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PIRATE PITCHING STAFF IS STRONG

Donie Bush Pins Hopes on Hurlers; Waner Bros. Still Holding Out

By Russell J. Newland
Associated Press Sports Writer
PARG ROBERTS, Cal., Mar. 12 (AP)—The Waner brothers, Paul and Lloyd, are still on the alert for the Pittsburgh Pirates are maneuvering for the National league pennant drive behind a pitching staff that gives early season promise of being second to none in the circuit.
In the hustle and bustle of training camp preparations here, the fact that the star outfielder continues firm in their holdout roles has been sidetracked for the more serious business of molding available material into championship caliber. Besides the general speculation here is that the two Waners will have settled their salary differences and will be in uniform by the time the season starts.
Pins Hopes on Hurlers
Manager Donie Bush pins his hopes on his hurlers and expects the rest of the squad to rise to the occasion. The mound corps has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Jess Petty, veteran left-hander acquired from Brooklyn in the deal for Glenn Wright, shortstop. Ray Kremer and Hurler Grimes, right-handers, are in top form and ready to go. The triumvirate of Petty, Kremer and Grimes will bear the burden and should do until another comes along.
The two other old timers, Carmen Hill and Les Meadows, the latter back from the voluntary retired list, are showing up well and may get into the running.
Inside Field Battle
The Hooks pitching field is unusually fertile and from it Bush looks for at least two youngsters to help the cause along. Steve Swetonic, right-hander, and Larry French, a southpaw, have the inside positions. Swetonic pitched Indianapolis onto the map last season and French did more than his bit for Portland of the Coast league. Ervin Brime, right-hander, has a job because of his pinching ability. Fred Fussell, left-hander, and Walter Tauscher and Ralph Duggan, right-handers, all hold over, have not been counted out.
If the Waner boys pull the unexpected and remain out of baseball, the Pirates outfield will be guarded by George Grantham, Fred Brickell and Adam Comorosky. The latter two youngsters became members of the squad in 1928. An outfield without the Waners is almost a calamity but Bush feels that the alternates are not the worst in the game by any means.
An Infield Problem
Added to the uncertainty of the outer garden, is an infield problem involving third base. Captain Pie Traynor has been shifted from third to short and at the latter position Bush believes he will be

Jimmy Slattery Beaten By J. J. Of Jersey City

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (AP)—This stiff-punching Jersey City light heavyweight, James J. Braddock, will have to be taken seriously.
He has had a hard time convincing the boys that he really is a first-rate 175-pounder but there are fewer doubting Thomases today than there were a day or so ago.
James J. from Jersey City checked the Buffalo will in the wrap, Jimmy Slattery, for eight rounds at Madison Square Garden last night and then caught up with him to win by a technical knockout in the ninth round.
Braddock's record in the last six months is impressive. He cracked Pete Latta's jaw and won the decision in 15 rounds. Then he knocked out Tuffy Griffin in two rounds. To Leo Lesnaki he dropped a close decision.
For eight rounds, Slattery danced and headed his way out of difficulty.
Near the close of the eighth round, Braddock caught Slattery in a corner and drove both hands to the body. Just as Buffalo Jimmy seemed to have worked his way clear of the storm a low right caught him on the chin. Slattery held on and tossed his way out of danger until the round ended.
In the ninth a two-fisted barrage sent Slattery down for the count of five. Referee Lou Macnolia halted the struggle.
Slattery weighed 168 1/2; Braddock 172.
A star of the first water, Jim Braddock, a recruit who eluded out 42 home runs for Wichita in the Western league last season is wanted for the third base station but so far has been handicapped by a recent appendicitis operation.
Sparky Adams has been holding down second base most of the time and third some of the time with Dick Bartel relieving him at the keystone berth. Harry Rice, also from Brooklyn in the Wright deal, is another making a strong bid for third. Earl Sheely, ten-year veteran of the majors, is back after a season in the minors and bids to become as valuable as any man on the club. His work at first base is a delight to his bosses and his big bat should poke in several dozen timely runs.
The catching duties will be divided between Charley Hargreaves and Hubston Hemery, with Claude Clinto probably getting the call for the third string job.

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POLE VAULTER MAY GIVE UP GAME, HE SAYS

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12 (AP)—Les Burpee, captain of the University of Southern California track and field team last season and unofficially holder of the world's pole vault record, may give up the athletic game for good.
The holder of the national A. A. U. vaulting title, and Olympic champion in 1924, said today that he was "withdrawing from competition this year, and expects to give up the game for all time." He did not assign any reason for his decision, which he said he is a "hazy" one, a hard blow, as he was expected to be a point winner for the team in the national championship at Denver, Colo. Burpee graduated from Southern California last June.

NIGHT FIGHTS

By The Associated Press
Philadelphia — Billy Wallace, Cleveland, stopped Richie King, Philadelphia, (8). Al Gordon, Philadelphia, outpointed Maurice Holt-

ter, France, (10). Bobby Brown, Philadelphia, stopped Jack Johnson, Wheeling, W. Va., (5).
Buffalo, N. Y. — Bruce Flowers, New York City, knocked out Don Traban, Kansas City, (1). Chuck Wiggins, Indianapolis, outpointed Larry Gains, Canada, (10).

BRUSHING UP SPORTS . . . By Laufer



Dapper Walter Hagen is going to England again this season with two objects in view. One is to see that his Ryder Cup team of pros defeat the British squad when they meet in the annual matches and the other is to grab off the British open championship for the fourth time, if possible.
And looking at those two events at this time, it seems a rather swell bet that Mr. Hagen will realize both ambitions.
Hagen captained the American pros again this year through the courtesy of Leo Diegel, whose victory in the P. G. A. championship entitled him to the captainship. But he stepped aside with the suggestion that Hagen, because of previous experience, be given the job and his suggestion was followed.
The American team includes Hagen, Diegel, Gene Sarazen, Johnny Farrell, Horton Smith and other American-born pros, and is a formidable one any way you scrutinize it.
They should win the Ryder matches and one of them should crash through with the championship if Hagen doesn't.
Hagen has won three British opens. Bobby Jones is the only other American who has won three. He has won every important title he is eligible for in his career. He has been playing a sweet game of golf this winter, and he should be right on his game by the time he invades England. The British, like the Americans, respect the Hague's golfing ability and fighting spirit and know he must be reckoned with in any meet he enters. It doesn't pay to scoff at his standing, at any stage of the meet, for he has come from behind many times to win. He likes it when it is toughest.
The hope seems that the Americans will win the Ryder Cup matches and one of the team, with Hagen a favorite, will grab off the open championship.

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