

Stengel To Strengthen Yanks With New Blood

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NEW YORK, Oct. 13 — (U.P.) — Major league baseball finally will equal its pre-war standards in 1950, Case Stengel predicted Thursday as he scorned the idea that his New York Yankees could "sit pat" and keep the world championship.

Chicago Cubs Looking For Brooklyn Talent

CHICAGO, Oct. 13 — (U.P.) — Charlie Grimm, the Chicago Cubs' vice president in charge of baseball, went to the World Series to look for players with plenty of money and probably an idea that he might pick up any or all of 12 Brooklyn Dodgers stars.

The tipoff on the Cubs' desire for help from the pennant-winning Dodgers came when president and owner Philip K. Wrigley ransacked the "Windy City" to get pictures of an even dozen Brooklyn stars. It wasn't certain he wanted to scan their faces just to select the players he wanted, but he probably didn't want them for advertising.

Wrigley underlings listed five infielders, Spider Jorgensen, Pee Wee Reese, Eddie Miksis, Jackie Robinson and Preston Ward, four pitchers, Ralph Branca, Don Newcombe, Rex Barney and Paul Minner, two catchers, Roy Campanella and Bruce Edwards, and one outfielder, Carl Furillo. They got pictures of nearly all of them.

Dodger chieftain Branch Rickey reportedly arrived here Wednesday. Presumably he planned to continue matching wits with Grimm over at least some of the Brooklyn dozen, and "looking for one more pitcher."

But both he, if the report were true, and Grimm could not be located late Wednesday night in the "Windy City." Cub sources were unable to confirm reports that Rickey arrived and that he and Grimm might be continuing the bargaining they started while the Bum stars were losing the world title to the New York Yankees.

And maybe some of the dozen will show in Cubs uniform next year, although certainly such a deal would entail a tremendous amount of money, probably over \$1,000,000 should all players be involved, or less should only some come to Chicago.

Charles Heavy Favorite to Retain Title

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 — (U.P.) — Slim, trim Erard Charles, the ebony-hued NBA heavyweight champion, risks his crown for the second time since he won it June 22 when he takes on Challenger Pat Valentino here Friday night at the San Francisco Cow Palace.

The Cincinnati Negro is a 5-1 favorite to retain the title in the 15-round battle — with very little wagering being done, despite the fact that the challenger is a hometown boy.

Charles tipped the scales at 180 pounds Thursday—his best fighting weight—and Manager Jake Mints announced that he was in tip-top shape. With his mustache trimmed off due to a wrangle over "protective items" on the face at the State Athletic Commission office, Charles looked even more slender than usual.

Valentino, 185 pounds and a half-inch shorter than the six-foot Charles, still has his mass of long hair—from which he hopes to get the strength to tag the champion with a knoxy punch.

Charles is confident he will win—and Manager Mints even has been busy lining up future title defenses and exhibitions during the current training period.

No matter how the fight turns out, the chances are that promoter William P. Kyme will do okay. The battle, which is the first heavyweight championship bout in San Francisco in 40 years, probably will draw a crowd of 15,000 and a gate of \$175,000.

Strickland to Tangle With The Great Atlas

It took a little time but Matchmaker Don Owen finally found a grappler willing to meet the Great Atlas in the Armory ring Saturday night. George Strickland, a newcomer to the Lane County mat wars who has made a terrific hit with the local mat followers, agreed to take on the muscle man and maybe take some of the cockiness out of him.

Atlas, who boasts of terrific power with tremendous arms and a mammoth chest, has whipped the best in the country, nobody able to stand his powerful full Nelson. And he knows that he can whip nearly anyone and doesn't mind telling you about it. He will have to be on his toes against Strickland, the blonde grappler up and coming and not one to be scared by idle talk.

In the opener, Carl Myers from Milwaukee, Wis., will take on Gus Johnson. Myers is a tall, lanky grappler with thin, long legs and his favorite hold naturally is the body-scissors where he can put those legs to good use.

