

Big Kiner Sets New Bat Highs

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—You'd think that after doing business for more than 70 years, the National league would have finished breaking records in wholesale lots.

But just take a look at the senior loop's miscellaneous marks for the past season. Three major league records were broken, and four others tied, according to official records released today. Eight National league standards were smashed and a half dozen tied.

Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh's man with the big bat, was the individual standout. He did something the old sultan of swat, Babe Ruth, couldn't accomplish by leading his league in home runs for the fourth consecutive season. In two of those years, 1947 and 1948, he tied with Johnny Mize of the New York Giants.

The other two major league marks cracked were 936 home runs for the league as a whole and only 17 bases stolen by the St. Louis Cardinals. That was one in reverse.

FRACTURED OWN

Kiner, who played 34 home runs during the 1949 campaign, also broke two of his own league's records and tied another. It was the first time anyone hit 50 or more homers on two occasions. He hit 51 in 1947. He also punched out 16-round trippers in one month for the first time in history in the circuit.

He tied the mark of hitting 40 or more home runs on three different years.

Stan (the man) Musial and Red Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals, each broke a pair of records. Musial paced the league in base hits for the fifth straight year and in triples for the fourth season to set new marks.

Schoendienst's records were in the fielding department. He had the longest errorless streak for a second baseman, accepting 285 chances without a miscue and finished with the highest fielding mark in the history of the league for a second baseman, .987.

Other major league records that were tied included:

Most home runs one inning by a club—Philadelphia 5.

Most consecutive home runs one inning by a club—New York 3.

Most home runs one inning by a player — Andy Seminick, Philadelphia, and Sid Gordon, New York, 2 each.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other National league records set included:

Most years 100 or more home runs hit by a club—New York 18.

Most players hitting 20 or more home runs in one season—12.

Other players hitting 20 or more home runs in one season—12.

Other National league records that were tied included:

Most home runs nine-inning game (modern)—Seminick and Walker Cooper, Cincinnati 3.

Most consecutive hits nine inning game (modern)—Cooper 6.

Most doubles nine inning game—Willie Jones, Philadelphia 4.

Playing most games at second base one season—Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn 156.

Most triple plays for club—St. Louis 2.

Line Forming For Rose Ducats

PASADENA, Dec. 20 (AP)—The date when the mere handful—6000—of Rose Bowl tickets that goes to the public will be put on sale has not yet been announced. But places in line have already been assigned, unofficially.

The Rev. Chalmers F. Gaithers started the lineup early yesterday by setting up a tent outside the bowl office. Even in the rain, 800 fans showed up. Gaithers passed out numbered slips and they all agreed to their places in line when the sale is set, next week.

What happens if some unnumbered gents get in line first when it becomes official?

Facelifting

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The New York Giants are continuing their face-lifting operations. Veteran First Baseman Bert Haas was sold outright yesterday to the Giants' Minneapolis farm in the American association. Haas, 35 years old, hit .257 in 56 games last season.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You got him really worried, Slug—he's scared to death he's gonna kill you!"

Pro Grid Contracts Attacked In Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Fullback Ralph Ruthstrom's claim that the Washington Redskins professional football club owes him \$4100 will proceed in federal court.

Ruthstrom's suit seeking a test of the vital pro reserve contract clause—and the cash he says he lost because the clause prevented him joining another club—went to trial yesterday.

Judge David A. Pine refused a motion by the club for a directed verdict in its favor. The club also filed a suit of its own claiming the onetime fullback owes the Redskins \$241.80 for a loan made him before the 1947 football season.

Ruthstrom contends he was prevented from earning a living during a period of suspension by the Redskins. He said the reserve clause in the National league contract kept him from joining a Buffalo, N. Y., team.

The clause, similar to one which several professional football players have subjected to court attacks,

Buckeyes Work Out In Rain—Sniffles

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 20 (AP)—"Suddy California—ah, chool!" That's the sniffled reaction of Ohio State's Buckeyes after two hard opening workouts for their January 2 Rose Bowl engagement with California.

The first drill was held in a driving morning rain; the second in a penetrating afternoon wind.

The result: Right End Tom Watson caught a cold, and Coach Wes Feiler said, "We may have several more cases, too."

But the Buck head man defended the drills.

