LOW CUB WIN TOTAL

34,870 TURN OUT IN CHI TO WATCH BARGAIN BILL WITH GIANTS

Bill Nicholson Projects Himself Into Hero Role With Home Run; Taft Wright, Appling Bid for A. L. Bat Title



HICAGO, Ill.—A crowd of 34,870, largest attendance of the season in Wrigley Field, largest Chicago daytime baseball crowd of the season and second only to the 40,108 at the Red Sox-White Sox night game in Comiskey Park, June 14, saw the Cub-Giant double-

header, July 14. This surge of patronage was due, apparently, to a downright enthusiasm for the game itself in the United States' second largest city. It certainly was not traceable to any pennant fever, for the Cubs entered the contest 11½ games out of first place and the Giants five and one-half off the pace.

On Saturday, July 13, the Cubs list-lessly submitted to a 2 to 0 licking at the hands of the Boston Bees, and the Giants took a double whipping from the Cards in St. Louis. Obviously, not much have the best infield in the National of a smokeup for a near-capacity crowd League." Reading from left to right, this at a spectacle involving two teams con- means the combination of Lavagetto, Dusidered pennant contenders only by them- rocher or Reese, Coscarart and Camilli,

ir the seventh. Claude Passeau took over | dom this season. in the eighth, as did Paul Dean for the Pete, a rather shy and retiring indithe game. Truly, an old-time Cub finish | sibly, only to the DiMaggios. for an old-time Cub crowd,

Hits Wasted in Second Affray their total in the first contest, so, all in | 1936, with his present club. al!, the big crowd saw some variety,

Cubs were hosts to the Boston Bees, their erstwhile cousins. And the best they could do was split the series. The Cubs took 2 to 1 and 2 to 0 spankings, and won, his seventh and eighth catching starts of in unity there is strength. the season in the two victories, and his ninth in the Sunday victory over the Proving That Blood Giants. He was not the catcher in the Is Thicker Than Water which may mean the old gentleman will July, 1934, where Brother Steve albe strapping on his bosom protector with greater regularity, for a while, at least, matter of superstition, even though the been upped. three games he caught in six were vic- (tories, the others losses.

ally has more players than are needed. one thing to do—hold out, A Pair of Socking Sox

ve had some spectacular items, not the either,' st of which was the fact that Taft

Manager Dykes has been batting his gging twins fifth and sixth, which is a her spectacular sniff at the orthodox ocesses. But what manager with two .360 gulars would start shoving them around? id, besides, Moose Solters, after a slow ert, has been hitting better than .325

The Sox, after their double shutout of e Red Sox, dashed down to New York ger to get at the Yanks, whom they d defeated five out of their six last mes (counting their June 20, 1 to 0, 11ning victory, which was thrown out of records on Joe McCarthy's protest). It reported they could hardly wait when ey were advised they were to slug ainst Red Ruffing, who had his ears ghtly bent his last previous time out,

the All-Star game. Well, sad and upsetting things happen in his game of baseball. The White Sox had aseball's No. 1 and No. 2 sluggers of the noment, but Max West, a .270 hitter, had ommitments with the Bees, so Red got by After their games, July 14, the Cubs

were three games into the second half of their season and the Sox had only four to go to complete their first half. Maybe both teams are ready to get busy and give Chicago a lot of thrills to make them forget the disappointments of the first ED BURNS.

