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Against Ol' Os as Manager; Boudreau's Play on Trip Strengthens Claim to 'Rookie of Year' Title

LEVELAND, O.—Hal Trosky, the big blond from Iowa, who has played a major role in American League affairs since 1934 -pickers of the All-Star teams to the contrary notwithstanding-has won special recognition from Manager Oscar Vitt. Vitt has named Trosky field captain, a distinction which not only carries with it extra remuneration, but which makes the Tribal first baseman the first official captain the team has had since 1927, when Jack McCallister named George Burns to the role. Several players, including Willie Kamm and Lyn Lary, have served informally as leaders in the field, but Trosky is the first in 13 years to have NCINNATI, O. - This the gold bars officially pinned on his shoulder.

Vitt explained that he wanted to put one of the regulars in a position piloted by Bill Mc- where he could register the club's protests against questionable decisions Kechnie, the only by the umpires, and bring some degree of authority to the squawk. Trosky, man who ever man- the dean of the regulars in point of service, was the logical choice for the assignment. "We're licked before we start, when I have to come all the way from the dugout to kick about a decision," said Vitt. "Time after time, the umpire has waved me

Misses by a Blister



Robert W. Feller

SINGLE in the eighth inning, July deprived Bob Feller, Cleveland ace, from becoming the second pitcher in major league history to hurl two no-hit games in the same season. The Cleveland Indians' speed king set down the Philadelphia Athletics under their own lighting system for seven innings without the semblance of a safe blow. Then Dick Siebert met the first pitch in the eighth for a hit that rolled over second base.

only two men and struck out 13 to win duel with Johnny Babich, Feller limited good tussle. It is possible that he will ara 1 to 0 decision from Johnny Babich. It the Mackmen to one hit—an eighth-inning range to have an all-lefthanded hitting outwas Rapid Robert's fourteenth victory. last three seasons to spoil a no-hitter for the season, 1 to 0. Again the Chapman- would bench Terry Moore, finest defen-Feller. Two of the four were former Boudreau combination proved a winner, sive centerfielder in the business, on those Indians. Billy Sullivan, then with the St. Ben scored the game's only run when his occasions, but the club is begging for

no-hitter during 1939.

Hemsley explained that a blister on Feller's that Mel will be a consistent winner. finger probably was indirectly responsible for Siebert's hit. Hemsley noticed the sore spot before the eighth inning and decided to call for nothing but fast balls. Siebert, a well-known first-ball hitter, undoubtedly, would have drawn the curve under other conditions-and the Athletics weren't hitting Feller's curve. They weren't even

From Hands of Billy Bancroft

GADSDEN, Ala.—The Gadsden Pilots, Reds have the better of each of their who have been slow to get into the first- service there. Bell alone was satisfactory, pitching of Bill McGee, who notched his ils on the season, having gained the division fight this year, despite what was and Vitt had to drop him to a lower rung seventh triumph. er hand on the Phillies through the regarded by club officials as an ample in an effort to improve the cleanup situay 14 double victory. They have won array of talent, came up with a manage- | tion. lost as many games from their three rial shakeup last week. President James | Boudreau is using the current eastern as a whole, it must be said that a couple stern rivals as from the four eastern F. Mann announced that Billy Bancroft trip as a clincher to his claim to the title of grand infielders are being played into bs, making a 24-7 record vs. the West had resigned as skipper and that Hughey of "rookie of the year." Philadelphia big leaguers. They are Joe Orengo and a one of 26-17 vs. the East, as follows: Holliday, veteran outfielder, who signed writers fairly gasped at his performance, Martin Marion. Orengo, besides being a

7 the shakeup was not altogether a surprise, Barry. In each of the first two games little sparkplug fits in whether he is at as the Pilot moguls admittedly were dis- with the Athletics, Boudreau at important third, short or second. appointed with the showing of the team, moments made "miracle" plays. Whitey Moore joined the ranks of Red The club started with several key men Jeff Heath returned to action in Phila- Cards, but the chance of their putting on from last year's first-division crew, pur- delphia after a month's absence caused by a dash such as they did last year is bechased several more and in addition the illness. The young outfielder had been coming more and more remote. Pittsburgh Pirates, with whom the Pilots hitting so well in practice that Vitt an-

ourth. Whitey pitched steady ball the in the Eastern, Southern, Three-I and Texas the opposition. leagues, is 28 years old. He has been playing center field and is hitting at a .319

> The first move to strengthen the team under Holliday's direction was the purchase of Vic Mettler, a former Pilot flychaser, from the Montgomery Rebels, Mettler took over right field pending the recovery of Frank Kalin, who is out with

BOB COLLINS.

