

The Sporting Page

GEHRINGER NAMED MOST VALUABLE IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Award Climaxes Biggest Season for 34-Year-Old Detroit Second Baseman — DiMaggio Close Second

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Charlie Gehring was named by the Baseball Writers' association today as the American league's "most valuable player" for 1937, thereby clinching the biggest season of his 14-year career with the game's most cherished award.

At an age when many players are on the way down—and out, the Detroit Tigers' "strong silent man" thus found his 34th year, already marked by the league batting championship, topped off by two most sought-after goals.

Although his margin of victory in the writers' poll was only four points over Joe DiMaggio, deadpan dynamite of the world champion New York Yankees, Gehring nevertheless came within two points of a "perfect" score in the balloting.

Eight Voting.
Eight members of the association voted on the award, each casting one vote each for his first ten nominations for the honor. Gehring drew six first-place and two second-place nominations. This total, figured on a basis of ten points for first, nine for second, eight for third and so on, gave him an aggregate of 78 points out of a possible 80.

DiMaggio, with two nominations for first and six for second, compiled a total of 74. The balloting was strictly a two-player affair.

Third member of the Detroit clan to win the award since the baseball writers first presented it in 1931, Gehring was selected for the brilliant all-around play that has made him today the stand-out second baseman in the American league, if not in the game.

High Batting Average.
Only twice has he fallen below the .300 batting mark since becoming a regular in 1926. He hit for .306 in 1934, .304 in 1935, and last season, 1936, batted .309 pace, best in both major leagues. His lifetime average is .289 over his 14 seasons.

Coming to the Tigers to say in 1925, after brief seasoning with London of the Michigan-Ontario league and Toronto of the International league, Gehring (full name Charles Leonard Gehring) has been with the same club ever since. Native of Powerville, Mich., he was a major factor in 1937. Cochran's championship combinations of 1934 and 1935, batted .377 in two world series, and has led the league twice in the past in run-scoring and total hits.

At his best when the "chips are down," Gehring is the leading clouter among the "veterans" who have appeared in every one of the five all-star games between the rival leagues.

Runaway Race.
Not another player in the league threatened Gehring or DiMaggio for the most valuable award, which this year carries with it the Sporting News trophy. Trailing the two pace-setters were two former winners, Hank Greenberg, and Lou Gehrig of the Yankees. But Greenberg was 30 points back, with 48, and Gehrig was six behind Greenberg.

Before Greenberg drew the honor in 1935, Cochran received the award in 1934 for his great leadership. Gehrig was last year's winner.

The committee balloting on the award was composed of Hy Hurlwitz of the Boston Globe, John McCormack, Chicago Daily News; Gordon Cobbledick, Cleveland Plain Dealer; H. G. Salsinger, Detroit News; Max Kase, New York Journal-American; James C. Isaminger, Philadelphia Inquirer; Glen Waller, St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Francis E. Stan, Washington Star.

The list of those drawing one or more votes included:

Player and Club	Tot. Pts.
Gehring, Detroit	78
DiMaggio, New York	74
Greenberg, Detroit	48
Lou Gehrig, New York	42
Luke Sewell, Chicago	32
Bill Dickey, New York	22
Joe Cronin, Boston	19
Charles Ruffing, New York	18
Gomes, New York	13
Kreevich, Chicago	13
Travis, Washington	12
Moses, Philadelphia	12

DISAPPOINTED PITCHER SUICIDES BY AUTO GAS

JACKSON, Mich., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Benny Frey, former major league pitcher whose throwing arm failed him last spring, was found dead from carbon monoxide poisoning last yesterday afternoon. He was 31.

Dr. Jason B. Meade, coroner, said it was a suicide. Frey's body was found in his automobile, the windows closed and the exhaust connected with the interior of the car by piping.

Relatives said he was fearful that his arm never would be good enough again for a big league baseball assignment and that he had spent several dependent months since his release by the Cincinnati Reds.

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Beavers and Indians Battle To Scoreless Tie



Jim Groves, Stanford fullback, who bore the brunt of ball carrying duties against Oregon State in a scoreless tie at Stanford university was fought to earth by Mercer (36), Beaver quarter, in this play while crowding in are Nihil (66), tackle, and Hutchins (63), guard, both of Oregon State.

