

Dyer Rates Cardinals An 'If' Club For 1949 Season

By JOE REICHLER
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Manager Eddie Dyer calls his St. Louis Cardinals an "if" club.
If pitchers Howie Pollet and Red Munger come through; if Whitey Kurovski remains the use of his throwing arm following a winter operation; if Red Schoendienst doesn't resign his balky right shoulder; if Marty Marion's back doesn't let up again.

However, should one of the "ifs" fail to materialize, then the Cards probably will be lucky to finish second or third. Thus far the news is all good in the Cardinals camp.
A healthier Kurovski, minus some 25 pounds as a result of a strict diet, has been the talk of the camp. His arm, a constant source of trouble last year, has shown no signs of fatigue. He throws with the old pep and gusto. Last year the hard-hitting third baseman, in limited action, hit only two home runs and drove in 33 runs. Compare that to his 1947 campaign when he hammered out 27 home runs and knocked in 104 teammates.
Dyer is also raving about the fine form displayed by Pollet and Munger. Both had poor seasons last year following arm operations. Dyer expects them to team up with Harry Brecheen, Al Brazile,

and Jim Hearn to form the nucleus of a fine mound staff. He also likes newcomers Ken Johnson and Bill Reeder, Rochester; and Cloyd Boyer, strikeout king of the Texas League.
Despite Moore's absence, Dyer rates the outfield as his strongest department.
"Stan Musial and Country Slaughter rate as the best two outfielders in the league," he says. "Run Northey is a fine offensive player, but weak on defense. I hope to find a replacement for Moore from among Hal Rice, Chuck Diering, Larry Miggins and Sid Langston."
Joe Garagiola, fresh from a prosperous year at Columbus, is back to team up with Del Rice and Bill Baker to form a no-better-than fair catching staff. Garagiola may hit, but he can't throw. Rice is a fine receiver, but his .197 batting average needs no further explanation. Baker is getting along in years.
Nippy Jones, a holdover, and Glen Nelson, from Rochester, will battle for the first base job. Schoendienst, Marion and Kurovski round out the rest of the infield.

Oliver-Epps Slugfest Tops Fight Night

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 24 (AP)—The absence of extra-base punch on his club is one of the big worries of Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees.
The Yankees, notorious as fence busters, haven't been belting the ball with much gusto in recent exhibition games.
The Yankees won over the Washington Senators yesterday, 5-4.

WEST PALM BEACH—Infield hopefuls in the Brooklyn Dodgers' camp are finding little room for comfort.
Billy Cox is turning out to be a whiz at third base. And Jackie Robinson at second and Pee Wee Reese at short look like permanent fixtures.
Robinson was the hero of the Dodgers' 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday, knocking in four runs.

LOS ANGELES—"Good pitch, no hit" is the problem of the world champion Cleveland Indians as they try for their first win in five games today against the Chicago Cubs.
The Indians yesterday lost to St. Louis Browns 6 to 5.

HOLLYWOOD—The Pat Seery rumors of the Chicago White Sox camp took a new turn today.
Manager Jack Onslow spiked a report that the portly former Cleveland outfielder would be sold to the Los Angeles Club.
The Sox were here to play the Pittsburgh Pirates tonight.

WEST PALM BEACH—The Philadelphia Athletics flew to Cuba, today in two chartered airliners for a series of games with the Havana Club of the Florida international league.
Yesterday they lost, 5-3, to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—Rain which knocked out the Pittsburgh Pirates' exhibition game yesterday gave Manager Bill Meyer a chance to look over his pitching staff and find it good.

"I have enough starters and relief men now," he gloated. "Murry Dickson, Bob Chesnes, Elmer Riddle, Vic Lombardia and Bill Werle are being counted on the first five. And don't forget a guy named Rip Sewell had the best won-loss record in the league last year."

BURBANK, Calif.—Southpaw Irving Medinger and Red Embree will handle the St. Louis Browns pitching duties today in a game against the New York Giants.
In yesterday's game St. Louis beat the Cleveland Indians, 6-5.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—A couple of St. Louis Cardinal veterans, Howie Pollet and George Munger, will test their hurling ability against the Philadelphia Phillies today.
The Cards scored their first shutout yesterday, blanking the Detroit Tigers, 6-0.