Albany Senators' Hits Range From Carload to Thimbleful

ALBANY, N. Y .-- The game is filled with contradictions, yet it is hard to explain

The answer, of course, is that the Senplexes the club itself. For instance, on death, July 7, Tom Baker and Bill Holland of Springfield pitched eight relief innings without allowing the Senators a run, each notching himself a victory. In the next series, Albany made 16 runs and 17 hits wife of John Picus (Jack) Quinn, former in one game off the same two hurlers. in the Eastern League still holds good, with Virgil Brown and Johnny Day hav- her right leg, suffered when she stumbled ers in the current campaign. ing 12 and nine conquests, respectively, to and fell during an outing two days before. earn exactly half of the club's victories. Two brothers and sisters are among the Xavier Rescigno and Reggie Grabowski, righthanders, are also twirling good ball

A great deal depends on the condition minor league clubs.

of Kermit Lewis' ankle, for an early return by the tall Missourian, who was hit-

ing .384 in 66 games, will add both power and speed to the veteran club. Pitcher Paul Spencer, who recently re- was 47 years old. Conway umpired in urned to duty with Albany after an ap- the Eastern Carolina League in 1928, Blue and last year was won by Henry Redmond cold coming back from the All-Star game, ordination, returned to active duty last endectomy, was swapped to Scranton for Ridge in 1930, Eastern in 1931 and 1932 of Hamilton in the Pony League. He bat- So thrilling was that game that almost week when Los Angeles recalled Paul

CHI FANS OVERLOOK Pete, Youngest of Three Ball Playing Coscarart Brothers, Moving Up as N. L's No. 1 Man at Second With Brooklyn

Rise of French-Spanish Lad Steeped in Setting of True Family Unity

Once Held Out Two Months on Portland to Help Steve Get Raise; His Fielding Skill Helps Keep Flatbushers Up

By DICK FARRINGTON

HEN the experts break down the Brooklyn Dodgers to see what makes them tick, the verdict usually is: "Leo Durocher has a pretty slick infield."
And viewed strictly from the flambuoyant Flatbush manner, it would be: "The Dodgers There is no questioning the efficiency of

And it must be said for the Cubs that the Brooklyn first line of defense. It has they responded to the big home assemblage, as did better Cub teams in years of old. We mean in the first game. The Cubs were trailing, 5 to 2, after Bill Lee had been knocked out with four runs in the fifth inning. Then, while Charley Root "arrival" last year put the finishing touchwas doing a swell job of relieving, the es on the Dodger infield and the slender, Chicagoans pecked away through heroic, loose-jointed speedster with the anti-airalbeit gradual, processes to tie the score craft gun arm is treading the road to star-

Giants, and the two able righthanders vidual, who frequently is called Brook-battled down the line in the tie until the lyn's "fourth outfielder" because of the start of the thirteenth, when Bill Nichol- range of his infield activities, comes from son banged his No. 12 homer to bust up a baseball family that ranks second, pos-There are three of the ball-playing Cos-

cararts. Joe, the oldest, is utility infielder It was a deplorable anti-climax, but the with Scattle in the Coast league, and Steve Cubs took a 2 to 0 whipping in the second next oldest to Pete, is with Salem in the game, though Ken Raffensberger held the Western International League, having Giants to six hits, while the Cubs made slipped down the ladder in the last two seven off Bill Lohrman. By the way, the seasons, due to injuries. At one period in Cubs' seven hits in the second game were their careers, all were with Coast clubs. ten fewer than they made in the first Pete and Steve with Portland and Joe, who game and the Giants' six were nine under | was with the Boston Nationals in 1935 and

There is a remarkable clan loyalty among Before they received the Giants, the the boys, Joe having helped Steve to get his start and Steve having done likewise for Pete. This loyalty was put through the wringer a few years back and it may have backfired to some extent, but Pete to 2 and 2 to 1. Manager Harnett made remains a disciple of the general idea that

ready was playing. Steve had a fine the scason. season that year and when contract To hear Gabby comment, his decision time came in the spring of 1935, he was er love was shoved around a little, into resume catching was not altogether a shocked to find that his salary had not sofar as playing position was concerned.

