

Scribe Sees Phils Winning Tight National Loop Race; Giants 2nd

By JOE BREU

So you liked the close pennant races of the past few major league seasons? Well brother, you haven't seen a thing yet.

By the time the curtain drops on the National league battle, there should be more stomach ulcers per square baseball fan than at any other time in the history of the game.

The 1951 senior loop flag chase promises to be one of the greatest Coast three team fights ever

staged. The power-laden Brooklyn Dodgers, the scrappy New York Giants, and the champion Philadelphia Phils are going to spend the summer smacking each other and the five remaining clubs around.

Tough Year For Rosie

Those three form the top strata. The second flight includes the Boston Braves, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Cincinnati Reds and the Chicago Cubs. They'll battle for positions four to seven. The Pittsburgh Pirates are doomed to the cellar again, with

or without Branch Rickey. And don't be fooled by any fast start. It happens every spring.

How will it all end up? Well, with a hope and prayer, here goes.

The Philadelphia Phillies to win in a race that will see no team ever get more than a three game lead. The Whiz Kids are the forgotten people because of last season's late fold. But no one recalls the sensational August play that gave them that seven game lead.

The catching is no worry with Andy Seminick and Del Wilber to do the receiving. And the infield is the best defensive unit in the league. The outfield is adequate on defense.

Right Church-Good Year

The Phil's strong suit is pitching despite Curt Simmons' dominating of the khaki. They still have Robin Roberts, headed for another 20 game season. They also have ace reliever Jim Konstanty. To pick up the slack left by Simmons is Bubba Church, who is going to surprise a lot of people, and Russ Meyer, who appears set for a repetition of his banner 1949 season.

The Phils won't under pressure last year, knocking off the Dodgers when all the chips were in the pot. This will give them added poise.

Leo Durocher has the New York Giants in contention for the first time in a decade. He has a wonderful pitching staff, a good defensive infield, although weakened by the lack of a topflight first baseman, and an adequate outfield.

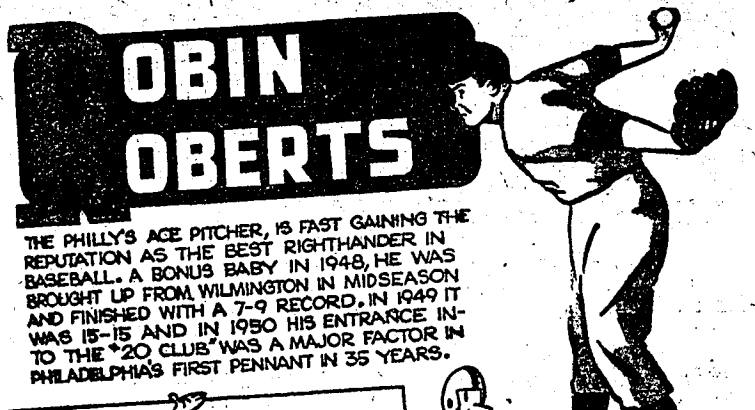
An expected return to top form by Bobby Thomson will perk up the offense and make the New Yorkers tough to beat.

Brooklyn Power

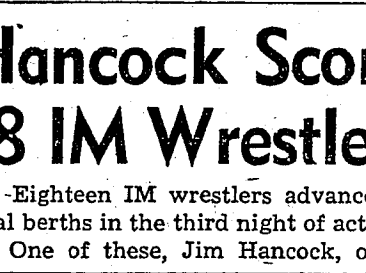
In the third spot are the Dodgers and all their frightening power. Here is a line-up in which each and every man regularly propels a baseball into the stands. Here is a team with a top defensive infield and outfield. Here is a team with first class reserves. But here also is a team with second division pitching.

Last year the Burns had but three men on the staff on whom they could call with any hope that he might last out the game. They were Don Newcombe, Preacher Roe, and Erv Palica. The latter is at present in the Army. So now they have two.

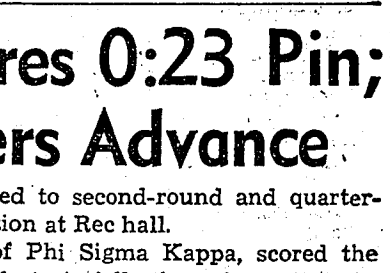
In the second flight, Boston is favored by most experts to win fourth spot. Here, however is our real longshot—Cincinnati. Ewell Blackwell is set for a great season and, with Howie Fox and Ken Raffensberger to help, is going to take the Reds into the first division.



