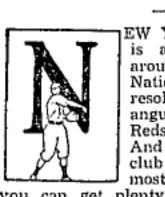
MANHATTAN TOASTS NOW FOR TERRYMEN

GIANTS CARRY HOPES OF BROADWAY AS YANK DRIFT CONTINUES

Mickey Witek Fills In Capably for Jurges at Shortstop; Bombless Bombers Lose More Ground in West



W YORK, N. Y. -- There is a growing conviction around these parts that the National League race will resolve itself into a triangular fight among the Reds, Dodgers and Giants. And while the Brooklyn club has been making the most dramatic gestures, you can get plenty of support here for

Third Baseman Stages

Amazing Comeback in

His Gameness Puts an End

to Bengals' One Problem

in Keeping in Race With

When the Tigers arrived in St. Louis,

June 27, Pinky Higgins went to Barnes

Hospital, where he was found to be

suffering from mumps. However, his record for June, prior to his illness, caused THE SPORTING NEWS to se-

lect the Detroit third sacker as the

"player of the month."-EDITOR'S

By H. G. SALSINGER

Sports Editor of the Detroit News

third base was ever before played with

such a complete absence of merit. Hig-

gins could go neither to his right nor to his left. He could not go back on a ball or come in on one. He had trouble pick-

throws were rarely on the mark. He

couldn't field and he couldn't hit and the Detroit club, which had failed to include

a substitute third baseman on its roster.

team that was unanimously picked to

finish in the second division, is up there

Higgins is today the best third baseman

fielding, and his metamorphosis is the

come from the level to which he had

No one who saw Higgins in March,

April and early May doubted that he

to help him. In these circumstances, ad-

VERYBODY felt sorry over Higgins' plight. He is one of the finest char-

punishment, so his friends explained,

caused premature stiffening of the muscles.

be named on the all-star Southwestern

Conference team, no mean honor when

you consider that probably the hardest

The elder Higgins had an important

but he ran for Sheriff. The campaign

election intervened.

Dad's Election Expenses

Pinky played football well enough to

player is more popular. They were

Pinky Shakes Off Jitters

F ANY major leaguer ever played third base as badly as

Michael Frank Higgins did in

Florida last spring, and dur-ing the first few weeks of the

American League season, we

cannot recall his name and

we also cannot imagine that

NOTE.

or purchase.

Indians and Red Sox

Fielding and Hitting

the Giants, who may wind up with the best home-stretch pitching in the circuit. The local situation remains keenly interesting. The Giants and the Dodgers are right up there, and the Yankees have kept dawdling, and making the fans wonder just what is likely to be their destiny. It seems that the Yankees, in losing, make a better story than the Yankees winning.

Against the western invaders of the Polo Grounds, the Giants blew a great chance. They could have swept into a good lead, but they won only six and lost six. The loss of Billy Jurges, who was hit in the head, had something to do with this lackluster showing. The failure of Frank Demaree to recover from his shoulder injury also has hampered the Terry outfit.

At this writing, Jurges was at his home on Long Island, but it looked as if he might get back for the July 4 double-header with the Dodgers. Demaree presents a far more serious problem. Now his arm is in a sling, to take the pressure off his shoulder. It may be a long haul for Frank, and it is most disturbing.

In the meantime, Johnny Rucker has ing up those hit directly at him and his moved back into the picture and will alternate with Bob Seeds, whose defense seems to leave something to be desired.

With Jurges out, Terry has been playing Mickey Witek at short, with Tony tried desperately to obtain one by trade Cuccinello at second. After Terry had penched Witck early in the season, he expressed the opinion that the Newark gradu- | Higgins is the standout player of the Deate was a shortstop rather than a second troit team. His fielding and his batting are baseman, and now Terry has had a chance among the chief reasons why Detroit, a to see that idea work itself out, Twin Killings a Minus Quantity

The one failing of the Giants has been in the first division today and is given an their inability to back up their pitchers equal chance with Cleveland and Boston with double plays in the clutch. The Polo of winning the American League pennant Grounders can hit with any of them. They have been batting around .272, just under the league-leading Pirates. They in the American League, judging third have driven in about as many runs as any basemen on the basis of both batting and other team, but they had made only 39 double plays at this writing, against 61 outstanding feature of Detroit's surge to for the Reds, 62 for the Bees, 57 for the the front. We cannot recall a similar Cubs, and so on down the line, until we metamorphosis in baseball and while Higmake the astonishing discovery that the gins probably will not go down in the Dodgers can't make those two-at-a-time game's history as the best third sacker of killings any better than the Polo Ground- all time, he certainly must be mentioned ers. The Giants have stolen only 16 bases, with the gamest players of all time. To and that could be better, too.

