

CUBS TURNING TO SPEED THIS YEAR

Manager Rogers Hornsby Benches Himself to Make Way For Faster Infield

(Note: This is the fourth of a series of first hand Associated Press stories on major league prospects.)

By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer) AVALON, Santa Catalina Island, Cal., Mar. 10 (AP)—Generous quantities of speed have been installed in the Cubs this spring in an effort to thrust Chicago boldly into the front ranks of the National league baseball race.

To be sure Manager Rogers Hornsby has done much to strengthen his pitching, but the chief result of training activities is an infield rejuvenated by youthful replacements. The rajah is enthusiastically benching himself in favor of Bill Herman, the 22-year-old lad who moved in from Louisville last fall to finish the season with a .327 batting average and fielding mark of .939 at second base.

Hack Replaces Bell Sensational work of Stanley Hack, a fledgling at third, appears to have furthered the cause. Like Herman, a 22-year-old, Hack has forced out the veteran Lester Bell with the same smiling confidence with which he was checking deposits and withdrawals as a bookkeeper in a Sacramento, Cal., counting house a year ago.

Hack's career has been short but sweet. He made a long jump from the bank to class AA ball with Sacramento last spring, and completed the hurdle to the majors in another long stride ere autumn set in. A batting average of .352 and fielding marks of .942 raised Chicago to post a fancy sum.

"How good is Hack?" was the rajah's first question when he arrived here. The tall, broad shouldered blonde youth gave a most convincing answer in the first exhibition with the New York Giants, hitting two triples and fielding well.

Hornsby has not worried about first base or shortstop. The veteran Charles Grimm at the age of 32 still can move around, with plenty of speed to spare at first and of course Edwood English, the regular shortstop, who hit .314 and fielded .964 in 1931 need cause no sleepless nights for the rajah.

Grimes Added Youth may also figure in the new-found pitching strength, although the addition of Burleigh Grimes, so prominent a member of the world's champion St. Louis Cardinals last fall is probably the most outstanding new asset. One of the Cubs' heavy hitters who should know, explains that the acquisition of Grimes, if he never throws a ball this year, is worth a lot.

Lyle Tinning, a big Nebraskan with a record of 24 wins as against two defeats with Des Moines of the Western league, along with Ed Baecht and Lon Warneke, two sturdy right-handers of a year's service, give promise of furnishing help to the old guard. Pat Malone, reformed, Charles Root, Guy Bush and Bob Smith.

In the outfield Riggs Stephenson has already forgotten about his broken leg of last season to simplify Hornsby's problem. Hazen Cuyler is certain to have one of the other outer garden spots, leaving Lance Richburg, former Brave, to squabble over what is left with persistent youth.

No change is expected in the catching corps which the rajah terms the best in the league, for Charles (Gabby) Hartnett is pegging second in great form. His supporting cast will be Hal Hensley and James (Zach) Taylor.

Dizzy Dean Blames Weather And Flu For Poor Showing By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) BRADENTON, Fla., Mar. 10 (AP)—The camp followers of the Cardinals, casting about today for the answer to what's wrong with Jerome Herman (Dizzy) Dean, discovered at least three reasons for the pasting that the lanky rookie pitcher has absorbed in his first two exhibition starts.

Dean was as wild yesterday, when the lowly Cincinnati Reds tapped him for five runs in three innings, as he was ineffective against the Athletics at Miami last Sunday. So far he has not shown anything like the form expected of him. He has yielded twelve hits and eleven runs in four innings.

Dean blames the bad weather and the fact that he has not yet regained the weight he lost through an attack of "flu." Some of the players feel that Dizzy is a little upset by the big leaguers' "bouncing" at bad balls the way they may be tempted to do in the Texas league. Gabby Street, the sagacious leader of the world champions, thinks it is just a matter of adjustment and time until Dean settled down.

Meanwhile the sharps have begun to predict that James O. (Tex) Carleton, the Texas boy who was Dean's team mate at Houston, will be the best of the three rookie pitching stars so widely ballyhooed in the Cardinal camp this spring.

Carleton has been much more effective in his exhibition work than either Dean or Ray Starr, the Rochester recruit.

