



Among the reasons why the Yankees and their chain were considered a bargain at \$2,800,000 are these outstanding stars. If all could report this spring, the club would be an odds-on choice to win another pennant. Top, left to right: Snuffy Stirnweiss, King Kong Keller, Joe DiMaggio and Tom Henrich. Bottom: Joe Gordon, Phil Rizzuto, Bill Johnson and Spud Chandler.

\$8,000,000 Yankees Sold At Bargain Price To Trio

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—The actual value of the Yankee baseball empire, sold to Col. Larry MacPhail, Capt. Dan Topping and Delbert Eugene Webb for \$2,800,000 is, of course, a matter of conjecture.

Conditions and taxes must be taken into consideration. The value of baseball property—franchises and players—depends on the temperature of the market. A club in the thick of a race, and thus in position to immediately capitalize on his multiple talents, will pay more for, say a Joe DiMaggio, than one who is going no place in particular, and getting there rapidly.

The purchasers had to think of what the DiMaggios, Joe Gordons and such will be when they return. They hardly could be rated off what they were.

Men well versed in the business agree, however, that Messrs. MacPhail, Topping and Webb picked up a bargain. They say that under normal conditions the

Yankees and their chain easily could be liquidated for more than \$8,000,000.

In the first place a New York franchise is worth \$1,000,000.

Yankee Stadium, built at a cost of \$2,500,000, could not be duplicated for \$4,000,000.

The Kansas City and Newark franchises with their parks are worth \$500,000 apiece.

In Birmingham and Norfolk, where the Yankees lease parks, the franchises and players are worth \$400,000 each.

Players worth \$2,400,000
Lifting players at their pre-war values, which were high, a group of owners, club officials and scouts estimate that if the war were won tomorrow the 450 men on the Yankee chain's active and reserve lists would be worth \$2,400,000, or nearly what the MacPhail trio paid for the entire caboodle.

They stress that nine of them alone—pitchers Spurgeon Chandler and Hank Borowy, infielders Joe Gordon, Phil Rizzuto, Bill

Johnson and George Stirnweiss and outfielders DiMaggio, Charley Keller and Tom Henrich—would bring a cool million. Spud Chandler was the best pitcher in the game when called by the Army last spring. Gordon is rated with the great second basemen.

DiMaggio, generally ranked as the finest of all ball players, King Kong Keller and Henrich formed the slickest outfield since Tim Lincecum, Harry Hooper and Duffy Lewis.

Snuffy Stirnweiss is the only one in this group who is not now in the armed forces.

Yankees Have No Dead Wood
Experts declare that another 50 Yankees could not be purchased at \$10,000 a copy, that 70 more in the chain would come at \$5000 a rattle and figure off the remainder at the low average of \$2500.

Add this all up, and you have a grand total of \$8,400,000—franchises, parks, players and all.

Every club in the Yankee chain made money in 1944.

There is no dead wood on the roster of any Yankee subsidiary. Ed Barrow employed only the fittest of foragers—Paul Krichell, Joe Devine, Bill Esick and Johnny Nee, among them. Every Johnny was closely checked in every department, including personal habits. Those lacking the ability of a potential Yankee were advised to play ball for fun and get into something else.

The concessions will pay the interest on the \$2,800,000 invested by Colonel MacPhail, Captain Topping and Del Webb.

They really walked into something.

Wilson And Roseburg Junior Quints Split

Coch Hal Bishop's Wilson Junior high basketball teams split even in a two-game series against Hod Turner's Roseburg Juniors at the Wilson gym before a large crowd Friday night. The eighth-grade team, held to an overtime decision at Roseburg several weeks ago, scored 38-18 triumph. The ninth-grade team, a victor over Roseburg in the first meeting, suffered a 33-27 setback.

Christians Upset NCC In Y Senior Hoop Loop

Jerry Mosby scored 13 points in leading the Christians to a 38-34 upset victory over Northwest Christian College in the YMCA senior basketball league over the week-end. In other league games, the Baptists beat Eugene Farmers Creamery 41-30, and the Lutherans defeated the Knights of Columbus 26-26.