However, taking the club by and large, faded last season and the spring of this does not have to concede anything to year, to the level he reached in mid-May Brooklyn and Cincinnati. The pitching and has maintained since then, requires ooks good. Terry has enough first-flight the kind of courage that not many men nen to make that department really for- possess, idable, particularly in a double-header chedule.

Carl Hubbell has fallen off a bit lately, was through as a major league player. ut that was to be expected. Hal Schu- There was nothing that anyone could do acher has taken up the slack, Paul Dean's defeat by the Reds. 2 to 0, vice is generally a handicap, rather than

fter he had won two straight, was a dis- an aid. The player has to find his own ppointment. But Dean pitched grand ball solution and in Higgins' case there seemed nd had the ill luck to run into Gene no solution. His handicaps appeared physhompson when that sophomore star was ical. He had "stiffened up," as the boys three-hit form. There is every reason to say. elieve that when the Giants need Daffy dst, he will be right there. Then there's Bill Lohrman, who bounces and Team Begins to Zoom

with a swell game ever so often. The fans around here are gratified over e selection of no fewer than five Giants acters in the game, a gentleman. No ey are Carl Hubbell, Harry Danning, all rooting for Higgins, but sympathy and cided that what Higgins needed was plenty

will spend something like six days created it. the banks of the Mississippi. ow, let us examine the situation of the kees: Connie Mack told me the other

that he did not believe they could get fact, Connie sees both the Yanks and

Red Sox out of the picture, with the born in a place named Red Oak. As a "Well, Tom Yawkey paid more than reland and Detroit clubs fighting it out. born in a place named ned Oak. As a selection indicated that the Indiana baby, he were a pink nightgown and the \$250,000 for Joe Cronin and Higgins is a veteran indicated that the Indians family began calling him Pinky before better player than Cronin, so you're really the better chance. He expressed a family began calling him Pinky before better player than Cronin, so you're really getting a bargain in Higgins at \$250,000."

new leaders, the Indians. They dropped

Just One of Those Things. When McCarthy returned to the Stadium,

had a long talk with Ed Barrow. "What ppened, Joe?" Ed asked. "Nothing that uld have been avoided," McCarthy reed. "The boys fought hard and hustled, d there is nothing to do about it." And that's the way it stands right now here is nothing to be done about it. If football in the country is played in the 2 Yankees suffer any injuries, the fun Southwest. He played third base and

My analysis of the Stadium situation is he probably would have joined Cleveland, st about what it was a month ago. The instead of the Philadelphia Athletics, if inkees won for four straight years, and his father had not decided to run for 12 Successive Hits in '38 me of the experts said, "This man Dick- sheriff, is the spark of the team." Others held

ason, and the whole works have gone his opponent had gathered the majority of

DiMaggio faced a chance to become the At this time, nearly a dozen major league ader of the party, but he hit around .250 ith a loss of 20 points, and an average

Charlie Keller had a chance to take the ad, and he did all he could, batting close .400 in the West. But he was waiting

ffered a sunstroke in Washington last ily, and has not been himself since. He so was Gehrig's roomie and perhaps Lou's Sale of Pinky Cleared Up d fate knocked Bill down. Dickey looks ne. He meets the ball. But it does not anywhere. He has yet to reach the

