OPENERS



Head man: Herman was a smart player.

Remembering Billy Herman

Hall of Fame second baseman Billy Herman will be remembered as a player who relied on his smarts as well as his athletic skills during 15 seasons in the National League.

Herman, named to 10 All-Star games over 15 years with the Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Pittsburgh Pirates, died of cancer Saturday in West Palm Beach, Fla. at age 83.

"He was what you called a head player." veteran sportscaster Red Barber said Sunday. "He moved around at second base more than any other player I knew. He played the hitters."

Herman, who holds the N.L. record for highest batting average in All-Star games at .433 (13 for 33), entered the majors in 1931, playing with the Cubs for 10 seasons and then joining Leo, Durocher's Brooklyn Dodgers. He played his final season with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1947.

With Dodgers teammates Joe (Ducky) Medwick, Pee Wee Reese, Pete Reiser, Dixie Walker and Whitlow Wyatt, Herman helped Brooklyn win its first pennant in 21 years before losing to the New York Yankees in the 1941 World Series.

When Herman was brought to the Dodgers, Barber said, "That was the difference in making the pennant."

Herman ended his 15-year career with a .304 average and 2,345 hits in 1,922 regular-season games. He played in four World Series, three with the Cubs (1932, '35, '38) and one with the Dodgers, but none took the championship and three of those clubs lost to the New York Yankees.

IN THIS CORNER

William Perry, 322 pounds, signed a contract that could pay him \$900,000 if he keeps off the excess weight. That's \$2,795 a pound. We realize, of course, the Bears don't pay by the pound; they pay for performance. So based on his 5.5 sacks in 1991, he's getting \$163,636 per sack. Others:

■ Warren Moon: At \$3.5 million this year, he'll make \$152,173 per 1991 touchdown pass (23).

■ Pat Swilling: At \$1.79 million, he'll make \$105,294 per 1991 sack (17).

■ Jerry Rice: At \$7 million over three years, he'll make \$166,666 per 1991 touchdown catch (14).

■ Eric Allen: At \$3.6 million over three years, he'll make \$240,000 per 1991 interception (5).

The show goes on

We note with more than a little sadness the passing of former minor league executive William G. (Perk) Purnhage.

Though Purnhage, who died recently in Indiana at the age of 83, was good enough at what he did to be chosen TSN's Minor League Executive of the Year in 1947, it was his talent for the unusual promotion that made him unique.

In stops from Owensboro, Ky., to Albuquerque, N.M., Purnhage left a mark.

Among his more Veeck-like promotions, according to the Evansville (Ind.) Courier:

At Waterloo, Iowa, in 1947, Purnhage came up with what he called his "flying saucer" stunt. He bought 5,000 paper plates, printed the team's schedule on them and hired two airplane pilots to scatter the plates over the city. He also had given away coupons for free pancake breakfasts for all fans who stayed until the end of the team's opener in '47. The catch: The temperature was near freezing.

His crowning promotion, however, was in Albuquerque in 1957 when Purnhage announced he was going to give away a baby. The game drew 4,000 and Purnhage actually produced a baby. But instead he gave away \$125 worth of meat.

Showmen such as Purnhage are all but gone from baseball today, and the game is poorer for it.

The gift not given

Calvin Peete wanted to give disadvantaged kids the opportunity to learn about golf. Unfortunately, a lack of money has made the gift an impossible one to give.

In 1989, when Peete stopped playing golf because of back and shoulder problems, he opened the Calvin Peete Golf Foundation. Its goal was to conduct junior clinics 12

times a year, exposing kids to the game. More than 15,000 youngsters have participated.

"Golf, with its honor system, is such a great character-building sport, an excellent outlet for the problems faced by inner-city kids," Peete says.



Peete

Executive Director Tina White says the foundation could barely make operating costs. And, even with help from the PGA of America, the PGA Tour, Coca-Cola, Jack Nicklaus and IBM, the foundation was still unable to survive.

"We haven't attracted dollars from corporations interested in using golf as a vehicle to give back to our youth," she says.

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TENNIS



Jim Courier began the U.S. Open as the world's No. 1-ranked men's tennis player. But what are his chances of winning the title at Flushing Meadow? If re-

cent history is any indication. Courier had better beware. Not since Ivan Lendl took the top prize in 1987 has the world's top player captured the title.

Last year, top-ranked Boris Becker lost in the third round; in 1990, Stefan Edberg lost in the first round; and in 1988 and '89 Lendl was the runner-up.

Should Courier capture the title, however, it would be his third Grand Slam victory of 1992 (after the Australian and French opens) and it would mark the first time since 1974 that an American male has won three of the four Grand Slam events. Jimmy Connors won all but the French Open in 1974.

Should Courier or one of his compatriots such as Pete Sampras or Andre Agassi capture the title, it would mark the first time since 1938 that each Grand Slam event had been won by an American male. Don Budge won all four in 1938.

TRACK & FIELD

Who is the world's fastest human? The answer may be found Saturday in Tokyo if Olympic 100-meter champion Linford Christie agrees to race world record-holder Carl Lewis.

But Christie says he'll race Lewis only if the money is right. "I'm ready to take on Lewis as long as the promoters can strike the right deal," Christie said last week. "But I take it as a matter of respect and pride that money is split 50-50 between us. After all, I don't need Lewis — I'm the Olympic champion."

Both men are entered in the meet in Tokyo, but organizers have scheduled two 100-meter races. An estimated \$500,000 has been offered for a Christie-Lewis matchup, but unless Christie gets half, he says he won't run in Lewis' race.

Since winning the Olympic gold medal in 9.96 seconds, Christie has rejected offers to race Lewis, whose world record is 9.86.

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House of cards

The Upper Deck Co., seeking to reduce royalties it pays for its pro football cards, filed a lawsuit last week in a southern California U.S. District Court against both NFL Properties and the NFL Players Association.

Upper Deck contends in the complaint, filed September 1, that it is required to pay a duplicate royalty to NFL Properties for players whose rights have been granted to them by the NFLPA.

Upper Deck, and the manufacturers of 23 other brands of NFL trading cards, have become involved in the war over licensing rights between NFL Properties and the NFLPA. One of the battles (Freeman McNeil vs. the NFL) is in the hands of a federal jury in Minneapolis.

Talk about getting caught in the cross-

GEORGE BRETT, the Royals player who announced

that 23 of the final 25 balls that go for hits on his way to

3,000 will be auctioned with the proceeds going to re-

search into finding a cure for amyotrophic lateral scle-

rosis, a fatal disease of the nervous system also

known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

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fire. Now this. The NFLPA, in a statement released last Friday, claims that Upper Deck's suit is part of an organized campaign by NFL Properties to "interfere with and harm the NFLPA logo and player licensing program."

Officials from Upper Deck or NFL Properties could not be reached for a response to the NFLPA's statement.

Who loses out in all of this? It's the collector. Upper Deck says that if the courts can't help, they'll get out of the football business.

Would Upper Deck really drop its football line? "It is not our preference, but it is an option," says Steve Poludniak, Upper Deck's director of business and legal affairs.

"If we can just figure out who controls (the rights to) who, then we're happy campers," Poludniak says. "We know who's boss — (the licensers) are the boss. We're just trying to get issues resolved."

THE ALBANY-COLONIE YANKEES, who will donate 10 percent of the ticket sales (with matching funds from the team's owners) from their first home game of the Eastern League playoffs to the widow of pitcher Jeff Hoffman, who collapsed and died recently in Binghamton, N.Y., while with the team. NBA PLAYERS who came to Baltimore last week to be trained at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to serve as AIDS-HIV peer counselors. The training session included basic education about AIDS and HIV, visits to patients with AIDS, role playing and sessions with young adult peer counselors.

By George: Brett's a hit for charity.

US, for implying that ABC's announcing its pay-perview regional college football lineup on "Monday Night Football" was a ratings gambit and something new.

The network always has announced each week's regional lineup on the NFL broadcast.

THE FIESTA BOWL, which has caused the first crack in the bowl alliance. When the alliance was announced, officials said the only way the Fiesta could get a national championship game was if the Nos. 1 and 2 teams were available. However, the coalition contract permits a team to pass up an invitation to an alliance bowl if it can make more money in another game. But bowl officials disagree on whether that means the Fiesta can create a bidding war for a potential title game that doesn't involve the top two teams in the polls.

VINCE COLEMAN, the Mets player who was ejected from two games in three days and subsequently suspended for arguing with Manager Jeff Torborg.

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No Talk, No Auto. There are some players who think they owe nothing to the game except the services they perform on the field. They consistently refuse to lend their presence to affairs to which they are invited, avoid radio assignments, evade requests for autographs and, in general, adopt the attitude of the "public be damned," not realizing that it is their own popularity and that of fellarge salaries they receive. Happily, this is not true of all performers; otherwise, there wouldn't be much of a

salary list on which they could draw. adopting such a selfish attitude was brought home, ironically and emphatically, the other day in Detroit, when all but six members of the Tigers failed to attend an automobile dealers' banquet to which they had been invited. The half-dozen players who attended found, in addition to a pen and pencil set, a certificate entitling each to a new automobile, at their plates, while those who remained away reassume that most of them stayed away | read as possible. just because they didn't want to in-

personal appearance. create for himself. Its cultivation is ments in baseball. just as much a part of the player's | We may be pardoned, therefore, for would never penetrate their skulls, but like it. there is enough common sense in the playing ranks to realize that these personal appearances are an asset to both the player and the game and should not be overlooked.

