

Speaking of Sports

Football Ace Chapman Is Diamond Star

By GEORGE A. BARCLAY

SAM CHAPMAN used to boot footballs over Pacific coast goals last fall and help Stub Allison's University of California Golden Bears smear their opponents.

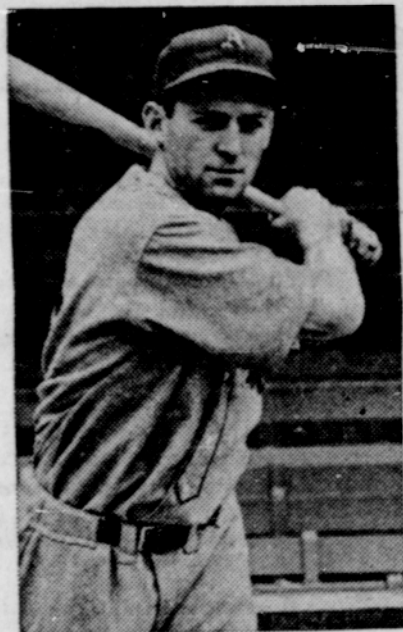
Now Sam belts baseballs around American league parks and helps Connie Mack's Athletics stay in the pennant race.

The metamorphosis of this All-American football player into a star outfielder has baseball wisecracks shaking their heads. Sam has violated the axiom which says that star football players never make star baseball players. He stepped off the campus without any minor league seasoning and because of the way he has been pounding the ball, has won himself a regular berth in the Athletics outfield.

Chapman was rated the best back on the Pacific coast last year. He was the spark plug in the attack which gave the California machine a 13 to 0 victory over Alabama in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's day.

When the grid season was over, Sam turned to baseball. He developed something of a reputation as a slugger and had big league scouts trailing him around the college circuit. The big league training season came and went and while Sam had his ears cocked for offers, he decided to wait until a real bid turned up.

Ty Cobb, the retired immortal of baseball, had been watching him and growing more enthusiastic all the time. Finally he got hold of



SAM CHAPMAN

Connie Mack and told him to grab Sammy as a sure-fire "natural." "I told you once I'd never recommend a ball player," Ty said, "but I've got to this time. This kid Chapman has a future."

\$8,500 Bonus

Mack, who has always had a weakness for college men, offered Sam an \$8,500 bonus for signing with him.

Chapman thought it was a good idea, accepted, and joined the team early in May. He got into the lineup almost right away and began banging the ball all over the lot. In his first five weeks in the league, he got 44 hits in 123 times at bat, including nine home runs. And he has contributed punch to a hustling, hard-hitting ball club that can give any team in the league a run for its money.

Not many college men have stepped off the campus and into the big leagues to play. Few if any great football players have accomplished this feat. Sammy Baugh, who has been a sensation as a passer for the Washington Redskins in the National Professional Football league, failed to make the grade this year as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals and even faded when he was farmed out to Columbus in the American association.

Besides Sammy Baugh, three classic examples of All-Americans who failed in big league tryouts were: Jim Thorpe, who couldn't make the grade with the New York Giants many years ago, Ernie Nevers, who was a flop when the St. Louis Browns tried to turn him into a diamond performer and Earl Caldwell, famous Yale back who faded rapidly when the Cleveland Indians put a uniform on him.

Sam Chapman looks like the glittering exception to this somber list. At present writing he appears to have licked the jinx that follows star football players from the gridiron to the baseball diamond.

Night Baseball

THE success of night baseball, pioneered by the Cincinnati Reds a couple of years ago and introduced with satisfying financial returns by the Brooklyn Dodgers recently, indicates that before very long floodlights will be part of the equipment of every big league ball park. In its first two games after dark, Brooklyn drew 66,000 patrons through the turnstiles—considerably more than would have come in the afternoon.

The results at Cincinnati thus far have been equally favorable. So there is little reason to doubt that night baseball would draw well in other big league cities.

Few teams do very much business on week days. The average fan does not find it possible to attend such games regularly. The chance of actually seeing a game after dinner instead of reading about it in the box scores should prove attractive. All things being equal, the average man would just as soon see Joe Di Maggio or Gabby Hartnett in action on a ball field as he would watch Clark Gable or William Powell on the screen. Night baseball, however, would not be a serious competitor to the movies, because only a dozen games at most would be scheduled during a 154-game season by any team.

A number of big league magnates and managers look with rather sour eyes on night baseball. Bill Terry, manager of the Giants will have none of it. But with the demonstration of proved success in two big league cities, it seems inevitable that it will be adopted generally in the big time.

