

SURVEY of LIGHTED BALL PARKS

The Transformation of Gene Lillard Wins Success as Pitcher After Bench-Duty at Third Records of New Members in Hall of Fame

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Release of Hutch Blows Up 'Teapot Tempest' in Detroit.

"He Didn't Get Chance," Say Fans, and Club Officials Answer Boy Pitcher Needs Work to Gain Control; Denial of Attempt to Change Style

DETROIT, Mich.—Although Fred Hutchinson has gone back to a minor league job, the Detroit club continues to regard its investment in his right arm as one that will pay dividends. The fact that the expensive recruit was released to Toledo subject to recall within 24 hours is proof enough that the Tiger leaders retain faith in his potential skill. That he will return with improved control, to take his place as a winning pitcher, is the confident belief of Jack Zeller and Delmar Baker. Hutchinson was ordered to join Toledo after only one appearance on the Detroit mound. On May 2, when Yankee power set a season's record by rolling up 22 runs at Briggs Stadium, the 19-year-old Seattle youth was one of five pitchers asked to stop the carnage. He went to the box with the bases filled and none out. Before he could retire the side, nine runs crossed the plate. This was neither a fitting debut nor a fair test of Hutchinson. It was generally thought he would receive another trial, under circumstances more favorable than those imposed by a Yankee rally at its height. So, the public was unprepared for announcement of Hutchinson's transfer to Toledo the next afternoon and some criticism of the summary decision.

Hutch's Debut in A. A.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Freddie Hutchinson's debut in the American Association wasn't any more successful than it was in the American League. While Hutch only pitched two-thirds of an inning against the New York Yankees for the Detroit Tigers, May 2, when he yielded seven runs and four hits, he went in uniform for Toledo in the seven-inning nightcap of a double-header here, May 7, but lost to the Brewers, 6 to 5.

Hutchinson held Milwaukee to eight hits, but five of them were for extra bases, including Manager Mickey Heath's tenth home run of the season, another by Joe Just and doubles by Lou Novikoff, Just and Ted Gullie. Freddie finished two and walked three. Heath's homer, with one on in the fifth, decided the game.

HOLLYWOOD DEDICATES PARK WITH MOVIE POMP

Many Screen Celebrities Attend Opening Carried Out in Setting of Splendor; Treat Given Fans Day Before

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Three typical Hollywood days of fun and fanfare marked the opening of the Stars' new and cozy park. On April 27, Vice-President Bob Cobb feted the press and several members of the board of directors with an informal dinner in the American Room of the Brown Derby in Hollywood. Attending the dinner were President Victor Ford Collins, Business Manager Oscar Reichow, Secretary Richard Sheehan, Stockholder Lloyd Bacon, who also is one of the better known directors in the motion picture industry.

Norfolk Tar Manager Hurt; Skiff Takes Charge of Team

NORFOLK, Va.—Bill Skiff, second lieutenant in the Yankees' far-flung chain system, had to be called in to manage the Norfolk Tars. Skiff, who was conducting a baseball school at Newark, N. J., was ordered to report to Norfolk by George Weiss, supervisor of the Yankee farm system, when Ray White, manager of the Tars, was struck in the face by a batted ball.

The accident occurred in practice, previous to the May 4 game with the Richmond Colts. White had ordered several of the Norfolk players to Bain Field for a batting workout and had gone on the pitching mound himself. Mid-way in the workout, Paul Bearint, Norfolk's third catcher, caught one of White's pitches and threw it directly at White's head. The popular Tar skipper could not get out of the way and the ball struck him. He was taken to a hospital, where Dr. S. B. Whitlock, club physician, following X-rays, announced that White sustained a double compound fracture of the lower jaw.

HARTNETT CRACKS THE WHIP ON CUBS IN SHAKE-UP

Red Sox Flash Challenge in West Against Domination of Yanks

JOE CRONIN'S CREW PASSES REAL TEST BY WINNING ON TRIP SLUGGING AND PITCHING COMBINED IN SEVEN-VICTORY STREAK

Woody Rich Continues to Exhibit Class On Mound; Williams in Home Run Derby; Bees Also Sample First Place

BOSTON, Mass.—With both the Bees and the Red Sox getting up into first place and staying there for a while, Boston's baseball situation looked up prominently last week. Perhaps it was an unexpected honor bestowed on each club, but it was by virtue of the excellent performances that they landed on top of the league standings, even though they did not stay there. The Red Sox made their rise on the strength of seven consecutive victories on the road, while the Bees capitalized on games won at home, for not until the Cards beat them, May 2, did Casey Stengel's men suffer a defeat in Boston.

YANKS' FIRST NEW FIRST SACKER SINCE '25



ELLSWORTH (BABE) DAHLGREN

LOU GEHRIG'S decision to break his string of 2,130 games, after serving as first baseman of the New York Yankees since June 1, 1925, projected Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren into the glare of the major league spotlight as the successor to the Iron Horse.

NEWARK'S BEARS BEGIN BEARING DOWN ON TRIP

Double Win in Montreal Gives Champions Five Straight Victories; Two Earned Runs in 40 Innings Off Russo

13 Defeats—and Out

MERIDIAN, Miss.—Melburn (Butch) Simons may never have had any misgivings about the Jimmy numeral, "13," but that's all changed now.

COASTAL PLAIN PRESIDENT TAKES REST, RAY GOODMAN IN CHARGE

TARBORO, N. C.—J. B. Eure of Ayden, president of the Coastal Plain League since 1937, turned over the records of his office to Ray Goodman of Williamson, the league's vice-president, May 3, with instructions to "carry on temporarily."

THERE ISN'T A KNOCKER LEFT IN OLD KNOXVILLE

Rebuilt Smokies Hold to Steady Pace and Fans Get Flak Fever; Stubs Do Good Job When Regulars Are Hurt

NOXVILLE TENN.—The Knoxville Smokies, last-place dwellers in 1938, are the big surprise of the Southern Association this season.

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