CUTTING FIGURES—California cuties who will make bid for national skating championship March 8, in Madison Square Garden after competing for Pacific Coast title. Left to right: Gretchen Merrill, national senior ladies champion; Carolyn Welch; Barbara de Julio; Barbara Uhl; Marcelia Ray, national dance champion and Helen Uhl.

Arkansas, Oklahoma A & M in Western NCAA Play

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK, Feb. 26—P—With the collegiate basketball season nearing an end, interest has shifted to the N. C. A. A., the New York national invitational and other post-season tournaments.

North Carolina became the latest conference champions, downing Duke's defending champions 48-38 before 4000 fans at Raleigh, N. C., to capture the Southern conference crown. The game climaxed a

Hoop Fans Eye Oregon-OSC Tilt

WSC Could Deadlock 'Civil War' Winner

NORTHERN DIVISION
Standings W L Pct. Pts. Opp.
Oregon 10 5 .667 798 660
Washington State 9 6 .600 677 600
Washington 8 7 .538 656 610
Idaho 5 11 .312 714 797

Coach John Warren called his University of Oregon Webfoots back to practice here Monday as the hoopsters started preparations for an important finale against Oregon State here next Saturday night. The Oregonians, after defeating Idaho here last Wednesday in their 39th game of the season, were given a much-needed four-day rest.

The Webfoots have lost all of the minor injuries that have been hanging on since the Washington series in Seattle three weeks ago and should be in excellent physical condition for the game that will decide the northern division championship—or a final deadlock with Washington State.

Oregon and Oregon State are now tied for the league lead and the Cougars could make it a three-way deadlock by whipping Idaho at Moscow next Friday night. All three teams close their regular seasons Saturday—Oregon and OSC here; WSC against Idaho at Pullman.

Coach Slat's Gill's Beavers took up the campaign slack last week-end by wallowing Idaho 50-28 and 44-33 to send the Vandals home with four straight defeats in their Oregon invasion.

The rangy and burly Beavers will enter the game here, certain to draw a capacity crowd of 7000, as slight favorites by virtue of two victories in the last two meetings with Oregon, 55-51 here and 45-43 at Corvallis. Oregon won an early-season 51-44 triumph at Corvallis.

Offensive, Defensive Drills
Warren plans to work on both offense and defense this week. The Oregonians have lacked scoring punch in their last two engagements against the Orangemen, and at the same time have failed to stop the OSC attack with a man-for-man defense.

Washington State clung stubbornly to its title chances by vanquishing Washington 53-45 in a tight battle Saturday. The lead in that game changed hands 13 times and the score was tied four times before the Cougars surged ahead in the closing minutes.

W. S. C.'s Vince Hansen got him his 16 points for a season's total of 224, tying the northern division record set by Gale Bishop, also of W. S. C. 1943. Hansen has two games to go to build up a new record. Bishop now is the country's leading service team scorer.

Idaho was strong in the opening phases of its game with the Beavers, but, after holding the lead at several points during the first seven minutes, faded in the face of Oregon State's superior power and size.

Hansen Sure of Title
The WSC pivot shot expert whose scoring rush has put his Cougar mates in a favorable position for a peek at the championship has a new division scoring record sewed up and all but tucked away.

Bucketing 16 points Saturday night as W. S. C. brushed aside the Washington Huskies, Hansen hit his total for the conference schedule to 224, equalling the record set in 1943 by another Cougar, Gale Bishop, now the nation's top tally maker with the Fort Lewis Warriors. Hansen has two games to play.

Second in the division scoring chase and with one game ahead is Ephrum "Red" Rocha of Oregon State at 209 points, and Dick Wilkins of Oregon, long the circuit pace setter, has slipped far back in third with 196. For the first time this year, Idaho has a man among the top 10, Len Pyne taking over 10th spot with 112. Up until this week, Idaho lagged behind the other teams in the number of games played.

