

McKechnie Sees 'Good-Bad' Cincy Campaign

By JAMES JORDAN
 PITTSBURGH, March 4 —(P)— Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds is looking at the 1944 national league season through some sort of bi-hued glasses — first everything looks rosy and then again it looks gloomy.

When he looks at Baseball in general he can see a fine season ahead in the national league, but

when he looks at the Reds in particular he exudes great globs of gloom.

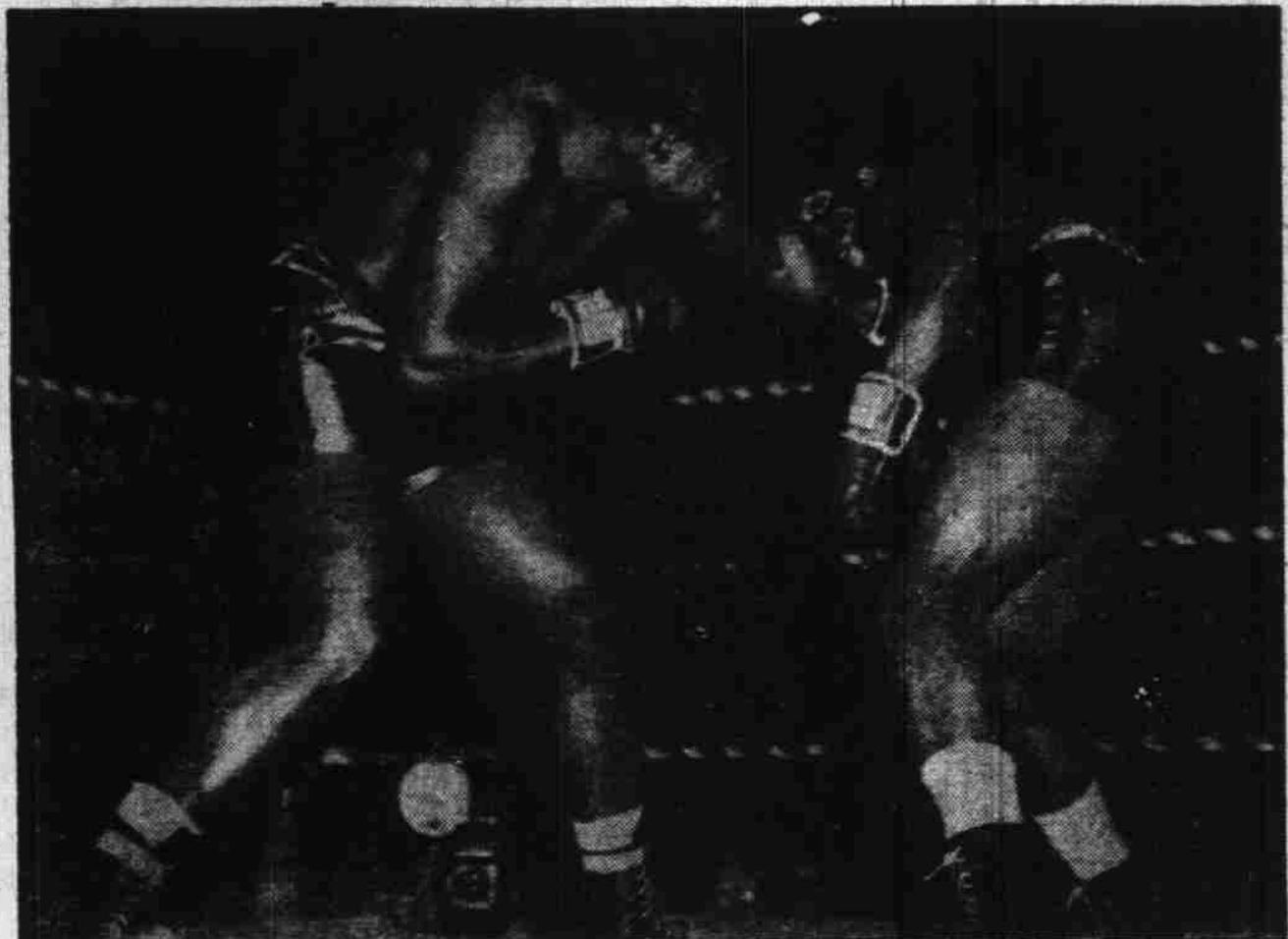
The Reds' chief expects a squad of 31 players at the Cincinnati training camp at Bloomington, Ind., a week from Monday, but he says:

