but he wanted Mickey 1903. He missed by only one day and caught fouls as long as he could move he was making, and at the end There then was no Rookie of the Year as catcher-manager. He told Briggs of having the same birthday as John get someone to hit them up into the of the season the Portland club sold award; if there had been one, Mickey he could get Cochrane for \$100,000 J. McGraw, for three decades the air for him. He soon ranked with the him to the Athletics for \$50,000. would have won it hands down. fighting manager of the New York best in that department. Giants and named as Cochrane's At the end of the 1923 season, Dover the Shibes, who then held majority year, Cochrane had something of a I'll advance the money," said Briggs. manager on THE Sporting News' sold Cochrane, alias King, to the holdings in both the Athletics and sophomore batting slump, dropping All-Time, All-Star aggregation.

well up with the eggheads when he Athletics already were interested in letics at their 1925 training camp, the

Made Things Hum in Motor City



GORDON STANLEY (MICKEY) COCHRANE represented one of the shrewdest moves ever engineered by Frank Navin, long-time owner of the Detroit Tigers. Following the 1933 season, Navin purchased the fiery catcher from the Athletics and appointed him manager. Cochrane, in seven games, Cochrane hit only shown here with Navin late in the 1934 race, spearheaded the Bengals to pennants his first two seasons. He capped the 1935 campaign by scoring the deciding run in the sixth and final game of the World's Series against the Cubs. Thirty-seven days later, Frank Navin died.

was graduated from Boston University, where he played both football and baseball. He then was more famout as a dashing halfback than as a baseball player. He wasn't a big man, five feet, 10½ inches tall, and weighof the young catcher, the '25 Athletics ing 180 pounds, but he was strong leaped to second place and until the and durable as a young bull and home stretch made a hot bid for the quick as a young tiger in his move-

> Boston University was located just across the street in the Hub from the hotel that harbored most of the visiting clubs that came to Boston to play the Red Sox and Braves.

Decided on O. B. Career

Mickey would see the big names of Detroit, the Tigers had been mired in both leagues, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby, Max Carey, entering or leaving the hotel and lolling in the lobby. Seeing these big leaguers at close range gave birth to an idea to be one of them and make pro baseball his career.

His father did not encourage the ambition, but later felt that Gordon, with his great athletic talents, had made a wise choice.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., but the outfit

a catcher who is capable of catching a big league club he would not con- young catcher from Bridgewater. then silent partner, Walter Briggs, to Cochrane, raven-haired, hazel-eyed foul flies." That stung the young tinue in baseball.

Mickey was good student material Coast League for \$1,500. But, those in right pocket and put it in the left. as a boy and young man and was the know in Philadelphia said the When Mickey reported to the Ath-

Elite Ranking



Cooperstown Hall of Fame in he had himself batting in the No. 2 Cochrane started the summer of 1947, along with Carl Hubbell, spot. 1923 with a semi-pro resort team at Frank Frisch and Lefty Grove.

Actually it was a transaction in which | Following his .331 freshman batting treasury was bare. "Get Cochrane;

Mack. "But, we need you here be- stealing on the pitchers. hind the plate, and I feel you have the makings of a great catcher."

League season in 1925 that Cochrane He was heavily involved in the dereally warmed up to his catching job. pression stock market of that un-He was right in the midst of things, happy period, and there was a bad in the center of all rhubarbs, and break in the market during the Series. from his start in the majors he al- Several urgent margin calls from his reminisced.

Exceptionally Fast for Catcher

"The catcher can be a real lead er: he always has the game in front of him, and can take care of things to a far greater extent than a player in the outfield." Mickey also hit so well, and was so fast on the bases, that Connie Mack had him bat third, just ahead of Al Simmons. Later, MICKEY was elected to the when Cochrane managed the Tigers,

Working in 134 games, Cochrane hit maintain operations. Frank did not

Portland club of the Triple-A Pacific Portland, took the money out of their to .273, but he bounced back to .338 in 1927. Despite a .293 batting aver- (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16, COL. 1)

Socked .400 as No. 1 Star of '29 Series

Swift Backstop Was Expert Handler of Mack's Crack Slab Staff Led by Grove

age in 1928, the fiery Mickey was named the American League's Most Valuable Player that year, when a \$1,000 check went with the award. The 1928 Athletics, trailing the leading Yankees by 13 games on July 4, put on a terrific second-half drive. They even passed the Yanks for a day in September, and eventually lost by a mere two games. Cochrane's inspirational play during that advance was the big factor in his MVP award.

Mickey was terrific on the Athletic champions of 1929, 1930 and 1931, when he hit .339, .357 and .349, respectively. Furthermore, he knew how to get the best out of the three Athletic pitching aces, Lefty Grove, George (Moose) Earnshaw and Rube Walberg. He would cajole, scold and berate his pitchers in turn. He contributed a .400 batting average to the A's 1929 World's Series triumph over the Cubs and two home runs to the 1930 victory over the Cardinals.

'31 Series Bitter Memory

In the 1931 World's Series, in which the Athletics lost to the Cardinals .160, and Pepper Martin stole five bases. This was always a bitter memory for the fiery backstop. Hard-headed baseball men and press box analyoung New Englander told Mack that street exonerated Cochrane of blame while he could catch, he was fast for the Martin steals. They knew that and might render the club greater neither Grove nor Earnshaw was service as an outfielder. "We know holding Pepper on first base, and that all about you, and your speed," said St. Louis' Wild Horse actually was

There were other mitigating circumstances that contributed to Coch-It was during his first American ran's below par World's Series play. ways had plenty to say. "I really brokers were delivered at the Athbegan to enjoy catching," he later letic bench. Unable to meet them, or borrow additional collateral, he saw much of his early baseball earnings go down the drain. By nature, Cochrane was a worrier and fretter, and teammates said he did not sleep the last three nights of the Series. After getting two hits in the first game, he hit only two more in the next six in 21 times at bat.

Sold to Tigers in '33

Following two more fine seasons in Philadelphia in 1932 and 1933, Cochrane was sold to Detroit in December, The Athletics, American League 1933, for \$100,000 and Catcher John door-mats since Connie Mack broke Pasek. Much of the baseball world went broke and Mickey and another Mickey, and arranged for him to play up his first great team in the winter then was badly battered by the deyoung collegian obtained jobs with in Portland, a club which then was of 1914-15, were early 1925 American pression. Connie Mack and the Shibes It was the Tigers' first Series vic- the Dover team of the Class D owned by the A's, and operated by League sensations. They led during were in serious trouble in Philadel-Tom Turner, an Athletic scout. most of May, June and July, until phia, and word was passed around Cochrane played in Dover under the Mickey had no difficulty in making their boom exploded in an August the American League that the crack in the ninth inning of the sixth game, name of King, and according to the jump to top-ranking minor league 12-game losing streak. Even so, they Athletic battery of Lefty Grove and setting off Detroit's wildest baseball Mickey, some of the stockholders ball, and hit .333 in 99 games. But, did well to finish second to the Wash- Mickey Cochrane could be obtained

> Navin also had his financial diffiand a lesser player, but that the club

From the very start of the 1934 sea-

De Witt Recalls Cards' Attempt to Draft Mickey

Bill Later Hired Cochrane as Judge of Young Talent

By PAT HARMON

CINCINNATI, O.