Okla. City Brings in Adkins, 16-Game Pine Bluff Winner S. C. fans.

ell here steadily for two hours before chances of his Oklahoma City Indians are franchise to the league and its transfer ame time. Rain prevented a contest the fading fast, so Manager Rogers Hornsby to another city, however, was not unext afternoon after more than 3,000 fans called in Dewey Adkins from Pine Bluff, expected. vere in the park, and when it was played Ark., of the Cotton States League to Rhodes, an excellent manager, tried to ff in a double-header the next afternoon, bolster his mound staff as the manage- raise enough money to keep the club here, nore than 27,000 paid to see Paul Der- ment awaits the outcome of the self- but there was no response. inger land his eleventh victory of the administered arm treatment by Lewis Mc- The Spartanburg Journal, commenting eason, while Gene Thompson, bidding for Lendon, another righthander. McLendon on the transfer of the club, said: "You is eleventh, fell by the wayside, 3 to 1, has been suspended for 15 days and has fans have spoken—or, rather, you haven't from Saginaw, Mich., turned in a 2 to 0 rough a two-run rally by the Dodgers returned to his Sylacauga, Ala., home to spoken-but your silence has told Manager no-hit game against the Greenies in Green-

ame, allowing only five hits and helping McCook, Neb., lad, the Tribe is sending time again you have indicated you wanted having hurled hitless ball against Wilimself no little with his fielding and Pitcher Dale Livingston, youngster picked a club here—a winning club—but you've liamston earlier in the year. up off the Perry, Okla., sandlots, to Pine never had it. Promises have been made, Simon's performance was all the more The Brooklyn series served to introduce Bluff. Livingston has been used only in but something always happened and they remarkable because he had previously ational League. Sent to bat with run- Adkins won 16 games for the tailend Bob LaMotte, formerly an official of the seven games and failed to win any of ers on first and third and two out, Pine Bluff team. He reported, July 15. Savannah Indians, will be sole owner of them. Then on July 7, he hurled a vicejan looked so impressive while fouling | Shortstop Dixie Howell, showing signs the new Charleston club. LaMotte said tory over New Bern. one of Curt Davis' pitches that the of deserting the hitting doldrums, was work of putting the Charleston park in Base running honors for the year ap-

alking Dejan. "If he'd let that boy hit A "kid night" here, July 10, drew 4,600, and July 31, JOHN CRONLEY, stated.

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MANAGER OF CARDINALS CONVINCED PADGETT IS NOT A CATCHER

Plans to Send Big Fellow to Outer Garden and May Shift Mize; Browns Fall Back Into Old Losing Ways



r. LOUIS, MO.—As the unpredictable Cardinals ramble down a zig-zag course to nowhere in particular, it is becoming more and more evident that Billy Southworth is on his own. In other words, he is not wearing the

Rickey collar. Sink or swim, Billy In spite of the logic of this explanation, is dictating his own policies and

Padgett is not a catcher, but an outfielder. Another "Committee" Calls on Bradley | We personally like big, red-faced Don The uprising against Vitt, which appar- but never fully reconciled ourselves to the passed balls and stolen bases.