"Johnny Vandermeer will be missing and so will Lonnie Frey. With those two gone it doesn't look too good."

Ed Miller, his shortstop, also in 1-A, "and may be called before the season opens, and so is Elmer Riddle," McKechnie said, adding:

"Things are just so uncertain now I can't even tell you who will be playing. Bucky Walters and Ray Mueller are sure to be back. But one pitcher and one catcher doesn't make a team."

Bivins Bashes Victory Over Murray



JIMMY BIVINS of Cleveland, the NBA's No. 1 heavyweight, won a unanimous decision over Lee Q. Murray in their 10-round scrap at Cleveland. Bivins, left, floored Murray in the 9th round. (AP Wire-photo)

Astoria Tourney Casualty

ASTORIA, Ore., March 4—(P)— St. Helens won the district 3 high school basketball tournament and a ticket to the state meet at Salem by defeating Astoria, 20-19, tonight. In another night game fiscal Rainier downed Tillamook, 40-23.

In afternoon hills, St. Helens beat Rainier, 20-28, and Astoria trimmed Tillamook, 24-23.

Bowling Scores

The week at Perfection: Nicholson Insurance held firmly to its lead in the Commercial league three games ahead of second-place Goldies', and George Scales of Paulus Bros. held his individual pitting lead with a 177 average.

The Statesman stayed two games in front of the Industrial league pack, Papermakers holding down second, and West stayed atop the individuals with his 177 average.

"Pappy" Cline's Coffee Shoppers were knocked from the Major league, Army-Navy store taking over by the slim margin of one game. Bert's Pros are in second place two games in front of Cline's and the City Cleaners.

Walt Cline, Jr.'s 187 average is still tops for the entire alleys. Akkin's Bootery dropped three straight Thursday night but clung to the Ladies league lead by four games over Broadway Beauty Shop. Virginia Garbarino of the third place Keglettes maintained high individual mark with her 161 average.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Nicholson Insurance	15	8	.704
Goldies	13	11	.615
Halvorson Construction	12	12	.556
Senator Barber Shop	12	12	.556
Hanna	13	14	.481
Paulus Bros.	10	17	.370
Woodburn	10	17	.370
Hartman Bros.	10	17	.370

Averages leading 10 bowlers: Scales 177; Hill 173; Dahlberg 172; Steele 170; Zeller 168; Duffus 169; S. Mills 169; Wheatley 167; Garbarino 164; W. Valdez 163.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Statesman	15	6	.714
Papermakers	13	8	.619
Walt Bros.	12	9	.571
Scio	11	10	.524
Valley Oil Co.	10	11	.476
M & F Grocery	9	12	.429
Capital City Laundry	7	14	.333
Brite Spot	7	14	.333

Averages leading 10 bowlers: West 177; Densmore 166; Kirchner 165; Mathis 165; Edwards 165; Melville 164; Pederson 163; Wheatley 163; Forgard 159; White 159; Bergsund 159.

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Army-Navy Store	12	6	.667
Bert's Pros	11	7	.611
Cline's Coffee Shop	9	9	.500
City Cleaners	9	9	.500
Rama's T-UP	9	9	.500
Acme Wreckers	4	14	.222

Averages leading 10 bowlers: Cline, Jr. 187; Hartwell 184; Poulin 181; Meyer 180; Tamblin 142; Jones 141; Mills 141; Hammer 140; Bowlsby 140.