Six members of the Detroit Tigers now are enjoying the possession of new automobiles, while others of the Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: team might easily have gained the same reward, merely by a little inconvenience to themselves. We hope the lesson will sink deep into the consciousness of not only the absent

All-Star Games Point the Way. Success of All-Star games in vari-

ous leagues this season, from a standpoint of public interest, has indicated the value of intelligent promotion of attraction that gives the fans something different.

Every league that has tried these All-Star events has become enthusiastic over the possibilities and few league officials, once the plan has been tried, have any thought of abandoning the

It is true that the majors' game at Boston and that of the American Association at Milwaukee this year did not draw the anticipated crowds, but there were mitigating circumstances which made these disappointments the exception, rather than the rule. The failure of those two contests to draw larger crowds was not the fault of the games themselves, but of the way they were conducted. Such weaknesses can easily be remedied, and there is little doubt that both of these affairs will take front rank next year.

Elsewhere, All-Star games drew exceptional support. Fans in all leagues but when they get to the point of absurdity. I balk. Of course, time will be the judge, as usual, so I'll wait and see if the subconproved by their attendance that they scious is subconscious or unconscious, where welcomed the opportunity to see the cream of the talent in their loops perform together on one field. The success of the Texas League event, which attracted a throng of 10,000, set some of the club owners to thinking that if criticism because of the Cardinals' temthe All-Star contest can bring out the crowds in such a manner, there must as hard as he could to pull a deal for anothbe other new ways of stimulating fur- er winning hurler last winter or spring.

fruit. It has been repeatedly shown that baseball has lost none of its attraction for the public. Crowds of 50,000 turn out in the majors when the occasion warrants. Smaller crowds, but proportionately gratifying in size, attend a pitcher, unless it was somebody games in other communities when the fans are convinced that the spectacle by slugging more than pitching.

George Morrow, Boise, Ida. job of the club owners to determine what the public wants, and then to Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: provide such attractions. When they do so, they will find that the fans will repay their efforts.

An Appropriate Bit of Sentiment. One of the finest bits of sentiment that has come to our attention in some years was presented in Detroit, July tendance. You simply cannot keep the boys 24, when the Tigers formally raised their 1935 championship flags. The score card that day, distributed free to all patrons, carried a large photo-graph of Frank J. Navin, late president of the club, under which was printed a tribute bearing the name of Walter O. Briggs, the present president. It

read as follows: "This now historic playing field at which all Detroit has known the thrill of our national pastime; and on which imperishable glory has been won; adding to the fame of our dynamic city; was made possible by the vision and the courage of the man we honor today: Frank J. Navin. On this day, the American Association, has ended seven when the world's championship flag for which he fought so many years is a high plane raised above us, we salute him in memory and pledge anew our vow to carry on his tradition of a fighting team in a fighting city of champions. This memorial score card is presented ers for those of the Cardinals. to you as a souvenir of this day, with

the compliments of the Detroit Baseball Club."

that could be made elsewhere in mem- Park, St. Louis,

ory of those, now departed, who have | made notable contributions to the game. There are club presidents and league heads who deserve similar tributes and who might fittingly be honored in a like manner.

Furthermore, the idea conceived by the Detroit club could be carried out for the benefit of the living. Throughout the course of the season there are days for various notables of the game. Why not use the score card idea of making the event even more mpressive? Print a picture of the day's honored hero, together with his record, on the card, thus making it a lasting souvenir of the occasion.

A growing need in baseball today is wider cultivation of the personal element. It existed in the past, because the spectators and players were closer together. The fans did not sit so far away from the field, the players mingled to a greater extent with the public, both during and after the game, and a closer spirit of fellowship prevailed between them. For reasons best known to themselves, but not thoroughly understood by the layman, the game's officials have sought to place barriers between the fans and the players, especially on the field, and the result has tended to make the game a more impersonal affair, with 18 automatons, represented by the players, parading before the eyes of the spectators.

The Detroit management is to be congratulated for the original manner in which they marked their flag-raising day and for the appropriate tribute rendered to the man who played a leadlow players that make possible the ing part for so many years in the baseball affairs of the city.

Their action is deserving of the attention of other clubs as one of several means by which a greater degree The loss sometimes sustained in of personal element can be restored to the game.

The Eyes Have It.

Ever so often-dependent upon the state of the pocketbook and one's pride in his personal appearance-most of us step out in new togs. THE SPORT-ING NEWS is happy to call attention to its new dress, adopted after considerable thought as to typographical requirements, which includes the necesceived nothing. A few of the absentees sity of presenting as much news as may have had legitimate excuses for possible in each edition and the desirnot being present, but it is safe to ability of making its news as easy to

The result is a much clearer type convenience themselves by making a that is easier on the eyes, with little sacrifice in the amount of news pre-It should not be necessary to offer sented. It is the second change in bribes of automobiles, or other gifts, dress within the past few years, both to lure ball players out of their shells. | made with a view to adding to our They should be glad to come into clos- readers' comfort and pleasure. Along er contact with their public or to with this, THE SPORTING NEWS has, for grasp any opportunity that will help the past year, printed more pages for to propagate the game. Good will is each issue than ever before in its hissomething that cannot be bought and, tory, always keeping abreast of the

work as his play on the field and he a natural feeling of pride in our new ought to realize that fact. Of course, dress and a desire to call your attensome heads are so thick that this idea tion to the changes. We hope you

VOICE the FAN

AN ALL-STAR CHAIN GANG. Here are my selections for an All-Star league outfit made up exclusively farms: Weintraub, Rochester, first base; Cuccinello, Rochester, second base; Gut-teridge, Columbus, third base; Brown, Roch-Tigers, but of members of all other field; Mills, Rochester, center field; South, Springfield, right field; Owen, Columbus, and Manual Columbus, Springfield, right field; Owen, Columbus, Owen, Owen, Columbus, Owen, Owen, Owen, Columbus, Owen, Columbus, Owen, Columbus, Owen, and Narron, Sacramento, catchers; Weiland, Murray, Kleinke, all of Rochester; McGee, Macon, Freitas, Potter, all of Columbus, Lyons and Cvengros, of Houston, pitchers; Morgan, Columbus, and Rizzo and Schuble, Houston, utility men; Blades, Rochester, dered blind and partly paralyzed for manager; Shotton, Columbus, coach. three months. This roster looks better than a host of clubs in the second division in the majors the game by occasionally providing an and in one league better than those in the third and fourth brackets of the first division. * * * Yours for a boost to the minor league players on the Cards' "chain gang" who if turned loose as a club picked above would even make the parent Gas Housers turn on the gas. STEWART P. LEWIS, JR.,

736 Washington Street, Easton, Penn.

CAN'T SEE WHAT SEER SEES. Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: The Mr. Lord who recently did a little crystal gazing in the Voice of the Fan thinks the Giants will win the Naional League pennant this year. He must be a believer in miracles, for he not only picks the Giants, but goes on to say that realize that if Mickey Cochrane is unable to continue with his managing the club has Del Baker, who ran the Bengals so efficienty when Mickey was laid up recently? Besides, how could St. Louis afford to let Hornsby go when he is the man that is seeping the Browns in the league? Now, as to the Giants, the standing of the clubs just about tells their fate. * I would like to respect this man's prophecies,

Mr. Lord is a guesser or a Solomon. ANGELO A. CALA, 1296 Clifford Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

RISES TO RICKEY'S DEFENSE. Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: . Branch Rickey is coming in for some porary pitching troubles. It seems that there are some who think he did not try ther interest in the game. It is only cause Rickey let Tex Carleton go to the hoped that the experience will bear Cubs and had Columbus sell Bill Lee to the same club. Carleton was not a great pitcher with the Cards and Lee just about broke even in his first scason as a Cub. Rickey has five sluggers who will drive more runs across the plate than any other National League club, in the two Martins, Medwick, Collins and Mize. I, personally, would not trade any one of these men for another Dizzy Dean or Carl Hubbell, Besides, this season's race is apt to be decided

> RADIO MAKES FUTURE FANS. The boys of today are the fans of tomorrow because the radio is making them baseball minded and keeping up their interest in the sport. Being in charge of 35 youngsiers between 12 and 15 years of age, I know that broadcastng of major league games cannot injure attendance because it ias a tendency to build up for the future. Nor do I agree that putting the big league games on the air hurts minor league at-

away from the Toledo ball park when the Mud Hens are playing at home.
Incidentally, The Sporting News would make a hit if it gave the fans the origin recently published on the American League?

