

Braves Lift From Cellar

Spahn Narrowly Misses Perfect Game In Giving Phils Two Hits

By JACK HAND
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Things are looking up for Billy Southworth and his Boston Braves after a week of disaster. Excellent pitching jobs by Warren Spahn, Red Barrett and Bill Voiselle have lifted the would-be contenders from the cellar gloom.

Spahn's first win of the season yesterday marked the return to normalcy of Manager Southworth's gang. For Spahn and Johnny Sain, as 20-game winners last year, were expected to lead the Braves toward the 1948 flag. Spahn missed his first time out and Sain failed twice.

It was Voiselle's three-hit shutout of Brooklyn that yanked the Braves off the floor Monday. Barrett followed with a six-hitter Tuesday. Then came Spahn's two-hit game against the Phillies.

In three games this oft-maligned staff yielded only 11 hits and two runs. Billy never had to call on his bullpen.

Spahn's job was a real sparkler. He faced only 38 Phillies in his 7-0 victory, walked none and fanned four.

Johnny Vander Meer made it a left-handed day in the National by stopping Chicago with six hits while his Cincinnati mates clubbed Johnny Schmitz and Don Carlsen for 12 hits.

The Reds' Southpaw reversed the trend of his first outing when he walked 12 men. Yesterday he passed only two, assuring himself of win number one by an 8-1 score.

The victory put the Reds in a four-way tie for second place at 500.

There was bad news for Cincy, too. Catcher Ray Mueller fractured his right ankle sliding into home. He will be out for 60 days.

The New York-at-Brooklyn game was rained out, but both clubs provided disturbing news. From the Giants came word that Catcher Walker Cooper, who has hit four homers, has a chip fracture on his left knee. He was injured April 21 but caught four of the last five games. He will be out for several days.

Pitcher Harry Taylor of the Dodgers learned he may have to undergo an appendicitis operation. He is being held in a hospital for further examination.

Cold weather postponed the scheduled night game between St. Louis and Pittsburgh in the National. In the American Washington at New York, Boston at Philadelphia and Cleveland at Chicago were called off because of cold, rain or wet grounds.

Detroit took the sole American league game, 9-4, over St. Louis with a 15-hit assault on four Browns pitchers.

Frosh Crew Of Huskies Broken Up

SEATTLE, April 29 (P)—Coach Al Ulbrickson has broken up the University of Washington frosh crew which rowed to the yearling championship last year at Poughkeepsie.

The youngsters also carried the Washington banner to third place in the Lake Washington regatta against 11 of the nation's top collegiate crews.

Ulbrickson kept them together through early drills this season, but this week he shuffled his entire turnout. The coach left the way open for returning to sophomore varsity by saying the switch was an experiment.

Stroke Warren Westlund, Dave Dixon at No. 4 and Bob Young at No. 3 held their places in the first boat.

The first competition of the year for Washington—Olympic title defender—will be against California May 22 on the Oakland estuary.

Nipponese Pay Tribute To Ruth

TOKYO, April 29 (P)—Babe Ruth was honored today in all Japanese professional baseball parks.

Four Japanese players who hit home runs here were given 1000 yen (\$20) each by Sekai Nippo, a Tokyo newspaper. Another 1000 yen went to a home run hitter at Osaka.

A special message from American Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler was read to fans in Korakuen park in Tokyo.

Sotaro Suzuki, vice president of Japanese professional baseball, delivered a talk on "Babu Rusu."

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Kegling Team Pointed For WIBC



The Willard hotel women's bowling team, formed in 1940 to take part in various tournaments, this year will take part in the Women's International Bowling meet now going on at Dallas, Tex. Members of the team who will leave Friday for Dallas are Martha McCollum, captain; Ethel Storm, Dena Backes, Mary Bothwell and Bernice Britt. W. D. Miller of the Willard hotel is the sponsor. The Dallas tourney has 1455 teams entered and a total prize list of \$52,386. The Willard quintet will roll May 3-6.

Citation Will Be Favorite To Cop Derby

Prohibitive Odds May Figure For Calumet Speeder

NEW YORK, April 29 — Everything points to Citation winning the 74th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday, May 1.

If the son of Bull Lea-Hydroplane II wins as expected the bay colt will be the first Derby winner from Count Fleet's stable since 1943 when Count Fleet romped home at odds-on.

Citation, too, promises to be a prohibitive betting choice when the nation's crack 3-year-olds travel the derby distance of one mile and a quarter for the first time.

The champion 2-year-old of 1947 was bred at Warren Wright's Calumet farm at Lexington, Ky. Wright has had six other derby starters and has won with two—Whirlaway in 1941 and Pensive in 1944.

While H. A. (Jimmy) Jones is listed as Citation's trainer it may be that on Derby Day his famous father, Ben Jones, will get his name on the program as trainer. Besides saddling Whirlaway and Pensive to derby victories, Ben also scored with Herbert M. Woolf's Lawrin in 1938.

A victory for Ben Jones would tie him with H. J. (Dick) Thompson as having saddled the most derby winners.

