

Mack's Dream of Flag Turns into Nightmare

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Philadelphia, June 6 (U.P.)—Nearing the end of a long baseball trail, silver-haired Connie Mack admitted today that his dreams of "just one more pennant" had turned into a nightmare.

This was to have been the year, Connie believed, when his dreams might come true. He had, he thought, one of the best pitching staffs in baseball and the vision was bright for his 10th American league flag.

Long years of disappointment lay behind him. His beloved Athletics hadn't won a pennant since 1931. Since 1933 they had been in the first division only once. A fourth place windup in 1948, and last season they had skidded to fifth.

But at 87, Connie asserted, you have learned patience. He had waited, hopefully, and this year that long-thwarted dream appeared to be nearing fulfillment.

Yet things didn't work out the way he had planned. The pitching staff which promised greatness was a fraudulent imitation and in the major leagues when you can't get 'em out you can't win. So today the A's are in a hopeless cellar battle with the St. Louis Browns and Connie's heart, bright with hope in the spring, is heavy and his once-bright blue eyes are shaded with disillusion.

"Nobody will ever know how disappointed I am," he said bitterly. "I thought this might be my year but I have to admit now that it isn't. I can't tell you how greatly disappointed I am."

You could tell, as you listened to the lean leader who for 50 years has guided about given up the ghost for this year. He admitted that it now had simmered down to a three-team race, among the New York Yankees, the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox.

"Our pitching failed us," Connie admitted. "Dick Fow, which has become worse, Joe Jeter has recurrent bursitis. Coleman has a bad pain in his shoulder. Alex Kellner has had a difficult time getting started. Frankly, I have no hope for Fowler and Coleman."

"Look at the statistics and

you'll see why we have dropped so badly," Connie added. "In our first 41 games our pitchers gave up 430 hits and 206 bases on balls. That does not count errors, either, which means we have been putting 16 or 17 of the opposition on base in each game."

"You just don't win ball games—and pennants—that way," Mack muttered sadly.

Chesnes Returns To Minor Leagues

Pittsburgh, June 6, (U.P.)—Bob Chesnes, the once-cocky Pittsburgh pitcher, left for New Orleans of the Southern Association Monday—much quieter and more determined than when he came to the Pirates in a \$100,000 deal two years ago.

The 29-year-old right hander, who was optioned to the double A club yesterday while Pittsburgh brought up 20-year-old Vernon Law to take his place, is going down to the minors almost at his own request.

"I am willing to go back to the minors," he told Manager Billy Eyer, "so I can work my arm back in shape. I would like to remain in the Pittsburgh organization because I think I can come back later and help the Pirates."

Chesnes, bothered by a sore arm, had a three-and-three record with the Buccaneers this season. In 1948, the Pirates purchased the swaggering hurler from San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League for \$65,000 in cash and four players valued at \$35,000.

Lebanon Midgets Perform Sunday

Lebanon — Midget baseball, featuring a Lebanon team from Parker's gym and the Royals of Portland, will be inaugurated Sunday at 1 p.m., at the Jaycee ball park. The lads, all under 15, belong to a statewide organization with scheduled play to begin the middle of June.

Parker's midgets will play in Brownville Wednesday night and in Harrisburg June 15. The local boys have 17 games scheduled, 14 of which will count in league competition.

Both black and white pepper come from the same plant, black pepper from unripened berries,



Champions Both Jim Thorpe and Babe Didrikson Zaharias, chosen in last winter's Associated Press poll as the top male and female athletes of the first half of the century, get together during a golf tourney in Washington, D. C. (AP Wirephoto).

Carriers, Clear Lakes, Rock Wools Win Softies

It might have been because they have had greater leg work, but in any case the Post Office Carriers thumped their fellow Clerks, 10-6 in an industrial division league game Monday night.

Each side turned in five errors and the Clerks led off with a three run first inning with Albrecht hitting for the circuit. Kreuger hit a homer for the Clerks in the fourth. The Carriers scored four runs in the third on three hits and two errors. Barge made an unassisted double play in the third.

Clear Lake of the Industrial League nosed Randle Oil, 13-12 in an exhibition contest of five innings. The Oilers scored seven runs in the second and four more in the third but couldn't hang on to their advantage. The two clubs evenly divided a dozen errors.

Rock Wool nudged Paper Mill in the only City league game of the evening. Both Marshall of the winners and Knight of the

losers were stingy with their base blows. The former gave up just two hits and struck out 10 while Knight fanned eight while issuing three hits.