The last game Mickey Cochrane saw may have been at Tampa, Fla., last April.

Mickey sat in a wheel-chair and watched four innings as the guest of Bill DeWitt. He was too tired to stay longer.

DeWitt, now owner of the Cincinnati Reds, and Cochrane were old friends.

Cochrane had been out of the game several years when DeWitt, then general manager of the Detroit Tigers, brought him back in 1960.

"What Musial is to St. Louis, or DiMaggio to New York-Cochrane was to Detroit," said DeWitt, "so I brought him back and put him on as a scout of minor league players. He was an excellent judge of material in this stage of development."

DeWitt's memories of Cochrane go back even further. "When I was with Branch Rickey on the Cardinals, around 1925, we tried to draft a young catcher named Frank King, playing with Dover in the Eastern Shore League.

"We didn't get him and later we found out what a hot prospect he was. Frank King was really Mickey Cochrane, playing under an assumed name to protect his college eligibil-

COCHRANE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15)

son, the Tigers felt the magic of Mickey's presence. He especially had a remarkable effect on Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, an Arkansas youngster with a 7-4 Tiger record in 1933. Mickey sold the Schoolboy on the idea that he could become one of the great pitchers in baseball and with his capable catching and inspired direction he helped Rowe bring the 14-12 seasons for Tommy Bridges in the pennant-winning Tigers. each 1932 and 1933, he helped Tommy to a 22-11 season in 1934, and he got a 15-7 season out of a submarine pitcher, Eldon Auker.

Editor Covered Tigers

hot contender that the Detroit Free Tigers took a three game to two his younger days as "Iffy, the Dope- who had pitched an 11-inning classic, ing 129 games, he led the club home in Navin Field, October 8. All Detroit

Master Receiver, Sterling Socker



COCHRANE, chosen as the catcher on THE SPORTING NEWS All-Time, All-Star team, batted .320 in 13 major league seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics and Tigers. He was a dynamic idea into fruition. Rowe won 24 leader and a shrewd handler of pitchers, working with such games, lost only eight, and had one mound greats as Lefty Grove and George Earnshaw with the winning streak of 16 straight. From champion A's and Schoolboy Rowe and Tommy Bridges with

the runner-up Yankees.

The World's Series with the Cardinals was a difficult one for the fighting New Englander. After dropping Detroit was so thrilled with its red | the first game to Dizzy Dean, the Press sent four writers, including its | lead, with the last two games schededitor, Malcolm W. Bingay, known in | uled in Navin Field. Schoolboy Rowe, ster," on eastern trips with the club. beating St. Louis, 3 to 2, in the second With Cochrane batting .320 and play- game, was expected to wrap it up

in first place, seven games ahead of was prepared for its big celebration. But, Rowe didn't pitch as well as in his earlier effort, and Paul Dean nosed him out, 4 to 3, to tie the Series. It left the issue up to the seventh game, October 9, with Eldon Auker. fourth game winner, pitted against Dizzy Dean. It was no contest, as the Cardinals swarmed all over Auker and five successors and Dizzy clowned his way to an 11 to 0 shutout. For a competitor such as Cochrane, the crushing defeat took much of the joy out of the pennant victory.

> The 1935 Tigers repeated, but the Yankees made Mickey sweat, losing out by only two and a half games. This time Mickey brought to the Motor City its long-deferred world's championship. His Tigers defeated the Cubs, four games to two. Making the victory even more of a feather in win with a patched up lineup, after Hank Greenberg suffered a broken wrist in the second game.

Tigers Won the Next Three

swept to victory in the next three of him. games, but Rowe again failed to bring in the clincher, losing the fifth game to Bill Lee, 3 to 1.

3 to 3 in the ninth when Stan Hack | scouting staff in 1960. opened for Chicago with a triple. field fly.

works in the second half. Cochrane, were held, June 30, at Lake Forest first batter up, set off the fuse with near Chicago.

Cochrane Linked With Cobb and Rowe in Tiger History

DETROIT, Mich.-Mickey Cochrane was the third Detroit star to die in a little more than a year and a half. The others were Outfielder Ty Cobb and Pitcher Schoolboy Rowe.

All three were linked in Detroit baseball history.

Cobb, who died on July 17, 1961, was the greatest of all Tiger stars. After ending his career with Detroit, the Georgia Peach played with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1927 and '28 as a teammate of Cochrane.

At the age of 40, Cobb hit .357 for the A's in 1927. Cochrane, then 25 years old, hit .338.

When Cochrane was traded to Detroit in December, 1933, the Tigers had not won a pennant since 1909, when Cobb was the star of the club. Cochrane ended the drouth with successive championships in 1934 and '35 as the Tigers' manager-catcher.

Rowe, who died on January 8, 1961, was one of Mickey's pitching stars with records of 24-8 and 19-13 in the two pennant-winning seasons.

an infield single off Billy Herman's glove. Charley Gehringer's infield out advanced the Mick to second, and he pranced happily home when Goose Goslin bored a single to right. Mickey jumped up and down on the plate several times after scoring, while Detroit went into a paroxysm of joy that lasted until the next morning.

After two spectacular years in Detroit, the breaks started going the other way in 1936. A nervous breakdown limited his play to only 44 games, after he had caught over 100 games for 11 successive seasons. He spent weeks in Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital and recuperated at a Wyoming ranch.

Playing Career Finally Ends

On May 25 of the following year, 1937, his playing career was termistruck on the right temple at Yan-Irving (Bump) Hadley. Cochrane | nation's pastime." was seriously injured, and for two thread. His 1936 and 1937 teams, ditime batting average of .320.

Mickey never was the same after pitching. Cochrane dropped out of baseball, starting and finishing each game. and was engaged in a trucking busitroit to Chicago.

Station.

