

Yanks Win By Memory; Dodgers Seem Favorite

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NEW YORK (NEA)—The Yankees have worn out the and other handicappers with the fans around the American League.

No one else is doing anything about the World Champions, so your agent, as a last desperate resort, contributes his share by picking them to win their sixth straight pennant.

This is done at the urgent re-

quest of Hank Greenberg and Al Lopez of the Indians, Frank Lane and Paul Richards of the White Sox and Joe Cronin and Lou Boudreau of the Red Sox.

"If this doesn't put the Evil-eye Finkle on the Yankees, nothing will," they shout, in unison, greatly relieved.

If the Dodgers don't make it three in a row in the National League, Commissioner Frick ought to call in Roy Cohn.

So without further warming up, let's stick out the red neck. After sitting up all night, I've come to only one conclusion. My kid in Japan could have done a better job.

Anyway, here's our prediction as to how the major league clubs will finish next September 28:

American League—New York, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore.

National League—Brooklyn, Milwaukee, New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago.

The Yankees could be beaten, but the question is by whom. You'd like to pick against them — and this trip not just to be different — until

you inspect the Red Sox, White Sox and Indians. The so-called Bombers now do it from memory. A half-dozen of them have grown richer than anybody but Casey Stengel, Frank Costello and Bill Dickey by helping to win five successive World Series.

The Red Sox are interesting, but as Manager Richards of the Fall River Braves, they're still not going to beat the Yankees with boys. The White Sox defy analysis as contenders, but there they are. Here is baseball's greatest example of what a clever pilot can do with half a chance.

The Indians have been together too long, are in a rut. They have become creatures of habit. They're like the horse in stall two. Turn him loose and he'll dash for stall two, except this time he is quite

likely to be lassoed by the Boston and Chicago and locked in stall four.

The Senators are sorely handicapped because they can't steal first base. The Athletics are the Yankees' junior varsity. The Tigers are waiting for some more kids like Harvey Kuenn to grow up. Baltimore inherits the Browns, last place and all.

In the National League, if the Braves were a running horse, they'd be odds-on. The Superbas have altogether too much solid strength.

The others have too many ifs and weaknesses, are banking too heavily on promises and hope.

You get into minor league pitching too quickly when discussing the Braves and Warren Spahn is related the Dodgers.

The baseball writers with the

Giants should be given something with their food. They scribble as though the World Series were starting tomorrow with the Giants in it.

A club might win with a butcher who can hit on first base, but isn't likely to finish higher than fourth with butchers who can hit on first and third, which is the plight of the Cardinals.

The Phillies have only the two big pitchers and but one accomplished infielder — Grady Ham-

ber. Birdie Tebbetts wishes the Cincinnati pitchers could throw as hard as Ted Kluszewski hits. If the Cubs couldn't win in the spring, what makes anybody believe they'll do any better afterward, so the Phillies may get out of the cellar without the aid of miners' bats.

It was a weird spring training season. Owners, managers and coaches have their chins in their hands.

And there are 154 games to go.



WHAT'S MY LINE? ... Ted Williams says this alone is for him after the 1954 baseball season, when he will devote business hours to his fishing tackle business in Miami, Florida.

Francis Expelled From Rio Grande

RIO GRANDE, Ohio (H)—Tiny Rio Grande College has expelled Bevo Francis, the shy, gangling farm boy who put it on the national basketball map.

Francis, an awkward hill-country lad who speaks slowly when he speaks at all, in two years changed Rio Grande from a school without even a basketball court to one with a big-time basketball program.

Monday night the school's committee on instruction issued a

statement saying Francis had been dropped from the rolls because of "an excessive number of unexcused absences, failure to make up more than one of his missed mid-term examinations, and failure to attend any classes in the last two weeks."

APPEARED

The announcement appeared to take everyone by surprise, including Francis' coach and personal friend, Newt Oliver, and Bevo's father.

As for Bevo—his real name is Clarence—he was "out fishing" at the time, apparently unaware of the commotion caused by his expulsion.

Oliver asked, in tones of disbelief: "Who expelled him?"

In Wellsville, Bevo's father drawled: "Why, I was just talking to Bevo this evening and he didn't say anything about it."

Francis, a 20-year-old sophomore who learned his basketball by shooting at a hoop in a hay-loft, holds the small college season scoring record. The 6 feet 9 center scored 1,255 points last season for a 27-game average of 46.5.

TROUBLE

When Bevo first came to Rio Grande, the Southern Ohio college with 94 students was having trouble making ends meet.

But recently, J. Boyd Davis, chairman of the school's board, said "our campaign for funds—\$300,000 in three years—is off to a good start. Pledges are well above \$100,000."

Francis a few weeks ago said he might have to quit after this term because "bills are piling up."

"If Bevo goes, I guess I'll go with him," Oliver said then.

Monday night he backed it up. "I came with Bevo and we'll go together," he told a reporter.

But, he said, he would not resign immediately.

Oliver seemed surprised at the announcement of his protegee's dismissal.

"Somebody's overshot his authority. Nobody ever has been kicked out before the end of the term before," he said.

What will Bevo do now?

Oliver wasn't talking about the offers Francis has had to play basketball for pay, but he said: "Bevo won't go hungry."

