

Cards' Infield Holds Edge on Stars of Yanks

Boys From St. Louis Faster Than Yorkers; Series Starts Oct. 5

By Oscar Fraley
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Sept. 21 (UP)—With the exception of experience, the infield and catching staff of the National league champion St. Louis Cardinals has an all-around edge over that of the New York Yankees—on paper.

The speed boys from St. Louis are faster and are heavier hitters than the Yankees—and apparently have more speed and power in the infield than they did in besting the New Yorkers in the 1943 world series.

When the teams square off in Yankee stadium Oct. 5 the world champions will have three-fifths of the inner-line that carried them to victory last year. And the Red Birds are conceivably improved in every position. Meanwhile, the Yanks have only two-fifths of the 1942 infield and look stronger in only three positions.

Holds Hitting Edge

As a unit, the Yankee infield held a hitting edge going into last year's classic with a combined .281 average against .265 for the Cards. It's reversed this year, with the Cards averaging .288 at the plate against the Yanks' .275. And without the hit parade average of .362 which Catcher Bill Dickey has compiled in 75 games, the Yanks average only .253 at bat.

Position by position, the Yanks have Nick Etten at First, regarded by most baseball men as an improvement over Buddy Hassett of 1942. Etten, hitting .269, is a steady fielder and a long-ball hitter. The Cards have Ray Sanders, a .276 clubber, replacing Johnny Hopp. He, too, is a long distance hitter and is larger and has more reach than Hopp.

At second the Yanks again have Joe Gordon, the veteran, who has been improving of late. Gordon couldn't do much worse than 1942, when he hit only .083 in the series. His current batting mark is .333. The Cards have Lou Klein in place of Captain Jimmy Brown, now in the army. Brown was the sparkplug but past his speed peak. Klein, faster, covers more ground and is hitting .288.

Short Berth Work

Veteran Frankie Crosetti will be at short for the Yanks, leaving the New Yorkers weaker here than they were with Phil Rizzuto in 1942. Crosetti, hitting .223, is a real sparkplug, however, and his play is a great steadying influence. St. Louis in Marty (Slats) Marlon has the best shortstop in the business. Marlon is hitting .283 and his field work leaves nothing to be desired.

Billy Johnson, at third for the Yanks, is one of the season's outstanding improvements and a tower of strength. He has a bullet arm, is fast and accurate and is hitting .289. Whitey Kurovski, hot corner man of the Cards, is hitting at the same clip. More polished than he was last year, Kurovski still is the clutch hitter who broke up the 1942 series with a sizzling home run drive.

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By J. R. Williams

Vandals May Quit Grid Loop Also

By John W. Dunlap
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21 (UP)—Withdrawal of the University of Oregon from the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference left an awkward hole in the football schedules of the other schools and may help the University of Idaho to follow suit.

Under curtailed traveling conditions this fall, the conference teams had home and home games with most of their opponents, so the Oregon cancellation left two vacant Saturdays for most schools to fill.

Informed of the Webfoot action, Idaho officials said they would reveal later this week whether the Vandals will compete, since an estimated 40 naval trainees out for the team may not be able to play because of heavy classroom schedules. Only a dozen Idaho candidates turned out yesterday.

Montana earlier dropped out of the loop with Stanford of the southern division.

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

- 5:00—America at War
- 5:15—Emergy Deutsch Orchestra
- 5:30—News
- 5:45—Defense Reporter
- 5:50—Word Pictures of War Heroes—Russ Hughes
- 5:55—Sport Yarns
- 6:00—Organ Beveries
- 6:15—Treasury Star Parade
- 6:30—Gertrude Neison
- 6:45—Spotlight on Rhythm
- 7:00—Hasten the Day
- 7:15—Breucro Novelty Orchestra
- 7:30—Melody Mustangs
- 7:45—Broadway Bandwagon

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1943

- 7:00—Your Morning iPickup
- 7:30—Time, Tunes and Topics
- 8:00—Old Family Almanac
- 8:30—Morning Mirth
- 9:00—News
- 9:15—Johnny Pineapple
- 9:30—Marching to Music
- 9:45—Neighborhood Grocery
- 10:00—Larry Steward, Vocal
- 10:15—Guillermo Gale Orchestra
- 10:30—News