GABBY THINKS DOC WHITE SMARTEST OF ALL HURLERS BRADENTON, Fla. (AP)—Gaby Street, Cardinal manager, who has some stellar young pitchers on his squad and who has seen many others in his time, thinks Doc White, onetime White Sox hurler, was the "smartest" he ever knew.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS...

SPEED! MAJOR MALCOLM CAMPBELL, FAMOUS BRITISH SPEED DEMON, IS NOW AT DAYTONA BEACH WHERE HE WILL ATTEMPT TO BREAK HIS OWN RECORD OF 245.733 M.P.H., SET IN HIS "BLUEBIRD" IN 1931. THE DEER FLY IS MERELY LINGERING TO A LITTLE INSECT KNOWN AS THE DEER FLY. IT CAN BUZZ ALONG AT THE RATE OF 615 M.P.H., NEARLY 4 TIMES AS FAST AS CAMPBELL AND CAN KEEP UP THAT SPEED FOR SEVERAL HOURS. IT COULD FLY FROM NEW YORK TO PARIS IN 3 HOURS. THE DEER FLY - 615 M.P.H. CAMPBELL'S 'BLUEBIRD' - 245 M.P.H.

CANDLING THE EGGS! A man in a suit and tie is sitting at a desk, looking at a newspaper. On the desk are several eggs, some labeled 'ROOKIE' and 'PROSPECT'. A candle is lit on the desk, and the man is holding a magnifying glass over one of the eggs. The desk has a sign that says 'SPRING TRAINING CAMP INCUBATOR'.

Two California Cagers Placed On First Team PULLMAN, Wash., Mar. 10 (AP)—J. Fred Bohler, athletic director of Washington State college and national authority on basketball, today placed two California men and one each from Washington, W. S. C. and Southern California on his official Pacific Coast conference all-star quintet.

Director Bohler, western representative of the national collegiate basketball rules committee, picked the teams for the national collegiate basketball guide, as he has done for the past 19 years.

Three northern division stars and two southern players compose his second team. Here are his selections: First Team Joe Kintana, Cal. f. Jerry Nemer, U. S. C. f. Huntley Gordon, W. S. C. c. Ralph Cairney, Wash. s. Carl Venti, Cal. g. Second Team John Fuller, Wash. f. Dick Linticum, U. C. L. A. Charles Roberts, Ore. c. Art McLarney, W. S. C. g. Cliff Cappa, U. S. C. g.

There was little difficulty in picking the outstanding players of the two sections this year, Bohler said, "but it was a problem to place the men in proper position on the first and second teams. I was aided by the opinions of all the coaches of the conference as well as by the suggestions of newspaper critics and officials.

Texas Cage Coach Boasts Record Of Nine Wins In Day FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Coach Francis Schmidt of Texas Christian university is ranked as the wizard of Southwest conference basketball, but winning repeated titles is really nothing compared to Schmidt's work while coaching in 1914 at Arkansas City, Kan.

He coached high school basketball and his teams won nine victories in a single day. It happened this way: He took his second string boys' teams and two girls' teams to Wichita to participate in the Arkansas Valley league round-robin tournament.

Ex-President Of Savings and Loan Is Given Parole SEATTLE Mar. 10 (AP)—W. D. Comer, former president of the Puget Sound Savings and Loan association who was convicted of publishing a false financial statement of the institution's condition, was given a suspended penitentiary sentence of from one to two years here Wednesday.

Medford High Wins Basketball Title MEDFORD, Mar. 10 (AP)—Medford High school clinched the Southern Oregon district basketball title here last night by defeating Phoenix, county champions, 46 to 13. Medford will represent the district in the state tournament at Salem.

By Laufer

Weird Match In Portland Ends After Midnight

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 10 (AP)—It was 1 o'clock this morning when Referee Oscar Butler stopped last night's wrestling match between Wildcat McCann and Pete Metropoulos, welterweights, awarding the decision to McCann. McCann had just thrown the Michigan wrestler from the ring, injuring an already severely twisted right arm. Butler feared continuance of the match might result in serious injury. At the time McCann had a one-fall lead, gained about 25 minutes after the start of the bout, when he forced Metropoulos to pound the

BOY CRAZY by GRACE PERKINS

SYNOPSIS: "Dickey still cares for me," Hope Ross asks her former father-in-law, Hickey. She has smiled on the same boat, hoping to meet Dickey. Hope has just learned that her father deceived her when he had her marriage annulled, and that Dickey was prevented by Mr. Ross from reaching her.

