



SPORT



YANK PITCHERS STAND AT TOP

McCarthy's Mound Staff Most Effective in the League, Records Show

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Bob Grove, veteran lefthander of the Red Sox, was the individual leader among the American League pitchers last season, but the most effective staff in the circuit was that which operated for the Yankees, according to the official records, released today. Whenever the Yankees did show a defect it appeared in the pitching department.

But now the records come along to prove Manager Joe McCarthy's mound-men were stronger than any other. The Yankees, it seems, were without a weakness as they steam-rolled all comers into submission.

Four of the first nine pitchers on the list, rated according to earned runs yielded, are Yankees. They are Johnny Murphy, who finished third; Monte Pearson, seventh; Pat Malone, eighth, and Charlie Ruffing, ninth. Murphy, outclassed by only Grove and the sensational Bob Feller, allowed 3.38 earned runs to a nine inning game. Pearson had a record of 3.71, Malone 3.80 and Ruffing 3.85. Malone, who won 12 games and lost three, and Murphy, with nine victories and three defeats, each had a winning percentage of .750 and tied for third place.

Johnny Broaca, who turned in 12 Yankee victories, allowed 4.24 earned runs and was thirteenth in effectiveness. Bump Hadley was fifteenth with 4.34 earned runs and Lefty Gomez was seventeenth with 4.38. Rated according to winning percentage Hadley was second with .778. He won fourteen games and lost four. The leader in winning percentage was James Henry of the Red Sox, who won five times and lost one decision for an average of .833.

Ruffing Most Dependable

Ruffing was the most dependable of all Yankee pitchers. He drew thirty-three starting assignments and went the route twenty-five times. Only two other pitchers worked through more complete tests. Wesley Ferrell of the Red Sox was the leader with twenty-eight complete games and Tommy Bridges of the Tigers moved through twenty-six.

Goofy Gomez was taken out of more games than any other pitcher. He started thirty contests and in twenty McCarthy had to call for a relief pitcher. Generally, it was Malone who went to El Goofy's assistance. Ol' Blub finished twenty-five games and was the most active finisher in the circuit.

The entire staff of Yankee pitchers allowed 649 earned runs, or 4.17 a game. The Red Sox staff was second in effectiveness. It allowed 669 earned runs, 4.29 a game. The Washington staff was third and was followed by Cleveland. The St. Louis Browns had the least effective pitching department. Rogers Hornsby's moundmen allowed 935 earned runs, an average of 6.24 a game.

In being the most effective pitcher for the second season in succession Grove allowed 2.81 earned runs a game. He pitched 253 innings, in which the opposition scored seventy-nine deserved tallies. Grove won seventeen decisions and dropped twelve, for a winning percentage of .586. Wes Ferrell pitched the most innings, 301, faced the most batsmen, 1,203, and allowed the most hits, 330.

Bridges Biggest Winner

Bridges, with twenty-three victories, won more games than any other pitcher. He was defeated eleven times and yielded 3.60 earned runs per game, to gain sixth place in effectiveness. Only four other pitchers reached the twenty.

ty mark in triumphs. Vernon Kennedy, ace of the White Sox staff, won twenty-one times and Allen Ruffing and Ferrell each won twenty.

The leading strikeout artist was Bridges, who fanned 175 batters in 295 innings. Kennedy walked the most batters, 147 in 274 innings, and Allen, going through his first season with the Indians, made thirteen wild pitches. Four or five of Johnny's wild heaves were made against his former mates, the Yankees.

Russ Van Atta of the Browns broke into more contests than any other pitcher. Hornsby tossed him into no fewer than fifty-two games. Jack Knott, also of the Browns, took part in forty-seven games. Broaca appeared in more games than any other Yankee hurler, thirty-seven. Malone broke into thirty-five.

Gordon Rhodes of the Athletics was beaten more times than any other pitcher. He was on the losing end of twenty games. Willis Hudlin of the Indians, who took part in twenty-seven games, was the least effective. He allowed 9.00 earned runs a game.

HOW STARS GOT THAT WAY...

PLATTSBURG, N.Y., Dec. 26—Mike Cochrane, who led the Detroit Tigers to World Series fame in 1934-35, wasn't a promising baseball player when he started his career with the Northern New York-Vermont League, believed to be the oldest semi-pro loop in the country.

Veteran baseball fans attending a meeting designed to arrange the circuit's 1937 season recalled that Cochrane, fresh from school to make his Northern League debut, was refused a berth with the Plattsburg club because directors of the team felt he didn't have sufficient promise as a player.

Dan Sullivan, coach of the Syracuse Lake team, and now a New Jersey high school athletic instructor, took the rookie under his wing and started him on his way to be one of the greatest catchers.

Evers Also Alumnus

Cochrane was the only major league players to come out of the Northern League. Johnny Evers of Evers-to-Tinker-to-Chance fame, served his apprenticeship here. Evers operates a sporting goods store in Albany now.

