

BROWNS DUE TO MOVE UP

Cellar Stay Is Ended Claim Managers

St. Louis Is Predicted to Remain a Second-Division Club

San Antonio, Texas, March 21 (AP)—Time still is a great healer, so once again the St. Louis Browns are looking forward to bigger things after years of failure. And for a club which was kicked 111 times last year for a new St. Louis law, the Browns are mighty chipper.

More outfield strength, a better balanced and more experienced set of pitchers and a new shortstop have Manager Fred Haney talking in positive terms about finishing no worse than in front of the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics.

"We've got more flexibility and better balance all around," says Haney, who knows he must show real improvement this trip or reach for his hat. "It's still an 'if' club with a capital 'I' but the way the fellows are hustling this spring, I figure we ought to wind up sixth or better."

"Last spring we started off with only two pitchers who had actually won four or five ball games in the major leagues—Buck Newsom and Howard Mills. Although Newsom's zone, we have several men who've shown they can win in the majors—Elden Auker, Vernon Kennedy, Mills, Rossie Lawson, Bob Harris, Johnny Whitehead, Jake Wade and Jackie Kramer."

There are also a few rookies, such

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



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at Southpaw Emil Billidi, 22-game winner for San Antonio last summer, who should help.

Alan Strange, Seattle's star shortstop who was caught in the draft by the Browns last fall, is being counted upon to tighten up the right infield zone and ease the pitcher's load. A classy fielder and a good hustler, Strange has only to show he can hit American league pitching better than he could for Manager Rogers Hornsby in his first time up several seasons ago. Last year he hit .335 on the coast.

If Strange comes through—and he's the only man on the club at the moment Haney feels can handle shortstop satisfactorily—then the Browns should have an infield that rates with the best. George McQuinn could play first base for almost any club in the league, and Harold Cliff, despite his 1939 slump, still rates with the top bracket men at third. Don Heffner, a neat fielder but weak at the plate, and Johnny Berardino, a fine prospect starting his sophomore season, will fight it out for the second base job.

The outfield shapes up on the credit side, with a half dozen lads battling for jobs. Three of them are ex-Yankees—Myril Hoag, Joe Gallagher and Walter Judnich—with Cliff Leake, former Tiger, Ray Radcliff from the White Sox and Rookie Joe Grace also in the running. All are potentially strong hitters.

Aside from the still doubtful shortstop position which the club

hopes to strengthen with a trade for some pithy infielder who can handle that job, catching is the big question mark.

Joe Glenn fell down badly last year and is still a holdout. The only other catchers are young Bob Swift, a finished man behind the plate but short on hitting, and Sam Harshy, recalled after a fair season at Toronto.

If the catching is strengthened out in time, indications are the Browns will show marked improvement. With night baseball to be introduced in St. Louis this year, players know there probably will be some real cash passed over the ticket windows—if the club is anywhere except at the bottom of the standings. The players themselves don't think they'll wind up there.

Bowling Notes

The Independent league team rolled the following scores on Leedy's Recreation Alleys Wednesday night:

The Smoke Shop team won two games and lost one game in play with West Side Service station.

High individual three-game score was rolled by Ed Barnes of the Smoke Shop team with 642 pins, followed by S. Pivinski of West Side Service Station with 596 pins and H. Nysteen of the Smoke Shop with 550.

Two hundred games or better were rolled by Ed Barnes of the Smoke Shop with 294, which was high game for the evening, 216, and his team mates, H. Nysteen 213, L. Duncan 206, West Side Service, J. Kargman 210; Doug's Service, L. Redifer 201.

Pacific Conference Ski Tourney Opens

Seattle, March 21 (AP)—The Pacific Coast conference four-way ski championship opens today with the University of Washington defending its title against Universities of California, Oregon and Idaho, and Washington State and Oregon State colleges.

The tournament opens with jumping at the summit of Snoqualmie pass. Tomorrow the collegians move to Mount Rainier for cross country competition, with downhill and slalom events following on Saturday.

Team	Won	Lost
West Side Service	40	32
Smoke Shop	40	32
Doug's Service	35	37
Wall Street Service	20	43

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Barnes	214	182	211	607
Gray	199	142	147	488
LePiano	177	118	143	438
Nysteen	189	157	157	503
Duncan	157	206	182	545
Kargman	92	92	92	276
Totals	1019	985	993	2997

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
White	192	149	181	522
Brown	161	147	157	465
Sandis	167	148	181	496
Krejel	158	122	180	460
Pivinski	206	174	14	394
Handicap	74	74	74	222
Totals	952	907	1011	2870

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Covey	156	186	149	491
Mahoney	150	135	122	407
Smiles	161	147	157	465
Helm	172	170	145	487
Kargman	210	171	187	568
Handicap	67	67	67	201
Totals	952	916	798	2666

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Mahler	189	132	186	507
Ross	168	154	146	468
Lover	164	151	163	478
Hedler	191	159	154	504
State	147	148	158	453
Handicap	81	81	81	243
Totals	910	872	888	2730

McLemore's Sport Parade

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 21 (AP)—It wasn't until today that I realized there was a definite kinship between baseball and boxing. As recently as yesterday I would have stoutly (and I mean stoutly) to the tune of 185 pounds and twin chins) denied there was any connection between, say, right field and a right cross.

