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Senators Only Half Game Behind Tigers

By CARL LUNDQUIST

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP)—Baseball-mad Washington hailed ex-sailor Walter Masterson today as the "secret weapon" that might defeat the Detroit Tigers in the desperate stretch battle for the American league pennant.

Masterson rose from obscurity by beating the most famous pitcher in baseball, Bobby Feller, and the Cleveland Indians with a two-hit, 4 to 0 shutout that put the Senators a half game behind the Tigers, who dropped their second game in a row to the Athletics, 3 to 2.

Not Impressed

Masterson as a "secret weapon" was strictly legitimate when Manager Ossie Bluege brought him out of the dugout last night and introduced him again to Washington fans. He and Cecil Travis were presented with \$500 war bonds for their military service by owner Clark Griffith and the 25-year-old right hander went right out and earned every penny.

Masterson was greeted a little coldly by the Senators who had expected Dutch Leonard or Mickey Haefer for this crucial contest. They remembered him only as a kid who had an unimpressive record of five victories and nine defeats in 1942, his last year before going to sea.

Only Two

They forgot that Stanley (Bucky) Harris, previously manager at Washington, had picked the youngster off a Philadelphia sandlot after seeing him throw just one pitch. He played only two minor league games in his four-year career.

Against the Indians he was superb. Lou Chiochki tapped him for a single in the second and eventually got to third. That was the only hit he gave up until Frankie Hayes singled in the eighth. Only four Cleveland players got on base, the other two on walks. That was quite a stunt, facing batters he hadn't even seen before and being mat-

ched against the greatest major league pitcher in more than a decade.

Two Runs

Feller was off form. In the third inning he walked Buddy Lewis and Joey Kuhel outwitted him by dumping a bunt. Both players scored on George Binks' hit and Binks came in on a single by Gil Torres. In the fifth George Myatt beat out a hit, stole second and scored on a fly to left, coming on home on a bad relay.

The Tigers, acutely short of sound pitchers, lost at Philadelphia when Jim Tobin walked home the winning run in the ninth. He had gone into the inning with a 2 to 1 lead but Bill McGhee tripled and scored on Bobby Estalella's single. Dick Siebert doubled and George Kell walked to fill the bases. Another walk provided the clinching run.

Washed Out

Rain complicated the National league picture. The Cubs, two and a half games ahead, play the last place Phils in a double header today while the Cardinals meets the revenge-bent Dodgers in another double bill at St. Louis. If rain interferes again in either case, the games may be washed from the schedule since the teams change opponents tomorrow.

The White Sox won one of the weirdest games of the year at New York, getting seven runs on seven hits in the 10th for a 7 to 0 victory. Bill Zuber had held them to one hit up to that stage, giving up six hits.

Bill Dietrich was the winner. The Browns beat the Red Sox, 2 to 1, at Boston when Skeeter Newsome, trying for a double play in the ninth, threw the ball into the stands and a runner scored from second.

The Pirates won two from the Braves at Pittsburgh, 4 to 3 and 2 to 0. Al Gerheuser and Fritz Ostermueller were the winners. The Reds topped the Giants, 3 to 2, at Cincinnati before only 281 paying fans.

Today's Sport Parade

By WILLIAM TUCKER

United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (UP)—If the patchwork Washington club emerges as American league champion, give a large chunk of credit to a mild little man who taught the Senators to run the bases like jackrabbits and, in his own day, was not called "deerfoot" for nothing.

In fact, Clyde Milan might have become the greatest baserunner of his time but he operated in the era with Ty Cobb and Eddie Collins and usually finished behind one or both of those diamond demons when they added up the thefts for the season.

Called In

He may have lacked the fire of a Cobb or Collins, but in the pure technicalities of rattling the pitcher, taking a lead and flying into second like hell let loose "Deerfoot" Milan had no peer.

It was only natural that when the war clouds gathered and the impending inroads on baseball talent became obvious, the old fox, Clark Griffith, called in his old base-stealer to get the most mileage out of the duration Senators.

Milan left a profitable and successful minor league managerial career to become coach of the Senators under pilot Stanley Harris. From the day he arrived, he emphasized speed on the team and he found his perfect nucleus in a loose-jointed kid who couldn't hit much but could run like the wind — George Washington Case.

Larceny Does It

In his first season under Milan's tutelage, 1942, Case stole 44 bases and next year hit a peak of 61. His team-mates, notably second baseman George Myatt, began gearing themselves to his speed and although the 1944 Senators finished last they were the fastest American league club to come along.

This season, with the talent on other American league clubs even thinner, the Senators came up

with more blinding speed and proceeded to keep themselves in a contending spot throughout the hot summer months by larceny on the highways to home plate.

