

Electric Umpire Calls Dodgers' Training Shots

By LEO H. PETERSEN
(United Press Sports Editor)
Vero Beach, Fla., March 15—The electronic age hit Dodger-town today. A cross-eyed "electronic umpire," which not only calls 'em closer than any normally endowed umpire, but does so without fear of argument, was installed in the spring training camp of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

This new gadget in a camp already filled with gadgets was developed for the Dodgers by the General Electric company at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N.Y.

The immediate objective is to improve pitching and batting techniques. But in the long run, it may become a factor in judging whether young pitching prospects have what it takes to win in the major leagues.

The device, which is not intended to replace umpires in actual games, is able to operate on an overcast day, but not at night. It can register accurately the speed of a pitched ball, provided it is a strike, in feet per second as it passes over the plate. President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers said that the speedometer may enable scouting staffs to establish the velocity of a major league fast ball, allowing them to set specific standards for young pitching prospects.

The "electronic man in blue" is a system of lenses, mirrors and electric eyes and electronic equipment which flashes a light when the ball comes through the strike zone. If the pitch is a "ball," the lamp does not light.

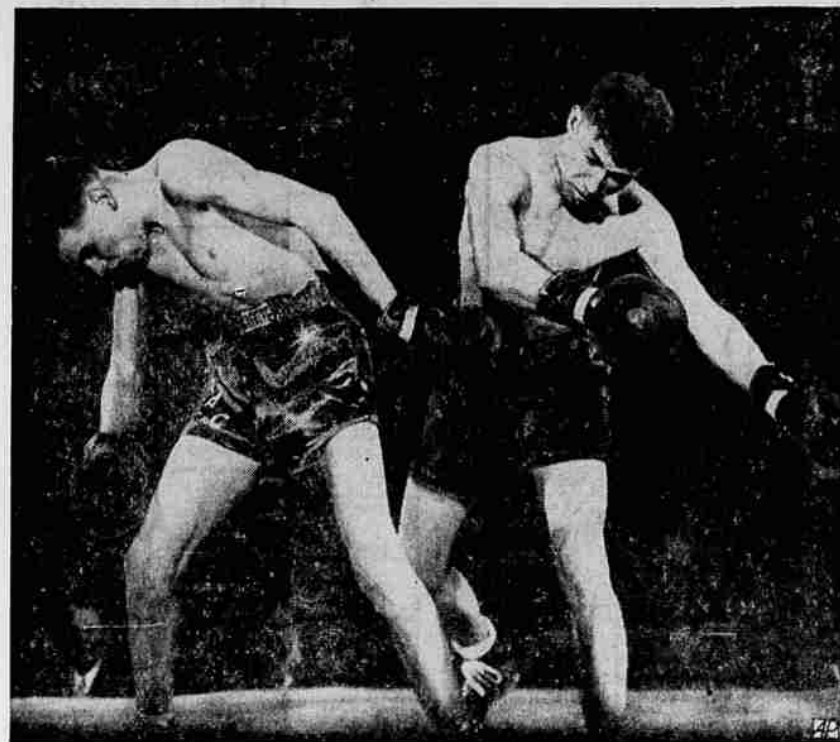
The working parts are concealed within two main pieces of equipment—a thin metal box about four feet long, 24 inches wide, and an inch and a half deep, under home plate, and a cabinet containing the velocity and strike indicating equipment, which stands anywhere up to 25 feet from home plate.

In the ground are the lenses and mirrors which enable three electric eyes to fence in the strike zone by looking at the sky through three slots in the top of the box. When a ball passes through the strike zone, it casts its shadow on the electric eyes in a definite sequence, thereby creating electric impulses which light the strike indicating lamp.

Shriners Sponsor Trap Shoot Event

Molalla—The Molalla Shrine club will sponsor a trapshoot March 26 at the Needy Rod and Gun club location, 10 miles south of Canby near Monitor and Barlow roads.

The shoot will start at noon and end up under lights at night. Proceeds are to be used for the Shrine hospital benefit program.



Stopped Both boxers stand frozen as Rogers Carr (left) heads for the floor after taking a right on the chin from Richard Chapman in a Golden Gloves bout at Huntington, West Virginia.

Hollywood Needs Southpaw Sluggers to Win PCL Flag

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with prominent prospects of 1950 Pacific Coast League teams.)

By ED WERKMAN
United Press Sports Writer
San Fernando, Cal., March 15—Give the Hollywood Stars a few left-handed hitters and they may repeat the trick of winning the Pacific Coast League championship.

The only southpaw hitter the Twinks have in their training camp here is First Baseman Chuck Stevens, who clouted a healthy .297 last year.

