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Chisox May Snub Arizona

By GAYLE TALBOT
PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—News that the Chicago White Sox have scheduled no exhibition games out this way next spring and are preparing to move their training camp to Tampa has cast some gloom over the Arizona boosters who had foreseen the day when this state would rival Florida in the number of clubs soaking up its sun.

Pittsburgh pulled out of the West this spring, and with the Sox gone only four teams will remain—the New York Giants, Cleveland and Chicago Cubs in this vicinity and the St. Louis Browns at San Bernardino in California. The Browns have not signed to return to "San Berdo," but are expected to.

There will be some difficulty in rounding out a full exhibition schedule for the four remaining clubs unless the Browns come to Arizona when they are ready to start playing next spring. They discovered to their sorrow this year that they couldn't draw against Pacific Coast League teams.

Vern (Junior) Stephens, the old-timer who hopes his creaking limbs will hold together long enough for him to help the White Sox win a flag with his third-bus this season, was all of 32 his last birthday.

"I started pretty early," Junior grinned. "Been playing pro ball since I was 10—half my life. Graduated from high school at 14."

"Never been thrown out of a game in my life, though I can't think of any words I haven't called an umpire one time or another. (He gave a few lurid samples.) I think it's because I say 'em quick and then walk away. What makes an umpire mad is when you try to show him up to the crowd."

Another veteran, and a slightly more legitimate one, who hopes to make his presence felt in the coming American League race is Harry (The Cat) Brecheen. The little southpaw, one of the pitching greats of the past decade for the St. Louis Cards, is now with their intercity rivals, the Browns. He will be 39 the next time around.

"What is it a pitcher feels he's losing first?" Harry replied to a question. "Not any one thing—he just generally feels the years creeping up on him, I guess."

"Right now there are days when I can go a few innings or now and then a full game as good as I ever was. I mean be real sharp, with my control and curves working perfectly and the hitters doing nothing to me at all. But I can't count on it the way I used to. It could be that a pitcher gradually loses the power of concentration he once had. You can't throw careless balls in the big leagues."

Freeman Defends Badminton Title
BOSTON (AP)—Seven times singles titlist Dr. Dave Freeman of Pasadena, Calif., leads 158 of the nation's best players into the opening round of the four-day National Badminton championships Tuesday at the University Club course.



HOLDS DOWN FORT — The Army having rejected his application for discharge on dependency grounds, former New York Giant outfielder Willie Mays will continue playing ball for Fort Eustis, Va.

Snead Loses In Playoff

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AP)—The Earl Stewarts of Dallas, Tex., and their two young sons, Tuesday headed for Wilmington, N. C., and the opening Thursday of the \$10,000 Azalea Open golf tournament \$2,000 richer—but it came the hard way.

Four days of nerve-shattering work were wrapped up in that 19th hole against Sam Snead Monday. Snead got down in two for a winning par against Snead's five. They were the survivors of a four-man playoff force that four hours earlier had set forth over the 6,720-yard Sedgfield Club course knotted at 275 for 72 holes of the \$10,000 tournament.

Stewart and Snead posted two under par 68s to continue in a deadlock while Doug Ford, Harrison, N. Y., dropped out with a 70 and Art Wall Jr., Pocono Manor, Pa., posted 72.

Burr Scores Riding Sweep
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Charlie Burr, who as an apprentice in 1951 was the nation's leading jockey with 310 winners, scored a sensational feat at Gulfstream Park Monday by riding all his mounts to victory.

The slender 19-year-old rider from Arkansas City, Kan., started his string aboard Puff in the second and won the third, fourth and fifth before taking a rest.

Detroit Leads AL in Grapefruit League

By ED CORRIGAN
AP Sportswriter
Detroit first and the New York Yankees in the second division in the American League! The Pittsburgh Pirates second and the St. Louis Cardinals last in the National League!

Impossible? Probably during the regular season, but this is Grapefruit League play where the impossible is possible. And that's just how things stand today.

The only team that looks like it might be in its normal place is Brooklyn, which is leading the National League with 15 victories and seven defeats. The Pirates are 4½ games behind, followed by the Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, New York Giants and the Cardinals.

