

Redmen Nudge Illinois; Kansans Rap Broncos; NCAA Final Tonight

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SPORTS

Stanky Instills New Spirit in Cardinals

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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — Eddie Stanky, managing his first major league club, has instilled new spirit and hustle in the St. Louis Cardinals and they promise to make things interesting in the coming National League pennant race.

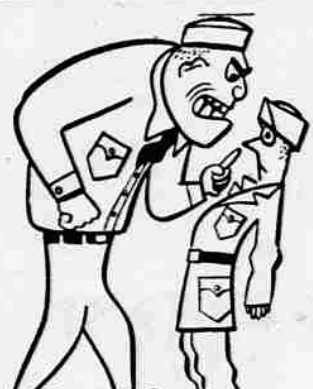
Stanky is not predicting where his Redbirds will finish other than that "we'll be shooting for the top, just like all the other clubs." And he feels that any club which has a player of the caliber of Stan Musial "always has a chance."

He will go with a mixture of veterans and rookies and is hoping at least five newcomers come through. They hold the key to his pitching staff and outfield.

Now or Never

Stanky wants to play Musial "in the outfield for 154 games" and will do so if big Steve Bilko can make the grade at first. This is the third shot Bilko has had at the job and it's now or never as far as he is concerned.

The peppery little second baseman, who still is undecided whether he will play, thinks his pitching "will be all right if three kids can make the team."



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There are Willard Schmidt, the "sleeper of the camp" who was at Omaha last year; Jack Colburn, a southpaw who won 15 games at Rochester last season and Wilmer Vinegar Bend Mizell, a 16-game winner at Houston.

"If two of the three of them can hold regular starting jobs I don't think I'll have to worry about my pitching," Stanky said.

Fifth Rookie

The fifth rookie in the picture is Les Fusselman, who hit only .260 at Houston last year, but appears to have won the second string catching berth behind the veteran Del Rice. Like Rice, Fusselman is an accomplished defensive catcher.

Gerald Staley, 19-13; Cliff Chambers, 11-6; George Munger, 4-6; Joe Presko, 7-4, and Cloyd Boyer, 2-5, will form the front-line starting hurling staff with two left handers, Harry (The Cat) Brecheen and Al Brazle, in relief. Brecheen also will be used in spot starting assignments.

If Bilko can hold the job at first, Stanky probably will open the season with Red Schoendienst at second, Solly Hemus at short and Billy Johnson at third with an outfield of Musial, Enos Slaughter and Wally Westlake. If Musial is needed at first, Stanky might shift Schoendienst to the outfield, where he played one season, and install himself at second. Stanky appears to have given up the idea of trying Schoendienst at first.

"Right now, I only know that on opening day Musial and Schoendienst will be in the lineup," Stanky said. "Every other position is open."

TOURNERS TO START

Olympia — (U.P.) — The best of Washington's professional golfers will tee off at the state championship tournament beginning here Sunday. A pro-amateur tournament will start things off and will be followed by driving contests. Championship competition gets under way the following day and will continue until April 2 when the 36-hole finals will be held. Ray Honsberger of Clarkston is defending champion.

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — St. John's rampaging Redmen from Brooklyn, the "miracle" basketball team of the year, will battle it out with record-busting Clyde Lovellette and his Kansas Jayhawk mates Wednesday night for the NCAA basketball championship.

The Redmen astonished the cage world again last night by upsetting Big Ten champion Illinois, 61-59, in the eastern regional finals, but the general opinion is that the Brooklyn five will have to spring another "miracle" to whip Lovellette and Co. Wednesday night.

Lovellette, who soars six feet nine inches, racked up a mere 33 points in leading the Jayhawks to an easy 74-55 victory over Santa Clara in the western regional final. That was a comedown from his 44 points in an earlier regional game, but still it enabled him to smash two more records.

Big Clyde thus ran his total of field goals in three games to 41, busting the previous record of 31 set by Kentucky's Alex Groza in 1949. And his three-game total of 108 points wiped out the old record of 82 set by Groza in 1949 and the four-game record of 83 set by Don Sunderlage of Illinois last year.

What's more, Lovellette now has 26 free throws, only one less than Sunderlage's record of 27.

It's not hard to see that St. John's hopes for another upset will depend on how they handle Lovellette. In December 1950, when the two teams clashed in New York with much the same cast, St. John's center Bob Zawoluk outscored Lovellette, 19 points to 15, but Kansas won, 52-51, on a last-second goal by big Clyde.

