



Batters 'Cousin' A quartet of Pittsburgh Pirates get together with the club's mechanical pitching machine as the club began spring drills at San Bernardino, Calif. From left, infielder Jack Phillips, catcher Ed Fitzgerald, coach Ben Tincup and infielder Johnny Mereson. (AP Wirephoto)

Salary Squabble Gives Baseball a Look at Past

By OSCAR FRALEY (United Press Sports Writer) New York, March 10 (AP)—A salary squabble today promised to give the baseball world a fleeting look into the nostalgic past.

His shock of black hair now gray at the temples, Black Mike Cochrane is going back behind the mask and the mitt which won him baseball immortality.

Mickey Cochrane, after a decade on the baseball sidelines, returned this season as a coach with the Philadelphia Athletics—a man who thought he caught his last game on a near-fatal May afternoon in 1937.

With regular catcher Mike Guerra, a holdout, Mickey answered the alarm like an old fire-horse and volunteered to catch in exhibition games starting next week. At 47, this isn't the Cochrane of world series fame and the .320 average for 12 years in the majors. But what the body lacks the old spirit will make up, at least over the short haul.

It should be quite a sight to see old Mike climb into the "tools of ignorance," as the catcher's bulky paraphernalia is known to the trade. For from 1925 until 1937, Mickey was one of the best—and, some of them will tell you, maybe the best of them all.

The one-time Boston university football and baseball star served only two seasons in the minor before he started his meteoric career with the A's in 1925. By 1928 he was the American league's most valuable player and played on Connie Mack's championship teams of 1929-'30 and '31.

Cochrane was peddled to Detroit in 1933 for \$100,000, and it was a good investment. For as playing manager, the fiery Black Mike led the Tigers to the pennant in 1934 and 1935, the latter year winning the world series from the Cubs.

Then trouble began to plague the man who was one of the most able and aggressive athletes in the business. The worrying type, Mickey nagged his system threadbare and had a nervous breakdown in the

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Golfer's Glove May Aid Pirate in .300 Chase

San Bernardino, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Marv Rickert has a golf glove that may help provide the answer to the Pittsburgh Pirates' hopes for a left-hand hitting outfielder who can bat .300.

Rickert from Tacoma, Wash., hasn't hit .300 in his major leaguer career but he's setting the Buc training camp afire with his power.

In his first six trips to the plate in intra-squad games he's belted out five hits. Three were homers.

Rickert came to the Bucs in a mid-winter deal with the Boston Braves.

He's been wearing a golf glove now and then since 1947 when he broke his left thumb.

"When the break returned to normal I couldn't lay the bat against the thumb as it would hurt every time I hit a ball," Rickert explained.

"So I pulled a glove out of my golf bag and after wearing it a couple of times, found I had become a pull hitter."

Rickert, who is 29, played minor league ball from 1938 to 1942 when called up briefly by the Chicago Cubs. He returned to the Cubs in 1946, hitting .263.

In 1947, he was traded to the Cincinnati Reds but hit only .167 before being sent to Milwaukee of the American association where he compiled a healthy .302 in 128 games.

The Boston Braves brought him up late in 1948 to play in the World Series because of the loss of outfielder Jeff Heath through an injury last year, in his first full season with the Braves, he hit .292.

He's developed a twitch at the plate which has the fans in

stitches and a quandry. He says he's not trying to put on an act, explaining it this way: "Like most ball players, I found I was always stuffing my shirt down into my pants and it made me uncomfortable. So I just got into the habit of moving my torso around."

City Loop Scores

Table with columns for Church League, Church of God, LDS, and First Baptist, listing various members and their scores.

Plane Search Off

Vancouver, B.C., March 10 (AP) The Royal Canadian air force officially called off yesterday the search for five missing crew members who parachuted from their burning B-36 bomber Feb. 13.

The search has centered about Princess Royal island, some 400 miles north of here.