MARINE SUBDUES BELCASTRO WITH DISABLING CRAB

Pete Belcastro is no longer the king-pin wrestling guy in these parts. The Weed Italian was apparently knocked off his lofty perch for good and all last night when Bob Kenaston, Gold Hill's contribution to the grappling game, up and broke a chair over Pete's head, then applied his famous and devastating Gold Hill crab to take the lone fall in their no time limit, no referee main event at the Medford armory before 1400 roaring customers.

The payoff maneuver in a regular alley-brawl fight was, of course, the crab business, which nearly broke Belcastro's neck. However, it must truthfully be reported that when Kenaston ruined the furniture back there in the fifth row ringside, Belcastro was as good as done for. When he finally staggered back to the ring, bleeding and weary, he was easy prey for the enraged Kenaston, who promptly ended things with his crab hold.

The end came after less than 12 minutes of raw and roughhouse wrestling action. Pete started in with his usual display of tactics and Kenaston, meeting, fire with fire, turned on his own special brand of heat. The two mated each other, Kenaston taking several involuntary trips over the ropes into the laps of ringsiders. Pete tied Kenaston's legs in the ropes on two different occasions and proceeded to splatter rights and lefts to the Gold Hiller's mid-section before Referee Earl Youkley, stationed outside the arena, could get Kenaston untangled.

Beginning of the end came when the pair fought themselves into the ringside crowd north of the ring. They crashed clear to the fifth row, splashing, slugging, pulling hair and then Kenaston, with a roar of rage, picked up a chair and splintered it across the top of Belcastro's head. A moment later Pete climbed back in the ring to fall into Kenaston's crab hold, and that was all there was to it. He was unable to continue.

In the other main event, Bobby Chick, outweighed 30 pounds, defeated Red Lyons of Joplin, Mo., on a foul after Lyons, a 205-pound ruffian, refused to break a leg-breaker. Referee a decision extremely popular with the fans.

Lyons, who appeared one of the toughest and meanest brutes seen here in many moons, took the first fall with a leg-strap in 21 minutes after fouling and mistreating Chick from one side of the ring to the other. Chick came back to even things with a rolling body scissor. The former light heavyweight champion of the world attempted several times to produce an airplane spiral, but Lyons was too big and strong.

The opener between Sailor Ole Olson of Minneapolis and Steve Stretch of Los Angeles was a fine exhibition of straight grappling, with Stretch receiving the verdict by means of two body scissors applied in the fourth and fifth rounds after Olson had grabbed the first tumble in the opening canto with a surfboard. Stretch, famous for his leg work, proved last night his fame was deserved, displaying almost uncanny strength and cleverness with his underpinnings. Time after time he attacked with his legs, actually walking on his hands to chase Olson around the ring.

Stretch, Olson and Lyons were all making their debut in Medford, and all appeared to have enough of what it takes. Lyons, especially, took the crowd's fancy, although it was an unpopular fancy, with his powerful physical feats.

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Billy Hulen Says:

Open Elk Season Will Give Hunters Big Game Thrill

Nimrods of southern Oregon and northern California, whose hunting appetites are somewhat jaded from the steady diet of deer, fowl and other rather unexciting prey, will really receive a stimulant next week. For the first time in history, there will be an open season on elk in Klamath county, and while it lasts only for three days, those three days are expected to provide thrills enough to last the average gun-toter until something better turns up.

Open season will be from November 8 to November 10, both dates inclusive. Bag limit will be one bull elk having horns. And, it is especially pointed out and warned that only male elk with head adornment will be eligible prey for meat. State police also call attention to the requirement that all hunters check in and out of the open territory at Klamath Falls or Fort Klamath. For Oregon residents, an elk tag in addition to a resident hunter's license must be procured before unlimbering on the game. Cost of that is \$3. For non-residents, an elk tag must be had in addition to the regular non-resident hunter's license, cost of which is \$25.