Rolfe finally got going in the West. Cro- phia, an idea. He sought out Pinky's row. The first two, in the fourth and period and finally took first place. tti picked up a little, Selkirk kept right hitting. But Dahlgren fell off badly defeat and all the money he had spent in teammate, Robert Moses Grove, and the when Cedar Rapids hit a terrific streak, slump recently when he was brought in

e buster of losing streaks, came through | would sign an Athletics' contract, the elec- | batted. vice in the West, stopping Detroit after tion would not cost Mr. Higgins a cent. e Yanks lost five in a row, and baffling Mr. Higgins was agreeable. Drennan told eveland following a losing skein of four, him to figure out the exact amount he had of consecutive hits by getting 12 in suc- five straight victories to regain first place. of felonious assault with a deadly weapon Hank Mestnik, Bobby Meeker, George Lefty Russo, who lost three after having spent. When the total was completed, cession. Speaker's mark had stood for

Once again there has been talk of the Pinky joined the Athletics. e of the Yankees, but nothing tangible | Cornelius McGillicuddy was delighted row. s developed, though some on the inside with Higgins. He predicted that Pinky ist that a real deal is cooking. as J. Franklin Baker. However, he de- hit a single of Johnny Whitehead. That

Higgins, 'Player of Month,' Sparks Climb of Tigers

Veteran, 'Stiffened Up' in Spring, Now Sparkplug of Detroit

GOES FROM FADE-OUT TO SPOTLIGHT



MICHAEL FRANK (PINKY) HIGGINS

Ott, Billy Jurges and Joe Moore. They friendships did not solve his problems. of work and sent him to the Texas League Meared that Jurges' accident would keep Perhaps they helped. The feeling they (Dallas and San Antonio) in 1931 and to had towards him accentuated his natural Portland in 1932. In the spring of 1933, onged. If that dizziness of his does not courage. He suddenly threw off the jit- Connie Mack was sure that Higgins was with Eddie Miller doubtless getting Before they fully realized it, Higgins was stalled Pinky as his third baseman. Higplace. But in the meantime, Jurges playing the best third base of his career, gins third-based for the A's for four years Pinky zoomed and the team zoomed with and was then traded to Boston for Bill the Giants are to open a series in him. Detroit's one remaining problem was Werber, a trade in which Boston got the Louis right after the All-Star game, solved and solved by the man who had better of it, but Mack thought that Boston deserved a break in its deals by that time Higgins was born in Texas, the state and did not mind.

that produced Tris Speaker, Rogers Horns- Detroit tried to buy Higgins from Philaby, Bib Falk, Rip Collins, Pinky Whitney, delphia in 1935. The late Frank J. Navin Joe Moore, Gus Mancuso, Tex Carleton, called up Connie Mack and asked him how the race in a serious way. Mack knows | Sam West, Beau Bell, Roy Weatherly, much cash he wanted for Higgins. The signs, and he discerns them in Mc-Schoolboy Rowe, Debs Garms, Johnny answer was "\$250,000." Navin remarked Hudson, Ernie Koy, Gene Moore, Carl that \$250,000 was rather a steep price and Reynolds, Bob Seeds, and others. He was Mack answered:

d the better chance. He expressed a he took his first step and he has been per getting a bargain in Higgins at \$250,000."

Pinky to one and all for 30 years. When Detroit still thought the price too steep the West, the Yankees won four and nine. They went west four games and the Miggins clan ever since.

he was five years old the Higgins family and Higgins, as related, was traded to Boston, they returned nine behind capitol of the Higgins clan ever since. Higgins matriculated at the University following year Boston acquired Jim Tabor lengths in the standing, and for all of Texas at Austin. He played baseball and decided to turn the third base job know, blew their pennant then and and football. He was the blocking back of over to him. Consequently, the Red Sox the varsity and the pounding he took in traded Higgins and Archie McKain to Debreaking paths for the ball carriers was troit for Elden Auker, Jake Wade and blamed for his failure this spring. The Chester Morgan. It was a lucky trade for Detroit, Mc-

Kain is still a member of the Tigers' pitching staff and Higgins, as intimated, is one of the most valuable players in the game today, while Auker, Wade and Morgan are no longer with Boston. (Incidentally, Boston would have a much better chance for the pennant today with Higgins in the shortstop for the varsity baseball team and | lineup.)