The main event will once again be a thriller, a bloody battle between Tony Ross and Leo Karlinko. This is their third match in a row. The Mad Russian has won both previous meetings and wouldn't be going against Ross again, but the Toledo rough guy put up his Pacific Coast junior-heavyweight belt and the battle was signed. Last week these two bloodied each other up so bad that the referee had to step in and call the fight, afraid that one or the other might suffer dire consequences.

But under wrestling rules, a championship fight cannot be called or halted, so fans will get more than their money's worth this Saturday. Ross Versus Karlinko, a match to end all matches.

Eddie Dyer Retained As Cardinal Head Man

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13 — (U.P.) — Eddie Dyer will be back as manager next year, but some player changes are in store for the St. Louis Cardinals if deals can be arranged.

Owner Fred Saigh, still smarting over the collapse of the Cardinals in the final week of the season that cost them the pennant, left no doubt about Dyer's status.

"I am completely satisfied with Dyer, and he will manage the Cardinals in 1950," Saigh said.

Although Dyer's two-year contract doesn't expire for another year, there had been some speculation that he might be replaced. The Cards lost out to Brooklyn in the pennant chase by the narrow margin of one game.

Saigh disclosed he has already sounded out four National League clubs on possible player trades. He observed it might be difficult to arrange for trades, since other clubs hesitate to strengthen a pennant contender.

But the owner expressed willingness to part with front-line strength, perhaps a pitcher, to get what he wants.

His talks with officials of the Giants, Cubs, Dodgers and Pirates have been only preliminary, but may be resumed at any time, Saigh said.

He did not name any of the players he is after but said he wants a catcher, a right-hand hitting outfielder, and an understudy shortstop to provide some rest for the veteran Marty Marion.

Jeff Heath May Take Minor League Post

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 13 — (U.P.) — Burly Jeff Heath, Boston Braves outfielder who broke his ankle the week before the club went into the 1948 world series, Thursday considered whether to accept a minor league manager's job after being released on waivers.

The waivers, asked for the purpose of unconditional release, expire at 11 a.m.

In a telephone conversation with Heath at his home, Washington, General Manager John Quinn told him of the waivers and offered him a job as manager of a minor league club. Heath said he appreciated the offer, but requested time to consider it.

The 200-pound outfielder helped the Braves on their drive to the National League pennant last year, but was used for little more than pinch-hitting this season because of his still-ailing ankle.

Sanders Leading Ball Packer in Coast Play

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13 — Three players from the Northwest—Ken Carpenter of Oregon State, Bob Sanders of Oregon, and Don O'Leary of Washington—are the individual statistical leaders in the Pacific Coast Conference as the season enters the fifth week, according to figures released by the PCC Commissioner's office.

Carpenter holds a three-yard lead over UCLA's Ernie Johnson in total offense with 478 yards combined from passing and rushing. Carpenter and Johnson overtook WSC's Bob Gambold, who led for three weeks.

The individual rushing leader is Oregon's fullback, Sanders, who has accounted for 341 yards in four contests, an average of 8.9 yards per carry. Sanders' nearest competitor is Carpenter, who is 56 yards off the pace.

Washington's Don O'Leary leads in passing with 33 completions. However, Gambold has the best yardage figure of 464 on 21 completions. Earl Stelle of Oregon made the outstanding percentage mark of .677 by completing 21 of 31 tosses.

Joe Clout of Washington caught six passes against OSC to boost his total to 14 for the season, and he also leads in yardage from receptions with 218. Hal Braly of UCLA has the best punting average of 45.5 yards per boot.

Sanders leads the PCC scoring parade with seven touchdowns, and his teammate, Woodley Lewis, is in a position to break the national intercollegiate record for pass interceptions. The Duck star has intercepted six in four games, and the record is 11.

Dick Gray of OSC leads in punt returns with 167 yards on six returns; and Johnson of UCLA leads in kickoff runbacks with 176 yards in seven attempts. Lewis of Oregon has 152 yards in four attempts.

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