HUB IN HUB-BUB OVER TED WILLIAMS FEUD

RED SOX SOPHOMORE RESENTFUL OF SCRIBBLERS' CRITICISM

Outfielder Falls Off His Home-Run Pace of '39 When He Gets 'Slow Stuff;' Bees Falter on Trlp West



OSTON, Mass. — While the popular Red Sox were faltering, skidding and slipping as they shakily ocposed in modern years. Marshall, who quit Wake Forest as a sophomore to join Atlanta, is playing his first year of O. B. His previous experience was limited to cupied the top of the American League pennant chase, the fans of this section talked and talked. The Red Sox are a live subject of conversation,

and you will hear people on the sidewalks, in restaurants-almost everywhere discussing them. But, strangely enough, the talk was not about the nosedive the Sox were taking. Teddy the Kid Williams was holding the spotlight. The whole town was talking about the boy who thrilled the baseball world in his freshman year last season with his tremendous batting skill. Teddy was the topic of conversation because he had started a feud with the sports writers of the entire world. He was down on them and he made no bones about it.

Ted has been popping off on even the slightest provocation in recent weeks and writers from many cities were getting an earful of his grievance. So that it was a 100-to-1 shot that there would be an explosion. It finally came, Columnists of this time and age love to have material such as this feud formed, and a local

day he poked his nose into the Sox camp ball player to earn the reputation of being the park. He seldom strikes out. a bit of a screwball. Although some of the Boston writers were willing to have in keeping the Crackers of Paul Richards him continue as a screwball to keep them in the race. His home is in Richmond, Va., in material for stories, the majority were but Atlanta fans gladly will give him ever willing and anxious to help him. All last year he got along fine with the writers. He welcomed their suggestions, even their criticisms, and he often asked their advice. After he started hitting homers and driving in runs, he was sitting right on top of the world. He left the boys enough material so that they were able to write of him during the

Never a More Favored Pet He was selected by the Boston writers as the outstanding Hub player of 1939, Plaque, an enviable gift, and was brought on to Boston at the time of the writers' banquet here in February to receive his loop standings. honor. No other player ever has drawn

so many writers and photographers to a

winter months.

few days he was here at that time. had at least a dozen long-hit balls caught runs. on him against the wall in those sections

Naturally enough, it was believed that the youngster would have a great year with those changes to help him. Storics by the dozen were written, not only in Boston, but around the country, of what was expected of Ted this year. Having experienced bad moments after

throwing hittable balls to Ted last year, the pitchers are working differently this year. They are throwing him "nothing stuff" constantly. He never sees a fast It has been well nigh impossible for Ted to get hold of a pitch well enough to clear a barrier. As a result, he had clean sweep of a three-game series with hit only four homers as this was written. the Pine Bluff Judges. Ted knows that his high salary, and he is reputed to be getting \$12,000 this year on a one-year contract, is based the other was registered by Dick Weller, on his ability to hit homers. A year ago the first of the season for the youngster. at this time, and even with a bad start, Finck's triumphs were his seventh and he had hit nine homers. The manner in which he was being pitched to made it seem he was to get very few more homers this year. That was getting under his

There is no question that Ted has sulked and acted like a spoiled child. His teammates have resented his actions. He was entirely self-centered and thinking too much of himself and too little about runs during the series. team play. He was not hustling, and Manager Joe Cronin had to "call" him on that score during the first western

started getting after him. It was a news subject and one that a sports writer should have expected to be fired for ignoring. However, one writer went too their idols from what they read. Ted far, brought in personal matters and re- also has been guilty of profane and vulgar ferred to Ted as a nitrwit. That ignited retorts which is not at all nice, and it

Came the Blast-and Then!

a columnist uncorked on Ted, the Kid from a clean-cut, 21-year-old young man, boasted a batting average of .374. In a The subject of Ted and his feud occupied double-header the day before, he had columns all last week, pro and con. Ted made four hits in eight times at bat, hit- walks past writers as if he never saw ting three two-baggers and a single. So them before. Undoubtedly the whole busi-

he is, he would have sat down and dissect- times in the opening game with the Tigers. ed the blast he got. Some of it contained | Papa Tom Yawkey was not in town untruths, but, on the whole, it was well as all this was happening. Then he showdone. It was not vicious and was so well ed up. It is a cinch he will have more written as to be most attractive. It was than one sit-down with Ted and iron out and Teddy could have gained by it.

sulks and lack of hustle was jealousy of been doing, but he must put his team the present-day success of Jimmy Foxx, first, hustle and run out all hits, even well on his way to home-run heights.

Here is one writer who knows Ted Williams as well as anybody, and who is but it was a shame it had to happen, absolutely sure that this is not the case. as it always will be a blot on the boy's Teddy always has looked up to Jimmy career. as an idol. He thinks Double X is one The Sox did not do too well with the of the grandest guys he ever knew, and western teams. For the first time this he has been envious only of the tremen- year they lost three games in a row when

To my mind, Williams was childishly only by a most tremendous Foxxie homer disconsolate because he wasn't hitting hom- into the teeth of a young gale, hit with ers as everybody expected he would. He two men out in the ninth, two on bases was preved at the manner in which they and the Sox trailing at the time, I to 0. were pitching to him. Instead of taking That victory was most welcome, as it philosophically as Jimmy Foxx does Lefty Grove had pitched the game, had when things go wrong for him, Teddy held the Browns to six hits and gone the

take it out on the writers.

thrill and form their opinions and select

CRACK YOUNG CRACKER MAKES BIG HIT AT BAT

Just Off Campus, Willard Marshall, 19, Blasts Ten Homers in Three Weeks and Bids for Slugging Title



LANTA, Ga.—When Willard Marshall, 19-year-old left fielder of the Crackers, hit his tenth home run within three weeks and his twelfth of the season, old-timers began call-ing him the greatest find the Southern Association has un-

college and semi-pro ball. Tagged "Junior" by his Cracker mates because of his extreme youth, Marshall wasn't used at the start of the season because of a leg injury. Later on, after he was put in the lineup, he was forced to the sidelines for a week with a bruised

In spite of it all, Junior was tied the early part of the week with Nashville's Socko Rocco for the Southern Association home run leadership. And Rocco has been playing regularly since the season's start.

