

BOSTON BRAVES APPEAR STRONGER

"Four-Year Plan" of Development, Under McKechnie, Shows Results

By Alan Gould
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 14 (AP)—It has been seventeen years since baseball miracles were being performed by the Boston Braves but the current "four year plan" of development, under the management of Bill McKechnie, already is showing remarkable results in its second season.

Quietly but none the less shrewdly and effectively, McKechnie, who piloted pennant winners at Pittsburgh and St. Louis, has rebuilt the Braves and sent them out along the war path again. They were a troublesome sixth last year. With additional hitting punch and better backstopping assured this year, the tribe will be far from a set-up. Conceivably, with a few "breaks" they may prove contenders in a race which already boasts of five potential pennant winners.

Two Sluggers Added.
McKechnie has added two fence-busting recruits to the outfield in Red Worthington, who hit .375 for the Rochester International last year, and Wes Schulmerich, the \$40,000 Los Angeles rookie, who blasted the ball for .377 in the Pacific coast league. They will flank Wally Berger, a sensation as a slugger in his first big league campaign in 1930, and give the Braves a wallow comparable to that of the Cubs and Dodgers.

McKechnie also has revamped his infield with a view to getting further punch. Earl Sheely, who led the Pacific coast league at bat with .403 last year, has returned to the line showing to replace Johnny Neun at first. He was drafted from San Francisco.

At third, Bill Dessen, drafted from Springfield, Mass., where he hit .344 has the call so far over Buxton Chatham, who came up from Portland, Ore., last year.
The keystone combination remains intact with the hardy perennial and pepper-hot Rabbit Maranville, at short, and the brilliant fielder, Freddy McGuire at second. Chatham will undoubtedly Maranville, the only active survivor of the 1914 championship Braves, but the Rabbit is smoking strong cigars and breathing defiance to all rivals for his regular position.

Seibold Heads Staff.
Harry (Socks) Seibold, who won 16 games last season, heads a veteran pitching staff. It includes such other experienced right handers as Bruce Cunningham, Ben Cantwell and Fred Frankhouse, along with two of the craftiest southpaws in the game, Tom Zachary and Willie Sherdel. McKechnie figures on a comeback by Harold Hald, the Californian, obtained from the Cardinals, and labels Rigis Leheny, Pittsburgh product, as a great rookie prospect.

At Bond, purchased from Pittsburgh, adds another potent bat the attack. He led the Pirates in runs driven in last year. He will share the backstopping job with Al Sopher.

SEATTLE ESKIMOS WIN
SEATTLE, March 14 (AP)—Handing the Portland Buckaroos a 3 to 1 drubbing here last night, the Seattle Eskimos attained a three point lead in the standings over Vancouver, the most notable advantage yet attained this season.
Captain "Red" Stuart led his fast skating outfit in the win by figuring in all three of the scores hanging one to himself and rating a pair of assists on the others.

To compare with previous Seattle-Portland contests, last night's fracas was a reasonably clean exhibition.

Training Camp News Of Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers were prepared to appear themselves over two ball lots today. The regulars seek revenge for the 5 to 2 defeat administered to them by the San Francisco Seals here yesterday, and the Yankees engage in their first exhibition game against the Sacramento club at Sacramento.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14 (AP)—It begins to look like another big year for Charlie Root, star right hander of the Chicago Cubs.
When Root was incapacitated with a lame arm towards the end of the 1930 campaign, the Cub bosses worried that he was through, but in two exhibitions so far this spring, Root has looked better than ever.
Yesterday, he gave Los Angeles but three hits in five innings despite the fact that his mates had given him a big lead. The Cubs won the game, the first of a long series of exhibitions with the Angels, 16 to 1. Maloney gave but two hits in four innings, while the Cubs, 22 in all, smashed out 22 hits. Manager Hornsby hammered out a homer with two on in the first inning.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 14 (AP)—The Portland Beavers will meet the San Jose Albatrosses today in their first spring practice game of the season. Tomorrow the team travels to Paso Robles for a game with the Pittsburgh Pirates.
George Wuestling, veteran infielder, has wired President Turner important business matters were detaining him in the east, but that he expects to report early next week. George Wise will continue to hold down the shortstop post with Jack Fenton, Billy Riehl and George Robertson supplying the rest of the infield. Homer Summa, Ira Flagstad and Ed Coleman will take care of the outfield. Dick Bonnelly will start today's game with Bill Pospel slated to meet the Pirates.

Announcement was made last night that Homer Summa, popular Beaver outfielder, had been sold to the San Francisco Missions in exchange for Fred Berger, who played last year with the Wichita club in the Western league.