Hoffert scored Rock Wool's first tally in the first on a dropped third strike after getting on base by being hit. In the fifth Valdez reached first on a dropped third strike and scored on a single by McRae.

The Paper Mill was held scoreless until the seventh when Hiebert drove Maddy across. The latter had previously been hit by a pitched ball.

Tuesday night's program: City League 12th St. Merchants vs. South Salem Merchants, 8 p.m.; Randle Oil vs. Golden Pinesant, 9 p.m. Industrial league: Paper Mill vs. Naval Reserve, 8:30; Teamsters vs. Marlowe Milk, 7.

Rock Wool 2 3 3
Paper Mill 1 2 2
Marshall and Payne; Knight and Hiebert.

Randle Oil 12 8 4
Clear Lake 13 6 6
Mazz, Laternau and Nuss; Hay; Hiebert and Versteeg.

Clerks 6 4 3
Carriers 10 2 5
Alderman, Hadley and Scott; Hurd and Gardner.

New Alabama Squad Doesn't Compare to '18 and '25ers

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

New York, June 6 (U.P.)—Chances are you can't compare the Alabama baseball team that's going into the Southern NCAA playoffs this year with the 1918 or 1925 clubs. . . . In spite of its habit of winning southeastern laurels, 'Bama may have plenty of trouble with Wake Forest . . . but back in 1918 the squad had Joe and Luke Sewell, Lena Stiles, Riggs Stephenson, Frances Pratt, Dan and Ike Boone, all of whom became major leaguers. . . . Luke Sewell still is in the big time as manager of the Cincinnati Reds. . . . The 1925 outfit included Bruce Conatser, Andy Cohen, Emile "Red" Barnes, Max Rosenfeld, and Grant Gillis, who made the majors, too, but with less renown. . . . Altogether 25 Alabama athletes have made the big leagues, not counting those who were just in for a look. . . . Best prospect this season seems to be Ed White, an outfielder with a .388 batting average for three seasons. . . . He's also good pro football material.

They'd Gopher the Jackpot

The Bucknell U. baseball team, middle Atlantic conference champion, claims the "hittingest" mound staff in college baseball. . . . All four regular starting pitchers hit at least one homer during the season and Art Raynor, the best fliinger, belted three. . . . Raynor caught hold of a "gopher" ball tossed by a Colgate pitcher in the final game and lifted a tremendous wallop over the fence. . . . As he

crossed the plate, Catcher John Dyer, recalling some lost games, moaned: "Gee, if we just had nine pitchers!"

Monday Matinee

Cleo Young, the Timmons-ville, S. C., horseman, has a record of some sort for consistency. Young's youngsters have won the first two-year-old race of the season at Roosevelt raceway for the past five years. . . . When the Browns and White Sox played before a crowd announced as 642 the other day, the actual payoff was on 535 admissions. That's what you'd call conservative "padding." . . . Although New York university announced it is increasing the number of athletic scholarships by 50 per cent, the authorities aren't making it a bit easier for Hugh Devore to round up some football players. . . . Frank (the Master) Leahy is a partner in a new insurance brokerage firm with its main office here. Is that because he wants to insure having a successful season?

Sublimity Tops Santiam League

Stayton — Santiam Valley league softball results for Sunday were: Sublimity 18, Jordan 14; Sublimity 14, Jordan 15; Stayton 6, Mt. Angel 4; Stayton 9, Mt. Angel 14.

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Stayton 2 2
Jordan 2 2
Mt. Angel 1 3

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Citation to Run Until \$1,000,000 Mark Is Reached

Albany, Calif., June 6 (U.P.)—Mighty Citation will run until he has accumulated at least \$1,000,000 in earnings, trainer H. A. (Jimmy) Jones said today. "If his condition remains sound," said Jones, "Citation will continue to run. We hope he'll become the first horse in history to ever win a million dollars."

In addition to gaining the title of greatest money-winning horse in history, Citation set a new world mark for the mile Saturday in winning the \$20,000 Golden Gate mile in 1:33 3/5. And

he became the greatest money-winner with \$926,630 to his credit to surpass the old mark held by Stymie.

The chances are his next start will be in the \$50,000 Golden Gate handicap.

Wow!

Silverton—Back from a fishing jaunt, Bud Thostre, Roy Orren Sr., and Roy, Jr., will vouch for this fish story.

The three men drove to East Lake Sunday for a day's angling. They each caught the limit, packed the catch in fresh snow from the surrounding high elevations, and not a single trout but measured more than twelve inches in length.

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