- 5:45—Defense Reporter
- 5:50—Word Pictures of War Heroes, Russ Hughes
- 5:55—Sport Yarns
- 6:00—Deep River Boys
- 6:15—Treasury Star Parade
- 6:30—Freddie Martin
- 6:45—Spotlight on Rhythm
- 7:00—Adventures in Research
- 7:15—Al Kavelin
- 7:30—Starlight Sonata
- 7:45—Camp Abbot on Parade
- 8:00—Alfred Wohl Orchestra
- 8:15—Voice of the Underground
- 8:30—24th Special Service Orchestra
- 9:00—Concert Hour
- 9:30—Northwest Neighbors

Fight Results

- (By United Press)
- Baltimore, Md.—Buddy Walker, 197, Columbus, O., decisioned Lee Oma, 185, New York, (10).
 - Newark, N. J.—Nate Bolden, 172 Chicago, decisioned Curtis Sheppard, 183, Pittsburgh (10).
 - Chicago—Al Gomez, 134½, Chicago, fought a 10-round draw with Jimmy Oyce, 132½, Gary, Ind.
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Lava Bears Train For Tough Game With Prineville

The Lava Bear eleven, which won from a smaller Maupin team by a 26-0 score Friday, will meet a tougher opponent this Friday evening when the Prineville Cowboys move onto the Bend field.

Prineville last year caught Bend in an over-confident mood after the Bears had scored an overwhelming victory over a weaker Burns team. The Cowboys got the jump on the Bend club early in the game and handed them one of the most bruising defeats a Lava Bear team ever received.

Seven lettermen have returned this year from the 1942 Prineville club and they are again working out under Coach Jim Howard, who in his first year at Prineville, was able to give the Cowboys a victory over Bend for the first time in more than a decade.

Weak Spots Noted

Bend Coach Claude Cook and Albert Mason spotted many flaws in their team last Friday evening, chief among them being on the defense. As a consequence most of this week's practice sessions will be spent strengthening defensive line play. Poor line play was one of the factors in the defeat by Prineville last year.

First downs indicated the Muppins game was really much closer than the score indicated. The Wasco county team, which spotted the Bend club many pounds in weight, made seven first downs to nine for Bend.

Many mistakes were noted in fundamentals, although Cook believes the Bears tackled much better Friday evening than they did in the opening game last year.

One of the best showings in the Maupin game was made by Bill Plath, in his first game, accord-

Coasting Along in Sport World

By Dan McGuire
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

San Francisco, Sept. 21 (UP)—We've heard that song before: football is surrounded by more phobias balonus than any other sport. Wartime conditions seem to have made no appreciable dent in the volume of foolish words and phrases which the fall follies annually bring forth.

As exhibit A, we place before you excerpts from the secret minutes of the first meeting of the northern California Football Writers' association, a distinguished group which almost was extinguished by lethargy last year. The minutes, which we obtained by the simple method of attending the meeting, tell us that certain coaches and graduate managers from certain institutions of higher learning, culture and athletics

charmed the assemblage with inspiring words in the Rockne tradition to wit:

"We are carrying on with football this year because the boys want to play and we think they should have a chance to get in their last licks at the game and because it's a great morale builder for the civilian population."

All well and good. But—the delegate from the University of San Francisco, to the ill-concealed chagrin of his contemporaries, unburdened himself of the following sentiments:

"We don't expect to break even on football; in fact, we'll probably go into the hole a bit."

A-ha—there's the subject which should be kept locked up in a dark closet with the rest of the skeletons—finances.

The old do-re-mi, war or no war, still is what makes the wheels go 'round, buys shoes for Coach Joe Blow's kids and cuts down the mortgage on the stadium.

And, along that line the University of San Francisco probably will make a few dollars when all returns are in for it looks like the public will pay to see football for relaxation's sake, despite the quality of the product offered.

St. Mary's and California have high hopes of drawing at least 25,000 paid to their traditional joust at Berkeley Saturday. No one's going to lose money with that kind of attendance. The Golden Bears have to maintain a \$100,000 athletic plant and \$150,000 worth of student activities, which still are going on. Football pays for all that.

These financial matters have been covered up to such an extent that the average person has very little—if any—knowledge of the extent to which colleges depend on the gridiron sport.

Which reminds us of the sweet young thing who popped up at the University of California student executive committee recently with a resolution that football be dropped because "it is over-emphasized at the expense of other and 'more important' activities."