GENEVIEVE COUSINEAU,

2327 Cherry street, Toledo, O.

CONGRATS TO GEORGE TRAUTMAN. Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: You may remember how hard I battled to convince the International League, when I was with Newark, that a ball game should be of nine innings' duration. I did the same in Harrisburg and became thoroughly unpopular with rival club officials because demanded that the second game of doubleheaders go the full distance and not be cut. * * Now, George Trautman, president of inning contests with an official order. Fine business. Let's keep the grand old game on

JACK POTTER, New York, N. Y. OVER THE EXCHANGE COUNTER. LOUIS MORRIS, Rathbun, Ia., would like

DIAMOND GLINTS :. By Al Demaree





WY BUSH wouldn't autograph a Bos- | freak under-handed delivery. They did day at the major parks.

incipient appendicitis. . . . Connie Mack makes the umpires keep Del Baker back of the lines in the concher's box, thus reducing the possibility of the signal thief stealing the catcher's finger code when the A's are playing the Tigers. . . . Should Luke Appling win the batting championship in the American League, he'll be the first shortstop to turn the trick in the history of the junior major.

head into the umpires' room at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis the other day and asked: "How are you fellows working today?" "Damned good," was Brick Owens' answer. What Jim wanted to know was at what bases Brick and his confederates would be stationed. . . . In 1932, Frank Gabler, Giants' pitcher, was hit on the head by a line drive when working for Kansas City and ren-

Yanks?" someone asked Tom, Yawkey before he bundled his Red Sox on an airliner from St. Louis to Chicago. "I guess, we'll have to take them up in a plane and drop them," was the answer. . . . Ray Schalk is about to in-

champion Red Sox of 1916 and rated the the Phils, is headed for a sharp cut. Rogers Hornsby will manage the Detroit led the league, with .386, had two of 'em, Tigers next season. • • Doesn't Mr. Lord Hooper and Lewis, one each. . . . Umps Hooper and Lewis, one each. . . . Umps McGowan has missed only one day's

work in 12 seasons. following song hit parade:

"King of Swing"-Jimmy Foxx. "Lost"-Vernon Gomez.

"On Your Toes"-Twink Selkirk. "I Was Lucky"—Augie Galan, "River Man"—Lou Gehrig. "Cross Patch"-Lefty Grove.

and Giants.

ringer. "There's No Substitute for You"-Bill Terry.

Jimmy Dykes tries to keep Appling worried. . . . Luke plays better ball when he frets. . . . Tony Lazzeri sticks to his pipe despite Joe McCarthy's indictment that the rosewood bowl makes a player look "too smug and complacent." . . . "We want a homer," came the chant from the kids in the left field stand at Sportsman's Park as Solters went to bat. "You've got one up there umpiring," shouted Earl R. J., STILLWATER, MINN.: JACK Whitehill, through cupped hands. Even Burns joined the Detroit Americans, April

wise cracks, laughed. rates after this year. . . . Retirement is 165 pounds. He was born May 1, 1915. who, by the way, blames the officials for his sore arm because they did not meet his terms until spring training was nearly over. Paul's real trouble is in the "haid." Thought he had T. B., which he didn't. Then insisted his ticker was on the bum. which it wasn't.

When the boys began to gallop on the paths on Ken O'Dea they chased him right out of the Cubs' line-up. . . . Seventeen thousand saw an All-Star team from the Ban Johnson League in Kansas City play a selected aggregation from another K. C. muny league at Muchlebach Field the other night and the Salvation Army picked up \$5,000 for its fresh air camp for kids and ice

Stu Martin will be more careful next time. . . . Brooklyn officials are toying with the idea of lights at the Ebbets pasture. . . . The other afternoon Julius Solters took a birdie right through the middle for a called strike. Then whiffed. . . When he returned to the outfield a bleacherite shouted: "You big stiff, why didn't you hit that first one?" "Yes, and get

that guy isn't lying about his age, I might | accept that challenge," smiled Auker, The other day the Michigan Sheriffs'

Association presented Mickey Cochrane with a gold badge, making him an honorary member of the organization. . . . Which reminded Harry Heilmann, the old Tiger bomber, that he received a similiar honor some years ago. "I was very proud of that badge," related Harry. "It made me feel important and secure. One morning I went to play golf and stayed longer than I should. Driving back to Navin Field, I noticed at Eight Mile Road and Gratiot that it was 1:20. Since we were due to hit at 1:30, I began to step on the gas. I must have been going 60 miles an hour when a speed cop caught up with me. 'Don't annoy me, officer,' I said, flashing my sheriff's badge. In half a minute, I knew I had made the wrong move. He took one look at the thing and bellowed: 'I hadn't meant to give you a ticket until you pulled that badge on me. Now I'm gonna run you in.' I wound up at the McClellan street sta-

Warren Giles, Rochester generalissimo, recently named president pro tem of the nati Reds in those circus-effect night Int. loop, is reported headed for a major games. The Reds permit the customers berth next year. Maybe Brooklyn. . vest \$125,000 in a new recreation center in Donic Bush, Minneapolis manager, has encroaching on the outfielders' domain. Chicago, featuring 21 bowling alleys. . . . never asked Mike Kelley for a contract, A. L. hitters will tell you the snap is gone | the spoken word binding all their financial from Lefty Gomez' fast ball. . . . Speak- dealings. . . . They say Jimmy Wilson, who er, Lewis and Hooper, members of the is getting around 17 grand as manager of baseball folks will regret to the end of

S. R. J., ALBANY, N. Y.: THERE IS NO record of an Al Calvert in Organized Ball

J. S., ROCKFORD, ILL.: COMMUNICATE | tion. with major or minor league club relative

R. L., CHICAGO, ILL..: JOE JACKSON was not a right-handed batter, but a left-

C. R. B., PROVIDENCE, R. I.: SORRY but question cannot be answered unless made more explicit. M. S., BELLE VERNON, PA.: HY CRAFT

Jonessen last season, are unknown. R. S., ENDICOTT, N. Y.: LEE KING, AT

outfielder, was with the Philadelphia Nationals in 1921 and 1922. Baltimore finished S. M., BAY CITY, MICH.: HILARY ZUM

mer, a pitcher, was with Joplin in the Western Association, a Boston Red Sox farm club, in 1934, and with Charleston in where those of us who are paid to 'exthe Piedmont League in 1935,

Jack Quinn, the umps and target of the Hank Greenberg of Detroit was batting .348. Other information not available, J. G., MILWAUKEE, WIS.: PITCHER

James Nelson started with Hollywood in 1935; Omaha, 1935; Muskogee, 1936. He lives at 1736 North Fifty-seventh street, Milwaukee; is six feet two inches tall and weighs W. W. L. HARRISBURG, ILL.: UP TO

July 20, Pitcher Curt Davis of the Chicago Nationals was credited with nine victories and eight defeats for his season's work. With the Phillies, prior to being traded to Chicago, Davis was credited with three victories and six defeats. J. P. S., COQUILLE, ORE.: THE RECORD of making the longest throw in the major

leagues is credited to Sheldon Lejeune. when a member of the Cincinnati Reds, who freight, have as much right to jeer as to lossed a ball 426 feet 91/2 inches, October 12, 1910. There are no records kept of the farthest hit balls in the major or minor W. C., ST. ALBANS, VT.: GOOSE GOSlin hit safely in 11 consecutive games this

season. Goslin was charged with his first error of the 1936 season, May 23. Up to August 3, the Goose was charged with eight runs with the bases loaded since he has been in the major leagues, C. R. B., PROVIDENCE, R. I.: ERNIE

Johnson, Boston American scout, was an infielder in his playing days. He started his career with Dubuque, 1911; Chicago fined 50 bucks, eh!" rejoined the Brownie 15; St. Louis Federals, 1915; awarded to St. Americans, 1911-12-13; Los Angeles, 1914-

Scribbled by ScribeS

LIMINATE bottles from the stands and most of the trouble with spectators showering umpires will cease, asserts Lloyd Lewis, sports editor of the Chicago Daily News, who does not believe the problem will be solved simply by condemning the fans.

"What the officials of Organized Ball are now doing in respect to the stoning of poor Mr. Summers, the umpire, is what guardians of the law generally do when some calamity calls sudden attention to a bad condition at Comiskey Park," averred Lewis, in commenting on the injury of the umpire by a thrown bottle in Chicago. They set up a great hullaballoo about the hoodlumism in the people, about the rats who undermine American institutions and public opinion is distracted from the real wrong, which lies not, in this case at least, with the public so much as with the commercial interests in baseball parks.

"Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis would have looked nobler to this department if he had rolled up his shirtsleeves and started spanking pop-bottle vendors un-der the White Sox' grandstand, instead of howling epithets at the fans who had only owned in his matrimonial heyday. shown unwarrantable amounts of the has been invited to regard baseball as its cannot fool. own game. The public pays money to be lengue baseball. "Baseball is not a science, nor an art;

it is not even altogether a sport—it is an emotion. Unemotional people do not like baseball. It is easy, under these conditions, for vast throngs of people to get irate at umpires. This has been true for 50 years. Umpires understand this; they accept it when they ask for their jobs. When the players quit disputing decisions and when the people quit protesting against what they, in their passionate state, think is 'robbery,' there will be no more baseball. Foolishly, they include bottles in their comments. "But who was it that, knowing all these

inclinations of baseball fans in general and the state of mind of the baseball fans in particular, allowed the pop bottles to be

"The Glants, Dodgers and Yankees

draw no color line," comments Jimmy Powers of the New York Daily News, "but not one of these clubs has the courage to sign a colored player, Owner McKeever at Brooklyn said he knew of no outstanding athlete. At the moment, his cellar-bound Dodgers were playing to 14,000 admissions, while around the corner at Dexter Park, the Pittsburgh Crawfords, led by the brilliant Satchel Paige, were playing to 19,000, and twice beating the Bushwicks. Casey Stengel said: 'Listen, I am so desperate I will play Joe Cook and his Four Hawallans.' Owner Stoneham of the Giants said in ten years colored stars will distinguish themselves in the big leagues. The Yankees, through Secretary Ed Barrow, declared there is a rule preventing the signing of sand-lot players. This could be beaten, he said, by signing a colored player to a Yankee farm first. Then Mr. Barrow said he didn't wish to be

Though commending the White Sox for refusing to permit an overflow into the playing field, Warren Brown of the Chicago Herald and Examiner saw in the incident at the Sox-Yankee double-header, when 50,000 persons were jammed into Comiskey Park and the umpires were showered with missiles, a warning to baseball authorities against overcrowding. "Baseball authority does not allow a

play," declares Brown, "so it seems logical

game in the regular season can be just as of the Yankees gave high rating to so important as one in the World's Series. unimpressive a batter as Oscar Melillo But it remained for the White Sox to be of the Red Sox, who isn't even a regular the first to show that there is a feeling any more. of sportsmanship in baseball overshadowing the urge for all possible gate money. "The worst offending club in the mat- Billy Herman No Cousin! ter of crowds on the field are the Cincinto camp right next to third base, besides One of these days, in a heated pennant race, when a crowd is permitted on the field, there will come an uprising that their days. It could have happened at Chicago. Will the other crowd-loving clubs take the hint, before it is too late?'

Taking to task the scribes who criticize the Boston Red Sox for failure to live up to the glowing spring notices produced by the writers, Harold Kaese of the Boston Evening Transcript points out that it is the experts themselves who have made the biggest mistake in the Boston situa-

"That the Red Sox' slump has been prolonged because of an unsympathetic press and an unfriendly fan attitude was the thought expressed to the writer by one of Boston's more famous baseball erans," declares Kaese.

"Instead of meeting the Red Sox players on friendly terms, most of the writers now remain in the cool confines of the retired press box, where they gloat in the s with El Dorado in the Cotton States shadows and dart witticisims at the Red League. Whereabouts of McDanlels, with Sox players, like ordinary fans. Or they Sox players, like ordinary fans. Or they sit cozily behind typewriters and rap out keen-edged phrases for the public to read, about the very same men they advertised as probable championship units three fifth and Milwaukee in eighth place in the months ago. For one of the ironies of the American League in 1901. present situation is that the biggest mistake of the Red Sox season to date was made neither in the front office, nor on the playing field, but in the press box, pert' wrote that the Red Sox loomed large as winners of the pennant."

Dan Parker of the New York Daily Mirror writes: "Eddie Brannick says Terry Moore, the Cardinals' speedster, is the best center fielder he ever saw in the National League-a statement which comes under the heading of high praise indeed, as Eddie has been looking 'em over a long time. . . . Fred Frankhouse, Brooklyn pitcher, formerly was a nifty outfielder for Syracuse in the International League. . . . Johnny Vergez, former Giants' third baseman, is likely to be back in the big show next year."

The first boos ever given Charley Gehringer in Detroit not only failed to disturb him, but brought out that the Tiger infield star feels that the fans, who pay the cheer, according to Sam Greene of the Detroit News. In describing the attitude of the veteran Bengal second baseman, Greene reports: "When asked what he thought of the

changing sentiment of Detroit baseball patrons that asserted itself in boos for himself as well as other members of the misplays. His fielding average, up to Au- world champions, Gehringer replied: 'Well, gust 3, was .952. There is no record of the they pay their \$1.65, or whatever it is, and number of times that Goslin has hit home they can do as they please. If they feel booing, that's all right with me. Just so he had never, until recently, heard the his value to the club, or cutting down his home runs. If they want to boo me, that's

hree and Une Looking them over with

Major League Hurlers Nominate No. 1 Batting Enemies

TOW MANY of you are old enough to recollect that song which the then they rush about with their shirt-tails afire, offering rewards for the capture of the vil- around the vaudeville circuits of 30 years ago? It ran something like around the vaudeville circuits of 30 years ago? It ran something like this, "He's a cousin of mine, he's a cousin of mine!" Although it's doubtful whether a single pitcher now in the majors ever heard that ditty, even as a toddler, they all know that line in the chorus, "He's a cousin of mine" -- and it's their favorite song. For if it wasn't for those synthetic relatives, the hurlers of the majors would have a very difficult time, indeed, with the hitters-in fact, much too difficult to make pitching at all lucrative or attractive.

In the argot of the diamond, a cousin is a softle. The hitter whom the pitcher fools most easily is his cousin. The pitcher whom the batsman finds easiest to hit is his cousin. The two leagues are loaded with more cousins than Brigham Young ever

Yes, there are cousins! But there are also the exact opposites. The ball player has

in American League-

Charley Gehringer, Tigers . . . 11

Lou Gehrig, Yankees..... 9

Bill Dickey, Yankees 6

Earl Averill, Indians...... 3

Tony Lazzeri, Yankees..... 2

Luke Appling, White Sox 2

Mickey Cochrane, Tigers.... 1

Hank Greenberg, Tigers 1

Oscar Melillo, Red Sox..... 1

Joe Vosmik, Indians..... 1

Al Simmons, Tigers.....

Bob Johnson, Athletics..... 1

Julius Solters, Browns..... 1

Hal Trosky, Indians......

spirit which baseball has always encour- no name for that tribe. We might call them the mothers-in-law of baseball. Every aged and upon which it lives. For more hitter in the majors has a certain bogey man among the hurlers-some particular than a half-century the American public slinger he simply cannot touch. Every pitcher has a certain hitter whom he simply Your pitchers and your hitters are not, as a rule, backward about admitting their allowed to show its partisanship or loyalty, difficulties. However, the writer could not get the pitchers to discuss the hitters whom

if you please. The public likes to taunt they were proud to own as cousins. Nor could we get the hitters to talk about the the enemy and cheer the home-town boys. hurlers whom they found easiest to wallop, particularly in the clutch. But when it If it didn't, there would be no major got down to getting the pitchers to air their difficulties with hitters, that was easy. And it was no trouble to pry information from hitters about the tremendous baffling qualities of divers shooters. All Toughest Hitters

in all, we believe that it makes a most interesting symposium for the fans.

Charley Gehringer Is No. 1

OING right through the National and American leagues, quizzing pitchers whose views are likely to prove most interesting to the fan, and whose period of service in the majors is long enough to make their information of value, the writer found that Charley Gehringer, second baseman of the Detroit club, was voted the toughest Second place goes to another Ameri-

can leaguer—Lou Gehrig of the Yankees. There is a tie for third between a brace of National leaguers-Paul Waner of Pittsburgh and Joe Medwick of the Car-American League pitchers mentioned

14 players whom they knew, from sour experience, to be very tough in the clutch. National League hurlers spread the distinction among 16, so that in all, only 30 men figured in the canvass. The names of the players ticketed as dangerous hombres are somewhat surprising. Gehringer tops the poll with 11 votes, while Gehrig has nine and P. Waner and

Medwick own eight each. There is a tie for fifth place, at six votes, between Billy Herman of the Cubs and Bill Dickey of the Yankees. Of course, right-handed pitchers/generally pick one type of hitter-the lefthander. Southpaw hurlers usually nominate the lads who do their batting in a right-handed way.

Four of Six Topnotchers Left-Handed

MINCE the pitching of the major leagues is so predominantly right-handed, such sluggers as Gehringer, Gehrig, Paul Waner and Dickey socking from the first base end of the plate, it is only natural that most of the places among the top six should go to left-handed hitters. It is a tremendous tribute, therefore, to Medwick and Herman, as right-handed hitters, to get so high and impressive a rating from the right-handed hurling fraternity.

What struck the writer most forcibly in compiling this ranking of hitters was the astonishing fact that not a single pitcher in the American League named Jimmy Foxx of the Red Sox as a truly dangerous socker in the clutch.

For some years, Foxx has been one of the outstanding home run stars of the game. One season he fell only four short of Babe Ruth's all-time home run mark of 60. Foxx has won the most valuable player prize twice. In 1933, he copped the American League batting championship. Yet not one hurler in the league gave the accolade to Jim.

