

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK.—The Yankees would not be what they are in the baseball world if they did not have extremely smart and efficient front office, but sometimes get to thinking that they are shot with luck, too.

That we have in mind at the moment, in any event, is the amazing performance being put up by a previously undistinguished outfielder named Gene Woodling. It is a hard one to explain unless we at least partly accept the widespread belief among rival American league clubs that there is some "crazy" guy who can't stand to see Casey Stengel suffer.

## PLACE DIMAG

This was the year the Bombers had to come up with a replacement for Joe DiMaggio or the skids. Several rival managers, holding back the tears of sympathy, confided to us in the belief that the Bombers were in a bit of a bind. That no one could even begin to imagine what the loss of the Clipper would mean to the Bombers.

Key Mantle, they said, at some day fill the great void, but certainly not this season. There was no other possibility. Hank Bauer, Jackie Jensen, Bob Cerv—they simply were not in the DIMAG mold. They thought to mention only a 30-year-old who had been bouncing around in the big leagues for a decade and seldom seen his name anywhere near the bottom of a score.

## LEAD LEAGUE

What do we find now? That Woodling is smashing the ball at a steady clip well over 300, threatening the American League lead and fielding like an angel. During the recent western trip, they needed all the help they could get, he slugged 351 games in their last five at Washington, he was hit 14 out of 18 times up.

Recently as last year, he permitted Woodling to lead in only 120 games, as a pinch hitter and as an alternate for Bauer and others in the opposition had a hand on the hill.

The irony of it all is that the first came up with Woodling, the club the Yanks have to beat. That was after Gene spent two years in the service, the Tribe up on him and his .188 average and traded him to the Red Sox in the winter of 1946, and then San Francisco another .385 average with the Seals in '48 was induced the Yanks to give another try at the big time. The point is that Woodling is a product of the Yankee system, nor was he a

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# ABEL & ODOWES WIN SEMI-FINALS

## When Play Starts In Soccer Game

At the kick-off does the play start when the whistle is blown or when the centre-forward kicks the ball?

There is no question as to the answer, though there was discussion in the stands and on the field during Wednesday's game. The Football Association's official "referees chart" states as follows:

"Many players, when the whistle sounds for the start, run inside the opponents' 10 yards' circle, or cross the half-way line. This is wrong, as the game commences with the kick-off, not with the referee's signal."

There was some discussion at a recent match as to whether the centre-forward at the kick-off could drive the ball away down the field. Of course he can. All the rule book says is that the ball must be kicked forward, and is in play "when it has travelled the distance of its own circumference."

But should the player play the ball twice before it has been touched by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded the opposing team.

## Ned Garver Swapped For Outfielder

ST. LOUIS ©—Ned Garver, the first 20-game winner of a last place major league club in 23 years, was swapped Thursday by St. Louis Browns to Detroit Tigers for outfielder Vic Wertz in an eight-player waiver deal.

Bound for Detroit are outfielder Jim Delsing and relief pitcher Dave Madison. Earlier this week, outfielder Don Lenhardt and pitchers Marlin Stuart and Dick Littlefield travelled from the Tigers to the Browns, also on waivers.

Rookie pitcher, Bud Black, was handed to Detroit in a deal from San Antonio, the Brownie farm.

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## Commercials Fail in Final Chance

Abel & Odowes emerged winners of the semi-final playoffs in the city baseball league, taking two straight games from Commercials by last defeating them 9-7 with the pitching of Cliff Dahl.

Clothiers took the first game Sunday 9-18. They now meet league-winning Gordon & Anderson in the final playoff.

But Commercials still had a leg to stand on in the last inning and muffed it.

Lagging two runs, first baseman Joe Davis lined out into right field, a single, which he stretched into a triple as the ball rolled by outfielder Jack Lindsay.

With Davis in scoring position and no one out, playing manager Simundson popped out to right field to remain hitless for the game.

Davis tagged up and headed for home, but was too late. A quick relay from outfield to shortstop to Postak behind the plate caught Davis cold for the second out and loss of the only hope for Hotelmen. Morgan, who hit two for three in the game, struck out to end it for Commercials this year.

The big boogie came early in the third frame when Clothiers tied off of Commercials' pitcher Billy Reynolds for five hits and five runs. One of these hits was

a triple by shortstop Giordano; another was a double by second baseman Benny Windle.

Windle also tagged Reynolds for a double in the top of the ninth to score Lindsay, biggest gun for the winners.

Adding to his top batting score this year, Lindsay hit three times and not once in five tries in field errors.

While Commercials fell one run short of tying the dangerous 5-9 lead in the bottom of the third, Clothiers outscored them in the fourth for the deciding run.