Marshall was scouted and signed for the Crackers by Nap Rucker, old Brooklyn star. Since then, Rucker has joined the Brooklyn scouting corps and is now following Junior more closely than ever. May Be on Way to the Dodgers

Nap has expressed the hope he may be able to get Marshall for the Dodgers when the Crackers are ready to make a deal.

The lad is a natural hitter and so far the Southern pitchers have not found a weak-ness in his style. He's a lefthanded batter and a righthanded thrower.

of this time and age love to have material such as this feud formed, and a local word builder let Ted have it with both barrels as his subject for the opening day of last week.

Before going any further into what happened, let it be said that the Kid previously had enjoyed the finest of relations with sports writers ever since the first day he poked his nose into the Sox camp.

and a righthanded thrower.

Pitchers have tried slowing up on Marshall, but since he has a smooth, even swing, he has been able to adjust himself quickly to the slow stuff. He is the type of batter who appears able to change in the middle of a swing. Since he has been in the lineup regularly, he has pulled his average up to almost .360.

When they pitch outside to him, Marin 1938. He was only a boy, and he came shall bangs singles and doubles to left and up with the reputation of being some-what of a problem child. He had done ing over the middle or inside, he either many things in his first two years as a rattles the palings or hits the ball out of

Marshall has been largely instrumental one here if he asks for it, JACK TROY.

Skipper Kingdon Goes to Short and Selma Leafs Put on Rush

SELMA. Ala.-Although bothered with bad leg. Wes Kingdon, Selma skipper, hied himself to shortstop in an effort to put a stop to the floundering of the Leafs in the Southeastern League cellar and was awarded the beautiful Tim Murnane straightaway the locals went out and grabbed six out of the next eight games to work their way to fifth place in the

Every man on the team is playing better ball since the Leafs have found themball park in February as Ted did the selves, and the addition of Jack Van Orsdol from Baltimore and Bucky Swift Fenway Park was made over during the from Chattanooga has bolstered the pitchwinter. The main idea, it was announced, ing staff. The staff has turned in several was to enlarge the grandstand at the stellar hurling performances. Big John park. There had been a pavilion in the Chambers, for instance, copped his last right field area which never was popular, pair of starts with only three earned runs so it was made over into part of the being garnered off his slants. Moarl field in right, and to further the idea win column into the higher bracket and the bullpens were put in front of the against Gadsden. He lost his previous

> Shike Elledge, tall rookie from Wilson Dam, has added his bit with a couple of first-rate relief jobs and Bucky Swift copped his first start against Anniston.

Finck's Flinging and Clancy's Clouting Spark Helena Drive

HELENA, Ark. - Helena climaxed its drive to regain a first-division berth in the Cotton States League by making a

Tiny Finck, the ace righthander, received credit for two of the victories, and eighth against one loss.

Manager Bud Clancy tied a record for the league in the second game of the series when he blasted out six hits in six times at bat to pace the Seaporters in a 26 to 3 win. The Helena score also was high for two out, gives Boston victory over Browns the season in the loop. In all, the Seaporters laced out 53 hits and scored 42 tripper off Bob Grove in seventh. . . . Despite Mize's fifteenth homer and another by

Jimmy Lucas returned to the lineup, straight success, Red Birds using four pitch-Jimmy Lucas returned to the lineup, straight success, Red Birds using four pitch- Athletics, first game going ten innings, and the night of June 6, after a week's ab- ers, making 107 employed in 38 games. . . . move out of last place, A's dropping to sence, due to an injured shoulder, but the Pirates tie Bees for seventh place by win cellar. . . . Cubs run winning streak to seven over Boston. . . Indians nip Senators in games by taking both ends from Bees Seaporters lost the services of Billy Speas That was when the Boston writers first for at least two weeks the same night, Speas has an ulcerated stomach.

the spark for the conflagration which was did not enhance his standing with the kids when it was reported that his lan-guage was of the sort expected to be On Monday, June 3, the day on which heard on back wharfs instead of coming that the blast he got came as a terrible ness affected him, as in the series with St. Louis he went to bat 16 times and got If Ted was not the super-sensitive kid only one hit. He also went hitless five like an open letter from a father to a son, the whole business. Ted is too valuable unfortunately, it attempted to show that in his second year of value. He can be the cause for Ted's display of tempera- of inestimable aid to his team if he only ment, his irritability and the resultant hits singles and doubles the way he has

dous strength which nature bestowed on the White Sox beat them in the finale Jimmy. Ted always got a kick out of of that series and the Browns won the being photographed alongside Foxx, with first two games of theirs. And the Browns his bulging forearms and barrel-like body. almost won a third, too. It was saved grew sour on himself. And when the distance in grand fashion. He was enfirst blast at him started, he decided to titled to the victory, his third of the year. : Perhaps the brightest part of the Bees' Ted never will be clever on decisions road jaunt were the first signs of his old that will affect Ted Williams. He is a effectiveness shown by Lou Fette, June 3, flighty young man-now of voting age— at Cincinnati. The Bees lost the game, who insists he always will remain a boy, but only because Joe Sullivan was touched He has had enough experience by now for three runs in the opening inning. to know on which side of his bread the Fette then took up the burden, held the butter is. History would show that a ball Reds to three hits and nary a run in the player cannot abuse the people who keep next seven innings. That game was lost him in the eyes of the public. After all, because the sensational Eddie Miller bootonly a small percentage of the populace ed in the opening inning to permit the attends thall games and the rest have to third run to tally. The Bees lost, 3 to 2.

