



Hugh Bradley Says:

Worse Teamwork Shown by Baseball Bosses Than Help

SO MANY things are being blamed upon the weather nowadays that it is a relief to consider Brooklyn's Dodgers. Since those athletes probably would continue to drop decisions even if they were performing within the shadow of the South pole, collection of logic is dedicated to persistent customers who annually must be beset by chills while the heat is being turned on elsewhere.

Plainly, what is wrong with the Dodgers—as well as with such better favored clubs as the Red Sox and the Indians—is that even worse teamwork is displayed by the bosses than by the hired help. Until the front offices can be made to understand the necessity for co-operation as well as for sustained and intelligent planning, World series must continue to be played at the Polo Grounds, at Yankee stadium, and in such other heaven-favored spots.

By this I mean that there are entirely too many straw bosses floating around in the Cleveland, Boston (American league) and Brooklyn offices. There is such an abundance of managers—both of the business and field variety—that there is no real central authority.

Instead of being Bill Terrys, Branch Rickeys or Connie Mack's, these bossy gentlemen have become Jack Horners. Too many of them are too eager to poke in their thumbs and pull out the plums. Then, with that "Oh, what a great boy am I" refrain still on their lips, they duck out of the back door as soon as some one discovers that a mess has been made out of the pie. Such confusion, of course, is nothing new in this combination of sport and business that is called baseball. For instance, there are the White Sox. When the lamented Charles Comiskey was in his prime the team made money and won pennants. As he became older he slipped into a mingling of uncertainty and stubbornness that caused him to lean too heavily upon poorly equipped volunteer advisers. For years then, and after his death, the White Sox neither made money nor won pennants. Now a happy understanding between field and office is bringing success again.

There also are the Giants. For almost twenty-five years John McGraw was the supreme authority and the club was one of baseball's grandest successes. Then some of the players discovered that it was not impossible to go over the "Old Man's" head. The next pennant was not won until Bill Terry, who would not accept the job until granted full and unquestioned control, had become manager.

Other examples bob quickly to mind. Bucky Harris, who managed two pennant-winning teams under the overlordship of Clarke Griffith in Washington, was not a success in Boston. Marty McManus, for many reasons very popular with the fans, was separated from Red Sox managerial duties ahead of Harris.

During the several seasons since he has taken over the same rap, Joe Cronin may have yearned for the peaceful days when he merely had to fight over signs and trades with his father-in-law.

Similarly, there is Cleveland. Billy Evans, the business manager, and Walter Johnson, the manager, had a pretty time there, while pennant dreams faded in the heat of their feud. Then a new business manager and a new manager drew the black spots. The quarrels have been no less entertaining and destructive. And meanwhile the Yankees, ruled by Ed Barrow, and the Tigers, directed by Mickey Cochrane, continue to cash World Series checks.

In mentioning this, though, I have no desire to be unkind to the various gentlemen who have devoted their years — at salaries considerably more handsome than the results?—to the executive end of the game. I merely am stating facts that are very well known to any one who ever has poked an inquisitive nose into a major league dugout.

That these facts always include the case of a club precariously guided by two discordant sets of directors, a bank, a business manager, a probate court, a manager, a clubhouse janitor, a pitcher and an infielder does not particularly disturb me now.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

JIM TEN EYCK Jr., younger son of Syracuse's old man of the river, is reported in line for that crew coaching job at Princeton. . . . A special act of congress provides that the Coast Guard must be available to patrol courses wherever boat races are held. . . . To celebrate his latest wrestling reunion with Jack Curly, Promoter Jack Pfeffer has submitted to a hair cut. . . . Is it true that Dixie Howell of Rose Bowl fame is due to rejoin the Tigers any day now? They say he is burning up the Texas league.

All reports to the contrary, Bill Bonthron will not attempt another comeback. Bonnie's business is too good and his home life too happy for him to monkey with fate. His workouts are simply to ease the heart that was three times its normal size when he graduated from Princeton in 1934. From now on he'll merely be in the stands applauding while others are setting track records.

Note to the eminent editor Marcus Griffin—"Why do you keep insisting

TAKES NO CHANCES



Almost non-existent is Mr. J. Waller's faith in human nature. So little trust does he place in his fellow-man that each night he takes home from his job the 80-pound wheel barrow with which he has worked all day as a building laborer. He does it in the manner shown, cycling the one and one-half miles between his home at Hampton, Australia, and the job morning and night with the barrow on his shoulders.

one of our present day New York boxing commissioners is copying a page out of the book of a lamented predecessor in the job? Don't you know that celebrated gentleman never put anything in writing?" . . .

Add scenes I like: Mothers greeting tall bronzed Yale and Harvard sons in the Mohican lobby on the night of the annual boat race. . . . Add scenes I don't like: The way sports writers are letting baseball magnates get away with their plans for ditching that All-Star baseball games the fans like so well.

Navy football followers are out on one of the earliest yardarms, many of them already claiming the Eastern championship. Incidentally, they have something more than rumor and the customary handsome donation from congress to support them this time, too. Last fall's plebe team was one of the strongest in years, the line is heavy, replacements are powerful and Young Bill Ingram ranks with the best triple threats.

They say in the locker room—That Gene Sarazen still sticks to his opinion that



Gene Sarazen

Sammy Snead will be the greatest golfer of all time when ever the boys try to break him down. . . . That Frank Walsh, the Chicago - born pro, once was given no chance to live after suffering a fractured skull when his auto wrapped itself

around a pole. A few months later he was a finalist with Olin Dutra in the 1933 P. G. A. test at St. Paul. Also that Walsh's father, who brought five golfing sons into the world, never has had a golf club in his hand and will see his first movie when Parnell gets to Chicago. He was one of Parnell's followers during the Irish revolution. That Johnny Goodman, who used to be a little fellow himself, told Frank Strafaci to get plenty of sleep if he wanted to put on weight. Johnny is up to 170 now and never gets less than nine hours a night. . . . That Johnny Farrell's favorite color is green. . . . That Jimmy Hines is plenty sore because some one printed a story that he uses \$50 shoes. It's true but it gives people the wrong impression, for Jimmy has had the shoes for five years and they have outlasted seven pairs of regular ones.