The scoring leaders:
Hansen, W.S.C. 224
Rocha, O.S.C. 209
Wilkins, Ore. 196
Jewgenen, Wash. 180
Hays, Ore. 164
Hamilton, Ore. 158
King, Wash. 150
Hamilton, W.S.C. 148
Smith, Ore. 139
Pyne, Idaho 112

Second ten: Bartlett, Ore. 191; Carver, Idaho 180; McGrath, O.S.C. 162; Lohman, O.S.C. 151; Connor, Idaho 140; McMullan, Wash. 131; Taylor, Idaho 120; Overholser, Idaho 118; Vandenberg, Wash. 114; Carver, Wash. 112.

UTES HAVE NEW STAR
SALT LAKE CITY—Murray Satterfield, freshman forward on Utah's 1943-44 N.C.A.A. basketball champions, averaged 27 points per game at Aberdeen, Idaho, high school last season.

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three-day milling by eight teams in the annual tournament.

Other league and conference champions are Rice, unbeaten in all 12 Southwest conference games, UCLA in the southern division of the Pacific coast conference and Pennsylvania in the Eastern inter-collegiate league.

The Southwest conference race ended last week with Arkansas sweeping a two-game series with Texas A. & M. to clinch second place. Arkansas and Oklahoma A. & M., a mid-

Snead Wins Gulfport Open

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26—P—Temperamental Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., was one championship up on Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., today as the barnstorming pros pulled out for Jacksonville where they begin their 14th tournament of the winter golf circuit Thursday.

Slammin' Sammy gave the money boys another lesson in driving Sunday to win the \$6500 Pensacola Open with a 72-hole total of 267, 21 strokes under par and seven strokes better than runner-up Nelson.

Nelson still tops the field in war bond earnings, however, having ranked in a grand total of \$14,468.66 maturity value during the winter compared to Snead's \$12,516.66. Snead has played in two less tournaments than Nelson. His share here was \$1333.33, Nelson's \$933.

Hitting straight down the fairway, Snead scored 24 pars, 10 birdies, one bogey and a double-bogey in chalking up a pair of 4-under-par 68 rounds Sunday.

Nelson advanced from a sixth-place tie at the end of two rounds to a second-place finish. He had a one-under-par 71 on the third and a 7-under 65 on the last for a total of 274.

Craig Wood of Mamaronock, N.Y., Henry Picard of Harrisburg, Pa., and Sgt. E. J. "Dutch" Harrison of Little Rock, Ark., had 27's to win \$408 apiece.

Other winners were Bob Hamilton of Chicago and Leonard Dodson of San Francisco with 28's and \$279 prize money.

Spring Is Here—For Coast Baseball

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26—P—For the Pacific coast baseball league, spring began today. The Los Angeles Angels, seeking their third consecutive championship, started training at Anaheim, while the Hollywood Stars opened conditioning sessions at Ontario.

Seattle was training at San Fernando, San Diego at El Centro, Portland at San Jose, Oakland at Boyes Springs, San Francisco at home and Sacramento at Richardson Springs and home.

The 183-game season opens March 31 after 5 weeks of practice.

The accent is on youth, and the welcome mat is out to any boy with baseball ability. The Angels have signed Ritchie Colombo, 16-year-old pitcher from Massachusetts.

George Mikan Averages 21.4 Points This Season For DePaul

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—P—Big George Mikan of DePaul, who completed one of the greatest individual scoring seasons in his school's history, waited with his teammates today for a probable post-season basketball tournament bid.

Mikan, 6-foot, 9-inch center, who is ranked by many mid-west coaches as the greatest offensive man in the game today, scored 429 points in 20 games this season for a 21.4 average. A three-year veteran who consistently has been one of the greatest scorers in the midlands, Mikan has piled up 1186 points in 70 games during his collegiate career for an overall average of 16.9 points.

Newsome, Paschal Pass Induction Physicals

ATLANTA, Feb. 26—P—Lamar "Skeeter" Newsome, Boston Red Sox shortstop, and Billy Paschal, New York Giants fullback, have been accepted for general army service. The Fort McPherson public relations office announced the results of the pre-induction physical examinations begun at the post on Friday.