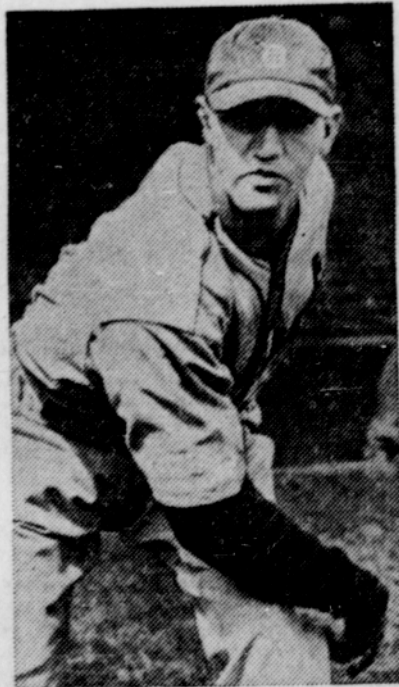
Here and There

ONLY three of the eighteen players who made up the National league All-Star team of 1933 were included in the 1938 roster. They were Gabby Hartnett of the Cubs, Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants and Tony Cuccinello of the Bees. The other 15 have either drifted out of the league or have slipped out of the star class. The longevity of stars seems greater in the American league, for nine of the original eighteen were included on this year's All-American baseball team. They were Lefty Gomez, Bill Dickey and Lou Gehrig of the Yanks; Bob Grove, Joe Cronin and Jimmy Foxx of the Boston Red Sox; Rick Ferrell of the Washington Senators; Charley Gehring of the Detroit Tigers and Earl Averill of the Cleveland Indians.

A Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, or \$22,500 a year with the Pittsburgh Pirates in professional football were the offers which Whizzer White, Colorado university's great halfback, had to consider recently. He chose the Oxford scholarship. The decision was his own, too. He asked his father for advice, but White persisted in leaving it up to him and he decided in favor of higher education.

Comeback Trail

DOWN in the Texas league, fans, managers and scouts are watching the performance of two young men who until last year were pitching sensations in the big leagues—Schoolboy Rowe, formerly of the Detroit Tigers, and Paul Dean of the St. Louis Cardinals. Shipped to the minors this year by



SCHOOLBOY ROWE

their respective clubs, these fellows are trying a comeback trail that will land them in the big show again.

Should the pitching magic that once made them great return to the arms of these athletes, they will find a hearty welcome back in the majors, for the Tigers could use Rowe and the St. Louis Cards might cease floundering if they had a pitcher of the caliber Paul Dean used to be.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK—Several years before Romain Rolland finished "Jean Christophe," Leo Tolstoy called him the warden of the conscience of Europe.

Rolland Comes Home To Die

In his quarter-century exile in Switzerland, he has remained "above the battle," warning of war, decrying hatred, pleading for peace and understanding. His has been a voice crying in the wilderness. His exile ended, he returns to France, "an old man, broken and despairing," as the news dispatches report. The world seems to have little heeded his impassioned appeals. He wants to die in Clamecy, the village where he was born.

The greatest novel of a century, possibly of many centuries, "Jean Christophe" has been called by great critics and multitudes of lesser lights. It was published in 1913. This writer has found few young persons, even those majoring in literature, who have read it.

He has found others who have never heard of Romain Rolland, the Nobel peace prize winner exiled from his country, while Carl von Ossietzky, German Nobel peace prize winner, was impoverished, jailed and harried to his death in the same "years between." There is in this age swift obsolescence in the spiritual heritage as well as in machines.

But another, even greater teacher, looking sadly down on the multitude from a hill in Jerusalem, was also unheeded:

Teachings Will Be Remembered

"How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" But neither He nor His teaching was altogether forgotten. There will also be those who will remember Romain Rolland.

When he was exiled from France, vast sums of money were offered him if he would go to America, to write and lecture. Publicity, or any form of self-exploitation, is to him profoundly distasteful. He withdrew to a secluded villa near Zurich, Switzerland.

There is one definite attitude in all these post-war writings. He had no faith in "movements," in "ideologies," right or left. He repulsed Henri Barbusse, his clarte group and the various "united fronts," as he did the emissaries of bloody reaction from the right. He knew that the righteous can be as cruel as the wicked, once they find reliance on force.

Like the great German Fichte, whom he esteemed, he believed only in the "inner light"—never in organization or force. But he was not a "political agnostic." He fought, and suffered, to arouse the world conscience.

He is a tall, spare, pallid old man, with thinning hair and sad, deep-set eyes as he returns to France at the age of seventy-two.

IT WAS reported that Sir John Reith, director general of the British Broadcasting corporation, was badly licked in that international Arabic crooning contest a while back. Virtually all observers gave the decision to Italy. If so, it probably was the only time he ever lost a contest.

Sir John Beaten in Radio Duel

The tall, bald, grim Scotsman is upped to the job of running the Imperial Airways, as a civil arm of rearmament, with a sizeable hike in salary. It is now \$50,000 a year, instead of \$35,000.

He is an engineer, and in 1916 was here with 600 technicians checking on war material contracts. He didn't like America or Americans but eased up on us later on. Running British radio, he has been exonerated as a tyrant, but he has held to his line and confounded all his adversaries. His views on radio programs were outlined by him as follows: "To set out to give the public what it wants, as the saying is, is a dangerous and fallacious policy."

