

Bob Feller Back On Mound; Now Bluejacket Coach

By Walter Byers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Great Lakes, Ill., March 21 (UP)—Bob Feller's blazing fast ball has come back to baseball.

Feller, a chief specialist in the navy, was assigned today to coach the Great Lakes Bluejackets baseball team and as a playing coach he will be throwing his famed fast one against big league teams once again.

Great Lakes, which had one of the nation's top baseball teams last season, will play practically all of the major league teams this year. They won 48 out of 50 games a year ago and whipped seven big league clubs under the guidance of Lt. Cmdr. Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane, now on active duty in the Pacific.

Will Prove Test

Feller's return to the mound will provide the first real test of whether big league service stars will be able to come back to shine as brightly as before. Feller is one of the American league's greatest pitchers. He is now 26 years old and has been aboard the high seas for almost 27 months. As a director of quadruple-mount heavy machine guns in the battleship gunnery division, Feller saw action in the Marshalls, Gilberts, Marianas, ew Guinea and the Philippines.

"I'm in good shape," Feller said. "Sure, I'm going to pitch with the Bluejackets. I believe I'll be as good as ever."

"Good As Ever"

"Good as ever" means just about the best. The Van Meter, Ia., meteor won 107 games and lost 54 during his six-year span with the Cleveland Indians.

He joined the Indians in 1936, a kid of 18 years. During his first two years, Feller won 14 and lost 10 games. But in 1938 he began to get his lightning speed-pitch under control to win 17 games, losing 11.

Then came his sensational three-year pitching spurge. The Iowa farm boy won 24 and lost nine in 1939 and won 27 and lost 11 in 1940 as well as pitching a no-hit, no-run game. In 1941, his last year with Cleveland, he won 25 and lost 13.

Racing to Resume, States McCreery

Chicago, March 21 (UP)—Horse racing will be resumed in the United States by "May or June, if not before," Thomas H. McCreery, national president of the horsemen's benevolent and protective association, predicted today.

Stressing that it was his opinion the racing ban would be lifted within two or three months, McCreery made a full report to a group of midwest horsemen on his recent correspondence and talks with high government officials.

His report, some of which was off the record, contained the best news horse racing has received since Jan. 3rd, when it was banned for the duration by war mobilization director James F. Byrnes.

"We'll have definite word concerning the racing ban within the next couple of weeks, in my opinion," McCreery said.

McCreery, an eastern horse trainer, quoted Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Byrnes' chief deputy, as saying that he hoped the racing ban would be lifted before September.

Out Our Way



Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, March 21 (UP)—The world champion St. Louis Cardinals are going to have so many pitchers when the war ends that head man Sam Breadon may have to call in the Surplus Commodities corporation to dispose of them, it seemed evident today.

Although such a situation seems amazing in these days of acute manpower shortages, the Cards will "be stacked" with the greatest accumulation of top quality hurling talent ever owned by one major league team when their fighting men come home.

All of this came to light today in the red-white-blue bedecked roster of some of the standout pitchers that we have seen.

Among the 28 men now serving their country for the Redbirds are 10 pitchers of proven major league ability. Add to that the six established regular hurlers from last year's championship squad, and the six standout newcomers up from the farm clubs and it totals better than three complete pitching staffs.

And that doesn't include the inevitably promising crop of youngsters now working out with Cardinal farm clubs and who through regular Breadon "graduation exercises" will advance through the ranks until they too are major league timber.

So what is the alternative? It appears to us that Breadon will have to conduct the greatest and he hopes—the most expensive sale of "soup bones" in history and he'll have one inducement. Buyers won't need any ration points, but it should take plenty of cold cash.

According to major and minor league regulations tentatively in effect, but awaiting clarification, when the service men return they must be given a period in which to acclimate themselves with the club of their pre-war connection. Players on the club at the time

will have the same status as any major league player, they may be sold, traded, optioned, waived, or released.

That would make it appear that the first Redbirds to go on the auction block would be the current veterans and the newcomers, which would give the 10 returning service men first call for regular pitching duties. And what a staff that will be, if they all can get together again.

There's Johnny Beazley, a 21 and 6 winner, as a rookie, who stopped the Yankees in the 1942 World Series. There were a pair of great prospects who didn't get a chance to stay in the majors because they were called in that year. One was John Grodzicki, (25 and 5) at Columbus in 1941, who was described by Breadon as "one of the top pitchers we have developed." The other was Mat Surkott, fast ball expert, (10 and 6) at Rochester.

Howie Poller, the left-hander, has some unfinished business. He left in 1943 after pitching three straight shutouts, going in with (8-4). Others who went in 1943 were Alpha Brazle (8-2), Murry Dickson (8-2), Howie Krist (11-5), and southpaw Ernie White (5-5). The Yankees won't forget White. He shut them out in the 1942 series.

From last year's staff went George Munger, inducted in July with a (11-3) record, and Fred Schmidt, a promising kid (7-3).

These men now pitching for Uncle Sam had a combined total of 114 victories and 41 defeats in their last professional seasons. The six top holdovers from last year won 81 and lost 38. They are Harry Breechen (16-5), Mort Cooper (22-7), Ted Wilks (17-4), Max Lanier (17-12), Al Jurisich (7-9) and Blix Donnelly (2-1).

The top minor league additions this year won 78 and lost 64 in the 1944 campaign. They are Ken Burkhardt (15-9), Henry Koch (17-10), Stan Partenheimer (16-7), Bill Twetter (14-12), Jack Creel (11-5), and El Bueyly (5-11). There may be a Beazley, Cooper or Wilks among them.

Snead and Nelson Still in Golf Tie

Charlotte, N. C., March 21 (UP)—The \$10,000 open, a "dress" tournament in which the nation's two top golfers, Sammy Snead and Byron Nelson, are battling for first money, went into its second extra 18-hole playoff today with both of them still tied.

