

New Jersey Rookie Shows Well Hermanski May Replace Dixie Walker

By OSCAR FRALEY
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 12.—(U.P.)—The sand of Daytona's famed beach glistened with tear drops and the surf boomed a funeral dirge today for the regular outfielding career of Fred "Dixie" Walker, the people's "cherche" from Brooklyn.

For Dixie, the wonder boy of Flatbush who could have been elected mayor in a write-in campaign, after 18 years in organized baseball has reached the downhill stage where he has to show enough to oust another from his right field berth and that other is a mere rookie.

HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE
Joe Gordon was hitting .325 after his first nine games with the New York Yankees in the Canal Zone, according to box scores appearing in the latest edition of The Sporting News. In his last six games Joe clouted a homer and two doubles in ten hits, while batting in five runs. Four double plays brought his total for the nine games to six, one unassisted. Here is his composite box score to date:

AB R H Pct. PO A E Pct.
40 6 13 .325 25 28 2 .864

Actually the Yankees are all back in Florida and have started their annual series against Major League opponents — and took a waxing from the St. Louis Cardinals Monday. The big question on the Yankees, who will probably go into league play as pennant favorites, continued to be the Gordon-Sternweis second-third base controversy. Dan Daniel, the New York scribe who covers the Yanks, predicts that Gordon will remain at second and Snuffy shifted to third — unless the early-season holdout hasn't the arm to reach first from the hot corner and unless Sternweis doesn't like playing third.

Word from Sarasota reports that Bobby Doerr has made his batting stance to change it more straight-away, producing more effective rightfield hitting. With Doerr at second, Johnny Pesky at short and Ted Williams' big bat in the lineup, the Boston Red Sox will probably give the Yankees plenty of pennant trouble this season.

Wellington "Wimpy" Quinn, the ex-Webfoot third-baseman, has been released from the marines and is expected to report to the Los Angeles Angels within a few days. Quinn is a first-baseman now and has been a star performer of marine clubs during the past couple of seasons. Los Angeles baseball writers have sold Wimpy short because Larry MacPhail of the Yankees believes Quinn has a brilliant major-league future.

Bill Sayles, another former Oregon baseballer, is back with the Brooklyn Dodgers and will take another fling on the mound for the Flatbush Floozies. He was sent to the Dodgers from the New York Giants and first entered big-league play with the Boston Red Sox. Hugh Day, who was slated to umpire in the League last summer but failed to report, has been assigned by the Pioneer League.

Gale "Busher" Smith, Webfoot first-sacker who was signed by the Detroit Tigers some years ago, has been released from the service and is in Portland. He is interested in playing in the Cascade League this summer and would give one of the four clubs a great first-baseman and fine hitter. Gale has declined several lucrative organized baseball offers, but has a good job in Portland and wants to remain there with his family.

John Warren, who "covered" the state "B" basketball tournament for the University of Oregon last week-end, said the eight-team playoff was very well conducted and that Coach Ray Adams and Principal Oden Hawes deserve the medals. The games all started on time, according to schedule and the competition was very keen. John admitted he saw quite a few promising collegiate prospects in action. The officiating was also good.

Our own Doc Taylor and a fellow by the name of Beachell from Portland worked all of the game. Doc reports that Pleasant Hill, consolation winner, was definitely the second best team in the tourney and proved that selection by holding Redports' champions to a two-point overtime victory in the very first tourney hit. He rates Clyde DeWitt, high-scoring Redport forward, as the top player in the playoff—reminding him of Laddie Gale, All-American forward who also came to Oregon from the B-Leagues, Oakridge. Doc rated the individuals in the following order—Donavan Kimball of Pleasant Hill, Dick Mooney of Redport, Chet Hudson of Pleasant Hill, Bud Jordan of Echo, and Lindy Phillips of St. Paul. The best team to work for was North Powder.

The tourney paid off. The first nine people through the gates Friday afternoon assured the ten Arlington businessmen of their \$2600 guarantee. The gym was not too well painted, but not too well appointed for a state-wide event. There were accommodations for about 600 fans and the only session that wasn't filled was the opening afternoon when the Billies lost to the Braves. Price for tourney tickets was \$7.50 a throw.

