

## Rookie Is Victor Over St. Louis '9 In 4 to 1 Contest

**By Carl Lundquist**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
New York, May 24 (AP)—As far as rookie pitcher Dave Ferriss is concerned, opposing batters are like so many names in a telephone directory, which is as good a reason as any today for his amazing success with the Boston Red Sox.

The 23-year-old kid, apparently bent on beating every club in the league on his first time out, is a little hot down when he doesn't score a shut-out. He has beaten five different teams in as many games and has scored three shut-outs, allowing only three runs in 45 innings and just 30 hits for an average of six per game.

Beating the champion St. Louis Browns, 4 to 1, at Boston yesterday was no ordinary achievement, but Ferriss expressed disappointment at the finish because he didn't blank them. He didn't miss by much, holding them to five hits and keeping them scoreless until the seventh inning when Mike Kreevich doubled and Gene Moore singled him home.

**Yanks Win Game**  
The Yankees humbled the league leading Chicago White Sox, 5 to 3, at New York, making all their runs in the first inning to give Floyd Bevins his second win on a seven-hitter.

Detroit defeated the Athletics at Philadelphia, 7 to 1, regaining sole possession of second place from the Browns.

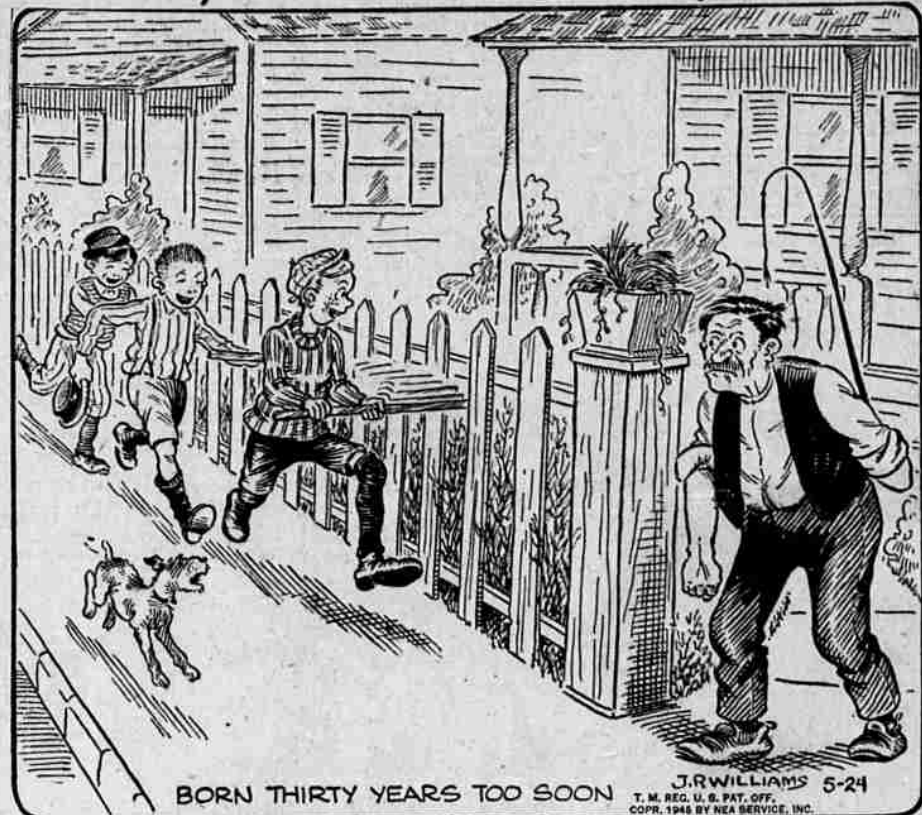
Cleveland topped the Senators at Washington, 3 to 2, in a night game, putting over the winning run for pitcher Allie Reynolds in the seventh on a double by Don Ross, an error by Gil Torres and a single by Mickey Rocco.

In the National league Van Lingle Mungo pitched one of the best games of his long career, giving the New York Giants a 2 to 0 shutout at Cincinnati. Mungo yielded only three hits and struck out 10 batters for his fourth victory. He also doubled home one of the two Giant runs.

The Pittsburgh Pirates won a loosely played game in the 13th from the Boston Braves, 9 to 8, at Pittsburgh when Al Gionfriddo singled home Johnny Barrett. The Pirates should have won in regulation time but Lefty Al Gerhauser and his successor, Art Cucurullo, blew up in the ninth and yielded five runs to give the Braves a tie. Truett (Rip) Sewell, who retired the side with a double play on one pitch, went on to win the game.

Rookie Jack Creel made a successful major league debut for the Cardinals at St. Louis, beating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 11 to 1. Claude Passeau of the Cubs gave his ailing arm a successful workout against the Philadelphia Phillies at Chicago, winning, 5 to 3, on seven hits.

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## Today's Sport Parade

**By Jack Cuddy**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 24 (AP)—A person who is well acquainted with brothers Mort and Walker Cooper informs us that there's little chance of catcher Walker remaining with the Cardinals after he gets out of the navy; such is the bitterness of the brothers toward the club.

