

Chicago Manager Sees Tight NL Race

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NEW YORK — (NEA) — A chat with Stanley Hack bears out the thinking that this year's race in the National League isn't going to develop into a runaway for anybody, namely the Dodgers.

Walter Alton of the Braves has been telling one and all in quiet terms that "even the second division clubs can knock your brains out. All but the Pirates are loaded."

A quick once-over of the Cubs backs up this thinking.

"I'm still getting used to the club," says the personable, cigar-smoking, tobacco-chewing Stan Hack, who replaced Phil Cavarretta toward the end of the training season. "It's not bad. We have some highly explosive power and those two around second base make the double play. With just a little pitching we don't get beat easily."

Genuine power is generated by Hank Sauer and Ralph Kiner with Ransom Jackson in between.

Among numerous other things retarding the Wrigleys in more recent years has been the fact that their second basing combinations — starting with Roy Smalley and Eddie Miksis and going on from there — could not make the double killing that pulls pitchers out of bad inning. This year Ernie Banks, despite obvious greenness has blended with Gene Baker.

At the outset, the Braves were consigned to a poor finish and aren't expected to wind up any better than sixth. Yet a look at the Chicago side in action leaves the impression that even the lordly Brooklyn outfit cannot start swinging against it with any assurance that a victory is there for the taking. There are no longer any All-America outs in the north side batting order and Manager Hack figures to get some pitching from Bob Rush, Johnny Klippstein, Warren Hacker and Paul Minner.

All key Giants have to do is remain sound. The Braves swept a two-game set at Ebbets Field. The Cardinals start with Stanley Musial.

Many would have you believe the



STAN HACK

Phillies will finish in the second division, which stresses the rather startling ability the National League carries in its lower flight. The Phils can throw Robin Roberts. Curt Simmons and Murry Dickson at you in a three-game series and leave you for seriously dead. The Reds move in with a lead-off man like Bobby Adams and Gus Bell. Ted Kluszewski, Jim Greengrass and Johnny Temple strung out behind him.

Pittsburgh alone can be taken in stride. A trip around the remainder of the circuit could leave any outfit devastated.

Hack can't remember when the

Armory Remains Dark To Sports

The Klamath Falls Armory will continue to be dark over the next couple of weeks, as far as the sporting picture is concerned, according to boxing and wrestling promoter Mack Lillard.

Lillard, who has been in Rogue River the past couple of weeks, is still looking for suitable opponents for Jimmy Byrne and Ralph Weiser for the next boxing card.

The ring program will probably be held on either June 4 or 11, depending upon what Lillard can learn from a couple of northwest fighters, who are likely prospects for the two well known boxers.

RETURNS TO HELP EX-TEAMMATES

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (P) — Bill Walsh, Notre Dame center on the 1945-48 teams, returned to his alma mater to help a former teammate. He came to assist new head coach Terry Brennan with the line assignments. Walsh has been the first string offensive center for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National Football League for five years.

When Herb Odom of Michigan State won the NCAA welterweight boxing championship, it was the 11th national ring crown for the Spartans.

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Bucky, now boss of the Washington Senators, announced himself a sentimental in pregame ceremonies in his honor, but the Yankees scorned sentiment as they shellacked five of Harris' pitchers for 17 hits, their high mark for the season, and licked the Senators, 9-3.

Before the game, Washington fans wheeled out a shiny new black Cadillac for the Senators' manager, who has been plying that trade for 30 years, but never before had been given a "night" of his own.

"This evening," Harris told the fans, "will remain in my memory as long as I live."

Bucky would be willing to forget everything that happened after he made that statement.

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Columbus 8, Toledo 7
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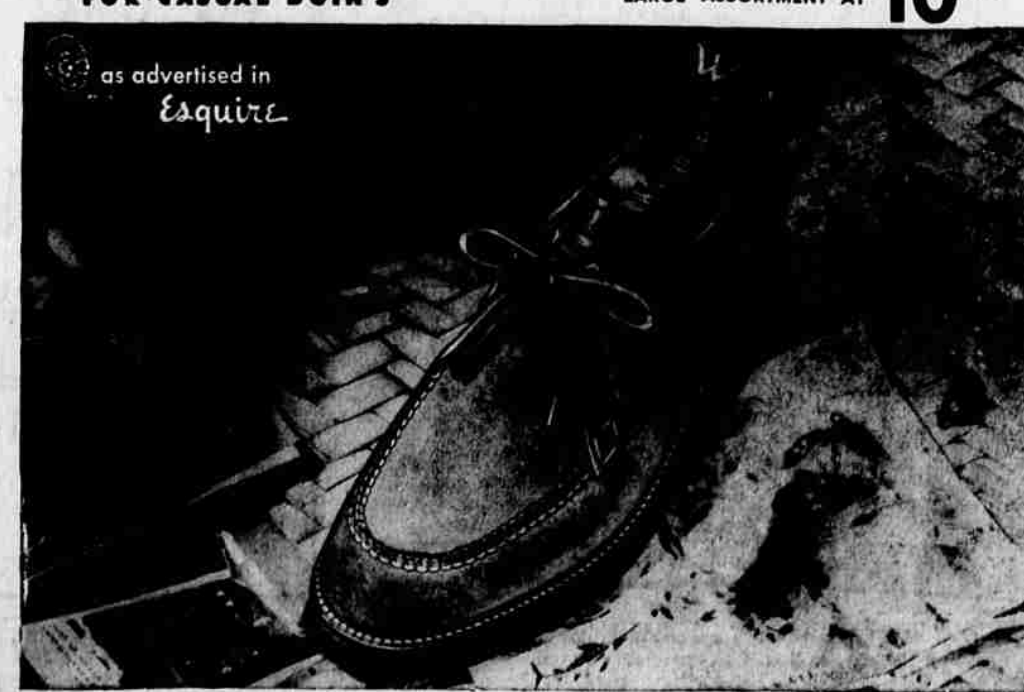
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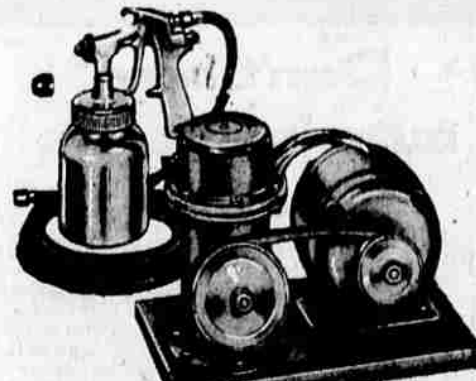
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