Neither was able to gain more than a momentary advantage as they duelled over the rolling Myers park course yesterday, finishing with three-under par 69's.

For Snead, it was the same heart-wracking finish that he experienced on the previous day. Getting on the green in one on the short 18th hole, he needed an eight foot putt for a birdie two, but the ball missed the hole by inches. Nelson's drive also was on the green, but a greater distance from the cup and he was conceded little or no chance to drop his put, which was wide. Their three's halved the hole and the match.

Nelson takes lead

Nelson went into the lead first, winning the second hole with a birdie four and the third with a birdie three. Snead took the next two and they remained tied until reaching the 509-yard dog-leg seventh. On that hole, the long driving West Virginian reached the green in two and dropped a 25-foot putt for an eagle three.

Nelson evened it again on the ninth after the eighth was halved, giving them both two-under par 34's for the front nine. Nelson went one up on the 12th when Snead had a bogey and the Toledo, O., veteran lost his advantage again on the 15th when a putt went awry. More than half a dozen putts missed falling in by inches for the usually steady Nelson.

Snead went in front with a birdie three on the 16th, but Nelson countered that with a birdie four on the 17th and that was the way they were when they walked nervously to the 18th tee.

Baseball Briefs
(By United Press)

Wilmington, Del., March 21 (UP)—A slugger who might make pennant contenders out of the Philadelphia Phillies was working out with them today, but they can't have him. He is Bill Nicholson, National league home run champion, who has been given permission by the Chicago Cubs to do his spring training here. Nicholson

National League Hockey
(By United Press)

The underdogs, Boston and Toronto, were a game up on the favorites today in the National league hockey playoffs.

Boston, without a victory over Detroit in almost two years, chose a suitable time to end the long losing streak last night. They topped the Redwings on their home ice, 4 to 3, in a bitterly fought game.

In a battle featuring the work of the goaltenders and defense men, Toronto scored in the last minute to upset Montreal, 1 to 0.

Veterans Outclassed

The Brigham, Utah, hospital eagles, all veterans of overseas service and wearers of the purple heart, put up a game defense but were outclassed from start to finish.

The nation's leading scorer, Gail Bishop, led the Fort Lewis, Wash., team in an 87 to 21 push.

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Gail Bishop Stars In Tourney Game

Denver, Colo., March 21 (UP)—The national AAU basketball tournament entered its fourth day today, but it was still anybody's guess whether the defending champion Phillips "66" Oilers of Bartlesville, Okla., would be able to retain their title in the face of increasingly fierce opposition.

The Oklahoma team had a brief respite during last night's second-round play, which was highlighted by a Fort Warren, Wyo., team's overwhelming 76 to 44 victory over the Bushnell general hospital veterans.

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10,400 Fans See Montgomery Win

By Robert Welde
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Los Angeles, March 21 (UP)—Bearcat Bob Montgomery, New York's version of the lightweight boxing champion, weaved and bobbed his way to an eight round technical knockout over Genaro Rojo, Los Angeles, before 10,400 fans at Olympic auditorium last night.

The outcome was never in doubt as the veteran New Yorker drew his game but inexperienced opponent in close and hammered him with a merciless barrage of rights to the jaw and body.

Referee Reggie Gilmore saved Rojo from complete annihilation when he halted the one-sided match after 1:54 of the eighth. Gilmore stopped the bout when Rojo's second, Dan Thomas, jumped into the ring, shouting that his boy had taken enough.

At the fight's end Rojo's face was bleeding badly and was swollen from the lightweight king's relentless infighting attack. The bleeding began in the third round when Montgomery opened his close quarters barrage.

Switches Style

The only knockdown occurred early in the eighth frame. Montgomery suddenly switched style and caught Rojo off guard with a long right to the jaw that sent him through the ropes. But Rojo leaped back into the ring before Gilmore could begin his count and continued to take a blistering beating from the champ's short jabs.

Rojo, a 10 to 1 underdog, waged a game battle but showed lack of ring experience in being drawn in close where he was easy game for the shuffling lightweight crown holder. Rojo scored several times with long rights but quickly lost his advantage each time.

The United Press scorecard gave Rojo one round, the fifth. Both boxers weighed in at 139.

Frederick, Md., March 21 (UP)—Tom Crowson, lanky right hander who won 12 games and lost six at Toronto last season, was being groomed for a regular place on the Philadelphia Athletic's pitching staff today.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 21 (UP)—The St. Louis Browns eliminated all their holdout problems but two today, leaving only pitcher Jack Kramer and outfielder Mike Kreevich unsigned.

College Park, Md., March 21 (UP)—Outfielder George Case of the Washington Senators indicated today he was all set to turn the base paths into speedways in the American league again this season. Case, who recently had a shoulder operation, appeared to be in as good condition as two years ago when he won the base-stealing championship.

Georgetown, D. C., March 21 (UP)—The Boston Braves, one of the weaker hitting teams in the majors, may have a pair of long distance sluggers in camp, Manager Bob Coleman revealed today. The newcomers, Stan Wetzel and Vin Shupe, both up from the Hartford farm club, hit lusty homers in an intra-camp game yesterday.

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10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
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11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News

11:45—Lum 'N Abner
12:00—Jimmy Dorsey's Orchestra
12:10—Sport Yarns
12:15—Bee Gee Tavern Band
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Assembly of God Church
1:30—Tommy Harris Time
2:15—Melody Time
2:45—Jimmy Lunceford's Orchestra
3:00—Griffin Reporting
3:15—Service Unlimited
3:30—Musical Matinee
3:45—Johnson Family
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller
4:30—House of Mystery
4:45—McFarland Twins' Orchestra
4:55—Central Oregon News
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