

Little Improvement Seen In Detroit Tigers This Season

AP Newsfeatures

LAKELAND, Fla.—Except for new centerfielder and a new pitcher and, of course, a new manager, the Detroit Tigers will present the same team that finished a disappointing fifth last year. Whether these three additions will lift the Bengals out of the second division remains to be seen. From this corner, it doesn't look like enough. Especially with Ark Houtteman, promising young right



These three newcomers should see a lot of action for Detroit this season. Seated left to right, they are AARON ROBINSON, catcher, TONY LUPIEN, first baseman, and JOHNNY GROTH, center fielder.

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 Hitting—Fair
 Pitching—Good
 Catching—Fair
 Infield—Poor
 Outfield—Good
 Finish—Fifth

hander, out for an indefinite period with a fractured skull.

There are too many weak spots on the team. One is first base. Another is second. And the third, despite the presence of the redoubtable Hal Newhouser, is on the mound.

The loss of Houtteman, upon whom Red Rolfe, freshman manager, was counting heavily, is especially damaging.

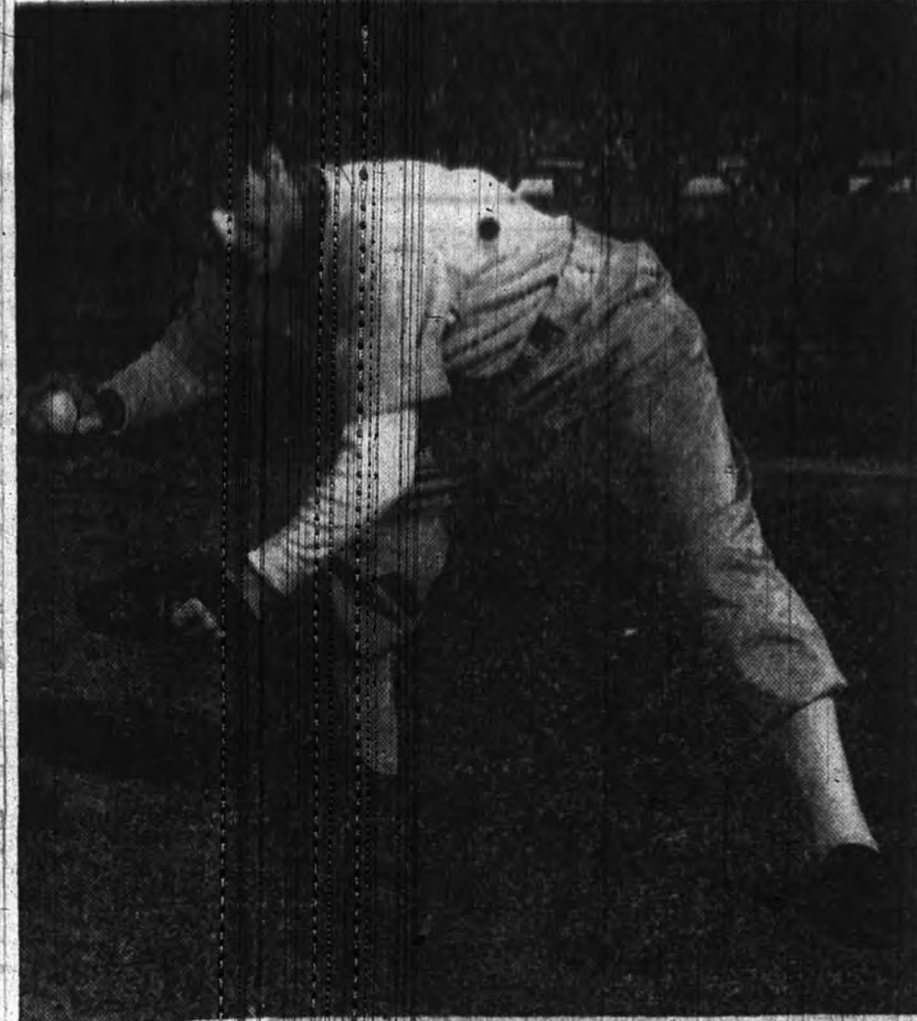
"I was fairly optimistic until the injury to Houtteman," Rolfe groans. "That hurt us more than anyone realizes. Despite his 2-16 won and lost record, Houtteman is a fine pitcher. There is no telling just how great he can become. Houtteman's loss hit us in the most vulnerable spot. We're awfully thin in pitching."