And here is still another astonishing feature of the poll. Until recently, Goose Goslin has been at the head of the runs-driven-in column in the majors. A lefthanded, long-distance hitter, he should merit the respect of many pitchers in his circuit. But nobody on a club other than the Tigers stepped up to place the walloping laurel on the brow of the Goose.

crowd on the field during World's Series And despite the record made by Hank Greenberg last season, only Wesley Ferthat a crowd should not be allowed on rell mentioned him as a truly dangerous the field in a regular season, since one hitter. On the other hand, Lefty Gomez

T ET US go over the evidence as presented by the major league pitchers—their ratings of the toughest hitters in the clutch and their choices for most dangerous batsmen on their own particular teams. We will start with the National League and give the No. 1 distinction to Carl Hubbell of the Giants. the greatest left-hander in either circuit. Take it from Screwball Carlo, Billy Herman of the Cubs is the toughest hombre

"I had no particular trouble with Herman until 1935." Hubbell declares. "At least, I gave him no special thought until two seasons back. Herman is hard to

fool. He will shift his stance, pull some little trick, move up on the plate or step behind it. Yes, Bill has given me some headaches." "Jimmy Collins of the Cardinals is the biggest problem for me," said Hal Schumacher, right-hander of the Giants. "When his club needs it most, Ripper somehow

manages to drive one past me.' Carl and Hal gave the accolade to Mel Ott as the bird they liked to see at the plate when the Giants needed a hit to win. Freddy Fitzsimmons said that Camilli of the Phillies gave him the most trouble. As

for picking the best guy in a pinch, Ferocious Fred ducked. He split the distinction among so many that it became no distinction at all.

SKED whom they preferred to see at the plate when a hit was needed, Cub pitchers replied in unison, "Herman or Hartnett." As for the toughest hitters of other clubs, they split with two votes for Joe Medwick, two for Travis Jackson and one for Paul Waner. Larry French and Bill Lee named Jackson, while

in the clutch. Quizzed about the most dangerous clutch-hitter on their own team, the slingers of the Clan Dressen made a unanimous and vociferous decision "Ernie Lombardi,

On the Boston Bees, Danny MacFayden voiced the greatest respect for Joe Moore of the Giants. Ben Cantwell picked Ott, also of the Giants, and Jim Chaplin identi-

HE pitchers of the Cardinals were not very loquacious on the subjects of the poll. The great Dizzy Dean said that his greatest worry with a man on was Billy Herman. On his own team, he most preferred Pepper Martin in a pinch. Paul Dean made some rather unusual responses. "The birds who have hit me hardest are Ival Goodman of the Reds and Hank Leiber of the Giants," Paul chuckled. "And hold your breath-when I need a run, and we have somebody on second, the guy

Frisch as his Cardinal choice. And old Jess Haines, who has seen 'em come and go for years, said "Paul Waner, among the other lads, and whoever happens to be hot that day among our own hitters." Fair enough! Moving into the Pittsburgh clubhouse, we discover that Buck Jordan of the Bees

is the most terrific problem with which Jim Weaver has to contend. "No matter what I pitch, that bird pickles it, and I don't know why," said Little Jimmy. "On our own outfit, give me Suhr in the clutch." Jim also gave a vote to Fred Schulte, against Cy Blanton said that the man he fears most is Bill Terry, manager of the Giants.

Bill Swift voted for Herman of the Cubs, and for Suhr, among his own teammates. Ralph Birkofer, Corsair southpaw, designated Lombardi, Joe Moore and Frank Demaree, in the order named, as his most difficult opposition. Birkofer picked Suhr as the most valuable Pirate in the clutch. It seems odd that the pitchers fear Paul Waner,

Earnshaw Had Trouble With Joe Medwick

EFORE George Earnshaw moved from the Dodgers to the Cardinals, he voted for Joe Medwick as the toughest hombre in the league. Van Lingle Mungo said that they can do as they please. If they feel like Joe Medwick as the toughest hombre in the league. Van Lingie Mungo said that like cheering, that's fine. If they feel like he hated to pick any particular man. They were all tough, Van insisted. Of he hated to pick any particular man. course, that was the stock phrase encountered by the writer and his operators they have a good time is all that matters.' right down the line. When pressed to think and pick one individual, Mungo said, "Gehringer was reminded that, in ten "Paul Waner. He refuses to go for bad balls. Medwick is my No. 2 problem. On our years of service with the Detroit club, own club, I'd rather see Jim Bucher than anybody else when I need a hit to win." Ed Brandt, Brooklyn southpaw, said that Gabby Hartnett gave him the most

that pop and beer bottles must go in tle, 1929 through 1932; scout, Boston Ameriall right. They used to boo, Babe Ruth and Orville Jorgens picked Joe Medwick and Johnny Moore.

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ton Bee contract until Bill McKech- the same to Ad Liska, Washington, some nie promised him he would be al- years back, moving up to the front of the lowed to start games. He's sour on batter's box to meet the break of the ball. once obtained, is one of the most val- current news and keeping its readers the trouble-shooting job, such as he had Incidentally, Auker has been receiving uable possessions an individual can informed of all worthwhile develop- with Pittsburgh. . . . Hal Schumacher some harsh letters from disgruntled Tiger doesn't like to have Dick Bartell play fans. One recent epistle asked him: "Why short for the Giants when he's pitching. don't you go back home?" Another was He'd rather have Mark Koenig in there. from a man who said he was 70 and want-. Knitting is becoming a fad on dame- | ed to punch the pitcher on the nose. "If | George Moriarty's current worry is

Jim (Post-Dispatch) Gould poked his

HAT are you going to do about the

greatest outfield trio of all time, hit exactly four homers among them. Speaker, who

G. L. C., Johnstown, Pa., offers the "Those Foolish Things" - Brooklyn

"Welcome Stranger"—Connie Mack.

"The Martins and the Coys"-Cards "Swing Me. Charley"-Charley Geh-

"Something Came and Got Me In the Spring"-Joe Stripp.

LOYD (LITTLE POISON) WANER, well entrenched behind a stack of greenbacks, finds the game beginning to pall on him and may quit the Pi-

slugger.

his memorial score card is presented his present the following ball parks, Navin Field, Detroit Base the possibilities manager, Portland, 1926-27-28; manager, Seath manager, Portland, 1926-27-28; manager, Seath manager, Portland, 1926-27-28; manager, Seath manager, Seath manager, Seath his present time. Scouts are the interest of safety to umpires, play the the interest of safety to umpires, play- cans, 1933 until present time. Scouts are when he was in his prime without hurting

Toughest Hitters in National League-

Paul Waner, Pirates...... 8 Joe Medwick, Cardinals..... 8 Billy Herman, Cubs...... 6 Joe Moore, Giants...... 2 Baxter Jordan, Bees 2 Travis Jackson, Giants..... 2 Gabby Hartnett, Cubs...... 1 Mel Ott, Giants...... 1 Hank Leiber, Giants 1 Ival Goodman, Reds...... Ernie Lombardi, Reds..... Gus Suhr. Pirates....

Dolph Camilli, Phillies Bill Terry, Giants! 1 Frank Demarce, Cubs...... 1 Jimmy Collins, Cardinals 1

Medwick, Jackson and P. Waner, Tough for Cub Hurlers

Lon Warneke and Curt Davis voted for Medwick, and Charley Root boosted Waner. Waner got two more votes on the Cincinnati club, from Paul Derringer and Bill Hallahan. Bill, of course, is a left-hander, yet the left-handed Big Pizen gave him most trouble. Al Hollingsworth said that Herman was his most serious perplexity

schnozz and all."

fied his No. 1 pest as Gus Suhr of the Pirates, with a side bow to Paul Waner. Wally Berger and Tony Cuccinello got the admiration votes of the Boston slingers Dizzy Dean's Chief Worry

I most admire to see at that plate is—Leo Durocher." Roy Parmelee picked Paul Waner as the toughest of the opposition and Frankie

while his own teammates figure Suhr most likely to come through!

hoots of the grandstand. 'I suppose I was trouble, with Medwick the second best in the clutch. He nominated Joe Stripp as the Louis Americans in peace agreement, 1916-lucky to escape so long, said the veteran magnates at the December meetings manager. Portland 1928-27 29: manager that no and her better that Questioning the pitchers of the Phillies, the writer found that Bucky Walters voted it make? Better ball players than I have for Buck Jordan and Jimmy Wilson; Sylvester Johnson picked Medwick and Johnny been booed plenty and seemed to get along Moore, Klein or Camilli; Joe Bowman nominated Billy Herman and Johnny Moore;

So much for the hurlers of the National League. Have you noticed that no pitcher picked Arky Vaughan, 1935 batting champion of the circuit, as his "toughest?"

