

# Sports World Takes to Air to Meet Schedules

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New York, Jan. 23 (AP)—Sports are really up in the air today and you can take that from the flying machine companies who ferry the muscle men madly about the world. For instance, one outfit which deals in modern magic carpets and whose initials are TWA, collected almost \$1,000,000 transporting athletes and sports officials last year—a jump of 100 per cent over the previous year.

The biggest airline selling point is speed, particularly when it comes to college athletic teams. When California flew east to meet Navy in 1948 the team was absent from school only two days. They left California on Thursday morning and were back Sunday night with a transcontinental trip—and a victory—behind them.

On the shorter intersectional trips, the "students" lose only one day. Football scouts also find the quick action attractive. They can see a game on Saturday and be home Sunday to go over their scouting reports. The airline also arranges to ship them their movie film of the game by Sunday night.

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lines they are preparing to handle major league baseball traffic if, and when, the baseball big apple decides to become the national pastime.

Football and basketball have accounted for most of the increase. More than 100 colleges now are using this method to save class time and still play intersectional tilts. Practically every pro football club except the Bears, Cardinals and Giants used air travel almost exclusively last season. Ohio State also flew to the Rose Bowl.

One bit of athletic business the airlines aren't too interested in is transporting race horses, although much of this is done internationally. Most athletes, when they get a little frightened, can be soothed with a little chatter. But it is a trying job attempting to talk to a horse. If you are up 20,000 feet and a couple of them decide to want out, there is only one safe place—on the ground.

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The Palm Beach Robin between Open and the PGA. The \$15,000 Palm Beach Round-Robin golf tournament next spring will take on added significance. The dates announced by Harold (Jug) McSpaden, tournament director, show that the 72-hole event will be held one week after the US Open and one week before the PGA championship.

The Palm Beach, formerly called the Goodall Round-Robin, again will be held at the Wyckoff Country club here for the third straight time. The four-day tournament begins Jan. 15.

The U.S. Open winner is almost certain to be among the 16 top pros since McSpaden is reserving one invitation to the big champion.

Although part of the receipts will go to the Francis Ouimet Caddie Scholarship fund, principal beneficiary again will be the New Rochelle hospital.

In the eight previous tournaments, only Ben Hogan and Bobby Locke of South Africa have been two-time winners. Other winners have been Herman Barron, Paul Runyan, Harry Cooper and Sam Snead.



**Bell Resigns** Madison Bell, (left) talks with Dr. Edwin D. Mouzon, Jr., chairman of athletics at Southern Methodist U. and Herman Morgan, freshman coach of the school, after Mouzon announced Bell's resignation as head football coach at Dallas, Texas. Bell will devote his full time to his duties as athletic director. (AP Wirephoto)

# Brave Deals Recall Days When Mack Broke up A's

By FRANK ECK  
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New York—Braves field concessionaries should break a Back Bay record for scorecard sales next season. Practically every fan will need a scorecard to find out who's playing where.

Unless more deals are made only two Boston Braves who started the 1949 season will be back at the same positions on opening day this year. They figure to be Earl Torgeson at first base and Bob Elliott at third.

The wholesale shifts made this winter by Manager Billy Southworth recall the time almost 20 years ago when Connie Mack broke up his great Philadelphia pennant winners.

The Athletics had won three straight American league flags, 1929-30-31. Among the great players on those teams were Lefty Grove, George Earnshaw, Mickey Cochrane, Mule Haas, Al Simmons, Jimmy Foxx, Jimmie Dykes, Rube Walberg, Max Bishop, Roger (Doc) Cramer and Ed Rommel.

When the Athletics finished second, 13 games back of the New York Yankees, in 1932, Mr. McGillicuddy thought the time was right to unload his then high-salaried runners-up. Though Mr. Mack got talent and about a half million dollars for his stars his teams spent 14 straight years—1934 through 1947—in the second division.

In the fall of 1932 Mack unloaded Simmons, Dykes and Haas, relieving the Chicago White Sox of some \$150,000 in the process. All were popular in Philadelphia. Dykes, a third baseman, spent 15 seasons

with the A's, Simmons nine and Haas five. Simmons, who packed power in his drives even with one foot in the bucket, led the league in hitting with 381 in 1930 and 390 in 1931. The deal was supposed to help the White Sox but the best they could do was finish third in 1936.