"I'd rather play St. John's than Illinois," admitted Kansas coach Dr. Forrest Phog Allen. But St. John's is not to be lightly held in its battle with the team ranked No. 3 in the nation. For the riotous Redmen have now bowled over in succession Kentucky, ranked No. 1, and Illinois, ranked No. 2.

"Providence appears to be with us," said coach Frank McGuire of St. John's. "What world is this? It's impossible — first Kentucky and now Illinois!" Zawoluk was the key man in the Redmen win last night, chalking up 24 points. Ten of those markers came in the fourth quarter which began with the two teams tied.

The teams had been tied, too, at the end of the first period, 18-18. But the Redmen opened off 10 straight points to open the second period and were on top by six at the half. Illinois came driving back to tie, sparked by little Jim Bredar and Rod Fletcher, who tallied 14 points each. But then Zawoluk went to town in the final frame.

3-Inch Disadvantage
Zawoluk, six feet six inches tall, will be at a three-inch disadvantage against Lovellette in Wednesday night's battle.

Kansas never was in trouble against plucky Santa Clara, which simply ran out of surprises after upending UCLA and Wyoming.

Powered by Lovellette, the Jayhawks pulled steadily further ahead. When Clyde sat down for a while with Kansas



RETRIEVER TRIAL OPEN ALL-AGE VICTOR—Black Panther, American and Canadian field trial champion, pictured here with his handler, Marvin (Snuffy) Bellevue, Sonoma, Calif., won the open all-age stake at the points field trial held here last week-end by Rogue Valley Retriever club. The Labrador male is owned by Carl W. Carlson, Helena, Mont., and is said to have accumulated more points in trials than any other retriever. Panther, on the previous week-end, had celebrated his eighth birthday by copping the northern California trial all-age event. He was presented a birthday cake made of hamburger. —(Brainard photo)

Dean Memorial Hoop Fray Scheduled Today

Medford fans get a final glimpse of basketball for this season and respects will be paid to the late A. Z. (Tubby) Dean at the senior high school gymnasium today.

A pair of hoop scuffles are on the program. A short preliminary between the east and west side merchants is set for 7:45 p.m. with a game between Medford high seniors and next year's possible Black Tornado squad to follow.

Proceeds from the evening of basketball are to be used in the purchase of an electric scoreboard for the high school football field. The board will be a memorial to Dean, an enthusiastic supporter of sports.

Merchants have bought blocks of tickets to enable immediate order of the board. They have them on sale at their business houses. Aim of the Medford Legion post, sponsor of the project, is to get tickets, shares in the scoreboard, into the hands of 1,800 individuals. In this way, a large group can pay tribute to Dean and the burden of the purchase of the board will not be on a small number.

Legionnaires are hopeful of a huge turnout tonight.

Both games promise to be interesting with considerable feeling having arisen between the rival camps. Any resemblance to basketball may be purely coincidental in the merchants' scrap and the comedy that is expected to develop may steal the show

on top, 65-42, Santa Clara staged a desperate rally that narrowed the gap to 67-54. But then Lovellette came rumbling in again to break the Broncos' heart with three quick baskets.

Herb Schoenstein was high man for the Broncos with 16 points.

Medfordites On Raider Net Squad

Ashland — Two Medford men are members of an 11-man squad trying out for positions on the Southern Oregon college tennis team, it was reported today by Coach Dan Bulkley. The Red Raider netmen will open their spring season Saturday with a match at Redding against Shasta college.

John Alexandro and Gage Sander are the Medford players who are included in a group of seven neophytes seeking varsity berths. Bulkley said, Bob Gouley, North Bend, promises to be one of the top players in view of his record in Oregon prep circles last season when he was one of the Oregon finalists in the state tourney.

Lettermen returning include Tex Lewis, Don Stuckey and Harry Kannasto, Ashland and Donn Debernardi Roseburg. Other squad members playing for the first time include Jack Eldswick and Bob Blair, Ashland; Wayne Guyer and Russell Shearer, Klamath Falls.

Following the Redding match Saturday the team will meet Oregon State College of Education at Monmouth April 25, Willamette university at Salem May 26, Chico State college at Chico May 3, Humboldt State college at Ashland May 10, and the Far Western conference meet at Chico May 17.

Washington — (U.P.) — Lt. Cmdr. Cecil A. Commander has been selected for promotion to commander. Cmdr. Commander commands a Naval Air Reserve transport squadron at Dallas, Tex.