Established Record by Getting

VEN if Higgins is not awarded a plaque in the Hall of Fame at Coop- Higgins made his eleventh hit, Ty Tyson, and that the profession admires and rewas DiMaggio, some insisted Gehrig, position in the Dallas police department erstown, N. Y., his name will show in the radio announcer, told the crowd over spects. That's why he has been designed. Well, it must have been Dickey right cost a considerable sum and when election record books of the game. He has a habit 18-year-old record of Tris Speaker. That er of the Month" for June. ong. For he has slumped terribly this was over, Pinky's father discovered that of breaking through with startling per-

nation's newspapers.

Back in 1933, Pinky stepped to the plate scouts were trying to sign Pinky. He was five times against Washington with the the West and returned to New York a sensation as a college player. He could result that ne walked once, hit a single, field and he could hit and there was no double, triple and home run. Jack Rusdoubt that he was major league timber. sell, who likewise comes from the state Cleveland had offered him \$1,500 to sign of Texas, was Higgins' main victim on

and he was not interested. Cleveland con- that afternoon. tinued making offers until the bid for On June 27, 1935, Philadelphia was playhis signature touched \$3,500. By this time, ing Boston at Shibe Park in Philadelphia. What's wrong with Dickey? Well, he Pinky began to show interest, but the Higgins hit three home runs in succession, two off Wes Ferrell in the fourth and fifth innings, and the third off Henry Johnson in the seventh.

T WAS the election that gave Mike the Red Sox, at Briggs Stadium in Defather, commiserated with him upon his fifth innings, were pounded off his former The pitching bogged down, too. How- The elder Higgins would like nothing bet- to Cronin on his first time at bat and pop-

> As a member of the Red Sox in 1938, Higgins cracked Tris Speaker's old record

been unable to pile up as many as 11 in a Scharein's club held the lead.

Pinky's "10 Big Years" in Figures

Major League Totals1013 3791 555 1143 222

was in the ninth inning. In the second announcement, if nothing else, put the

game he hit a single, double and single pressure upon Higgins. He did not know, made four hits in one game and thous- gins, the batter, and Lawson, the ands have made four hits in succession, covering two games.

first game ended.

Roxie Lawson pitched for Detroit in the for the ball, but it was hit too hard; it shot dar Rapids while breaking even with two second game. Higgins came to bat in the past him and on out into center field second inning and singled, for nine in a for a clean single and crashed an 18-yearrow. He was up again in the third and old record. singled again. Ten in a row. He was up Higgins showed his courage that afteronce more in the sixth. Another single, noon just as he has shown it this season.

formances and gathering headlines of the nation's newspapers.

Spurts and Slumps Keeping Buster Maynard of Richmond,

Eyes of Tri-Orb Fans Open

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.-Some day one of those demon statisticians who dote on which started early in June, has carried unusual diamond happenings will dis- James Walter (Buster) Maynard of Richcover that the 1940 Three-I race has more | mond's Piedmont League Colts into conodd angles than a first-class sideshow, all tention in the circuit's interesting homebecause of the madcap tendency of several | run race. clubs to win or lose in bunches.

Springfield running up seven victories in June 27, to pull within three of his league-On Monday, May 20, of the current sea- a row, while Waterloo was staggering leading teammate, Bill Prout, and within son, he repeated this performance against through 11 straight defeats before winning two of second-place Sherry Robertson of a game. Clinton stayed right at Spring- Charlotte. Drennan, then scouting for Philadel- troit, again hitting three home runs in a field's heels with six straight during that

club started losing and dropped eight in his customary regularity. succession to slide to third place. Back

they came at that point, however, with The records of the four other clubs con- May 4. Higgins started his streak in a double- tribute further examples of the strange would become as capable a third baseman header in Chicago. In the first game he things which are going on in the Three-I. waived preliminary hearing last week.

