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**On the Other Hand, If Things Don't Work Out, Brooklyn May Flop**

(Note: This is another of a series of stories on major league club prospects for 1930.)  
By Alan Gould

(Associated Press Sports Editor) CLEARWATER, Fla., March 5 (AP)—The signing of an arm-pit along the Brooklyn baseball battle front has furnished new life and enthusiasm for 67-year-old Uncle Willert Robinson and his flock.

Robbie's higher this year than last year, something they have been unable to do since they last were pennant contenders in 1924. There are sufficient problems in the squad to make any manager but jovial Uncle Robbie lose weight.

**May Be Sensation**  
Brooklyn has an outfit that may be a sensation, as the Phils were last year, or it may mean a flop. It has exceptional hitting strength, new and promising young blood, pitching greatness—even if only Dazzy Vance and Watson Clark are in form—and it has a new spirit, engendered by Robbie's infectious enthusiasm.

On the other hand, the jinx of pennant ailments that ruined the club's chances last year has not entirely disappeared. The throw-in arm of Glenn Wright, former Phils' shortstop, has improved but is still a question mark. Del Eversette, slugging first sacker, is not in condition, due to a long illness and a crop of boils. The pitchers have developed spring sickness. Babe Herman, the club's leading batsman of 1929, has been a liability. There are "ifs" to almost every angle of the club's organization but Uncle Robbie has not the slightest doubt he will solve the existing problems.

**Interesting Prospect**  
The most interesting prospect in the sensational bid for regular jobs of keystone youngsters, New York (Mickey) Finn and Gordon Stutz, purchased for around \$60,000 from the Missions of the Pacific coast league, Finn is a second baseman and Stutz a shortstop. Wright, whose arm has been tested, and Jake Flowers will start as the keystone combination.

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**Roe High Scorer For Opening Day In Tournament**

La Grande's remarkable scoring spree against Elgin yesterday afternoon left Leonard Roe, Tiger guard, as high point man of the opening day's play of the Union-Wallowa basketball tournament. Roe scored ten field goals and one free throw for a total of 21. High scorers for the first round follow:

Roe, La Grande	21	1	21
Weinert, Cove	7	2	14
Mires, La Grande	5	0	10
Shepherd, La Grande	4	0	12
Stoddard, La Grande	4	0	12
Mason, Wallowa	6	0	12
Knapp, Joseph	5	0	11

The first day's play was fairly clean, with only two of the games having the appearance of roughness. Two men were ejected because of four personal fouls in the Union-Enterprise game, Robinson of Union, and Forsythe of Enterprise. Three or four men in other games had three personal fouls but did not make a fourth.

Union sent a crowd of around 100 persons to the game last night, the visiting roster consisting of most of the lower seats on the south side of the I. D. S. Recreation hall. The Union commercial club sponsored the invasion, bringing everyone they could find to root for the Bobcats.

The La Grande High school band, directed by W. W. Nisbaum, furnished music during the opening round of the tournament.

La Grande's score of 32 against Elgin goes on record as the largest total made in any tournament game in this district. However, it does not make a record for Eastern Oregon, as over a decade ago La Grande high school team defeated North Powder high 49 to 6, this being one of the few shutout games ever scored in Oregon.

**DE NEFFE FIVE IS BEATEN IN HOOP TOURNEY**

SEATTLE, Mar. 8 (AP)—The first northwest amateur independent basketball championship will go to a Spokane or Seattle team.

The Sparklers of Spokane and the Madrona quint of Seattle will meet for the title here tonight in the final tilt of the three-day tournament with the latter five given a slight edge by virtue of its victory over the powerful De Neffe's combination from Eugene, Ore., last night. In the semi-final matches last night the Sparklers eliminated the Green Lake quint of Seattle 34 to 26 and Madrona won out of the Eugene team composition of former University of Oregon and Oregon State players 28 to 24. The De Neffe's combination had been a big favorite to win the title until the Madrona squad upset the dope.

**Young Stecher Is Winner at Eugene**

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 8 (AP)—Young Joe Stecher, middleweight wrestler from Toronto defeated Y. Fujita, Seattle, two out of three falls here last night in a rough match. Fujita took the second fall in one minute with flying headlocks and seizers and arm stretch. George "Wildcat" Peter, Eugene and Henry Jones, Provo, Utah, will stage a rematch here next Friday night for the world's championship junior middleweight belt held by Peter.