"You see," explained Dodger Pete, "the joined Portland. Pete was merely a kid Portland club had changed hands during utility infielder and one day Steve, who When Rip Russell, part-time Cub first the winter. The new owner, not having had been playing second for the Beavers, baseman, was bundled off to a hospital been associated with the club the pre- hurt a leg. This gave Pete a chance at for an emergency appendectomy, the squad ceding season, was not familiar with the second and when Steve was ready to play was reduced to 21 players, counting Hank ways of the players who expected re- again, he was not able to chase Pete off Leiber, who has not recovered from a wards, for what they regarded as excep- second and was transferred to the outfield. throat infection. There has been some tional work. So when Steve could not get Pete was scouted for Brooklyn by Ted press criticism of this economy plan, but any satisfaction in the way of an adjust- McGrew, who went out on a limb with ub office attaches point out that the team ment on his 1936 salary, there was only the home office in his strong recommenda-

The White Sox have been hot and cold said to Steve, 'If they don't give you the land, but McGrew insisted Pete was an the East. On the heat side, they really right kind of a contract, I'll not sign, improving player and that he would learn

ight and Luke Appling were right up I guess we were out a couple of months in the Southern Association, where he ong the so-called Big Six group of ma- before Portland gave in. The funny part had difficulty getting started. But he league batting leaders. The Sox pair of the whole thing was that when we did finally found himself and wound up the nained one-two as leaders after exciting report, both of us were optioned to St. season with a .315 average. ings in Boston, Saturday, July 13, when Joseph of the Western League. That was Last year, with the Dodgers, Coscarar ite slugging rivals? Why, Rip Radcliff, 1935 and he assigned Steve to the outfield for two weeks, having set him back. and stationed Pete at short. Both, how-

Recrology

Oliver Dinwiddie Tucker, former American League outfielder, died at his home ability to succeed in baseball is a tribute near Radiant, Va., July 13. He underwent to their persistence and their skill in getan operation in Washington, D. C., last ting around parental objections. October for complications resulting from a head injury suffered while playing, Born in Radiant, January 27, 1903, Tuck- besides, the boys would cut third base freer, a product of Woodberry Forrest Col- quently on the work they were supposed

lege, signed with Washington in 1921 and to do around the farm. was with Charleston and Cedartown that "But," smiled Pete, "when my father and York Yankees, who optioned him to Buf- be made playing ball, they changed their falo and then sent him to New Orleans in attitude. Joe was the first to convince them 1922 and 1923. After several recalls and that it wasn't a bad trade to follow." playing with New Orleans in 1924, 1925 | Pete played with the Escondido High and 1926, he joined Washington at the end School team and later branched out with at the end of the season and released to and Portland, accepting the latter's bid. Kansas City in 1929, recalled and sent to Brother Steve had joined Portland at the game. Buffalo in 1930. He was with Indianapolis start of the same season. part of 1939 and 1931, Columbus part of The Dodgers' keystoner is five feet 111/2 and retired before the season opened.

Henry J. Weidenthal, former sports editor and writer, died at Lakewood, O., a Annapolis, Md., but went to Escondido to suburb of Cleveland, July 8, after an ill- live with an uncle following the death of four games for Boston, the last two being favor of the righthanded-hitting DiMag ation. ness of six weeks with a heart ailment, her father. She and Coscarart went to shutouts. He was associate editor of the Cleveland school there together. News at the time of his death.

Weidenthal, 70 years old and a native how Albany's Senators could be leading of Cleveland, spent 49 years in newspaper in batting by a wide margin, topping the work, all in Cleveland. He started coverloop at driving runs in, rating second in ing sports for the Plain Dealer in 1891, fielding and double plays, but have played Then he moved on to the Press for four a trifle under .500 ball since the first of years in the early 1900's, after several years as the sports editor on the old World. On the Press he held, at various times, the ators are making carloads of hits in one posts of sports editor, city editor and game and in the next cannot buy a clutch managing editor. In 1905, he moved to bingle. All the same, the situation per- the News, where he remained until his

Surviving are the widow, two sons, four sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Georgianna Quinn, 54-year-old major league pitcher, died in a hospital at The old adage about southpaws winning Chicago Heights, Ill., July 9, of gangrene trophies will be presented with fitting cerdeveloping from a compound fracture of

