

SPORTS

Rebuilding Cubs Have Too Many Weaknesses To Rate As National League Threat

(This is the eighth of a series on the 1955 prospects of the major league teams.)
By DICK FALES
Mesa, Ariz.—(U.P.)—The Chicago Cubs finished seventh in the National League race last year, and although Manager Stan Hack feels otherwise, they'll be lucky to climb much higher in 1955.

The Windy City's once-dominant baseball team has gone steadily downhill in recent years and now is in the midst of a rebuilding program. Its spring camp was loaded with rookies, and even if several should come through this year there are too many basic weaknesses to propel Chicago into a flag-contender's position.

"We need pitching most of all," Hack said. "After that, we need catching and a regular outfielder."

"I hope we do as well with rookies as we did last year," he said. "We had three good ones—Ernie Banks at short, Gene Baker at second and left-handed pitcher Jim Davis."

Infield Shapes Up
Banks and Baker teamed to form one of Chicago's best double-play combinations in many seasons. In addition, both batted .275, respectable figures for their positions. Davis, purchased in early-season from Seattle, finished with an 11-7 mound record.

"Those two boys around second are going to be great ones," Hack said. "If they do as well as last year I'll be satisfied."

Chicago's infield is the only place where Hack is set to start the season. Besides Banks and Baker, he has Dee Fondy at first and slugging Randy Jackson at third. The unit ranks high among the league's defensive groups, and offensively holds its own.

The outfield is a problem. The sale of homerun hitter Ralph Kiner to the Cleveland Indians vacated left field, so slugger Hank Sauer moves back to that spot. Frankie Baumholtz be-

cause of his hitting, leads in the race for the other two positions. The rookies are fighting for the centerfield post if Baumholtz holds down right. One, Gale Wade, came to the Cubs in the Kiner deal. He's one of the fastest men in the game, but a weak hitter. The other is Solmie Drake, who batted .282 with Des Moines a year ago.

A second player who came to Chicago from Cleveland is Hack's greatest hope among the rookie pitchers. Workhorse Sam Jones has looked impressive in training camp games. The jump from the Class C California League, where he was 28-4 with Stockton, may prove too much for Bob Thorpe, the club's most heralded rookie. The same may hold true for John Andre, a 21-9 righthander with Shreveport.

Veterans round out the pitching corps. They are Howie Pollett, Bob Rush, Paul Minner and Warren Hacker. The first two, according to Hack, have been "throwing real good" in spring training.

For catching, Hack is in a quandary. He three-platooned the position last year with veterans Clyde McCullough and Walker Cooper and rookie Elvin Tappe. None was of sufficient calibre to hold the post, and this year returning serviceman Harry Chitt probably will get the first call.

SANTÉE HEADS FIELD
Cleveland, Ohio—(U.P.)—Wes Santee, the cocky Kansan who blamed the altitude for his upset defeat last weekend in the Pan-American Games, heads the field of stars entered in tonight's Knights of Columbus track meet at the Cleveland Arena.

BOWLING
LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE
Results:
Morning Fresh 1 McDuffie's 3
H. Culy 462 I. Schroeder 517
D. Paul 308 A. Wilson 396
J. Russell 490 M. Dyer 346
K. Jennings 419 N. Burroughs 424
Handicap 27

2088 2101
Kachina Room 3 Mary's Casa 1
J. Erickson 472 M. Porter 323
R. Shama 390 V. Floate 393
V. Coats 388 L. Tolles 405
A. Monroe 432 H. Wright 385
R. Lane 432 V. Blunt 460
Handicap 76

2047 2043
Crater Inn 1 Anderson Thrift 3
A. Gebhardt 480 N. Hollenbeck 417
J. Hampton 359 N. Little 459
T. Farrar 432 B. Hamm 385
G. Riggs 432 A. Carlbauer 332
C. Teter 431 Handicap 111

2185 2285
Jorgensen's 3 Crater's Beauty 1
C. Lowd 480 V. Cummings 425
I. Forga 361 R. Eberius 405
J. Wilson 474 E. Straus 441
F. Willett 408 E. Carlisle 416
P. Gardner 524 M. Clark 434
Handicap 24

2247 2165
Medford Feed 1 Fashionette 1
M. Little 414 V. Knox 492
H. Pave 430 D. Klein 425
F. Doty 436 L. Rudy 414
L. Sacchi 435 L. Baker 434
R. Barr 435 Handicap 18

2145 2220
Trail Creek 1 Elk Lumber 3
T. Bevens 381 H. Norwood 467
G. McKillop 381 C. Seltick 394
D. Jantzer 422 V. Florey 368
L. Jantzer 389 A. Tammie 302
E. Goode 423 D. Christensen 501
Handicap 183

2198 2236
Standings:
Mail Tribune 17 7
Alexander and Brown Ins. 16 8
C and C Loggers 15 9
Crater Lake Motors 15 9
Darling Real Estate 13 11
Bates Candy Company 12 12
Valentine Cafe 11 13
Table Rock Lumber 11 13
Domestic Laundry 10 14
Morning Fresh Bakery 9 15
Quality Market 8 16
First National Bank 7 17

Results:
A and B 1 Crater Lake 1
F. Boone 495 H. Vessey 479
E. Guldane 307 J. Farrar 468
B. Meyers 336 W. Boyce 443
L. Bex 424 N. Florey 484
J. Knapp 543 M. Cannon 536
Handicap 42

2552 2430
Mail Tribune 2 Valentine's 2
A. Anderson 610 S. Straus 479
B. Monsey 429 R. Klenner 386
F. Casey 396 D. Lehman 478
F. Liddell 461 L. Carr 470
G. Spainhorst 342 L. Schneider 479
Handicap 150