Rolfe plans to rotate Newhouser, Fred Hutchinson, Virgil Trucks and Ted Gray as his starting quartet. He had intended to switch Dizzy Trout to a relief pitcher, but with Houtteman out Trout returns to the starting line.


"If I don't get help from our young pitchers, we'll be in a bad way," says Rolfe. "At least two newcomers from among Lou Krehl, Saul Rogovin, Marty Grissom and Martin Stuart must come through for us to make any kind of a decent showing."

Rolfe is pessimistic over first and second base, but is bright on the left side of his infield and also his outfield. The Bengals came south with three first basemen—George Vico, Paul Campbell and Tony Lupien, obtained on waivers from the White Sox.

"Vico has disappointed me," says Rolfe. "He looked like he was com-



JOE SAVARINO, Aggie second baseman, broke into the starting lineup for the first time against Southwestern Oklahoma Tech last Friday. The Houston lad is in his second year at A&M.



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SACKIN' UP SPORTS

SACK SPOEDE

All You Would-Be Umpires Can Try Solving This One

Here is a little item our sports publicity man, Dub King, sent out on an unusual play in the last game with the Southwest Oklahoma Tech Bulldogs.

What would you have done if you were the umpire and the situation as described in the next to last paragraph occurred?

"In a baseball game at College Station last Saturday this most unusual play occurred:

"In second inning with Aggies leading, 3-0, Orville Long of Southwestern Oklahoma Tech singled to center to open the inning for the Bulldogs.

"Bob Henry followed with a single to center, Long stopping at second base. Long was caught stealing and Henry held to first base.

"The next batter, Bob Dial hit a ball into the ground in front of the plate. There was some confusion and question as to whether Umpire Jerry Bonneau called it fair or foul. Anyway, Aggie catcher Bill Dennis didn't wait to find out. He hustled in front of the plate, picked up the ball and fired it to second baseman Joe Savarino, who stepped on second base, forcing Henry. Base umpire Frank Tongate called Henry out, making it two out.

"Meanwhile, Dial doubtless had decided the ball was fair, for he tore out for first base and beat Savarino's throw to first and was waved safe by base umpire Tongate.

"The SW Oklahoma first base coach said something to Dial and for some strange reason, Dial left the base, returned to the bat rack, picked up his bat and started toward the plate. Henry of the Oklahomans returned to first base.

"Second baseman Savarino of the Aggies smelled something wrong, ran over to Aggie first baseman Cliff Lindloff, got the ball and tore out toward Dial. With Dial walking leisurely toward home plate, Savarino tagged him BEHIND the catcher's box, and when he did plate umpire Tongate waved Dial out for the third out of the inning. A big argument ensued, but umpire Tongate stopped it by stating he called the ball fair in the first place and that Dial was out, having left first base at his own risk.

