

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Jumping catfish! There seem to be as many versions of "official" Western International league standings as there are teams in the league! . . . Ten days ago we received a standings release that purported to be "official" which showed Salem to have one less loss than our own carefully compiled won and lost records . . . We ultimately ignored that.

Wednesday night a press release out of Spokane said a recheck of the standings through the official league statistician in Chicago revealed the Indians to be on even keel with Yakima instead of a game behind and Salem to have lost one less game, or 28 instead of 27 . . . Two hours later Spokane sent out supposedly "official" standings which had Salem right back at the old 27 lost stand.

As far as this paper is concerned, the Senators had won 20 games and lost 27 up to last night and their correct standing this morning is 30 won and 27 lost or 29 won and 28 lost, depending upon whether they won or lost last night . . . Our records, carefully kept throughout the season not only show this to be the Senators' true standing, but also to the pitchers' records, verily so.

For instance, up to last night Helsler had won 7, Brewer 9, Olliver 4, Davis 3, Sojinia 3, Clemence 2 and Fenter 1—for a total of 29 games won . . . Brewer had lost 5, Helsler 2, Olliver 5, Davis 4, Sojinia 2, Clemence 5, Soles 3 and Fenter 1—for a total of 27.

Up Goes Averages.

Our Senators and the Caplans (who get their name, by the way, from a big gulch, summer resort, etc., near Vancouver) always manage to stage a wild one at Vancouver . . . On their last trip in the Solons hammered for that 26-7 win and on this last one go on a hickory spree producing 44 total hits and a 17-14 victory that totals 21 runs.

The Wednesday night frolic did things to the batting averages of our Senators, and especially those of "Cup-o-Coffee" Eddie Wilson, Skipper Griffiths, Bobby Baer and Antelope Al Lightner . . . Wilson moved out in front of Wild William Harris by one percentage point, .381 to .380, and Griffiths climbed to his highest peak since the first three weeks of the season, .341 . . . Before last night's game six Senators were well over the .300 mark—Wilson, Harris, Fenter, Helsler, Baer and Clabaugh.

Question: Has Salem a chance for the pennant?

Ans.—Why not? If the pitching holds up, what team is going to outpitch the other Solons? . . . Injuries, of course, could play havoc—especially if they were sustained by either Griffiths or Baer, for whom there is no replacement.

Screwy Pass Rule.

Although it was Medwick who cost the cash in the Cardinal-Brooklyn trade of \$200,000 consequences, veteran baseball scribes maintained that Curt Davis, who just "went along" in the deal, would prove more valuable to the Dodgers than the Ducky Wucky one . . . With Medwick now in the hospital, their assertions are already coming true.

This corner nominates that semipro baseball rule which allows the recipient of an intentional base on balls to go clear to second base instead of first as the screwiest restriction in a decade . . . Are the poor umpires the fall guys who are to decide whether a pass is intentional or not? . . . And how are they going to tell? . . . It wouldn't take much of an actor to intentionally walk a batter and make it look as though he just couldn't get the ball in there.

Chiefs Have Grappler.

Arnold Traxler, outfielder who will be seen in action with the Wenatchees here this weekend, has had numerous offers to join the rascal ranks . . . The big guy spent a year with a carnival company, taking on all comers . . . Last year, while with Joplin, a grunt-and-growl promoter tried to shanghai him from the ball club.

Members of last year's championship Wenatchee band, including Bill Bevens, former member of the semi-pro Salem Senators, moved into higher

Face Our Solons Here Tonight



Shortstop Leonard Ratto, left, and Outfielder Arnold Traxler, members of the Wenatchee club that opened a four-game Western International series with our Senators at Waters field tonight.