Following Detroit in the junior loop standings are the St. Louis Browns, Washington Senators, Cleveland Indians, Yankees, Chicago White Sox, Philadelphia A's and Boston Red Sox.

The Tigers, with a 12-5 record for the spring—and with the opening of the regular season less than two weeks away—show a percentage of .706. The Yankees won the pennant last year with a .617.

Fred Hutchinson's Bengals, who finished in the cellar last season, are the logical contenders to finish in the same spot this time. But if they can get some pitching to go with their hitting, they could win more ball games than anyone thought possible. In four of their last five victories, including yesterday's 9-5 triumph over the Yankees, they've simply outslugged the opposition.

Four home runs, including one with the bases loaded by Owen Friend helped score-arm pitchers Ned Garver and Art Houtteman to the triumph.

Ray Scarborough, the Yankees' veteran right-hander, took most of the punishment during his six innings. The Yankees now have lost three in a row.

Except for a 12-6 shellacking the Indians administered to the Giants—a happenstance that hardly comes under the heading of news these days—the story was pitching all the way down the line. The Indians made 15 hits including a pair of home runs by Ray Boone in the process of scoring their fifth straight victory.

Here's how the pitching heroes lined up:
1. Jim Konstanty, the ancient reliever of the Philadelphia Phils who hopes to become a starter this year, coasted through the entire rout as the Phils defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 7-1.
2. Billy Loes and Glenn Mickens, a couple of young Brooklyn elbowers, shut out the Boston Red Sox, 5-0. Neither Loes nor Mickens has allowed an earned run in 15 innings.
3. Bobby Shantz of the A's, the most valuable player in the American League last year, went the distance for the first time since the start of spring training. He pitched his mates to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

4. Jim Wilson of the Braves became the first Milwaukee hurler to pitch an entire game. The Braves beat their Toledo American Association farm hands, 6-1, with Wilson giving up nine hits.
5. Warren Hacker and Bob Schultz of the Cubs held the Browns to six hits while scoring a 5-2 decision over the American Leaguers.
The White Sox defeated the El Paso Texans, 13-1.

Dudley Returns To Pro Gridiron
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington Redskins announced Tuesday that Bill Dudley is coming back into the pro football league as a coach—and possibly as a player.

Dudley, a member of the 1941 Associated Press All-America team while playing for Virginia, went on to be a standout pro for eight years. He dropped out last year, and took a job as assistant coach at Yale.

With the Redskins, Dudley will coach the backfield. He's taking a job held previously by Sam Baugh.

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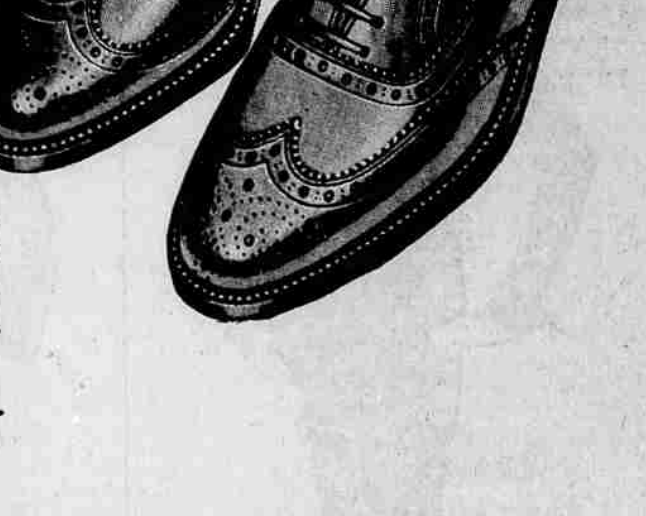
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BASEBALL IS ON THE AIR

Wednesday, April 1st — Phillies vs. Yankees
From Clearwater at 3:00 P. M.
Thursday, April 2nd — Athletics vs. Yankees
From St. Petersburg at 3:10 P. M.
Friday, April 3rd — Braves vs. Dodgers
From Atlanta at 3:10 P. M.
Saturday, April 4th — Braves vs. Dodgers
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Monday, April 6th — Phillies vs. Red Sox
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