SCORES in the ALLEYS

Table listing scores in various alleys including Capitol Alleys, Ladies City League, Seams Men's League, and Duck Pin.

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Table listing scores in Commercial League No. 1.

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Table listing scores in Commercial League No. 4.

Table listing scores in Commercial League No. 5.

Table listing scores in Commercial League No. 6.



Newest Target The strike zone (framed by broken line), simulated by this arrangement of white twine (heavily outlined) provides target practice for twirlers at the Brooklyn Dodger training camp at Vero Beach, Fla. It is one of several devices to aid Dodger pitchers to work on control. William "Billy" Loes, bonus-player from Long Island City, N. Y. (right background) serves one up to catcher Pon Salle of Bridgeport, Conn. Others unidentified. (AP Wirephoto)

Phil's Manager Gloomy On Future of Nat Squad

By LEO H. PETERSON (United Press Sports Editor) Clearwater, Fla., March 10 (AP)—Ordinarily there's nothing but optimism in major league spring training camps this time of the year. But usually-smiling Eddie Sawyer says nothing but trouble ahead today for his Philadelphia Phillies.

"We'll be lucky to finish third again," he prophesied. "We don't have enough depth. We need another hard hitting outfielder, at least two capable infield reserves and one starting pitcher."

"Without them we can't hope to stay up in there with the Dodgers and Cardinals. They are the clubs to beat, just like last year. We haven't strengthened any more than they have so how can I hope to beat 'em out?"

He feared, too, that the off-season deal which saw the Braves land Willard Marshall, Sid Gordon and Buddy Kerr is "going to strengthen Boston more than most people think."

"After all they didn't give up too much in Eddie Stanky and Al Dark," he said. "Billy Southworth needed some hitting and throwing outfielders and he has them in Marshall and Gordon."

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Woodburn Legion Units Hold Birthday Program

Woodburn—The 31st birthday anniversary of the American Legion was celebrated by Woodburn post No. 46 and auxiliary at the Legion hall with about 100 members and guests attending the no host birthday dinner at 7 o'clock.

Commander William Merriott of the post acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the past commanders honored including Walter G. Miller, Dr. John M. Hanrahan, Hartley LeFebvre, Milton Coy, H. H. Henry, Joe Kirsch and Don Barrett.

Mrs. Arvid Ostrom, president of the auxiliary, introduced the following past presidents: Mrs. Albert Rheinholdt, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Harold Ingram, Mrs. Hartley LeFebvre, Mrs. Frank Bentley, Mrs. Nettie Johnson, Mrs. H. H. Henry and Mrs. Blanche Granou past president of the Toronto, N. D. unit.

Special guests were Mrs. Gladys Bacon of Salem, president of District No. 2, Mrs. Nettie Spaulding, president of Capital unit No. 9 of Salem, Mrs. Louise Walker, president of Salem unit No. 136, Mrs. Ina Folsom of Kingwood Heights unit and Mrs. Ethel Louis of Capital unit No. 9.

Mrs. W. O. Green was in charge of the program which included vocal numbers by Mrs. Blanche Granou, accordion numbers by Betty Schifsky and group singing led by Mrs. Green.

The regular meetings of the Post and auxiliary followed the program.

At the auxiliary meeting the members voted two half scholarships to the 4-H summer school for deserving students of Woodburn, the sum of 10 towards the incubator fund for the Woodburn hospital and \$25 to send a girl to Girls' State.

A report on the recent conference at McMinnville was given by Mrs. W. O. Green. A talk on membership and the poppy sale was given by Mrs. Gladys Bacon, district president.

The monthly sewing meeting will be held March 29 with Mrs. Floyd Maricle and Mrs. Arvid Ostrom as hostesses.

Initiation for new members is planned for the April meeting. Robert Field of the Legion gave a talk on the veterans state bonus and petitions were

"But I don't think they are up to pennant winning caliber yet. We all know they are going to attain it, but frankly, 1950 is a little too early. They need more experience than that."

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