Mize May Be Tried in Outfield n the players, said "No," but the deeper And that isn't all. Southworth has had analysts point out that he may have meant First Baseman Johnny Mize working out only that he did not specifically telephone in the garden. The Mighty Mize, who has them the day that they came in. At any 23 home runs to his credit, somehow is rate, the news of their visit caused a brief worse this year as a fielder at first base stir, with one writer suggesting that Vitt than he has been in the last couple of should resign immediately, if Bradley were seasons. He isn't moving any faster than tolerating new complaints against his re- a ten-ton truck, and whatever Southworth has in mind, it is evident that he believes But the excitement died down as the games are being lost on those foul-line

ings table. The Indians swept their three- Hopp on his squad. This young man can game series in Philadelphia. In the opener field with deftness and is a fair enough batting slump to pile up 15 hits, including | But what Manager Billy is going to do homers by Ben Chapman, Lou Boudreau with all his outfielders, allowing that he

and Ken Keltner. The next night Bob intends to go through with his conversions

to finish a nine-inning chore, there no Breadon, now is trying to get the best he After the July 12 game, Catcher Rollie longer is the slightest doubt in Vitt's mind can out of the club for the remainder of the season. He confers with Breadon almost daily. His troubles and problems In an effort to improve the Indians' at- are taken up with Sam, rather than with tack, Vitt last week put Chapman in the Rickey. He is on his own, so to speak, leadoff spot and dropped Boudreau to the and trying to swing things around so that troublesome third notch. Boudreau had he won't have two strikes on him next

but with most of his teammates in slumps, The Cardinals had dropped six in a row he was experiencing difficulty completing up to July 13, when they smacked over the his journeys. The new setup clicked beau- Giants in an uphill fight, 7 to 6, in the tifully in Philadelphia. Chapman got more first game of a double-header and pulled than his share of hits, while Boudreau through in the nightcap for another win, proved the perfect answer to the No. 3 4 to 3. They carried the streak over into problem. The young shortstop was the July 14 with a couple of late-inning vicseventh man used in that spot this season, tories at the expense of the Boston Bees, Chapman, Keltner, Beau Bell, Ray Mack, 8 to 7 and 3 to 1. The second game of Rollie Hemsley and Frankie Pytlak all saw | the Bee double duel was featured by the

Orengo and Marion Making Grade In justice to Southworth and the team

Perhaps better days are ahead for the

The Browns have slipped to a point on, 7 to 1, and in which he forced in have a working agreement, sent down nounced he would use him regularly where they are on the brink of their wellagainst righthanded pitchers, with Bell known cellar berth. At this writing, they Holliday, who played for several years taking over when a southpaw works for had lost 13 in a row and there was no good reason to believe that Fred Haney would ever get them off their \ backs. It is a rather tragic circumstance for a team that had fought so nobly to gain a place in the sun. As a matter of fact, it Spartanburg Sally Franchise was only a short three weeks ago that the Browns occupied, for a day, a berth just ahead of the Yanks in fourth place.

While pitching has been lax, one reason hour attempt of Cecil (Dusty) Rhodes, for the plunge of the Browns lies in batpresident - manager of the Spartanburg ting. Only Rip Radcliff maintains a conclub, to keep the Sally League franchise sistent pace. Fellows like McQuinn and in this city failed, July 15, and E. M. Hoag are down in the .200 numerals and Wilder, league president, announced that Clift, Berardino and Heffner have suffered shrinkage in their figures.

But in the final analysis, Bill DeWitt should send Ray Cahill and Pat Monahan on a pitcher hunt, pronto. That's the real seat of trouble. DICK FARRINGTON.

Second Tarboro Moundsman Turns in No-Hit Performance

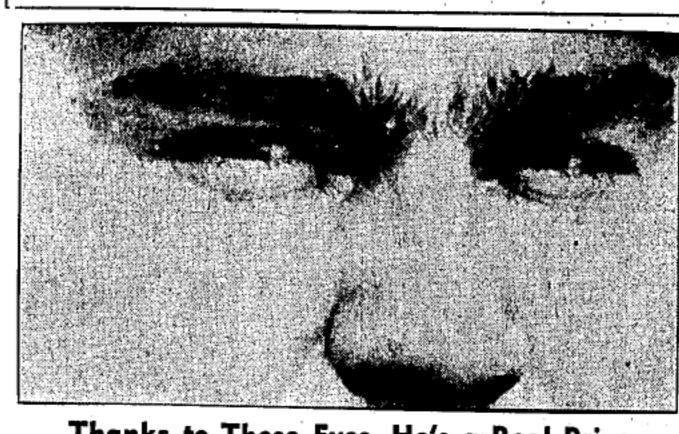
TARBORO, N. C.-Howard Simon, rookie attempt to regain his form in daily work- Rhodes and the South Atlantic League offi- ville the night of July 12. He was the cials what they wanted to know. And we second Tarboro pitcher to achieve that shown little effectiveness. He had started

SOUTHWORTH BEGINS WHAT'S YOUR SCORE in the TWO-EYE LEAGUE?