Quinn, who broke in with Connellsville to give Manager George .Toporcer a big in 1903, saw service with the Yankees, Red Sox. Dodgers and Reds, as well as various

> Joe Conway, former umpire in minor and collegiate games, died at Allentown, Pa., July 7, the victim of pneumonia. He

KEYNOTER FOR THE DODGERS : AT THE KEYSTONE



Pale From Night Games

BOSTON, Mass.—When Earl Johnson, young southpaw brought up by the Red Sox from their Rocky Mount team, reported in Boston last week, he was as pale as a white collar worker in the middle of February. "What's the matter: doesn't the sun shine in Dixie any more?" the rookie was asked. "You don't get much of a tan playing in those night games," replied Johnson.

There have been times, too, when broth-Take in 1934, the year Steve and Pete

tion of the youngster. Coscarart had "I got to thinking the thing over and I batted only .253 that season, with Portto hit. His prophecy looked bad two years "There we were, both sitting tight, and ago when Pete was optioned to Nashville

d Lyons and Jack Knott slapped shut- when Joe was with Boston, so it looked batted .277 and as second baseman in 107 ts on the Red Sox in a double-header, like we were going in opposite directions." games, had a hand in 69 double plays. right stepping up to .363 and Appling to | Earle Brucker, catcher for the Philadel- | Currently, he is batting around .250, a spike 0. And who was third to these team- phia Athletics, was the St. Joe manager in wound on the knee which sidelined him

Pete, like his brothers, was born in Escondido, Cal. He was 24 years old, June 16. His father, Peter Coscarart, was born in the Basque colony in the Pyrenees mountains of France. His mother, whose maiden name was Victoria Rangell, was born of Spanish parents in California. The Coscarart boys were brought up on

general farm which their dad operated near Escondido for many years and their You see, the elder Coscararts thought

1931 and Buffalo for the remainder of the inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. His season and until 1935, when he was re- hair is black and his eyes brown. Thereleased and signed with Syracuse. He be- is a suggestion of Spanish in his nose and came the property of Nashville in 1936 facial contour, but his complexion is more

sallow than dark. Pete married Miss Junie Johnson, October 20, 1937. She originally came from There is little Carol June Coscarart, 15

months old, who is the pride and joy of

Louisville Slugger, Spalding **Awards Again in Competition**

DURHAM, N. C.—The Louisville Slug-ger Trophy and the Spalding Cup, annual prizes offered to the leading batters of the minor leagues, are at stake during the current season, but there is still much time to go and it is not possible to shed much light on the probable winners, Ward Hillerich of the Hillerich & Bradsby Company, and Jim Carrig, representing A.

G. Spalding & Bros., have announced their emony during the 1941 season to the lead-The Louisville Slugger Trophy is a fullsized sterling silver bat awarded to the minor league player with the best batting average for the season. He must participate in at least 75 per cent of his team's games.

The trophy has been up annually since the 1934 season. The 1939 award was won by Robert (Joe) Schmidt, who batted .441 for Duluth of the Northern League. It was the highest average ever to cop the prize. The silver Spalding Cup goes to the first- homer that won the game. Carey was Hollywood to the Oiler roster, July 14. year rookie with the best batting mark. playing short because Manager Joe Cro- Center Fielder Barney Olsen, who was sus-It was started as an annual award in 1935,

HUB WAFTS HUZZAHS FOR WEST AND SENDS A SALUTE TO SALVO

Maxie's Homer in All-Star Game and Manuel's Mound Wins Cheer Bees' Fans; Slump of Leading Sluggers' Adds to Woes of Joe Cronin's Red Sockers

OSTON, Mass.—A year ago the∳ Red Sox won five games in succession from the Yankees at New York and then had to go west. Thus Boston could not turn out and greet the boys in a befitting manner as would

have been the case had the Sox come home after the thrilling massacre of the leaders. And almost a year from that time, the same Boston fans were bemoaning that the Bees were in the West, rather than at home, because local onthusiasts wanted to pay homage to Maxie West for the home run he hit in the All-Star game, which practically made possible the National League victory.

