

## Cards Picked to Take Top Spot in National

By FRANK ECK

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Stan Musial, slugging St. Louis Cardinal, is looking forward to one of his good years. Full of confidence that he will always hit above .300.

"I believe I can hit above .300 every year," says Musial one of baseball's nicer guys. "I had all my tough breaks last season. I was in a terrific slump, but even then I was hitting the ball hard. It always went into someone's hands."

"A .350 or a .370 hitter has got to be lucky. You need those breaks to hit that high. I hit about .350 the last half of the season but due to my poor start I wound up with a .312."

Musial's six-year average is .342 with his .365 of 1946 his high figure.

Musial's balky appendix, of which he was relieved last October is considered by almost everyone in camp as the reason for his poor hitting but Stan isn't one for excuses.

batting .337 for Rochester. He is only 22 and normally a second baseman but Dyer reminds ever one that Brooklyn's Jack Robinson never played first base until last year.

Everyone wants to pick the Cards to win the pennant—with reservations. Most are afraid the club is getting old and does not have the dash that carried it to pennants in 1942, 43, 44, and 46. Others are fearful that the Red Birds lack depth. Dyer answers all these questions without hesitating, although he fears Brooklyn and Boston.

"It was the young fellows who hurt us," says Eddie. "Musial fell off and he's only 27 and Howie Pollet is only 26. He won nine games for us after 21 victories in 1946 and we only lost the pennant by five."

"Brooklyn has a strong bench fellows like Oookie Lavagetto an Arky Vaughan. Lavagetto got two hits to win two close games for us. Vaughan got a triple to tie the score in one game I think we lost. They are older players but good to have around."

"We've got some young players coming up this year but whether they will produce is another thing."

Dyer is high on four pitchers. Southpaw Ken Johnson, Clarence Beers, Al Papp and Gerald Staley Johnson pitched a onchitter against the Cubs late last season while the Bears and Papp won 25 and 21, respectively, for Houston in the Texas League. Both turned in four wins in the playoffs. Johnson is a terrific fielder for a pitcher and is being regarded as another Will Shorrel in stopping grounders to the box. Staley beat the Pirates if his only big league start and won six and lost one for Columbus.

Syracuse's boxers have won 39 individual intercollegiate championships in the eastern association.

**THUMBNAIL PREVIEW**  
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS  
Pitching—Tops.  
Catching—Weak.  
Infield—Strong.  
Outfield—Finest.  
Hitting—Powerful.  
Finish—1-2.

"I know my weight was off," says the Donora, Pa., slugger. "I'm fine now at 175 pounds but last year I was underweight at 163."

If we could have gotten Frank McCormick when there was a chance to get him last season we might have been all right. Frank would have helped our hitting from the right side of the plate and I could have played the outfield."

McCormick was released by the Phils on May 14 and the next day the Boston Braves picked him up and he hit .333. Musial mentions first base because Dyer has been toying with the idea of putting Stan back in the outfield.

Either Dick Sisler, a southpaw swinger, or Vernal (Nippy) Jones a righty, might fill the bill. Sisler hit only .293 last year but is powdering the ball in exhibition games. Jones led the International League



## Versatile Aggie Trackman Competes In Five Events

Bob Goode is a busy Aggie these days. The big halfback from Bastrop is competing in five events each track meet, and effectively, too. His return to the Texas A&M College track team, one of the reasons he Aggies have swept two victories in their first four meets this season.

Goode, whose name rhymes with "mood", won points in the javelin, discus, shot, broad jump and sprint relay at the Corpus Christi meet two Saturdays ago.

Goode's strongest suite is the javelin throw. He won the Southwest Conference title in 1946 with a toss of 178 feet, 11 inches. Last season he was in the service. Now he's better than ever.

At Corpus Christi Goode shot the spear 187 feet, 1 1/2 inches. His coach, Frank Anderson, believes the tosses will increase to 200 feet this season and well beyond that next year.

Although he weighs 205 pounds Goode can step the 100 in 10.1 and broad jump 22 feet. He's overshadowed by big George Kadera in the shot and discus. Goode's maneuvers are not limited to those five events. He used to run the hurdles, high jump and pole vault. So far this season he has scored 35 points in five meets, which is the second highest individual point total on the squad.

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## Baylor Bears Favored in Series With Aggies Here Today and Tomorrow

After dropping a heartbreaker to the University of Texas last week in its 1948 conference debut, the Texas Aggie baseball team takes a crack at another top league team, the Baylor Bears, in a two-game series here today and tomorrow. Both tilts start at 3 o'clock.

Once again the Cadets assume the role of the underdog. The Bruins are the club that's supposed to give the Longhorns all the trouble in the pennant race.

Coach Pete Jones is fielding the same nine that ended up in second place last season with the exception of pitcher George Shearin and third baseman Jimmy Marino.

To replace Marino in the hot corner, Jones shifted Tom Chandler to third base. The Bruin mentor made another change in the infield when he moved outfielder Chad Steed into the first base slot.

The keystone combination of shortstop Hal Harris and second baseman Jack Redding rounds out the Baptist infield.