After the A's were third in 1933, Mack really went to town. Within one week in December that year, he stripped the team of Cochrane, Grove, Walberg, Bishop, Earnshaw and Rommel. Cochrane, a brilliant catcher for nine years with the A's, was sold to the Detroit Tigers for \$100,000 and Catcher John Pasek, Rommel, now an American league umpire, was made coach at the age of 35 after 13 years as an Athletic hurler. Earnshaw, after six years as an A hurler, went to the White Sox for one player and \$20,000.

But the big deal was Bishop, Grove and Walberg to the Sox for two players, Bob Kline and Rabbit Warstler, and \$125,000. Bishop, naval academy baseball coach for the last 15 years, was a crack second baseman for 10 years with the A's and Grove, in nine years in Philly, won 195 games. In eight years in Boston his southpaw soupbone was good for 105 wins, just enough to give him 300 in the American league.

You might ask what happened to Jimmy Foxx and Doc Cramer. They were in their prime when Mack tore his great team apart. Cramer, who hit 386 in 1932 but played in only 92 games and wasn't eligible for the batting crown won by Dale Alexander's .367, remained for three more years after which he went to the Sox with Eric McNair for two players and cash. Foxx, whose .356 in 1933 led the American league hitters, stayed with Connie through 1935 then was sold to the Sox for \$150,000 and two players. The deals put the Sox in the first division but not until 1938 did they finish as high as second.

If Mr. Mack had his way again, he might make the same deals although today he could get well over one million dollars for the same players. After all, what's money today? Which brings to mind the Braves. They are well fortified with the green stuff which is supplied by three subway contractors, Lou Perini, Guido Rugo and Joseph Maney, affectionately known around Boston as the Three Steam Shovels.

The Braves didn't want money. Their purpose was to rid the disension-wracked club of players who, after winning the 1948 National league pennant, could do no better than win a photo finish for fourth place, and that on the final day of the season. The Boston difficulties began in the spring with players breaking training. One incident overshadowed another until Southworth, a sick man, left the team in mid-August. To top this off, reports say 11 of 19 players at a clubhouse meeting voted Southworth only a half share of Boston's fourth place World Series cut.

When the Braves open the 1950 season at least 18 players

# Dick Dunkel's College Basketball Power Index

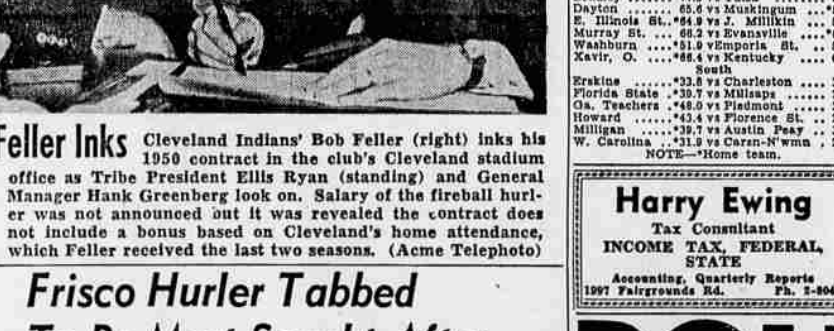
EXPLANATION—The Power Index provides a direct comparison of the relative strength of any two teams for this season to date. Thus, a 50.0 team has been 10 scoring points stronger than a 40.0 team on their comparative records, in which scoring margin has been weighed against strength of opposition. This does not necessarily mean that a 50.0 team should defeat a 40.0 team by exactly 10 points in the future. Teams rarely follow past performance that closely. Furthermore, the ratings are not adjusted for such factors as home court, injuries and ineffectualities. The Dunkel system correlates records of all college teams and was started in 1929.

(Ratings through games of January 16)

49 National Leaders			
LaSalle	79.3	U. C. L. A.	71.6
Holy Cross	82.4	Wyoming	71.6
C. C. N. Y.	77.7	Cornell	71.4
Kans. State	77.7	Okla. A&M	71.0
Bradley	77.3	Villanova	70.9
Ohio State	76.3	S. Francisco	70.5
Louisville	75.8	Michigan	70.4
Duquesne	75.3	Missouri	69.8
Wisconsin	74.6	Oklahoma	69.5
Long Island	74.5	Canisius	69.4
Minnesota	74.4	Toledo	69.4
St. John's N.Y.	73.7	Syracuse	69.3
W. Va. State	73.7	Notre Dame	69.2
DePaul	73.2	S. California	69.1
Bowling Gr'n	72.5	Kansas	69.0
Cincinnati	72.3	Washington	68.8
Becket	71.8	E. Ky. State	68.8
Illinois	71.7	Loyola, Ill.	68.5
N. C. State	71.7	Brig. Young	68.1
Ind. C.	71.7	Hamline	68.0

In each listing below, the team on the left has established itself as the favorite by compiling a higher rating to date than its opponent. For example, a 50.0 team has been 10 points stronger, per game, than a 40.0 team.