Coached for Connie Mack

Connie Mack, Mickey's first big league manager, invited him back to the Athletics in 1950, Mack's fiftieth and last season as Athletic manager. Mickey first was engaged as coach, and then asked to take a desk in the Cochrane's cap was that he had to front office as general manager. Connie thought his former firebrand of a catcher could put some of his Patuxent River, Md., Naval Air Base old zip into the club, but by 1950 and he did not return in 1951. He guard on New York docks. lost a son, Gordon Cochrane, Jr., After losing the opener, the Tigers during the war, and it took a lot out

George Weiss, then general manager of the Yankees, gave Mickey a scouting job in 1955, but again it It made possible Tigertown's sweet | lasted for only one season. Knowing est World's Series victory at Navin things weren't going too well for their Field in the sixth game. With Tom- fighting manager of the 1935 Tiger my Bridges working against Larry world's champions, the present De-French, Cub southpaw, the score was troit management put Mickey on its 77

Cochrane is survived by his widow, Abetted by Cochrane, Tommy worked Mrs. Mary Hohr Cochrane, Mickey's his way out of the hole. He fanned boyhood sweetheart in Bridgewater, Billy Jurges, tossed out Larry French and two daughters, Mrs. John Cobb and retired Augie Galan on an out- of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman of Allentown, Pa.

That set the stage for the big fire- Private funeral services and burial

Obituary

Harry R. (Cy) Morgan

Harry R. (Cy) Morgan, who hurled for Connie Mack's 1910 and 1911 world's championship teams, died at Wheeling, W. Va., June 28, at the age of 84.

Morgan spent almost four years with Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. He also was with St. Louis and Boston in the American League and with Cincinnati in the National League during a major league career which began in 1903 and ended in 1913. He later served as an umpire in the minor leagues for 23 years.

Cy was with the Red Sox in June of 1909 when Mack acquired the 31year-old spitball expert for Pitcher Vic Schlitzer and \$10,000 to further strengthen a mound staff which included the great trio of Chief Bender, Jack Coombs and Eddie Plank. Morgan hurled a three-hitter in St. Louis shortly after joining the A's and ended the season with a 15-8 record for Mack's club, but the Athletics lost the pennant to the Tigers during the final week of the season.

The A's won the pennant the following season despite injuries to Bender and Plank which for a time forced Morgan and Coombs to carry a heavy load. Describing the club's drive toward the 1910 flag, Spalding's Baseball Guide reported:

Two-Man Hill Staff "Right in the middle of the sea-

son, Manager Mack found himself possessed of a pitching staff which consisted of only two able-bodied men who were dependable. They were Jack Coombs and Cy Morgan. He called them into executive session and told them the situation. Then it was discussed before a meeting of the players.

"The two big pitchers agreed willingly to work every day if necessary and as long as necessary. They made heroes of themselves in Quakertown by carrying the Athletics along for weeks almost unaided as far as slab nated at the age of 34 when he was | work was concerned, thereby earning for themselves a separate parakee Stadium by a ball pitched by graph in the lasting annuals of the

Morgan won 18 games for the club weeks his life hung on a slender that season but neither he nor Plank hurled against the Cubs in the World's rected for weeks by Coach Del Baker, Series. The Philadelphians won the finished second. Cochrane had a life- | Series, four games to one, with Bender and Coombs doing all of the

the injury, and in August, 1938, he | Morgan compiled a 15-8 record lost his job as manager, vice-presi- while helping the A's repeat as pendent and a director of the Tigers | nant winners in 1911 and again failed after several stormy sessions with to be called on for work in the the elder Walter O. Briggs, who by Series against the Giants. The Aththat time had become Tiger presi- letics won, four games to two, with dent and sole owner of the franchise. either Bender, Coombs or Plank

77 Big-Time Victories ness that operated a line from De- | Morgan's 15-8 logs in 1909 and 1911 were his best in the majors. He In 1942, Cochrane entered the Navy won only three of 12 decisions for as an officer in the physical fitness the Athletics in 1912 and failed to win program and managed the baseball a game while with the Reds in 1913. team at Great Lakes Naval Training His career record in the majors was

> A native of Pomeroy, O., Morgan began his O. B. career with Ilino (New York State) in 1901.

> He umpired in the Western and Southern Association and the Sally, Piedmont, Southeastern, Eastern, Mississippi Valley and New York-Pennsylvania leagues until 1938, when he retired from the game.

He later was employed by the and during World War II joined Mickey had lost much of his old fire. Oceanic Service Corporation as a

Thomas Y. Baird

Thomas Y. Baird, for 36 years owner and president of the Kansas City Monarchs, which sent Jackie Robinson and many other Negro stars to the major leagues, died in his sleep at his home in Kansas City, July 2, apparently of a heart attack. He was

Baird organized the Monarchs in 1919 and bullt a club which dominated the American Negro League for many years and which attracted crowds at exhibitions in major league stadiums. The talent-loaded club prospered until Robinson signed with Montreal (International) in 1946 and

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Classic Cochrane Log

Born, April 6, 1903, at Bridgewater, Mass. Height, 5.1012. Weight, 180. Threw right and batted lefthanded. Caught 100 or more games 11 successive seasons. Named Most Valuable Player in American League, 1928. Won pennants first two years as manager at Detroit, 1934-35. Managed Detroit until August 6, 1938. Coach and later general manager, Philadelphia A. L., 1950. Scout, New York Yankees, 1955, Detroit Tigers, 1960-61-62. Named to Hall of Fame in 1947.

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1927-Phil			126	432	80	146	20	6	12	80	.338	.98 6
1928-Phil			131	468	92	137	26	12	10	57	.293	.966
1929-Phil		_	135	514	113	170	37	8	7	95	.331	.983
1930-Phil		_	130	487	110	174	42	5	10	85	.357	.993
1931-Phil		_	122	459	87	160	31	6	17	89	.349	.986
1932—Phil			139	518	118	152	35	4	23	112	.293	.993
1933-Phil			130	429	104	138	30	4	15	60	.322	.989
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1935—Deta	A .		115	411	93	131	33	3	5	47	.319	.989
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(a) Played under name of Frank King. (b) Sold to Detroit Tigers for \$100,000 and Catcher John Pasek, December,

(c) Suffered fractured skull when hit by pitched ball by Pitcher Irving (Bump) Hadley of New York, May 25, 1937, ending career as active player.

WORLD'S SERIES RECORD G. AB. R. H. 2B. 3B. HR. RBI. B.A. F.A. Club League Year 1929-Philadelphia.....Amer, 1930-Philadelphia.....Amer, .160 1931-Philadelphia.....Amer. 1934-Detroit.....Amer.

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Mickey Cochrane: Full of Fight, Ability

By BOB BROEG

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—One day back in 1928 when the New York Yankees were whaling the what-for out of the Philadelphia Athletics, who seemed to have accepted the inevitable with annoying complacency, the A's florid-faced catcher came snarling back to the dugout in a red rage, ripping off his mask, flinging aside his chest protector and kicking away his shinguards.

"You yellow-bellied buzzards," screamed Mickey Cochrane, reaching into the batrack to lead off the inning. "You're quitting like the yellow dogs you are."

Turning his back on his teammates who were shaken up by his denunciation, Cochrane stepped into the batter's box and lined a base-hit between the outfielders, Al Simmons followed with a hit. So did Jimmie Foxx and Bing Miller and Jimmy Dykes and—.