"We needed the work, and the boys will snap out of anything they might catch now."

There was contact work right off the bat, with the first and second string lines butting heads in a long charging and blocking session.

The boys from Ohio impressed observers with their size, speed and spirit even under the dampening circumstances.

The Buckeyes, in turf parlance, could qualify as superior mudders. They overcame a 10-point deficit to edge Pittsburgh, 14-10, in rain and goo. They also polished off Winconsin, 21-0, on an off track.

And with Southern California in the grip of perhaps its wettest winter in at least six years, there's a chance that the Feilerites may get another chance to show their mudability against Cal, which is slightly favored.

The situation brings to mind the great good battle of 1934, in which Lou Little's lightly regarded Columbia Lions slithered past the vaunted Stanfords, 7-0. Nobody out here,

Joe Page Glitters In Movie

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Memo to George M. Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees: When you come to Joe Page's name on your 1950 salary list, make it big.

Fireman Joe has the goods on you in black and white. He couldn't have done better by writing the script for the 1949 world series pictures previewed yesterday.

When the lights go down and the series movies start, Page glitters brighter than Hopalong Cassidy. Both get in trouble but Fireman Joe wiggles home first without shooting iron or lasso.

They say around town that Page, who appeared in 60 regular season and two world series games for the champion Yanks, will want at least \$25,000 next summer.

Like most clubs, the Yanks never announce salaries. However, it's "reliably reported" that Fireman Joe got "about \$20,000" last summer. He'll certainly want more in '50.

CONVINCING

Contracts won't be mailed out for several weeks. Every day the '49 series pictures are shown, Page is going to look more convincing. As the prints won't be available for public showings until January, maybe Weiss had better get in touch soon.

The series films, directed by Lew Fonseca for the American and National Baseball leagues, have many a closeup of handsome Joe. When Page isn't in view, the Yankee cause is ably supported by Bobby Brown, Allie Reynolds, Tommy Henrich or Phil Rizzuto.

When you win a series, 4-1, there can't be much controversial material to air during the winter. It hardly matters that the movies showed Gene Hermanski might have been safe sliding home in the second game. That was the only game Brooklyn won, anyhow.

The excellent films represented many weeks of work by Fonseca and his staff who cut 20,000 feet down to 3700 feet for a 35-minute showing. Somehow or other, they forgot to show whether Tommy Henrich touches first base or not after hitting the game-winning homer in the ninth inning of the Yanks' 1-0 opening victory. The camera caught Tommy as he kicked second base with vehemence.

PATIENT FRICK

Ford Frick, National league president who has been somewhat in seclusion since early October, came down from his 11th story office to say a few words:

At a distance they sounded something like "wait until next year." Mr. Frick is a very patient man.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press

Today a year ago—official national league records showed Harry Brecheen of St. Louis Cards the leading 1948 pitcher with earned run average of 2.24.

Today three years ago—Ray Robinson outpointed Tommy Bell in 15 rounds to win the welterweight title vacated by Marty Servo.

Today five years ago—football coach Carl Snavely left Cornell to accept a five-year contract at North Carolina.

Today ten years ago—university of Chicago abolished football.

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Other Clubs Shudder At Philly Dealings

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—President Bob Carpenter is worried about the reluctance of other clubs to do business with his Philadelphia Phillies.

"Why, you'd think we had leprosy or something the way other clubs steered away from us at the New York meeting last week," the youthful Phillies' executive said.

"I can remember the day when our hotel room telephone at a major league meeting never stopped ringing. Everybody wanted to deal with us. But not this year."

"Oh, everybody was polite. 'Hello, Bob, how are you' and all that sort of stuff. But talk about ball players, no. You'd think we were in the pug pong business."

Carpenter was informed that he was paying the price of being a winner and a pennant threat. The Phillies' president isn't used to being near the top. He's just learning that when your team is good nobody wants to make you better.

Carpenter admitted he was a little worried about his team's prospects next year.

"After all, we finished third last season thanks to great years on the part of veterans like Ken Hentzelman and Hank Borowy. But suppose those two don't repeat."

"Of course we have some fine rookies coming up. A pitcher like Bubba Church from Toronto can mean the difference between third and second place."

Carpenter unhesitatingly selects Brooklyn to win the National league pennant in 1950.

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