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Lause Wins Split Decision

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (H)—Eduardo Lause, the latest import from Buenos Aires, won a booted split decision Monday night over Jesse Turner of St. Louis in a 10 round middleweight scrap at Eastern Parkway Arena. Lause weighed 160 1/2 to Turner's 159 pounds.

Many of the fans thought he deserved no better than a draw. They booted the 5-4-1 votes of Referee Mark Conn and Judge Bert Grant for Lause and cheered Judge Art Susskind's 6-4 ballot for Turner.

MONDAY FIGHTS

NEW ORLEANS—Willie Pastano, 158 1/2, New Orleans, defeated Jacques Royer, 161 1/2, France, 10.

SAN FRANCISCO—Doug Kirby, 141, San Francisco, stopped Eddie Williams, 141, Los Angeles, 7.

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BASKETBALL
PEORIA, Ill.—Robert Vanatta was named head coach at Bradley University.

RIO GRANDE, Ohio—Bevo Francis, holder of most individual "small college" records, was expelled from Rio Grande College because of scholarship reasons.

RACING
BOWIE, Md.—Jockey Bill Harlack opened Bowie's 21-day spring meeting by riding three winners.

County League Game Moved Up

The County League game between Sacred Heart and Merrill has been changed to Wednesday afternoon instead of Friday, the regular scheduled day.

The change has been made because of scheduled church services on Good Friday, April 16.

Game time is still 3 o'clock at the Merrill diamond.

BOWLING SCORES

MOOSE MA'S

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| Bold and Sons | 72 | 44 |
| Louis's Food | 66 | 31 |
| Schneider's | 66 | 34 |
| Klamath Flowers | 66 | 33 |
| Bing's Cafe | 64 | 26 |
| Oregon Woolen | 58 | 33 |
| Little Sweden | 57 | 33 |
| Joneses | 50 | 45 |
| Southern Oregon Music | 48 | 37 |
| Stone's Signal | 43 | 78 |

Monday night's results:
Schneider's 4 Little Sweden 0
Oregon Woolen 3 Bing's 1
Bold and Sons 3 Southern Oregon Music 1
Joneses 2 Stone's 1
Louis's 2 Klamath Flower 2

Oregon Woolen rolled the high scores in both team events in Moose Ma's action last night at Lucky Lanes.

The Woolen Team collected a high series total of 2697 and a 908 score to top all teams in high game.

Bing's Cafe rolled second high game with 899 pins behind the Woolen five and Schneider's took second spot in the team series play with a 948 total.

In individual action, Scotty Bray took high game honors with a 310 score and then returned to capture the high individual series total with 537 pins. Mary Jane Malone took runner up positions in both events with a game score of 192 and series of 535. LaRayne Harris rolled a high third place score of 577 pins for the series.

Splits were picked up by Hazel Glidden and Mary Ellen Hankins. Glidden knocked off the difficult 6-7 and Hankins collected the 5-10. Jean Brown and Mary Mills also combined pins for the 5-7 split.

Red Wings Could Win Cup Tonight

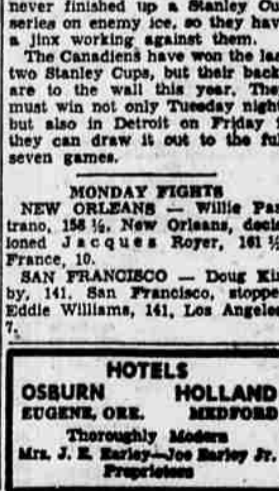
MONTREAL (H)—Needing only one victory to win the coveted Stanley Cup, Detroit's power-packed Red Wings take on the Montreal Canadiens Tuesday night in the sixth of their best-of-seven final series.

Coch Tommy Ivan's Birds lead the Canadiens 3-2, but they've never finished up a Stanley Cup series on enemy ice, so they have a jinx working against them.

The Canadiens have won the last two Stanley Cups, but their backs are to the wall this year. They must win not only Tuesday night, but also in Detroit on Friday if they can draw it out to the full seven games.

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Hurley Readies Matthews

SEATTLE (H)—Jack Hurley, the dour deacon of Seattle, Tuesday prepared his athlete, heavyweight Harry (Kid) Matthews for a June 1 date with British heavyweight king Don Cockell at London's White Center arena.

The cagey Seattle manager, a veritable bloodhound where a lucrative gate might be in the offing, said last week he would be "reluctantly forced" to accept an attractive offer by London promoter Jack Solomon for the outdoor match.

Monday night Hurley gave in, while talking on a transatlantic circuit to Solomons, and accepted the offer.

Matthew's guarantee wasn't announced, but the light crowd here said it probably was within a few dollars of the \$8,000 Hurley was using as bait for a Matthews-Cockell bout here.

Hurley's reluctance to travel to London was prefaced by the \$100,000 gate the two boxers drew here last August, when Cockell pounded out a split decision over the Seattle Kid.

Cockell's boxing star has risen since then, largely on the basis of his recent victory over ranking American heavy Roland LaStarza.

Hurley says he figures Matthews, by sidetracking the Cockell express, would stand a good chance of getting a crack at Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown next September. And then, too, there's always the matter of some \$28,000.

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