SARASOTA, Fla.—Baseball observers in this area are beginning to like the Boston Red Sox pitching. Tex Hughson went for five innings yesterday, gave two hits and walked none. Even Bucky Walters, a great pitcher and now manager of the Cincinnati Reds, said Texas, useless last season, "again looks like a pitcher instead of a thrower." Catcher Birdie Tebbets said Tex was as fast in the fifth as in the first inning.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 24 (AP)—Ohio State University defeated the University of Texas baseball team 5 to 1 here yesterday.
It was the first loss at home for Texas in three years and its fourth defeat in the last 60 games with college teams.

FRUIT JAR WHISKEY CAUSES \$100 FINE
AUSTIN, March 24 (AP)—Because of an opened quart fruit jar of whiskey the Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a case.
Joe Smith of Jefferson (Marion County) was charged with possessing unsealed whiskey. He pleaded innocent. At his trial in Jefferson last October the county attorney passed around a quart fruit jar and invited the jurors to sniff it to be sure it was whiskey.
Smith's attorney objected, saying it prejudiced the jury.
But Smith was convicted and fined \$100. The appeals court upheld the objection to the open fruit jar and sent the case back for a new trial.

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Jewell McDowell, Texas Aggie guard, played the major portion of six Southwest Conference basketball games this season without committing more than three fouls in any one game.

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The finalists in the toughest class of Intramural Boxing weigh in for Fight Night. Bo Damuth stands on the scale before entering the ring against Don Hickman, standing at the left. Intramural Manager C. H. Fuller adjusts the balance. Damuth took the judge's nod over Hickman. Over 40 fighters entered the 159-pound division.

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Ohio State Baseballers Meet Ags On Kyle Field This Afternoon

Ohio State and A&M will play the first of a three game series on Kyle Field this afternoon beginning at three. Last year the two teams met in a similar series with the Northern team taking two of the three games.

This year the Farmers hope to make a better showing against a team that Texas has beat in at least two of three games this season. The Buckeyes started their Texas tour at Austin Monday losing to the Longhorns 11-5 Tuesday the Steers repeated for a 7-4 win.

Coach Marty Karow expects to start Bruce Morisse in the game this afternoon, Blanton Taylor tomorrow afternoon, and Pat Hubert Saturday. All three of these pitchers are sophomores in eligibility although Morisse has played one year of varsity ball. His freshman year, when Fish were eligible for intercollegiate sports, he wasn't on the ball team.

Pat Hubert and Blanton Taylor played with the Fish team of last year. Taylor alternated between the outfield and pitching. This year the coach has the Honzo Aggie concentrating on the mound duties. Pat Hubert was the lad who turned the Texas freshmen back in the game played in Austin last year.

Bobby Fretz, number two pitcher for the Aggies last year, will not be used on the mound this year unless it is discovered that he is needed there. His power at the plate is going to be utilized by the coach to its greatest extent. Fretz will either be on first or in the outfield. If he does not play for the position at the initial sack, that spot will probably be handled by Herschel Maltz. John DeWitt, who has also been playing in the outfield also might see service at first.

Krause, assistant athletic director for the past year, will retain his Irish head basketball coaching job.

Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., university president, announced the long-expected change. Father Cavanaugh emphasized that it was recommended by Leahy, who served in the grid coach-directorship role ever since his arrival from Boston College eight years ago.

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159 Pounders Hickman And Damuth Sling Fast Leather

By ANDY MATULA
The 169 pound clash between Hamp Oliver and Riley Epps provided the top thrill of Intramural Boxing Finals for 1,500 fans in the DeWara Field House last night.
Epps took the decision after three wild and wooly rounds.

Neither boxer, after a few separating blows in the first few seconds of the initial round, employed any boxing skill. They just stood toe-to-toe and slugged it out.
The first round was even with Epps taking a slight edge in later part of it. Both fighters were still fresh. For the second round, they met in the ring's center and started throwing lefts and rights. Oliver's powerful right, so potent in preliminary and semi-final bouts, was effectively blocked by Epps.
When the bell sounded for the last round, it was uncertain if either boxer could stand up; much less fight. Epps won in that round by getting inside Oliver's guard and working his right.