LIGHTS GO ON AND PIRATES GO UP



TURNING on the lights at Forbes Field, June 4, the Pirates quit groping in the basement and began a drive that took them out of the cellar and into fifth place in the National League standing within a week. The nocturnal inauguration brought out 20,319 sun dodgers, despite other attractions at Pittsburgh and the lowly position of the team, to see the Bees routed and to view one of the best illuminated fields in the game. Commissioner K. M. Landis and League President Ford Frick were present for the ceremonies, Landis passing his hand over a grid glow tube to turn on the lights. Shown above at the official inauguration of the illuminating system are, left to right: Frick, Landis, J. K. B. Hare of the Westinghouse Company, which made the installation, and President W. E. Completed and there are no indications better the ceremonies at Pittsburgh and the lowly position of the year in capturing 20 decisons and losing only eight for a sixth-place team, already has snatched seven victories with scarcely more than a fourth of the season completed and there are no indications better the ceremonies. Benswanger.

win over Detroit. . . Boston Red Sox op-tion Outfielder Leo Nonnenkamp to and recall Outfielder Stanley Spence from Louis-

of Cardinals and Billy Southworth, pilot of

zalez. Cardinals, turning five double plays

seventh place by shelling Phillies. . . . De-

crowd of 31,430 at New York. . . . Al Bran-cato, subbing at third for Al Rubeling, drives

Browns. . . . Hal Newhouser scatters seven Boston hits to edge Detroit to within two

games of first place. . . . Emil Leonard gains seventh victory for Washington at ex-

June 8-Al Milnar blanks Yankees on two

Seven errors, four by Chicago,

Tarboro Coastal Plain club, who is suc-

game winning streak and defeat Cleveland

pitcher, after losing twice to him. . . . Home

each by McQuinn, Judnich and Cullenbine

French notching seventh victory in opener

with six hits. . . . Three-run rally by Washington ties count in ninth inning, but

White Sox win in eleventh. . . . Giants sweep second successive double-header

from Cardinals, winning first in eleventh

after Mize knots count in ninth with six-

teenth homer and second with five-run rally

in eighth frame, highlighted by Glossop's

pinch home run. . . . Phillies stop Pirates' winning streak at four straight in first game

behind seven-hit pitching of Mulcahy, but

drop second to Pittsburgh, called after eight

innings, . . . Dizzy Dean, though tagged for

two homers, scores winning run against Fort

Worth in initial pitching appearance with

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - By a strange

Wilkes-Barre 'Strong Team'

speak of.

other side out.

for the past two seasons,

Gerry Hannahoe at first.

Browns sweep double-header with

ship of Meridian Southeastern club.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

seventh straight loss to St. Louis team. . . . Hugh Casey, Brocklyn, limits Cubs to five defeat Pirates. . . White Sox shell Fritz Ostermueller to split series with Red Sox. Dizzy Dean to send pitcher on option to lina State League club. . . . Erwin of Appa-

grandstand. That cut down the playing Strachan got in two fine games to run his one by Wright give White Sox victory over field in right, and to further the idea win column into the games to run his one by Wright give White Sox victory over which was to aid Ted hit more homers, Ted Pritchett added another to his string by a southpaw, Edgar Smith letting them bleachers in right and right center. Ted start while limiting Montgomery to three DiMaggio. . . . Hubbell registers fifth constealing three bases in the first contest. . . .

> lies. . . . Monte Pearson game defeat White though relieved, as Yankees defeat White though relieved, as Yankees defeat White Pirates option Outfielder Floyd Yount to Little Rock. . . . Pitcher Johnny Broaca, restored to eligible list, given re-

Cincinnati options Pitcher Charles Barrett

11 innings on single by Boudreau after triple by Mack tie count in eighth. . . . White Sox stage two-run rally in ninth to nose out Yankees. . . . Bill Nicholson homers

All-Star Arrangements

Bill McKechnle of the Cincinnati Reds and Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox will manage the All-Stars this year, the players again will be chosen by the 16 major league pilots and regular season prices will be charged for the game to be played at St. Louis, July 9, Commissioner K. M. Landis has informed the Cardinals, who will be the hosts at Sportsman's Park.

The commissioner announced the following arrangements had been made by the Advisory Council;

"Starting time, 1:30 p. m. If postponed, 9 a. m., following day. Regular season prices for tickets. Each team will have 25 players, selected by majority vote of the eight managers of the clubs of the league concerned; also may have two coaches, one trainer and as many batting practice pitchers as desired. McKechnie will manage National League team and Cronin the Amer-

ican League team.

"At least one player from each club. No pitcher in more than three innings except that if he entered the game after commencement of an inning that part inning will not be included, and except that any pitcher in game in ninth or subsequent innings can finish game if manager desires. American League team personnel will be announced by President Harridge for publication in morning papers of July 1; National League team personnel will be announced by President Frick for publication in afternoon papers of

"Each National League player will use his club's home uniform; American League players their clubs' road uniform. National League ball will be used. No standing room on field. Two umpires from each league, who will be selected by Advisory Council and announced later. Press arrangements will be handled by St. Louis National club with St. Louis chairman of Baseball Writers' Association in charge."

SOUTHWORTH EIGHTH (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.)

'I like Ray and I'm sorry it had to happen," he said. "It hurt me a whole lot

to do it because he was playing the string out in every game. I have no criticism to make on his strategical moves. He was up against it. "But I came to the conclusion that a change had to be made. We've got a big Yankees when Atley Donald shaded his investment here. We've got obligations to

our public and as much as I regretted the whole thing, something had to be done. The team was in a rut. If I can place Blades in our organization, I'll do it, if Ray wants a job this year.

Blades, on the other hand, said he planned a long vacation, perhaps in the

Ray did a great job, despite the fact that intriguing. he was perforce and by his own dictates hind, Ray won national recognition. He the league leaders all season. gambled with his pitchers, on changes, out, "You can beat a race (1939 rating),

but you can't beat the races." ers on whom he had counted to come

Counting repeaters, Southworth is the by brilliant relief work of Walter Brown, from fifth to seventh place. . . . Cullenbine since 1926, when Hornsby bowed out. Bob O'Farrell had the team in 1927; McKechnie in 1928; Southworth and McKechnie, 1929; 5 to 1. . . Aided by home run by Elbie Fletcher, Pittsburgh defeats Phillies and Street, 1930, '31 and '32; Street and Frisch, '33; Frisch '34, through 1938; Blades, '39; loss, with none on, only effective blow off Blades and Southworth, 1940.