Probable Winners		Probable Losers	
MONDAY, JANUARY 23			
East			
N. Haven St.	*20.7	vs	Williamstown St. 19.7
Midwest			
Bell	*71.2	vs	River Falls 54.9
Ill. Colveg	*49.3	vs	No. Illinois 44.7
Ind. Tech.	*13.4	vs	Cliff 9.8
Iowa Tech.	*58.0	vs	N. D. State 39.5
Kent State	*67.1	vs	Hilldale 37.3
Minnesota	*74.4	vs	Mich. State 69.2
Notre Dame	*69.2	vs	Kentucky 64.3
Ohio State	*76.3	vs	Iowa 64.1
Springfield	*62.3	vs	Emporia St. 41.7
Warrensburg St.	52.3	vs	Mo. Valley 37.3
South			
Alabama	*68.8	vs	Vanderbilt 57.8
Lipscomb	*35.5	vs	Miss. College 29.7
Louisville	*43.4	vs	Pierce St. 23.9
Louisville	*61.1	vs	Morhead St. 49.2
Mor's Harvey	*67.2	vs	Tex. Wesleyan 51.2
Tennessee	*69.3	vs	Miss. State 47.4
Brig. Young	*61.1	vs	Utah State 46.4



**Feller Inks** Cleveland Indians' Bob Feller (right) inks his 1950 contract in the club's Cleveland stadium office as Tribe President Ellis Ryan (standing) and General Manager Hank Greenberg look on. Salary of the fireball hurler was not announced but it was revealed the contract does not include a bonus based on Cleveland's home attendance, which Feller received the last two seasons. (Acme Telephoto)

# Frisco Hurler Tabbed To Be Most-Sought-After

By HAL WOOD  
(United Press Sports Writer)

San Francisco, Jan. 23 (AP)—The most-sought-after baseball player in the minor leagues in 1950 will be none other than towering Con Dempsey, right-handed hurler for the San Francisco Seals.

That is the opinion of Manager Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, and General Manager Charles Graham of the Seals—two fellows who have looked at a lot of baseball flesh during the past quarter of a century.

"We've heard rumors that Dempsey isn't 'sound,'" said Graham, "but he has had a physical checkup and a clinic reports him as being in perfect condition."

"Their only recommendation was that he put on a little extra weight. He weighs 190 pounds now, but is in the process of adding another 15 or 20 pounds."

It is O'Doul's belief that Dempsey, a sensation as a freshman in 1948, will win 20 or 25 games this year, and that he'll be worth \$100,000 on the baseball slave mart.

"Remember, Con had the flu

ers from their 1948 championship club will have departed. Southworth, until last season, always had been able to get the most out of his players. Never has he seen the second division as a manager.

But when the Braves report to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., next spring, Billy will have a terrific remodeling job on his hands. Since Boston has been accustomed to pennant contenders the last few years, Southworth definitely is on the baseball spot for 1950.

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# Haas Holds Lead In Long Beach Open Over Snead

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—New Orleans pro Fred Haas, Jr., latest golfer to take the lead in the fast-changing \$10,000 Long Beach invitational golf tournament, counted on his peagreen putter to keep him on top in today's final round.

Haas scored a four-under-par 87 yesterday for a three-round total of 263, and was the fourth player in as many days of shooting to surprise the field by landing on top at the Lakewood Country club.

Early tournament favorite Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. V., was out of the top 20 after three rounds with a 209. Jittery Sam, who ordered photographers off the green on the first day when he scored 68, was left alone Saturday and yesterday and scored 70-71.

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**Cardinals Host Concordia Quint On Tuesday Night**  
The Sacred Heart Academy Card will entertain Concordia of Portland on the St. Joseph's court Monday night. The program will include two contests, the first one starting at 7 o'clock. The games were originally scheduled for last week but were postponed on account of poor travel conditions.

The Cardinals, with a record of two wins and no losses in Marion-Polk league play, will host the Monmouth Wolverines Tuesday night. Monmouth has won one and lost one.

### Snead Congratulated

Sam Snead (right) accepts congratulations from his rival, Ben Hogan, after Snead won the playoff in the Los Angeles Open with a 72 to Hogan's 76. Between them is a radio announcer. (AP Wirephoto)

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