There will be an experienced trio covering the outfield for the Bears. Joe Szekely, who hit the ball with disarming regularity last year, is back in left field. Charles Devereaux gets the call in the middle garden while Fred Greville handles the right field post.

The Baylor hurling staff has two All-Conference hurlers, LeRoy Jary and Rickey Rowe. Both right handers will probably draw starting assignments in the series.

With only two losses in nine tries, Baylor carries the record second only to Texas into the series. The Bruins shelled the Rice mound staff with 39 runs in sweeping a brace of games from the Owls last week.

Coach Marty Karow will probably start the same nine who began the Texas tilt last week. The Farmers have to get at least a split in the Baylor games to stay in the running for the flag.

There will be another tilt on the Aggie docket this week following the Wednesday tilt. The Cadets travel to Houston Saturday for a game with Jess Neely's Rice Owls.

## 24 Bouts Feature Opening of Mural Boxing Tourney

By ART HENGST

Intramural boxing got under way yesterday afternoon with 24 of the 32 scheduled bouts coming off.

This season's contests will be some of the best in quite a while, if last night's bouts are any criterion.

These battles will terminate on Wednesday night, April 21, in Fite-Nite during which time 8 bouts will be held.

Of all the fights held yesterday, by far the most outstanding was the Lasseter-White bout which was almost a split decision, but Lasseter took the decision by a narrow margin.

Here are the results:

- 149 lb: Lawler (W-Bd) over Gibson (No. 14).
- Yelton (B-Comp) over Thompson (W-Bd).
- Young (W-Bd) over Worley (No. 16).
- Breck (C-Comp) over Wordle (C-FA).
- Musey (M-Bd) over Docery (A-Comp).
- Martin (A-AF) over Filer (A-Cav).
- McGown (C-AF) over White (B-Eng).
- Dean (C-Cav) over Goodrum (A-Comp).
- Williams (A-Vet) over Beck (C-Comp).
- Leverettes (C-AF) over Cruz (A-AF).
- Nash (E-FA) over McClure (C-Comp).
- Stewart (No. 14) over Whiehall (No. 5).
- Buescher (A-FA) over Nooner (B-Eng).
- Taylor (B-AF) over Stanford (W-Bd).
- 159 lb: Farrar (C-AF) over Cates (A-Vet).
- Lake (Hart) over Hunyshries (No. 14).
- Derryberry (C-Comp) over Coronado (E-FA).
- Wright (A-Comp) over Atchison (A-FA).
- Stevens (B-Cav) over Grimes (A-FA).
- Rame (A-Cav) over Shubert (C-FA).
- Terry (Hart) over Armst (C-Cav).
- Lassert (No. 14) over White (A-AF).
- 169 lb: Lonsierre (No. 7) over Enderle (E-FA).
- Van Cleave (B-Eng) over Millikan (No. 14).



FRANK CLEVELAND of C Composite is shown aiming for a ringer in a match against O Calvary in a Corps semi-final game. The Calvary team won, two games to one.

## New Ski Race For Crippled

feated Sunday, 5-2. But more than that he was pleased with suddenly revived hitting power.

VIENNA—Something new and different in the age-old sport of going downhill in a hurry was introduced at this year's Austrian ski championships with a special race for one-legged skiers.

Twenty five men, most of them war casualties, entered the special slalom event down a 200 meter slope. The handicapped sportsmen wore a ski on their one good leg and had smaller skis attached to twin crutches which they used instead of the regulation ski poles.

The same course was used for the regular slalom championships, but the gates were placed so the turns were not quite so sharp.

Winner of the event was Hubert Eder of Salzburg, with an elapsed time 1:44.2 for the two descents. He finished just one-tenth of a second ahead of Alfred Tusel, also of Salzburg. Tusel turned in the fastest single run with a time of 49.1, but fell on his second descent.

Trude Klecker of Vienna, who placed seventh in the women's slalom event, tried her hand at the "amputee special" and in a time of 44.0, only five seconds faster than Tusel's best time.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 5 (AP)—Pittsburgh Pirate Manager Billy Meyer was highly pleased today over the Bucs' second straight win over Cleveland whom the Bucs de-

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## Handball Finals Will Be Friday

Four strong teams remain in the Intramural Handball Tournament and will clash Friday night for the Corps Championship.

NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Newt Oliver, of Ohio's Little Rio Grande College, led all college basketball scorers during the 1948 on the basis of total points.

He tallied 725 points of 217 field goals and 291 free throws in 33 games. His number of charity tosses was credited by the national collegiate athletic bureau as being a record for the most fouls made by a player during a season.

**Bryan Negro In San Antonio Meet**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 6 (AP)—Wendell Davis, the spring sensation from Bryan High School, will appear next Saturday night in a San Antonio invitation Negro track and field meet. But he may not win.

Davis has done 100 yards in 9.5 and 220 in 21.7 but last week Tom Brady of Wheatley (Houston) upset the Bryan star in both events at a Houston meet. And Brady is entered in the meet here.

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