No Official Retreat on Browns If memory serves right, there was something reported as having been said at an extraordinary, meeting of the Browns' board of directors last year about Prexy Don Barnes packing his troubles in his old kit bag with his smiles and letting somebody else run the club come June 6 this year, if the Browns did not show improvement. Well, Don hasn't done any packing yet, and we are pleased to report that

the Browns currently are doing better. There was a period on the eastern trip, however, when Barnes must have felt the quicksand under his feet. That was when the Browns had lost seven in a row going into Boston. On June 4, against the league-leaders, however, Elden Auker, ace of the Brownie staff, put on the brakes, 5 to 3, Johnny Berardino's hit in the sixth producing the margin of victory.

The next afternoon the Browns won game which saw them come from behind to tie the score with two runs in the staged from July 4 to 7, starting on a ninth on Cullenbine's walk and doubles holiday and concluding on a Sunday. by Hoag and Laabs. In the fourteenth, Pitcher Bob Harris singled in what proved will be held in July and the early part to be the winning marker after Berardino of August, preceding the sixth annual and Swift had hit one-baggers.

There was some long-distance second- to 28. guessing because the Browns lost the third game to Boston and Bob Grove. 3 to 1. Little Emil Bildilli was on top, 1 to 0, until the ninth, when the Sox got Guide. In addition to a complete sumrunners on third and first. There were two mary of each district and state tourna- a new high for 1940 while Carl Doyle down and a "place to put" Jimmy Foxx. ment, a summary of all games will be being made to pitch four innings who But Bildilli was instructed to pitch to carried, as well as All-District and All-Double X. He socked one over the fence- State tournament player selections, and at least that day, yielded 14 runs and and there went the game.

in Cellar Due to Poor Hurling Moving into Philadelphia, Auker pitched another fine game while his mates went voted to photos of sandlot and semi-pro batsmen hit by one pitcher in one game while his mates went voted to photos of sandlot and semi-pro batsmen hit by one pitcher in one game while his mates went to bat in that game with identifications of All told, 62 Reds went to bat in that game Moving into Philadelphia, Auker pitched the A's back twice, 8 to 7 and 4 to 2, to now to the National Semi-Pro Baseball plate in five consecutive innings, starting quirk of fate, the Wilkes-Barre Barons trade seventh for eighth place with Confind themselves with eight competent reg- nie Mack's crowd. In the 4-to-2 conquest, dent Ray Dumont said. ulars to put on the field for the first time Niggeling pitched another effective game in three seasons, but no pitching to and was provided with his margin on a home run by Cullenbine in the eighth with the national office at Wichita. During the past two seasons, the Barons and another by Berardino in the ninth. had better than average hurling staffs while the infields looked like sieves and of the injured Alan Strange, is doing a fine the outfielders hit like shortstops. Now, that they have the hitting and the defense, the pitchers just cannot get the in his side, arthritis in the neck, according

to Dr. Robert F. Hyland. . . . Pitcher Ver-Wilkes-Barre had a three-game series non Kennedy of the Browns became the with Williamsport last week in which it daddy of a daughter, June 6. The Kenscored 19 runs and collected 43 hits and nedys have another child, Lynn, a boy, yet failed to win a game. In one tilt, about a year and a half old. . . . Johnthe Barons scored nine runs and in an- ny Mize hit his sixteenth homer of the other seven. Williamsport pounded Baron season in the ninth inning of the first game of the June 9 double-header with As a result, the Barons find themselves the Giants. It was a dramatic wallop in last place, a spot well known to them with two on bases and tied the score, but the Terrymen eventually won out,

field when he came on option from the might have given him another shot with above .300. Phillies. Eddie Murphy was secured from the Cards. . . . There was considerable The hitting of Steve Mesner also has Wilkes-Barre does have a good team— of the June 9 double-header with the league to make 100 bingles.

all except pitching. And the funny part Giants. He was given a ride by the fans The Padre pitching has faltered, but

Dixie Howell and Guy Fletcher from last a rest. either. Paul Calvert, a French-Canadian the Browns by St. Paul of the American the first hurler in the loop to get that improve it by trade or purchase at the rookie, shows definite promise, while Ralph Association, June 10, and was immediately many wins. Pate, on the suspended list now, looked sold to Cleveland for an unannounced Pitcher Wally Hebert has been on the a possible deal to be heard. good at times. HOWARD W. DAVIS. sum.

MASTERSON'S MASTERY

Youngster Shows No Wildness in Three Fine Games; Leonard in Top Stride; Bloodworth Hitting in Pinches



ASHINGTON, D. C. - A speck the misery which has enveloped Washington this season, with marked improvement in Wal-

ter Masterson and Sid Hudson, youthful righthanders, and the continued effectiveness of Dutch Leonard bolstering what hitherto has been considered a hapless pitching staff. Masterson, who will be 20 years old June 22, had hurled three successive brilliant games for the Nats as this was brilliant games for the Nats as this was being written, checking St. Louis with four hits in eight innings in a game lost by a relieving pitcher, whipping Philadelphia on three hits in a seven-inning game and spanking Cleveland, 6 to 1, on

This bespectacled youngster, who seem-ingly has conquered his bugaboo, wild-ness, walked five of the first six men to face him in the Philadelphia game, but stuck it out and pitched masterfully from that point to win his game.

Hudson recently displayed the form he revealed in spring training camp for the first time during the regular season against Detroit, traveling five and one-third innings in a relief role without allowing a hit. His next start saw him drop a 5-to-4 11-inning engagement to Cleveland, but he fanned nine and appeared poised even while losing. even while losing.

Nobody has been giving it much thought, what with the European eruption attract-ing considerable attention and the Nats floundering in the second division, but the colorless Leonard quietly is en route to duplicating the chore of winning 20 games for his club.