Andy Wolfe certainly kept the California Bears in the driver's seat at Berkeley Monday night when the Idaho Vandals opened a

Flatbush flock rubbed a fallen chest and had nothing but praise for the Ebbets Field idol. "He is without doubt the greatest left-handed hitter of left-handed pitching that I've ever seen," Durocher lauded Dixie. "Yes, Dixie was one of the greatest but the kids are out to run the old timers out of their jobs and a lot of them are going to succeed."

Running a handful of sand between his fingers, the Lip squinted into the sun and left no doubt that Hermanski is the man to replace Walker in Brooklyn's fanatical hearts. "This boy can hit and run and throw and there's no doubt in my mind that he has everything," Durocher said. "If we win any pennant soon we'll have to win with men like him."

A husky Polish boy who loves baseball, the 25-year-old rookie from Newark, N. J., seems to merit all of Durocher's praise. He's a solid muscular boy, 180 pounds on a six-foot frame and convinced the Lip that he was a real find when he was up for a trial in 1945.

That's when Hermanski hit .300 in 18 games before going into the Coast Guard. "He's even better now," Durocher raved. "He's better on ground balls. Is a much better hitter and practices eternally, snatching flys as long as anyone will hit them to him."

"The kid has a really great eye, and I've never seen him bite at a bad ball. If he can hit within 15 points of Dixie's average I'll be satisfied."

Built along the lines of the Cubs' Andy Pafko there are some who claim he has an arm which is every bit as good and the added benefit of more power at the plate. So it seems likely that the youngster will take over Dixie's outfielding chores at Ebbets Field this season.

That would mean that Dixie, the 1944 National League batting champion with a .357 average, would become a pinch hitter. But it is doubtful whether until Hermanski proves himself such duties will assuage the wrath of the rabid Dixie Walker chowder and marching society. The really love that man in Flatbush.

Gordon Belts Homer As Yanks Triumph

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 12.—(U.P.)—The New York Yankees continued their torrid pace in the Grapefruit League Tuesday as they mauled three Detroit hurriers for 15 hits, including three homers, to wallop the Tigers 12-1. In scoring their fourth Florida triumph in as many starts, the Yankees treated the 3,847 paid customers to an old-time slugging show. They belted all three circuit clouts in a big sixth inning which netted eight runs at George Caster's expense. Pitcher Bill Zuber hit one with two on and Joe Gordon and Joe DiMaggio got the others.

Wedemeyer Top Man On Gael Golf Club

MORAGA, Cal., March 12.—(U.P.)—It's Herman (Wonderman) Wedemeyer again! The all-American football star, who is rated a great baseball player and potential pugilistic standout, now is being listed in the No. 1 post on the St. Mary's College golfing team.

Former WSC Cougar Joins Fee's Quintet

PORTLAND, March 12.—(U.P.)—Kinky-topped Kirk Gebert, Longview, Wash., product who once captained the Washington State College basketball crew, had been added to the Oregon A.A.U. Fee's crew, sponsor Jess Fee said Tuesday.

Dodgers Asked To Play for UNO Men

MIAMI, Fla., March 12.—(U.P.)—The Brooklyn Dodgers have been practically "commandeered" to play an exhibition game against the Philadelphia A's at Savannah, Ga., Friday for the entertainment of delegates attending the UNO monetary conference, Dodger Secretary Hal Parrott announced Wednesday.

The Dodgers will leave their Daytona Beach, Fla., training camp Thursday night for the 438-mile train trip. Parrott also revealed that holdouts Pete Reiser, outfielder, and Ralph Branca, pitcher, had reported and accepted terms.

Medford, Rainier Post Salem Tourney Victories

Roosevelt Bows To Medford '5'

SALEM, March 12.—(U.P.)—The Medford Tornado and Rainier Columbian copped first round victories in the 27th annual class "A" prep school basketball tournament held Tuesday night in two thrilling openers for the 1946 playoffs.

The two teams will take it easy on the Willamette gym sidelines until they meet in quarter finals Thursday.

Medford's 48-34 win over the Roosevelt Roughriders of Portland Tuesday night came in the fourth period surge after the two teams swapped the lead seven times in the first three quarters. Medford led at all quarters, but was threatened seriously in the first and third.

The score stood at 30-26 in the fourth when Medford unleashed its final whirlwind. Jerry Ross bucketed two quick ones and Bob Watson sank duplicates to open the drive. With four minutes left, the score was 40-30. Medford totaled 18 points in the quarter while holding the Roosevelt to 8 counters as they ran up the final at 48-34.