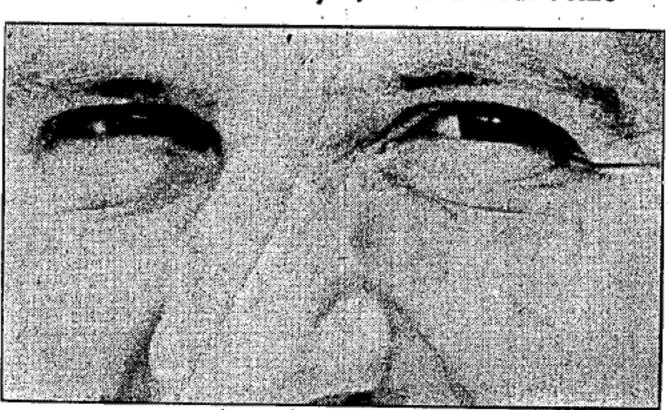
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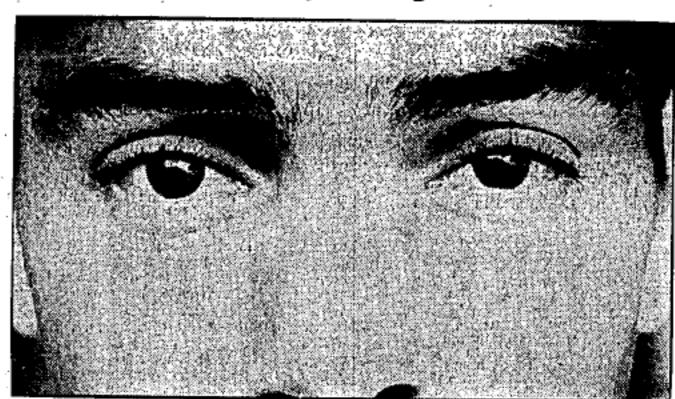
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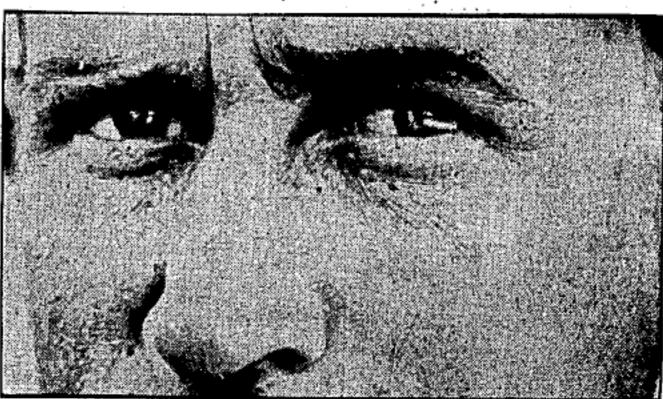
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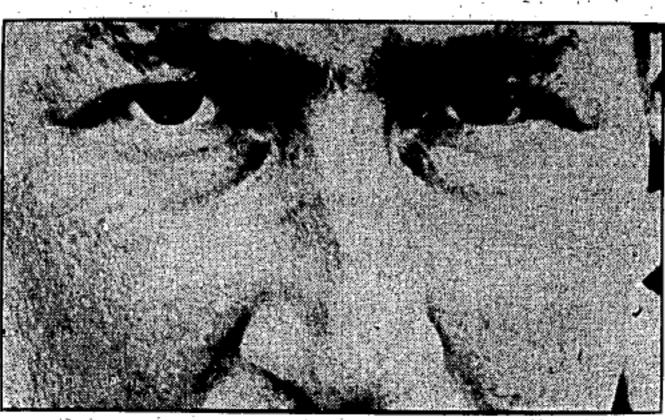
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DANIEL ASSERTS EVEN RED ROLFE 'MUST LOOK TO LAURELS'

