

Odds Beam on Yankees To Take World Series

Cardinals Losing Face as Favorites; Yanks Pick Up Momentum, Cards Slow

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A month ago the St. Louis Cardinals were being talked of as probable favorites in the world series, but if the annual classic were opening now the New York

Yankees almost certainly would be odds-on choices. They probably will be when the world series opens in October, too.

The Yankees have been picking up momentum on the home stretch while the Cardinals have been slowing down. The difference between them was shown again yesterday when the Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 while St. Louis split a doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the only games played in the major leagues.

The Pirates won the opener, 4-3, but the Cardinals came back with an 8-3 triumph.

At New York Rookie Charley Wenzloff pitched four-hit ball and Roy (Stormy) Weatherly punched the winning ticket with a two-run homer, his third in two days.

This gave the Yanks their 13th consecutive series and a record of having won 42 out of 59 games since the streak started on July 5.

They now have plenty of power and good fielding along with the best pitching in the major leagues with a staff led by Spud Chandler, Ernie Bonham and Wenzloff.

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Equipment Doled Out to Pelicans



Klamath high's footballers received equipment at the Modoc field house Monday afternoon in advance of the first squad meeting and practice on Tuesday. This picture shows some of the boys getting their outfits. Left to right: Wilbur Welch, Dick Pope, Dean Fitzgerald and Bill Wilson.

Tulane Gridmen Return to Old "Punt, Pass, Prayer" Game

By MAX PATRICK
NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31 (P)—Tulane university's Green Wave promises to return the old "punt, pass and prayer" game to its former prestige this fall.

Coch Coach Claude "Little Monk" Simons has it all doped out whereby his kids will make fewer mistakes with this system and at the same time contribute more to the entertainment of the cash customers.

One of the two returning Tulane letter winners, Tailback Joe Renfro, is an excellent punter and the Greenies picked up a pair of good booters via the naval V-12 program. Day Wagner, of Schreiner Institute, and James Jackson, freshman fullback at Baylor last year, are getting encouraging distance with their kicks.

Numerically, the manpower situation is improved in the Greenie camp. The squad has grown from 48 men to about 80 in the past three weeks. Buddy Gatewood, all-southwest center

at Baylor last season, is the only letterman among the transfer students, however. Renfro and Howard McAfee, a second string tackle last year, are the returning Greenie lettermen.

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Segura May Wear U. S. Net Crown

Foreigner May Replace Ted Schroeder on Uncle Sam's Tennis Throne After Meet

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (P)—There's every indication that for the first time since 1938 a foreigner will rule over Uncle Sam's tennis forces at completion of the national meet which opens in Forest Hills' West Side club tomorrow.

Francisco (Pancho) Segura of Ecuador, he of the two-handed grip and the pigeon-toed stance, is the choice to replace Ensign Ted Schroeder on the throne.

Perhaps Segura's tennis, which already has brought him the title in all six of the tournaments in which he has appeared this summer, won't be on a par with that displayed by the pipe-smoking Fred Perry of England, who defeated Don Budge seven years ago in the most recent successful net invasion.

The war, however, has made that unnecessary. Some of Uncle Sam's best players won't be able to appear and others, such as Schroeder, won't be at their best. Schroeder will play in the afternoons of the streamlined, six-day tourney but must stand watches aboard his ship during the morning and night.

Segura reached the semi-final round last year before being stopped by Frankie Parker, 6-1, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Parker is back again this year but his army camouflage duties have given him little time to sharpen his game this summer.

Although a Segura victory would send the men's championship south of the Rio Grande for the first time, Anita Lizana of Chile was queen of the U. S. courts in 1937.

Charles Hare, former English Davis cupper but now a corporal in the U. S. army, and Ladislav Hecht, once of Czechoslovakia, are other foreign threats.

Carl Fisher will draw the pitching assignment for the Rainers, with Bob Joyce the probable choice of the Seals' Lefty O'Doul.

The only other game today pits Sacramento against Hollywood on the Stars' field.

Los Angeles, San Francisco Seattle, in that order, virtually have been conceded spots in the league playoffs, but there's a contest in sight for the fourth niche, currently occupied by Portland. San Diego and Hollywood have no unsurmountable distance to make up and both face easier opposition in series opening this week.

The Beavers must stand off league leading Los Angeles while San Diego goes in against seventh place Oakland and the Stars anticipate some overage-fattening tilts with the last place Solons.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (P)—The New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics now can concentrate on the 1944 campaigns.

The Giants have been mathematically eliminated from the National league race by the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees have applied the crusher to the Athletics in the American.

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RUFFING MEN WIN

ANAHEIM, Calif., Aug. 31 (P)—Red Ruffing, former New York Yankee hurler, beat the team of his ex-teams, Joe DiMaggio.

Ruffing hurled the sixth army ferrying group to a 2-0 triumph yesterday over the Santa Ana army air base.

DiMaggio filed out twice, then smacked a double off Red in the seventh.