CHAPMAN TO OAKS
Tucson — (U.P.) — Veteran outfielder Sam Chapman was sold Wednesday by the Cleveland Indians to Oakland in the Pacific Coast league for an estimated \$15,000. Chapman, who went to the Philadelphia A's in 1938 directly from the University of California where he starred in baseball and football, had announced his desire to play in the PCL last winter but the Indians had tried to talk him into remaining with them.

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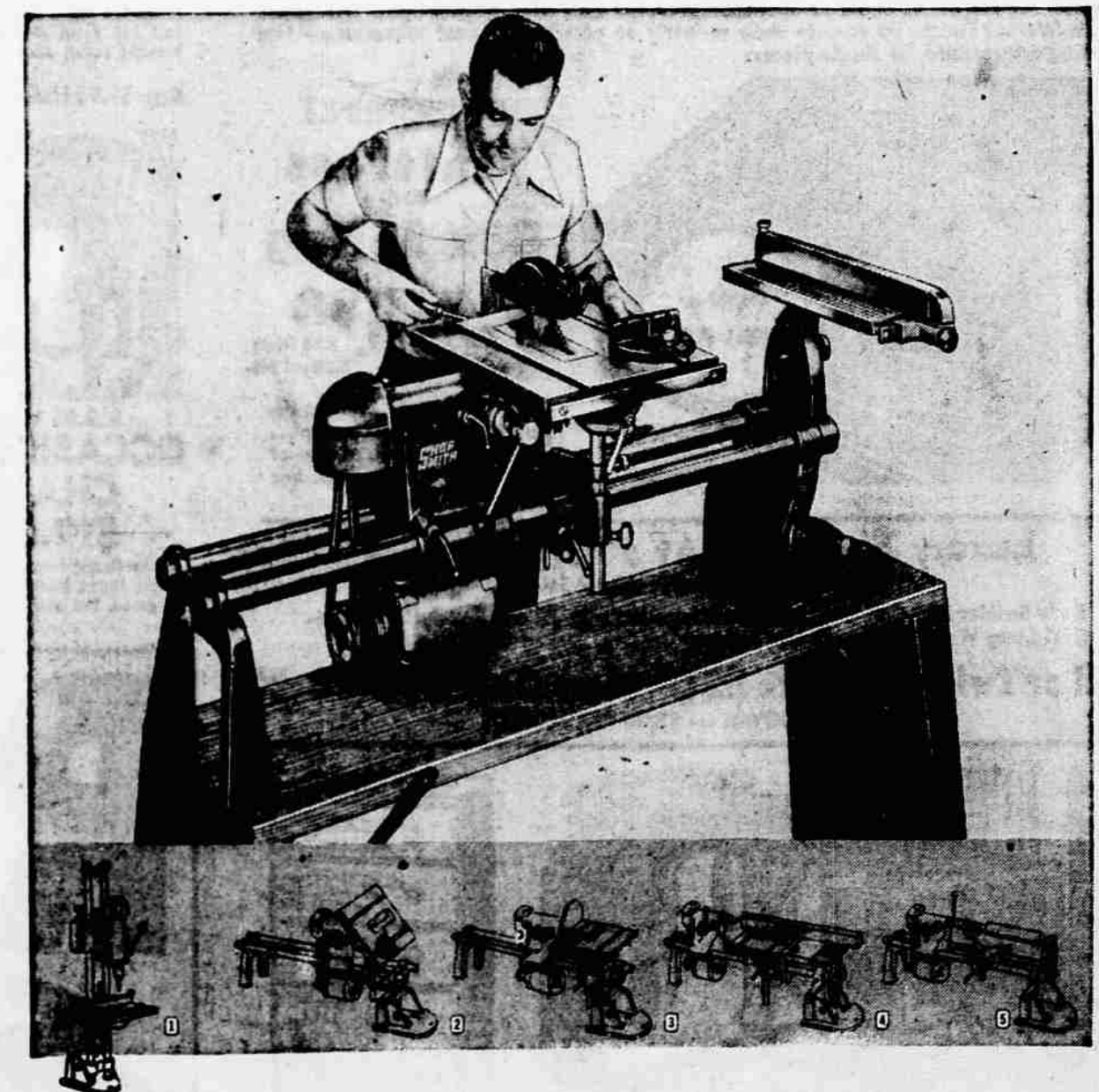
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