LADIES' LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Acklin's Bootery	14	4	.778
Broadway Beauty Shop	10	8	.556
Keglettes	9	9	.500
Miller's Furniture	9	9	.500
Rialto	6	12	.333
Sears Roebuck	6	12	.333

Averages leading 10 bowlers: Garbarino 181; Lloyd 156; Poulin 151; Meyer 149; Tamblin 142; Jones 141; Mills 141; Hammer 140; Bowlsby 140.

ENGLEWOOD (27) (40) SAL ARMY	W	L	Pct.
Wenig (9)	17	17	.500
Chase (3)	16	16	.500
Coker	15	15	.500
Wallace (4)	14	14	.500
Lovely (9)	13	13	.500
Valencourt (6)	12	12	.500
Englewood sub-Page 5.	11	11	.500

AMES LUTH. (23) (45) SALT CREEK	W	L	Pct.
Longberg (2)	11	11	.500
Buhler	10	10	.500
Banister (8)	9	9	.500
Meyers (8)	8	8	.500
Fast	7	7	.500
Getzenander (8)	6	6	.500
C. Villwock	5	5	.500
Thompson (5)	4	4	.500
Thelms	3	3	.500

PRESBYTER. (24) (28) W. SALEM	W	L	Pct.
Brucher (18)	13	11	.545
Fowler (12)	12	12	.500
L. Fowler (8)	11	11	.500
Myers	10	10	.500
Nelson (8)	9	9	.500
McCree (8)	8	8	.500
McDowell	7	7	.500
Mickelson	6	6	.500
Officials: Chef Goodman, Stuart Maxwell and P. Valdez.			

'Bloop' Plans To Keep Right On 'Blooping'

PLANT CITY, Fla., March 4—(P)—Batters who face the Pittsburgh Pirates this season are in for a lot more puny pop-outs and general all around breeze-fanning if Pitcher Truett "Rip" Sewell's campaign strategy works out.

The originator of the "blooper ball," who has just come to terms with Pittsburgh for 1944, was decidedly optimistic today about his prospects for baffling batters with the toss that helped him win 21 games against nine losses last year.

"I plan to use the 'blooper' in a big way," he said at his home here. "There still aren't any batters who have found a way to hit it consistently."

Pacific AAU Cinder Meet Called Off

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4—(P)—Charley Hunter, director of the Pacific association (AAU) indoor track and field meet held here annually, announced today the event would not be put on this year due to transportation and other war problems. The date for the meet had been set tentatively for March 10.

Stallion Race Set

OREGON CITY, March 4—(P)—Riders of the Cascades announced today a 100-mile race for stallions on July 4, starting from the club's race track south of Estacada.

Basket Scores

HIGH SCHOOLS (Saturday)
 Salem 25, Bend 21.
 (District 3 tourney at Astoria)
 St. Helens 20, Astoria 19 (final for title).
 Rainier 40, Tillamook 23.
 Astoria 24, Tillamook 22 (afternoon).
 St. Helens 30, Rainier 28 (afternoon).
 (Friday scores)
 Medford 32, Klamath Falls 21.
 Pleasant Hill 26, Mohawk 20 (Lane county B final).
 Henry 22, Talent 21 (Southern Oregon B tourney finals).
 COLLEGE
 Washington 62, Wash. State 43.
 Alpine Dairy 43, Fort Lewis Reception Center 40.
 Sampson 73, Ingersoll Rand 37.
 Lafayette 60, Lehigh 42.
 St. Joseph's 48, Temple 46.
 Wisconsin 74, Chicago 46.
 St. Francis (Brooklyn) 44, City College of New York 33.
 Norman Navy Skyjackets 28, Oklahoma A & M 25.
 Oklahoma 54, Westminster 36.
 Illinois 53, Minnesota 27.
 Indiana 51, Purdue 45.
 Missouri 38, Kansas State 14.
 W. Virginia 67, Carnegie Tech 25.
 (Southeastern conference tournament finals)
 Kentucky 62, Tulane 46.