Only a couple of days before the All-Star game was played, the Bees turned in two of the finest exhibitions in months, when they twice defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers. That was a Sunday bargain matinee and it brought out the largest crowd of the year at National League Field, which included a delegation of Brooklyn fans, who journeyed here for

The fans of this section had been stirred up by the 20-inning game between the Bees and Dodgers. The following day Brooklyn shut out the Bees, 2 to 0, although Dick Errickson pitched well enough to win in 19 out of 20 cases. But Tot Pressnell pitched even better, giving up only three hits, and won when his mates scored 13, after rain had prevented the previous two runs for him in the eighth on a walk, day's game. There was little cheering by a sacrifice and three singles. Two of the the crowd, however, as the Sox of Red three Boston hits were made by Chet suffered the deep humiliation of consecu-Ross, who thus stretched his consecutive tive shutouts. Ted Lyons blanked them in

Sunday games. In the first game, Wyatt Knott was even better in the second game. held them to four hits, but Manny Salvo He held the Bosox to two hits and whitewon when Johnny Cooney singled in the washed them, 7 to 0. eighth to score the only run of the game. Had not Jimmy Foxx singled in the In the second event, Bill Posedel held the ninth off Knott, Jack would have been Dodgers with the aid of marvelous sup- cheated of a no-hitter by a tough hit. playing ball was a lot of foolishness and port for eight innings, but weakened in Tommy Carey had the only safety off the ninth.

Dick Coffman Throttles Threat to 0. Posedel started by walking Dixie thought Tabor was trying to steal, and season before being released to the New mother found out that good money could Walker, and when Medwick popped up Carey hit the ball through the spot where and Phelps forced Walker, there was freer Appling had been, breathing. Then Wasdell doubled to score Gilbert was a wild pitch which moved of the 1926 season and played part of 1927 the town semi-pro team. It was in the the runners up. Dick Coffman relieved narily, but his mates could not hit Lyons. with Minneapolis. Sold to New Orleans in summer of 1934, when he was only 18, and Gilbert walked to load the sacks. To add to their woes, Lou Finney was with a 4 to 0 shutout, allowing the slug- 1928, Tucker was purchased by Cleveland that he received offers from both Seattle Joe Vosmik was sent is as a pinch-hitter hurt in the July 11 game and had to stay and was called out on strikes to end the in bed for a few days. Dom DiMaggio

fandom wafted huzzahs to Max, although they will have to await his return to applaud him in person.

acquired from the Giants, Salvo has won while the Sox were in Washington, in flingers in the Pennsylvania State Associ-

four at the Capital, the Red Sox partly points of late and the same is true of when he suffered his second defeat of the emerged from the doghouse into which Ted Williams and Jimmy Foxx, who have season, but he came right back, July 12, they had climbed when the Yankees beat not been hitting as they were earlier in and registered his fourth shutout in his them twice here on July 4. They opened the year. with the White Sox, July 11, and restored themselves to excellent standing by taking the Chisox into camp in 13 innings with Bobby Doerr, first-man up in the thirteenth, hitting a homer to end the game.

That game was as sensationally played and as interesting as any seen here in a long time. It was a tough game for John of the Tulsa Oilers late last week began against Warren. Rigney to lose, as he pitched excellent ball negotiations which he hopes will bring in' all the way, but was given the leg by his two young players, both of whom were mates in the third inning, and two Boston farmed out last spring. They are Ed Zyruns were scored without a hit being dowski, big shortstop, with Hot Springs made. Rigney opened that third by walk- of the Cotton States League, and Billy ing Peacock, and he fielded Herb Hash's Capps, also an infielder, with St. Joseph of bunt to second too late to get Peacock. the Western Association, Then Kuhel threw Tommy Carey's bunt

two thrilling plays, Jimmy Foxx came up injured list. with another and then Doerr stayed with | Prexy Don Stewart announced the adhis infield mates in honors by hitting the dition of Outfielder George Mandish of nin was indisposed, having picked up a pended for more than a week for insub-17,000 turned out for the twin-bill, July | Carpenter.

