

Frank Leahy's Blues Song Better in Tune This Year

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — They used to laugh when Frank Leahy sang the blues. But this year he may be better in tune.

before he uncages another monster to begin a reign of terror on the nation's gridirons.

advance of the opening games," he said. "We do not have too much to look forward to this season and most football experts realize it."



Talbot Says Indians Cooked Minus Boone

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—It is sad to see Manager Al Lopez throw in the towel and, in effect, concede that his Cleveland Indians are out of the American League race.

have a chance. He must have felt down deep that they couldn't win with Strickland. Al went along with Boone as long as he possibly could have, and then he moved. He owed it to his pitchers.

Lopez said that, so far as he knew, Boone would be out the rest of the way and that his place would be taken, in a manner of speaking, by George Strickland, a shortstop recently obtained from Pittsburgh.

One of the first things we asked Lopez at Tucson last spring was whether he thought he could win with Boone, just starting his second full season, at short. It was the question uppermost in the Indians' camp.

Tryout Camp Switched

The St. Louis Browns' two-day baseball tryout camp, which had been switched from Medford's Fairgrounds Park to the Ashland High School baseball field, it was learned here yesterday.

But it has long since been proved that you can't win a flag without a first-class shortstop.

The camp will be conducted by Tony Robello, scout and western representative of the Browns' minor league system, assisted by Bill Brown of the Ashland Elks Lodge.

Lopez said he knew better than anyone else that the tall, likeable young fellow from San Diego had been spotty last year, but that he fully expected him to settle down and prove himself a real big leaguer this season.

Nelsons, Fluhrer's Playoff Winners

Nelson's Battery is Midget Softball League champ, while Fluhrer's Bakery rules the roost in the Pee Wee League.

Now it can only be hoped that an extended period on the bench will ease the strain on Boone's nerves and that he will yet come back to play the brand of ball of which he is capable.

The Nelsons won the rubber playoff game from Parknor Drive-In last night by a slim 10-9 margin. Fluhrer's made it two straight over Riverside. The score was 3-4.

He struck a match at eighty per To light a cigarette, But then he struck a culvert And he hasn't "lighted" yet!



Merrill Host To All-Stars

Merrill Klamath Basin Independent Baseball League champion, hosts all-stars from the other four teams in the league Sunday 2:30 PDT.

The all-star team is made up of players from Malin, Chiloquin, Altura and Beatty. Malin's Norm Urie will manage the team.

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Victoria Puffs WIL Lead to 11½ Games

By The Associated Press

The Victoria Tyees, the 1952 Western International League baseball pennant virtually in the bag, got an assist from last-place Wenatchee Tuesday night and opened their lead to 11½ games.

In other league action, Vancouver's Capilanos protected their No. 3 berth by shellacking Salem 6-1 and Yakima, still gunning for the first division, edged Lewiston 6-5 to pull within a single game of the fourth-place Senators.

Victoria scored three runs in the eighth inning to wipe out a deficit and win the first game of the three-game series with Tri-City's Braves. Four hurlers who toiled on the mound for Tri-City gave up a total of 19 hits, as did the three pitchers who worked for Victoria.

A freak play in which three Wenatchee runners crossed the plate on Frank Dasso's bases-loaded single highlighted the inning.

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