TAIT CUMMINS.

off the bespectacled Bill Dietrich and in until that moment, that he stood at the that order. The next time he came to brink of a new record. He had been getbat, Pinky was given an intentional pass, ting hit after hit while in a relaxed state From Chicago, the Red Sox moved to and now the pressure was on. When he Detroit. Higgins arrived in town credited came to bat in the eighth inning, the silence with four hits in a row. What of it? was intensified. The crowd was watching Pinky was not concerned and neither was one of the dramatic moments of diamond anyone else. Hundreds of players have history. It was a tense situation with Higthe main actors in the drama. Lawson's first two pitches were wide. Two balls and The Red Sox opened their Detroit stay no strikes. Lawson set himself and pre- off slowly in the Three-I League race, are with a double-header. Tommy Bridges pared to give Higgins the kind of pitch a definitely improved club and Manager games was a three-hitter, which he lost pitched the first game. He walked Hig- that he likes least of all-a curve ball, Bob Coleman believes they'll be in the when his mates could not manufacture as gins the first time he came to bat. Hig- thrown low and over the outside corner, thick of the flag fight when the field hits many as two runs. gins was up again in the fourth inning, Lawson delivered a perfect pitch to weakand this time he doubled. He singled in ness, but Higgins swung and connected. the sixth, eighth and ninth, and was cred- He drove a sizzling grounder inside of ited with eight consecutive hits when the second base. The great Gehringer, play- stand by knocking off Springfield three ing perfect position, made a gallant dive straight and taking two of three from Ce-

He's a great guy in the clutch and he's a Twenty-six thousand spectators were in great guy any other way you take him, the Detroit park that afternoon and when the kind of a guy the sun gods worship Hapac took over right field and Paul Ramsomething deeper than pink in the the loud speaker that Higgins had tied the nated by The Sporting News as the "Play- he performed last year.

Busts Into Home Run Derby

RICHMOND, Va.-A sensational spurt

The speedy center fielder from Rox-It started early in the season, with boro, N. C., hit his fourteenth four-master,

Maynard, playing his first year as a class man after a period of service in the d Gordon had a recession he hardly vain. Drennan asked the elder Higgins third, in the seventh inning, found Jack winning 18 of 20 games. The Raiders rack- to play third base in place of the veteran how he would like to wipe out the loss. Wilson the victim. Pinky grounded out ed up eight in one stretch, lost a game, Ernie Horne, who was injured. However, then came back for seven more in a row. since returning to his regular position, er, that may right itself. Red Ruffing, ter. Well, if Mr. Higgins' son Pinky ped a fly to Doerr, the last time he Then what happened? Ollie Marquardt's the North Carolinan has been hitting with Maynard and Prout, incidentally, are

Meanwhile, Springfield uncorked a win- in Nash County (N. C.) Superior Court at Feikert, Billy Dewell, Mario Errante and on as many, got over the .500 mark again Drennan pulled out a check book and 18 years and even with the aid of the ning streak of six, while the Raiders were Rocky Mount in August. They were ac- Clint Raper are showing the effects of the wrote a check for the full amount and lively ball the major league batters had losing eight and for a time Manager Art cused by Russell Inscoe, Rocky Mount tutoring. amateur boxer, of attacking him there, The two Colts denied the charges and

Jack Mealey Makes Muskogee Serious W. A. Pennant Threat

top in hitting with a mark of .368 and his

DAN W. SCISM.

playing a great game at second base.

defensive work is in a class by itself.

MUSKOGEE. Okla. - The rebounding Reds still must be considered the surprise club of the Western Association, thanks to the hard work of Manager Jack Mealey. It is a classy fielding team, improving as a

hitting combination, and coaching has

Assisting Mealey with the pitchers is Chad Kimsey, ex-major league hurler and

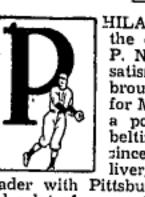
done much with the pitching,

George (Kentucky) Davis, center fielder, who leads the league in stolen bases; Erwin (Babe) Paul, third baseman and top batter, and Glenn Peters, right fielder, are fine prospects. WALTER GOODSTEIN.