Our informant said Walker is virtually certain to be shifted from the Cards to some other National league outfit, possibly following in the footsteps of pitcher Mort, who was sent to the Braves yesterday in exchange for Red Barrett and a reported \$100,000.

Even if the brothers were given a satisfactory money settlement by the Cards, it is doubtful if they ever could have felt the same loyalty to the club, our source emphasized. He said owner Sam Breadon knew this, and it was a major reason why Sam arranged the Boston deal for Mort, even though the deal lessened the Cards' pennant chances.

It seems that the Cooper boys really hit the ceiling when they learned that the Cards were not observing a wage ceiling in the case of shortstop Marty Marion. Marion's salary was increased to \$13,000 for the 1945 season, subject to wage stabilization approval. The Coopers had signed for \$12,000 each, with the under-

standing that it was the ceiling set for the club since the wage stabilization act was passed in October, 1942.

According to our informant, the Coopers felt they had been victims of a double-barreled blast of ingratitude. They felt they had (1) been given the run-around in this year's signing, and (2) been paid unfairly for the past two seasons—two extremely successful campaigns that followed their grand work in '42.

This great brother battery had been a prime factor in the Cards' three straight pennant victories, and they had done their bit in the three world series that followed those pennant triumphs.

Mort and Walker gave one of the most dramatic demonstrations of club-loyalty in the history of baseball on Oct. 6, 1943—in the second game of the Cardinal-Yankee series. Only a few hours before game time they were notified that their father had died in Independence, Mo. It was uncertain if the grief-stricken brothers could go through with the game. Shortly before noon, they conferred with manager Billy Southworth in the Yankee stadium dressing room. Mort came out of the room and told reporters that he and Walt had decided to remain in New York and play the game. They were doing it, he said, because both felt that their dad—an ardent Cardinal fan—would have wanted them to carry on for the club.

Burdened with grief they went out onto the field—and won. When Walk caught Joe Gordon's high foul for the final out, near the Yankee dugout, he stood there and waited for Mort to come in from the mound. Then he reached out and clasped his brother's hand—in silent understanding. They had done it for dad—for the parent who had taught them the

importance of team-loyalty.

Our informant concluded, "When you check over the records—when you consider the contributions these two Missouri boys made to the Cardinals during the past three years, you can begin to appreciate their bitterness toward the coolie club that rewarded them with a phony ceiling."

## Ex-Oregon Star Award Winner

Portland, Ore., May 24 (AP)—Lt. Col. Delbert L. Bjork, Oregon-born and trained athlete, was recently awarded the bronze star for front line valor in the capture of "Hill 178" on bloody Okinawa.

This was not the first time Bjork has been singled out for heroic action against the Japs. He holds the distinguished service cross for gallantry in the capture of Attu island from the enemy. Bjork began his sparkling career at Astoria high school. Later he made a fine reputation in football at the University of Oregon in 1934, 1935, and 1936. He was captain of the Webfooters his senior year.

After playing professional football with the Chicago Bears in the National league, the great Oregon grid star entered the army as a captain in 1939.

## Old Time Sox Star Dies at Age of 64

New Orleans, La., May 24 (AP)—Jacob (Jake) Atz, one of the Chicago White Sox's "hitless wonders," will be buried here today. Atz, a veteran of more than half a century of organized baseball, died Tuesday night. He was 64.

Atz joined the White Sox in 1908 after a term with the New Orleans Pelicans, whom he later rejoined as manager.

## Seattle Rainiers Take Two Games

(By United Press)

Vallie Eaves, big Indian right-hander, turned in one of the neatest pitching jobs of the Pacific coast league campaign last night as the San Diego Padres downed the Oakland Acons, 2 to 1. Eaves fanned 13 and even had the umpires mystified. They suspected that he was throwing the outlawed spitter but failed to detect any signs to this effect despite repeated examinations of the horse-hide.

The Padres tallied the winning run in the fourth inning on Lou Vezelich's single, outfielder Norm DeWeese's miscue and a solid besehit by Del Ballinger. Len Gilmore, ace of the Oakland staff, was the losing hurler.

**Beavers Lead Out**  
The Seattle Rainiers cut Portland's league lead to 3½ games by taking both games of a double-header with Los Angeles. The Suds won the opener, 5-4, even though Doc Greene smacked a three-run homer for Angels, and came back with a 2-0 victory in the nightcap. Keith Frazier and Carl Fischer were the winning pitchers.

The tailend Hollywood Stars battled 11 innings to defeat Sacramento, 6 to 5. With Brooks Holder on first base, Jimmy Grant of the Solons fielded manager Buck Fausett's bunt but threw the ball into right field, allowing Holder to gallop all the way in. Joe Mishack outlasted four Sacramento twirlers.

The Portland-San Francisco game was rained out.