2438 2442
Darling Rl. Est. 3 C & C Loggers 1
J. Olsen 436 Joe Cabler 567
R. Tresham 604 Jim Cabler 492
L. Boyd 379 Ch. Tennant 440
S. Clay 538 Jack Cabler 513
O. McNeil 514 Bob Cabler 483
Handicap 78

2569 2497
Table Rock 3 Quality Mkt. 1
J. Gardner 525 D. Lubbers 543
W. Neece 496 W. Kyker 404
D. Kree 529 W. Rattv 453
C. Freeman 512 L. Houston 463
H. Schroeder 391 A. Henderson 499
Handicap 48

2650 2410
Domestic Laundry 3 Morning Fresh 1
G. Schultz 513 F. Beck 458
E. Olson 474 E. Barry 534
J. Kantor 433 C. Shinn 461
D. Johnson 428 D. Spain 483
B. Garrett 361 A. Sacchi 523
Handicap 102

2511 2469
Bates Candy 3 1st Nat'l. Bank 1
C. Thompson 512 P. Dimick 477
Z. Grant 386 G. Shuler 453
L. Gushion 343 Abs. 417
L. Newland 442 W. Nissen 417
H. Dixon 543 B. Lane 424
Handicap 12



LOSES DECISION—Bill Almshay, Dayton Flyer forward, leaves court at New York's Madison Square Garden, in tears after his team dropped a 70 to 58 decision to Diquesne in the National Invitation Tournament finale.

BOWLING
EVERGREEN LEAGUE
Pierce Freight held onto top spot in the Evergreen Bowling league this week, taking a 3-1 series from runner-up Swift Company. A 572 and a 610 by Gene Doyon and Ray Wise spelled downfall of Swift. Doyon had high game of 223.

Medford Barbers held pace by a 4-0 series over Jorgensen's Dairy. Loss dropped Dairy off the pace, and into a tie for fifth. Bel Air Chevs moved up by a 3-1 series over Tru-Mix Construction. The motormen had high team game of the evening with 906. Jim Morgan's 224 was high game for the scrap.

First half winners, City Slickers, moved closer into contention with a 3-1 series over Sherwin-Williams Painters. John Compagnoni's game of 204 was best effort. Hot and cold First National Bank moved closer to Big Y Super Market with their 3-1 series. Paul Dimick had high series with a 594. Ray Speer of the Big Y had a 222 game.

Standings:
Pierce Freight Lines 24 14
Swift & Co. 21 16 1/2
Barbers Local 269 31 17
City Slickers 22 22
Tru Mix Const. 23 23
Jorgensen's Dairy 23 23
Bel Air Chevs 22 26
Big Y Super Mkt. 18 30
First National Bank 17 30 1/2
Sherwin Williams Paints 14 24

Results:
City Slickers 1 S-W Paint 444
B. Stevens 487 J. Olsen 368
L. Dow 413 D. Hull 444
E. McKinstry 388 H. Thompson 484
J. Duff 390 R. Tresham 516
J. Compagnoni 559 H. Shaw 508
Handicap 6

2238 2226
1st Nat'l. Bank 3 Big Y 1
P. Dimick 594 R. Speer 511
G. Shuler 424 J. Franz 440
R. Miller 368 J. Davis 380
L. Coleman 420 P. McQuat 517
H. Lance 482 K. Berrey 444
Handicap 66

2234 2278
Pierce Freight 3 Swift Co. 1
C. Larson 473 C. McWhorter 519
G. Doyon 572 J. Matines 408
R. Wise 610 C. Freeman 468
H. Neeves 385 J. Eriandson 502
H. Vallee 460 F. Kunz 447
Handicap 12

2510 2351
Bel Air 3 Tru Mix 1
A. Maggenti 489 C. Snedden 457
B. Wilson 473 J. Cummings 328
R. Barclay 473 J. Buize 515
E. Radswelt 508 G. Burroughs 498
D. Wilson 538 J. Morgan 528
Handicap 21

2463 2429
Barbers 4 Jorgensen's 0
F. Kirk 554 H. Duncan 368
F. Chapman 353 B. Pritchett 388
D. Kree 519 J. Jorgensen 333
J. DeGroot 455 J. Givler 409
J. Clark 480 H. Ellis 291
Handicap 291

2567 2302
Standings:
Pierce Freight 24 14
Swift & Co. 21 16 1/2
Barbers Local 269 31 17
City Slickers 22 22
Tru Mix Const. 23 23
Jorgensen's Dairy 23 23
Bel Air Chevs 22 26
Big Y Super Mkt. 18 30
First National Bank 17 30 1/2
Sherwin Williams Paints 14 24

Archie Moore's License Revoked

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The California Athletic Commission has revoked the state boxing license of 38-year-old Archie Moore because the light heavyweight champion "has an organic heart condition."

Clayton Frye, Southern California boxing inspector for the commission, said after reading a medical report on Moore, "It may mean the end of his career." Commission Physician Dr. James B. Ryan examined Moore, who currently weighs in at close to 200 pounds, before a scheduled non-title fight with Frankie Daniels in San Diego last Friday. Ryan recommended that Moore be denied permission to enter the ring and the fight was called off.

About one-half of the electric light bulbs sold in the U.S. are for home use.

Loeffler Takes Aggie Hoop Job

New York—(U.P.)—Canny Ken Loeffler, who built La Salle into a national basketball champion, switched to Texas A & M today to pull the Aggies out of the Southwest cellar by "filling the

air with basketballs." His announcement that he has agreed to a three-year Aggie contract caught La Salle officials by surprise and without any idea who would succeed him at the Philadelphia school. There are about 40,000 post offices in the United States.

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