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

#### **AP** Newsfeatures

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Lovable 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 Amer-

ican 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

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it either, "It might even be this year," he says. "If not, it surely will be in 1950 or '51." It was only a month agp that Mack predicted the Cleveland In= dians would win the pennant "in a breeze.' "I've changed my mind," grins the old gentleman. "I don't think leveland will have such an easy

time any more. I think the race 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 the No. 1 receiver.

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

McCahan won only 13 games between them," says Mack, "Marchildon won 19 and Mc Cahan 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 con-siders 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 Majeski 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-son of the A's bullpen coach, figure to

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 AN-DREWS and TOM AITKEN.

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

Ed. Note: This is the first of a work lineup against exhibition op- baseman John Hernandez, outfieldseries discussing Texas. League ponents.

prospects. MARSHALL, Tex., April 5 -(49) ed their regular toll, and Vosmik Flanigan. the Oklahoma City Texas Leaguers lack of punch.

appear to be worse off than ever The new manager has been so

Battalion

er Pete Lewis and pitchers Preach- run against the Ohio State nine. Absentee and injuries also claim- er Dorsett, Len Gilmore and Ray

Pete Spatafore is back, striving for a utility role after spending last season at Wilkes-Barre.

Brightest hope among the newcomers is a big young moundsman, George Zuverink, who tossed 12 scoreless innings at the start of the practice games.

The fast right-hander, 23, is a native of Holland, Mich., and had an 18-12 mark with Spartanburg in 1948.

Vosmik may be able to assemble a corps without landing one or two more flingers off the Cleveland roster, for Dorsett, Gilmore, Flanigan, Reis Johnson ay team up well with **Rookies Zuverink**, Gordon Walden and Fred Wollpert. Other possibilities are recruits Bob outfield. Chakales and Leland Crissman. The tribe entertains high hopes the spring training campaign with of getting Milt Nielsen back for almost as many trios as the the outfield. If it did the outer Brooks have played games, Shotgarden probably would include ton apparently has decided on Cal Nielsen; Pete Lewis, a .315 hitter Abrams, Duke Snider and Carl last term, and Joe Morjoseph, up Furillo as his first string picketfrom Vosmik's Dayton club of last men. campaign, with a .314 average. The catching seems to be in capond day, in a row yesterday, as able hands, with veteran Ed Mutthe Brooks thumped the Dallas ryn and Rookie Joe Kratzer hold-Eagles of the Texas League, 8-3. ing forth, but the Indians would Morris Martin and Erv Palica, not turn their backs on Ray Murshared the Brooklyn pitching asray, now with Cleveland. signment. Oddly there are three men competing for the regular first base role. Hernandez hopes to win it were the middle of the season, out despite his poor .215 mark set the Cincinnati Reds down for 1948, but he is being chalwith one hit in fashioning a 2-0 lenged strongly by Kratzer and shut-out for the Bronx Bombers Herb Conyers, with Jim Cena now running third. crew yesterday. But the rest of the infield is with good pitching. Added to far from being set. Porterfield's workmanlike chore, Vosmik, who is bringing Conwere the recent fine performances

# 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 error-less ball and four of their eight hits went for extra bases, indi-cating 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 Ca-dets are tied with Texas for the conference lead, with one win and no losses.

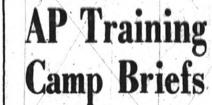
This week's series with the Bears will probably determine which of the two teams will battle it out with the Longhorns for the conference title. The Steers already have defeated the Bruins thus setting themselves up as the team to beat in the title race.

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

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.



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ORLANDO, Fla. - (P) Joe Kuhel gone now easons:

3-the infield is better. 4-the club has added power.

pilot sizes up the Senators' picture: "The trades we made with Cleve-land and St. Louis have definitely

sophomore manager of the Wash- Kuhel plans to go along with this spring, and they will need con-ington Senators, thinks his seventh Rae Scarborough, Walter Master- siderable help from Cleveland if acers of last year are a cinch to son, Mickey Haefner, Sid Hudson Joe Vosmik is to field a winner. mish higher this year for four and Haynes as his starting five. The new manager has been so Klieman, free agent Paul Calvert lacking insufficient infield talent 1-his pitching staff is stronger, and Southpaw Forrest Thompson that he was forced to put a patch-2-the outfield is improved, will be his relief brigade. Dick

Weik, a fast freshman righthander from Chattanooga, has made a Here is the way the 42-year old fine impression on Kuhel.

The regular infield will consist of Robinson at first, holdovers Al Kozar and Eddie Yost at

Due, chiefly to a sagging infield, has been concerned about the tribes 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

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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"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 Tem Ferrick, figures to be an improvement at short over Sullivan and Mark Christman. We've been after him since 1946. He is young, aggres-sive, a good double play man and will get his share of basehits.