Crosetti, Dahlgren, Six Pitchers Among Those Likely Seeing Last Year In.N.Y. Uniform; Cuccinello Disappoints



EW YORK, N. Y.— Well, m'lads and lassies, after that All-Star game our faces are a little red around here. To be sure, Mel Ott, Harry Danning and Carl Hubbell of the Giants comported themselves with suc-

cess late in the battle at St. Louis, and wangled that fourth run off Bobby Feller. But the five Yankees who were on the starting nine for the American League contributed about as much as you could crowd into the left ear of a midget gnat. The Yanks sailed out to conquer the world, and they meandered in among the badly beaten. It would seem that as the Yankees go,

goes the American League. You migh paste that in your hat and refer to it in October. However, the All-Star game is out of the way and now for the second half of the pennant races.

The Dodgers are very much in the fight even though folks with whom I talked at St. Louis expressed a strong preference for the Reds, with Paul Derringer and Bucky Walters. That was even before Paulus and Buckus pitched four innings of exemplary ball against the American leaguers. Still, the Dodgers are the "hustlingest" guys in the majors, and may make it in spite of expert opinion to the Leaving the Dodgers for the more eru-

dite lucubrations of Thomas Holmes, let us examine the Yankees and the Giants. Those Yanks are very much on the spot. I don't mind telling you they are fighting for their jobs-at least 11 of them-despite the way they went through the Browns

The Giants will have to produce, too, or there will be quite a few changes there. as well. This game of ball is strange, any way you look at it. Last winter Burgess Whitehead was supposed to be let out, now he is rated the strongest entrenched Giant on the club.

Non-Trading Rule Also to Get Ax The American League rule barring trades for the pennant-winning club will be tossed out in December. It came up for scant consideration at St. Louis, where a good deal of the conversation was about attendance, night ball, the All-Star game, and the umpires. In the National League meeting, virtually all the time was devoted to the umpires, who sure are on

the griddle. If the Yanks don't win again, the nontrading rule, or course, will not affect them, whether it stands or goes. Another factor in the situation will be new ownership under Jim Farley. The new owners will want action, and a winner.

Then there are players in the chain who must come up in 1941. The outstanding players in that group are Phil Rizzuto and Gerald Priddy of Kansas City. Joe McCarthy is going to need a lot of pitchers, and he is going to be the most active trader in the league. The Red Sox are sure to tear things apart, too. The relief pitching of the Yankees looks to be in a state of collapse. There's where the ax will fall, win or lose, with greatest effect. It looks as if six pitchers might

be put on the danger list. At this writing, the Yankees have been in seven extra-inning games. They have lost every one of them. At this writing, the Yankees have drop-

ped no fewer than ten decisions by one run. They have won only six games by that slim margin. In other words, carry the Yankees into overtime, and they are whipped because

they haven't any relief pitching. Creep up on the Yankees and make them change pitchers, and the chances are, 10 to 6, that you will beat them. Through four pennant winning years the Bombers would have won seven of the ten one-run games they lost; five of the seven overtime games they dropped.

The bullpen presents no relief for the Yanks in emergencies, and the first thing McCarthy must do is to remedy this seri-

ous situation. Henrich Working Again on First Of course, Babe Dahlgren still is under fire. He is the greatest fielding first baseman the game has seen in five years, but he has not been hitting. Now he is around .245. McCarthy has been giving Tom Henrich longer workouts around first base, and it looks as if Joe were toying with that idea all over again.

With Rizzuto and Priddy coming up, some of our infield lads in other stations are on the spot. Frankie Crosetti, even Red Rolfe around third, will have to look to their laurels.

To make it short and plain, from now on the Yanks are not fighting just to avoid being whipped after they had opened 2 to 5 pennant favorites. They are fighting for their jobs, fighting desperately to remain with the big club in the big city where the big money always has been. The boys are alive to the situation, they are hustling. But some of them haven't the nervous energy.

Business around here has been good. The Yankees lead the American League in home attendance. At St. Louis, Ed Barrow reported 400,000, with the Tigers second and the Athletics, with an amazing 355,000, third. Cleveland showed only 340,-000. In the National League, the Dodgers reported 500,000 and the Giants were sec-

The chances are that Brooklyn again will pass the million mark and keep the attendance championship it won last year, with 1,090,000.