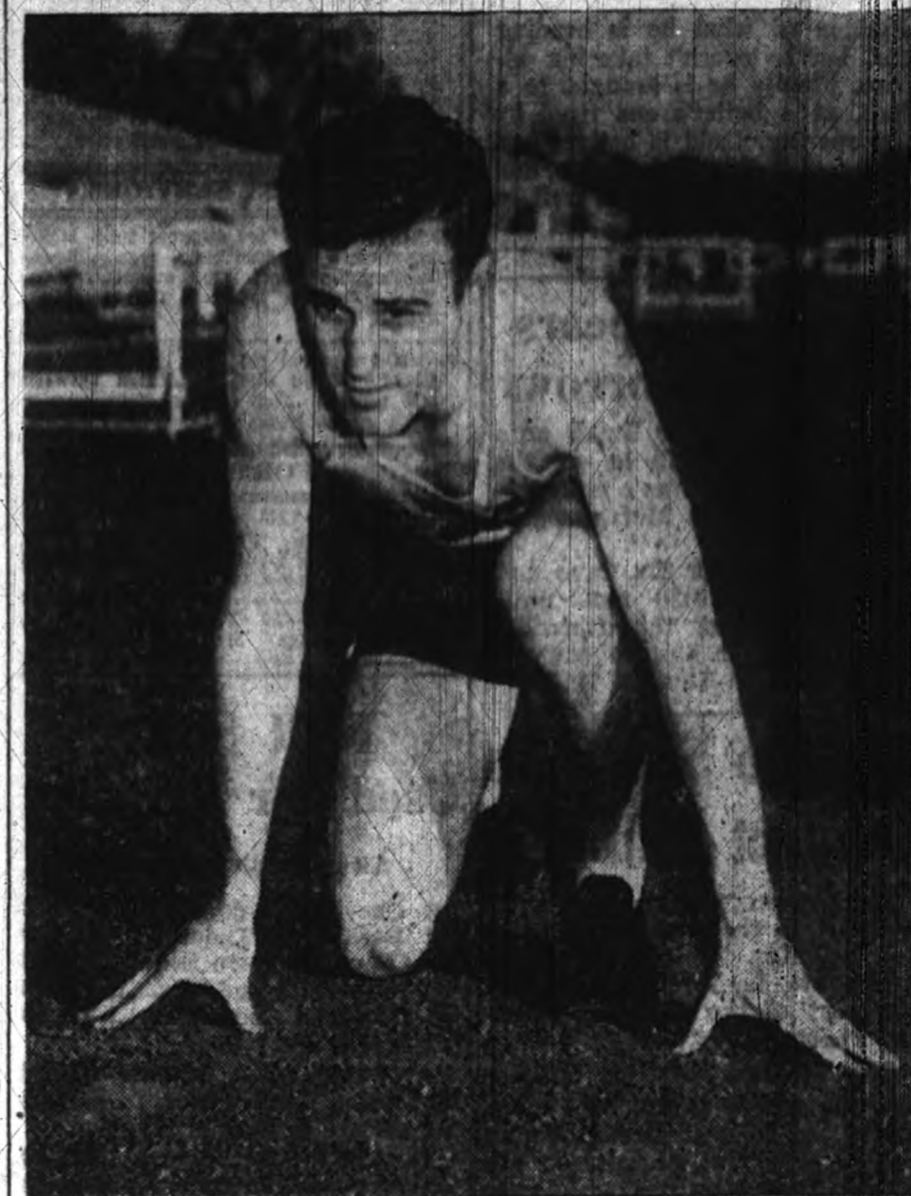
"Quite unusual in baseball—a second baseman getting two putouts on ONE play without fielding a batted ball. Also unusual—a second baseman making a putout BEHIND the catcher's box!

"But what we want to know is this: 'If Savarino HAD NOT been alert, when Dial returned to bat for the second time, would it have been up to the plate umpire to call him out for batting out of turn? Or what procedure would have been followed?'

"It did not cost SW Oklahoma Tech the game . . . the Aggies won 9 to 1."

Rice Meet Rained Out; Team Preps For Drake

By SACK SPOEDE



The Aggies number one half miler, BOB ATKINS, who comes from Lufkin, ran a 1:56, half to take first place in the annual triangular meet between Texas A&M, Texas U., and Rice, at Corpus Christi. Atkins has eligibility remaining after this season is over.

Rain once again forced the postponement of the scheduled track meet between Rice and A&M Monday afternoon. The meet was originally scheduled for Saturday but it had to be postponed when the rainy season moved into Houston.

Yesterday the team did make the trip, more than 100 miles Saturday, but the largest city in Texas was having a minor deluge when it got there. Both the freshman and varsity squads were scheduled to participate.

Due to the Drake Relays next weekend the varsity squads were not able to reach their meet, but the first year squads are supposed to engage in Houston Saturday, the weather permitting.

Coach Frank Amerson can be expected to take a strong squad to the Drake Relays. Almost certain to be members of that squad are George Kadera, the mile relay team, and several other relay teams. Possibly these relay teams will include a two mile team composed of the three half milers who came in one-two-three at the Corpus meet with Texas and Rice.

This State is certain to furnish the mile relay team its toughest competition of this year at the Des Moines meet. Not only do the Oklahomans have the winner of the Olympic trials in the U. S. back on their team but they also have the number one freshman quarter miler in the Big Nine Conference of last year. This sophomore is replacing the weakest member of the team that pushed the Aggies last year.

East Texas League Head Hands Out Several Fines

DALLAS, April 26.—(AP)—President Walter Morris of the East Texas Baseball League today slapped fines on two managers and one player and added this warning: "It must not happen again, or you go."

Those fined, the amount, and the reasons:

Manager Hal Van Pelt of Glade-water, \$25, for using a few "overripe" words and "reciprocal conduct" in last Thursday's game at Glade-water with Paris. Morris said Van Pelt "cussed out an umpire."