**Highway Clear Now In Kamela District, Report**

By Mrs. C. E. Thornburg (Observer Correspondent) KAMELA, (Special)—Though it has not snowed for more than a week there is still a foot of snow on the ground on account of the cold weather. On Tuesday it was visible, warmer and the snow was visible having. The highway is now clear after several days of ice and slippery places.

The steam shovel, which was idle on Saturday and Sunday, started work again and is still at the large bluffs overlooking the Grande Ronde river just west of Flyo Point service station.

The Columbia George singly, which skidded off the highway on Friday a few hundred yards west of the Kamela store, was finally pulled onto the highway Saturday by the use of the logging beams belonging to Mr. Tamercis. The woman passenger, who was slightly injured, received first aid from Miss Smith at the Kamela store and was taken to La Grande by a traffic officer who happened to be passing. The other two passengers got a ride to La Grande in a private automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tamercis spent the week end at Elgin visiting at the home of Mrs. Tamercis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Glasson.

Mrs. E. Hug spent Monday visiting relatives in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burton and baby, Karlee, were in La Grande Saturday.

Mr. M. Brown and son, Burton, went to Union to visit relatives Saturday spending some time in La Grande on the way home.

Mrs. C. O. Schubert and daughter, Judith, were in La Grande shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thornburg and son, Ian, and Francis Brooks, who stayed at the Thornburg home last week while his mother and grandmother were in Port-

**Sport Slants**  
by ALAN J. GOULD

Two or three years is a long time in baseball for any pitcher, especially a southpaw. Old Jack Quinn, a right-hander, has been in the game a little longer than that and still has some winning stuff saved for the Athletics but Richard (Rube) Marquand claims a record for pitchers, even though he will be obliged to spend his twenty-third campaign with Jacksonville of the Southern era because Rube will manage the Jaxons and he says take a regular turn in the box.

"It's been eighteen years since I won 19 in a row for the Giants but I still have some stuff in the old arm," remarked Marquand on a day he was visiting the Hialeah track at Miami. The Rube has a fondness for the races but it is not difficult to start him talking baseball.

"I haven't the high, hard one I used to have but maybe I can still fool 'em a little with some of the old stuff," he went on. "I haven't forgotten how it's done, anyway. I'm only around 40 now but the trouble is I got started too soon. When the Giants paid \$11,000 for me twenty years ago it was a record price. That's just pin-money now when you start talking about buying ball players. Great Old Mally and the rest of us had a good time and won a lot of ball games but we lived before the big-money days."

Big Bill Carey likes the fights but the successor to Max Baekard in the presidency of Madison Square Garden prefers to think of himself as a builder of railroads in the Andes. He barely managed to get into the winter picture at Miami before packing up for a hurried trip to Bolivia, where he has had some men on the job of building a road from sea level to an altitude of more than 14,000 feet in the mountains.

"The highest golf course in the world is at La Paz, Bolivia," commented Carey. "It is over 12,000 feet above sea level and the ball acts as though it would never come down sometimes, because of the purified air. People stop to lean up against a tree or a building every few steps they take in going about this town."

Sports and sportsmen of all sorts flock to Florida. Hackets flourish along with the real competitive stuff. Ball players improve their golf by taking instruction from Bill Fairman, the pint-sized Scotch pro of the Miami Country club. He cut a dozen strokes off Babe Ruth's average score and improved Hob Shawkey's game. The Storch-Sonnenberg wrestling match at Coral Gables, near Miami, drew a "gate" of \$52,000 a week before the Sharkey-Scott (Silentie), Lavenburging is about the only thing that hasn't broken into the sport program at Miami, probably because St. Pat-religion has a monopoly on it.

**Lions Take Lead**  
SEATTLE, Mar. 8 (AP)—The Vancouver Lions appeared today as a repeater for the Pacific coast hockey league championship. With only two more weeks of play, the Canadians gained a strange hold on first place in the circuit last night by conquering the Seattle Eskimos 4 to 2, in a thrilling battle. Vancouver won the championship last year.

By virtue of their victory, the Lions forced two points ahead of the Portland Buckaroos who had been tied with Vancouver for some time. Seattle trails the Buckaroos by six points and must finish within five points of second place to win a place in the title playoff.