SURVEY of LIGHTED BALL PARKS

Wattage Used and Size of Fields Shown-Page 5 The Transformation of Gene Lillard Wins Success as Pitcher After Bench-Duty at Third Records of New Members in Hall of Fame The Sase porting News the world

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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;



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 or 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 action developed. In reply, the Tiger management cited Hutchinson's lack of control as a batting practice pitcher, a fault that deterred Baker from using him before the Yankees of those desperate situations that justify risk. His wildness was again evident and cemented the decision to send him to Toledo without delay. Yankee base hits

were of secondary consideration. "He should get plenty of work at Toledg" said Baker. "That's what he needs to regain control and we haven't been able to give it to him up here."

Lelivelt's Charges Denied. The strongest protest against the release of Hutchinson was delivered by Jack Lelivelt, manager of the Scattle club, from which Detroit obtained the young righthander last winter. In an interview on the Coast, Lelivelt was quoted as saying that Tiger coaches or scouts had tampered with Hutchinson's delivery, with the result that he lost control and effectiveness.

This was denied by both Zeller and inderstand Hutchinson's case.

"No effort at all was made to change Iutch's delivery," they chorused. "He loes have a peculiar wind-up, but we all

"There is nothing wrong with the boy, except that he did feel himself under presure. He thought everybody expected him o strike out a lot of batters because of ight at Toledo and come back to us before ed them in the opener.

Pinky Higgins from Beaumont, where him out of the Boston series. e had been nursing a spiked heel and

HOLLYWOOD DEDICATES

PARK WITH MOVIE POMP

Many Screen Celebrities Attend Opening

Carried Out in Setting of Splendor;

Treat Given Fans Day Before

ner in the American Room of the Brown

Derby in Hollywood. Attending the din-

ner were President Victor Ford Collins,

Business Manager Oscar Reichow, Secre-

tary Richard Sheehan, Stockholder Lloyd

Bacon, who also is one of the better known

directors in the motion picture industry;

Radio Announcers Mike Frankovich and

Then, the House Caved In.

Beavers started scoring runs with amazing

rapidity and Cobb forgot about the dinner

warming," when all fans were invited to

night before the actual opening. Every-

peanuts, popcorn, hot dogs and soda pop.

Frankovich of Radio Station KECA and

Bolton of KNX acted as masters of cere-

for an hour and 15 minutes, the last quar-

Gee and Molly, Stu Erwin, June Collyer,

OLLYWOOD, Cal.—Three typi-

cal 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 sev-eral members of the board of

directors with an informal din-

Denial Made of Attempt to Change Style

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 yielder seven runs and four hits, he went the route for Toledo in the seven-inning nightcap of a doubleheader 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 Gullic. Freddie fanned two and walked three. Heath's homer, with one on in the fifth, decided

taking exercise with the Tiger farm hands. With the wound entirely healed and his Baker, who pointed out that Lelivelt was weight down to 190 pounds, Higgins was ,000 miles away and hardly in position to almost ready to jump into the regular lineup. Meanwhile, he made his first appearance of the championship season in a Tiger uniform by going to the plate as the way and get credit for the victory a pinch-hitter against his old teammates, hange it might do more harm than out a single that many drawe and the first of the out a single that momentarily kept alive the first of the seventh, and the chilly a threatening rally.

The rally, however, fell one run short of tying the score and Detroit dropped its third straight game to the Sox. The three defeats followed two by the Yankees. And he big money paid for him. He'll do all then the Athletics came to town and maul-

he end of the season."

The Tigers are in second division, but see hope ahead with the return of Higgins quad to the 25-man limit, but it was in- and the recovery of Tommy Bridges from reased almost immediately by the arrival a cold that settled in his neck and kept

Big Sunday in Majors

The biggest total crowd of the season for one day turned out for games in the two majors, May 7, with an estimated attendance of 172,000 for that Sunday. Hindered by adverse weather conditions, the 16 openers, spread over many days, had attracted only 289,917.

New York and Chicago drew the biggest crowds on May 7, 36,005 seeing the Cubs and Giants in action at the Polo Grounds and 35,000 going to Comiskey Park to watch the New York Yankees and White Sox. The Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals were next, with 27,318 at Ebbets Field, followed by Pittsburgh at Boston, with 21,336. Other figures of the day were: Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 18,046; Philadelphia at Detroit, 16,229; Washington at Cleveland, 10,000, and Boston at St. Louis, 8,205.

Norfolk Tar Manager Hurt;

Joe Bolton, and Sports Writers Bob Hunter of the Examiner, Bob Ray of the Times, Bill Henry of the Times, Bob Myers of the Associated Press, Sid Ziff of the Evening Herald and Ken Frogley of the Daily News. The highlight of the party was Bob himself, who has become the original "sophomore" of baseball, "dying" every time his team loses a game.

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System, nad to be caned in to manage three and two pitch on top of the Norfolk at the worth's team, 7 to 5, before the largest point where the ball landed and it was inaugural day gathering in that city since easily 340 feet from the plate.

Billy the Kid was replaced in 1931, the moved wife, was at home tuning in on the Stars' George Weiss, supervisor of the Yankee farm system, when Ray White, manager game at Portland on a specially installed radio set. Every few minutes she called of the Tars, was struck in the face by a and kept her hubby posted on the progress batted ball.

The accident occurred in practice, preof the game. Hollywood kept scoring until the Stars held a comfortable 10 to 3 lead. Vious to the May 4 game with the Rich-In the last few innings, however, the

White had ordered several of the Norfolk players to Bain Field for a batting to give all the guests a blow-by-blow de-

scription of the game. The Beavers finally Norfolk t' ird sacker, caught one of White's Mid-way in the workout. Paul Bearint. loaded the bases with the tying runs in loaded the bases with the tying runs in the ninth and Cobb could hardly speak. Then, when Manager Bill Sweeney hit a triple to clear the bases and continued home with the winning run when the ball escaped Catcher Jimmy Crandall, to give the bases and continued home with the winning run when the ball escaped Catcher Jimmy Crandall, to give the ball struck below the ball of the way and the ball struck below the ball of the way and the ball struck below to a hospital, where Dr. S. B. Whitlock, club physician, following the ball of the ball struck below to the ball of the way and the ball struck below to the ball of the way and the way and the ball of the way and the ball of the way and the way an escaped Catcher Jimmy Crandall, to give X-rays, announced that White sustained never backs away from the opportunity shift cannot be made, Neun will probably the Beavers a 12 to 11 victory, Bob's chin a double compound fracture of the lower to face the team that traded him away give the youthful Duke alumnus another

The next big occasion, marking the inaugural of the new park, was a "house Tars for at least a month. TOM FERGUSON. inspect the 12,500-seat structure, May 1, the

thing was "on the house," including beer, but had to run for his life several times when Miss Patrick really wound up. The North Hollywood Kiwanis club, with William Robinson doing the honors, premonies, for the program, which was aired sented a flag to the club, which was immediately escorted to the center field flag- great catches, the first by Rupe Thompson City along with Schulte, also available ter hour being over a national hook-up. pole by the Hollywood American Legion Among screen and radio stars who took drum and bugle corps. Collins, Cobb and part in the program were Gail Patrick, Tony Cabooch, Rosita Morena, Fibber Mc-

Joe E. Brown, Arthur (Dagwood) Lake, jammed the park, opening day, when a out further bother.

Then, on the afternoon of May 2, when large stars, rolled onto the field. When clutches.

togs, with little Jane Withers, the rascal the bases in the ninth and George Pucci- victories, with over 20,000 fans, 4,408 of ting the ball hard. of the screen, taking several vicious swings nelli flied out to end the game. Seattle them women, cheering for a resumption of Going into Montreal, Neun was still innings in which he allowed only two the success of the Smokies.

BOB HUNTER. victory. JACK MALANEY, searching for a fourth starting pitcher to earned runs. MICHAEL F. GAVEN.

HARTNETT CRACKS THE WHIP ON CUBS IN SHAKE-UP

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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



OSTON, 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 un-

expected 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.

As a result of the Red Sox splurge, the eyes of all rivals have been opened to the possibilities of the club in the pennant race. There is no doubting that the Yankees now realize they have a fight on their hands.

Joe Cronin's Hose opened their road jaunt in Philadelphia and won the two games there. Lefty Grove started the first game, and the only reason he did not go all was coldness of the weather. Lefty pitchweather stiffened him up while he was on base. When Bob Johnson opened the last half with a single, Lefty told Joe Cronin he thought he had stiffened up too much and he was relieved. But the Sox won, 3 to-2

The next day, Jim Bagby pitched for the Sox and held the A's safely with seven hits while his mates were banging out a 3 to 1 win.

Rich Gives a Show, Williams Two. Cleveland was the next stop, but only one game was played there, as the May 2 contest was canceled because of cold weather. The following day, the Sox presented Elden Auker to Ossie Vitt's unhappy Indians. Auker, always a puzzle to Cleveland, was a 5 to 1 victor. Detroit was the next port of call. The

Yankees had just done a job on the Figers, who were a bit down in the boots when the Sox arrived. The first game was somewhat of a struggle, but the Sox following day the Tigers got a first glimpse of the new Sox pitching sensation, Woodrow Rich.

