

Everyone Worries About Scooter but Phil Rizzuto



PHIL RIZZUTO
Yanks' carburetor

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NEW YORK (NEA)—Casey Stengel has Billy Martin working at shortstop and Phil Rizzuto at second base as a precaution against Little Scooter's arm not coming around, the report read.
"They've been worrying about Rizzuto for five years, or since Manager Stengel has been around.
And all the ignited Italian does is throw another big year.
"The Yankees will go when Rizzuto goes," says Marty Marion, a compliment from one artist to another. "He was mighty tired last year."
In 1952, at 33, Rizzuto was the only Yankee who played every game until the pennant was clinched. That put the home-grown in 152 of them.
In the nine years Rizzuto has been the trigger mechanism of the New York Americans — he spent

three in the Navy—they have won seven pennants and six world championships. They were not beaten until the next to the last day in 1948.
It is true that Rizzuto and Martin have switched positions in pre-game drills, but at their own volition and not by order of the high command. They were only horsing around.
Martin appears any lingering doubt about Rizzuto's arm.
"When he has to, he can throw as well as he ever did," says Stengel's pet project. "He's done it this spring."
When Stengel succeeded Bucky Harris in 1949, his principal objective was to find a replacement for Rizzuto. Philip had fallen off slightly in '48. They suspected his slip was showing. You heard he was ill. He took eye exercises. Perhaps he was growing weary. They spoke of a lack of robustness. He was no more than 30, but had

played since he was 11. He stands only five feet six, would have to pack weights to come in above 160 pounds, and he had taken a lot of hard knocks.
So all Rizzuto did was carburized the Yankees to the first of four consecutive pennants and drop a highly debatable most-valuable-player award to Ted Williams. In '50, the Scooter won the MVP prize hands down, hitting .324 in his finest season. In '51, he took the Babe Ruth award as the outstanding performer in the World Series, in which he batted .320.
Rizzuto was treated for an ulcer after the World Series last fall. He's highly strung, a bit of a hypochondriac.
Rizzuto has always had arm trouble in the spring. For such a remarkable shortstop, the Scooter has only a mediocre arm, further straining his artistry in the field. He compensates for his lack of a rifle arm by getting the ball away

quickly and accurately.
Like Joe Cronin, Lou Boudreau, Luke Appling and other older shortstops before him, Rizzuto's knowledge of batters and pitchers enable him to go to extremes in position play—deep, shallow and to either side.
At 34, Rizzuto may have lost a short stride, yet he has no superior at starting or acting as the pivot man on a double play. The Scooter remains magnificent going deep into the hole to his right, going to the left, coming in for slow rollers, holding balls hit through the pitcher's reach, and cutting out to left field for pop-ups. That just about wraps up the job in the field.
Playing shortstop by ear, Phil Rizzuto would still be the game's top hand at the most important position.

BOWLING

LADYBUG LEAGUE

Club	W	L
Hilltop Cafe	51	25
Schnneck's	51	25
Shoop-Schulze	48	29
Howard's	45	34
McIntosh's	42	42
Beaton's	41	46
Walters' Wooding	38	49
Howard's Service	34	53

Series Last Night
Walters' 3-5, Wooding 0
Howard's 4, McIntosh's 0
Howard's 3, Beaton's 1

Both Hilltop Cafe and Schnneck's turned in whitewash victories last night in the Ladybug Bowling League to stay in a knot for the top spot.
Hilltop was most of the show as Opal McDonald led that team to high team game and series with scores of 939 and 2770. Opal did it with a 563 series on lines of 159, 223 and 181.
Five bowlers went over the 500-series mark. Behind McDonald were Lorraine Harris, Hilltop, 549; Mary Botwell, Schnneck's, 527; Clara Beard, Hilltop, 511; Kay Jones, Howard's, 510; and Lorraine DePape, Beaton's, 509.
Lucy Finney of the Shoop-Schulze Wildcats picked up the 3-7-10 split.

CITY LEAGUE

Club	W	L
Coca Cola	55	22
Underwoods	51	27
Ricky's	49	29
Beaton's Food Sales	46	32
Beaton's	42	36
Tule Crater Lake	40	40
Crater Lake 3	42	46
Herald-News	29	58
Juckeland's	26	60

Series Last Night
Underwoods 2, Coca Cola 1
Herald-News 2, Safeway 1
Crater Lake 3, Herald-News 1
Herald-News 3, Ricky's 1
Hercules 3, Beaton's 1

Rogers Hornsby Says Fight 'Good for Game'

NEW YORK (E)—One man who doesn't view with alarm last Tuesday night's fist-swinging baseball donkeybrook in St. Louis is the old war horse, Rogers Hornsby. "We need more of that fire and spirit — it's good for the game," said the Cincinnati manager before leaving Thursday night for Pittsburgh. "The fans are looking for color-oh, they got it."
"Next time the Yankees and Browns play, people will be busting to get inside the park. Who says that's bad?"
Four members of the New York