George Defeats Cantonwine In Vancouver Tilt
VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14 (AP)—Ed Don George, one of several claimants to the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, defeated a slice of the title here last night by defeating Howard Cantonwine, husky Iowa, in a feature mat bout that attracted six thousand fans.
George took the honors with successive falls in the fourth and fifth rounds.
Cantonwine appeared to have the edge during the first three sessions and the title claimant was in difficulties as the bell rang at the end of the third. He showed a reversal of form, however, in the fourth and pinned Cantonwine's shoulders with a reverse body slam three minutes after the session opened. One minute after the fifth round started, he won the match by taking a second fall with a flying head scissor.

Bonnie Muir, Australian heavyweight, defeated Harry Demetral, Chicago, in the semi-final. The Aussie grappler finished the bout in the third when, after a series of punishing headlocks, he tossed Demetral with a body slam. The match was scheduled to go to the wrestler who obtained two falls, but Demetral could not answer the bell for the fourth round.

Two Knockouts In Portland Fights
PORTLAND, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Two lightning knockouts featured last night's "brawl" boxing card. Johnny Hansen, Portland welterweight, knocked out Mike Cochran, Seattle as the first round neared its close. Cochran went down from a left to the chin, followed by a right to the button. Alde Israel, Portland bantam took less than two minutes to stop Battling Zoro, San Francisco Filipino, who was laid low with a series of left hooks to the stomach. Tommy Jeffers and Stanley Sargent fought a four round draw. Jeffers put Sargent on the floor twice in the third round with hard punches to the chin. Billy Church and Johnny La Rosa went four hard rounds to a draw. Red Shappard and Dave Lasky drew, four rounds.

Spokane Y. Team Wins Opening Tilt
PORTLAND, Mar. 14 (AP)—Although Salem led until a few minutes of the final minute, the Portland Y. M. C. A. basketball team nosed out the Oregon five 26 to 24 in the opening round of the Northwest Y. M. C. A. basketball tournament here last night.
There was less than a minute to go when Spokane dropped in the winning basket.
The Spokane team included several former Gonzaga players, but the two fives appeared perfectly matched. Boise defeated Olympia 41 to 20 and Snoqualmie Falls beat Portland 38 to 36.

NATIONALISTA WINS
HONOLULU, March 14 (AP)—Before a crowd of five thousand fans, Young Nationalists defeated Young Boos of San Francisco, in an eight round bout here last night.
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Jefferson Wins Championship In Portland League

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Jefferson High basketball team last night won the twenty-first Portland high school championship with a 34-to-23 victory over its close rival for the honor, Benson Tech, in a furious last half rally, the Democrats, two points behind, attained their goal in an invincible drive for the title that doubled the lead while Benson was making only one field goal. Point by point the leaders disclosed the slim mechanic margin and the road to the lead as the game neared its end.

The victory gives Jefferson the right to represent Portland at the State tournament at Salem in the "A" class, while Benson upholds the metropolitan in the "B" class.
Hundreds were turned away from the Benson gym after the place has been jammed to capacity by more than 1900 fans. A near riot delayed the game 45 minutes as enthusiastic fans forced themselves past the ticket takers, and police and school officials had to clear the floor before the teams could take the court.

TO DECIDE TITLE
ALBANY, Ore., Mar. 14 (AP)—The University High school of Eugene and Pleasant Hill High basketball teams will meet here tonight to determine which team will represent the district in the state tournament at Salem.
University High defeated Monroe 29 to 27, and Pleasant Hill eliminated Corvallis 23 to 24 in semi-finals last night.

MONMOUTH TO COMPETE
SALEM, Mar. 14 (AP)—Monmouth High school last night won the right to compete in the state basketball tournament when the rangy Hoopsters defeated Molalla High 14 to 12 to top the district title.
The victory was secured, however, only after two exciting overtime periods.
Santee of Monmouth made all that team's field goals.

A. A. U. TITLE IS AT STAKE THIS EVENING
KANSAS CITY, March 14 (AP)—The aggressive Henry team of Wichita, Kan., will defend its A. A. U. basketball title against the Kansas City Athletic club in the All-Midwestern finale of the annual national tournament here tonight.
Two California aggregations, the Los Angeles Athletic club and Young Men's Institute of San Francisco, are matched in the playoff game for third place.
The Californians went down to defeat in the semi-finals last night, L. A. C. losing to the champions by 33 to 20, and Y. M. I. bowing before the K. C. A. C. 23 to 17.