Rich gave them three hits and only be-cause a base on balls preceded two of the hits, which came in quick succession in the fifth, did the Tigers score a run Outside of that one occasion, the only other Tiger who saw second base was Charley Gehringer. Charley walked in the first and got to second when Johnny Peacock was as much puzzled with Rich's stuff as were the Tigers and had a passed ball. The Sox won that game, 4 to 1. The final day there, Grove stopped the Tigers, 5 to 4, although pinch-hits by Pinky Higgins and Schoolboy Rowe, following a base on balls in the ninth, threw EWARK, N. J. - With a clean

The highlight of the week was an ex-hibition of hitting by young Ted Williams that will not be forgotten for years in Skiff Takes Charge of Team Detroit. It was in the May 4 game and Roxie Lawson was the first pitcher. Williams had hit a tremendous foul ball

NORFOLK, Va.—Bill Skiff, second lieu- his first time up and then skied out to his boys returning home, May 18, in first tenant in the Yankees' far-flung chain deep center. His next time up, he hit a position. After spoiling the Red Wings' system, had to be called in to manage three and two pitch on top of the roof home opening by beating Billy South-

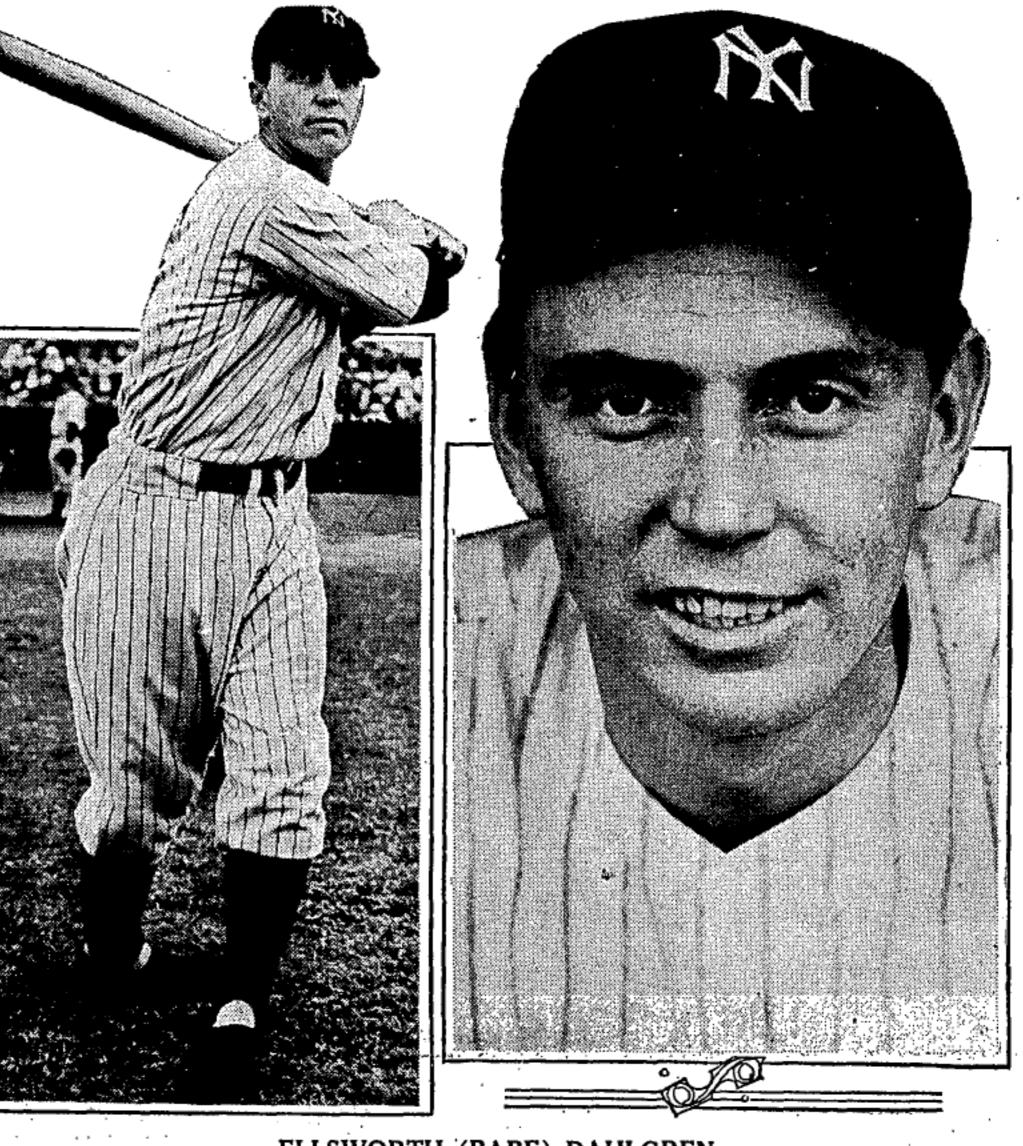
Boston Finds St. Louis Bad Luck. workout and had gone on the pitching in right field, the first time that feat long Neun will continue that set-up is He only missed by a few feet from send- that there would be no change before

> broken, May 7, in St. Louis. They found after a siege of sinus and a sore arm. with sloppy pitching, had given the Witek, however, gladly consented to the Browns six runs, so that when the Sox shift. finally teed off against Newsom in the

eighth, it was too late.

a typical Hollywood climax, with some ers leaped through them from the hidden into the picture. The Bees lost the league charles beat them have his arm treated, instead of accom- at Rochester when he pitched the last Two utility players, Doc Richmond, who

YANKS' FIRST NEW FIRST SACKER SINCE '25



ELLSWORTH (BABE) DAHLGREN

OU 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. At last, Dahlgren is getting his big chance-an opportunity he had thought was his when the Red Sox made him their first sacker through the 1935 season. But just when Fortune was smiling her best, Dahlgren found that Tom Yawkey had bought Jimmy Foxx and back to the dugout went Babe.

The Yankees bought Dahlgren from Boston and in 1937 sent him to Newark where he was used at third base. old's mark had shrunk to .133. Joe con-In 1938 he returned to the Stadium, but saw little service. When talk of Gehrig's retirement came up in March, tinued in his slump until his mark dwin-Manager Joe McCarthy said he had a first base career in mind for Tom Henrich. But when Lou did step out, dled to .068 for 44 times at bat, until he Joe DiMagio had been hurt and Tommy could not be spared from his outfield duties -so Dahlgren gained his break. made a single with two out in the ninth Babe, a native of San Francisco, Cal., is 27 years old. After playing ball in high school, he became an assistant came up with a five-run fifth inning, in a plumbers' supply house, but his diamond talents soon led him into pro ball and now he'll show that there's which salted the game for them. The no leak at first base in the Yankee combination.

BEARING DOWN ON TRIP

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

sweep at Rochester and two wins at Montreal for five in a row, the champion Bears got off to a flying start on their first northern jaunt of the season and Newark fans hold hopes for Johnny Neun and

Not satisfied with that, Williams hit an- on to Montreal, where a record crowd of other one in the next inning that was 20,352 saw the Bears down the Royals even better. Lawson had just left the twice in a Sunday double-header, May 7. game and Bob Harris, who pitched against | The Rochester series marked the return Ted last year at Toledo, had gone into the of Herman Schulte to second base and, box. Ted got down to three balls and no with Mickey Witek shifted back to shortstrikes and then hit the cripple. This stop, the Bears had their old second-base time he sent it completely over the roof combination back on the job. Just how

ever has been accomplished in the park. problematical, but it was quite definite ing another homer into the stands on his May 14, when the injured Claude Corbitt last time at bat. The Sox string of seven straight was at Buffalo. He is out with a finger injury Buck Newsom primed to face them. Buck | Then, unless Schulte is so good that a after he'd had a good year. He was par- shot at short and return Witek to second It is feared that he will be lost to the ticularly fast and bothersome to the Sox base. The latter prefers the keystone sack for seven innings and held them well, and was not only performing brilliantly In the meanwhile, sloppy fielding, along there, but hitting close to the .400 mark.

Neun Becomes Rich in Talent.

With Walter Judnich also back in action Not only did a thunderstorm break, after a slump and Francis Kelleher and which gummed up the works, but two Tommy Holmes, who came from Kansas in right and the other by Red Kress at for outfield duty, Neun operated under short, stopped the Sox when danger threat- the happy knowledge that he had plenty ened Newsom. The rain held up the of replacements for the outer garden, and, game for a while, but it was resumed and if necessary, could move big Mike Char-Hosts of motion picture and radio stars Newsom got them out in the ninth with- tak, favored by many for the Gehrig vacancy next year, to first base.

dressed in unies of 1839, including flowing The final Hollywood touch, after all of real home stay of the Bees and were with his display of power. Other encour- George Barley and Nick Strincevich are Heavy hitting, good pitching and excelmustachios and sideburns, paid tribute to the elaborate acts and talks, was added taken for three straight. It was the Caraging features of the last few days at all in the running and with the Internalent team work have featured the Smôkies' and the first road series were the tional League voting to extend the 25- early drive, and critics over the league white placards on which were painted only because the Bees failed in the continued improvement of Buster Mills player limit to May 16. Charley Stanceu are predicting that the Smokies will be large stars, rolled onto the field. When clutches. the Stars dedicated their new park with all of the placards were aligned around the the Seattle Rainiers, the festivities reached infield, the nine starting Hollywood play- for a while and then the Pirates came May 15.