But Manager Fred Haney, who, in his first year as the Star's pilot surprised with a PCL pennant last year, is going to Vero Beach, Fla., to see what help he can get from the parent Brooklyn Dodgers to solve that left-handed hitting problem.

The Star's 1950 catching staff is rated the best in the league, the pitching squad includes seven holdovers who last year won 79 of the Twinks' 109 victories; the infield will be built around the group which led the league in defensive play in 1949; but the outfield is overshadowed with right-handers.

"We're in better shape this spring than we were a year ago," Haney concedes. "And we're certainly going to try our best to win the pennant again. But the whole league is stronger and better balanced this year. There won't be more than 35 games between the top and bottom teams."

The catching staff is giving Haney no worries with Cliff Dapper, who managed Atlanta in 1949, listed as the top backstop. Giving him support will be Mike Sandlock and Jack Paepke, holdovers.

The mound staff lost Willard Ramsdell, promoted to the Dodgers after winning 18 for Hollywood last year. But back in camp are George (Pinky) Woods (23-12); Gordon Maltzberger (18-

who joined Hollywood in August and hit a homer that clinched the pennant two days before the season ended.

Hanley feels, however, that he needs another shortstop to aid O'Neil. And there is a possibility that a former Hollywoodite, 21-year-old Jim Baxas, who is listed on the St. Paul roster but hasn't come to terms yet with the Dodgers' organization, may return to the hot corner for Hollywood.

Some tinkering must be done with the all-right-handed outfield of Frank Kelleher, a hold-over; rookie Bob Bundy, who could be the successor to Irv Noren, sold to the Washington Senators; and Ed Sauer, former Los Angeles player who is having difficulties being waded out of the International League.

Cliff Abernethy, former Angel player, also is an outfield prospect.

But Haney is looking to the Dodgers to bolster the garden spots with left-handed hitters.

Strange Injuries Hit Cornell Cinder Squad

By HUGH S. FULLERTON, JR.
Ithaca, N. Y., March 15 (AP)—Cornell's winter sports season will end next Saturday with the annual dual track meet against Yale, and if you listen to Coach Lou Montgomery for a while you'll think the gosh darn thing will be settled in the infirmary. Monty insists he isn't establishing an alibi, but he has good reason to moan. "We had nine first places against Dartmouth and seven of the men were injured he says. "My sprinter, Meredith Gour-dine, was running in the IC4-A meet in Madison Square Garden. In his quarter final he was behind about 20 yards from the finish and he closed his eyes and dug in. When he opened them again, there was a rope right in front of him. They use it in the garden to help the sprinters pull up, but for some reason

Gourdine tried to jump over it, just as the others ran into the rope. He tripped and hurt his shoulder so he couldn't race in the next heat. Then one of my half milers went for a workout and a basketball rolled over from where some kids were shooting. He threw it back, came down hard and broke his left foot. It gets so you just have to laugh about such things. "We're getting a lot of laughs."

Dr. Skip Wallace, Ithaca physician and Cornell fan: "Most of my business is with heart troubles and we doctors always are worried about the strain and pressure on our patients. I don't know anyone who endures more pressure than a football coach—but I never heard of one of them dropping dead."

Cougar Sophomore Rated Top Pointman in Division

Los Angeles, March 15—Towering Gene Conley of Washington State was the first sophomore in five years to win the Northern Division Pacific Coast conference basketball championship, according to figures released today by PCC Commissioner's office.

Conley dropped in 220 points in his first varsity year and enjoyed a comfortable margin over his team mate, Eddie Gayda, who was second with an even 200.

It was in 1945 that another Cougar sophomore, Vince Hanson, won the ND scoring race. Hanson had 253 points; and he was another Northwest giant. Both Hanson and Conley top 6 feet 8 inches.

The key to Conley's success apparently was accuracy from the field. The WSC sophomore also led in that department, hitting .421 during the 16-game conference schedule.

Guard Mel Krause of Oregon is credited with the best season from the foul line, with 26 points on 31 attempts for an .839 average. Washington was the highest

scoring team in the Northern Division, averaging 51.6 per game. Washington was a fraction of a point behind with 51.3.

The ND champion Cougars had the best year from the field with a collective average of .344. They also led in free throw percentages with .687.

Idaho, Washington, and Wash-

ington State were closely bunched in the matter of committing least fouls per game. Idaho was whistled down 21.4 per game, Washington 21.5, and WSC 21.6.

Defensively, the Cougars were most effective against field goals, allowing the opposition a .257 average over the season. Idaho's opponents had the worst luck from the foul line with a .584 average. Oregon was the most fouled, the combined opponents averaging 23.1 per game.