ROBIN ROBERTS
THE PHILLY'S ACE PITCHER, IS FAST GAINING THE REPUTATION AS THE BEST RIGHTHANDER IN BASEBALL. A BONUS BABY IN 1948, HE WAS BROUGHT UP FROM WILMINGTON IN MIDSEASON AND FINISHED WITH A 7-9 RECORD. IN 1949 HE WAS 15-15 AND IN 1950 HIS ENTRANCE INTO THE "20 CLUB" WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST PENNANT IN 35 YEARS.



CHARLES CHUCK KLEIN
WON THE \$10,000 RIO GRANDE OPEN LAST FEBRUARY, POCKETING \$2,000. IT WAS HIS FIRST MAJOR TRIUMPH IN 15 YEARS OF TRAMPING THE PRO GOLF CIRCUIT!



DIKE EDDLEMAN
SENSATIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR THE TRI-CITY HAWKS, IS ONE OF THE MOST VERSATILE ATHLETES IN SPORTS. HE STARTED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOOTBALL, TRACK & BASKETBALL TEAMS, WINNING 11 LETTERS-A-SCHOOL RECORD THAT STILL STANDS.

Lion Boxers In First NCAA Tests Tonite

All four of Penn State's boxing entries in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Boxing Tournament in East Lansing, Mich., this weekend will meet their first opponents tonight. The tournament gets underway at 2 p.m. today, and continues tonight, Friday, and Saturday nights.

In the second bout of the evening, the Nittany Lions' 125-pounder, Sam Marino, meets Idaho's Franky Echevarria. In drawing Echevarria, Marino faces the toughest of the Lions' four opponents. Echevarria has an 8-2 record. He is the current Northwest Invitational and Pacific Coast bantamweight champion.

The Idaho titlist was defeated in last year's NCAA tourney in Rec hall by Minnesota's Neil Ofsuth in the quarter-finals. This bout will mark one of the few times this year that Marino will have an opponent who does not tower above him in height, and have the advantage of a longer reach.

Gross vs. Reilly

In the fourth bout, State's 135-er, Frank Gross, draws another tough foe in the person of Jim Reilly, from Gonzaga University on the West Coast. Reilly is also a veteran of last year's NCAA's, having been defeated then by Louisiana State's Tad Thrash in the 130-lb. semi-finals, after defeating Minnesota's Dave Mackey in his first bout.

Reilly has a season's record of 4-2-2, as compared to Gross' 7-2 log. Seeking honors in the Pacific Coast Conference, Reilly finished runnerup this year at the 135-lb. post. Gross finished runnerup in the Eastern Intercollegiate this year.

Albarano vs. Orsak

Following Gross' bout, John Albarano will toss leather with Louisiana State's Danny Orsak in the 145-lb. class. Orsak is a newcomer to the tournament, but has piled up four wins against two defeats this season. Albarano has an 8-2 record to protect. He is current Eastern champion at 145 pounds.

Albarano faces tough opposition in this class, with defending champion Len Walker back for another go at the title, and last year's runnerup at 135-lbs., Paul Kostopoulos, who has moved up a weight this year.

The Lions' other Eastern champ, Lou Koszarek, 165-lbs., tangles with Leon Hamilton, Michigan State's middleweight. Hamilton and Koszarek are both newcomers to the tourney. Kos-

Chuckran Receives Lansford Grid Job

LANSFORD, PA., April 4—(AP)—John Chuckran, former football star at Penn State college, has been chosen coach of the Lansford high school football team.

Chuckran coached the Saxton high school team of Bedford county last season.

A stellar quarterback at Lansford high, John entered Penn State in 1943 and was a standout player in his freshman year.

Later, he entered the Army and coached a GI team in Japan.

Returning to Penn State, his football playing career ended abruptly when he suffered a leg injury. He graduated in June, 1949. Chuckran's appointment was announced last night.

V-Ball Games See Greeks In Action

Intramural volleyball opened Tuesday night with 24 fraternity teams seeing action.