Indians, Dodgers Climb Atop of Major Circuits Feller Wins 10th Phils Knock Reds From Top of Heap As Bosox Drop 2

American League				National League			
W	L	Pct	St. Louis	W	L	Pct	St. Louis
Cleveland	25	22	.524	Brockton	23	17	.576
Boston	21	20	.514	Brooklyn	19	20	.488
Detroit	21	21	.500	Philadelphia	18	21	.462
St. Louis	20	22	.476	Chicago	19	23	.452
Washington	22	26	.452				

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—(AP)—The inspired St. Louis Browns smacked the Boston Red Sox out of first place in the American league today with a double conquest, 2 to 1, and 11 to 4, and ran their own victory string to six.

Harold Child's ninth inning homer and John Niggeling's 6-hit pitching combined to win the first game.

Heavy hitting—the Red Sox's own way of winning ball games—brought the Browns through in the second contest.

The Browns now have won 27 and lost 30 and are in fifth place. Only a hop, skip and jump out of the first division.

First game: Boston, 2 to 1; St. Louis, 11 to 4. Galehouse and Peacock; Niggeling and Susce. Second game: Boston, 4 to 1; St. Louis, 11 to 15. M. Harris, Heving (5); Wagner (6); Ostermiller (6); Desautels; Biddell, Kramer (5) and Swift.

Feller Triumphs CLEVELAND, June 20.—(AP)—Bob Feller's tenth triumph of the season came at the expense of downtrodden Washington today. The lopsided 12 to 1 decision was the fifth in a row for Cleveland and put the Indians in first place as a result of Boston's double defeat and Detroit's setback.

Feller allowed only four hits, including Gerald Walker's fourth-inning homer, and fanned 11 to become the first major league hurler to win 10 games.

Washington, 1 to 4; Cleveland, 12 to 1. Masterson, Montegudo (7) and Early; Feller and Hensley.

A's Stop Tigers DETROIT, June 20.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics snapped the winning streak of the Detroit Tigers at six games and shoved the Bengals back into third place in the American league today.

The game was spotted with disputes and Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yanks protested the game after he claimed Umpire John Quinn reversed his decision on whether Julius Solters dropped a long foul hit by Bill Dickey in the second.

CHICAGO, June 20.—(AP)—John Rigney bested Monte Pearson in an eleven-inning pitching duel to end the Chicago White Sox shut out the New York Yankees 9 to 0 in a Miraflores single and Bob Kennedy's double.

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company this season . . . Bevens, Pitcher Vince DiBiasi, Shortstop Bill Skelly and First-baseman Frank Milani are with Birmingham in the class A eastern circuit; Third Sacker Jim Nicholson was recently picked up by Dallas of the Texas league; Pitcher John Pinter is also with Dallas; Outfielder Mike DeJana is the besting sensation of the Southern association; and Outfielder Lloyd Christopher is with Oakland.

Tuesday, was thrown with malice aforethought, or was an accident. Occasionally the door to the adjoining office would open, and the word would be passed along: "Mike, you're wanted," or "Pepper, John, Leonard, you're next."

"I suppose," he said plaintively, "the headlines will claim to say 'Murdere' Bowman.' I only hit one of 696 batters last year, yet they say I do this on purpose."

John McDonald, Brooklyn road secretary, was talking in Bill Brandt's office.

"Funny thing," he said, "just yesterday a fellow was in the clubhouse demonstrating a helmet for batters. He put it on and invited anyone to take a whack at

Solons Win on Homers 10-8

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SPORTS

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Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, June 21, 1940

'Old' Louis Is Still Champion

Scores a TKO In 8th Round

Chills Chilean Godoy With Savage Attack; Gets Knockdown in 7th

By SID FEDER YANKEE STADIUM, New York, June 20.—(AP)—"Old" Joe Louis, the "butcher" of the prize ring, came back tonight.

In methodical, cold-blooded fashion, he took revenge on Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, who hurt his pride by lasting 16 rounds with him last February. For seven rounds he carved the South American's face apart, punching with as much devastation as he has ever shown any man, in the eighth, he ended it.

