

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Nobody outlawed the two-platoon system in baseball but it looks as if the old boy is on his last legs.

Even Casey Stengel, who practically invented the idea, has slowed up on the switches. Stengel actually didn't double-team his New York Yankee line-up much last year. He concentrated on shuffling the batting order with 98 different versions.

Stengel is platooning at two positions this season. One is caused by the injury to third-baseman Gil McDonald.

With McDougald out Stengel has been playing Andy Carey against left-handed pitchers and Loren Babe against right-handers.

There is a typical twist to the other change. Against a left-hander, Stengel has left-handed batter Joe Collins; for another, Johnny Mize. The theory is that Mize, one of the game's great hitters for years, can hit any kind of pitchers while Collins often looks bad against south-paws.

Marty Marion sometimes makes a change in his St. Louis Browns' outfield. Jimmy Dyck, who gave way to Bob Elliott at third base, usually plays left field when a southpaw is pitching. Dick Kokos replaces him against right-handers.

Chuck Dressen is still two-platooning left field for Brooklyn Dodgers. George Shuba has been slow recovering from a knee operation so Dressen has used Don Thompson against right-handers and Dick Williams against lefties. Neither is a ball of fire at the plate.

For the Philadelphia Phillies Johnny Wyrostek has been slugging at a .533 clip against the right-handers. But Mel Clark starts the game in right field when the opposition pitches a left-hander.

Rogers Hornsby makes one change in his Cincinnati line-

up, alternating Gus Bell and Wally Post in centre field. Bell plays against the right-handers.

New Bears Threaten WIL Race

(This is one in a series on the prospects of teams in the Western International Baseball League.)

By GEORGE F. REDMOND

Yakima Republic Sports Editor
YAKIMA—The Yakima Bears, playing in this flowering garden of kid baseball, are going it alone in the Western International League this season—perhaps even closer to a pennant than when assisted by the San Francisco Seals.

Backed by the riches of Frederick Merrey, Jr., theatre, hotel and business building magnate, the Bears are starting out now—new faces, new uniforms and new business office management. Only manager Dario Lodigiani, the old major and Pacific Coast League infielder, pitcher Jack Thompson and first-baseman Len Noren remain.

YOUNG TALENT

Mercy wants a winner built by his own hand and the hands of his local associates and especially does he want it built from the talent to be found in an area he believes possesses more promising youngsters than any other in the world.

To accomplish the purpose, which is spurred by home-town pride, he has unwrapped the strings from his pocketbook and given general manager Bob Osland and Lodigiani a "go-ahead" sign conditioned only that youngsters be given the preference on the roster.

Acting on that advice, Lodigiani arrived on the local scene March 17 with a whole flock of youngsters in tow. He had picked them from the California sandlots during an off-season of scouting the California winter leagues.

Present training camp appearances indicate Lodigiani's efforts have not been in vain. Among the promising players are Milt Mountaines, a big catcher; John Matzek, a six-foot-two-inch shortstop, and Chuck Cannady, a fire-balling right-hander.

PACKAGE DEALS

However, a player package accompanying the Seals' stock into Merrey's hands may pay the biggest dividends.

One of these players is Dick Young, six-foot-three-inch 21-year-old right-hander. A pitcher signed by the old Yankee pitcher, Carl Mays, he had a 22-1 record in the Portland City League when Uncle Sam called him into the service.

Another pitcher in the package was Leroy Schaening, a Californian who had an 18-4 record in the Mountain States League before his entry into service.

The grab-bag also contained Herman Lewis, fleet Negro outfielder who had more than 50 home runs in two years of organized baseball and also a .340 batting average in the Mexican Pacific Winter League.

There were also shortstop Elmer Clow, who batted better than .300 and was picked on the Mexican league's all-star team, and outfielder Babe Gammino, who had entered the service after a .335-year in the Arizona West Texas League.

Osland during the winter obtained second-baseman Buddy Hjelmaa, a veteran of the WIL, from Wenatchee; infielder Jack Louman, a hometown boy who has played Texas ball, from Tyler of the Big State League; pitcher Eddie Locke and outfielder Bob McGuire from Vancouver Caplanos and pitchers Duwain Chipman and Bill Creech from the Gulf States League.

Millionaire Scores Race Track Taxes

TORONTO (E. P. Taylor of Toronto has pleaded for a reduction of the eight-per-cent betting tax on Ontario race tracks to five per cent, and chided the Ontario government for what he termed its "short-sighted policy" in this respect.

In his presidential report to the 46th annual meeting of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society, the Toronto millionaire sportsman declared:

"As soon as our provincial governments come to realize that through excessive taxation they are discouraging the largest spectator sport in North America, I am sure that the race tracks will do their part and provide adequate modern and up-to-date physical facilities, and better purses.

"When all this comes about, provincial revenues will be very much larger at a five-per-cent tax than they are now at much higher rates.

"Recognizing that breeders and owners throughout Canada look to Ontario for leadership, your society has made repeated representations to the Ontario government in regard to the handicap of unduly heavy taxation. So far our pleas have only met with scant success as the tax still stands at eight per cent."

Mr. Taylor said that with the growth of racing the Canadian breeding industry "has been expanding in the quantity and quality of thoroughbreds produced" but "from the financial standpoint, the industry cannot be considered to be in a healthy state."

A check of several prominent breeders who keep accurate records indicates that the true cost of a yearling up to the time that it is broken or sold amounts to between \$3,000 and \$5,000, depending on the value of the mare, stallion fee, and all other elements of cost.

"As the average selling value of the yearlings at sale time or later as a race horse does not average nearly this amount, it can be truthfully said that breeding in this country is currently being conducted at an annual loss which is probably in excess of \$1,000,000."