Chi Phi-A and Phi Delta Theta-A showed power as they trounced Omega Psi Phi-A and Delta Chi-A by 15-0, 15-9 and 15-3, 15-0 scores.

It took Beta Theta Pi-A, Pi Kappa Alpha-A, and Pi Lambda Phi-A the full three games to down Lambda Chi Alpha-A, Alpha Chi Sigma-A, and Alpha Phi Delta-A.

Acacia-A team was decisioned 15-13 and 15-13 by Phi Sigma Delta-A; AGR-A took Pi Kappa Phi-A by 15-9, 15-10; and Phi Epsilon Pi-A won over Delta Sigma Phi-A, 15-12, 15-7.

Alpha Chi Rho-A beat Phi Sigma Kappa-A; DTD-A over Phi Gamma Delta-A; Alpha Sigma Phi-A over SAE-A; and Delta Theta Sigma over Phi Kappa-A.

When a fraternity enters two teams in competition, the difference is symbolized by A and B teams.

zarek sports a better record, with 7-0-2, as compared to Hamilton's 4-3.

Koszarek may be closer to the top of the heap at 165-lbs. than many of the contenders realize. Not only are both the defending champion and runnerup out of the race via graduation, but also the other two men who got into the semi-finals at this weight last year.



The CITRUS Dope

By JAKE HIGHTON

Stan (the Man) Musial's title of "National League Terror" is in danger.

The power-packed slugger jeopardizing the position of such an esteemed person as the St. Louis Cardinal clouter is Cincinnati's Thumping Theodore Kluszewski.

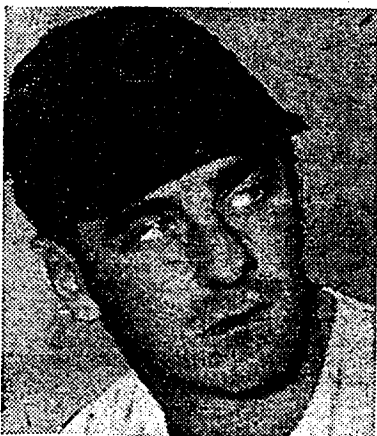
Muscular Ted continued his sensational citrus hitting when he walloped a double with the bases loaded to provide the 3-0 margin by which the Redlegs blanked the Washington Senators yesterday in Orlando, Fla.

Still, greater cause for Cincinnati stock to soar is the splendid five-hit whitewash job pasted on the Nats by the old, but still extremely effective portsider, Ken Raffensberger.

A big winner to go with the swift side-armed Ewell Blackwell could be cause for rival managers to hit the aspirin bottle.

When a pitcher supplies the only Boston Red Sox home run you know it wasn't a good day for Steve O'Neill's sluggers.

The Jacksonville Tars, using the Bosox's home-run poison to perfection, yesterday slammed four round-trippers to upset the Beau-



Ted Kluszewski

towners, 8-7, in Jacksonville, Fla. Pitcher Willard Nixon, who struck the only Red Sox homer, fell victim of the Sally Leaguer's fifteen hit, circuit clouting assault.

Hancock Scores 0:23 Pin; 18 IM Wrestlers Advance

Eighteen IM wrestlers advanced to second-round and quarter-final berths in the third night of action at Rec hall.

One of these, Jim Hancock, of Phi Sigma Kappa, scored the

Bedenk Issues Batting Order; Cerchie Fourth

Only one first-year man will be in the starting line-up of the Penn State baseball squad for its '51 debut against Western Maryland, Saturday, according to Coach Joe Bedenk. Sil Cerchie, hard-hitting center-fielder, is the lone rookie to get an opening call.

The lead-off spot will be occupied by Hen Albright, left field, then Chris Tonnerly, third base, Cerchie, center field, Bill Hopper, right field, Stan Laganosky, first base, Paul Mowry, shortstop, Bill Mihalich, second base, Bill Leonard, catcher, and Owen Dougherty, pitcher.

Bedenk announced that Jack Krumrine, the 6-foot-3-inch control artist from State College, and Tom Campbell, another control hurler from Pottsville, will do relief work in case Dougherty gets into trouble.

Campbell, Krumrine Possibilities "Campbell and Krumrine, are my best looking sophomore hurlers," Bedenk said, "and later on may be used as starting pitchers."