The league, which embraces Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, Lyon Mountain, Malone and Plattsburgh in New York, and Burlington in Vermont, has sent to big leagues such players as:

Mike Powers, former Athletics catcher; Phil Lewis, shortstop for Brooklyn; Eddie Collins, general manager of the Red Sox; "Big Moose" Fuller, who became a pitcher for the Giants, and "Doc" Scanlon, pitcher, who graduated to the Dodgers. Of those named Collins is actively connected with baseball.

HOCKEY RESULTS AND STANDINGS

N. H. L. Standing (Canadian Section)										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Canadiens	17	9	6	2	40	40	20			
Toronto	15	7	7	1	42	39	15			
Americans	17	6	8	3	36	40	15			
Maroons	16	4	7	5	30	36	13			

(American Section)										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Detroit	16	8	4	4	37	30	20			
Rangers	16	8	5	3	41	31	19			
Boston	15	7	6	2	40	40	16			
Chicago	16	2	8	6	16	29	10			

National League
Detroit 1, Chicago 1.
International-American
Providence 1, Springfield 1.
Exhibition Game
Saint John 6, Fredericton 2.
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National Hockey League
Americans at Montreal.
Boston at Toronto.
SCHEDULED SUNDAY
National Hockey League
Canadiens at Detroit.
Chicago at Rangers.

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Seagulls Beat Capitals Christmas Night 6 to 2

DEAN CONTRACT SPELLS PROBLEM FOR CARDINALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Perhaps the more significant things at the baseball meetings were not so much those that happened as those that did not happen. Dizzy Dean was not traded. Nor were Rollie Hemsley, Wally Berger and a dozen others who had been mentioned in divers transactions which never came to pass. All things considered, it was disappointing to those who had anticipated sweeping changes.

The Dean angle had been ballyhooed for weeks in advance. The stage was set for one of the most stupendous deals in history. Almost everybody at the powwow was attempting to hunt down the players who should be exchanged for the grandiloquent Dean. It was an exciting, if somewhat enervating pastime.

First it was Dean to Cincinnati. Then Dean to New York or Chicago or Pittsburgh. But rival club owners only shook their heads. Branch Rickey's demands sounded ridiculously heavy, yet they were only to be expected. The generalissimo of the Cardinal forces was determined to carry out his original plans for wrecking the club that got Dean.

Rival managers were not so downcast because of the Dean price tag as were their bosses in the front office. Said Charlie Dresen to Bill Terry the other day: "Suppose we fix it so that you can have Dizzy for a week, turn him over to me for another week and let Traynor have him a third week. That ought to settle everything."

Dean Versus Todd

There are two catchers in the National League with whom Dizzy is not on friendly terms. One is Spud Davis, recently purchased by the Reds. The other is Al Todd, husky, belligerent backstop of the Pirates.

The enmity with Todd dates back to the days when the two were cavorting about Texas League diamonds. Dizzy was as garrulous as ever, and a bit wilder as a pitcher. Todd already had a reputation for being a rough hombre. He stepped to the plate in one game in which Dean was on the mound. A fast ball zipped dangerously close to the Todd noggin. Another fast ball forced him to drop to the dirt to avoid being beaned. Todd arose, walked swiftly to the mound and telled Dizzy with a vicious blow to the head.

The story of that one-blow knockout preceded both players into the majors. From all reports neither Dean nor Todd has forgiven the other. For harmony's sake it would probably be as injurious to pair Dean and Todd in a battery as it would to send Dean to Cincinnati and have him pitch to Spud Davis, the catcher he once openly condemned. Yet if Dean were to be traded to Pittsburgh the chances are Todd would be behind the plate, handling the pitcher he had knocked out in the Lone Star loop.

As the days roll by, it becomes more apparent that Dean will be flaunting his varied assortment of stuff for the colorful Red Birds. Baseball men everywhere are swinging to that belief. The question now at hand is not "Will Dean be traded?" Instead, it is "How much will Dizzy demand of Rickey to sign for the 1937 season?"

Dizzy's Next Contract

The answer, in one word, is plenty. Dean must realize more than ever that he is a real gate attraction, besides being the outstanding right-hander in baseball. One ballplayer, considering Dean's value, said: "I think he got something like \$20,000 from the Cards last season. With our club he would get between \$30,000 and \$35,000." Dizzy, no doubt, is going to be a difficult young man when it comes to signing another contract.

In closer circles the deal that was to send Hemsley to Cleveland was much more likely of being completed than the many Dean angles. The fact was that the Indians were close to a Hemsley trade at the baseball meeting, balking only because the Browns wanted a young minor league outfielder along with Frank Pytlak and an unnamed pitcher. Negotiations for Hemsley probably will be resumed. The Indians need him.

Bob Quinn of the Bees and Berger

Winners Got Four Goals in Last Period--Capitals' Defence Crumbled in Final Period--Many at Contest

SAINT JOHN, Dec. 26—Staging a scoring spree in the third period the Saint John Seagulls triumphed over the Fredericton Capitals in a holiday hockey feature at The Forum last night 6-2.

Despite the fact they had to bring Osborne and Morris up from the Commercial League to replace Price and Paul Murphy, who went home for Christmas Day, the 'Gulls had their passes clicking better. Although they found the Fredericton defence tough to break through in the first two sessions they went to work in the third and knotted three quick tallies after the nine-minute mark had passed and another before the game ended for good measure.