With Godoy, gallant to the end, down on his knees for the second time in this round from that seemed like a million of the cruellest, most savage blows the brown bomber has ever thrown, Referee Billy Cavanagh stepped in and stopped the blood-letting, awarding the king of the ring a technical knockout at one minute, 24 seconds of the heat.

Turns Back 11th Thus Louis added another to his record string of defenses of the world's heavyweight championship. . . This was the 11th challenge he has turned back before his reign began three years ago, the best any champion before him could do was to hold the crown against five challenges.

This was brutal tonight. At 199 pounds, the brown bomber was in the best condition of his career. He was lighter than for any fight since he chopped Max Baer's jaw down in their return bout two years ago. He gave away 2½ pounds to the South American, but it could have been ten times that. This was the Louis who sent Schmiedel, the German, who ended old Jim Braddock's career, who mowed down Tony Galento in four rounds, who now has run up 39 knockouts in his career of 47 fights, and who is ranked by many as the greatest punching man the ring has ever seen.

Knockdown in 7th He didn't drop Godoy until the end of the seventh round when a slashing string of punches sent the gallant Chilean to the canvas near his own corner. Arturo was up at six, just as the bell ended the eighth and there wasn't anyone in the surprisingly large crowd in the Yankee stadium who didn't realize the end was near.

The champion met him in mid-ring and fired his bombs. Godoy, game to the finish, but with little else to offer against Louis' cold rage and desire for revenge, dropped for a count of eight. He came up at the Chicago Cubs 6 to 3, Chicago 2 to 0, New York 6 to 7, French, Root (6), Olsen and Danning.

Giants Defeat French NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—The Giants caught up today with Larry French, the only southpaw who had beaten them this season, and tamed the Chicago Cubs 6 to 3.

Both Salem Teams Win S'Ball Games The Salem girls' teams, the Valley League Fairettes and Coquettes, both won games on Bush school grounds last Wednesday night, when the former defeated Corvallis, 13-8, and the latter won from Monmouth, 15-8.

In the Fairette-Corvallis mix, Howe and Calkins slammed homers while Goffrier and Bowers scored circuit clouts for the Coquettes.

Corvallis, 8 to 6; Fairettes, 13 to 8; Hershey, Dunn and Blacker; Betty Mercer, Dortha Feller and Helen Calkins. Monmouth, 8 to 10; Donna Spence and Olene Melhoff; Haller and Churchill.

Dallas School Teacher Gets Advanced Degree DALLAS—Robert DeWesse Kutch, teacher in Dallas schools, has been granted his master of arts degree by Stanford university. His work was done in the school of education, with his thesis on "College Guidance in Oregon High Schools." He received his LLB degree from Willamette university in 1927 and his AB in 1931.