VEZILICH DOES HIS LICK JOHNNY RIZZO FULL FOR BUFFS WITH STICK OF THRILLS AS PHIL

EX-RED AND PIRATE HITTING BALL HARD AND CONSISTENTLY

have let down a bit from the In Spite of Improved Attack, Quakers Fall Back Into Cellar; Athletics Also Skid After Rise to Seventh Place



Given Full Job When Winsett Goes Out,

Vet Boosts Batting Average to .359;

Pollet's Whiffs Reach 111

despite a recent nine-game winning streak

by second-place San Antonio. Among the

most noteworthy events during the past

week was the heft; clubbing of Lou Vezi-

Vezilich hadn't seen much service. He

was put into the game only when lefthand-

ers faced the Buffs and because the locals

boasted so much power from the right hand

side, few clubs would risk their southpaws

against Eddie Dyer's bombers. But when

Long Tom Winsett was laid up with a cold,

Lou got his chance to play every day, and now he is clubbing the horsehide for a

.359 mark, which is tops for the club and

second only to Sam Harshany of San An-

Pollet Given Birthday Celebration

and no longer is among the leaders. John-

ny, however, is topping the league in runs

Advance of Hamilton Wings

everything but good mound work.

In the short space of six weeks, Lucas

cut loose four hurlers -- Bojakowski,

Sharen, Orsi and Holcombe-and even

went as far as to sign a local sandlotter

named Gibb, hoping vainly to find some

the St. Louis Cardinal chain promising him

nound help, the pennant race seems a

spell last season; Auchenbach, the fastest

runner in the league, and Hank Redmond,

who won the batting honors last year and

also the Spalding trophy for being the best

Lucas has a first baseman in Buerckholtz.

first-year man, who will likely go places.

Evansville's Improved Bees

Buzzing Around First Division

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Evansville's Bees,

The Bees vacated sixth position and pull-

ed up to a .500 mark during the last home

other improved second-division clubs-Wa-

The addition of Bill Hapac, who led the

T. J. MOORE.

Herman has been only so-so.

possibility.

the August turn.

terloo and Moline.

there the rest of the season.

JOHNNY LYONS.

lich, seasoned outfielder.

tonio in the league.

OUSTON, Tex. - Alhough they

terrific pace of the first six weeks of the campaign, the

Buffs still are the class of the Texas League and at the beginning of the week held a comfortable seven game lead

HILADELPHIA, Pa. -- As the days wear on, Gerald P. Nugent is all the more satisfied with the deal that brought him Johnny Rizzo for Morrie Arnovich, Rizzo, a power hitter, has been belting the ball savagely since wearing Prothro-cut livery. In the double-

header with Pittsburgh, June 26, Johnny had a lot of personal satisfaction, for during that twin card, the Italian had six hits in seven times at bat. The big left fielder won the first game almost single-handed when he batted in all four of the Phillies' runs. In the eighth

Nick Cullop is leading the league in inning when the score was a 2 to 2 tie, home runs with 13 and in runs batted in Rizzo unloosed a homer with Chuck Klein with 69, which is 13 better than the run- aboard to win the decision for the Philner-up. Nick's average is not as robust lies. It was his fourth homer in four as in 1939, when he was voted the league's games.

most valuable player, but the veteran is The Phillies lost the second game, but just as valuable to the club. The Sporting Rizzo reached base every time he went News trophy was presented to Cullop, June to bat, three times on hits. Another former Pirate figured in the victory in the first game. He was Cy Blan-The next night, Howard Pollet, Houston's ton, who held the Pirates to seven hits.

sensational lefty, observe I his nineteenth It was the first time since joining the Phil-birthday and a delegation of feminine fans lies that he went the full distance. presented the handsome youth with a cake | The home stay of the Phillies has not at home plate before the game. Howard been very profitable. They were in fifth

didn't pitch that night because only two days previously he had turned back Oklahoma City for his thirteenth victory.