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MERCANTILE LEAGUE NO. 1

Standard Stations (3)—Kopelchke 447, Redding 422, Specht 405, Knuth 417, Purdy 532, Remington Band (8)—Coburn 309, Kimmel 416, Raboin 417, Kanaski 452, Orswell 491. Burkland's Lumber (3)—H. Webb 457, H. Burkland 449, Rankin 386, F. Webb 454, D. Burkland 406, Terminal Ice (2)—Olinore 371, McDonald 416, Weston 392, Thornberry 402, Souza 332. Mack & Lind (1)—Lind 489, Polk 320, Wilson 431, Gray 404, Morton 406, Naim's Chevron Station (3)—Malm 420, Wenzel 441, Kespinger 430, Robert Smith 421, Mc-Daniels 512. Peacock Cleaners (3)—Alexander 498, Bonney 373, Blatman 479, Sawyer 401, Roy 509, Salem Heating & Sheet Metal (2)—Yapp 353, Lewis 423, Gidow 360, Moorman 468, Evans 428. High individual game: Souza 332. High individual series: Souza 532. High team series: Peacock Cleaners 1052. High team series: Standard Stations 2958.

Capitol Alleys

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE NO. 1 Keith Brown (3)—Guerin 521, Crockett 487, Jernigan 489, Hiltzsch 518, Sours 482, Valdez Mesa (6)—Hassenzon 602, Merer-zell 523, Larson 503, McKinney 457, Bierer 584. (Footbal) Cat Pak (2)—Lance 457, Sloan 454, Henke 490, Verhovaki 395, Murdock 437, Curry's Dairy (1)—Wright 487, Polk 473, Volk 297, M. Miller 514, J. Miller 499. Barb's Sporting Goods (3)—Innis 497, Henderson 358, Olney, Jr. 392, Glib 313, Moray 482, Salem Police (1)—Prieze 479, Parker 412, Mathera 309, Kapin 405, Belp 414. Hollywood Finance (3)—Geddes 478, Kirchner 336, Althich 321, Jones 469, Olney, Sr. 472, Stubbfield's (6)—Vitton-

Duck Pin

MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE Lloyd's Auto Paint (3)—Herold Duncan 283, Billie Duncan 281, Gladys Wood 401, Tom Wood 416, Wayne Moore (1)—Per-son Bill 472, McKee 263, Bert Kuhlman 324, Rye 321. General Finance (3)—Francis Miller 467, Helen Handle 327, Alma Penny 406, Eddie Harrison 492; Capps' Used Cars (1)—Ed-die Hensel 445, Myrtle Capps 423, Lester Capps 503, Rye 387. Salem Merchants' Patrol (6)—Fred Fleury 395, Maxie Fleury 232, Wayne Frank 388, Rye 300, Carl Seal Cover (4)—Carol Capps 436, Opal Capps 373, Lucille Allen 386, Arnie Meyer 432. Orval's Used Cars (6)—Bill Lapochia 401, Almaden Lapochia 354, Charles Lapochia 310, Kelly Lapochia 378, O.R. Hubber Weiders (4)—Royal Pawley 450, Dottie Cassell 404, Terry Kemp 292, Bill Gaultier 439. High ind. series and game (Men) Les-ter Capps (Capps Used Cars) 503 and 102; high ind. series and game (Ladies) Alma Penny (General Finance) 406 and 101; high team series and game, General Fi-nance, 1782 and 608.

MEN'S CITY LEAGUE

Frosty Olsen (1)—Tom Wood 439, Ed-die Harrison 503, Bill Gaultier 439, Ar-nie Meyer 471, Rye 421, Dawie Oll (3) Wayne Fields 388, Bud South 352, Glenn Blanton 493, Hank Miller 307, Jerry Du-va 405. Mike's Sign Shop (3)—Vernon Bill 467, Art Herschbark 442, Bill Mand 308, Mil-bert Jacober 492, Rye 411; Holders' Radio (2)—Al Kenfield 487, Paul Russell 427, Lee Russell 448, Keith Kaye 410, Dave Spal-ting 404. Capps Used Cars (4)—Carol Capps 451, Howard Smith 466, Leonard Capps 407, Eddie Hensel 523, Lester Capps 457, Lee Newman (6)—Sam Fox 333, Bert Kuhlman 397, Harvey Fox 403, Bill Neimeyer 403, Rye 386. Billie Drive Inn (2)—Duane Frank 453, George Reed 492, Wayne Frank 389, Mar-ion Gleason 466, Emory Alderman 481; Sunset Donuts (2)—Royal Pawley 451, B. F. Cushing 427, Cliff Reed 395, Duane Chreltan 300, Art Finney 430. High team series: Davis Oil, 2320; high team game, Mike's Sign Shop, 857; high ind. series, Eddie Hensel (Capps Used Cars) 523; high ind. game, D. Christian and Glenn Blanton, 361.

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