As a round-up of thrills, little Rainier tossed aside the Bend Lava Bears 47-42 in a roaring second half of court play. Rainier led 26-13 at the half, but the Central Oregon cagers came back fighting to tie it 38-38 with four minutes of the final quarter left.

Grover Pelham scored for the Columbian to make it 41-39. As the seconds ticked off, the Bears grabbed a one-point edge of 42-41 when Bill Sheffield, fouled as he dropped a goal, also made the gift throw.

Then, with less than a minute to go, Herb Evans cut loose for the Columbian to end the game at 47-42.

Summaries:

Rainier (42) (2) Bend Lava Bears, 10-15-10-7, 38-38. Medford (48) (12) Roosevelt Roughriders, 12-15-10-11, 48-34. Rainier sub: Sliger, 2; Cave, 2; House, 1; Roosevelt sub: Lindstrom, 1; Smithurst, 3; Gazeley, 1; Chaney, 1; Sandvig, 1; Hattinen, 1; Medford sub: Roosevelt, 18. Referee—Pilluso, Umpire—Warren.

Portland Pucksters Down Vancouver 4-2

(United Press)
Portland, Hollywood and Los Angeles advanced a step nearer to the Pacific Coast Hockey League championship Tuesday night by scoring victories in preliminary playoff games.

Portland upset the Vancouver Canucks, 4-2, to take a one-game lead in the best three out of five playoff series for the Northern Division title.

The Hollywood Wolves won a spot in the finals of the Southern Division playoffs by shutting out the San Diego Skyhawks 4-0 at Hollywood.

The Los Angeles Monarchs tripped the Oakland Oaks 9-8 in the first game of a semi-final playoff in the Southern Division by virtue of a "gift" goal deflected off Oakland defenseman Manny Cottle's hand into his own net.

Hall of Fame to Double Present Size

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., March 12.—(U.P.)—Baseball's museum and Hall of Fame, which has kept its doors closed to the game's immortals recently, will be made double its present size, it was announced Wednesday.

Now a two-story structure, the shrine will have a one-story, fire-proof addition constructed about 30 feet from the present building. The new structure will be constructed of Colonial brick similar to the original building.

Dick Hanley Expects To Be on Inactive

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 12.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. Richard E. Hanley, coach of the El Toro Marines football team for the past two years, said Wednesday he expected to be placed on the inactive duty list by March 25.

Hanley, former Northwestern University coach, has signed as head coach of the Chicago entry in the All-American Pro Conference. Under Hanley's tutelage, the El Toro Marines won 17 out of 20 games during 1944 and 1945.

DIXON VICTORIOUS

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—(U.P.)—Fred "The Deacon" Dixon of Los Angeles, scored a technical knockout over Belton Bobby Lakin of Harlem, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10-round welterweight bout before a crowd of 6,000 here Tuesday night.

Fourth Oregon Athlete Gone

First in was Neil Dless, the promising second-string football center from Oakridge; second it was Bob Weber, the hard-running fullback from Salem; third it was Bob Anderson, the most promising end in many years, from Scappoose, and now it's Bill Anderson, first-string center from Long Beach, Cal.

Bill Anderson enlisted in the Navy at Portland Tuesday—another 18-year-old who will be missing from practice when Coach Tex Oliver opens spring drills at the University of Oregon April 6.

The entrance into the armed services by the four men is also a drain on Colonel Bill Hayward's track squad—Bob Anderson was state record-holder in the 210-pound California Anderson was a shot-putter; Dless was a weight man, and Weber a fleet-footed sprinter.

But all four will return to the Webfoots to resume their scholastic and athletic careers.

Eastern Washington Among Favorites

KANSAS CITY, March 12.—(U.P.)—The Eighth National Intercollegiate Basketball tournament went into second round play with 16 teams still in the running and with little indication of who will win the championship.

On a basis of what has happened in the first two days among the starting field of 32 quintets, about the only sure thing is that every team that walks out on the court has a chance.

Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, the defending champion, the University of Nevada, Reno, Eastern Washington of Cheney, George Pepperdine College of Los Angeles and the University of Houston, Texas, appeared among the teams "most likely to succeed" as second round activity got under way.

Treasury Has Sum Saved for Wildlife

NEW YORK, March 12.—(U.P.)—With four years of war bringing widespread termination to many federal-aid-to-nature projects, the U. S. treasury now has a backlog of almost \$15,000,000 earmarked for benefit of the nation's wildlife. Robert M. Rutherford of the U. S. Wildlife Service said Wednesday.