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HICKEY laughed. A crooked, broken laugh. "Your picture is still in my watch-case," he said slowly. "Go and ask him to show it to you." For one second Hope stood poised. Then, forgetting Sassy, and forgetting Hickey, she turned and raced out of the room.

Hope was on a wild-eyed search. All over the boat, from bar to salon, up and out on the decks, without hat or cape, fighting her way through the wind from one end of the ship to the other. And finding him, eventually in a forbidden spot, which meant that she had to climb chains and railings to get up to the bridge where Dickey stood with the captain.

"Dickey," she cried. "What time is it? Tell me, honey, what time is it?" They brought her, still demanding the time, down to the captain's suite.

"No. By your watch, Dickey," she insisted. "I must know the time by your watch!" Dickey went gray around the lips, and turned to the captain.

"I don't think Miss Ross is well," he stammered. "I understand," nodded the captain. But he didn't quite. Until much later that evening.

For Dickey and Hope, with so much to say, so many questions to be answered, so many questions that didn't need answering any more, suddenly found that hardly a spot on that huge vessel was sacred to lovers.

Meanwhile, Judy, in spite of Tom's white-faced annoyance, was searching grimly for Hope, sending the Carters in one direction, and any steward within sight to search out every known corner. And when at last Hope rushed up to Judy and nearly knocked her over with hugs and kisses and breathless explanations, Judy almost fainted with relief.

Quite unplanned and unexpected was the round-up in Hickey's suite. Nobody knew just who made the suggestion that they get married then and there by the captain. But Dickey leaped at the idea, his eyes lighting up into that old blue spark, and a broad shy grin gratefully hiding the scar of stitches on his jaw.

mat from a punishing straight arm bar. Butler's action ended one of the most hectic and weird mat exhibitions ever staged in Portland. The series of wild events included a free-for-all fight in which the two wrestlers, police and spectators joined; halting of the bout and a "no-contest" verdict given by the referee, and awarding of victory by default to Metropoulos.

The trouble started when the wrestlers came back for the second fall. Both men showed little activity and after threats of disqualification, Butler stopped the farce, ordered the men from the ring and declared it "no contest." McCann started to leave, but Metropoulos dove at him, starting a mild riot. When order was resumed the Wildcat refused to return, so Metropoulos who had remained within the roped circle, was

awarded the decision by default. A substitute bout was put on, but had hardly got under way when McCann changed his mind and returned to the ring and agreed to continue. The two battled for one hour and five minutes with neither having an advantage, until McCann flipped Pete onto the boards.

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Burke for several years has held one of the winter professional jobs at Belleair. Naturally he knew the course and all its hazards, but he had never come even close to winning the tournament before. First prize money of \$750 helped make it pleasant this time, but the chief satisfaction he obtained was in coming through right out in front of all his friends and associates.

Burke's golf at Belleair, where he beat one of the strongest of the winter fields, is another reason why his victory in the National open cannot be classed as an accident. The former iron worker has the game, temperament and the steadiness to continue either to lead the professional pack or to make anyone step along at a fast gait to beat him.

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He makes you think of that great Giant outfielder, George Burns, forgotten by most people. Burns was one of the finest players of his time but somehow he never seemed to strike the fancy of the feature writers or get into the headlines prominently. He never had any wisecracks to make him famous.

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fine golf at Belleair before filling their entry for the Miami four-ball matches. Johnny has found that a lighter wood club has benefited his game this winter.

Both Johnny and Gene figure it is about time they crashed through it once more in the National open. It has been 10 years since Sarazen landed on top at Skokie and four seasons since Farrell beat Bob Jones at Olympia Fields.

This year's open is at Fresh Meadow, Long Island, where Gene was pro for years and where Johnny likewise knows every knoll and hazard.

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