With Frank Demarce back, the Giants look better. But Mel Ott just isn't hitting. He still won't wear those glasses. Harry Danning is slugging, but now Joe Moore is not doing so well. The pitching is okeh, but it is entitled to more big innings, and it has not been

getting them. Terry has run into quite a few disappointments. In the first place, there is Mickey Witek. He is too slow a fielder to suit his manager, and it would surprise a block. Witek had a close call from being sent to Jersey City.

Whether he is at second or at short, Witek does not get the ball away fast (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 2)



Record Shows 20 Victories Out of 24 Tilts in Bargain Bills; Ability to Win

BARGAIN BILLS THUS FAR

Close Ones Also Big Asset



city's champion Reds, aged two winning major league All-Star teams in one year, again appear on the verge of pulling away from their rivals and starting to

make a successful drive toward another pennant. They've made other bids this year to move out in front, but never were successful in getting far enough ahead to last for more than a few There's no guarantee this spurt will do

what the others failed to accomplish, but many who profess ability to read the signs aright maintain that the Reds now have gone into the lead for the last time and that as the season progresses their first-place margin will grow, instead of

McKechnie, the canny Scot, refuses to share this view, at least not yet. "Our lead isn't big enough to talk about," he maintains. "We will just go on as we have done all season, win every game possible and hope that we stay on top and increase our lead. But Brooklyn's club hasn't quit and it is not likely to quit," Bill continued. "As long as the Dodgers continue to show as much hustle and determination as they have been doing ately, while crippled, we cannot be sure of our place at the top, unless we also cep on hustling right up to the limit." After winning a double-header from the hillies here July 14, the Reds, with three games yet to play to complete the first alf of their season, had a lead over Brooklyn of two and a half games, had won 15 of their last 19 games, including seven-straight streak which the Dodgers topped, July 13, and were four games head of their pennant-winning pace of 039. This year they won 50 and lost 24 their first 74 decisive contests. Last ear they won 46 and lost 28.

Fatten on Double-Headers Sundays and double-headers continue to the main mediums through which the eds fatten their percentage. They now ive won 17 of their 19 Sunday games hd in double-headers have won 20 games d lost four. Their double victory over e Phillies, July 14, was their eighth geep of a bargain bill this season. They've ided the four others and, if no more ble-features are added to their schedthey still have 14 more of them to . They have shown such a liking double-headers and the Dodgers have d so poorly in them that it may be the bargain bills will provide much lincinnati's margin of success. e ability of the Reds to cop close es and to win while being outhit, is nteresting item. Including the games uly 14, McKechnie's champions had 11 games in which they were outhit also copped 17 times by one run as nst six defeats by a single tally. nother sign of strength shown by the comes through the ability of their hers to go the route. In the club's 75 games, one a tie, McKechnie pickstarting pitcher who went the dis-50 times. In the same games, only the starting pitchers lasted the full e against the Reds, even though Cinati's champions have not shown exional strength at bat. Not leaders in Holliday Takes Gadsden Reins n batting average or in individual ing marks, these same Reds are pretty

d at getting their runs home when the s are needed. ith the half-way mark near at hand;

W L Opponent 1 Philadelphia _ 6 3 Boston _

ew York ____ 7 Moore and More of It tchers who have gone the route this sean by holding the Phillies to four singles the second game, July 14, which he hiladelphia's run by walking Chuck Klein players. ith the bases full and one out in the

est of the game. Jim Turner, pitching his sixth victory f the season and his fourth straight, gave pace. p ten hits, all singles, to the Phils in he 3 to 2 first game.

The three-game first-place war with Brooklyn's Dodgers here last week came to expectations in that each game was otly contested and full of excitement. ome ragged fielding marked a couple of a leg injury. he games, but this was offset by brilant pitching on both sides. The Reds, showing the true championship

pirit, copped the first two games, with he Dodgers taking the third. The first ame, played at night, drew nearly 29,000 aid admissions, despite the fact that rain ith two out in the ninth.