And suddenly the Athletics not only won a ball game that seemed lost, but they made a race of what appeared another Yankee runaway and, though he batted only .293, Cochrane was voted winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award, which then carried with it a \$1,000 bag of gold.

More important, Philadelphia went on from there to win three consecutive pennants and two world championships, providing only two instances since 1915-16 when any American League team other than the Yankees has succeeded itself as pennant-winner.

The only other exception came in 1934-35 when Detroit, after ending a quarter-century drouth, achieved first a pennant and then a world championship. And there is absolutely no coincidence to the fact that the player-manager of the Tigers then was the same jug-eared, raven-haired catcher who had ranted and raved at the Athletics several seasons earlier.

Black Mike Cochrane, the Boston-area Irishman, was that kind of an influence on a ball club, as well as a helluva fine hitter and a good catcher. When you put it all together, it spells leadership and recognition, too, as probably the finest all-round mask-and-mitt man in baseball history. At least, that's the way most veteran observers see it when they attempt to pick an All-Star team for baseball's first century.

A Lifetime .320 Average

The fact is, no matter whether you prefer Buck Ewing, Roger Bresnahan, Bill Dickey, Gabby Hartnett or any other, including more recently Yogi Berra and Roy Campanella, you've got to face up to appreciation of what Cochrane accomplished from the time he stepped up as a pinch-hitter for Ralph (Cy) Perkins in 1925 until he lay in the dust at home plate at Yankee Stadium in 1937, his skull fractured in three places and his life in almost as great a danger as his career.

In those 12-plus seasons, he not only led two teams to five pennants, but he also batted a lifetime .320, topped by a .357 season in 1930. Even though fast enough to lead off, if necessary, he was powerful enough to hit 23 homers one season, 1932, and productive enough to knock in 112 runs the same year.

Cochrane's intangibles tell even more than the talent that took him into the Hall of Fame in 1947. Take, for instance, his rundown condition in the 1934 World Series when he spent every night at Detroit in a hospital bed, rather than in his apartment, making certain that he'd be able to drag himself out there another day.

As if he didn't have enough to do, Cochrane reportedly had to wet-nurse one of his infielders through the rough-and-tumble World Series in which the Tigers were outmatched against the cutthroats of the St. Louis Cardinals' Gashouse Gang.

Black Mike found defeat intolerable, as Roger (Doc) Cramer, fleet Philadelphia outfielder, found when he joined the Athletics and beat Mickey by a yard in a match race.

Winning Was an Obsession

"We started at 5 o'clock, to run just one sprint before dinner," Cramer recalled, "but Cochrane kept insisting on just 'one more' and, so help me, we were still out there at 11 p. m."

The burning obsession with victory played a shrieking tune on the fiery fellow's taut nerve strings. His wife and hometown sweetheart, the former Mary Hohr, learned to give him a wide berth after a particularly tough defeat, even stopping off to visit teammates' wives until Black Mike would fall asleep.

Cochrane brooded when the stock-market crash of the depression wiped him out financially, but he brooded even more when he was tabbed as the World Series goat in 1931, even though the Cardinals' Pepper Martin ran wild at the expense of Philadelphia pitchers who hadn't faced a base-stealing daredevil.

The emotional peaks and valleys experienced by Cochrane in the heat of a pennant race exhausted him to the point that he suffered a nervous breakdown in 1936 and was limited to only 44 games, the first time he'd caught fewer than 115. The Tigers fell short and lost to the Yankees in a bid for a third straight pennant.

Still, at 34, he was batting .306 in late May, 1937, when he homered off New York's Irving (Bump) Hadley and then,

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MICKEY COCHRANE . . . Driven by unquenchable thirst for victory.

with a teammate on first base, crowded the plate the next time up so that he'd be certain to pull the ball behind the runner. When Hadley fired a 3-and-1 pitch that sailed up and in, Cochrane lost sight of the ball about six feet in front of the plate.

Unconscious for 10 Days

The ball hit him with a sickening sound near the right temple, an inch or two above the right eyebrow. Dickey, catching for the Yankees that day, remembered with detailed horror:

"The ball dropped in front of the plate and Mike fell almost on top of it, right on his face. Then he rolled over and said, 'Good God Almighty.'"

Cochrane, who didn't recall having said anything, remembered reviving briefly in the clubhouse, where he gamely asked that the game be held up until he could return to the field. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and was out for the better part of 10 days.

"The only time I came to was when they were tapping my spine," Cochrane reminisced years later with Dickey when Mickey was scouting for the Yankees and Bill was coaching for his old team.

When Mrs. Cochrane, who had maintained a bedside vigil, wondered if there was anything she could do for her husband as he rejoined the living, Mickey showed his Irish humor. Smiling, he said "Yeah, get me a new head."

There was, unfortunately, nothing that could remove the effects of the severe injury—the skull was fractured in three places—and Detroit Owner Walter O. Briggs, presumably acting with the advice of medical counsel, rejected Cochrane's plea that he be allowed to go behind the plate again.

So the exciting, productive playing career of an exciting, colorful player ended abruptly and, with it, really and tragically, his usefulness to baseball.

As a benchwarmer, Cochrane was a caged-up tiger, nervously prowling the dugout and unable to set by example with the kind of leadership that made him and another fierce competitor, Frank Frisch, considerably more successful as playing managers than bench bosses.

When Briggs relieved him as manager in August, 1938,

New York sports columnist Jimmy Powers summed up the feeling of many when he cracked, "Sentiment is fine, but only when it's good business."

Cochrane, however, found no fault with Briggs and even reportedly turned down the second season of a \$36-000-a-year contract. The generous gesture was expensive, but sporting, because by the time he died at the age of 59 in 1962, Mickey's resources had been pared by illness and reverses to the point he'd wondered why baseball at least didn't pension Hall of Fame members among its old-timers.

Writing this series of profiles of players from the past for THE SPORTING NEWS, a guy, especially when he's half-Irish, finds himself tending either to become maudlin in what he writes or just sad as he sits at the typewriter. In so many instances, the super stars not only are dead, but they died either young or broke or unhappy.

It's possible that Cochrane qualified on all counts and the temptation is to wallow in pity, but that wouldn't be right. Not, at least, when you know that better than most men who play the game of life, Gordon Stanley Cochrane called his shot—and put it in the side pocket.

An Aggressive Kid

Born of Scotch-Irish parents, the Mickey who was Gordon only to his mother, was the son of John Cochrane, a coachman and caretaker for a wealthy suburban Boston family. Pop saved up enough money to buy a small place outside of Bridgewater, Mass. Mickey was born there, about 50 miles south of Boston, on April 6, 1903.