Here are the rules regarding elk hunting as drawn by the Oregon state game commission:

"It shall be unlawful for any hunter to hunt elk without having in his possession a check-in slip as well as the regular hunting license and elk tag; and it shall be unlawful to fail to secure a check-out slip after hunting for elk and keeping the same in possession until the return home and so long thereafter as any part of the elk carcass remains in possession.

"It shall be unlawful to hunt elk with guns smaller than 30 calibre except when using cartridges with bullet of not less than 1400 feet per second velocity and weighing not less than 150 grains, or with any other than long bows and broadhead hunting arrows.

"Before being allowed to enter the hunting area, each hunter will be checked to see that he has sufficient ropes, preferably block and tackle, including enough to hang up the carcass; that adequate skinning knives, hatchet or axe, and shovel; also, a vehicle of sufficient carrying capacity to transport any elk killed.

"All hunters are required to check out regardless of whether or not an elk has been killed. Any elk taken out will be checked to see that the meat has been taken care of properly. To do this, the hunter should immediately upon killing an elk bleed the animal and remove the entrails. The carcass should then be hung up and skinned the day of the kill and be left hanging until thoroughly cooled. Under no circumstances should the carcass be transported until the cooling-out process is complete.

"Any part of the elk such as the head, hide or pieces of meat that does not have the elk tag attached must be tagged separately with a meal game tag furnished by officers at the checking stations. A charge of 5 cents for each tag will be made. Any hunter who is responsible for

LOSS OF SPILLING OF MEAT THROUGH NEGLECT OR CARELESSNESS AND WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS PASSED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ARREST.

Cuff scribbles: Coach Matsy Matthews of the University of Portland is a coach of the old school. . . he still sticks to the quarterback barking out the signals as the team is set to about a play. . . no huddle business for his Pilots. . . Matty claims the huddle nullifies the quarterback's opportunity to look over the opposition defense and call his plays accordingly. . . Matty also claims that all his weight charts released to the press are the real McCoy.

Jimmy Phelan is on a hot spot, and no kidding. . . Seattle newspapers are reported to be running editorials regarding Jimmy's failures and shortcomings as mentor for the University of Washington Huskies football aggregation. . . Sammy Van Dyke, ex-Medford high player, is working out daily on the University of Oregon's maple court with other candidates for this year's frosh basketball team. . . Howard Hobson, open class coach, is personally conducting the season while John Warren takes care of his frosh football duties. . . Sam, say several who should know, looks plenty good.

GRAYBEAL, NICHOLSON CARRY CALLISON HOPE

EUGENE, Nov. 2.—(P)—Prink Callison, University of Oregon football coach, will depend on the flying heels of Jay Graybeal and Jimmy Nicholson to pass the Washington State defense when the two teams meet Saturday in Portland.

"If you can't go through 'em, you've got to go over or around them," Callison said after watching the Cougars in action at Pullman last week. Callison indicated the Webfoot running attack would be stressed, with Nicholson and Ted Gebhart alternating with Graybeal and Bob Smith in the halfback positions.

Fishing in Chetco Reported Improved

"Fishing is good on the Chetco river and should be good for the next 30 days, providing no extra heavy rains occur," reported Hiram Hight of Brookings in a telegram today. Hight warned fishermen to bring their rain clothes.

Joe Wharton of Grants Pass reports excellent steelhead fishing in Rogue river in the vicinity of Grants Pass, with many limit catches made in the Galles and Alameda waters. He states that, with the return of normal water conditions after recent rains, there should be another month of good fishing.

Lefty O'Doul Given Life Job With Seals

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Frank "Lefty" O'Doul will manage the Pacific Coast league San Francisco baseball club next season—and for every season, as long as he wants.

He signed an unprecedented contract yesterday, Team President Charles Graham announced, which calls for a considerable salary boost and what amounts to a life contract.

Graham said the contract was made out to insure O'Doul's position "from now on" because "he wanted to be sure of the future, and so did we."

HARRY COOPER GRABS MAJORITY OF HONORS IN YEAR'S TOURNEYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Although Harry Cooper of Chicago, famous as golf's also-ran, couldn't win either of the major titles open to American professionals—the open and the P. G. A. championships—he has just about gained a stranglehold on all the rest of the year's honors.