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News Review of Current Events

FLIGHT AROUND EARTH

Howard Hughes and Companions Set New Record of 91 Hours . . . Japan Cancels 1940 Olympics



President Roosevelt addressing Louisville citizens from the platform of his special train, urging them to support Senator Barkley for renomination. The senator is at the President's left and Mayor Scholtz of Louisville at his right.

Edward W. Pickard

SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Hughes' Great Flight

HOWARD HUGHES and his crew of four completed their remarkable flight around the world when they landed at Floyd Bennett airport, New York, 3 days, 19 hours and 17 minutes after starting from that place. They had covered 14,824 miles and made six stops for refueling—at Paris, Moscow, Omsk, Yakutsk, Fairbanks and Minneapolis.



Howard Hughes

They cut more than three days off the record made by Wiley Post in 1933, but Hughes said after landing that he still considered Post's solo flight was the most remarkable job of flying ever done.

On the hop across the Atlantic the time made by Lindbergh was nearly halved.

With Hughes, wealthy sportsman and aviator who financed and organized the flight, were Harry Connor and Thomas Thurlow, navigators; Richard Stoddart, radio operator, and Ed Lund, flight engineer.

Hughes himself was at the controls all the time, but said the robot pilot did all the flying except the takeoffs and landings. Much credit also was given the automatic navigator loaned by the army air corps. The chief perils encountered were on the flight to Paris, because they had barely enough fuel to reach Le Bourget airport; and the trip over Siberia where they had to go to an altitude of 17,000 feet and accumulated much ice. Radio communication with the land was maintained most of the time except for six hours before Minneapolis was reached. During that period their transmitter was out of commission.

The monoplane, named "New York World's Fair, 1940," was welcomed at New York by Mayor La Guardia and Grover Whalen and a tremendous crowd. The weary fliers soon got to bed, but next day the metropolis gave them one of its customary ticker-tape receptions with a parade. The wives of Stoddart, Connor and Thurlow were at the airport to meet their husbands. Katherine Hepburn, the movie star, bade Hughes good-by when he started and welcomed him back. In Hollywood it is rumored they are engaged or possibly secretly married.

Deficit to Be 4 Billions

IN REVISED budget estimates for the current fiscal year, given out in Washington, the President forecast a net federal deficit of \$3,984,887,600, an increase of \$2,525,639,500 over last year's deficit and \$3,035,000,000 more than he had estimated in January for the 12 months ending next June 30.

The deficit, which will increase the gross public debt by \$3,485,000,000, will be financed, the President indicated, by a reduction of \$500,000,000 in the working balance of the treasury's general fund; by the use of \$680,000,000 in special issues of government obligations and by \$2,805,000,000 in new federal financing.

Japan Cancels Olympics

JAPAN evidently thinks the war in China is not near its end. The Tokyo government has cancelled the Olympic games of 1940, dropping all plans to be the host of the world's athletes. The announce-

ment, made by Marquis Koichi Kido, public welfare minister, surprised even the Japanese organizing committee, and the members of that body declared the games would be held, "whether or not the government supports them."

In Tokyo it was said the government's action was due to the cost of financing the games and to military leaders' opposition to a growth of nationalism among the Japanese people.

It was expected the international committee would meet soon to determine the next move. London and Helsinki, Finland, were mentioned as possible sites for the 1940 games.

Senator Thomas Wins

VICTORY of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma in his fight for renomination by the Democrats was hailed by the New Dealers as a direct result of the campaign speaking tour of President Roosevelt. The President told the Oklahomans what a help the senator had been to him and how much he had done for the state; and he gave some swipes to Thomas' rivals, Governor



Sen. Thomas

Marland and Representative Gomer Smith. So the Oklahomans picked Thomas by a good majority. For governor they named Leon C. Phillips, much to the disappointment of Alfalfa Bill Murray.

In the course of his trip across the country, Mr. Roosevelt, in his capacity of head of the Democratic party, first boosted the cause of Senator Barkley of Kentucky, his staunch supporter, and cleverly avoided hitting too hard at Governor Happy Chandler, who seeks Barkley's seat.

Passing through Colorado and Nevada, he avoided politics in his talks, for Senators Alva Adams and Pat McCarran, both of whom have opposed some of his chief policies, are mighty strong in their states. Both of them boarded his train but their reception was decidedly cool.

The President delivered the only set speech on his program at the San Francisco world's fair administration building. He then reviewed the United States battle fleet of 66 vessels, and spent several hours aboard the cruiser Houston. Next day he spent in Yosemite National park.

After three days in California the President boarded the Houston at San Diego and went to the Galapagos islands for some fishing. Thence he was to pass through the Panama canal and come back home by way of the southeastern states

Van Nuys Nominated

OPponents of Senator Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana accepted defeat with wry faces. They had intended that he should be "purged" for his fights against New Deal measures, but realized his threatened independent candidacy would split the party in the state wide open, and also would injure the presidential aspirations of Paul V. McNutt. So Governor Townsend invited the senator to present his name to the state convention, and other candidates withdrew.

Van Nuys was then perfunctorily renominated without anyone saying a good thing about him.