Real Yankees in Western

NORFOLK, Neb. - Now calling themselves Yankees, after being nicknamed the Elks for many years, the Norfolk club of the Western League is doing a good job of living up to the traditions of the 1940 name. Norfolk not only won the first two quarters of the divided schedule, but leads in batting, leads in fielding and has three pitchers below the earned-run average that won the league leadership last year. Fred Whalen owns the outstanding pitching record of the circuit, allowing only 15 carned runs in 111 innings, or about 1.25 per game. Bill Davis is his closest rival, with 24 earned runs in 114 innings, while Sterling allowed 29 in 96 frames.

The team tops the league in runs, hits, two-baggers, triples, home runs, sacrifice hits, stolen bases, bases on balls, hit batsmen, runs batted in, double plays and in fewest errors. No wonder they are asking around the league: "Howya gonna beat 'em? That's real Yankee stuff."

the first game, 5 to 0, the second time he The Bees won, 1 to 0 and 2 to 1, in the has turned the trick this year, and Jack

Knott until Foxx singled in the ninth. Tommy made his hit after Luke Appling Going into that ninth, the Bees led, 2 hustled over to cover second, when he

There is no consistency to the Red Sox Phelps and Posedel went wild. He walked these days. Their pitching has not been Coscarart and the third ball to Charley high-class, yet Jim Bagby hurled well enough in that first game to win orditook his place in right field and got sev-Those victories stirred enthusiasm for eral chances to show the home folks his the Bees in Boston, and then Der Maxie great throwing arm. Joe Kuhel was a kissed that homer in St. Louis. Local victim of one of his throws to third base There is much moaning around town about the Sox. They were up on top for some time and gave the fans hope. Then Another member of the Bee entourage they started to break up. Doubtless, the who is winning plaudits for his work, is players themselves are feeling the effects town's big southpaw, continues to stand Manuel Salvo, the pitcher. Since he was of the break. Doc Cramer was benched, head and shoulders over all the other

when a southpaw was pitching. Doc's By defeating Washington three out of batting average has slipped quite a few snapped at 41 by Beaver Falls, July JACK MALANEY.

Tulsa Preparing for Recall of Billy Capps and Zydowski Sample's record for the first half of the

Zydowski is batting around .380 for Hot over Third Sacker Kennedy's head to per- Springs and has more than 80 runs-battedmit the first score, the second following in. He probably would replace the finefielding but light-hitting Lenny Merullo if Kuhel hit a homer in the fourth and brought in. Capps' average with St. Joe is Wright's double and Appling's single tied near the .350 mark. The need for Capps it up in the eighth. From that point on, and Zydowski is acute, due to the fact the Red Sox defense was little short of that Utility Infielder Don Johnson and sensational. Jim Tabor and Carey made Third Baseman Pinky Whitney are on the

HARRY HEATH.

OVER, LIKES INDIANS

'BOUDREAU-MACK MAKE TRIBE TOP FLAG THREAT'--ISAMINGER

Vet Observer Asserts Yankees and Bosox Appear Race-Weary; Quakers Show Fighting Qualities in West

HILADELPHIA, Pa.—Four pennant contenders have recently passed within the range of Philadelphia eyes. They were the Red Sox, Yankees, Indians and Tigers. Of the four aspirants, Cleveland looked decidedly the best. The Indians many the best. The Indians seem to be better equipped for the sprint down to the wire than the three other teams. The Red Sox and Yanks were race-weary and low in enthusiasm

It is singular how the Cleveland set-up has changed. It used to be a band of heavy hitters, but very weak on the defense, especially on the infield. It always had a standout pitching staff.