In the latest statistics released from the P. G. A. tournament bureau, Cooper is shown as the leading money winner of the year from January 1 to November 1, the leading point scorer toward the P. G. A. trophy and the holder of the lowest scoring average through the tournament season.

Cooper, in 26 events, has won a total of \$13,916.80. His nearest rival is Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa., with winnings of \$9,918.53. The Chicago veteran has compiled an average score of 71.58 strokes in 78 rounds of golf. He has earned 490 points toward the P. G. A. trophy as compared to 366 for Ralph Guldahl of Chicago, the open champion.

Guldahl is third in money winning with \$6,190.91 and tied for third in the scoring average with a 72.16 mark, the same as Picard's. Sam Snead, the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., slugger, has an even 72 average for 70 rounds.

Points toward the P. G. A. trophy are awarded on a basis which includes consideration of the importance of each tournament and the purse offered.

BOWLING

In an Elk's club bowling tournament match last night, the Apaches took three out of four points from the Chippewas. Captain Roy Pruitt, rolling for the losers, was high individual scorer with 576 points. Tonight, the Sioux face the Howawks. Scores follow:

Player	Apaches	Chippewas
Bierma	188	149 170 440
York	131	131 131 393
Piche	181	160 196 497
Offutt	187	164 159 480
Krease	185	159 118 442
Handicap	185	155 150 460
Totals	892	911 919 2722
Pruitt	195	178 182 555
Cole Holmes	185	138 143 416
Wesley	146	146 146 438
Bowman	187	181 129 487
Perguson	167	167 167 501
Handicap	116	116 116 348
Totals	916	866 883 2695

Trambitas Sues On Story in Colliers

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Claiming his ability as a prize fighter had been ridiculed in the June 19 issue of Colliers, Alex Trambitas had a \$20,000 libel suit on file here today against the Colwell Publishing Co. and Kyle Critchton, one of the magazine's editors. Trambitas, an ex-pugilist, is now a radio dealer. He was formerly well known in Portland boxing circles.

CALIFORNIA KEEPS RECORD CLEAR IN GRIDIRON'S '400'

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The mighty may fall but California stays on top. Scoring inclusion in the bumper crop of upsets and form reversals that has sent such potent powers as Minnesota tumbling out of football's "400" the Golden Bears hold, for the third successive week, first place in the Associated Press poll of newspaper experts.

As Minnesota faded after four glorious seasons as one of the gridiron greats, and four new contenders moved up in the charmed circle, the balloting swung heavily to the Golden Bears.

Of the 62 writers polled, 49 chose Stub Allison's young men as the nation's No. 1 eleven and the Bears topped the list with 600 points out of a possible 620. Alabama, Baylor, Fordham and Nebraska all moved ahead as a result of the latest poll.

The tabulation, scoring each team on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, and with first place votes indicated in brackets:

Rank	Team	Pts.
1	California (49)	600
2	Alabama (6)	508
3	Pittsburgh (6)	482
4	Baylor (2)	331
5	Fordham	281
7	Yale	181
8	Ohio State	178
9	Dartmouth	146
10	Santa Clara	113

(Note: One ballot bracketed California, Alabama and Pitt in triple tie for lead.)

Second Ten: 11, Duke, 107; 12, Notre Dame, 75; 13, Villanova, 62; 14, Minnesota, 55; 15, Tennessee, 24; 16, tie between Duquesne and Arkansas, 10 each; 18, Louisiana State, 8; 19, tie between Tulane and Northwest-ern, 6. Also ran: Colorado 5, Southern California 5, Texas Christian 2, Holy Cross 1 and Vanderbilt 1 each.

Gopher Glory Fades. Minnesota's departure from the first ten may not be permanent, but it breaks the Gophers down to conventional size after four years of happy hunting on the gridirons that produced half a dozen all-Americans and a legend of invulnerability.

While California occupies the proud pinnacle, Alabama and Pittsburgh, two frequent visitors to the Rose Bowl, are putting up a grand battle for the second rung on the ladder, just in case the Golden Bears slip.