Riding Citation will be Eddie Arcaro, who like the horse he will be up on, is in a class by himself. The Kentucky Italian has had three derby winners and is tied with Isaac Murphy and Earl Sande. Arcaro scored with Whirlaway, Lawrin and F. W. Hooper's Hoop Jr.

Arcaro rode Citation for the first time on April 12 when the pair ran a close second to the crack sprinter Sassy in Havre de Grace's Chesapeake. It was Citation's second loss in 14 races. Citation previously had been ridden to nine victories by the late Al Snider and to three others by Doug Dodson.

Citation's lone setback as a juvenile came last August in the Washington Park Futurity when Steve Brooks brought him home second to the crack filly Bewitch, a Calumet Derby eligible but unlikely to start.

Everything about Citation is impressive. He can carry weight, can run a distance on any kind of a track and is one of the most even tempered horses ever to carry Calumet's devil's red silks.

After beating Bewitch, Better Self from the King ranch and 11 other starters in the Belmont Futurity last fall, Citation first proved that he could travel over a mile on November 8. On that day he won the Pimlico Futurity, again beating Better Self.

That victory enabled Citation to run his earnings to \$155,680 in nine races for 1947.

Rested for three months the Calumet Comet returned to the races early in February at Hialeah and within a month veteran horse-

Western Mail Bag

Denver U Is Serious About Big-Time Football

By BEN FUNK

DENVER, April 29 (P)—A rumor started making the rounds that Johnny Baker, Denver university's new head football coach, was ticketed for Southern California as successor to Jeff Cravath. It circulated only until it reached Baker's ears.

"That's fantastic!" he hollered. "I'm not going anywhere except to that football field in South Denver. There's a great opportunity waiting for me there."

"I'm just getting my staff organized here, not only for next year but for the future. If Bob Seymour, Bud Kerr, Mike Jurich, Jess Mortensen and I can't produce winning football teams in Denver, then we'll be the time to talk about moving."

Baker's prompt denial of the U. S. C. rumor and Seymour's recent rejection of a coaching job at his alma mater, Oklahoma, backs up Denver's claim that it really is serious about bringing some "big time" football to the Rocky mountain region.

Wary of being a soft touch for intersectional opponents, Denver hired Baker, backfield coach Seymour and end coach Kerr from the professional Los Angeles Dons. Line coach Jurich is a veteran of two seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers pro football team.

Freshman coach Mortensen was obtained from Riverside, Calif. Junior college, rounding out the biggest and probably the best coaching staff Denver ever had.

Now in the midst of spring training, Baker seems well satisfied with the results so far. He admits having three big lines, one as good as the

men claimed him to be another Man o' War.

He won all four Hialeah starts, including the Everglades Handicap and the \$50,000 Flamingo Stakes, both at one mile and an eighth.

The only thing bothering the Citation backers is the fact that Arcaro, a free lance rider this year, had his choice of derby mounts and picked Citation. A few pessimists recall that Arcaro selected to ride Devil Diver in 1942 when Shut Out, a stablemate, won the race.

This time Arcaro hopes to live down that blunder of six years ago.

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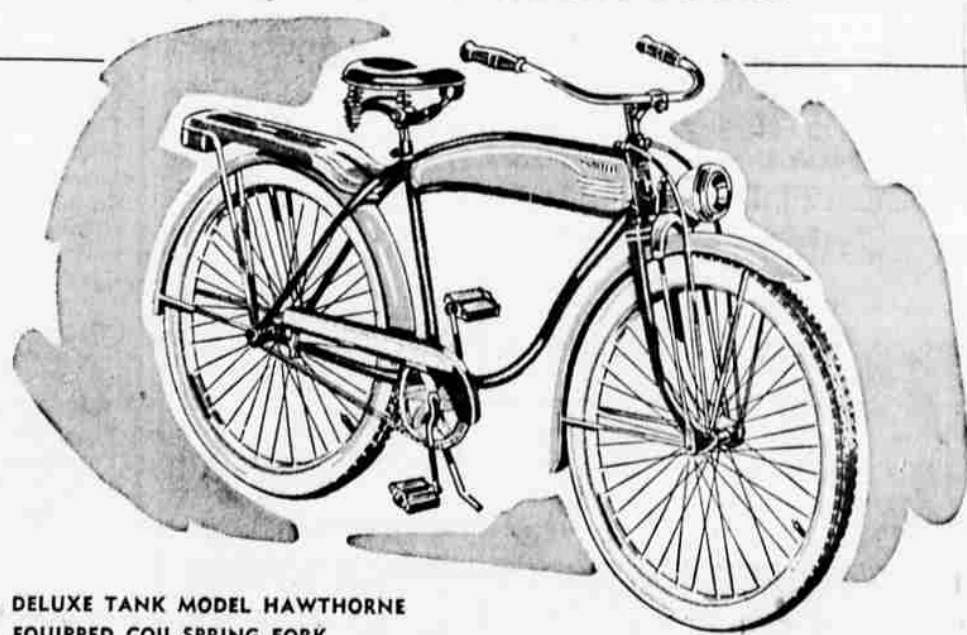
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