

Second Guessing with Harold W. Andersen

The St. Louis Browns are currently the wonder boys of the major leagues, their record of seven straight wins equalling the modern big league record of consecutive victories at the start of a season. The Brownies, not regarded too seriously in the pre-season dope sheets, have been playing tip-top ball and hold a commanding lead in American league standings. If Manager Luke Sewell can keep his mound staff working at their present inspired pace, the Brownies figure to rank high in junior loop standings when season's end rolls around.

The New York Yankees, tabbed by many as the club to beat in the American this year despite the loss of men like Charley Keller and Joe Gordon, are tied with Boston for third spot in loop standings with a 3-3 record. The Yanks have undoubtedly been hurt in their early season games by the absence of Manager Joe McCarthy, whose illness has kept him from directing the Bronx Bombers as they set out in quest of their second straight world's championship. McCarthy is expected to be lost for some time, hence the Yanks may have considerable ground to make up by the time their astute pilot returns to direct the club.

In the National league, the New York Giants have been in the spotlight as they jumped off to a winning start with five straight victories. The Giants, however, may soon be plagued by their share of manager troubles. Mel Ott, playing manager in whose big stick lies much of the Giants' hitting power, has passed his draft physical and may report soon for induction.

The St. Louis Cardinals, pre-season favorites, are not far off the National loop pace and seem to have lost none of the power which boomed them to the league title last year. Performance of big Mort Cooper, 20-game winner of last season, has disappointed thus far, however. In the first of his two starts, Cooper was knocked from the box, tho the Cards went on to win without him. In his second appearance, Cooper was soundly mauled as the Redbirds went down to defeat.

We will still stick with our pre-season choices, the Cards in the National and the White Sox in the American. The Sox are now deep in the second division, but their pitching strength will not show to best advantage till the pennant chance is older and the strain of a long season begins to tell on teams not so well equipped with capable hurlers. The Cards should move up as the season progresses and their big gun, Mort Cooper, rounds into top pitching form.

Thomas Bill Regarded As Boon for Athletics

... By Oklahoma Coaches

NORMAN, Okla., April 28.—A fine break for service men and a great boon for athletics.

That's how University of Oklahoma coaches view the Thomas bill, now before congress, or whatever measure of the many now pending congress passes legalizing government financed education of service men after the war.

The Thomas bill, probably the most popular service education measure at present, makes eligible for education after the war all honorably discharged service men who have been in service six months, gives them scholastic training of one year with an extension up to three additional years if they do satisfactory work, and pays them a subsistence allowance of \$50 monthly with an additional sum for dependents.

Arbuckle Praises Bill.
"Athletes sent to school by the Thomas bill should make better grades than ever," opines Dale Arbuckle, Sooner athletic director, "because they won't have to work their way thru school and therefore will have more time to study, and because they will have to study to remain eligible for government schooling. The bill would particularly benefit married men, many of whom could not otherwise afford to return to school."

Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Sooner football coach, sees the bill promoting morale in the armed forces and thinks it is fine for the hundreds of thousands of athletes who interrupted their education to enlist. "Now they can graduate," he points out.

"It's the finest way I know to spend the taxpayers' money," says John Jacobs, Sooner track coach. "The bill should aid minor sports, always difficult to finance. After tackling tough army and navy specialized education, the boys should come back with better habits of study and concentration."

Cites Warmerdam, Dodds.
Jacobs pooch-poochs the idea that many of the returning athletes will

be too old for active competition after the war. "We've never had an opportunity before to prove that men of 23 thru 30 years old make the best college athletes of all," says Jacobs. "Older boys are better students of an event and don't have to be taught from the ground up. Look at Warmerdam and Dodds."

"The kids in the foxholes and the bombers can now make a lot of plans," is the way Bruce Drake, Sooner basketball coach sees government financed education of soldiers. "They are bound to respect a government that sends them back to school after jerking them out of school."

Gives Athletes Chance.

"Also, the bill is swell because it will give another chance to many kids who, because they couldn't get their minds on their books with so much talk of war all around them, didn't make very good grades just before they joined up. They all write back plaintively 'Will I be eligible?' This gives them another chance."

Ensign Bill Scheerer, Sooner baseball coach, says the act will be small compensation for what American boys gave up when they went to war. "But it's a fine thing," opines Scheerer. "We have an excellent set-up in the navy V-12 here. With only a few changes, it could serve to relieve the demobilization problem."

BULLETIN

COED COUNSELORS.

Filings for book review leader and chair school leader of Coed Counselors close today. Filings should be made at Ellen South from 9 to 5.

ROTC PARADE.

ROTC dress parade will be held Friday at 5 p. m.

Dr. F. W. Meckelman, former professor in the Methodist college, Tokyo, warns America the Jap shipping shortage may be a dangerous myth.

UN Gridmen In Light Drill

With Coach Lewandowski out of town, the university gridgers held an informal practice Wednesday afternoon. Lew is not expected to be present for the rest of the workouts this week, but he will return to take over early next week.

Buzz Hollins, triple-threat back of the pigskin squad, has been working with the track squad in preparation for the trip to Des Moines and missed last night's football practice. Hollins is a weight man, his specialty being shot-put heaving.

Wednesday was one of the first days for several weeks that the men have been able to work out of doors.

I-M Softball

Rainy weather continues to force postponement of scheduled intramural softball games. Teams will be notified of date and time of games when weather conditions permit resumption of the schedule.

ISC, Minnesota Diamond Clubs Tangle at Ames

Ames, Ia., April 27.—The Iowa State College baseball team meets the University of Minnesota at Ames Friday at 4 p. m. in the opening game of the season for both teams. The two teams play

again Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Coach Clayton Sutherland will have two lettermen and two squad members from last season in the Cyclone starting lineup. Gene Mahany, a squad member last year, will be on the mound, with another veteran from last season, James Sears, behind the plate. The two lettermen starting are Melvin Shanda, left fielder, and Jack Runyan, short-stop.

The remaining starters are Bernard LaFond, at first base; Darle Larson, at second base; William Jaeger, at third base; Richard Scott, at right field, and James Gibbs, at center field.

Other Cyclone pitchers who are likely to see action are Merlyn Kleen, Howard Bates and Ormond Henning. One of these men will draw the starting assignment in Saturday's game.

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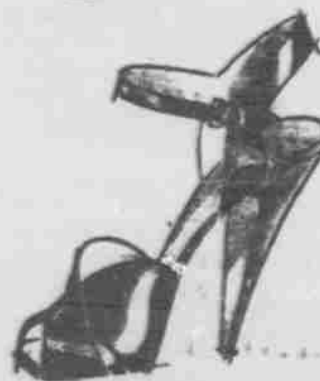
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