The 110 pound finale started the events off. George Rutes of C Field faced Louis Fincies of ASA. Kutch opened strong, throwing a hard right, but in the second and third rounds Fincies brought a left into action that stopped Kutch and slowed him down.
Ralph Pasterek, Bay student from Bryan, took the 125 pound crown. He defeated Walt Todd of B Infantry by dancing around Todd, keeping always on the move. The match was a close one and not many blows were struck.
Bert Littlejohn, short 135 pounder, beat John Hada for that class's title. Both fighters hail from E Infantry. Hada took the first by keeping Littlejohn at a distance with a long left jab. But Littlejohn got inside Hada's guard in the second round and took that one with sharp left jabs. Both fighters opened up in the last round and Littlejohn took over with strong counter blows.
Ordnance Company was well represented in the 149 pound finale. Both contestants, Bernie Parkey and Harold Springfield, were from that outfit. Springfield took the bout by aggressive fighting. He was always on the move, never giving Parkey much of a target and getting fast rights and lefts.

where they counted. Parkey stepped up in the second round and took that one by in-fighting but Springfield's strong left jab proved the difference.

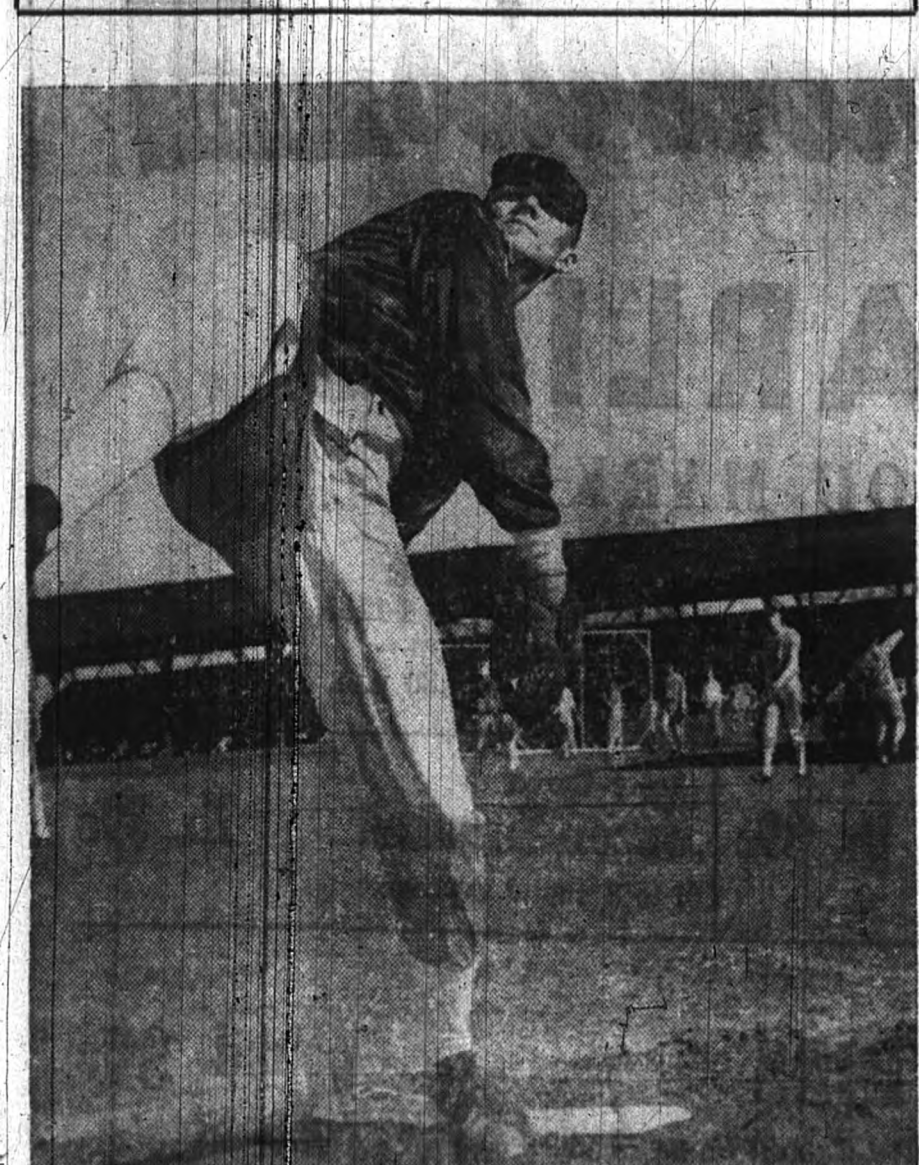
Don Hickman and Bo Damuth put on a rugged show in their clash for 159 pound honors. Damuth took the judge's decision. He is from B Infantry and Hickman is from A Infantry. At the first bell both fighters hurried from their corner and started exchanging blows. The round went on in bursts as the boxers hit and then parried. Damuth managed to knock Hickman out of the ring late in the round.