SCHAAF LOSES TO LOUGHAN IN NEW YORK
NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—The best left hand in the business again has boosted Tommy Loughran into a contending position among the heavyweights.
Loughran jabbed Ernie SchAAF into total ineffectiveness last night, kept him off balance with left hand jabs as a means of opening up a path for right crosses and uppercuts. Tommy won seven of the first eight rounds but came up in the last two rounds enough for SchAAF to gain an edge in both.
Loughran weighed 182½ to SchAAF's 200.
The Philadelphia's next engagement is with Tuffy Griffiths in Chicago March 27.

SAFER IN SPEED CAR
LONDON, March 14 (AP)—Sir Malcolm Campbell feels safer on the roaring road than on the rostrum. "It requires more courage to do this than to get into a motor car and drive 200 miles an hour," he said in his first political address. He holds the world's automobile speed record at 243 miles an hour.

BAN JOHNSON WEAKER
ST. LOUIS, March 14 (AP)—Ban Johnson, former president of the American league was slightly weaker this morning, attaches of St. John's hospital where he is seriously ill, said.

New Yorkers Will Investigate Mayor
NEW YORK, Mar. 14 (AP)—John Haynes Holmes, clergyman and chairman of the city affairs committee, a citizen's organization, announced yesterday he would file with Governor Roosevelt specific charges against Mayor Walker, involving "incompetence, gross neglect and indifference to the welfare of the city."
Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, vice-chairman of the committee, said he favored waiting until the mayor returned from California and that a decision would soon be made by the committee. Newspapers predicted the charges would be filed at once.
A committee of the directors of the Greater New York Federation of churches, representing 475,000 members in seven Protestant denominations, has adopted a resolution demanding a non-partisan, city-wide investigation "that shall reveal both the innocent and the guilty." Copies were sent to Governor Roosevelt and members of the legislature.

TURKS RUSH FOR DIVORCES
ISTANBUL (AP)—A "moral" crisis resulting from Turkey's headlong social revolution is blamed by newspapers for an epidemic of divorce. Local courts are swamped with only 178 of the 1,121 cases filed last year.

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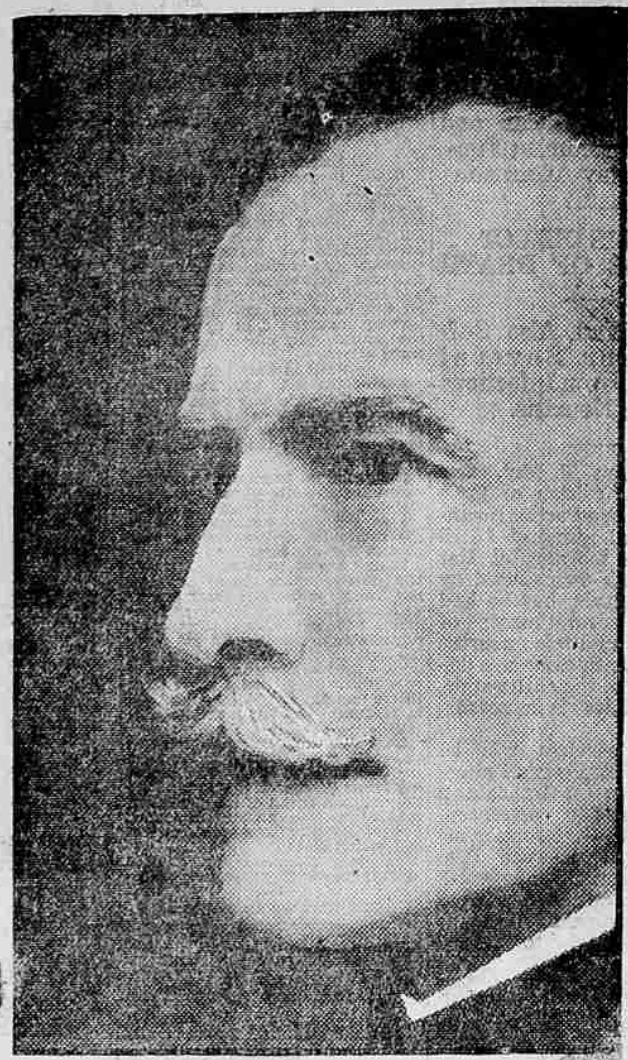
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Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)
The football debate over the origin of the "hinder-under-the-jersey" play may fall quiet until next year. The latest echoes are in a letter I have from Harry H. Smith of Richmond, Va., who participated in the use of the play with Auburn in 1895 and takes issue with those who would give "Pop" Warner credit for its introduction in 1897.
"Auburn used this play only twice - both occasions being in the final game of 1895," writes Mr. Smith. "The first time was against Vanderbilt when Tichenor made a touchdown and the second time against Georgia when the play was varied somewhat and the writer was assigned to carry the hidden ball. This second use of the play was at a time