The Indians of 1940 are different. Their main strength is now their defense, while

and fighting qualities when they played

they have bogged down measurably in power hitting. They still have nine-in-ning pitchers who put stuff on every ball they hurl. In the late series with Cleveland here, your agent was much impressed with the

rapid-fire keystone play of Lou Boudreau and Ray Mack, who worked miracles. Twice they engineered double-plays when it did not seem possible for them to get How fortunate it was for the Indians to get at the same time, not one, but two, young players who solved all of their in-field problems! Boudreau and Mack have replaced Crosetti and Gordon as the No.

keystone combination of the majors. These lads can hit, too. "Vitt Better Manager This Year" The Cleveland club had its third-base problem solved when Ken Keltner joined up in 1938. Hal Trosky, the veteran of the lot, came in 1933. Omitting Trosky, it took Cyril Slapnicka, the general manager, only three seasons to get a top-notch infield. Oscar Vitt has been a better man-

ager this year than before, and is quite apt to shake hands with Bill McKechnie or Leo Durocher before World's Series photographers next October. Cleveland beat the Athletics three straight games. They played the night of July 12 with the temperature below the 60 mark-the coldest July 12 anybody can remember here. It rained all during the day and there was every prospect of more rain

Frading of Barton, and Sale of Garibaldi

Come as Surprise; Infield Turned

Inside Out by Latest Moves

mento club announced two releases that

stunned the fans and added a pair of per-

Most important news of the season was

the disposal of Larry Barton, flashy first

years filling satisfactorily such large bro-

gans as those worn by Fred Mollwitz, Earl

Sheely and Dolph Camilli, Barton was

traded to Columbus of the American As-

sociation for Jack Bolling, utility first base-

Bolling played part time in Columbus,

after spending most of the 1939 season with

The second important item was the de-

parture of Art Garibaldi, veteran third

baseman, to San Diego for considerably

less than the waiver price. At first, it was

announced that Art was being optioned

to New Orleans, but the deal with San

who was sold to the St. Louis Cardinals in

1937 and returned here in 1939, when he

proved a star, failed to get going this year

and his batting slump affected his fielding,

Blattner Shifts to Second

the Cardinals meant a switch in the in-

field of the Solons. Bob Blattner, who

had been playing shortstop, is being con-

verted into a second baseman and Gene

Handley will take over Garibaldi's hot

corner when he recovers from a broken

finger. Handley, who played great ball

around second base, has actually been out

of position. He is normally a third sack-

still the club's most dangerous batsman,

Bill Curlee, a pitcher from Columbus.

was to have joined the Solons last week,

but he failed to report. Instead of com-

to West Virginia, where he is supposed

to be resting a sore arm. If Curlee re-

Manager Bennie Borgmann insists that

of Handley, Lake and Blattner, with a

new first sacker, will be the nucleus. A

complete new outfield is in prospect, since

Wiecozrek, King and Almada have failed

Johnstown Sensation Pitches

Fourth Shutout in Five Starts

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.-Bill Sample, Johns-

Sample had a string of scoreless innings

When he finished the Warren game, his

record showed that he had been scored

on in only one of the last 54 innings-the

equivalent of six complete games.

STEVE GEORGE.

to look elsewhere for a pitcher,

to fulfill expectations this year.

tant manager and pinch-hitter.

The veteran Dib Williams, who is

Acquisition of Shortstop Eddie Lake from

Diego was then put through, Garibaldi

man for the Red Birds.

the Philadelphia Nationals.