Yankees and two members of the St. Louis Browns were fined a total of \$850 Thursday for their part in the unscheduled pyrotechnics.
Catcher Clint Courtney of the Browns was slapped with the heaviest penalty by Bill Harbridge, American League president. Courtney had to pay \$250 for his daring slide into second base in the 10th inning, gashing Yankee shortstop Phil Rizzuto and setting off the wild melee.
Bill Hunter, Brown infielder, was fined \$150, as was the Yankees' Billy Martin. Three Yankees—Joe Collins, Alie Reynolds and Gil McDonald—were clipped for \$100 each for adding to the tempest.



By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
CHICAGO — Billy Martin, Alie Reynolds, Gil McDonald and Joe Collins of the Yankees and Clint Courtney and Bill Hunter of the Browns were fined for their parts in the near-riot at St. Louis Tuesday night.
GOLF
MEXICO CITY — Dave Douglas of Wilmington, Del., and Margarito Martinez fired 69's to take the first round lead in the Pan-American Open.
TENNIS
HAMILTON, Bermuda — Fred Kovalewski of Washington and Lorne Main of Canada advanced to the semi-final round of the Coral Beach tournament.
BOURNEMOUTH, England — Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., and Shirley Fry of Akron, O., both coasted into the semi-finals of the British Hard-courts tournament.
RACING
SAN MATEO, Calif. High Gold (\$6,800) captured the feature race at Tanforan.

"Courtney is aggressive but he's my kind of ball player," Hornsby added. "I brought him up from Beaumont to the Browns. I'd like to have him more just like him. He's a hustler. He's out there to win. So is McDougal—I had him, too, at Beaumont, and Martin. They'll fight you for every inch. That's what baseball needs — more fighters."
Hornsby, himself a fiery, highly-keyed player in his heyday, managed the Browns at the start of last season, moving up from Seattle.

Ace First Entry For Derby Run

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (E)—Ace Deery, an October, was the first to enter the 38th running of the \$100,000 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday.
The name of the son of Grand Marshal was dropped into the entry book 38 minutes after it opened, under Lewis Finney, owner.

ON KEEL
The 7th running of the historic Kentucky Derby will be broadcast exclusively over KFLW and the CBS Network Sunday, 1:15 p.m.
Broadcast of the Derby is a Goetz "Cavaladee of Sports" feature on KFLW.

Race Facts, Figures
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Here are the facts and figures on the 38th running of the Kentucky Derby Saturday.
Take Churchill Downs.
Put down 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (1:30 p.m. Pacific Standard).
Purse \$100,000 added to nomination and starting fees.
Field in winner. About 301,000 betting on number of starters.
Florida Native Dancer.
Last year's winner. Hill Gail.
Distance. One mile and one-eighth.
Record time. 2:01 2/5 by Whirlaway in 1941.
Odds. About 100,000 expected.
Bookie phony Miguel (Mike) Morales of the Chicago White Sox hits from Havana, Cuba. He has his own league hurling and last year, 2 by pitching a batter against the Philadelphia Phillies. The score was 5-0.

Brooklyn Closes Gap on Jittery Phils

By BEN PHILGAR
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Not so long ago the Philadelphia Phillies were the hottest team in major leagues.
Today Manager Steve O'Neill's charges are in a slinging snafu, slouching over their shoulders in the direction of the defending champion Brooklyn Dodgers.
The change in Philadelphia's fortunes came when the St. Louis Cardinals came a visiting Tuesday. The Phils were riding the

crest of an eight game winning streak and boasted a 2 1/2 lead in the National League race.
The Cards swept the first two games and last night battled the Quakers to a 1 1/2 standstill in a game that was called after five innings because of rain. While the Cards were mopping up the Phils, the Dodgers extended their winning streak to four and pulled to within a half game of the groggy Phils.
Brooklyn won their fourth

straight during the afternoon as they trimmed Cincinnati, 7-4.
The New York Giants snapped a three game losing streak with a 1-0 squeaker over Milwaukee and Pittsburgh trimmed Chicago, 4-2, in other National League action.
In the American League the New York Yankees whipped the Chicago White Sox, 6-1, and the St. Louis Browns defeated Washington, 3-1. Philadelphia's game at Detroit was rained out while Boston and Cleveland weren't scheduled.

The Yankees, who got soaked \$450 in fines for their part in the melee in St. Louis Tuesday night, found themselves involved in another small ruckus in Chicago but escaped with their pocketbooks unscathed.
Mickey Rantle has been hitting his home runs so far that they've left no doubt, but at Comiskey Park in the fourth inning he belted one which the Willie Sox questioned. The ball bounced back on the field and umpire Jim Duffy waved Mantle around. When Chicago manager Paul Richards beated too long about the decision, Duffy waved him out of the park.