At the age of 10, toting a baseball glove, the Cochrane kid already had an ambition that seemed to typify the takecharge aggressiveness that made him a man to watch, to listen to and to follow.

"Lots of kids wanted to be a big league player," he explained years later to New York writer Frank Graham, "but I wanted even then to become a manager. What makes a kid think like that? Maybe I just had to be boss."

Better still, the leader, which Cochrane proved himself to be at Boston University, where he was even better than the late, ill-starred Harry Agganis as undoubtedly the finest all-round athlete B. U. ever had.

Greybeards at old Braves Field, where the Terriers now play, can tell with awe of Cochrane's prowess on the ball field, the football field, the cinder track, the basketball court and in the boxing ring. Then only 160 pounds, 20 fewer than his peak playing weight, Mickey mixed it good and was impressed most with a campus light heavyweight who became a good friend.

Ever hear of Charles Farrell, who made a movie classic with Janet Gaynor called "Seventh Heaven" and another, "Sunny Side Up"? Farrell later starred with Gale Storm in an early television series, "My Little Margie."

Cochrane was especially outstanding as a halfback in football. Included in his feats of gridiron derring-do for old B. U. at a time when Boston University didn't have a home field to its name was the time he went in to punt against Brown. Mickey took a look at the goalposts, 52 yards away, and accepted a sudden challenge. To heck with the punt, he'd dropkick and did—for three points.

Played Sax, Washed Dishes

Working his way through college, "The Kid," which was his nickname in New England before Ted Williams, played a saxophone in dance bands and also washed dishes at a campus establishment close by a hotel where he'd see Babe Ruth and other big leaguers stay, including the college outfielder's boyhood favorite, Ty Cobb.

"Someday," Mickey promised his fellow pearl divers, "I'll be sitting over there watching jokers like us swab the dishes."

When he went out to play professionally with Dover of the Eastern Shore League in 1923, Cochrane used the name "Frank King" he'd adopted when he was playing summer semipro ball to protect his amateur status. Now, though graduated, he called himself King to protect his reputation. "If I was a flop," he said, "nobody would know who I

was, and I could start all over again some place else."

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Dover needed a catcher more than it did an infielder or outfielder, so Cochrane recognized an opportunity when he saw one and put on the tools of ignorance.

One day, with Tom Turner, owner of the Portland club in the stands, Mickey got four hits, but dropped a couple of foul flies and threw wildly to second base twice. Obliquely, Turner suggested to the Dover manager, one Jiggs Donohue, "You've got a great pitcher on your ball club and I'd like to buy him."

Donohue grinned. "Uh-huh," he said, "that great pitcher is behind the plate."

If Turner thought the wily Donohue was asking too much for a kid who'd hit .322, Cochrane's robust .333 season for Portland in the Pacific Coast League in 1924 gave Turner similar ideas of financial grandeur. In fact, the asking price for Cochrane was so high that the Philadelphia Shibes, at the suggestion of Connie Mack, bought controlling interest in the club.

The public price announced for Cochrane was \$50,000 and five players but, actually, Mack said years later to Ed Pollock, veteran Philadelphia sports editor, the price was considerably higher. The A's, you see, dropped between \$200,-000 and \$300,000 in operating the Portland club before selling it back to Turner.

But was Cochrane worth it? Pollock wondered.

"Worth it!" exclaimed Mr. Mack. "He was worth 10





Cochrane and Two of His Famous Bosses, Connie Mack, Being Buzzed by Black Mike and Bing Miller (Left) and With Detroit Owner Frank Navin.

times that much. More than any other player, he was responsible for the three pennants we won in 1929, 1930 and 1931."

But Tom and John Shibe, who'd seen Connie blow a bundle for another Coast league phenom named Paul Strand, a bigger bust than Mae West, sweated through spring training in 1925 at Fort Myers, Fla., almost as much as Cochrane did.

The solidly-built kid with the matted black hair, dark whiskers, ruddy cheeks and blazing blue eyes was completely hopeless on foul flies. At Mack's request, No. 1 catcher Ralph (Cy) Perkins worked tirelessly with Cochrane, who never asked for relief, but doggedly worked on popups and other mystifying phases of his profession.

Mack had made up his mind that, no matter how crude, the hard-hitting, fast-running, strong-armed kid held the future of the Athletics in his eager, unsmooth hands. But Perkins was behind the plate on opening day.

Valuable Tips From Perkins

"Only until about the eighth inning," Cy would tell later,
when we came up a couple of runs down with a couple
of men short and my time at bat. The kid hit for me and
doubled off the scoreboard in right-center, and I knew I'd
lost my job."

Improving daily with Perkins helping him, Cochrane was outstanding in 134 games that first year, batting .331, and eventually he became skilled on pop flies, too.

"It's no wonder Mike didn't know how to catch," Perkins said later. "He didn't know how to stand or to shift, but he hadn't been at it very long. He was too high behind the plate, an easier stance from which to throw, but not a good enough target for pitchers who want to keep the ball down.

"It's tougher throwing from back there when the ball is low and especially if the catcher's knee is down, but Mike worked on throwing them out from down low until he was blue in that tomato face instead of red. He was great at it."

Cochrane began to assert himself as a leader, too. One time when Rube Walberg hit a wild spell, walking the bases loaded and forcing in a run, Black Mike called time, stormed out to the mound, grabbed the pitcher by the shoulders and spun him around. To Walberg's surprise, Cochrane kicked him right in the seat of the pants and said, "Damnit, Rube, settle down."

Grove's Trigger Temper

Walberg, though startled, chuckled at the direct parental approach and did settle down to win the game.

When Lefty Grove was at his terrible-tempered best—and Cochrane went to his grave praising the fireball pitcher—the catcher wouldn't back down from his long-armed, short-fused batterymate.

In fact, one time when Cochrane fired the ball back to Grove and Lefty cussed him out, only the quick intervention of Foxx and Dykes kept Black Mike from tangling right on the mound with his own pitcher.

In the Athletics' three pennant-winning seasons, Cochrane, promoted to the No. 3 spot in the batting order, hit .331, .357 and .349, averaging 129 games a season and 87 RBIs. He batted .400 in the five-game Series rout of the Cubs, including the remarkable 10-run inning that overcame an eight-run deficit in the fourth game.

The language used by both the A's and Cubs became so sulphuric that even Commissioner K. M. Landis, who had heard all the words and used most of them, was shocked. He issued a cease-and-desist order.

Late in the final game, when one of the Cubs dawdled going up to hit, Cochrane affected a feminine falsetto and said, "Hurry, up, sweetheart. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock."

Afterward, when the champions were being congratulated, Judge Landis walked over to Cochrane. Eyes twinkling, the Judge told him, "I heard what you said—'sweetheart.'"