"This fund, accumulated from the excise tax on arms and ammunition," Rutherford said, "has made possible uncounted advancements in wildlife management. Almost 650,000 acres of land have been purchased by the fund to provide management areas, refuges and winter-ranges."

Approximately \$3,000,000 will be spent during the coming fiscal year. States participating must match government expenditures by 25 per cent.

"Assembled information on the condition of ranges and the supplies of wildlife," Rutherford said, "are now forming the basis for the setting of gunning seasons, bag limits and restrictions in many of the states."

"Studies have shown the fallacy," Rutherford explained to the delegates attending the eleventh annual North American Wildlife Conference, "of winter feeding to support excess big-game populations as well as the futility of releasing pen-reared birds where suitable food and cover conditions are lacking."

60 Amateurs Enter Oregon AAU Bouts

PORTLAND, March 12.—(U.P.)—Willamette Valley and Chemawa Indian school fighters will be among 60 amateurs to weigh in here for the 1946 AAU bouts for Oregon and Southwest Washington championships.

Finals on Friday will decide the eight champions eligible for the Oregon team to make the trip to the AAU nationals in Boston next month.

BLAMES GOLF

DETROIT—Ty Cobb, 59, gives golf credit for his excellent physical condition today. Says it's the greatest game for relaxing and keeping in shape.

CLAWING TIGERS

BATON ROUGE, La.—An estimated 400 practice jerseys are torn or worn beyond repair each football season by Louisiana State gridgers.

Boston Bruins Beat Rangers

(United Press)

Roy Conacher, skating on big league ice again after three years of flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force, was sparking a late-season Boston rally today which promised to make the Bruins tough to beat in the approaching Stanley Cup playoffs.

Conacher, one of the National Hockey League's brightest prewar stars, hit his old stride Tuesday night in his second game since returning from service, scoring a third period goal to give the Bruins a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers before 14,122 fans at Madison Square Garden.

The Bruins, who a week ago were in their worst slump of the season, pulled three points ahead of the idle third-place Chicago Black Hawks by handing the Rangers their 28th defeat of the season. Boston now trails the league-leading Montreal Canadiens by four points with two games left.

New York, although mired in last place, fought Boston on even terms until the last period when Conacher broke down ice in a solo rush, circled from behind the New York goal and poked the puck into the corner of the net at 6:54 to score the game-winning tally.

Metz Pockets Tourney Loot

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 12.—(U.P.)—The touring golf professionals moved up the coast today toward the Jacksonville Open.

Dick Metz pocketed top money Tuesday at the conclusion of the two-day 36-hole Seminole Golf Club tournament when he drew \$5781.25.

Metz teamed with Virgil Sherrill of New Orleans, a former Navy fighter pilot, to score a best ball of 63—nine under par—for first money. His other partner in the three-man team was Joseph P. Kennedy, former United States ambassador to Great Britain and their best ball 66 was good for \$600.

Ben Hogan won \$2181.25 for second money when he teamed with A. J. Drezel Paul, Jr., for a best ball of 65. His other partner was Earl E. T. Smith but their 67 was out of the money.

RAINERS BEAT MAJORS

SAN FERNANDO, Cal., March 12.—(U.P.)—The Seattle Rainiers clouted a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Browns Tuesday for their third straight win over American and National League baseball clubs.

Sgt. Bob Kenaston to Face Prowess of Gust Johnson

Sgt. Bob Kenaston, who reminds fans of the tough sergeant played by Victor McLaglen in "What Price Glory," will meet Gust Johnson in the other half of a twin headline wrestling attraction at the Eugene Armory Saturday night. Kenaston, the native of Gold Hill who made a name for himself in the mat profession in and around Oklahoma, will be getting one of his stiffest tests against a grappler who once held the Pacific coast junior heavyweight title.

Kenaston, a rough-and-tumble performer who also possesses considerable grappling technique, was impressive last week in defeating Anthony Martinelli in a one-fall decision.

Meeting in the other half of the double-barreled main event will be Al Szasz and Paweł Kozłowski. The little Hungarian mat tory over the Finnish mat would virtually force the light-heavyweight titlist to a championship defense.