Leonard, who last year accomplished what many considered the outstanding feat he'll slacken that pace.

er of a fluttery pitch stamped by Catcher that all details connected with the light-Rick Ferrell as the most difficult delivery ing system were letter perfect, and de-CARD PILOT SINCE '26 he has handled in 14 years behind the creed that for night games two shields plate, easily could be the proud possessor should be erected above and back of the of nine triumphs at this stage of the center field fence to prevent the glare ampaign had be gained the breaks in of street lights on Western avenue from

You Can't Win Them All Dutch has swallowed two bitter defeats

this year. On opening day he was licked by the combination of Lefty Grove's twohit pitching and an unearned run, while recently he was whipped, 2 to 1, by the six-hitter with a four-hit performance. Mild-mannered but equipped with the courage of a cat under pressure, Dutch has won six of his last seven starts, and in hurling 11 games thus far this season

has remained the route in ten of them, Jimmy Bloodworth, the chesty, strutting second baseman, also is providing mountains of the west, where he can the village with fodder for baseball chatter. Jimmy is batting a mild .256, but a As manager of the Cards last summer, peek at his runs-batted-in record is more

Jimmy shows a dozen faults, perhaps, constantly juggling the lineup and the but he has a happy habit of coming pitching. And, as a result of that swift through in the clutch. Despite his lowly drive down the stretch, which almost batting average he has thumped in some overtook the Reds after Blades' team at 37 runs and is second in that respect only one time, in August, was 121/2 games be- to Gerald Walker, who has been among

Catcher Jake Early, too, has been catchetc. And won. A race track man will tell ing the glad eye of Manager Bucky Haryou that luck of that kind will not hold ris with his continued sensational hitting and improved enough for Harris to use taken down as was customary. Craft prehim when the opposition employs a right-Blades' luck failed this year; failed chief- hander and, of course, except when Leonly because of injuries and because pitch- ard is pitching. Ferrell is the only catcher on the staff capable of handling Dutch. on what would have been a legitima Prexy Clark Griffith, who vetoed night and game-winning homer, no one root ball for the Nats this season, still is for the Reds thought much of it because eighth manager the Cardinals have had in a receptive mood for 1941, but says it seemed a cinch that he would see estimates for installation of the lights still the winning run and help Walters make are too high. Griff feels, too, that night ten straight victories. ball should be played steadily for two

months, as he suggested last year. Pitcher Bucky Jacobs, who failed to Lavagetto and Werber grounded to impress in several relief roles, has been optioned to Charlotte of the Piedmont left on base in that game and one of League. Jacobs is subject to 24-hour 43 Reds stranded in that Brooklyn ser

Shortstop Cecil Travis returned to the lineup after an absence of 11 days, due to a gashed leg, and celebrated the occasion by sparking the Nats to a 3-to-2 victory over the White Sox. Rookie Jimmy Pofahl has been benched by Travis' re-turn. DENMAN THOMPSON.

More District Tournaments to Be Established by Dumont

WICHITA, Kan.—Establishment of several hundred more district championship tournaments between now and June 20 in every part of the United States is the left there when Craft forced Rizzo goal of the National Semi-Pro Baseball second.

The 48 state championship tournaments national championships here, August 16

Most of the district tournaments will be

Teams participating in district and state championship tournaments will receive publicity in the 1941 National Semi-Pro photos of championship teams,

crazy with the bat and the Browns won, clubs, by states, with identifications of All told, 62 Reds went to bat in that gam 15 to 1. The following day they turned the players. Teams may send their photos and 44 of them took their turns at the Congress, Box 2202, Wichita, Kan., Presi- with the second and ending with the

> Teams desiring to enter the tournaments are invited by Dumont to get in touch M. CUNNINGHAM.

to Offset Pitching Let-Down

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—The Padres returned home from appoor road jaunt and started rapping the ball to all corners of the lot. In winning three of the first four games with San Francisco, the Padres made 48

Mickey Haslin and Ed Stewart have led the Padres in their comeback. Both Cleveland really did something this year Ray Blades used a total of 107 pitchers climbed into the .300 class in the Seal for a change after two years of promise. In the 39 games in which he ran the Series, Stewart developing into a power hitter. In 11 games against Los Angeles and the Seals, Stewart hit a home run, a triple and eight doubles. Haslin got four pitchers series, Stewart developing into a power hitter. In 11 games against Los Angeles and the Seals, Stewart hit a home run, a triple and eight doubles. Haslin got four pitchers series, Stewart developing into a power hitter. In 11 games against Los Angeles and the Seals, Stewart hit a home run, a triple and eight doubles. Haslin got four second on option from St. Paul. Danny Litwhiler bolstered the out- League team. Many figured Breadon straight hits in the June 7 game to go

the St. Louis Cards' chain to replace gossip when Joe Medwick did not take been sensational. On June 6, he got two his place in left field in the second game hits to become the first player in the

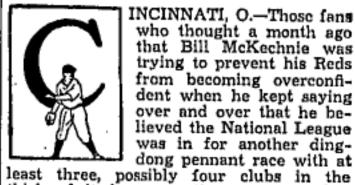
of it is that Woodrow Johnson, Cal Dor- for hitting into two double-plays in the Byron Humphreys and Dick Newsome are June 4, and Newsome chalked up his tenth club's bosses, while not wholly satisfi year's hurling staff cannot get started Pitcher Nate Andrews was returned to win of the season, June 5. Newsome was with their squad, see slight chance

DICK FARRINGTON. | shelf with poison oak. EARL KELLER.

'ONE FOR BOOK' NIPS PEGS NAT HURLING HIGHER WALTERS' WIN STRING

VICTORIOUS RUN DENIED RED ACE IN BID FOR TENTH STRAIGHT

of sunshine has filtered into Park Attendant Falled to Remove Night Game Canvas, Nullifying Craft Homer; Reds Find Selves in Real Fight



INCINNATI, O.—Those fans who thought a month ago that Bill McKechnie was trying to prevent his Reds from becoming overconfi-dent when he kept saying over and over that he believed the National League was in for another ding-

thick of it for some time, now are beginning to believe that Cincinnati's silent strategist was on the level and not spoofing. This was brought home when the champions got only an even break in four games with Brooklyn's challenging Dodgers, even though in the four games the Reds made 51 hits for 88 bases and scored 32 runs to 36 hits for 56 bases and 17 runs by the Dodgers.

