

Pennants Follow Meyer Who Has Molded Group Of Misfits & Castoffs Into Top Flight Club

By FRANK ECK

NEW YORK — During Pittsburgh's last eastern swing, Bill Meyer was looking out the window of his 22nd floor hotel suite. "This is the kind of a job I've waited for all my life," said the new manager of the Pirates. "President Frank McKinney told me 'you can make any deal you like but if it runs over \$100,000 let me know.' What more could a manager want?"

Meyer wasn't looking for an answer. He was well satisfied. His Pirates were only a half game out of first place and his team of misfits and castoffs, rated second division at the start of the season, have been the talk of all baseball.

Meyer's job, thus far, is the managerial job of the season, or half season at least.

Meyer probably is the most experienced freshman ever to come into the National League. He has had more minor league managerial experience than anyone in

either league, having spent 19 years in the bushes, 16 of them in the Yankee chain.

Pennants have followed Meyer everywhere he went. In his first year as a pilot he led Louisville to the 1926 American Association flag. He was leading with Springfield, Mass., when the Eastern League disbanded in 1932. That same year he took a seventh place Binghanton, N. Y., club and finished fifth but won pennants with the same team the next two years.

In six years as Kansas City manager he won three American Association flags and in four years with Newark his Bears took one International League pennant and three times came in second best.

Two years ago, about the time Bill Dickey quit as Yankee manager, Larry MacPhail asked Meyer to manage the Yankees. Bill had to turn him down because of ill health. Meyer spent two months in the hospital that

year following a heart attack due to high blood pressure.

Christened William A. Adam Meyer in Knoxville, Tenn., soon after his birth on Jan. 14, 1893, this popular 55-year-old ex-catcher who broke in as a semi-pro down at Lakeland, Fla., in 1909, has the respect of all his players. "He has a most unusual way in handling players," says Bob Rice, Pirate road secretary. "He's a great psychologist, never has much to say to the players but when he opens his mouth—well, that's it. You can't second guess him because he's always making moves that pay off. He really plays the sound game and he plays you to the last man."

"In the minors," says Meyer, "we had to make our own clubs and build confidence. I still believe in the old Yankee system—three years in the minors but at least one full year in Triple A. "We have a few rookies on our club and when I take them out they know it's for their own good. All rookies brought along too fast burn themselves out by July trying so hard to make good. A few days on the bench helps. McGraw always handled them the same way."

"We've got great spirit on this team. They're never beaten. Follows like Dixie Walker and Johnny Hopp have helped the team shake that last place complex. And it has helped Kiner, too, although with 51 homers last year a boy like that doesn't need much help.

"Funny thing about Kiner is his Sunday home run hitting. He hit homers on eight successive Sundays this spring. And when he hits one he usually comes back to hit another next time up."

Kiner, Wally Westlake, another long ball hitting outfielder, and Frank Gustine, hard-hitting third baseman, are the only Pirate regulars Pittsburgh fans might call their own.

The remainder of the team includes players brought back from the minors or obtained in deals with other big league clubs. Most of Meyer's pitching staff has seen better days. It includes fellows like knuckler Fritz Ostermueller, 42, blooper baller Rip Sewell, 40, who was brought off the coaching lines, and Elmer Riddle, 32, who won four games in three years with Cincinnati yet won eight games in two months this spring and finished every game he started but one.

The staff also includes three former Dodgers — Kirby Higbe, Vic Lombardi and Hall Gregg — three ex-Yankees — Ernie Bonham, Mel Queen and Elmer Singleton — and two rookies, Bob Chesnes and Forrest Main.

And the infield! The only one retained from last year's sieve of an infield is Gustine, who played every game and hit .297.

At first base Meyer has Ed Stevens, who failed with the Dodgers. When Stevens shows signs of a slump, Meyer inserts Max West, drafted from San Diego where the ex-big leaguer hit .43 homers last year.

At second is Danny Murtaugh who failed with the Braves last year but hit .302 for Milwaukee. At short is Stan Rokjck, bought from Brooklyn.

Meyer says: "Murtaugh is having a good year and he's playing as good a second base as anyone in the league. Stevens drives in those runs and I think he's better at first base than anything they have in Brooklyn, including Jack Robinson. And Rokjck is a fine shortstop as everyday work has proved."

Meyer's catching has been handled by Ed FitzGerald, a .363 hitter from Sacramento, and Clyde Klutz. But Klutz recently broke a finger and Meyer had to put his bullpen catcher, Johnny Riddle, 43, on the active list. "FitzGerald is not hitting like he did in the Coast League," says Meyer, "but he's

A&M Softballers Blank Marlin Nine Saturday

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Harnden, Three Other SWC Men Win Places on Olympic Team

Texas A&M's Art Harnden won a spot on the United States Olympic team by finishing fourth in the 400-meter event. The lanky blonde put on a terrific closing burst of speed to place which means he will go along as a spare.