"We're 100 percent improved in our outfield. Buildy 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 lend-off biter Ed Stawart will off hiter. Ed Stewart will move to left. Just compare this sut-field with last year's. We opened with Leon Culberson, Tom Mc-Bride and Earl Wooten, All are



second and third, respectively, and Dente at short. Al Evans, Jake Early and young Al Okrie will do the catching.

John Simmons, a graduate from Montreal; Clyde Vollmer, Syracuse product, and holdover Sherry Robertson, will back up the regular outfield trio and serve as pinch

hitters. **Fish Baseballers Play Blinn Squad** 

Blinn Junior College will invade the women who work on newspaper ollege Station Wednesday after- sports desks. The TSWA showed bon for a game with the unde- courage if not diplomacy in its anfeated Fish baseball squad. The nual, meeting held in connection ilt will start at three o'clock.

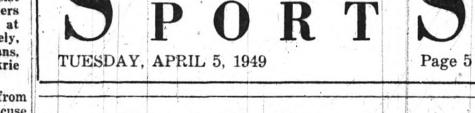
The Fish have won two games so by, voting not to accept memberfar this season. They defeated an ships from the so-called fair sex. outclassed Navarro Junior College The crisis was projected when sevnine: and then slipped past a eral lady sports editors sent in bunch from Rice at College Sta- applications. But the male scribes tion last Thursday by a score of were not afraid-besides there to 2.

Beaumont ace Sam Blanton will probably hold down mound duties for the Ag Freshman. Blatnon pitched four innings in the Navarro tilt limiting the Central Texas nine to their only two: runs.

cause.

do not know elsewhere.

The Baylor freshmen journey to sports writing is something the duled to be played in Waco this



### **Don Mitchell Gives Helping** Hand to Runner in Austin

By HAROLD V .RATLIFF kin had cut in front of Mitchell too quickly and therefore did DALLAS, April 5-\_(AP)\_ The not blame Mitchell for the shove. Texas Sports Writers Association "It was held that he had put his can expect some acrid letters from hand out to protect himself." explained Coach Clyde Littlefield of Texas, director of the Relays. "Bufkin would have been disqualified had Tech placed in with the Texas Relays at Austin the relay."

A&M won the event. The crowd got a kick out of the incident; When Mitchell put his hand into Bufkin's back he pushed the latter ahead by four yards instead of the bare one that prewere no ladies there to urge their vailed before the shove.

The major objection to gals in Coach Frank Anderson of the the association was that it would Texas A&M track team is doing mean they would have to be acsome missionary work toward cut- Dayton, hopes that the latter can corded press box privileges, ting down the strong and somewhich gives them freedom they times unethical rivalry among the Southwest Conference schools in However, the woman angle in going after athletes. Anderson has reached an agreement with Texas College Station this Saturday to association will have to face again, and Baylor like this: Neither will and probably soon. The writers take an athlete from the other duled game of the season between just staved off the question for school when that athlete has al-the two squads. The first tilt, sche- the time being. ready registered and been granted an athletic scholarship. Anderson Speaking of the Texas Relays, hopes to reach an agreement with here's the low-down on an incident other members of the conference. which undoubtedly puzzled the The Texas Aggie track coach also favors a player limit in the In the mile relay, Don Mitchell Southwest Conference. "It is Texas Aggie runner, was seen bankrupting the schools to bring to put his hand in the back of in 100 boys for football," he says. Costin Bufkin, Texas Tech run-Anderson favors this rule in all

ner, during the first lap. Some sports. wondered why there was not a disqualification. The reason was Some of the college track coachthat meet officials decided Bufes are threatening to pull their the Olympic decathlon last sumteams out of the annual South-**37's EVERYWHERE** western Recreation meet at Fort DALLAS - (AP) - Unless you Worth because of the bad condiknow the kid, you won't be able to tion of the track that has prevail- the 17-year-old California young- Only pick one out at a sandlot football ed for several years.

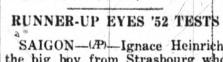
It is to be hoped that the South-They all wear No. 37 jerseys. They all wear No. 37 jerseys. Yes, each wants to wear the the track adequately. It would be number made famous by Doak Walker, Southern Methodist Uni-hurt by wholesale withdrawals as rich weighs 198 pounds and stands versity's All-America player. He's now appear likely. the idol of all of them.