place when they started and it was not long before they had fallen into the basement. Two days after his birthday, he took the hill against Dallas and breezed be- showed four victories and ten losses, Right

hind a 17-hit attack from his mates to win No. 14 as he whiffed 11 to send his total for the season to 111. Johnny Antonelli, who massaged the The Cubs took three our of four, while horsehide at a furious pace at the start against the Pirates they won one and lost two. Doc Tries to Pry Loose McCarthy During the visit of the Giants, Manager

scored with Teammate Danny Murtaugh Prothro made every effort to subtract First Baseman Johnny McCarthy from Bill Ter-Houston has been traveling along with ry, but was not successful. Prothro's ofonly six pitchers for the past month, Law- fer of the waiver price for McCarthy was rence Kempe, rookie southpaw, having been scornfully rejected by Terry, who says released to Pocatello, following an illness he will keep his utility first baseman. which made him of little value to the Prothro needs McCarthy, for Art Mahan late of Louisville, has taken a nose-dive

President Fred Ankenman has been try- in batting. He has been dropped to eighth ing to land another seasoned hurler for in the batting order. Outfielder Mel Mazthe Herd, and the Cardinals optioned Sam | zera played first during part of the June Nahem to the Buffs on July 1. He comes 29 game with the Giants. from Louisville. Meanwhile, Houston is The Athletics started their western trip stringing along with this sextette: The sea- in last place, jumped to seventh place for

soned Howard Krist, who has been pitching 13 days, but were back in the basement at splendidly; Ted Wilks and Hank Nowak, the finish. It was a sour trip, hurt by holdovers from last year, and three bril- defeat and rain. They could win only one liant recruits-Pollet, Wissman and Steve out of four games with Cleveland and one out of three with Detroit. They won the only game played in Chicago while in St. Louis they won one and lost two. That made a total of four wins and seven defeats for the western trip.

Slowed Up by Poor Elbowing The A's worst experience was at the night game in St. Louis, June 25. After holding an eight-run lead up to mid-game. HAMILTON, Ont .- When Manager Fred the A's fell apart and the rejuvenated Lucas of the Hamilton Pony League team Browns, who might be challenging for first introduced himself to local fandom, May place had they a better pitching staff. 7, he let it be known that he was satisfied hammered out a 12 to 10 win.

with everything but his pitching staff, and The Macks' best showing was in the what has happened since then shows that one game played in Chicago when Buck he knew the team. Hamilton has had Ross held the Illinois folks to three hits. Ross retired the first 13 men to face him. As a matter of fact, Ted Herman, rated before Chicago made a hit and that was a fourth best on the 1939 Hamilton corps, is scratch hit. Ross did not issue a pass or now the club's leading hurler and, aside hit a man and the 30 men who stepped from a couple of three-hit performances, to the plate were all charged with times at bat.

Sam Chapman is getting his eye on the ball. In the one game in Chicago, he had a pass, single and homer. In the final game in St. Louis he hit 1.000 as a result of three singles, a double and his seventh homer of the year. In the same game, Despite the hill handicap, Lucas has Dick Siebert had a perfect average, with worked wonders with his club and, with a walk, two singles and two doubles. JAMES C. ISAMINGER.

The Wings, as they are known in the Sturdy Moves to Lubricate Pony loop, have the best outfield in the Attack of El Dorado Oilers circuit in Danahar, with Columbus for a

EL DORADO, Ark.-Last in team batting and fielding, the El Dorado Oilers are rookie hitter. Redmond was presented staying high in the Cotton States race with his prize, June 29, by Frank Shaugh- through the efforts of a classy No. 1 mound nessy, president of the International corps

Of course, the fielding averages do not represent the true status of the present Oilers, because it was errors by the early-The big fellow rates with the best in the season lineup that pulled the figures down. league and is above the .300 batting mark. But the team is lacking in punch and has had to depend on superlative pitching and smart leadership,

In 24 games, Manager Guy Sturdy found it necessary to lift the starting pitcher only four times. Frank Anderson, an old-time International League hurler; John Lund. big righthanded Oregon boy; Cliff Wentz, and Russell Needham have borne the burden. Needham, in three successive games allowed a total of ten hits. One of the

In an effort to improve the club's hitting Sturdy signed Billie Marshall, formerly in the International and Eastern leagues. Marshall was with Clarksdale, but had to be released when the club ran over its limit of class men. A combination infielder-outfielder, Bartosch, who was in the Three-I last year, has also been added to the roster. He was recommended by Big Ten hitters last spring while playing Branch Rickey. TRAVIS OLIVER.



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