FIRST BOWL BID

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 31 (P)—The first bowl bid of the 1943 football season is in—perhaps underbid is the word.

Coach Mickey Oswald said his Salt Lake City East high school team has been invited to compete in the Lettuce Bowl at Nampa, Idaho, October 15 with the Nampa high squad.

Previously only college teams have played in Lettuce Bowl games.

WRIGHT REJECTED

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (P)—Eddie Walker, manager of Chalky Wright, said Monday the former featherweight boxing champion had been rejected for military service because of "physical disabilities." Wright's home is in Los Angeles.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—Jackie Wilson, 127, Pittsburgh, outpointed Lulu Costantino, 131, New York (10).

WILMINGTON, Del.—Tony Galento, 242, Orange, N. J., knocked out Babe Sharkey, 260, Texas (3).

BALTIMORE—Steve Belloso, 158, New York, stopped Howard Bennett, 166, Baltimore (5).

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., Aug. 31 (P)—If you don't think it's appropriate that bears should be an important topic of conversation up here where the Giants and Dodgers are getting ready for the pro football season, you should have seen Steve Owen in a cage with a couple of them yesterday. . . . Someone had the idea that it would be a natural pickup for pictures—Bear Mountain and the Giants' exhibition against those big bad Chicago Bears at Buffalo Sunday. Get it? . . . Anyway, Steve and Tuffy Leemans, who's Spherical Steve's only assistant this season, consented to pose with a couple of roly-poly black bear cubs. . . . "They're cute little fellas," Owen admitted as he came out with his not inconsiderable area of skin undamaged. . . . And he and Tuffy agreed the Giants will be lucky to do as well Sunday.

BEAR FACTS

Consensus around the two football camps is that the Bears and the Green Bay Packers, as usual, will be the teams to beat the National league this season and that Washington's Redskins won't be so troublesome unless Sammy Baugh's pitching form improves over his All-Star game showing. . . . "We have a better team than last year," commented Leemans.

JUST A SUGGESTION

Ward Cuff, in his seventh pro season still one of the Giants' best backs, brought his wife and two small girls—about three or four years old—to camp with him. . . . After watching them in action for a while Owen decided that, if worst came to worst, he could put them in against the Bears and it wouldn't take long to wear down that Chicago line.

PROGRAM NOTES

The Dodgers, who started late and without very bright prospects, got quite a lift yesterday when Ben Kish and George Cafego, a couple of better than average veteran backs, reported unexpectedly. . . . Both have been discharged from the army for physical disabilities that won't prevent their playing pro football. . . . Up to that time Bruiser Kinard had been virtually the only veteran in camp. . . . Pete Cawthon, new Dodger coach, probably is the loudest tutor in the league. He never seems to stop for breath as he works his players—and by work Pete means just that.

TRAVEL NOTE

In case any of the pro teams think travel is tough this year, they should ask Hallback Babe Webb, who is expected momentarily in the Green Bay camp. . . . Babe played in the Hawaiian Senior league two years ago and was signed by the Packers last year. . . . He couldn't make the trip in time for the season. . . . This year he started out to travel by clipper plane but his passage was cancelled and he had to take a boat instead. . . . There'll be no complaint if he has to ride in a coach seat occasionally.

Bend High Grid Men Get Uniforms; Practice Tomorrow

BEND, Aug. 31 (P)—Bend high school football team candidates were issued uniforms today and told to report for initial practice tomorrow.

The opening game against Burns, scheduled for September 7, has been cancelled as Burns dropped football, but contests are lined up with Salem, The Dalles, Klamath Falls and Medford.

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Appling Takes Control of Bat Averages Again

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (P)—After several weeks of battling Dick Wakefield of Detroit for the American league batting lead, Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox has taken control with a comfortable margin again.

The Tiger rookie was on top a week ago with a .330 average, but since then has dropped five points while the veteran shortstop of the White Sox has spurred upward from .329 to .337.

This pair apparently has the hitting race in the junior circuit strictly between themselves because not another regular in the entire league is above .300 level.

Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals continued to set an unapproachable pace in the National league with a .353 average.

California Grid Candidates Turn Out—Navy, Too

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 31 (P)—The University of California's football candidates—un- tried and experienced, naval and civilian—turned out today to sign their names to the list from which Head Coach Leonard "Stub" Allison will mold the 1943 Golden Bear football varsity.

As one of the schools in the navy reservist training program, California will have considerable veteran football material upon which to draw, but Allison emphasized that an opportunity for a place on the team would be open to everyone.

The Bears expect to play ten games, not all of which have been scheduled.

Overseas Exhibition Games Proposed For Coast Ball Teams

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 31 (P)—A series of post-season exhibition baseball games for men of the armed services in the South Pacific area, which would be played by Pacific Coast league and possibly Major league stars, has been proposed by Oscar Reichow, business manager for the Hollywood club.

"If the Major leagues so desired they could send one team of big leaguers to the South Pacific to oppose the Coast league squad, or we could send a big enough group to form two teams from our own loop," Reichow said yesterday.

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