It wasn't for football, there wouldn't be any student executive committees.

Big League Stars For 1943 Named

By Glen Perkins
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Sept. 21 (UP)—With the major league activity confined to traveling today, this seems as good a time as any to present our 1943 all-star team. We selected only four American leaguers as against seven National leaguers, the first time in years that the senior circuit has dominated a dream team.

Team Selected

The team, and batting order: Bob Elliott, Pirates, 3b; Billy Herman, Dodgers, 2b; Luke Appling, White Sox, ss; Stan Musial, Cardinals, cf; Bill Nicholson, Cubs, rf; Rudy York, Tigers, 1b; Dick Wakefield, Tigers, lf; and Walker Cooper, Cardinals, c. Our pitching assignments were drawn as Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, Yankees; Rip Sewell, Pirates, and Mort Cooper, Cardinals.

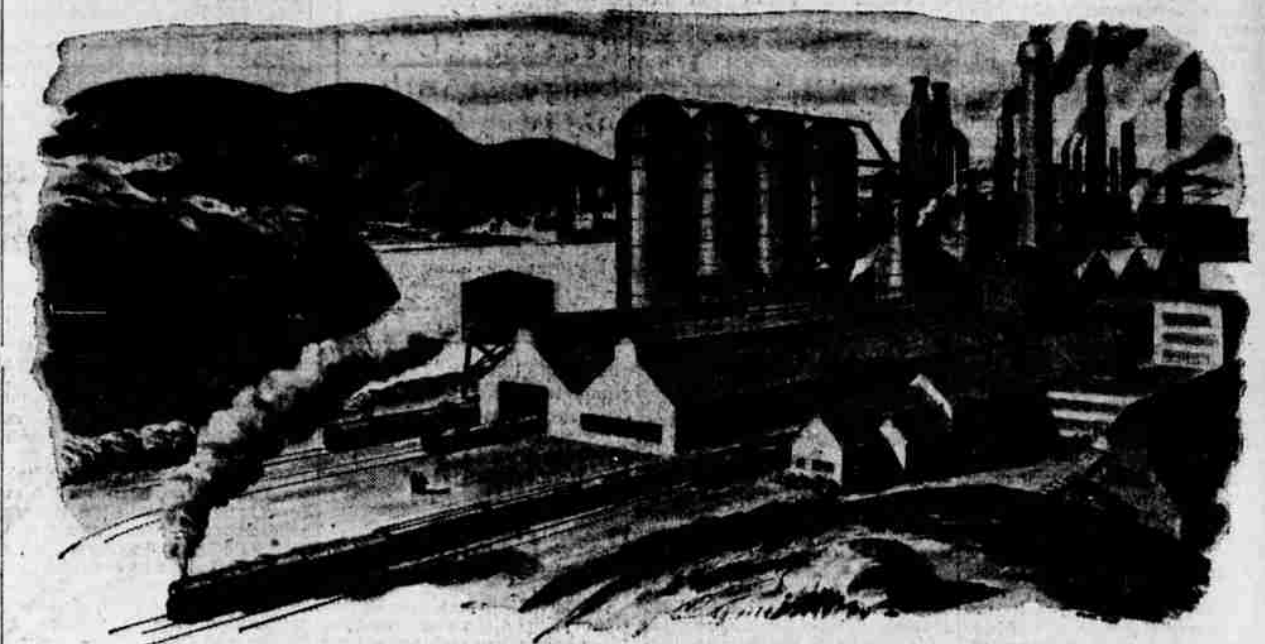
The outfield gave us a little trouble, but only in the matter of placing the players. We placed Musial in center field, a position he has played about 12 times this year, in order to make room for Nicholson in right and Wakefield in left.

The first eight hitters have a combined batting average of more than .315 with three of them, Musial, Nicholson and Wakefield—batting from the port side.

Selection Difficult

The only selection that offered much trouble was in picking Bob Elliott over Arky Vaughan of the Dodgers at the hot corner. Either would fill the bill.

The pitching staff is an all-right handed corps, but could mow down most of the batters in the majors. Chandler has a record of 19 victories and only four defeats and his 1.75 earned run average is the lowest in the majors. Sewell has won more games than any other major league pitcher, boasting a record of 21 victories and nine defeats. Mort Cooper, despite his inability to beat the American league, has recorded 20 victories and nine defeats.



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By V. T. Hamlin

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