Commercials' comeback in the bottom of the third after giving way to their rivals, tallied four runs off four hits, a walk and four errors. They went in to score one more in the fourth off

three hits and then made two clean hits by Morgan and Reynolds count for two runs in the fifth.

Fourth inning was perhaps the most dangerous for Dahl, pitching from the A-O mound, when with two men on second and third, hard-hitting Davis was passed to fill the bases. Simundson grounded out to the mound for the final out.

The best-of-five final playoffs are scheduled to begin next Thursday when much needed back-stop Dave Abel, for A-O, will pick up where he left off before going on vacation.

Sunday, an all-star team of Prince Rupert league will compete in Smithers in a Central B.C. baseball tournament, first game to be played Saturday, 6 p.m.

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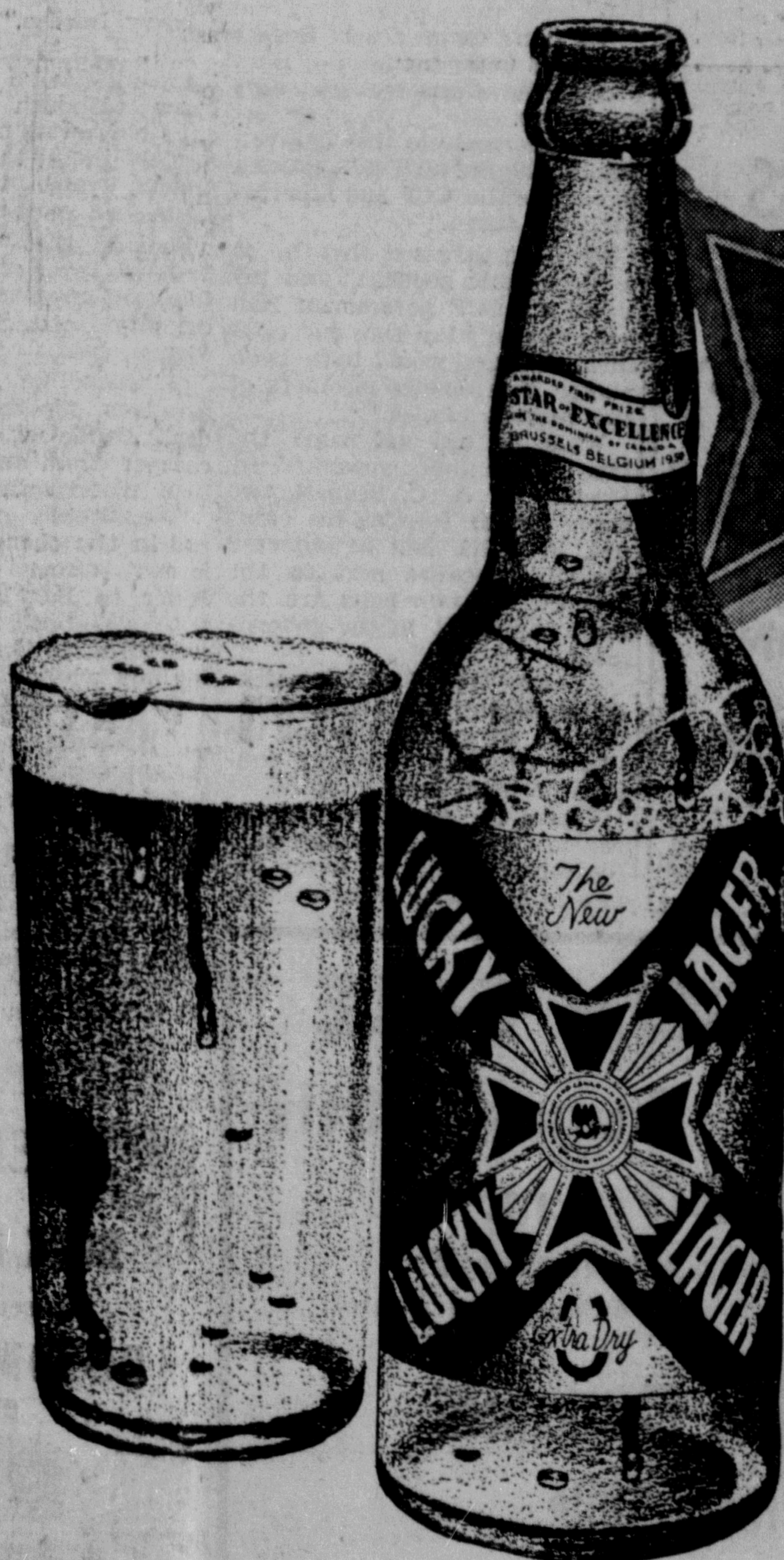
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