

Phillies Will Have Youngest Infield In National League

AP Newsfeatures
CLEARWATER, Fla.—The Philadelphia Phils, long the home of aged and washed-up castoffs, will enter the National League race this season with the youngest infield in the loop.
 Manager Eddie Sawyer, a first-year man himself (he replaced Ben Chapman last July), plans to make a bid for the flag with young-

er defense by seven years, while their outfield age totals only two years more than the Dodger trio of Gene Hermanski, Carl Furillo and Duke Snider.
 Sawyer may not have a pennant contender this year, but hopes to cause a lot of commotion in the race. All he wants is a first division berth. Actually he is looking ahead to next year.
 "We definitely are not a great ball club," he says, "but we have a club of great possibilities and we will improve as we go along."
 "We are building for the future and we are building on a solid foundation. Proof of that is that of the 31 players in camp, 19 are youngsters who never have played for anyone except the Phillies."
 "They are the kids we are counting on to get us back in the ball sun."
 Except for his pitchers and

second base, Sawyer is set on his team. With the exception of first baseman Eddie Waitkus and right fielder Bill Nicholson, both acquired from the Chicago Cubs, and the catching staff all are under 24 years of age.
 Gran Hammer, who has dethroned Eddie Miller at short, is only 22. Willie (Puddin' Head) Jones, at third, is 23. So is Del Ennis in left, the power boy of the club. Richie Ashburn, sensational rookie of 1945, is 22. He will be in centerfield.
 Waitkus, who has made a tremendous impression in camp to beat out Dick Sisler for the first base job, is 29. Nicholson, glad to get away from Wrigley Field, has been enjoying a good spring. At 33, he is the old man of the regular squad. Andy Seminick again will do the brunt of the catching. He will be helped by Hal Wagner and Ken Silvestri. All are veterans.
 Youth will be emphasized on the pitching staff, too, with Curt Simmons and Robin Roberts, two of the many bonus players for whom the Phils have shelled out a fortune, sure of starting roles. Simmons is 19, Roberts 22.
 The two youngsters will team with veterans Hank Borowy, Russ Meyer and Schoolboy Rowe as the "big five." Ken Trinkle, Ken Heintzelman and Blix Donnelly will handle relief chores. Other hopefuls include Charley Bicknell, Lou Poffsch, John Thompson, Jim Konstanty and Dick Koehler.



GRAN HAMMER

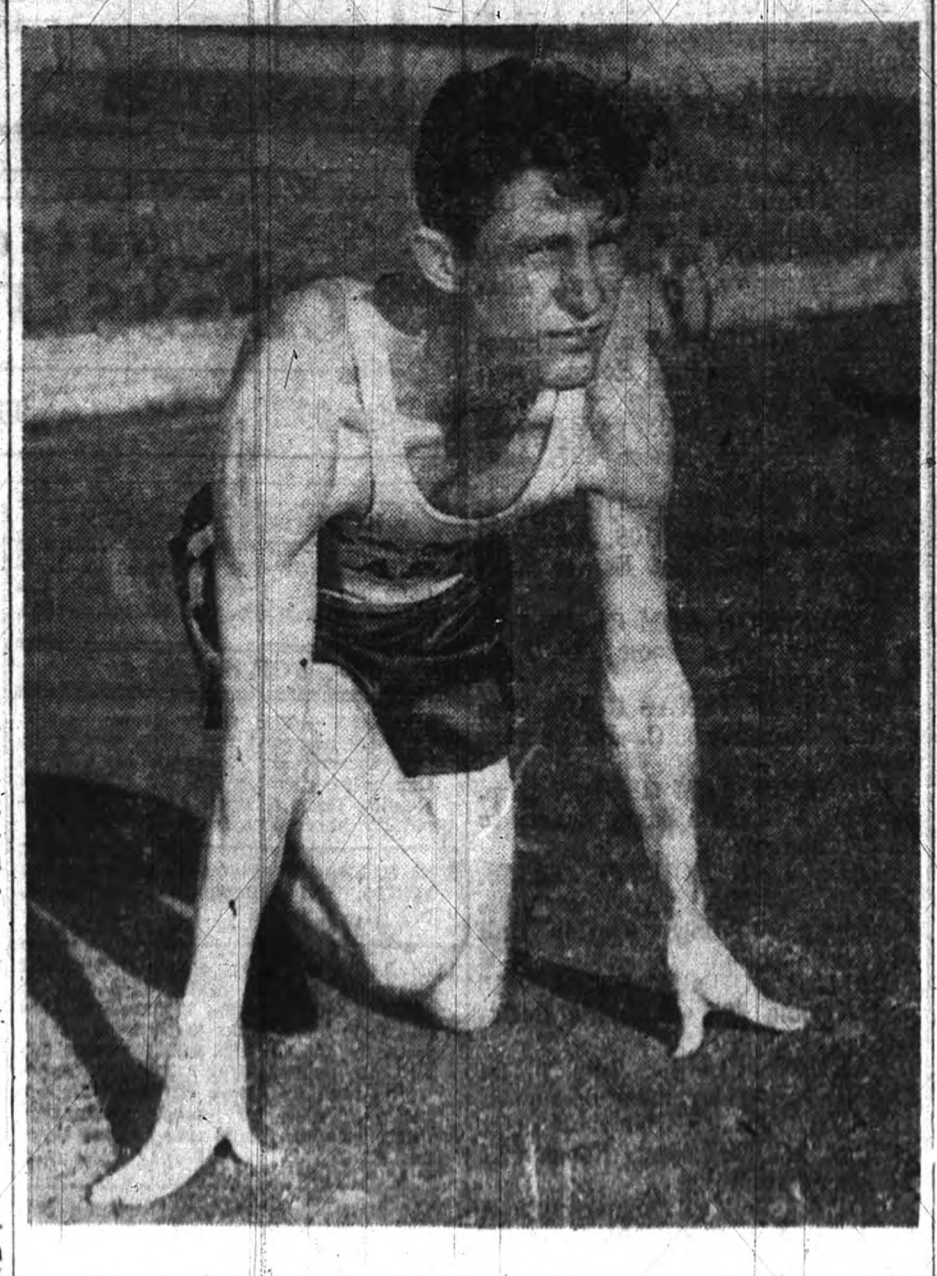
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Star Of The Week