Damuth kept Hickman at bay in the second round by throwing stunning roundhouse rights. Neither fighter used caution in the final round; it took an air of wildness since both were tired and was an even round. Damuth won on his performance in the first and second rounds.

Two TKO's were scored at Fight Night. Sam Liberto of Dorm 3 sagged the first one on Curtis Jones in the 179 pound finale. Liberto floored Jones after 45 seconds in the first round and was awarded that one. Jones came back and held his own in the second stanza but Liberto's powerful right caught him twice in the third round and referee Spike White stopped the bout after two minutes and twenty seconds.

Joe Bell, A Infantry, took credit for the other TKO and won the heavyweight crown in the process. His opponent was Don Grubbs of E Engineers. Both boxers were cautious in the initial round, each seizing up in the other. Bell took the second round when he set Grubbs down hard after the round was twenty seconds old. Both opened up in the last round but Bell's cross blows were too much for Grubbs and the fight was called after two minutes and thirty-five seconds.

Star Of The Week



Bruce Morisse, a squadman from last year's second place baseball team, has been selected as Star of the Week by the Battalion Sports Staff for the week ending last Saturday, March 19th.

Last week, the Sports Staff had two baseball games, the Southwest Conference swimming meet, and the Fort Worth track meet, from which to choose the Star of the Week.
Morisse was selected for his performance against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks in the second baseball game of the Aggies this season.
He pitched seven full innings

for the Aggies and was capable of going the other two but was relieved by Alvis Nixon. In those seven innings, Morisse struck out seven batters and allowed only two hits.
He has improved 100 per cent over his performance for A&M last year and his wildness seems to have been lost.
Previous to last Friday, Morisse pitched three innings in the Aggie's first game against the University of Houston and didn't allow a hit.
This is Bruce's second year in baseball for A&M. He is a junior and will have two more years of eligibility left after this season. His home is in Northheim.
Last summer, Morisse hurried for the Victoria Rosebuds and won five games. His improvement over last year is attributed to his constant practice and playing experience gained with that team all last summer.
Being a southpaw has given Bruce some advantage against most teams in the Southwest. Most teams have an over-abundance of right-handers. Also, his fast ball and change of pace keeps batters guessing.
If Bruce continues to improve, mark him as one of the outstanding pitchers in the Southwest Conference this year. The Aggies are going to have to depend on him a lot these next two years.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 24 (AP)—The National Baseball Congress today announced issuance of a franchise to the Coastal Bend semi-pro league. There will be eight Texas teams in the circuit.
Teams include: Kingsville Mo. Pac All-Stars, Raymondville Red Sox, Alice, Corpus Christi, Taylor Refinery, Cabanis Field Filers, Robstown Sun Spot Bottlers and Kingsville Wildcats.
H. R. (Doc) Horton, sports editor of the Corpus Christi Times, has been named commissioner. Garland Bishop of Robstown is president and Kermit Westerman, sports editor of the Robstown Record, secretary-treasurer.
Previously the N.B.C. had issued a franchise in its national association to another Texas organization, Neches-Coast Semi-Pro Baseball League.
All players are under the nationwide player contract system and leading team of July 1 standing will be eligible to compete in the 14th annual Texas State tournament at San Antonio, starting July 22.

BRUINS WIN
WACO, Tex., March 24 (AP)—Lefty Fred Copeland pitched one-hit ball for five innings here yesterday as the Baylor University baseball team defeated Minnesota University 7 to 3.
When Copeland entered the game for Baylor in the fifth inning the score was tied at three all.
John DeWitt, Waco sophomore who paced Texas Aggie basketball scorers with 248 points this season, made only six points (two field goals) in the Cadet's first two games.

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