**Fair Enough**  
A poet says when he can't sleep he gets up and writes poems. That's fine. When we can't sleep we'll read them—Detroit News.

**Up to the Individual**  
I have learned by experience that no man's character can be eventually injured but by his own acts.—Rowland Hill



Arthur Murray, the New York dancing teacher, started out to be an architect, but he found that teaching fashionable captains of industry and heavy-footed brokers how to be the life of the party paid bigger returns.

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**TROJANS DEFEAT HUSKIES 46 TO 31**

Southern California Within Step of Pacific Coast Basketball Title.

By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer) LOS ANGELES, Mar. 5 (AP)—Within reach of the rings of the University of Southern California basketball team today is the Pacific coast conference championship.

Tonight these Trojans, schooled in the finer points of the court game by Coach Sam Barry will attempt to duplicate their performance of last night, which gave them a decided victory over a University of Washington quintet, 46 to 31. If they do, the title will be theirs.

It was a slow methodical offense, which gained terrific speed in range of the Huskies' basket, which gained for the Southern Californians their impressive victory and placed them as odds-on favorites to win again tonight.

**Start With Rush**  
The Trojans started with a bang. Wilbur Caldwell, tall guard, flung the hoop with the game only a few seconds old. Washington retaliated and it looked like a hard battle, but the U. S. C. passing attack soon enabled Coach Barry's five to force to the front. Coach Hoo Edmundson's team trailed 24 to 16 when the half ended.

Awaiting the breaks, the Trojans widened their lead to the second period when the Huskies, anxious to get possession of the ball were drawn from their defensive positions to permit the U. S. C. quintet to sift through frequently.

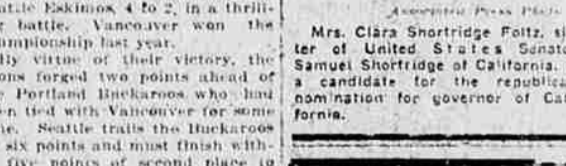
**Luck Against Huskies.**  
Despite the superiority shown by the winners of the southern division the fact remains that the Washington tossers broke through a number of times only to have the hands of fate seemingly pluck the ball from the basket.

The diminutive Stanley Jaloff, star forward of the invaders, was forced to content with a seven point total to his credit for the evening, the same score turned in by the giant Hal (Stork) McClary. McClary who towered six feet six inches, was consistently out-jumped by Jess Morrison, Trojan center, giving the Southern Californians the initial advantage.

Morrison was the center of the clever passing offense started by U. S. C. as well as the strong pill in the stubborn defense.

The high scoring honors of the game were left to the Trojan forward, Frank Smith, who banged the back board for six field goals and a gift shot.

**Runs For Governor**



Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz, sister of United States Senator Samuel Shortridge of California, is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of California.

**NIGHT FIGHTS**

By the Associated Press  
Boston—Jerry (Tuffy) Griffith, Sioux City, Ia., outpointed Al Friedman, Boston, (10).

Detroit—Eddie Shea, Chicago, outpointed Steve Smith, Bridgeport, Conn., (10).

Lakewood, Fla.—Former Joe Cooper, Terre Haute, Ind., knocked out Sammy Buchanan, Waycross, Ga., (10).

Omaha, Neb.—Henry Kalgano, Des Moines, outpointed Ray Philman, Omaha, (10). Crick Patterson, Wisner, Neb., knocked out Johnny D'Zarro, Des Moines (2).

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Mexican Joe Rivera, Cedar Rapids, outpointed Steve Myers, Chicago, (10).

**PARK PERSONALS**

By Elva C. Vanorder (Observer Correspondent)  
THE FAIR (Special)—Mrs. Maudy Gwin was a Pandora shopper Wednesday.

Frank L. Wigglesworth was a Pandora business visitor Wednesday.

Miss Grace Plette, the local teacher, has not yet returned and Mrs. Laura Harris is still acting as substitute teacher.

Kamath Vanoriel motored to Pandora Wednesday.

William Bryant is visiting for a few days with his brothers Earl and Floyd Bryant family.

Breakfast should be eaten in silence, says a dietitian. A man who stayed late at the office the night before hasn't got a chance.

Youth begins to revolt at the age of 12, according to a scientist. He had gone on thinking 60 was about the age.

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