

# Connie Mack Sees Good Chance For Pennant for A's for 1949

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Loveable Connie Mack, starting his 49th season as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is far too busy to think of retirement. The 86-year-old gentleman is more concerned about winning the American League pennant.

"Me retire?" he asks. "Not until I win another championship. I want to make it an even ten."

Connie thinks he won't have to wait too many years to get

we have the best pitching and the best infield in the league."

Mack looks for an improvement in his pitching, pointing out that Phil Marchildon appears to have completely recovered from his illness of last year, and Bill McCahan's sore arm has healed.

"Last year Marchildon and McCahan won only 13 games between them," says Mack. "Marchildon won 19 and McCahan 10 the year before. If they can duplicate 1947, we should have plenty to say in the coming race."

With Joe Coleman, Dick Fowler, Carl Scheif and Lou Brissie winning 57 games among them, the A's almost upset the dope last year. Picked to finish in the second division, the Mackmen jumped into the race from the start and remained in or around first place until late August.

Except for the addition of Wally Moses and Taft Wright, a couple of veteran pinch hitters, and Joe Astroth and Earl Brucker, Jr., a pair of young catchers, the team is the same as last year.

The infield, which Mack considers the best defensive unit he's ever managed, is composed of Ferris Fain at first, Pete Suder at second, Eddie Joost at short and Heinie Majecki at third. Elmer Valo in right, Barney McCosky in center and Sam Chapman in left make up the veteran outfield trio. Astroth, who batted .352 at Memphis, and Brucker, a bonus player-sign of the A's bullpen coach, figure to understudy veteran Buddy Rosar, the No. 1 receiver.

"I've changed my mind," grins the old gentleman. "I don't think Cleveland will have such an easy time any more. I think the race will follow the pattern of last year. It will be a four-team race between Cleveland, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and it probably won't be decided until the last week."

"We've got just as good a chance as any of the others," he continued. "We don't have much hitting, but



Top men on the Aggie golf team are from left to right: Bottom, BART HALTOM, BUBBA MAYES, JOHN HENRY, and GAYTHER NOWELL, coach; Back row, JACK BARNETT, ALEX PEGUES, JACK RALEY, and TRAVIS BRYAN, JR. Not shown are GENE DARBY, JACK ANDREWS and TOM AITKEN.

## Oklahoma City Indians Need Help From Cleveland In '49

Ed. Note: This is the first of a series discussing Texas League prospects.

MARSHALL, Tex., April 5 —(AP) Dues chiefly to a sagging infield, the Oklahoma City Texas Leaguers appear to be worse off than ever this spring, and they will need considerable help from Cleveland if Joe Vosmik is to field a winner.

The new manager has been so lacking in sufficient infield talent that he was forced to put a patchwork lineup against exhibition opponents.

Absentee and injuries also claimed their regular toll, and Vosmik has been concerned about the tribes lack of punch.

Counting two missing pitching holdovers, Lefty Vic Johnson and Tom Reis, the Warriors have seven men returning from the 1948 team which wound up sixth under Pat Ankenman.

The other returnees are first

## Aggies Play Bryan Tonight; Baylor Friday and Saturday

By LEON SOMER

The Texas Aggie baseball nine will play the Bryan Bombers tonight at 8 o'clock at Bomber Park. The Farmers will be after their second win over the East Texas League team, having defeated the Bryan nine 8-3 last Saturday on the Kyle Field diamond.

In Saturday's contest with the Bombers the Aggies played errorless ball and four of their eight hits went for extra bases, indicating that Coach Karow's hitters are improving at the plate.

Tonight's game will give the Farmers more practice in preparation for their meeting with the Baylor Bears in Waco this Friday and Saturday. Currently the Cadets are tied with Texas for the conference lead, with one win and no losses.

This week's series with the Bears will probably determine which of the two teams will battle it out with the Longhorns for the conference title. The Steers already have defeated the Bruins thus setting themselves up as the team to beat in the title race.

Against the Aggies Baylor will field a veteran team backed by a fine pitching staff led by Leroy Jarl and Fred Copeland. The Bears have power at the plate with Dutch Schroeder, Chuck Devereaux, and Joe Szeckley all hitting .400 or better.

Tops among the Cadet hitters this season are Cotton Lindloff, John DeWitt, and Bob Fretz. Lindloff has gotten several extra base knocks this year, including a home run against the Ohio State nine.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**  
Tuesday—Rice vs. Texas at Austin, Texas A&M vs. Bryan (East Texas League) at Bryan.  
Friday and Saturday—Rice vs. SMU at Dallas, Texas vs. Texas Christian at Ft. Worth, Baylor vs. Texas A&M at Waco.



## Kadera Throws, Puts, and Hurls His Way Into Top Conference Field Slot

One of Texas A&M's most consistent point makers in track and field events is George Kadera, who might easily be called "The Arm."