## League Standings

(By United Press)

AMERICAN			
	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	15	8	.652
Detroit	14	9	.609
New York	15	11	.571
St. Louis	13	10	.565
Washington	12	15	.444
Cleveland	10	14	.417
Boston	10	15	.400
Philadelphia	10	17	.370

NATIONAL			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	22	7	.759
Brooklyn	17	11	.607
St. Louis	15	13	.536
Chicago	13	13	.500
Pittsburgh	13	14	.481
Boston	11	14	.440
Cincinnati	10	14	.417
Philadelphia	7	22	.241

PACIFIC COAST			
	W	L	Pct.
Portland	33	17	.660
Seattle	29	20	.592
Oakland	27	25	.519
San Diego	26	26	.500
Sacramento	25	26	.490
Los Angeles	25	27	.481
San Francisco	22	28	.440
Hollywood	16	35	.314

## Fight Results

(By United Press)

Oakland, Calif.—George (Sugar) Costner, 146½, Cincinnati, defeated Paul Lewis, 156, Oakland (10).

Elizabeth, N. J.—Cocoa Kid, 161, New Haven, outpointed Vincent Jones, 153½, Tampa, Fla., (10).

The lighted end of a cigarette has a temperature of between 1200 and 1325 degrees Fahrenheit, which is above the melting point of aluminum.

## Directors Discuss Postwar Rules

Champaign, Ill., May 24 (AP)—

Big Ten athletic directors and coaches meet today to launch official discussion of postwar eligibility rules and expansion. The meeting follows an informal discussion last night between Western conference officials and representatives from five other midwestern universities.

The Big Ten's new rules and regulations, governing the commissioner's office, also are expected to come up for ratification at today's meeting.

## Foresters Study Balloon Danger

Washington, May 24 (AP)—For-

est service Chief Lyle F. Watts disclosed Wednesday that "intensified precautionary measures" have been taken in recent months against Japanese attempts to set forest fires with bombs carried by free balloons.

"We have been combating this problem ever since the Japanese released their first wind-blown balloons carrying explosives," he said. "We are continuing to cooperate with the military in subduing this potential menace."

He said the wartime forest fire prevention campaign, now in progress, will stress this newest danger to the nation's forest resources.

Forest service personnel in western states are undergoing training to handle incendiaries and explosives found when the balloons fall, he said.

## ON HOSPITAL LIST

Champaign, Ill., May 24 (AP)—

University of Illinois athletic officials doubted today that Bob Kelley, defending 440 and 880-yard dash champion, would be able to compete in Saturday's western conference track meet.

Coach Leo Johnson said that Kelley had not sufficiently recovered from a leg injury received last April 15.

## IN BETWEEN FARES

Indianapolis (AP)—Policeman Charles Ford, a former deputy sheriff, thought he had seen everything during his many years as a law enforcement officer. Then he saw a woman taxicab driver parked at the curb, reading the Bible.

Intensive wartime research in England on the mineral requirements of plants has enabled British farmers not only to increase their normal harvests but also, in many cases, save crops that other wise would have been failures.

Synthetic rubber tires, driven 500 miles at an average of over 100 miles an hour, came through without a blowout; the 500-mile run at this speed on a brick and asphalt speedway is equivalent to 50,000 miles of ordinary use.

## Ball Nines Ready For War Veterans

Chicago, May 24 (AP)—Baseball

leaders were confident today that the primitive code "survival of the fittest" will solve the game's returning servicemen problem in a simple and ancient manner.

The job of absorbing the 529 major league players now in the service—more than the number currently playing big league baseball—appeared to be a staggering one at first. The 16 club owners believed there would be a general mustering out of players and consequently they foresaw only trouble in the reshuffling process which lies ahead.

## Picture Changes

That's changed now. Studying the present army 85-point discharge procedure, the big league magnates find that their players will trickle back in such small numbers that there will be no major readjustment problem.

The big push, however, will be on the playing field where—as always—the dog-eat-dog formula of "survival of the fittest" will hold fourth.

Vice president Harry Grabner of the White Sox said that in talks with other American leaguers the consensus is that the problem will solve itself.

## Tough Task Eased

"It merely will be every man for himself just like it always

has," he said. "The wartime newcomer will be trying to hold his job and the returning serviceman will be trying to take it away from him."

Vice president and general manager Jim Gallagher of the Cubs said that "in talks with other National league executives the general impression was that we had a tough task ahead."

"But now it looks like it will be simple," Gallagher added. "They'll be coming back in twos and threes."

Gallagher said that the Cubs and their farm system already had absorbed 25 to 30 discharged servicemen without a hitch.

## Three More Boys Join Navy Ranks

The list of navy volunteers from Central Oregon was swelled by three this week with the enlistment in Portland of Eugene Marion Butler, Redmond, Charles Vincent Reed, Rt. 2, Bend, and Ronald William Bufum, Terrebonne.

Eugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion D. Butler, Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Butler, Copalis Beach, Wash., and Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus E. Bufum, Terrebonne.

The applications of all three boys were processed at the Central Oregon navy recruiting station, Bend and they were forwarded for enlistment last Sunday. They were sworn in on Tuesday and returned home for a period of inactive duty prior to being transferred to a naval training center for indoctrination.



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