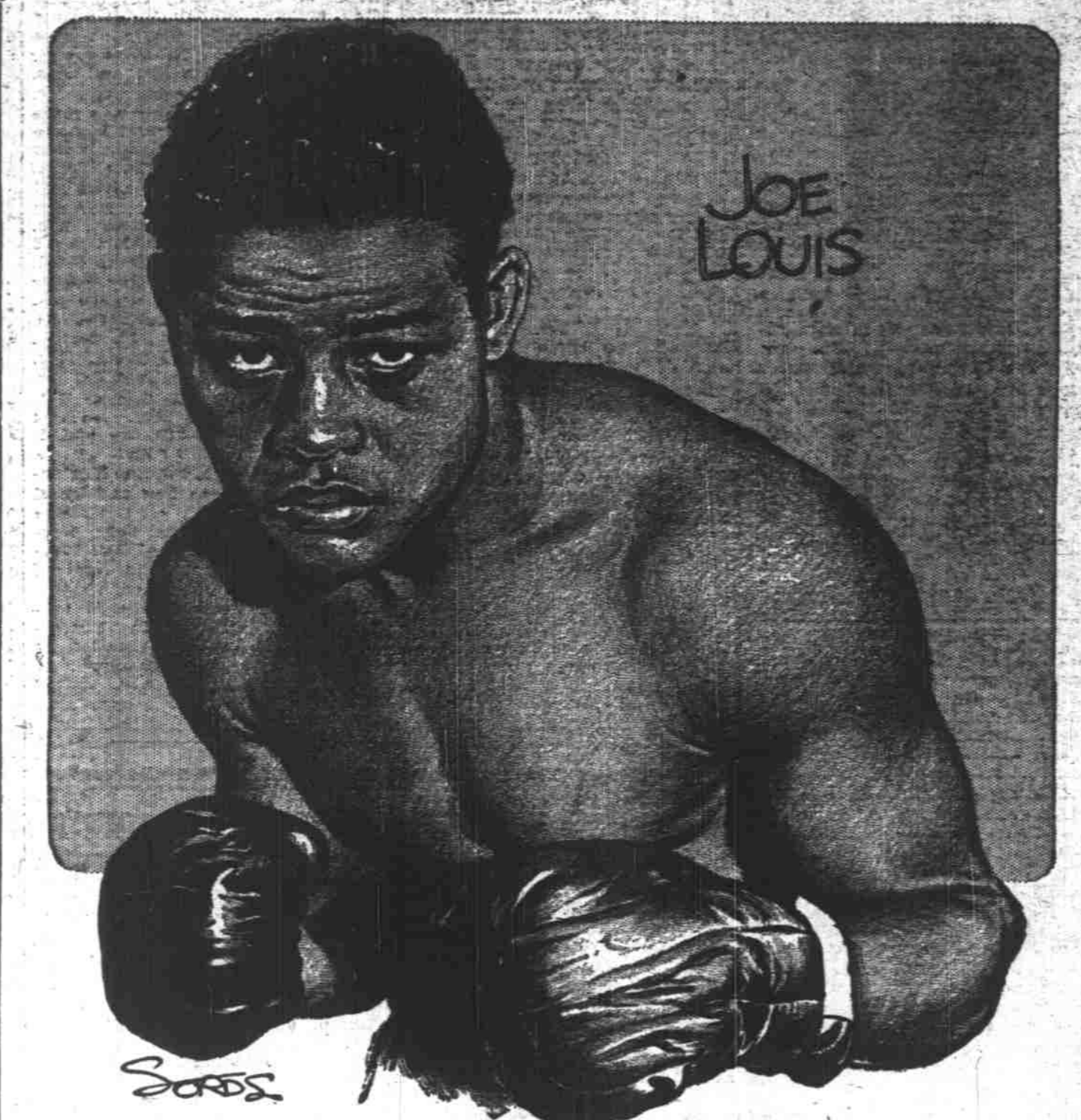
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The hours passed, and the players were getting restless, and hungry. The conversation switched to pitchers.

"Sometimes," Gonzales said, "George Earnshaw was faster than Lefty Grove. And speaking of spitball pitchers, that Red Faber was pretty good. And a fellow named Douglas was the best I ever saw."

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ted after the fight that he had "dished out" a fair country beating.

"It's the worst beatin' I evah gave a man," he said.

"He's plenty tough, and the gamest guy a ever took on, but ah'll tell you—he can't hit a lick himself. Ah was sore at him to start with because he made me look bad the last time. Then, in the seventh round, Godoy hit me a low punch. It didn't hurt none, but ah didn't like it none either."

Godoy, agreeing that Louis was a "great fighter" spent several minutes in his dressing room explaining how "I can take eat" "I want to fight heem again," he shouted. "Thees time I couldn't see any thing from the third round on. Louis is great—but me, I'm good too, huh?"

Final Entry Day For Tennis Meet

Today marks the last day of entry to the third annual Statesman-Parker playgrounds city tennis tournament. The books closing at 5 p. m. All tennis players who have not yet filed entry upon Statesman blanks are urged to do so today.