ACRAMENTO, Cal. — Conced-

ing defeat insofar as the 1940

pennant is concerned, but hope-

ful of duplicating the Solons'

playoff championship success

of the past two years by mid-

season strengthening, President

Phil Bartelme of the Sacra-

at night. Nevertheless, a crowd of 8,104 turned out. The Indians won, 1 to 0, in the greatest pitching duel seen here this season. It was Bob Feller against John Babich, and Feller took the decision, 1 to 0, by holding the Athletics to a solitary hit-a single by Dick Siebert that did not come until the eighth inning. Feller permitted only three of the home guards to reach base. Besides baseman, who had been here for three | Siebert, who singled, Brancato and Rubeling walked. Bob also fanned 13 to give him a record of 25 strikeouts in two straight

games with the Athletics. The last time Feller pitched against the A's was June 16 in the first game of a double-header in Cleveland, when he whiffed 12 Macks. In the July 12 game, Feller raised his whiff total for 1940 to 151. No other pitcher is anywhere near the

Tribe fireballer. But how about John Babich, who had a record of two straight wins over the Yankees before being nosed out by Feller? Babich pliched a wonderful game, too, holding the Indians to six hits and one run. Doubles by Ben Chapman and Lou Boudreau beat him in the third, for those blows gave the Ohio folks the only run

Benny McCoy missed his first game of he season that night. The day before, he hurt the index finger of his right hand and it was so sore Friday that Benny could not grip a bat. So. Al Rubeling guarded second and Brancato was at third. The Athletics scored their boldest coup of the year when they beat the pennanthungry Tigers in both ends of the July 14 double-header. Sam Chapman blasted two homers in the first and came back with another in the nightcap. During the afternoon he had five hits for a total of 15 bases in nine times at bat.

will be the utility infielder, coach, assis-Bartell Pulls Back Muscle In preliminary practice, Shortstop Dick A disastrous road jaunt, during which 14 Bartell, the man who has sparked the games were lost out of 23 played against: Tigers into pennant ambitions, pulled a Seattle, Portland and San Diego, brought muscle in his back. He played two in-Branch kickey out to the Coast, where nings of the first game and then retired. he gave the club the once-over. It was With Higgins already on the sidelines, the then he ordered the disposal of Gariloss of Bartell was a heavy blow. Trainer baldi and Barton and the acquisition of Carroll was unable to say how long Dick would be out.

Frank Hayes is hitting again and on July 11 he unloosed his eleventh homer of the several days because of an injury. Mack placed Simmons in left and shifted Johnson to right. Johnson was plainly at such fuses to report here, the Sacs will have a disadvantage covering right field that Mack soon restored him to left and placed Dee Miles in right. Simmons played great deals being made now are in reality part ball for the Athletics while he was covof a 1941 building program. The infield ering left field.

The Phillies have been running into bad weather in the West and when this was written they had hardly started their western trip. After one postponement they finally got started last Friday night, when they beat the Pirates under the arcs. Hugh Mulcahy did some superfine slinging, while, Mueller and Mahan were great aids in the

Before going West, the Phillies halved double-header Sunday, July 7, with the Giants. Mulcahy pitched the winner and Silas Johnson the loser. In the second game in Pittsburgh, the Phillies fought a game, uphill battle, but were finally subdued, 9 to 8, despite five

runs in the eighth. The Philadelphia baseball set was shocked by the sudden death of Mrs. Jean Lambert Quinn, wife of John Picus Quinn, the old spitball pitcher. Mrs. Quinn was

buried at her home in Pottsville, Pa., on last five starts by blanking Warren, 1 to 0. July 12. Her charming manner and cheery disposition endeared her to everybody she met

and friends realize what a loss her death Mrs. Quinn had a fall at a pienic at

campaign shows 11 victories against two Dolton, Ill., near Chicago, and when gandefeats and ten complete games in 12 grene set in, it was necessary to ampu-TULSA, Okla.—Manager Roy Johnson starts. He hiked his strikeout total to 104 tate a leg. She died from the effects of PAT MALLOY. the operation. JAMES C. ISAMINGER.