To date the Senators have stolen an even 100 bases and many an ordinarily poor hitter on the club owes a respectable average to running out the close ones at first base. Four players have pilfered 81 of the sacks, Case and Myatt each with 29, Joe Kuhel with 12 and Bingo Binks with 11.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	81	59	.579
Washington	82	61	.573
St. Louis	73	66	.525
New York	72	66	.522
Cleveland	67	67	.500
Chicago	68	74	.483
Boston	66	75	.468
Philadelphia	49	70	.333
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	86	50	.632
St. Louis	84	53	.613
Brooklyn	75	61	.661
Pittsburgh	79	65	.542
New York	73	67	.521
Boston	59	80	.421
Cincinnati	57	81	.413
Philadelphia	42	98	.300
PACIFIC COAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	106	66	.614
Seattle	99	73	.576
Sacramento	92	80	.535
San Francisco	91	82	.526
Oakland	84	87	.491
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Los Angeles	71	100	.415
Hollywood	67	106	.387

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Solons, Rainiers Split Twin Bill; Portland Loses

By JACK DAILEY

Sacramento Solons and Seattle Rainiers, who probably will open up the Pacific coast league playoffs, split a twin bill last night with the second-place Seattle team winning the nightcap 5 to 4 after bowing 3 to 1 in the opener.

PCL President Clarence (Pants) Rowland announced late yesterday the playoffs will open Sept. 25 with Portland invading Seattle and either San Francisco or Oakland traveling to Sacramento. The two four-out-of-seven series will be followed by the finals between the winners of the first and second and third and fourth place contests.

The Beavers are all but mathematically certain of clinching the pennant, although their lead dropped half a game to seven ahead of Seattle with their 5 to 4 defeat last night at the hands of the San Diego Padres.

In other PCL games San Francisco and Hollywood split two extra inning games with the Seals taking the opener 1 to 0 and the Stars coming back to win the finale 10 to 9.

Rise of New Star As Eagles Beat Green Bay Packers

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14 (UP)—The rise of a new star and the eclipse of an old one were seen today as the significant features of the 28 to 21 upset victory of the Philadelphia Eagles over the Green Bay Packers.

The teams played to 90,218 fans, largest crowd ever to see a professional football game, in municipal stadium last night.

The new star is Abraham (Sonny) Karnofsky, a freshman back from the University of Arizona, who scored two touchdowns in a wild Eagle rally in the third period. The old one was Don Hutson, the incomparable Green Bay end, and it must have been obvious to all he is serious about retiring when he managed to sit on the bench as assistant coach throughout the contest.

Snead, Nelson to Play at Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 14 (UP)—A practice turn is being held today at the Portland golf club for amateurs entered in the qualifying round for the \$14,333 Portland open golf tournament.

Robert A. Hudson, sponsor of the tournament, said approximately 80 Portland area amateurs will be on hand Sunday in quest of the eight coveted places in the Portland open, which will be held Sept. 27 to 30 at the Portland club.

Thirty-three amateurs from Oregon, Washington and California will compete in the open, which will include such professional golf greats as Sammy Snead, the defending champion; the great Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and Vic Ghezzi.

PROBE RUM DEATH

SALEM, Sept. 14 (UP)—Coroner L. E. Barrick and police today are investigating the death of Clayton Edward Coon, 34, of Princeton, Mo. Coon's body was found under a bridge where he and two companions were "sleeping off" the effects of a drinking party, police reported. Foul play is not suspected, Barrick said.

Final Contests at Pendleton Rodeo On Saturday

PENDLETON, Sept. 14 (UP)—The 34th annual Pendleton round-up today went into its third day with cowboy "royalty" pitting brain and brawn against some of nature's roughest incorrigibles.

Championship bucking and calf-roping at its best was scheduled for the last two days of the round-up with final eliminations for \$16,000 in prize money to be held Saturday.

At last stretch finish for all-around championship honors between the youthful 1944 champion, Gene Rambo, of Shendon, Calif., and the veteran Bill McMacken of Florence, Ariz., 1937 and 1939 trophy winner, appeared in the offing.

Both were in Thursday's bucking contest, Rambo making a beautiful ride on a belligerent bronc called Monte. McMacken hit the sky-ways for the required 10 seconds on Zombie.

During the day Rambo placed second in steer roping and fourth in bulldogging. McMacken placed first in bucking and second in bulldogging.

Fifteen of 16 cowpokes who went astride horses in Thursday's bucking contests remained aboard. The only one being unceremoniously unseated was Cecil Henley of Hayward, Calif.

Round-up officials reported the animals were exceptionally pugnacious Thursday, causing injuries to a number of contestants.

Time out was taken during Thursday's festivities to remember Fritz Turan, 1941 cowboy champion who lost his life with the marines on Iwo Jima last February.

Cy Blanton, Former Pirate Pitcher, Dies

SHAWNEE, Okla., Sept. 14 (UP)—Funeral services are being held today for Darrell (Cy) Blanton, one time major league pitcher who died yesterday at a Norman, Okla., hospital. He was 36 years old.

Blanton, formerly a mainstay of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies pitching staffs, played last season with Hollywood in the Pacific coast league. He tried out this year but was unable to make the grade because of ill health.

Joe DiMaggio Gets Release From Army

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 14 (UP)—Joe DiMaggio, slugging New York Yankee outfielder, was given a medical discharge from the army here today.

DiMaggio will leave here for New York in a day or two to confer with the Yankee front office, and then will go to his home in San Francisco.

He will not rejoin the Yanks this season, since only three weeks remain. DiMaggio was given his discharge from army hospital because of stomach ulcers.

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