Failure of the Reds to scatter their hits and runs so that they would bring them more than two victories in four games with the dangerous Dodgers kept the two clubs neck and neck in the race.

The Dodgers not only were efficient enough to get an even break while being outslugged and outscored by the Reds before nearly 54,000 paid admissions at Crosley Field, June 7, 8 and 9, but they succeeded in doing—with the aid of a negligent Crosley Field grounds worker—what no other team had been able to dewhat no other team had been able to do this season—defeat Bucky Walters. The 11-inning 4-to-2 defeat of Sir Bucky

in the series opener, June 7, is one for the book—a game which the Reds won in the ninth, only failed to make stick.

It was like this: When night ball was introduced here in 1935, Larry MacPhail, then general manager of the Reds and The portly knuckle ball specialist, own- now president of the Dodgers, saw to it shining into anyone's eyes. These shields, made of green canvas, are about two and a half feet by three feet, at least that part of them which projects above the

> Ground Keeper Muffed Routine For five years it has been a routine matter for the park's ground crew to put up these shields for night games, then take them down before the next day game was played. It has become so routine that Grounds Superintendent Matty Schwab neglected to check on that detail following the night opener here with the Giants

ence is about that size.

The ground rule is that balls striking these shields and rebounding to the field are in play. Only no batted ball ever struck one of them, that is not until the ninth inning of the June 7 game, when with Walters engaged in a 2 to 2 mound duel with Hugh Casey, the successor on Brooklyn's hill in that game to Tot Pressnell, Harry Craft opened for Cincinnati with a drive to left center. His smash skimmed over the top of the concrete fence, struck one of the shields and rebounded to the field. Fast work by Dixie Walker held the fleet Craft to a triple on that drive which would have been game-winning homer had the shield beer viously had started Cincinnati's scoring with a homer over the left field wall. At the time Craft had to stop at this

However, Craft didn't get home. M: took a third strike. Walters grounded rocher, making Craft one of the 12 R That, however, wasn't the only unus feature of that game which brought W ters his defeat. Ival Goodman doub to center with one out in the tenth. Fra McCormick was passed purposely and Err Lombardi drove a fly to deep right. present could tell that Jimmy Was was going to catch Lombardi's dr McKechnie, coaching at third, yelled Goodman to tag up and come to the after the catch. But Goodman ran m than half-way to third, had to go b to second and missed his chance to vance. And on the next play, Duroc threw high to first for an error wh would have let Goodman score from the

Enter Camilli, the Villain In the eleventh, Joe Vosmik opened v a single, advanced to third on two field outs and then walked in when D Camilli homered high into the bleache to make it a 4 to 2 defeat of Walters. The Reds more than avenged Buck defeat, June 8, with a 23-to-2 victory which Fred Fitzsimmons was charged with the loss because he yielded the first fl runs in the first two innings.

with the winning run, had he been th

Instead, he merely got to third and

The Reds made no records in that gam but their 27 hits for 42 bases was quite hits and hit four batsmen, thus equalling sixth.

It certainly wasn't the sort of baseball anyone buying a ticket to a big leagur park should expect, while the first gam of the June 9 double-header which Brook lyn won, 9 to 1, also was far from bein what big league patrons have a right t anticipate seeing, especially between club fighting for first place in mid-season. In that one Tex Carleton, pitching h first victory since he held the Reds hitles and runless here, April 30, worked beau tifully, with the only Red advancing a far as second being Frank McCormic on his seventh-inning homer. Jim Turner Joe Beggs, John Hutchings and Johnn Vander Meer were hit effectively by th Dodgers.

The nightcap, which brought the Red back on even terms with their challen gers, saw Gene Thompson hurl a neat win ner, 6 to 2, over Whitlow Wyatt an Tot Pressnell, and also do his share at be with a single and a double. It was h second victory of the week, the younge of the Reds' starting hurlers also having pitched and hit his way to a 7 to 2 winner over the Giants the night of June 5. He now has won three straight game after losing three in a row, and in th three winners allowed only six runs. Pau Derringer, after losing two straight, ha tossed four successive winners.

It does not appear likely that Cincir sett, Don Pulford and Pete Center were first game. The explanation was that the still coming through. The former won his nati's club will make any big league all winning pitchers in A-1 last season, heat got Ducky down and that he needed fifth straight game, 4 to 0, from the Seals, player deal before midnight, June 15. The time, and there's not even a rumble TOM SWOPE

Pirates See a New Pollet--It's Howie in Old Form Again

Southpaw Regains Weight, Impresses in Early Tests; Bucs Show Good Pitching, But Scarcity of Hitting

By LES BIEDERMAN

HOUSTON, Tex.



The Pirates are looking at the Howie Pollet of a few years ago this spring and several of the players boldly are predicting the former Cardinal southpaw ace will come back with at least 15 victories for the Bucs.

Pollet had little or no spring training a year ago, because he was a Cardinal holdout. Then he was thrown back when he caught the flu bug in New York. His weight dropped from 175 to 167 and he never could pick up the pounds he lost.

Howie simply didn't have his good fast ball and his curve last season. When he joined the Pirates, he gave it everything he had, but he didn't have very much.

When he checked into San Bernardino this spring, he was the new Pollet. His weight was 176 and he was strong. He didn't get a chance to pitch in the exhibitions until he faced the Giants, March 13, then put on a dazzling performance.

In his second outing against the White Sox, March 22, Pollet was the first Pirate pitcher to go as many as six innings and looked better than

He blanked the Giants through four innings on two hits and gave the Sox one earned run and five hits (two of them infield scratches) in six innings. But more important, Pollet was throwing hard and he had something on the ball.

Manager Bill Meyer thinks Pollet is terrific. "He never gives up, that fellow," Meyer said after his work against the White Sox. "He gave only one walk in the six innings, and two infield taps loaded the bases with none out in the first. Johnny Merson threw a double play ball into left field and the Sox had three runs in, a man on second and none out.