Both matches, over a 10-of-three fall and 45-minute limit route, are attracting considerable interest along Lane's punch promenade.

Collegiate Coaches Resign, Return

By WALT BYERS
NEW YORK, March 12.—(U.P.)—Collegiate coaching ranks underwent a fast turnover today with the hiring of two coaches, the resignation of two others and the return from service of still another.

The swift, overnight shift left Columbia, Princeton and Navy minus head basketball coaches while Pittsburgh gained a football coach and Georgetown University, preparing to return to big-time intercollegiate competition next season, rehired Elmer Ripley, who piloted the Hoyas hockey teams to prewar prominence.

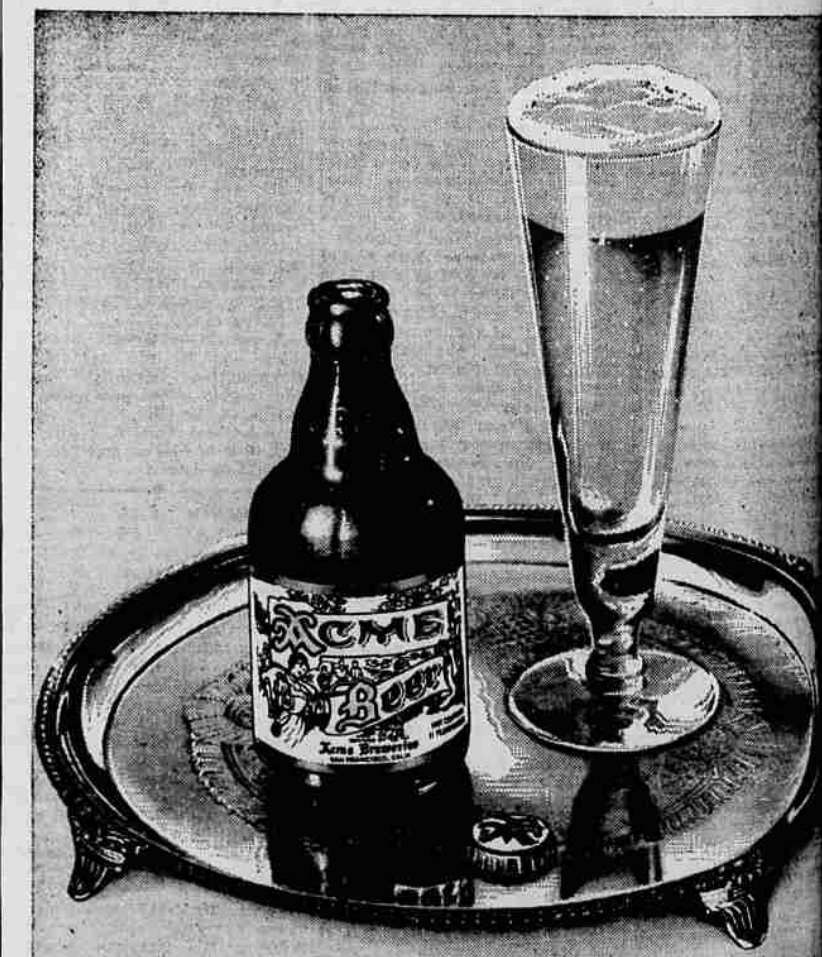
Princeton lost a double-duty man when Wesley Fesler, head basketball and assistant grid coach, signed a three-year contract as head football man at the University of Pittsburgh. He succeeds Clark Shaughnessy, who left under fire, Feb. 4, and returned to Maryland as football chief.

John N. Wilson retired as the Middles' basketball coach, a post he held since 1927. No announcement was made as to his successor or the reason for his resignation.

Columbia lost its head basketball mentor when Paul Mooney resigned to enter private business. Formerly an assistant, Mooney took over the top spot at Columbia in 1934.

Hoop Scores

Ellis Island Coast Guard 56, Brooklyn Army Base 37.
National Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) Tournament (Kansas City) (first round):
West Texas State 71, Wisconsin State 46.
Southern Oklahoma Teachers 56, Peru State Teachers (Nebr.) 56.
Eastern Washington 66, Louisiana Tech 44.
Iowa State Teachers 55, Montana State 42.
Drury (Mo.) 51, Eastern Kentucky 47.
Arizona State College at Flagstaff 46, Rockhurst College 37.
Nevada U. 56, Morningridge Col. (Id.) 46.



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