But all of a sudden I found myself lolling under a palm tree with Mrs. Berg of the Boston Red Sox, one of the better minds, baseball or otherwise, in this country. And before we quit lolling he had established a definite relationship between the two.

He bound them together with the expression "one-two punch."

There never was a boxing champion who didn't have a one-two punch, Berg pointed out, and then continued to explain that the chief contention for the major league pennants this year would be made by teams with the same thing.

"Let's look at the American league," Berg said. "Barring accident the main contention will be between the Yankees and the Red Sox. Each of the clubs can throw a deadly one-two punch. On the Yanks the one-two is provided by Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey. DiMaggio sets up the opposition and Dickey knocks it out."

Remembering Charley Keller, I suggested that perhaps the Yanks had gone a step further and developed a one-two-three punch.

"Please," Berg said, in a voice rich with melancholy, "let's limit this to just two hitters. Now take the Red Sox. Our one-two punch is thrown by Jimmy Foxx and Ted Williams. Perhaps I'm biased but to me those two fellows form the best one-two in baseball. I wouldn't swap them for anything in the league."

The one-two punch holds true in the National league. The champion Cincinnati Reds and their sternest challengers, the Cardinals, have the toughest bang-bang combinations in the Ford Frick belt. The Reds can throw Frank McCormick and Ival Goodman at opposing pitchers. And the Cards have Johnny Mize and Ducky Medwick, that is, if Medwick signs.

And he is sure to. Speaking of Ducky Wacky, it will be he who will have to come to terms. Unpopular with the players (who think he cost them the pennant last year by loafing) and unpopular with Manager Blades (who resents the things Medwick has said about him) and unpopular with Owner Sam Breadon (who thinks he is being shoved around a bit and held up) Joe probably will have to capitulate or sit out the 1940 baseball dance.

But to get back to the one-two punch. All of the combinations mentioned present a right-handed hitter and a left-handed hitter. That is the ideal combination. As Paul Derringer told me—and Derringer is a fair country judge—that combination makes it impossible for a pitcher to let up even a little bit. "Be the pitcher a right-hander or a left-hander," says Paul, "he must bear down with all he has on at least one of them."

But enough for this informative writing. The next thing you know I'll be explaining the technique of the drag boot, or why a good base runner tags second with his left foot when running out a triple.

YEAR INCOMES AVERAGE LOW

Two-Thirds of Homes Have \$69 a Month

4,000,000 Families Have Incomes of Only \$312 Yearly

By Fred Bailey

Washington (AP)—A government survey four years in the making shows that two-thirds of all American families lived on an average of \$69 a month in 1935 and 1936.

The survey included detailed reports of income, spending and living standards of 300,000 families, representing a cross-section of 128,000,000 persons. It was the most detailed and comprehensive survey ever made.

Economists studying the results of the survey made by the bureau of labor statistics, the bureau of home economics and the WPA have learned new facts concerning American living habits.

There were 4,000,000 families—mostly on relief—who had an average income of only \$312 a year. That was 14 per cent of the national population. Economists estimate that a "decent living standard" for a family of four costs \$1,200 a year or more.

\$700-\$800 Group Largest

There were another 8,000,000 families—comprising between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 persons—who had an average income of \$758 a year. Thus, it was indicated, 42 per cent of the nation lived on incomes averaging less than \$50 a month.

Another 7,000,000 families—23 per cent of the total—lived on incomes averaging \$100 a month. The survey showed that about two-thirds of the nation lived on incomes of less than \$1,500 a year and averaging \$826.

The average income for the nation as a whole was \$1,822 for each family. The highest 5 per cent in the income bracket had 27 per cent of the national income and the highest one per cent had 14 per cent of the income.

Thus, the highest one per cent had almost as much income as the 40 per cent of the families in the lowest income group, the report said. Fewer than 4 per cent of the families in the country had incomes of \$4,000 or more a year.

Food Ratio Shown

The report showed that 4,200,600 families in the lowest income group—14 per cent of the families—bought only 6 per cent of the food consumed in this country. The next 27.5 per cent of the population bought 20 per cent of the food.

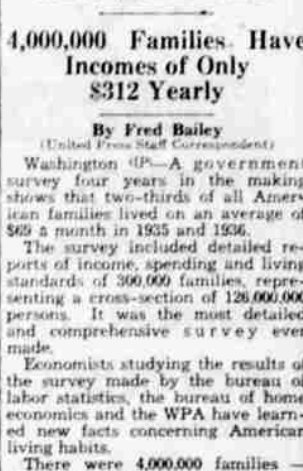
Agriculture department economists said families receiving \$312 spent an average of \$1 per person per week for food, while those receiving \$1,200 a year spent an average of \$2.18 per person.

"If every family receiving less than \$100 a month could be raised to that level expenditures for food would increase by \$1,900,000,000 a year and the national food bill would be 14 per cent larger," Milo Perkins, president of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation said.

He estimated that food expenditures by the group now receiving less than \$100 a month would be increased by 21 per cent. Farm income would be boosted by \$1,000,000,000 a year, he said.

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