The way Black Mike was playing then, it seemed as if the world were his private preserve, but he'd lost heavily in the Black Tuesday of the stock-market crash in October, 1929. And there was another sharp drop and a call from his brokers for margin he couldn't provide to protect his vanishing investments at the time of the '31 Series, when he was hampered by sinus trouble, leg bruises—and Pepper Martin.

When the Wild Horse of the Osage stole five bases, batting .500, Cochrane seethed not only because the Athletics had missed a rare third straight championship, but also because he knew that Martin had run on Grove and George Earnshaw. Only Waite Hoyt of the Philadelphia pitchers had been able to hold Martin close to base.

It didn't help Cochrane's state of mind, either, when he left immediately after the seventh game in St. Louis for a trip to Japan with an All-Star team that included the Cardinals' captain and second baseman, Frank Frisch, who needled Mickey until Fred Lieb, a writer making the trip, begged the Flash to lay off.

Three years later, Cochrane and Frisch were at it again, but the backdrop was different for the No. 1 backstop. The financially-pinched Athletics had sold Black Mike to De-

troit for \$100,000 and catcher John Pasek.

The principal stockholder, Frank Navin, wanted Babe Ruth as manager because the Yankees, eager to get out from under the aged Bambino, had offered Ruth's contract free. Navin missed connections with the Babe on the West Coast, however, and H. G. Salsinger, sports editor of the Detroit News, urged him to deal for the Cochrane contract so that he'd get a star player in his prime as well as a manager.

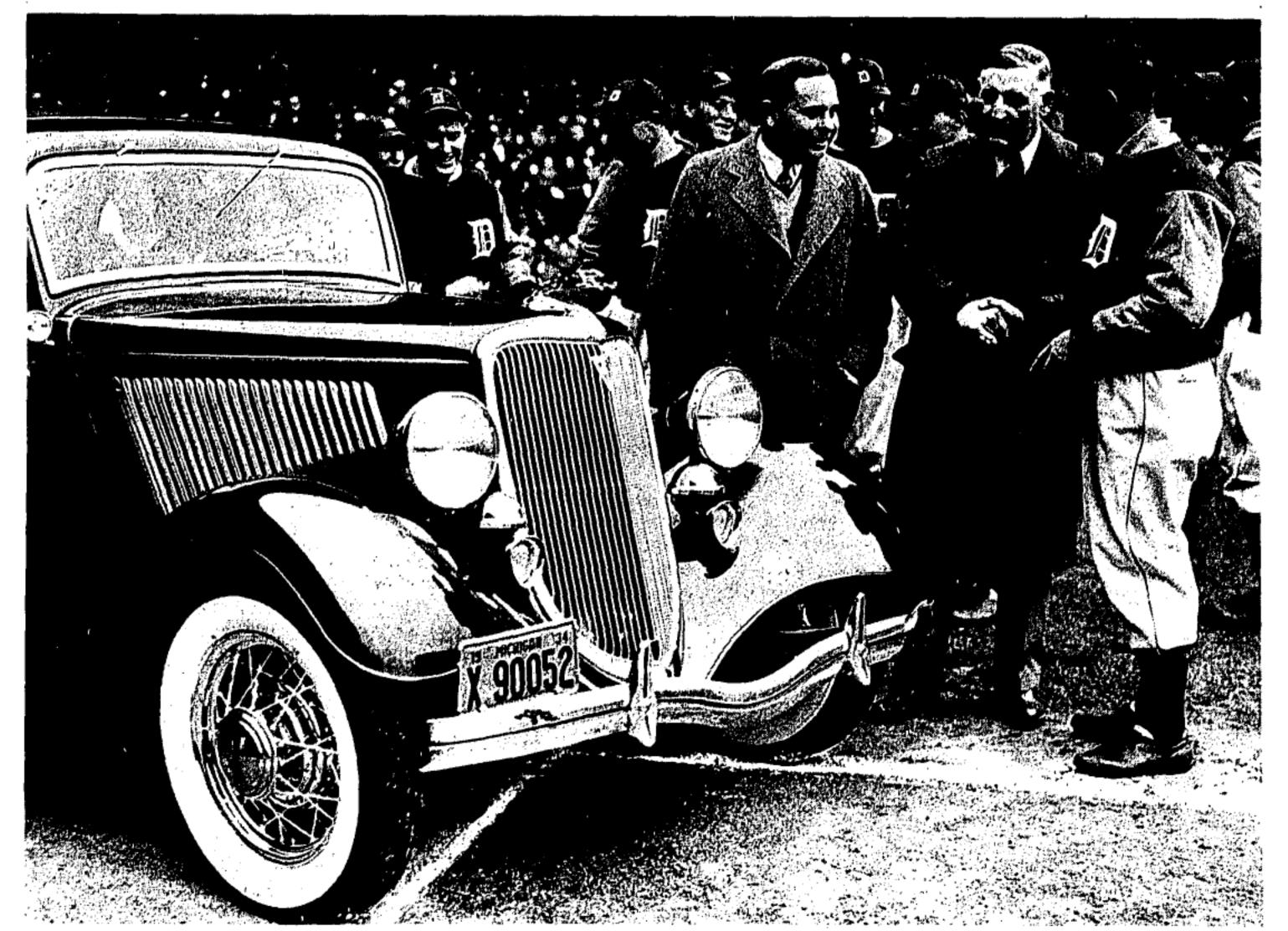
Briggs Wanted Cochrane

Trouble was, Navin had the financial shorts, a common malady in those troubled economic times, and that's when Briggs, an avid fan who would take over the club shortly, advanced him the money and said, "Go get Cochrane."

So the kid who at 10 had dreamed that one day he'd manage a big league ball club took over the fifth-place Tigers and, with other future Hall of Famers Charley Gehringer, Hank Greenberg and Goose Goslin, Detroit won its first pennant since 1909. Cochrane, though he felt the strain of driving his team as hard as he did himself, still managed to equal his lifetime average—.320.

Proud to have caught the last two 16-game winning streaks in the American League—Grove in 1931 at Philadelphia and Schoolboy Rowe in '34 at Detroit—Cochrane

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TWO OFFICIALS of the Ford Motor Co. welcomed Cochrane to Detroit on opening day, 1934, presenting the rookie manager with a new Ford

V-8 sedan at Navin Field. To make the day complete, the Tigers beat the White Sox, 7-3. The Tigers went on to win the '3'4 A. L. flag.

Cochrane Seethed Under Ribbing by Redbirds

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found himself galled by the audacity of the Gashouse Gang. Frisch had told the Redbirds to lay off the rough stuff in the field, but the cutups had heard Rowe say on the radio to his bride, "How am I doin, Edna?" And the Cardinals took it from there.

When Cochrane was hospitalized overnight, a Detroit newspaper carried Black Mike's photo with the caption, "Our Stricken Leader." Oh, my, how the Redbird bench jockeys enjoyed themselves with that one.