Bucky Walters pitched his twelfth vic- outs, ory of the season in the 6 to 5 night In exchange for Adkins, 21-year-old are not blaming you one bit. Time and distinction so far this season, Don Parker

tike Dejan, newest of the Reds, to the relief roles here in nine games. aintains that Davis won his game by Nowak. me," Wilson said, TOM SWOPE. free.

Naming of Trosky as Captain Viewed as Peace Move by Vitt DEBUNKING SOME OF

back with the statement that I couldn't

I'll be out as soon as I can get there to back him up, close observers were inclined to believe running the Cardinals as he best that the appointment of Trosky went con- sees fit. He can well do this, because siderably deeper. The veteran first sacker it is understood that he has a straight was one of those who complained to Presi- contract without the ten-day release clause, dent Alva Bradley about Vitt's handling such as his predecessor, Ray Blades, workof the team, and it is suspected that Vitt ed under. appointed him captain in an effort to This premise is founded on facts of acdemonstrate that he is willing to meet the tion that cannot be refuted. There is, for insurrectionists half-way in an attempt to instance, the Southworth idea that Don re-establish mutual co-operation.

possibly have seen the play in question.

He can't say that about Hal, and, of course,

ently had subsided after the first exciting idea that he was a catcher. As a .399 hitoutburst, reached the front pages again ter last season, there was some reason to last week, when it was learned that a believe that he belonged where the manthree-man committee of the players had ager placed him. He was an asset at any called on Bradley recently. A spokesman price with a batting average like that. for the players said they had gone to the At any rate, Branch Rickey is seeing big boss in accordance with a previous his grandest dream of Burbanking being arrangement that they report to him on destroyed. Southworth has come to the conditions in the Wigwam, and that they conclusion that Padgett is not a catcher. had told him everything was moving along He is grooming Don for a return to the satisfactorily and had repledged the team's outfield, where he will be away from best efforts in the pennant race.

Bradley, asked directly if he had called

club swung into its third invasion of the drives along the right field line. East in a manner that augured well for its continued stay at the top of the standof the set, they snapped out of a long swinger with the bat. The performance was one of the best Feller carved out another of his master- of Mize and Padgett to the garden, is of Feller's star-studded career. He walked pieces. Locked in an airtight pitching something that would give Solomon a single by Dick Siebert-and struck out 13 field when a righthander is working Siebert was the fourth player in the as he registered his fourteenth victory of against the Cards. This kind of a setup Louis Browns, beat out a bunt to deprive own double was followed by Lou's two- power to overcome pitching delinquencies. Feller of no-hit distinction early in 1938. bagger. In the final contest of the series, This would mean Padgett in right, Mize Earl Averill made the only hit of a night Mel Harder was credited with a 6 to 4 in left and probably Enos Slaughter in game between the Indians and Tigers in decision, although Johnny Allen, now the center. Cleveland last summer. And Bobby Doerr team's relief ace, had to finish. Harder At any rate, Southworth, who was made of the Red Sox ruined another prospective again looks good, and while he has yet manager on the personal selection of Sam

> Boudreau Clicks in No. 3 Spot been practically living on the baselines, season.

W L with the Pilots this spring, had been nam-and Connie Mack said that he and Ray fine fielder, has hit remarkably well, and Mack form the best keystone combination the same might be said of Marion. While no change had been indicated, since the days of Eddie Collins and Jack | Jimmy Brown again is active, and this

ED McAULEY. Charleston, S. C., Takes Over

SPARTANBURG, S. C .- The eleventhit had been transferred to Charleston, S. C. It was a sad day for Spartanburg

In financial difficulties since the open-OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - Playoff ing of the season, the surrender of the

never came out right."

tter became extra careful and walked sidelined, July 13, when he was struck on playable condition would get under way pear to be in the grasp of Charley Metelm. Coach Jimmy Wilson of the Reds the right arm by Houston Pitcher Hank immediately, with the team making its ski, who has already pilfered 32 times.

home debut sometime between July 24 The league record is 34, set by Jack Barnes of New Bern last year. Metelski stole three ball, he would have broken up the 2,600 of whom were youngsters admitted Rhodes will continue as manager, it was in one night against Goldsboro here on