Etchen Keeps Traps Lead

RENO, Nev. (E)—Rudy Etchen, of Sun Valley, Idaho, clung to high overall lead in Golden West Grand American Trapshoot here Thursday after faltering in the first handicap when he lost almost three times as many targets in a single 100 bird event as he had dropped in the previous 500.
After shooting four events—three at 15 yards and the difficult double—Etchen had a phenomenal 496-500.
But in the first of four handicaps on the program, the all-American came up with a dismal 80-100. But, he was not the only one. His closest competitor, Arnold Rieger, Seattle, also an all-American, wound up with an identical handicap score.
It remained for Bert Dimpier of Seattle to set the pace for the blue ribbon field. Computer hit 964 100 to win the event. He was followed in runner-up spot by George Williamson of Compton, Calif., who bested Gordon Miller, Springfield, Ore., in a shoot-off after both had tied at 97-100.
Leta Hall Frank, Pasadena, Cal., won women's honors with 963-100.

Broncs Stretch WIL Skin to 5 Straight

By The Associated Press
The Lewiston Broncos clubbed Wenatchee 5-2 Thursday night to stretch their Western International League baseball victory string to five straight.
Tri-City's Braves kept in step, one game back of the unbeaten Broncos, with a 6-3 win over Calgary, and Yakima moved into third place after sweeping a twin bill with Victoria, 5-2 and 6-2.
Edmonton's Eskimos and the Salem Senators were rained out again at Salem. Spokane and Victoria were not scheduled.
The teams swap opponents Friday night, with Edmonton opening at Lewiston, Wenatchee at Salem, Victoria at Tri-City, and Vancouver at Yakima. Spokane and Calgary are taking Friday off. They'll meet in a day-night doubleheader Saturday, when Spokane plays its first game at home.
Lewiston pitcher John Marshall limited Wenatchee to five hits as the Broncos completed a sweep of the three-game series. The Chiefs scored their two runs in the third and seventh innings when Marshall all had control. Trouble. In the third, he walked Fred Bauboter to load the bases, then Don Sanford came home on an unfielded out. Vern Richert walked home with Wenatchee's second run in the seventh after Marshall handed out a pass with the bases loaded.
Calgary's Bob Schulte found the

Holland In Race Classic

INDIANAPOLIS (E)—Bill Holland, never worse than second in four Indianapolis 500-mile races, was back for another shot at auto racing's biggest prize when the two and one-half mile speedway track opened officially Friday.
Outclawed by the American Automobile Association for the last two years for entering an unsanctioned race, Holland hadn't even been permitted inside the garage area.
The AAA reinstated him last winter, under bond, and he signed up with Earl F. Slick of Winston-Salem, N.C., the air freight man, to drive a proven "hot" car in this year's May 30 classic.
Holland's vehicle is the four-cylinder, rear-drive auto in which Jack McGrath led the 1952 Indianapolis race until his clutch started slipping. McGrath set a record of 311.497 miles an hour for the first ten laps.

Jones, Herring Tangle Tonight

NEW YORK (E)—Ralph (Tiger) Jones, the ninth-ranking middleweight from Yonkers, N.Y., tackles Jimmy Herring of New York Friday night in the top bout of 10 rounds at St. Nicholas Arena.
Skip Alexander, Mike Souchak and Art Wall, Jr., current members of the touring professional golf circuit, are former Duke University golfers.

Minor League Baseball

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Kansas City 8, Indianapolis 4
Toledo 6, Louisville 6
Columbus 6, Minneapolis 2
St. Paul 10, Charleston 3
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Ottawa 7, Syracuse 5
(only game scheduled)
TEXAN LEAGUE
Shreveport 4, Dallas 2
Beaumont 3, Fort Worth 2
Houston 13, Oklahoma City 6
San Antonio 7, Tulsa 5
WESTERN LEAGUE
All games postponed
PIONEER LEAGUE
Ogden 7-2, Magic Valley 3-7
Boise 9, Salt Lake City 8
Other games postponed

Scores

COLLEGE GOLF
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Portland State 11 1/2, Willamette 6 1/2
Pacific U. 9 1/2, Lewis & Clark 8 1/2
Oregon Education 10 1/2, Linfield 7 1/2
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Portland U. 6, Clark J.C. 5



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BATTING — Frank Thomas, Pirates — Socked two-run homer in ninth to give Pittsburgh 4-2 victory over Cubs.
PITCHING — Virgil Trucks, Browns — Yielded only three hits as he pitched Browns to 3-1 victory over Washington.

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