Last year as a sophomore, he injured his arm in an early meet at Corpus Christi and didn't throw the javelin again that season. He did go on to win the conference title for the second time in the shot and discus.

Kadera has been entered in two meets so far this season and has compiled 24 points which puts him well up toward the top of point makers in the conference.

At both the Border Olympics held in Laredo and the Southwestern Exposition Meet at Fort Worth George has placed first in the shot put and the discus and third in javelin. His next appearance will be April 2, where he will be one of the top contenders in these events.

A major in Physical Education, George says that his ambition after getting his degree is to be a track coach. He has one more year of eligibility left on track in which he will in all probability bring more points for the Aggies.

## Kuhel Says His Senators Will Finish Higher Than Last Year

ORLANDO, Fla. —(AP) Joe Kuhel, sophomore manager of the Washington Senators, thinks his seventh season of last year are a cinch to finish higher this year for four reasons:

- 1—his pitching staff is stronger.
- 2—the outfield is improved.
- 3—the infield is better.
- 4—the club has added power.

Here is the way the 42-year old pilot sizes up the Senators' picture:

"The trades we made with Cleveland and St. Louis have definitely helped us. We got Eddie Robinson for first base in exchange for Mickey Vernon. Robby not only is the better hitter, but is a cinch to drive in more runs and hit more home runs than Vernon did for us. He'll hold his own with Mickey in the field."

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Hitting—poor  
Infield—fair  
Outfield—fair  
Pitching—fair  
Catching—fair  
Finish—seventh

"Joe Haynes, one of the two pitchers we got for Early Wynn, won more games than Wynn did last year. Ed Klieman, the other pitcher, is one of the best relief pitchers in baseball."

"Sam Dente, whom we got from the St. Louis Browns in exchange for Johnny Sullivan and Tom Ferrick, figures to be an improvement at short over Sullivan and Mark Christman. We've been afraid him since 1946. He is young, aggressive, a good double play man and will get his share of baseruns."

"We're 100 percent improved in our outfield. Buddy Lewis, back after a year of voluntary retirement, figures to be our best hitter. He will be in right. I'm sticking with Gil Coan in center. He's fast and a good lead-off hitter. Ed Stewart will move to left. Just compare this outfield with last year's. We opened with Leon Culberson, Tom McBride and Earl Wooten. All are

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## Don Mitchell Gives Helping Hand to Runner in Austin

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, April 5 —(AP) — The Texas Sports Writers Association can expect some acid letters from the women who work on newspaper sports desks. The TSWA showed courage if not diplomacy in its annual meeting held in connection with the Texas Relays at Austin by voting not to accept memberships from the so-called fair sex.

The crisis was projected when several lady sports editors sent in applications. But the male scribes were not afraid—besides there were no ladies there to urge their cause.

The major objection to gals in the association was that it would mean they would have to be accorded press box privileges, which gives them freedom they do not know elsewhere.

However, the woman angle in sports writing is something the association will have to face again, and probably soon. The writers just staved off the question for the time being.

Speaking of the Texas Relays, here's the low-down on an incident which undoubtedly puzzled the crowd:

In the mile relay, Don Mitchell Texas Aggie runner, was seen to put his hand in the back of Costin Bufkin, Texas Tech runner, during the first lap. Some wondered why there was not a disqualification. The reason was that meet officials decided Bufkin was the runner.

Anderson favors this rule in all sports.

Some of the college track coaches are threatening to pull their teams out of the annual Southwestern Recreation meet at Fort Worth because of the bad condition of the track that has prevailed for several years.

It is to be hoped that the Southwestern Recreation officials fix the track adequately. It would be a shame to have this fine meet hurt by wholesale withdrawals as now appear likely.

Lou Boudreau, shortstop manager of the Cleveland Indians, enters the 1949 diamond season with a life-time batting mark of .299 over 10 seasons.

## AP Training Camp Briefs

DALLAS, Texas, April 5 —(AP) It looked today as if Manager Barney Shotton of the Brooklyn Dodgers has settled upon a regular outfield.

After experimenting all through the spring training campaign with almost as many trios as the Brooks have played games, Shotton apparently has decided on Cal Abrams, Duke Spider and Carl Furillo as his first string pickets.

He played the three for the second day in a row yesterday, as the Brooks thumped the Dallas Eagles of the Texas League, 8-3. Morris Martin and Erv Palca shared the Brooklyn pitching assignment.

Porterfield, hurling as though it were the middle of the season, set the Cincinnati Reds down with one hit in fashioning a 2-0 shut-out for the Bronx Bombers crew yesterday.

Stengel is busting out all over with good pitching. Added to Porterfield's workmanlike chore, were the recent fine performances of Joe Page, Wally Hood and Tom Byrne.

EL PASO — Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants, seemed determined today to get Jack Lohrke into the line-up to stay.

Lohrke, who has been belting the ball at better than a .400 clip in grapefruit league games, played second base, a relatively strange position, yesterday as the Giants outslugged the Cleveland Indians, 15-10.

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