JAMES BAKER, FRESHMAN QUARTERMASTER FROM HIGHLAND PARK, HAS BEEN CHOSEN STAR OF THE WEEK FOR THE WEEK ENDING LAST SUNDAY.

James Baker, freshman quartermaster from Highland Park, has been chosen STAR OF THE WEEK for the week ending last Sunday. Baker was chosen because of the fine anchor lap he ran for the Fish mile relay team. Baker unofficially made the circuit in 48.4 seconds.
 A sprinter in high school, the Highland Park lad was shifted to the quarter by the Aggie coaches when he arrived at A&M. Since then the Aggie coaches have called him one of the outstanding prospects in that event that they have had.
 At the Southwestern meet at Fort Worth Baker easily won the Freshmen class 440 and then returned to catch the Texas mile relay anchor man and win the event for the Fish. In Fort Worth, Baker had to overcome a seven yard lead.

Cadet Golf Team Plays TCU And SMU This Week

The Aggie Golf team swings into action again this weekend with matches scheduled against TCU and SMU. This afternoon the Cadet foursome plays the Horned Frogs in Fort Worth and tomorrow the team goes to Dallas to meet the Mustangs.
 Last week Johnnie Henry, Travis Bryan, Jr., Bart Haltom, and Jack Barnett teamed together to down Rice 6-0 on the Bryan Country Club course.
 The Aggies are defending Southwest Conference champions and are favored to battle it out with Texas for the title again this year.

Battalion Sports Quiz

- A boxer weighing in at 149 pounds would be in the ... ?
 1. lightweight class 2. welterweight 3. middleweight
- What is the longest ski jump on record?
 1. 350.96 feet 2. 130 feet 3. 210.50 feet
- In what sport is a puck used?
 1. Lacrosse 2. Hockey 3. Polo
- The only two jockeys whose mounts have earned over a million dollars in one year are Eddie Arcaro and Ted Atkinson. Which holds the record for a mount earned in one year?
 1. Eddie Arcaro 2. Ted Atkinson
- Man O' War lost his only race by ... ?
 1. a photo finish 2. a length 3. a neck 4. a nose
- Ty Cobb hit more triples than Babe Ruth?
 1. True 2. False
- Carl Hubbell holds the record for the most consecutive games won. (spaced over two seasons) How many might that be?
 1. 12 2. 20 3. 24 4. 29
- Who holds the record for the most triples? (lifetime)
 1. Babe Ruth 2. Ty Cobb 3. Roger Hornsby
- Who has won the majority of the All-Star games (football)?
 1. professional champions 2. College All-Stars
- The average salary of a college football coach is?
 1. \$3,500 2. \$5,158 3. \$6,107

Ibsen's 'Ghosts' Try-outs Planned

Try-outs for the Aggie Players' production of Ibsen's Ghosts will be held in the Assembly Hall on Friday, April 8, from 4:30 to 6 p. m., George Dillavou, sponsor of the Aggie Players, said today.
 All students and young ladies interested in the try-outs are requested to attend, Dillavou said.

Golfers Open Play In Masters Today

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 7.—(AP)—The best of the soggy ground golfers will have their day in the first round of the masters today at the drenched Augusta National course.
 A long playing course such as National gives long, high ball hitters like Sammy Snead, Chick Harbert, Byron Nelson, Jimmy Demaret and Lawson Little an advantage. Snead has climbed from about seventh or eighth favorite up on a level with Cary Middlecott, Nelson, Lloyd Mangrum and Demaret.