Washington State Sports Scribes to Leave Posts

PULLMAN, March 4—(P)—William Palmer, Aberdeen, who has been handling sports publicity for the graduate manager's office at Washington State college, said today he would leave with the end of the basketball season to take a position with Northwest Airlines in Spokane. Harry Doo-ley, Glendale, Calif., sports editor of the Evergreen, college newspaper, said he also would leave in a few days to volunteer for service with the army transport service.

Phils Change To Blue Jays

PHILADELPHIA, March 4—(P)—Philadelphia's National League baseball club announced today that its new nickname — chosen in a prize contest that produced 5,064 letters and 634 other suggestions — will be the "Blue Jays."

(The jay is defined as "a small, crow-like bird, usually of brilliant coloring; also, "a poor actor, a country bumpkin, a greenhorn.")

The winning name was submitted by Mrs. John L. Crooks of Philadelphia, who received a \$100 war bond. She and her husband are caretakers of the Odd Fellows grand lodge.

Mrs. Crooks chose the name, she said, "because it reflects a new team spirit. The blue jay is colorful in personality and plumage. His plumage is a brilliant blue, a color the Phillies could use decoratively and psychologically."

Gresham Applies For Horse Racing

PORTLAND, March 4—(P)—The Multnomah County Fair association has applied for a horse race meet June 3-24 at Gresham, Henry Collins, state racing commission secretary, said today.

Canadians Win No. 9

TORONTO, March 4—(P)—The Montreal Canadians stretched their string of consecutive victories in the National Hockey league to nine tonight with a 5-2 triumph over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Hilliers Lane Champs

EUGENE, March 4—(P)—Pleasant Hill downed Mohawk, 26-20, last night to capture the Lane county B hoop title. Both teams will be entrants in the district 2-B playoff at Junction City next Thursday.

From the BLEACHERS

as host team" rearrangement was made the year following. And it can be added and proved right here that Salem has never liked that setup—the Vikes have always wanted to earn their way in and felt like they didn't belong in the classic if they couldn't do so.

You also dig up gruesome skeletons of the past, which we in Salem have tried to keep buried deep—the 1924 black eye brought about by Salem students heading for Dallas and the school superintendent with thoughts of a lynching because he, as head of the district, disqualified Salem from tourney play because of an ineligible player, and the 1941 Astoria-Salem restaurant brawl after the Fishermen won the title from the Vikes. You can believe us, Salem is trying to forget those atrocities and is doing everything it can to insure the future against more like 'em. We can't thank you for baring the past.

Speaking of Sportsmanship—Tch, tch.

Also, you write of our city's sportsmanship as being strictly 4-F, comparable to the officiating in the Dallas-Salem game. We agree with you on the latter, but have only to ask you upon what do you base your accusation on the former? There were no fights, no downtown demonstration (excepting rejoicing Dallas kids trying to unroll the sidewalks), no lynching mob—nothing but a horde of sorrowed Salem kids who couldn't believe what they'd just seen. It was that hard to believe. By your writing we know you're well read in the sport. But 'way down deep, below your personal pride in Dallas and the Dragons, won't you admit that the best team didn't win that game Salem could beat Dallas fairly and squarely, sans riots, etc., nine out of 10 times and you know it.

Speaking of sportsmanship, what's your honest opinion of a coach who beats heated fire at an official the entire ball game and then, after finally winning it, literally streaks for the same official to affectionately pump his hand? Then in the very next game, more of same fire thrown, but after losing it he streaks for the official—in this case the most reputable striped-shirt on the coast, Emil Piluso—and accuses him of cheating. Good sportsmanship?

Incidentally, the coach came near getting bopped on the back by Piluso for his remarks, the difference in ages being the only thing that kept Piluso's fists merely clenched. And the coach had it coming.