Remember When

War Admiral, spectacular son of Man O'War, first showed his speed over the mile and 1-16 course in winning the Chesapeake Stakes at Havre de Grace 16 years ago today. War Admiral went on to win the triple crown in 1937—the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.



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Spring Salmon Derby is Planned To Become Regular Annual Event

Opening of the first annual Spring Salmon Derby here Sunday marks the beginning of what is planned to be a regular annual event for sportsmen and women.

Sponsored by the Rupert Rod & Gun Club, the derby is operated by a three-man committee according to accepted rules in other derbies.

There is one main difference between the Derby here and those held in other areas—the Rod & Gun Club cannot commit itself in advance of what the main prizes will consist as other sponsors do.

Because this is the first such derby held here, there is no way of estimating amount of funds that will be available for prizes through sale of derby tickets, explained derby committee members.

All money collected from sale of entry tickets, however, will be used only for operation of the derby.

Another major handicap the derby committee experiences is lack of boat rental facilities in Prince Rupert. A special appeal is being issued to all row-boat owners willing to rent out their boats during the whole or part of the derby season.

Those willing to rent their boats are asked to contact Elmer Clausen at Cow Bay, telephone Red 919 and arrangements will be made.

The derby committee is particularly grateful for the support already received by city merchants who have donated derby prizes.

A canvass was made of all merchants last fall for prizes in the coho derby. Because of a

low entry list, only a limited number of prizes were awarded and the balance retained.

These will now be used for the Spring Salmon Derby and the Steelhead Derby, which closes May 3.

However, more prizes will be needed in addition to ones made available through entry fees and another canvass of merchants will be made.

For the future, one canvass will be made annually. Merchants are asked to support the derby to promote a growing tourist attraction as well as outdoor sporting locally.

A display of prizes donated will be shown in a downtown window throughout the derby season, beginning next week.

Members of the derby committee are Elmer Clausen, Howard Walker and Larry Stanwood.

English Cricketers Still Hope To Down Aussie ChampionsBy ARCH MacKENZIE
By The Canadian Press

LONDON (E. P. Taylor of London) — On the losing end of the Australian-England test matches for a long time, England still can whip up a lot of enthusiasm for the visiting cricketers from Down Under.

"A summer which brings us the Australians cannot be dull even if it rains," opined J. P. W. Mallalieu, Labor member of Parliament, journalist and cricket lover, summing up the cricket fan's attitude toward the test matches inaugurated in 1876 and scheduled again for this summer.

This year's Coronation visit is that much more welcome because some observers have professed to detect a clink or two in the armor of the Australians, who last played here in 1948 under the great Sir Donald Bradman. Australia won handily on that occasion and hasn't lost since 1932-33.

England's hopes of victory may be more wishful thinking than substance, for the Australians may be nurturing them to make eventual victory sweeter, but it's said that Australian bowling isn't what it used to be.

Their draw with South Africa in the test matches concluded early this year was blamed on injuries to Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall, demon fast bowlers comprising two-thirds of the Australian main attack and both over 30.

AUSSIERS CONFIDENT

Still the visitors seemed pretty confident when they docked in mid-April and there is nothing

wrong with their fielding and batting records.

In fact, their roster, which includes eight veterans of the 1948 Australian team, looks as good statistically as England's, with an average age of 28, a year younger than the previous team.

Miller and Lindwall are reported good as new, bad news for English batsmen who can recall being harassed by their lightning deliveries which now and then exploded under their chins.

The team captained by Lindsay Hassett starts play at the end of the month in a charity match and fits the five English test games into a schedule which totals 31 games with other clubs.

First test match starts June 11 and the last August 15.

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The Sports Shop**Grandmother Golfer Drives 9 Holes-in-One**

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (AP)—Mrs. F. F. Small, 61-year-old golfing grandmother, drove for two more holes-in-one on the golf course at Invercargill Thursday, it was reported here.

They were her eighth and ninth this year.

Mrs. Small, who has been clicking off her holes-in-one with amazing regularity, turned in her first Jan. 15. Since then it just keeps on happening.

Reports from Invercargill say Mrs. Small decided to give up golf for a while after turning in holes-in-one on three consecutive days early in April. She went off on a non-golfing vacation but came back to the links Thursday. This time it happened twice.

The first was on a 114-yard hole, and the second, 190.

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Season Prizes...

A BONUS prize will be given to contestants entered the first heaviest three fish during season, beginning April 26 and ending June 18.

Special Prizes...

Top prizes will be awarded to the contestants entered the first three heaviest fish during season, beginning April 26 and ending June 18.

Special Prizes will be awarded to lady contestants weighing in the three heaviest fish during the season and to junior contestants.

RULES

1. The first annual Rupert Rod & Gun Club SPRING SALMON DERBY shall open Sunday, April 26 at 5 a.m. and close June 21 at 5 p.m., the three days of which shall be known as SPECIAL DERBY for which special prizes will be given.
2. The Derby is open to all anglers upon payment of \$10 entry fee which entitles holder to fish in the entire Derby and catch as many fish as he or she wishes.
3. Official weighing-in station is the premises of J. Clausen & Son, Cow Bay. No fish will be weighed in after 9 p.m. of each day.
4. There are no fishing boundaries, except that salmon must be salt-water caught and weighed in on the same day that it was caught.
5. Recognized sporting tackle must be used with lines not heavier than 48-pound and weights not heavier than 16-ounces. Tackle must be presented to official weighing station when fish is entered.
6. One witness must have accompanied contestant during the catch and must sign weight receipt.
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