Throughout the 60 minutes Saint John had considerably better of territorial play and many fast rushes were nipped by the burly Fredericton rearguard in the first and second session but the latter were helpless in the third as time and again the 'Gulls broke through firing plenty of rubber at Young. Practically every score that got by the Capital goalie was right at his doorstep.

In the second period the 'Gulls had the Caps at their mercy when goalie Young was penalized for one minute for coming out of his goal to the back and handing out a trip to a 'Gull raider.

Seagulls never let up on the attack while the goalie was absent but a tough defence in front of one of their forwards drove the puck up the ice and the Saint John six couldn't get the rubber into the net.

They rushed, drove, and scrambled but each time they were driven back.

Game Kept in Hand

More than 1,000 fans attended last night's encounter. The two teams next meet again on New Year's night here in a regular Southern N. B. League game. Fine hockey was the order last night as Referee Payne kept the game well in hand. No stickfights were displayed but the lusty checks handed out were plenty with those handing out the illegal one taking a trip to the penalty box.

Saint John started the opening session with a rush into Fredericton territory, keeping the play there for more than a minute. Fredericton returned but no damage resulted.

The ice was very fast and the players were having a tough time keeping their legs under them in fast forays up the ice.

Play saw-sawed back and forth and it was not until just before the period ended that the first goal of the game was scored.

Pickard started the play and Patterson took the pass at the right and slipped it to "Swede" Olsen going in fast and the Seagulls' captain had little trouble beating Young.

In the second session the teams split a pair of goals with Osborne scoring for the 'Gulls at 7:55 mark, unassisted and Lifford taking Lasky's pass to push in a counter for Fredericton at 14:05.

Making of a Senior

Osborne who played a standout game for Pontiacs in the Saint John Commercial League showed to advantage and is a possibility for next season's senior team.

In the third Livingston started the scoring again for Saint John as the 'Gulls came through with three counters before Fredericton scored its second and last goal.

The left-winger of the 'Gulls raced away through center, drew a little to the side as he coasted in and sagged the mesh back of Young.

on the block, as well as Hal Lee, another outfielder slated to be traded. But Quinn was not fair in his asking price. For instance, he said he was willing to send the two of them to the Dodgers in exchange for Van Mungo. The poor season Berger had in 1936 has caused the value of his stock to tumble sharply.

The price tag Terry placed on Hank Leiber also militated against a deal for the blond burly buster. Charlie Grimm of the Cubs was eager to land the big fellow, but not for Frank Demaree, who advanced to topflight ranking among the outfielders, or for Stan Hack, considered by many as the best third baseman in the National League.

RICKEY AND "DIZZY" DEAN NO. 1 PUBLICITY SEEKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Meet the real "gas house gang" of 1936, the tootiest flock of athletes and impressarios who made more noise and grabbed up more publicity in one year than P. T. Barnum possibly did in a lifetime.

"Dizzy" Dean and Branch Rickey were the undisputed champs of the noisy year. Their hot air passing attack made the others look like a bunch of dummies lost on the lone prairie. Between them, they got millions of words in publicity that the public gobbled with pleasure.

Right now, "Dizzy" and Branch are so far ahead in the race for 1937 honors that they're lonesome. "Diz" says he wants \$100,000 to pitch for Rickey next season. On the basis of past performances, they'll get about 1,000 words of publicity for every dollar of "Diz" knocks off that hundred grand, or about nine solid pages of newspaper space, before "Diz" ultimately signs for around \$25,000.

Second only to the Dean-Rickey combination came the tantrum twins of the Olympic Games, Eleanor Holm Jarrett and Avery Brundage. Eleanor and Avery didn't have the staying qualities of "Diz" and Branch, but they got their names printed in far more newspapers and periodicals around the world.

The shrewdest space-snatcher of them all was Helen Wills Moody. Helen didn't compete in one major tennis show this year, but she got plenty of headlines. Her reverses and spinner plays were wonderful to observe as she kept the tennis world guessing and wondering if she'd compete again. Helen Jacobs and Alice Marble won the championships, but Mrs. Moody got the most space.

The noisiest baseball fans live in Brooklyn, and good old Casey Stengel led the chorus. Casey started early in the spring and wowed sports writers all year. They finally gave Casey a real chance to pop off by firing him as manager of the Flatbush Follies and Casey made good by celebrating at banquets.

The annual President-Vice President series of the Fredericton Curling Club started here Christmas day when the President's rinks won the play 59 to 53. The return match is to be played on New Year's Day.

Scores by Skips:

President—Walter Limerick, 11; J. Page, 8; R. B. VanDine, 6; J. H. Malcom, 6; A. McP. Limerick, 9; A. S. McFarlane, 8; T. A. Wilson, 11—59.

Vice-President—H. B. Colwell, 4; G. Clark, 8; C. R. Barry, 9; M. B. Morrison, 7; H. H. Hagerman, 8; J. B. Kinghorn, 7; B. W. Fleiger, 10—53.

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