Neither eleven has exactly a bed of roses ahead. Alabama must meet and beat Tulane, Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt, but the Panthers go them a little better with a November schedule that includes Notre Dame, coming up this Saturday for one of the season's best games, Nebraska, Duke and Army.

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Cross Country Meet Is Badly Crossed Up

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 2.—(AP)—A cross-country meet between the Connecticut State college freshmen and Hillhouse high school was crossed out because of crossed signals.

The frosh squad came from Storrs, 65 miles away, to New Haven, only to find the high schoolers had gone to Storrs. The freshmen hurried home, but the Hillhouse team had already come here and gone again.

FORFEITED VICTORY TIES PORTLAND LEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Portland's victory over Grant, resulting from the alleged ineligibility of Lloyd Bertoglio placed the General in a tie with Benson Tech for first place in the interscholastic football league.

S. F. Ball, Franklin principal, said Bertoglio had been shown to be over age.

Portland Editor Dies. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Robert L. Withrow, 61, editor of the Daily Journal of Commerce, died last night after an illness of two weeks. He held editorial positions in Portland and Curry county for many years.

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Shy, 17-Year-Old Prepper Answer To Coaches Prayer

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The dream player of every football coach is galloping the gridirons of Chicago. He is "Wild Bill" De Corveont, a shy, 17-year-old youth, rated as the nation's most amazing prep star.

To date, in five games playing with Austin high school, De Corveont has scored 25 touchdowns, nine in one game, and six points after touchdowns, for a total of 156 points. This shatters the previous Chicago individual season scoring record of 109 points.

During his four years on Austin teams, he has set up an all-time scoring record that may never be equaled. He has scored one or more touchdowns in every league game he has played since his first game as a freshman. More than half the runs he has made have been for 50 yards or more.

This slim blond youth, weighing 172 pounds and five feet 11 inches tall, has played under three coaches. Each declares without reserve that he is the greatest prep star they've ever seen.

The sight of enemy goal posts affects him like a 4-11 alarm an old fire horse. He gets to the scene as quickly as possible. He is complete master of all the tricks of a veteran ball carrier, a pass master in feinting and dodging, kicks remarkably and is a deadly accurate passer. As good as he is, De Corveont is the first out for practice and the last to quit, always working for perfection.

De Corveont is not only a great football star, but a baseball "nugget" as well. He plays the outfield and last spring turned in the lowest batting average of his career, a mere .380; his highest was .459. He has turned down an offer from the Brooklyn Dodgers, which is reported to have included a college education.

Sales "talks" from various colleges, by phone and the mails, are pouring into De Corveont's home. Many are accompanied by attractive offers of work and financial aid.

DEATHS IN FOOTBALL SUBSTANTIALLY LESS IN CURRENT SEASON

LA FAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 2.—(AP)—The first half of the 1937 football season took a toll of 14 lives, some 25 per cent less than the same period last year. Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood reported to the Associated Press today.

Of that total, nine was attributed directly to the gridiron game, and five to indirect causes, said Dr. Eastwood in his report, which includes games played through Oct. 26. Dr. Eastwood, associate professor in physical education at Purdue university, keeps an annual record of vital statistics for the American football coaches association and the N.C.A.A.

"Only one death was reported among the college ranks, two from the sandlots and eleven from high schools," he said.

The reports tabulated up until Oct. 29 revealed a total of 14 deaths, compared with 19 up until the same date last year.

"Cerebral hemorrhage and internal injuries, as usual, were the main cause of the nine deaths ascribed directly to the game, while septemia, heart attack and meningitis accounted for the five for which football was indirectly responsible."

Six of the deaths were reported from the south, three each from the mid-west and east, and one each from the Pacific coast and southwest.

Gray on Sidelines With Injured Leg

CORVALLIS, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Joe Gray, Oregon State college backfield flash, who pulled a leg muscle at Palo Alto Saturday, probably will remain on the sidelines most of the week, Beaver fans learned today.

Frederick Hutchins, right guard, and Johnny Alexander, Gray's alternate, were expected to return to the practice field before the Willamette game Saturday.

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