So the Tigers began to go at the Cardinals on the basepaths, roughing up the Redbirds, to whom this was second nature. The Tigers came off second best, all-round, and Frisch rubbed it in when Cochrane made the tactical error of ordering an intentional pass to load the bases for his rival field foreman in the third inning of the seventh game. Frisch rapped a three-run double that led to a seven-run inning and an 11-0 cakewalk for Dizzy Dean, who laughed it up at the finish.

Cochrane, bothered again by Pepper Martin, too, had batted under .200 in two composite Series against St. Louis and he proved he didn't forget or forgive either. The following spring when Babe Ruth, released by the Yankees, went over to the Boston Braves of the National League and posed for pictures with Dean in the spring, Mike chewed out the Babe.

A Blast at the Babe

"What the hell you doing being so friendly with Dean?" Cochrane crabbed. "You've been an American Leaguer all your life. I can't see it, not after what those guys did last year and what they said about our league."

Although he was beginning to create his own pressure, the kind that helped unseat and unnerve him, the marvelous Mickey still had a big climax season in front of him. He'd brought Detroit its first pennant since 1909 and now, in 1935, he gave the Tigers their first world championship -ever.

Cochrane hit .319 in the regular season and .292 in the World Series, in which he experienced the greatest thrill of his career, a sixth game almost as exciting as the peppery catcher himself.

Although he'd lost slugger Greenberg with a broken wrist in the second game of the Series, Cochrane came down to the sixth contest with a three-to-two lead, but defeat leered at the Tigers, with the score tied, when Stan Hack opened the ninth inning with a triple.

Cochrane bounded out to talk to his pitcher, Tommy Bridges, a brilliant curve-ball pitcher, and told him, "Breaking balls, nothing except breaking stuff."

Mickey Blocked Low Pitch

Trouble was, the second pitch got away from Bridges, a low curve that bounced two feet in front of the plate. "Judas, here goes the Series on one pitch," Cochrane moaned to himself.

But the old master of the mask and mitt still was equal to the challenge. He skidded forward on one knee, blocked the ball and scrambled forward to retrieve it so that Hack, who had started for the plate, was forced to retreat to third base.

Bridges, reprieved by his great batterymate, struck out Bill Jurges, retired Larry French on a tap back to the mound and got Augie Galan on an outfield fly. The score was still tied.

Cochrane, who had singled to set up Detroit's first run in the opening inning, batted in the No. 2 spot, just ahead of Gehringer, and the boss man began the home ninth with a base-hit. Gehringer, also a lefthanded hitter, followed with a savage shot over first base, but the Cubs' young first baseman, Phil Cavarretta, dove to his left, blocked the ball, picked it up, stepped on the bag and then threw to second, where his throw struck the sliding Cochrane in the back.

"I don't see how they could have criticized the kid for that difficult throw," Mickey said later, "not after he'd made such a great play.

"I think I might have been safe, anyway, because they had to tag me."

The veteran Goslin, another lefthanded hitter against southpaw French, proved himself once more to be a tough codger in a clutch. The Goose lined a 2-and-2 pitch over Billy Herman's head into right center, and Cochrane, digging around third, reached home plate and jumped on it again and again and again, to cap the moment of great glory for Detroit and for the man who as a boy had wanted to be a manager.

Down in Commerce, Okla., a wiry miner beamed at the radio report. He knew he'd picked the right player for whom to name his towheaded son-Mickey Mantle.

For the other Mickey, meaning Gordon Stanley Cochrane, stormy sessions with Briggs preceded his resignation as manager, vice-president and a member of the board of directors. Thereafter, Cochrane's happiest years probably would be in World War II when he was an officer in the Navy's fitness program, running the athletic program at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and coaching a baseball team that had more talent than most war-time big league clubs.

Son Died in World War II

The war, however, was as costly for Cochrane as for many fathers. He lost his son, Gordon, Jr., and the old spirit sagged. When Mickey died, he was survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. John Cobb of Denver and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman of Allentown, Pa.

Cochrane represented a Detroit-to-Chicago trucking line for a time. He operated a dude ranch in Wyoming. He came back to baseball briefly with Connie Mack at Philadelphia in 1950, Mr. Mack's last year as manager, and served the feuding family for just one season as general manager.

George Weiss hired him as a scout for the Yankees one year, 1955, and after he had been in and out of hospitals, bothered by a respiratory ailment, Detroit put him back on the payroll in 1960, to scout at the major league level and to work with Tiger catchers in spring training.

It just wasn't the same. Mickey Cochrane had been born to lead, not to follow. In the game of life to which he gave so much of himself, eating himself up inside in an effort to excel, he lost too much when they took the bat out of his hands and the mitt away from him.

From the time he lay in the dust at home plate at Yankee Stadium in 1937, 25 years before his death, the great Mickey Cochrane became just another guy named Gordon.

The next Hall of Fame profile, on King Carl Hubbell, will appear in an early issue.

Brewers Get a Generous Stadium Contract

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draw three years ago, as spearhead of Milwaukee County's effort to find a baseball tenant.

It is a remarkable one, possibly the most generous in the whole spectrum of government-sports coalitions. The Brewers will get the stadium for \$1 a year during the life of the contract—a 25-year term is predicted—for the first 1,000,000 customers each season.

Take Based on Gate

On attendance between one million and 1.5 million, the Brewers will give the county five percent of net earnings. The percentage will be seven percent on admissions between 1.5 million and two million, and 10 percent on admissions over 2 million. The club will retain all concessions revenues up to 1,000,000 attendance, with a similar sliding scale after that.

The county kept only parking revenues for itself, but still expects to be able to operate County Stadium at a profit for the first time since the Braves left. County Ex-

Cannon's Date in Court

Conflicts With Inaugural

man who played a key role in

bringing major league base-

ball back to Milwaukee, said

he'd have to miss the Brew-

ers' opening against the Angels

Circuit Judge Robert C. Can-

"This comes first-this is

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my bread and butter," ex-

plained Cannon, former legal

counsel to the Major League

Players' Association and now

vice-president of the group

that brought the Brewers here.

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response of Milwaukeeans to

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. - The

ecutive John Doyne estimated the revenue to the county to be as much as \$250,000.

For the baseball fans, of course, the profit was secondary to the simple matter of being able to watch a Milwaukee team play baseball again.

A man named Eldred Koepke, who bought four season tickets to Braves' games in 1953, achieved fleeting distinction by being the first in line at the ticket window Thursday morning, April 2. "I feel like I own those four seats," he said. "Only this time I'm not only buying them, but two additional ones."

Koepke had company-when the Brewers' ticket window first opened for business at 9 a.m. Thursray, a dozen persons were waiting in line, and several dozen workmen were busy inside the stadium, shoveling the remnants of a five-inch snowstorm off the playing field and seats.