Phillies Announce Training Games

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26—P—Traveling secretary Jimmy Hagen of the Philadelphia Phillies announced Saturday night that the club would play a 13-game spring training schedule, opening against the New York Giants at Wilmington, Del., March 25 and closing with the Philadelphia Athletics here April 15.

Hagen said the Phillies would begin training at Wilmington March 14.

ART OVER ATHLETICS
NEW YORK, Feb. 26—P—Bill Bangert, the singing shot-gutter from Missouri, decided today to choose art over athletics. It was a successful Metropolitan opera audition that prompted the choice although he was even more impressive Saturday in winning the National amateur indoor shot-putting title in the busiest day of his life.

west independent have accepted bids to play in the Western N. C. A. A. regional tournament at Kansas City next month. Rice declined a bid due to its naval trainees being unable to stay away from the campus long enough.

The mythical eastern championship will be at stake when the Army and Navy clash at Annapolis Saturday. The Cadets, who had their 27-game streak snapped by Penn last week, rebounded Saturday with a 54-51 victory over a strong New York U. five while the Middies suffered their first defeat bowing to the Bainbridge naval quintet 68-60 after winning 12 straight.

State Prep Hoop Picture Clears

Axemen Meet Bobcats; Oakridge Plays UHS

Major interest in high school basketball in this "neck of the woods" will be centered around Eugene's opening series game against Myrtle Point here at the Armory Friday night, and the play of the champion Pleasant Hill Hillbillies and runner-up Oakridge Warriors in the sub-district tournament at Junction City Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Teams from Lincoln, Linn and Benton counties will also vie in the eight-team elimination event. Oakridge tunes up for its tourney engagement with a game against University high at McArthur court Tuesday—the final game of the season for the Golden Tide.

Other Oregon hoop squads began aiming at the next step up—a berth in the March 15-17 state basketball tournament in Salem.

Added to the champion roster of the big schools in a competition are Medford, titlist of District 4; Oregon City, District 12; and Vernonia, District 14.

A whirlwind week of tourneys for the baby B schools wound up with Arlington in District 6, Grant Union of John Day in District 7, and Enterprise in District 8 clinging to official titles.

Medford Defeats Ashland
The expected victory of the powerful Medford Tigers in a week-end tournament at Ashland made it certain that the state's defending hoop champions would be back at the Salem tourney.

Medford, which already has one state championship—football—in its pocket, wallowed defending champion Ashland, 46-33, in the district final.

Vernonia took the district title by a percentage with a 43-28 defeat of St. Helens, breaking a three-way tie between Vernonia, St. Helens, and Scappoose.

The Oregon City Pioneers clinched the district championship—also decided on a percentage basis—with a 39-30 victory over West Linn.

Over in the Blue Mountain area, two more district crowns are hanging in the balance this week. Pendleton defeated Milton-Freewater 46-25 to win the East-end half of District 2. Pendleton now play off with Hood River—victor in a three-game series over The Dalles—for the district title.

Baker, a half-district winner in District 1, will also battle for the title against the eastern winner in a three-game series this week: Wednesday at Baker, Friday at the opponent's home field, with a third game—if necessary—at Weiser, Idaho.

McMinnville Near Title
McMinnville moved into a preferred seat for the March 2-3 District 8 tournament by breaking a long-standing tie in the Tualatin-Yamhill valley league with a victory over Newberg. McMinnville, Newberg, and Dallas—the latter not in the TVV league—play for the district title at Linfield college.

Four other A squads—Eugene, Myrtle Point, Gresham, and Washington of Portland—already hold district laurels, but the big hurdle lies ahead. The 16 A district titlists and the 8 B titlists must play off the 8 A and the 4 B berths in the state tourney.

Washington, which as Portland league champion, automatically gets the tourney berth of Districts 15-16, is the only school with a written ticket to Salem.

Upset of the week occurred in B league play, when powerful Union—classified as a cinch for champion of District 8—collapsed in the first round of an eight-team tourney at North Powder. Enterprise, which upset Union at the start, raced on to the championship with a 41-19 victory over North Powder in the final.

Grant Union of John Day steamrollered Crane 45-17 to capture the District 7B title.