First-round play is scheduled to begin Monday on the Olinger courts, where Tommy Drynan will be in charge for the third successive year.

Drawings will be held Saturday and their results published Sunday morning. Opponents may schedule their matches in accordance with their own wishes. Courts may be reserved through Drynan, by dialing 3344.

Paper Mill Clubs Cop S'Ball Wins

Once again the two Paper Mill softball clubs scored double wins in the Industrial loop as yesterday the Machinists shellacked Kay Mill 17 to 6 and the Office gang knuckled over Montgomery Ward 5 to 1.

PM Office, 5 to 3; Montgomery Ward, 1 to 3; Savage and W. Matty; Beardley and Beaver.

Kay Mill, 17 to 6; Alport, Scott and Carter; Ling, Pero and Dresler.

'Skulling' of Medwick Found not Intentional; All Baseball Heaves Sigh of Relief; Ducky Is Better

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—Baseball in general heaved a sigh of relief today when District Attorney William O'Dwyer announced he was through investigating the "skulling" of Joe Medwick at Ebbs field last Tuesday and had found no evidence of criminal intent on the part of Pitcher Bob Bowman of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The baseball fathers, frankly, had not welcomed the intrusion of the law into their affairs. As soon as they fully realized what had happened they closed their ranks and "destroyed the evidence," leaving the district attorney tilting at thin air.

Medwick's assertion from his hospital cot that he didn't believe Bowman had hit him purposely practically closed the case. And then, when General Manager Larry Macphail of the Brooklynns visited the St. Louis dressing room last night and told them what a fine, brave lot of boys he thought they were, well, then O'Dwyer must have realized he wasn't getting much cooperation.

As for Medwick, the Dodger star was much improved and Manager Leo Durocher said he wouldn't be surprised to see him hit in the line-up by the weekend. This was regarded as a little optimistic, however, as Medwick still suffers a concussion.

President Ford Frick of the National league, will make a statement tomorrow, absolving Bowman and closing the case.

Seattle Family at Turner

TURNER—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sociolofsky and daughters, Lono and Ann from Seattle are visiting at the home of Mrs. Sociolofsky's father, Carl Williams. Sociolofsky is a staff artist of KJR radio station of Seattle.

Score by innings: Salem, 201 001 570—10; Vancouver, 010 001 042—8.

Summary: Errors—Clabaugh, Lightner, Calleaux. Winning pitcher, Fenter; losing pitcher, Eisenman. Hits off Fenter, 15 and 8 runs in 9 innings; struck out 4; bases on balls 2. Hits off Eisenman 13; 10 runs in 8 innings; struck out 10; bases on balls, 2. Hits off Osborne 2; runs, none in 1 inning; struck out none; base on balls, none. Hit by pitcher, Wilson by Eisenman.

Left on bases, Salem 6; Vancouver 6. Home runs, Wilson, Clabaugh, 3 base hits, Wilson, 2 base hits, Coscarart, Lightner 2, Quinn, Barker, Eddy, Calleaux. Runs batted in, Baer, Harris, Crandall 2, Clabaugh 6, Griffiths, Quinn 2, Wilson, Shimer, Callaux 2, Sacrifice, Coscarart, Double plays, Griffiths, Baer, Harris 2, Coscarart, Harris. Time 2:25. Umpires, Nelson and Clarke.

League Baseball

Senator Batting Averages				Pacific Coast League (Before night games)			
W	L	Pct	St. Louis	W	L	Pct	St. Paul
Wilson	105	95	.521	Oakland	45	51	.468
Harris	213	211	.503	Seattle	42	49	.462
Fenter	8	2	.800	Portland	39	40	.494
Baer	205	182	.529	San Francisco	38	41	.479
Clabaugh	170	154	.523	Los Angeles	37	40	.480
Lightner	207	177	.539	San Diego	36	44	.450
Coscarart	217	165	.568	San Jose	35	43	.448

'Moose' Homes With Three on

Play Wenatchee Tonight Here; Take Vancouver Series by 2-1

Western International			
W	L	Pct	
Spokane	33	25	.569
Yakima	33	10	.769
SALEM	30	27	.524
Tacoma	28	28	.500
Vancouver	24	31	.436
Wenatchee	24	36	.400

Thursday Results Vancouver 3, Salem 10. Spokane 9, Tacoma 7. Wenatchee 6, Yakima 10.