Stadium Manager Bill Anderson gave himself a few days' head start on the task of readying the stadium for baseball.

Crews at Work

His crews had the screen behind home plate in place the previous weekend, and the pitcher's mound, leveled to permit the Green Bay Packers an even turf in the football season, was sculpted and in place, waiting for Volinn to conclude his deliberations, and banking on a favorable decision.

The Brewers cheated a bit, too. Tickets were printed for the early games-by coincidence, the April allotment was delivered to County Stadium Tuesday night, about two hours before Volinn made them more than scrap paper.

The metamorphosis from Pilot to Brewer was more difficult for the players, many of whom had homes in the Seattle area, but Milwaukee tried to help.

A downtown hotel offered the players three days' free lodging after the team flew north from its Tempe, Ariz., training base. The

Milwaukee Association of Commerce scheduled a Monday luncheon honoring the team, and sold all 650 tickets at \$5 each.

The Brewers landed in Milwaukee Sunday night, walked along a red carpet into the airport terminal, and then were whisked downtown in a motorcade to provide fans with their first look at their new representatives.

On the management level, matters remained in flux. Brewers, Inc., made public an expansion of local ownership—a key phrase in Milwaukee, where absentee ownership of the Braves became an increasingly sore point through the years.

Selig said the team would be bought by a group of 15 men, all but two of them from Wisconsin.

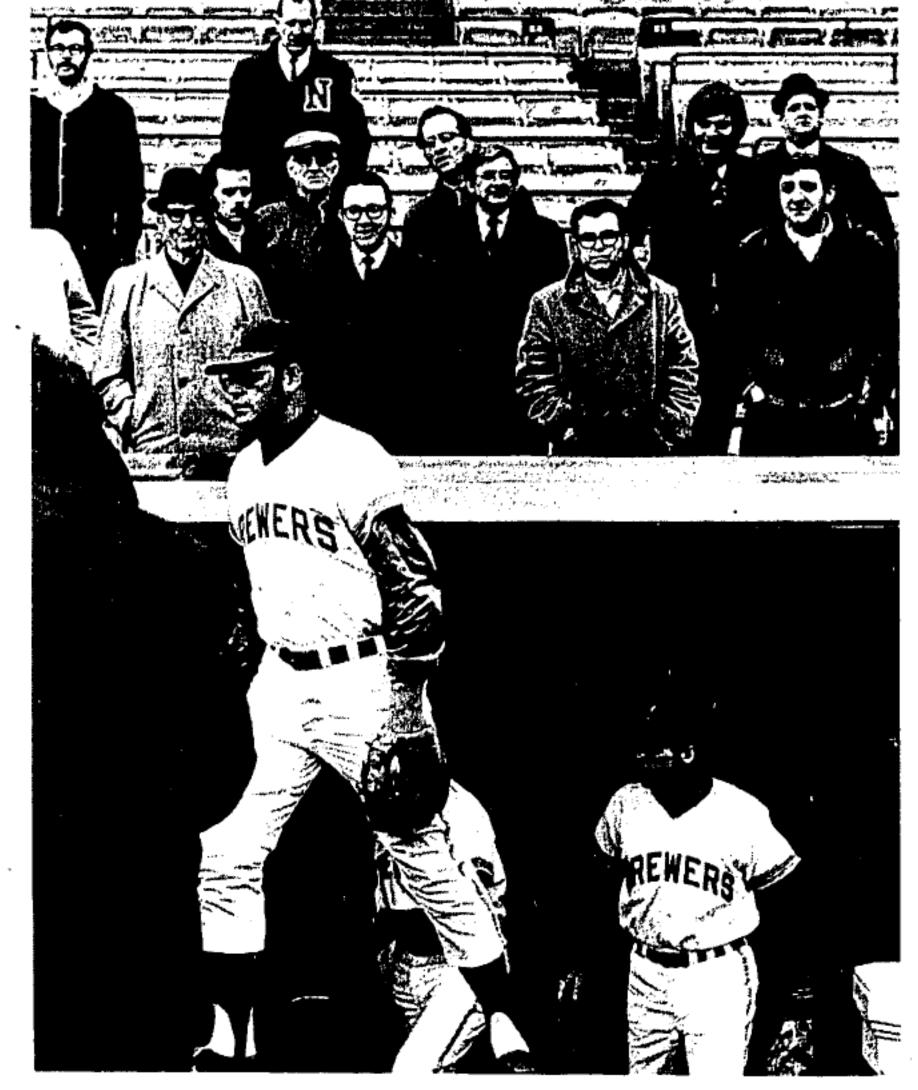
Daley Still in Picture

The exceptions are William Daley of Cleveland, who was majority owner of the club when it was in Seattle and who will be a minority owner here, and Edwin E. Foote, Elmer, N. J., a retired automobile dealer who became interested in the new ownership through his friendship with Fred Haney, a former manager of the Braves who is now a special consultant with the California Angels.

The owners did not put up equal amounts of the purchase price, Selig said, but he declined to be more specific. "This is a private corporation," he said. "It is very confidential."

Selig announced seven new owners-Daley, Foote, Albert B. Adelman, a Milwaukee dry cleaning executive; Ben Barkin, head of a Milwaukee public relations firm; Ralph Evinrude, vice-chairman of the board of Outboard Marine Corp.; Charles Gelatt, Madison and La Crosse industrialist, and Evan P. Helfaer, retired owner of Lakeside Laboratories.

Eight members of the group have been with the Brewers for several years. They include Selig, Duane Bowman, Sr., president of the Bowman All-Star Dairy; Edmund B. Fitzgerald, chairman of



A CORPORAL'S GUARD watches the Brewers report for their first workout at County Stadium.

the board of Cutler-Hammer, Inc.: Herbert H. Kohl, president of Kohl's Food Stores; Oscar G. Mayer Jr., Madison, chairman of the board of Oscar Mayer Co.; John Murphy, La Crosse, president of Gateway Transportation Co.; Robert A. Uihlein Jr., chairman and president of the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co.; Jack A. Winter, president of Jack Winter, Inc., a clothing firm, and Selig, president of Selig Ford, Inc.

Selig has said there will be some changes in the current composition of the Brewers' board. This has led to rumors, among them one that Circuit Judge Robert C. Cannon, a vice-president of the

Brewers, would resign his judgeship to become more active in the club.

Cannon is the best known member of the board in baseball circles. He served as legal adviser to the Major League Players' Association for several years, and was regarded as a candidate to replace William Eckert as commissioner of baseball.

Cannon has denied that he has any such plans, however, and quickly changed the conversation to a discussion of the team's booming ticket sales. "I went to a meat market this morning. Before I left, I had sold eight season tickets," he said proudly.

having their own team again.

April 7.

his court.