Larry Snyder, Ohio State track coach, predicts there will be several 7 foot high jumpers in a few years and also 15 foot pole vaulters. . . . Two of Snyder's high jumpers, Dave Albritton and Mel Walker, have cleared 6 feet 9 1/4 inches. . . . Purdue and Notre Dame, who divided a two year series in football a few seasons ago, will play another game at South Bend in 1939.

Bill Dinneen, in his 28th season as an American league umpire, never has missed a game. . . . Gene Sarazen plans to compete in the Japanese open golf tournament this summer. . . . Lee Grissom, the Cincinnati Reds' contribution to the National league's All-Star pitching staff, never had a baseball in his hand until seven years ago. . . . Milton Berle, the giggle gagster, is taking boxing lessons from Mushy Callahan, former junior welterweight champion. . . . Jack Johnson believes he can outbox Joe Louis right now. . . . Braddock thought so, too. . . . Hank Greenberg of the Tigers has bet \$100 that Jimmy Foss of the Red Sox will finish the season with an average of .320 or better.

Nap Lajoie, the old Cleveland second baseman, used one bat throughout his brilliant major league career. . . . It now is on exhibition at a Louisville bat factory. . . . Ace Parker, Duke university's all around athlete who has been sent to Atlanta by the Athletics, will return to school in February to receive a degree. . . . Rowing costs Harvard from \$15,000 to \$25,000 annually. . . . Bill McWilliams, the former De Paul athlete who began the season with Los Angeles, has replaced Dixie Howell of Alabama and Rose Bowl fame at third base for Memphis.

FARM TOPICS

CITES RULES FOR TRUCK OPERATION

Full Loads, Backhauls, Important Points.

By R. C. Ashby, Associate Chief in Live Stock Marketing, University of Illinois.—WNU Service.

Full loads, steady use, high percentage of backhauls and careful handling are four essentials in successful operation of motor trucks.

These facts are pointed out in a study which the department of agricultural economics, University of Illinois, college of agriculture, has completed in co-operation with 15 truck operators who kept records of their activities in hauling farm products over a one-year period.

Three general laws of business are demonstrated by the data obtained, even in the small number of trucks on which records were kept. In the first place, costs decrease with the volume of output, in this case miles covered. Second, lower costs tend to result in lower prices or charges for hauling, and, third, total earnings increase as volume increases.

The greater the number of miles driven, the less the operating cost a mile and hour because the fixed costs are distributed over more units. Cost of operation a mile for trucks with 25,000 miles or more of use was 38 per cent lower than for the group with 15,000 miles or less.

Return loads mean more profits. Trucks which brought back a high percentage of return loads consistently were among the group having the lowest operating costs. Although there was not much correlation between costs a mile and average weight hauled, it was found that a fully loaded truck reduces the ton-mile costs considerably. In the cost of hauling live stock, the mileage required to pick up a full load is an important item.

For the 15 trucks the average cost including operating labor was 7.2 cents a mile. Omitting operating labor, driver and helper, the average cost was 4.78 cents a mile. The trucks averaged 9.1 miles a gallon of gasoline, 519.6 miles a gallon of oil, 27.3 ton-miles a gallon of gasoline and 15.2 miles an hour of operation.

Disposing of Cockerels

As a general rule, it is more profitable to dispose of all the cockerels as broilers at 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, according to a specialist. The feed requirement increases rapidly after that time and the price falls, owing to the seasonal drop in poultry prices and the fact that heavier birds will not bring broiler prices. Keeping the cockerels for a longer time may be unwise, for the laying pullets represent the chief source of annual income.

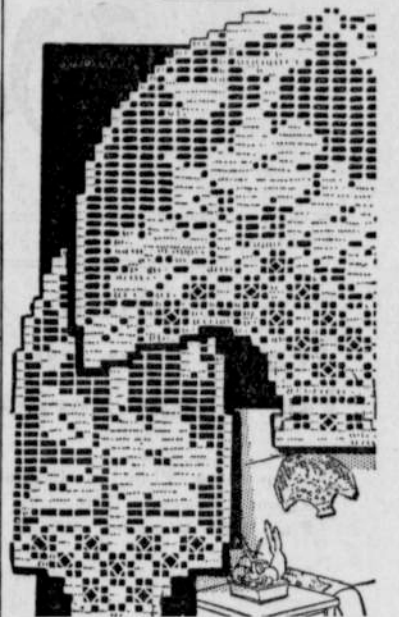
Oats for Hay

In cases where oats are to be used for hay this season, the Missouri experiment station recommends cutting with a grain binder rather than a mower. Oats cut with a mower lose color under the sun's rays and considerable trash may be raked up with them. If a binder is used, adjust the mechanism so that loose bundles are made. When shocking, set up not more than three bundles in a place. Small shocks make for rapid curing.

Young Turkey Ration

The Missouri College of Agriculture reports good results from this economical ration for growing poults: For the first 8 to 10 weeks, supply a mixture of 210 pounds of yellow corn meal, 75 pounds of bran, 50 pounds shorts, 25 pounds alfalfa leaf meal, 50 pounds meat scrap, 50 pounds soy bean meal, 25 pounds dried milk, 5 pounds salt and 10 pounds cod liver oil.

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