Manager Melvin Hicks, Henderson, \$25, for threatening an umpire in the Friday night game at Kilgore with Kilgore. Morris said Hicks "threatened the ump with a bat."

Third baseman Tommy Fox, Tyler, \$10, for "improper conduct" in a recent game in which, Morris said, Fox ran out of position and "bumped an umpire."

Mural Swim Meet Tonight

Joe Pate of 'E' Air Force led a field of 14 entries in preliminaries of Intramural Diving Monday night in Downs Natatorium.

Along with eight other divers, Pate will compete for the Intramural Diving crown on Wednesday night. Swimming Prelims will be run tonight at 7:30 and finals the following night.

Scoring 145 points, Pate was the outstanding entrant in the diving prelims. His possible score was 252.

After a week's delay, softball got underway again Monday afternoon. A Engineers overcame E Vet in a slugging match, 17-18. G Cavalry skinned past B Air Force in a 7-6 victory. E Air Force had no trouble with G Field slugging them 10-1.

ASA lost to A Composite by a 4-1 count and D Field Artillery outscored C Infantry, 9-1, in a game that lasted only four innings.

Tentative plans call for the Intramural Track Meet to be held on May 5, 6 and 7 on Kyle Field.

Paul Tyson Likely To Be New Coach At Daniel Baker

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, April 26.—(AP)—Paul Tyson, whose record as a high school football coach is unsurpassed anywhere and who has produced some top college mentors, is likely to return to the coaching game as headman of a college's gridiron forces.

Our information is that Tyson will become coach at Daniel Baker in Brownwood—his first job as a college leader.

Tyson has been out of the coaching game for several years. He's on the faculty at Westminster College of Tehuacana. His last coaching was at Jesuit High School in Dallas.

Tyson won his greatest fame as coach at Waco High School where he had four state champions in addition to another team that was undefeated, untied and unscored on and before the Interscholastic league was organized produced several teams that claimed the state title.

At Waco he had a chunky little fellow who was a whale of a guard. His name was Dutch Meyer and he played against a North Side (Fort Worth) team that had such fellows as Bo McMillin, Roscoe Minton and Matty Bell.

Tyson is particularly proud of a couple of his products these days. Each heads the largest organization of its kind in the world.

Joe Coleman of Odessa is president of the Texas high school coaches association which puts on the world's largest coaching school each year.