"But he retired the side without allowing a ball to go beyond the infield. Many pitchers would give up in a situation like that. But not Pollet. "If we can score a few runs for him this year, he could be a big winner. I believe I'd match him with any lefthander in baseball. There's a fellow with class and poise and know-how."

Dickson Victim of Loose Support in '52 Bow

Murry Dickson made his first start of the exhibition season against the White Sox, March 23, and while he gave up three runs in three innings, he should have held the American leaguers scoreless. Two errors ruined Dickson in the first inning, and when Gus Bell nonchalantly played Don Nicholas' single, Nicholas quickly turned it into a double. A bloop single scored him.

The rookie pitchers-Ron Necciai, Ron Kline, Jim Waugh and Ed Wolfe-continued to sparkle and they certainly have a chance to break in as regulars.

Rookie Dick Hall was still holding down first base and beginning to hit hard again, and Rookie Bobby Del Greco was making more headway in center field each game. Rookie Lee Walls played third base in the eleventh straight game, March 23, but the brass feels he needs more seasoning in the minors.

The Pirates built themselves a budding winning streak of five straight the last two victories coming in corking exhibitions against the Giants and Indians, but then the Indians, Cubs and White Sox toned them down.

The 3 to 2 victory over the Giants at San Berdoo, March 18, was a game worthy of midsummer between pennant contenders. It was scoreless for the first ten innings and the Giants tallied twice in the eleventh. Then the Pirates came back with three runs after two men were out Hall contributing a vital single for one run and Pinch-Hitter Bill Howerton whacking a two-run triple on the first pitch.

The next day Jim Suchecki, obtained from the Browns, shut our the Indians on one hit in five innings, and 18-year-old Jim Waugh yielded two runs to Cleveland, after facing nine batters in three innings.

The Pirates collected three first-inning runs off Bob Feller and made them stand up to win, 3 to 2. Hall was impressive in this game, beating out a bunt and then dumping Snuffy Stirnweiss at second base to foi. a double play.

With Waugh on the mound, the average age of the team that was on the field against the Indians in the late stages of this game, exclusive of Catcher Clyde McCullough, was a mere 23 years.

Rint-Size Koshorek Impresses as Fielder

Clem Koshorek has been impressing the Coast fans with his skill in the field, but the five-foot, six-inch shortstop is having difficulty hitting. However, he kept the Pirates' faces from being red in the 2 to 0 loss to the Indians at Hollywood, March 20, when he scratched a single off Bob Lemon and belted a clean single off Mike Garcia for the Bucs' only two hits.

The Pirates have been getting terrific pitching this spring. but they haven't shown much of an attack. In a stretch of five straight games against major league teams they scored only ten runs, but managed to win two.

With three weeks behind them in camp, it appeared the biggest problem of the Pirates will continue to be the infield. Although Hall has been performing capably at first base, Meyer says not one infield job is yet secure.

Meyer was toying with the idea of testing Hall at third base in order to bring George Metkovich's lefthanded swatting into the lineup. As now constituted, the Bucs have only one lefthanded hitter, Gus Bell.

Pirate Scoreboard: Vice-President Tom Johnson flew to San Bernardino to catch the Pirates in several of their final games before leaving California. . . . Clyde McCullough went from first to third on a bunt in the first game against the Indians. . . . The Pirates and Indians drew only 543 fans in cold weather at Hollywood the night of March 20 and each team took \$247 as its share of the gate. The same afternoon, the Cubs and White Sox attracted only 602 fans at Wrigley Field. . . . National League President Warren Giles saw the Pirate-Cub exhibition at San Bernardino, March 21. . . . The Pirates and White Sox drew an overflow crowd of 3,449 at San Bernardino for their Sunday exhibition, March 23, the largest attendance in history at the Buc training grounds. Ralph Kiner missed the March 23 contest because of a heavy cold. . . . Jack Phillips flew home to Marilla, N. Y., when he was notified of the death of his father.

Red Sox Keep Fingers Crossed as Marines Test Williams' Arm

Betting Is Even on Whether Ted Will Pass Physical for Recall to Air Corps

By AL HIRSHBERG SARASOTA, Fla.

The Red Sox approached April 2 as a day of reckoning or a day of release. On that date, Ted Williams reports for his physical examination for active duty in the Marine Air Corps. He will take the exam at Jacksonville, and many Red Sox hopes are riding high on the result. If Williams passes, his baseball career will be all but over. If he flunks, he'll be available to the club, and the Red Sox' position in the standings this year will be definitely affected.

The betting is about even money on whether or not he'll pass. If the Marines want him for flying purposes only-and that's what they want of their other air corps reserves whom they have called in-there's a good chance that Williams won't get by. If they want him for publicity purposes, with the intention of giving him something else to do if he isn't fit to fly, according to their rigid standards, he'll undoubtedly pass the test.

Actually, the Marines don't need Williams for publicity purposes. They have him anyhow. They've used radio platters by him for over a year, urging young men to join the Marines. They can continue to use him, even if he fails to measure up to their physical requirements for flying. They don't have to wreck his baseball career for publicity purposes. If the Marines do take Williams and don't fly him, they'll get nothing but bad publicity anyhow.

Injury Left Its Mark

Williams definitely has an elbow defect, the aftermath of the bone break he suffered in the 1950 All-Star Game at Chicago. Through strategic exercises and close application to them, he was ready to play before that season ended, but it was an unusual recovery, and the injury did leave its mark. The Red Sox slugger has use of his left arm for ordinary purposes, and he could pass an ordinary physical. However, he cannot twist and turn it a full 360 degrees, and the left arm is I were the examining doctor," he reslightly shorter than the right.

At the time it first was announced active flight duty." that the Marines were calling Williams back to active duty, we talked to two doctors who, while they refused to allow their names to be used, had quite definite opinions on the subject. One flight requirements.

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Williams as Red Sox ... or This?



as Marine Flier

was known, was carefully described, although not in medical terms, and the ino one can be sure just what they are, doctor replied, "If Williams does not have 360-degree use of either arm, and is satisfied with his radical batting order if one arm is shorter than the other, it is probable that he will not pass the Marine flight physical, although these conditions will not prevent him from passing practically any other physical given by any other branch of the season begins. . . . Looks as if Johnny service. I couldn't venture any more of an opinion without giving an examination myself."