Wenatchee's Chiefs, champions of yesterday, come here tonight to open a four-game series with our Senators. The series calls for tonight's 8:30 game and single games Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. Tonight is ladies' night at George E. Waters park.

YANCOUVER, June 20.—(CP)—A seventh-inning drive that netted five runs, including two homers, gave Salem's Senators a 10-8 victory over Vancouver's Caplans in the deciding game of their three-game Western International Baseball league series here tonight. The Senators won the series 2-1.

Ed Wilson, first man up in the seventh, hit for the circuit. Two singles and a walk filled the bases and Moose Clabaugh cleaned them with another four-ply wallop. Salem: Wilson, 2; Sojinia, 1; Vancouver, 8; 15 1. Fenter and Barker; Eisenmann, Osborne (9), and Crandall.

Pips Pound Chiefs WENATCHEE, June 30.—(AP)—Yakima bunched all but one of their runs in the first two innings to defeat the Wenatchee Chiefs 10 to 6 and close their Western International league series here tonight.

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SPOKANE, June 20.—(AP)—Spokane's Indians out-rallied the Tacoma Tigers tonight with a five-run blast in the third to score 9 to 7 baseball victory and win the Western International league series, two games to one.

Tacoma made its big bid in the seventh, nicking Major Servent for four tallies but falling one short of knotting the count at 8-all. Shiley led the Tigers' attack with two doubles and a single in four appearances.

Servent made the first and last outs in Spokane's big third stanza. Smead Jolley sparked the rampage with a three-run double that drove Charles Schanz, starting Tacoma pitcher, from the hill, and Spokane had collected five of its dozen hits before the frame was ended.

Schanz, Medehind (3), and Brenner; Servent and McNamee.

At the same time McCullough said Bob Doring, shortstop, who was released by the Pippins early in the season and who has been playing semi-pro ball in Portland, will be recalled to take over Saturday night. Fernandez will play his last game here tomorrow night.

Gashouse Gang Ill at Ease as Frick Fires Questions

By WHITNEY MARTIN NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals came trooping into the National league offices, a healthy, husky crew of young men obviously ill at ease and wondering what it was all about.

They drifted nervously, large chairs and tables and filing cabinets. Pepper Martin, a shaggy bear with his week's growth of beard, sat cross-legged on the floor. Bob Bowman, a sharp-featured lad a little on the small side, fidgeted nervously. Large John Mize sat stolidly on a window sill and gazed unsmilingly toward the Rockefeller center towers below.

In the next office Ford Frick, league presy, was trying to discover by point and question whether the ball which Bowman threw, felling Joe Medwick last

him with a bat. One of the coaches took a bat, wound up and really let fly. It knocked this fellow clean across the room, but he just shook his head and was all right.

"I have another helmet up in my office now, I wish when they'd been the boys they'd been some \$2500 ball player. Instead of picking on a \$75,000 one, like Reese, or a \$200,000 one, like Medwick."

The subject uppermost in the minds of the players was studiously avoided for the most part. They talked of trivial things, or buried their noses in copies of the league year book Bill Brandt passed around, commenting on "discoveries" they made. Pepper Martin assembled a quartet, and with Lon Warneke, Bowman and Terry Moore chatted softly and

melodiously the strains of "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder."

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The stream of players trickled back and forth as Frick delved into the motions and motives of a pitcher. The returning men stood or sat silently, evading questioning.

"Just tell the truth," Pepper Martin advised, "and you'll never get in trouble. All because Muscles Medwick forgot to duck."

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