More than 1.000 kids' jerseys bearing Walker's number have been Lou Boudreau, shortstop mansold by Dallas sporting goods deal- ager of the Cleveland Indians, en- the Southwest Missouri State Colers in recent months. Veteran ters the 1949 diamond season with lege basketball team during the salesmen say they have never seen a life-time batting mark of .299 over 10 seasons.

Girdley and Connie Gregory from Byrne. make the grade at shortstop. A question mark at third base ager of the New York Giants, seemed determined today to get is rangy Larry Lee, a .226 notter for San Diego in the last Jack Lohrke into the line-up to stav. race. And second base-it is as wide open as a broken gate.

Lohrke, who has been belting the ball at better than a .400 clip Deck Woldt, normally an outfielder, has been sharing duty in grapefruit league games, played there with Spatafore, and help at second base, a relatively strange second is a must if Vosmik is to position, yesterday as the Giants have a class AA infield. The next outslugged the Cleveland Indians, couple of weeks will determine if 15-10.

he needs one, two or three new hands in the inner defense. (Tomorrow: Tulsa).

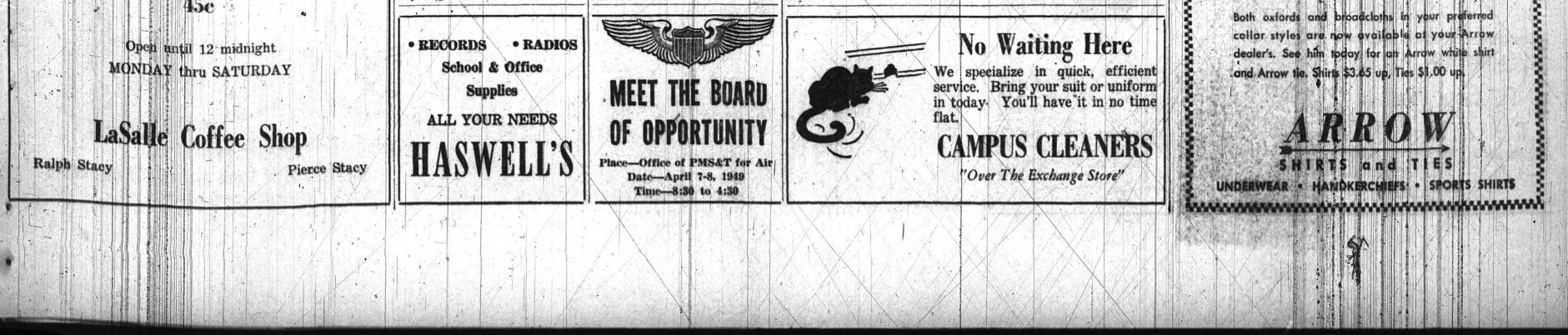


the big boy from Strasbourg who finished second to Bob Mathias in The pipe that every smoker wants-DANA, the modern pipe, with brightly polished alume mer, has his eyes set on Helsinki num shank and genuine imported briar bowl and 8,000 points in 1952.

His major worry is that Mathias, ster who outdid the iron men in the 50¢ rain at London, will do even better. Heinrich, a powerfully built with inside wrapper young man of 23 years, has been from 12 pocket tins of HOLIDAY PIPE MIXTURE

6 feet 3 inches.

Preston Ward, Brooklyn Dodger rookie first baseman, played for off-season and was a consistent scorer.



DALLAS, Texas, April 5- (P)

It looked today as if Manager Bar-One of Texas A&M's most con- first place in the shot put, discus sistent point makers in track and throw, and javelin, to count for 15 ney Shotton of the Brooklyn Dodgers has settled upon a regular

sistent point makers in track and throw, and javelin, to count for 15 field events is George Kadera, who might easily be called "The Arm." For the past two seasons, George has been gaining some valuable points for the Aggies in three field events, the discus throw, the shot put, and the javelin. Kadera, who stands 6' 1", weighs 212 pounds, and plays at an end position on the football squad dar-ing the fall, started his winning ways in the field events while a student at John Reagan High School in Houston.

place in the shot put.

School in Houston. At the state high school meet in 1943, George placed second in the discus throw. In the same meet put and the discus and third in in 1944, he again placed second in in 1944, he again placed second in lavelin. His next appearance will this event, and added to it a first be April 2, where he will be one the dop contempers in these

In 1946, George added more events glory to his personal record by A major in Physical Education, winning the State AAU crown in George gays that his ambition af-both the shot put and the discustor getting his degree is to be a The same year, he entered A&M track coach He has one more year where he was to add to it farther. of excitability left in track in which As a college freshman during he will in all probability bring yers (:354), Morjoseph, pitcher Ray of Joe Page, Wally Hood and Tom the 1947 track season, George took many points for the Aggies.