But enough of this, Mr. Richardson. As it is now neither Dallas nor Salem will be around come tourney time—Dallas, like Salem, having found out that a "bad night" can do in these sudden death clashes. Had Dallas survived both Mt. Angel and Corvallis, however, we're sure you'd have found that Salem would have been 100 per cent for your Dragons in the tourney. You're letting the forgotten past sway your judgment.

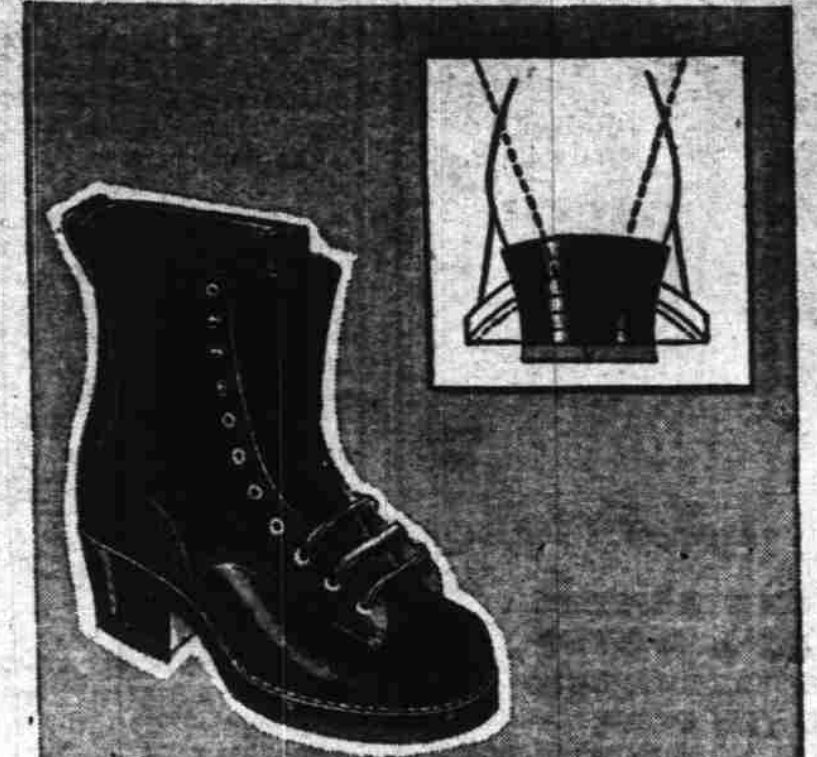
FDR Observes 11th Anniversary

By TOM REEDY
 WASHINGTON, March 4—(P)— President Roosevelt, his family and friends, prayed for peace at religious services in the White House today, commemorating the

11th anniversary of his inauguration. Rain, which has delayed inauguration crowds nearly every four years, patterned on the windows of the east room as the gathering joined in a plea for heavenly guidance for "they servant, Franklin . . ." and to "save us from all false choices."

This was the setting as the tradition-breaking third term president embarked on his 12th year in office, a year that bids to be one of the gravest ever confronting an American leader.

It is a year which some of the more optimistic see the fall of the nazis, gateway to the final blow at enemy Japan. It is a year when many politicians see Mr. Roosevelt willing to strive for yet a fourth term, for his more recent messages deal more and more with postwar problems. It is a year when many republicans believe they see a good chance to return to power.



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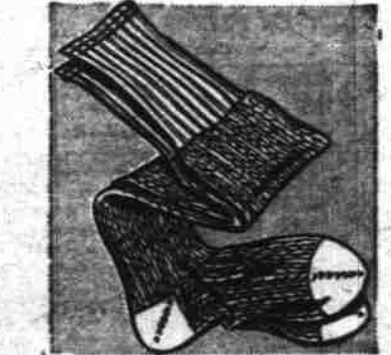
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