The weather was against baseball here here on a look from the Boston Bees until other chance at the job.

Russo, who lost two 1

Gail Patrick threw the first ball—several Even the game itself almost had a for their third straight loss, 6 to 4, Lou panying the club to Rochester, and Billy three innings and was credited with a was with the club last season, and Hal times—for the benefit of a battery of pho- Hollywood finish, when the Stars loaded Fette dropping his first game after three Holm was doing all the catching and hit- win. In Montreal, Russo blanked the Reitz, a Pittsburgh farmhand from Sa-

13 Defeats-and Out

MERIDIAN, Miss. - Melbern (Butch) Simons may never have had any misgivings about the jinx numeral, "13," but that's all changed

As manager, Simons brought his so-called Scrappers home after a disastrous road jaunt and they bowed to the Mobile Shippers, 9 to 1, May 3. That was defeat No. 13 for Merldian and the directors at a meeting that night decided something had to be done, so they voted "regretfully" to fire Simons as leader of the team. This sad fate might have been escaped by Mel, except for the fact that his Scrappers had not won a single game-13 defeats having piled

up one after the other.

President E. P. McNelll of the Meridian club followed with the announcement that Harry Hughes, an outfielder, would serve as acting manager. And the very day that Hughes took charge, the Scrappers, with Jonas Butzman, big righthander, formerly with Birmingham, pitching, broke into the win column, 4 to 1, Hughes rocketing himself into the hero role. With the score tied, 1 to 1, in the last of the eighth and the bases load, the acting manager cleaned the bags with a triple. CARL WALTERS.

Coastal Plain President Takes

1937, turned over the records of his office to Ray Goodman of Williamston, the league's vice-president, May 3, with instructions to "carry on temporarily." Eure gave as his reason "press of other Birmingham. business and overwork" and said that he was "off for a rest on doctor's orders." Goodman, president of the Williamston club for the past two years, immediately assumed the duties and said he would continue until Eure resumed his post, or resigned. There will be no meeting called. A. E. SHACKELL.

Gordon and Revel, the song writers, and scores of others.

George Stovall's Hollywood Juniors, George Washburn, Norman Branch, ming since the season started.

Russo, who lost two 1 to 0 games, got At the start of this week, the Smokies

LEFT IN OLD KNOXVILLE

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

NOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Knox- first benching, got the center field job ville Smokies, last-place dwellers in 1938, are the big surprise of the Southern Association this season. Off to a flying tion this season. Off to a flying tion this season. ville Smokies, last-place dwell- with the benching of Leiber.

question being asked is: "How did the mood. When he collapsed with an attack players at one time?" This is a logical question, too, since him.

Bud Hafey, center fielder, who has been Mesner played brilliantly in the Brooksetting a fast pace with his stick thus far, lyn series, but was made to look bad as is the lone regular back on the job, aside the Giants were surging ahead in the from three pitchers.

of baseball in 1938, returned to play sec- tom. ond base; Smoky officials bought Jimmy | Herman Once Managerial Dark Horse. McLeod, shortstop, from Oklahoma City, and Hal King, third baseman, came from Mesner was named to take Herman's place the Giants in the deal that sent Tom at second, Bartell having recovered suffi-Hafey to the Jersey City club last fall. Rest, Ray Goodman in Charge Manager Neil Caldwell signed Woody short, the Abernathy, former International League average. star, and Lee Riley, former manager of At this was written, there was no way the Beatrice club of the Nebraska State to gauge the probable repercussions of the TARBORO, N. C.-J. B. Eure of Ayden, League, as free agents, to team up with action, temporary, as it developed, against president of the Coastal Plain League since Hafey in the outfield, Elmer Klumpp, Herman. Captain Bill, a player of rewith Elmira last season, and Wally Steph- markable talents, gracefully had accepted enson, with the Phillies in 1938, were a pay cut this year. He reported in greatly signed to do the catching. Milton Mc- improved physical shape and there was Dougal, another receiver, was bought from every indication that he was getting set

They Come From All Over. Rip Schroeder, Gordon Maltzberger and Bill Hughes, righthanded hurlers, were held over, and the Pittsburgh Pirates sent Pitchers Garman Mallory, Pep Rambert mored last year that Grimm was on the and Oadis Swigart. Jimmy McClure, a lefthander, was obtained from the Gads-Eure's home town of Ayden dropped from den club, and the Chicago Cubs optioned the league this year, the franchise going Clare Bertram, a righthander, to complete the hurling corps.

With this talent, Manager Caldwell, who follow Johnny Haley, Ivy Andrews and gave up first basing to direct the club

THOSE HIT, BUT GOES RIGHT BACK IN GAME 'UNSATISFACTORY PLAYING,' CHARGE

I BILL HERMAN AMONG

Previous Mention of Second Baseman as Grimm Successor Recalled Following Flare-Up; Cavarretta injured

FIRED AT BRUIN CAPTAIN

OSTON, Mass. — Virtu-ally every day in the last dozen has been shake-up day on the Cubs. Few of the shifts did any good; in fact, things seemed to be getting worse in

most instances. Some sort of climax to the series of shuffles was reached after a 10 to 3 whipping by the Giants in New York, May 7. After the game, Manager Gabby Hartnett announced a "bigger and better" line-up revision, in which he said he was benching Captain Bill Herman, Hank Leiber and Joe Marty.

Herman, who was benched for unsatisfactory play offensively and defensively, never before in his major league career, which began in the late summer of 1931, had been set down while physically able to perform at second base. But Billy's exile on the bench was shortlived. On the following afternoon, with the Cubs clinging to a 4 to 2 lead over the Giants-which was the ultimate score-Hartnett sent in his captain to bat for Steve Mesner, his substitute at second, in the ninth inning. Billy then played second in the final half of the round and Gabby said that Herman would stay in as the regular keystoner. Nevertheless, Gabby's eight-inning benching of Billy caused a lot of excitement.

Leiber, who had been counted as a fixture in center, and as clean-up hitter, had survived several outfield readjustments, but joined the splinter-gathering crew when his batting average plunked to .213. In benching big Hank, Gabby took special pains to emphasize that there was no implication that the former Giant had not been hustling, an exemption, by the way, which he did not emphasize in the case

Marty's Mauling Mark Microscopic. Marty's benching was his second of the tender season. He was set down with a batting mark of .088, after Lon Warneke's one-hitter, and restored after Carl Reyninning of the Giant opener to soar to .089. After the Cubs had dropped two to the Phillies to start the current eastern trip on its dismal way, Hartnett benched Phil Cavarretta because he had failed to bat in a run in 13 games. Rookie Glen Russell was placed on first and his work furnished one of the few rays of sunshine in the recent life of Manager Hartnett. But Cavarretia, who always is a hustler, was restored in the climax shake-up after the May 7 game. He was sent to right field in place of Marty, but tough luck immediately befell him. In the May 8 game in New York, Phil suffered a broken ankle sliding to second base in the second inning, and will be lost for all of six weeks. Russell was then returned to the

Jim Gleeson, who had been benched at the same time Marty experienced his

start when the curtain ascended ning out a fly in the second inning of on the championship race, the first Brooklyn game. The Cubs had April 14, the Smokies have arrived in New York the previous evebeen in the spotlight ever since and the ning and Dick had been in a merry Smokies come up with all those good not unlike seasickness, he said he probably had eaten something that had upset

May 7 game. There was a mix-up on a Manager Bill Terry of the Giants sent double-play situation. Manager Hartnett, Norman (Babe) Young from the Rich- who was catching, promptly investigated mond club to play first base; Dutch Meyer, and found Herman had not called the former TCU athletic star, who stayed out play for Little Steve as per routine cus-

When the shake-up was announced, ciently from his seasickness to resume at Manager Neil Caldwell signed Woody short, though possessed of a .216 batting

for a great year and the certain restoration of a salary generally listed at \$20,000.

Herman was prominently and frequently mentioned as a probable successor to Charley Grimm when it was being ruskids, and Hartnett wasn't especially favored by Boss P. K. If Herman had his cap set for the job, he never discussed it at length, nor did he express any disappointment when Gabby was given the

After the Cubs' slump from first to seventh place had set in (they lost seven out of eight in one stretch, including their first four eastern encounters), there was some talk that Herman did not seem to be playing up to his best brand, but many observers, including this annotator, were loathe to suspect that there was anything about Bill's behavior that suggested jaking. This view, it turns out, was not

The subsequent shake-up, it may be said, is not looked upon as a probable cure-all for Cub ailments. Extensive permanent replacements are viewed as a more feasible action. No one knows what Royals. This gave him a string of 40 vannah, have played a prominent part in reaction Herman will have as a result of

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