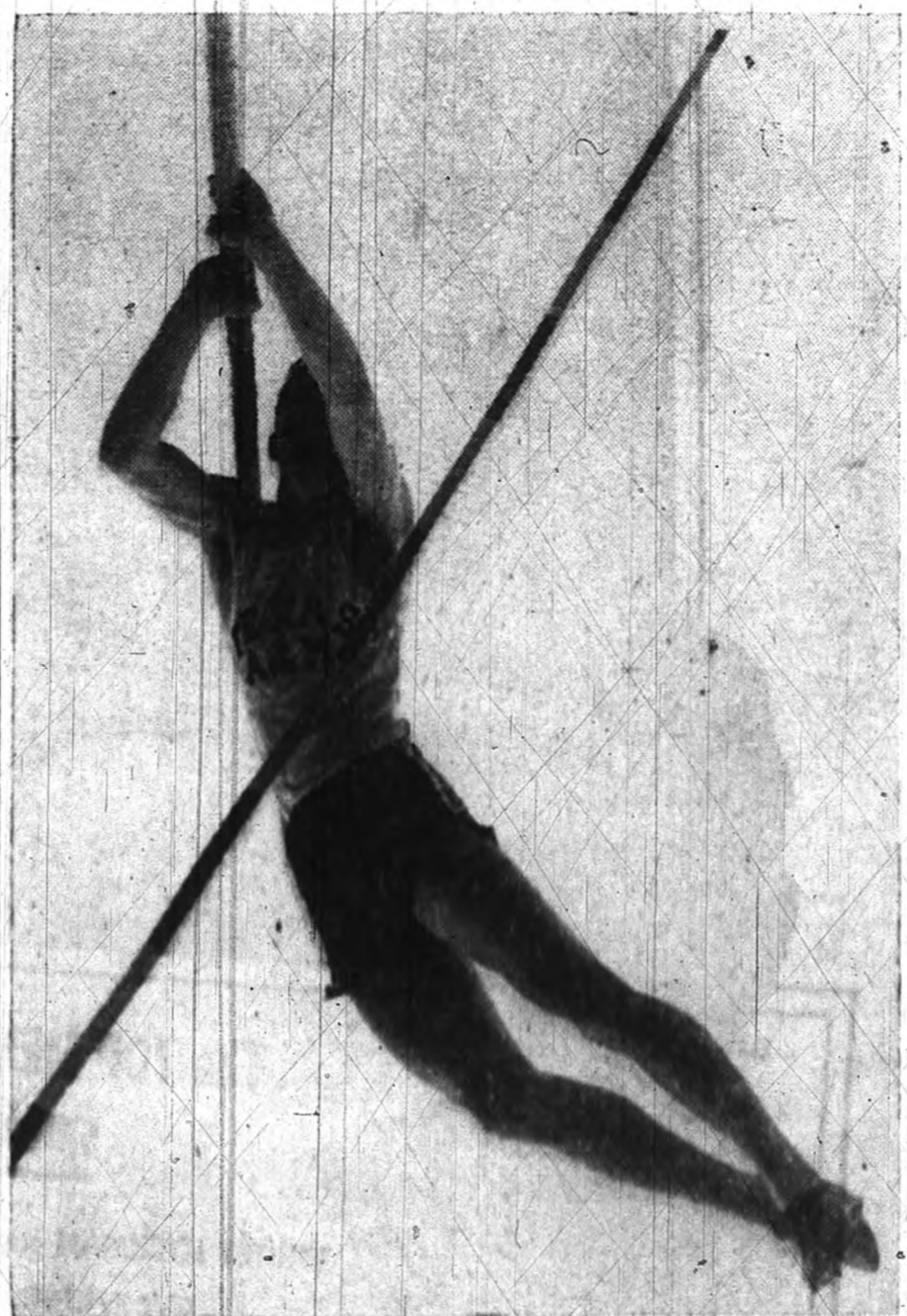
Meyer, who has been coaching at Texas Christian University for more than a quarter of a century, most of the time as head varsity mentor, is president of the National Coaches Association.

FAST GRIDDERS
 NEW YORK.—(AP)—The recent IC4A 60-yard dash had seven T formation half-backs in the race, but it was won by a non-footballer. Horace Smith of Michigan State, Bob Tyler of Dartmouth, Jim Fuchs and Charley Keller of Yale, Bill Brooks of Wesleyan, Bill Powers of Navy and Jim Cain of Army were in the event. Andy Stanfield of Seton Hall won the race, with Smith second.

OLD ORCHARD RETURNS
 OLD ORCHARD, Me.—(AP)—The July 25-30 week of grand circuit racing at the Kite Track here will mark the return of major league harness racing to the oval for the first time since 1946. Some \$60,000 in early closing events are scheduled for the week of competition, including a \$5,000 event for two-year-old trotters.



E. G. DEBERRY, number one player on the Fish net team, keeps his eye on the ball while following through with his western forehand drive. DeBerry is from San Angelo.



LEROY BODEMAN was the first Aggie to clear 13 feet in the pole vault in a meet this year. Bodeman is a senior from Arkansas. He cleared the height in the dual meet with Texas several weeks ago. Other vaulters on the Aggie squad are Jack Simpson, Leland Tate, and Johnny Davis.

New Jersey Brings In Partridge From Asia As Game Bird

HOLMANSVILLE, N. J.—(AP)—Most folks raise birds because they're tame. The state of New Jersey is breeding some because they stay wild.

The birds are bamboo partridge, a native of Asia, with a price tag of \$25 a pair.

Why wild? The state plans to liberate them on game preserves. While the hunters are expected to shoot them eventually, the birds aren't supposed to cooperate.

Edward E. Roth, superintendent of the state quail farm, said it is the first time he knows of that an effort has been made to use the bamboo partridge as a game bird.

There are only four pair at the farm, and they enjoy exclusive quarters. "We can't put them with the quail until we're sure they have no disease," says Roth.

The birds weigh 10 to 11 ounces, little more than quail. They look something like a ruffed grouse, and both sexes are colored similarly.

The four pair are expected to produce about 30 eggs a year each, which will be hatched in incubators.

Lester G. MacNamara, New Jersey game management superintendent, got the idea of using bamboo partridge as game birds in 1932. The game conservation institute raised some at its Clinton farm, but the birds were sold to breeders.

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