Jerry Thompson of Texas in the 5,000-meter, Verne McGrew of Rice in the high jump, and Clyde Scott of Arkansas in the high hurdles are the other members of Southwest Conference schools who won places on the Olympic Team.

Two world record holders, Charley Foville of Michigan and Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, failed to find a place on the 53-man squad. Their specialties are the shot put and high hurdles respectively.

Eight Olympic records were broken or tied.

Sterling performances of upset winners during Saturday's second-day program gave the United States a full flow of strength in the field events. Among them, Willie Steele in the broad jump, Frances Delaney in the shot-put, and Gwinn Smith and Boo Morcum in the pole vault were the high points.

There were failures for Southwest performers during the day as well. Charley Parker of Texas saw a valiant effort fall short by two feet in the 200-meter dash; another Longhorn, John Robertson, missed by scant margins in both the broad jump and hop, step and jump events, though he was among the top men in each; Augie Er-furth of Rice missed out in the hurdles, A&M's George Kadera, failed in the discus, and another Texan, Earle Meadows, missed in his effort to be the lone repeater on the Olympic journey.

A transplanted Texan, Mal Whitfield, now a member of the Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, was the day's only double winner, as he clicked off victories in the 400- and 800-meter events. The former Ohio State runner had good times in each event, a 46.3 and a 1:50.5.

Arkansas' Clyde Scott ran a courageous race in winning his place in the high hurdles, while the heralded Dillard went down in defeat. Scott hit the first two hurdles dropping into last place, and had to drive furiously over the final three hurdles, and down the last twenty-yard sprint to win third place. But for his early trouble, he would have been right with the winner, Northwestern's Bill Porter, who was timed in 18.9 seconds. Scott hurt himself in his collision at the second hurdle, but he didn't slow down.

Delaney's toss of 55 ft. 1 1/2 inches in the shot put won the event and was one of seven broken records. One other standard was tied. In addition, Willie Steele, the broad-jump winner with 26 ft. 2 inches, jumped 26 ft. 10, on a later trial, but fouled by stepping over the take-off board by a mere quarter inch.

The other record breakers were: improving and has good baseball sense."

Several things have been important in the rise of the bold Buccaneers. One of them is the fine relief work turned in by Higbe. Another has been the pitching of Riddle. Still another is the home run-hitting Kiner. But the most important item in Pittsburgh's return to baseball prominence is Bill Meyer, the popular ex-catcher with the prominent nose.

Milner, Law Tied For Second

Milner took a very close game from Trailer Camp 3-2 to go into a tie with Law for second place in the softball race. The lead changed hands a number of times but Milner finally cashed in on an error in the sixth to win the game. The winning pitcher was Bowers of Milner who allowed only two hits. Milner 000 021 x R 3 T. C. V. V. 000 110 0 R 2

Law Taps Puryear 6-5

Puryear lost a costly ball game to Law 6-5 when their team folded up in the top halves of the fifth and sixth innings. Puryear had a 5 to 1 lead going into the fifth inning but then with errors and some timely hits, Law narrowed the lead to 5 to 3 margin; then in the sixth Law went to work and won the ball game. The winning pitcher was Fischer the loser was Selle. The leading batter for the game was Spicer, the center fielder for Law, who connected two out of three times at the plate. Puryear 002 210 0 R 5 Law 100 023 x R 6

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Because news was late in arriving, fighting was still going on in Louisiana 59 days after the signing of the treaty which ended the war of 1812 between the United States and England.

Lloyd Hurls Shut Out in A&M's Fourth Win; Team Idle This Week Because of Final Exams

The Texas A&M softball nine shifted into high to shut out Hackel Motors in Marlin Saturday night 4-0. This was the last game in the two-game series with the Marlin team. The Farmers walked away with the first 12-0.

B. J. Lloyd went the route for the visitors, giving up no hits, and no runs. Two opposition players reached first on walks but got no farther. The Farmers went through without a single error and were credited with three hits. Lloyd, Bill Wakefield, and Ed Cook each got a hit.

Clayton Dugger was the losing hurler. Dugger came to Hackel from Morris Jewelers of Waco after wracking up an exceptional pitching record. Each pitcher struck out 13 men.

This brought the Aggies up to four wins. No games are scheduled this week because of exams. Next week the Farmer nine will take part in the Navasota tourney.

Tennis Instruction Being Offered

The College Station Recreation Council will start a program of free tennis instruction next week. Instruction will be on all levels, basic and advanced, and a series of tournaments between the different students will be held at the end of the course.

Spike White will be in charge of instruction. Anyone interested in instruction should meet at the concrete tennis courts at 4 p.m. Monday. A suitable hour for future meetings will be arranged at that time.

Any College Station resident is eligible for this course.

Bizzell Takes Lead in 'Mural Softball Race; Tie for Second

Bizzell took a night game from Walton 9-1 Thursday night and then came back Friday afternoon to defeat Leggett 9-5 to take over the lead in the Intramural Softball race.

The game Thursday night was one of the first night softball games to be played in Intramural competition at Texas A&M.