Cerchie, at this early stage, looks like one of the best ballplayers to come to State since the days of Joe Tepsic, a '47 Lion diamondman who later played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Sil, a tall, wiry outfielder, packs most of his power into left-center field at bat and possesses a great deal of base-running ability, being extremely fast afoot.

Another big boon to the outfield is newcomer Bob Schoellkopf, from Reading. He is also hitting at a rapid clip, and can fill in any of the outer-garden posts. In the infield, first-baseman George Bope, third-baseman Al Nerino, and shortstop Dick Hart look to be the best among the rookies, according to mentor Bedenk. Hart is a senior, Bope, a junior, and Nerino, a soph.

Other Rookie Hurlers

In the pitching department, Bedenk also has a host of promising sophomores. Besides Campbell and Krumrine, there is fast-baller Bill Millard, curve-ballers Dick Christiansen, Jim Kelz, Joe Ashby, and submarine-ball twirler, Bill Bernotsky, who has been with the nine only one week.

There is an odd twist to the Penn State line-up in that six outfielders will occupy starting berths. Besides the regular trio of Albright, Cerchie, and Hopper, former outfielders include pitcher Dougherty, third-baseman Tonnerly, and first-sacker Laganosky.

The contest with the Green Terror starts at 2:30 p.m. on Beaver Field.

fastest fall thus far when he pinned George Glazer, Alpha Epsilon Pi, in 0:23 in a 145-lb. match. In other matches in this division, Norm Gage, Phi Delta Theta, took a 6-3 decision from Tony Pinnie, Alpha Phi Delta. Jim Shull, Sigma Phi Sigma, won via forfeit over Al Gibson, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Four 128-pounders advanced to quarter-final berths in this class. George Hamilton, Delta Sigma Phi, pinned Elwin Orton, Delta Theta Sigma, in 1:56, for the lone fall in this class. Other victories were turned in by Ed Smith, Phi Delta Theta, and Sanford Hertz, Phi Sigma Delta, who decisioned Bob Veit, Pi Kappa Phi, and Gerald Loughran, Alpha Chi Sigma, respectively, by 3-0 and 2-0.

In the 135-pound class, Bob Sundius, Theta Kappa Phi, pinned Armond Shelley, Triangle, in 4:32. Three forfeits were also registered. Art Nemeroff, Pi Lambda Phi, forfeited to John Davies, AZ, when the former moved up a weight class. Ed Russ, Phi Sigma Kappa, scored a forfeit over Dick Gray, Delta Sigma Phi, Dave Colton, TKE, also won a forfeit over his opponent.

Bill Lundgren, ATO, pinned Bill Abbott, Beta Theta Phi, who had won a previous first-round decision. Don Brainerd, Triangle, and Ted Geary, Phi Gamma Delta, both scored forfeits in this class, the 175-lb. division.

In the heavyweight division, three falls were registered. Bill Hockersmith, Pat McPoland, and Les Burdette all scored pins over their opponents.

H-Ball Doubles Tourney Starts

Action got under way Tuesday night in the intramural handball doubles tournament at Rec hall with eight matches being completed.

In the games played Robert Kolarik and Clifford Hoch, Lambda Chi Alpha, beat Harold Wolfgram and David Crum, Phi Kappa Psi, by forfeit; Jack Dreibelbis and Carmen Troisi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, beat William Johnson and Jack Moran, Kappa Delta Rho, 21-0, 21-3; David Bischoff and Kenneth Weiss, Sigma Nu, beat William Heinz and Leroy Guccini, Phi Kappa, 21-0; 21-5.

Elmer Feller and William McDonald, Tau Phi Delta, beat Charles Wilson and John Kooker, Alpha Gamma Rho, 21-6, 21-11; Robert Ward and Bernard Whitehill, Theta Kappa Phi, beat James Spinelli and William Beck, Chi Phi 21-0, 21-4; Arthur Betts and Ed Hoover, Phi Delta Theta, beat Robert Miller and Harry Kaufman, Phi Epsilon Pi, by forfeit.

John Wylie and Edward Davis, Phi Kappa Sigma, beat Richard Seidel and Richard Blythe, Pi Kappa Phi, 21-5, 21-7; and Owen Dougherty and Pat McPoland, Kappa Delta Rho, beat George Watson and Jack Schoney, Sigma Phi Sigma, 21-12, 21-5.