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Blinn Defeated By Fish 11 To 7 In Home Tilt

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.
 A&M's Fish baseball team continued on the win side of the picture with a 11 to 7 victory over a Blinn Junior College team yesterday afternoon on the Kyle Field practice diamond. The sloppy game was filled with eleven errors contributed by both teams.

Aggie And Bear Nines Meet In Waco Friday

The A&M baseball nine continues its conference schedule this week by taking on the Baylor Bears in two games at Waco tomorrow and Saturday.
 According to the Athletic Department, both games will start at 8 p. m. in Katy Park.
 Coach Marty Karow's charges will be trying for their second and third, conference wins. At present, they are tied with Texas for the top spot in the conference standings. Baylor is in the runner-up spot along with Texas Christian with one loss each.
 Baylor, Texas, and A&M are the three teams given the nod as the favorites in this year's race. Last week Texas knocked over Baylor 10 to 4 in Austin in the first conference game of the season for both teams.
 Karow will probably choose his two starting pitchers from Pat Hubert, left-hander Bruce Morrissey, and Blanton (Honda) Taylor. Hubert worked a two hit shut-out against Rice last week, winning 7 to 0.
 Taylor pitched against the Bryan Bombers here Saturday afternoon and fanned six, walked two, and gave up 4 hits in seven innings.
 At present, Baylor is on top of the season standings with a 10-2 record. A&M is running second with a 6-2 record.
 All the other teams in the conference except Arkansas, which does not field a baseball team, will be busy with two-game series this weekend also. Rice meets SMU in Dallas and Texas meets TCU in Fort Worth.

quickly retired the first three Blinn lads to meet him in the bottom of the second to get back into the game.
 The Fish put across one more run in the second to tie the count up. Fish catcher, Al Ogletree, fouled in the fourth with the bases loaded to score two men after Blinn had taken another one-point lead. This gave the Fish a one point lead.
 Blinn pitcher Harold Loewe kept the Aggies quiet with a change of pace and slow curve ball that made them stand and wonder where the ball was. He also proved that he could hit.
 Loewe sent his team out in front in the first of the eighth by a 5 to 4 count when he doubled with two men on. The Blinn basemen then ran up to seven while the Aggies held on to five.
 The young Farmers settled down in the next inning and before the Blinn men knew what was going on, the Ags had collected six runs. Bybee, not to be outdone by his pitching foe, stretched a single in to a home run on the center fielders error.
 Jack Mills, Aggie cleanup batter also added to the Blinn misery when he blasted a round tripper over the left fielder's head. That also came in the eighth.
 Baylor Cubs, journeying to College Station this Saturday, are next on the schedule for the Fish. The Ag Freshmen have now won three games with no losses.

Dallas Eagles Expected To Climb Out Of League Cellar

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DALLAS—If experience means anything, Dallas Eagles are going to cut a caper in the 1949 Texas League baseball chase. For the Burnett boys have experience in abundance.
 Re-vamping a ball club that finished only two games out of the cellar, 28 games behind the leaders, into a pennant contender is a rather large assignment. And that is what President Dick Burnett, manager Jimmy Adair and General Manager Bobby Goff are trying to do.
 No club in the Texas League has been as active in the player market as Dallas. Burnett, a millionaire, has spared no expense in trying to bring Dallas a winner. Ball players carrying price tags of \$10,000 or more are a dime a dozen on the Eagle roster. Whether they will pan out or not remains to be seen.
 Right now, here's what it looks like: The Eagles will have one of the most vicious offensive clubs in the circuit, with righthanded sluggers predominating. Two men, Blas Monaco and Bill Sinton from Kansas City, bat from the south side. Monaco is a switch hitter. The rest of the Eagle power is from the right side of the dish.
 Defensively, the outlook is bright. The club will have "know how" all along the line.
 Thus the fate of the Eagles reverts to the pitching. Here too we find experience plus—and there's the hitch. The men of the mound staff are tested performers in Class AA or better, but it takes them more time to get in shape than the youngsters require. So it seems to be entirely up to the mound corps. As the pitching goes, so go the Eagles.
 Behind the plate Len Rice, from San Diego, and Roy Easterwood, from Nashville, offer the best backstopping brigade in the loop. And both of them are dangerous hitters.
 Jerry Witte, from Louisville, will handle the chores at first, and he's a home run specialist, dangerous at all times. Monaco, a fair hitter and a sweet defensive performer, is at second. Leo Wells, from San Diego, will be at short. He's a polished performer afield but a rather light hitter.
 The big battle is for third, where L. D. Meyer, a hefty hitter from Louisville, appears to have the edge. Bill Serena, with Dallas and Buffalo last season, can field up to par, but he still doesn't seem to be able to connect with Texas league pitching. George Schargin, a hold-over, is a cinch for the utility post. George can handle any of the infield assignments.
 Buck Frierson, a holdover and a hard hitter, will be in left. In center will be Ben Guintini, a fancy fielder from San Francisco, and a pretty fair stickler. Ralph Rhines,

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