The winning pitcher of the Thursday night game was Green of Bizzell. The losing pitcher was Wilson of Walton. The leading batter of the game was Burch, the center fielder for Bizzell, who got two hits out of three times at the plate. Bizzell put the game on ice in the first inning by scoring five runs and added four more to end the game in the last of the sixth.

In winning the game Friday afternoon Bizzell repeated a feat of the game Thursday night by scoring five runs in the first inning and putting the game on ice. Leggett made a desperate try in the seventh and scored four runs which fell three short of a tie. The winning pitcher for Bizzell was Green and the losing pitcher and also the leading batter of the game was Plagens of Leggett who got two clean knocks out of three times at the plate.

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Mitchell Holds First Place In 'Mural Volleyball

By BILL THORNTON

Mitchell made it six in a row without a loss when they took Leggett 15-8 and 15-12 in two fast games Thursday. McGuire, Stewart and Cook were outstanding for Leggett in their playing. Mitchell drew support from Cartwright, Beck and Brashear.

Puryear made its second place birth more secure by defeating Law 15-8 and 15-5. Law ran into trouble in the first game when Potter of Puryear got in some fast spikes from the set-ups of Mamarchev and Hill. With the first game under their belts Law fought back to take the second game 15-8, but Puryear ran away with the last game. Law had trouble with its set up shots but even with the trouble Cook, Fisher and Williamson played outstanding ball.

Trailer Camp moved up into the third place position tie when it came out on the long end of the score defeating Dorm 14 15-10 and 15-11. Dorm 14 is showing an improved team with each game they play with Williams, Vela and Price making some of the better playing possible. Seawald and Koening of Trailer Camp continued setting a fast pace for the opposition.

Walton took a rest when Milner failed to appear for the scheduled game between the two dorms.

Standings

Team	W	L
Mitchell	6	0
Puryear	5	1
Law	4	2
T.C.V.V.	3	3
TCVV	3	3
Bizzell	3	3
Walton	3	3
Leggett	3	4
Dorm 14	1	6
Milner	0	6

Anyone in the United States may change all his name at will, without legal process, if he does it in good faith and for an honest purpose.

Lone Star League All-Star Game Slated for Tonight

By The Associated Press

The Lone Star League takes out tonight for its annual all-star game with the Kilgore Drillers, leaders by three games in the pennant race, clashing with a club recruited from the other seven teams.

The all-stars, managed by Dixie Parsons of Longview and Jess Landrum of Bryan, will throw a powerhouse nine against the Drillers with seven .300 hitters in the starting lineup. Joe Pate, Longview righthander who has won 16 games while losing one, is due to start for the all-stars. Manager Joe Kracher of Kilgore has nominated Lee Roy Jones, a left-hander with a 141 record, for mound duty for his club.

Four games were played in the League yesterday with Kilgore downing Tyler 4-1, Henderson licking Gladewater 4-3 and Lufkin sweeping a twin bill from Marshall 2-1 and 4-0. Bryan at Longview was rained out.

Malone Wins Texas Southpaw Tourney

SEGUN, Tex., July 12 (AP)—Texas Christian University's Bob Malone holds the state Southpaw Golfing championship.

Malone, a Fort Worth resident, crushed Ross Collins of Denton, 10 and 9, here yesterday in finals of the state left-handed golfers' association tournament.

Neil Star of Luling won the consolation title, 1 up, over Fred Haver of Houston in a 19-hole affair.

Softball Standings

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Bizzell	6	2
Law	5	2
Milner	5	2
T. C. V. V.	4	3
Puryear	4	3
Leggett	4	4
Mitchell	3	4
Walton	1	6
Dorm 14	0	6

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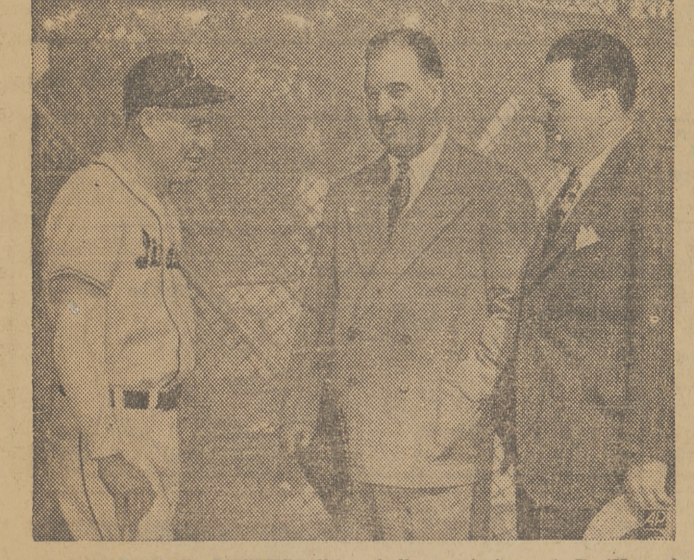
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