In District 6B, Arlington, host team, walked off with the title via a 53-37 victory over Odell. Redstart Wins 84-43.

Titlists in other B districts will be selected this week. Redstart confirmed predictions by defeating Glendale 84-43 for the Douglas county title and a spot in the District 4 playoff this week-end.

Clatskanie overwhelmed Knappa-Svensen 29-13 for a play-off Friday at Seaside for the District 1 title.

Rogue River overwhelmed Central Point 36-24 for the right to play off against the Klamath county champion Friday for the District 5 title.

homa out of the race. The 31-29 triumph to the same away from Kansas. Tennessee and the conference champions did the Vol with a record and the Wildcats will play this week in the tournament at Lexington to decide the championship.

In the other women's events, while Oregon and Washington are tied in the Pacific northern division with 10 points, the state of Washington State has 11 points.

Grey Mask Head-Butts Ross Into Submission In Mat Tilt

By RAY COLLINS
Saturday night at the Armory, 3000 wrestling fans saw the "Grey Mask" take a long-awaited grudge match from Tony Ross.

For the fans who were there to see blood and gore, there was plenty: those who went to see wrestling saw little if any in the finale. The two villains used everything but the ring posts—and if there could have been torn loose they would undoubtedly have been made into kindling wood by the end of the bout.

The first fall went to Ross in 12 minutes, after the Mask had been thrown out of the ring. Ross drew the first blood, seeping through the Mask's nose. The Mask used his usual tactics and raking tactics to keep Ross from getting a grip.

The Mask lost several blows administered by Ross. Ross took the Mask's head like a ripe melon, and kept fighting back, until he knocked completely unconscious. The semi-final was won by Georges "Smiley" Dorey.

Billy McEhin had nearly a thrill as the main event, using his fist in series of kidney blows on Dorey's head. The two men wrestled for the following minutes to give a fine show of wrestling technique.

Milt Olsen and Billy "Red" Konek, the main event, really went to work on each other in the opener.

The first fall went to Olsen five and a half minutes after head scissors. The second third falls went to Olsen and five minutes with a lateral crab and leg straps, respectively.

Referee Walt Achis wrestled three minutes and managed in some timely fashion to end the rough-and-tumble match—to the delight of the crowd in attendance.

Raffely, Mosconi Win; Commissioner Eyed

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK—Jim Raffely won National AAU title, his fifth straight of indoor track season, in 4:17.5 at Madison Square Garden.

New York—Willie Mosconi retained pocket billiard championship by beating Ralph Greenleaf, 125-119, in last block of their 50-block challenge match.

Chicago—Selection committee to consider applications for baseball commissioner at St. Louis meeting Tuesday.

Annapolis—Joseph Verdeur, Bainbridge naval, set new record of 2:21 in 200-yard breaststroke in Navy-Bainbridge dual swim meet.

Boston—Braves purchased outfielder Garden Gillenwater from Brooklyn Dodgers.

Seattle Tops Portland In Hockey Loop Race

(Associated Press)
Two full games separated the leading Seattle Ironmen from the Portland Eagles today in the northern division Pacific coast hockey league standings as a result of Seattle's 9-4 defeat of their hometown rivals, the Stars, and Portland's defeat, 8-6, at the hands of cellar-dwelling Vancouver, Wash., Vanguards Sunday night.

Another Jockey Killed In Mexico Horses

TIJUANA, Mex., Feb. 26—P—Charles Bianco, 28-year-old Chula Vista, Calif., jockey, died Sunday as a result of a spectacular three-horse spill during the fifth race at the Hipodromo de Tijuana racetrack. Only a week before, Clinton J. Harrell, veteran Miami, Fla., rider fell from his mount on the same track and was trampled to death.

Athletics Sign Vets

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26—P—The Philadelphia Athletics aren't waiting until after the war to build a winning team from some of the discharged veterans—they acquired four over the week-end.

Coach Earl Mack announced the signing of Bill Daubert, formerly of Lenoir Rhyne college of North Carolina, Kenton Horner, a former Kansanan now residing here, Frank McMillan of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Eugene Conway of Philadelphia, all pitchers.

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