"If conditions are as described and you were the examining doctor, would you pass Williams?" he was asked.

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"If he couldn't pass flight requirements, would Williams be eligible for any other branch of the Marine Corps?"

"It is customary," the Navy doctor answered, "to release air corps reserve was on active duty in the Navy and men who, when called up, are unable was thoroughly familiar with Marine to satisfy requirements for active duty. flight requirements, but he had never I say this is customary. It is not the fall of 1950. Batts went in part examined Williams. The other was mandatory, although I have never heard payment for Les Moss in a fantastically thoroughly familiar with the Williams of anyone being shifted. I should think stupid deal with the Browns last sumcase, had examined Williams and had that Williams would be handled like mer. Moss flopped so badly that the formerly served in the Navy. However, anyone else. I would say that, if he Sox sold him back to the Browns a he was not familiar with present-day couldn't pass the physical, he would few months ago. As for Batts, he's

duty, Williams' condition, so far as Williams' situation but was no longer the business.

Slugger Does Not Have Full 360-Degree Use of Arm Hurt in '50 All-Star Game

familiar with Marine Air Corps tequirements definitely asserted that the trouble with Williams' arm today is slight narrowing of his radius of operation and a slight difference in the length of his arms.

"Under those conditions, and in consideration of present-day requirements do you think Williams could pass the

Marine flight physical?" he was asked "If present-day requirements demand 360-degree use of his arm," he answered, "and if they also demand that one arm not be appreciably shorter than the other, I don't see how Williams could get by. They'll have to turn him down unless they intend to us him for purposes other than flying,"

Keeps on Playing

In the meantime, Williams continued to play ball in exhibition games, while waiting to go to Jacksonville for this all-important exam. When the Red Sox arrived in Miami during a recent Florida trip, he stayed at his own home and joined the team back in Sarasota later in the week. He was scheduled to remain with the club up. til after the exhibition game at Memphis, March 31, when he was to leave for Jacksonville.

Williams has been careful not to express an opinion about his own condition. He actually doesn't know what to expect. Neither does anyone els

at the moment. If he is available to the Red Sox they're pennant contenders. If he isn't Sox Shorts: Manager Lou Boudreat! shift, which finds the pitcher batting seventh, Billy Goodman ninth and Ted Williams second. However, he won't decide whether he will use it in the championship race until just before the Pesky will be the third baseman this year. He is familiar with the position and the experiment of using him at second did not work out. , . , The Red Sox need more catching strength, Gut Niarhos is doing a good job, but he's frail and brittle. As long as he's all right, the position is well handled, but the Sox are weak behind him, Al Evans is a fading veteran and Sammy White is a promising but inexperienced youngster. The Red Sox have nobody

but themselves to blame for this catching situation. They had both Birdie Tebbetts and Matt Batts, and let the two go for a song. Tebbetts was sold to the Indians for the waiver price in be permanently released to civilian life." now the Tigers' first-string catcher and In the case of the doctor on active | The former Navy doctor who knew one of the most improved receivers in

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to take a look at Labine. Also at hand to inspect him was Dressen, then The Lip's chief lieutenant. They were impressed, particularly because of Labine's sinker. Clem broke his right index finger playing football and the crooked finger provides him with a natural sinker.

Clem was so delighted with his borrowed Dodger uniform that he still

Height Likely to Keep Buc Rookie Hall Out of Service

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.-Dick Hall, the Pirates' 21-year-old rookie first baseman who appears to be bridging the gap between college and the major leagues, may stay out of service because of his height.

Hall first received word that he would be deferred by his draft board because he still is listed as a student at Swarthmore College. Later, the draft board at Towson, Md., notified him that he might be subject to call sometime this summer.

However, service regulations bar a man over six feet, six inches in height. Hall is six feet, six and one-half inches tall.

hadn't taken it completely off when the first game of the double-header was over. The Brooks had just lost another and Durocher was raging when he stormed into the dressing room. He didn't stop to see who the culprit was. He merely noticed an apparent Dodger half undressed.

"What the hell are you doing undressed?" he barked. "Get into uniform again while we have a meeting." "Yes, sir," said Clem, too flustered to tell the Dandy Little Manager that he wasn't a member of Leo's nine.

Got \$500 for Signing

The next day Clem's father signed a contract for him—the boy was still under age-for a \$500 bonus and \$200 a month to play for Newport News. The boy played a few months and went off to war. Then he was merely another product rolling off the assembly line at the Vero Beach baseball factory Branch Rickey ran. Fresco Thompson kept insisting the boy was ready for the big leagues, but no one listened.

When Clem was yanked up to the varsity from St. Paul in midsummer, he limped into Ebbets Field. He'd sprained his ankle trying to knock over an enemy catcher while scoring the winning run in the ninth inning the day before. He knocked him over, too. He scored the run, too. That's the kind of competitor he is. Now he has his big chance. Most folks think he'll make good.

McKechnie Agrees to Stay as Red Sox Pitching Coach

EN ROUTE NORTH WITH RED SOX-Bill McKechnie, only manager to win pennants with three different major league teams, has agreed to serve as pitching coath of the Red Sox throughout the American League season. McKechnie had been coaching the Red Sox burlers in spring training, but had not made plans to coach them through the year. He comes to the Red Sox on a one-season basis.

McKechnie has managed three different clubs to pennants and coached a fourth. He was pilet of the 1925 Pirates, 1928 Cardinals and 1939 and 1940 Reds, and coached the '48 Indians under his present Red Sox manager, Lou Boudreau Three of the clubs, the Pirates, '40 Reds and Indians, also copped world's championships.

Bill, co-owner of a produce farm in Bradenton, Fla., did not break camp with the Red Sox, but planned to rejoin them on their north-

McKechnie had been out of the ward jaunt. game since drawing his release from Cleveland, January 10, 1950. Although his Red Sox salary was not made public, he is understood to be the highest-priced coach in BIRTWELL

baseball.