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Crucial Day In 1928 Major Leagues Has Arrived

YANKEES CAN WIN FLAG BY BEATING CATS

Cards and Giants Are Nip and Tuck in Other League

By FRANK GETTY
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (UP)—One of the climactic days of the, 1928 major league season has arrived.

The New York Yankees can clinch the American league pennant this afternoon, if things break right for them.

The New York Giants can move up into first place—whether or not they share it with the St. Louis Cardinals—in the National league race.

For every fan in the far-flung realm of baseball, whether he perches breathless back of third base or listens in at the radio in some crossroads grocery store, today's ball games are fraught with meaning.

Here are just a few of the day's possibilities:

What May Happen

If the Yankees defeat the Detroit Tigers in both games of a double header at Navin field, and if the Philadelphia Athletics lose to the Chicago White Sox, the American league race will be over. The World champions will have clinched the pennant, mathematically and definitively.

The standing of the two American league flag contenders is:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Games to play
New York	87	52	.621	12
Philadelphia	86	54	.628	

At any rate, the American league race is virtually over, but what of the contest for the National league championship?

The St. Louis Cardinals now lead the New York Giants by the far from incredulable margin of two percentage points, or half a game. There will be a double-header between the Giants and the Chicago Cubs at the Polo grounds, and if New York wins both games the two contenders will be tied even if the Cardinals won their game with the Boston Braves.

Defeat Would Be Bad

A double defeat for the Giants while the Cards were winning, on the other hand, would put New York virtually out of the running.

All in all, this is no day at all for a baseball fan with a weak heart.

Chicago fans point out that the Cubs still have a mathematical chance of winning the National league pennant. But then, so has Fred Pulliet of winning the heavyweight championship of the world. All that would have to happen would be for the Braves to lose to the Giants four straight while the Cardinals were dropping three in a row to the Boston Braves, after which the Cubs would have to best the Reds next Sunday while the Giants were trimming the Cards.

Cards All In

At the moment, McGraw's club has won 16 out of its last 18 games. It is steaming along, winning by one run or by ten, but winning. On the other hand, the St. Louis Cardinals have a badly tired ball club, one which even the Boston Braves might rest in a game or two before the week is out.

New Yorkers already are applying the "five cent fare" slogan of some of their famous mayors to the forthcoming series for the world's baseball championship.

NORTHWESTERN STATE TEAMS FACE BATTLES

TRAVERSE CITY, Sept. 27 (UP).—Bringing into a more serious phase of the 1928 football season, Northwestern Michigan high school teams tackle tougher foes next Saturday, in their annual strife for the regional honors.

The outstanding upstate tilt this week-end brings Muskegon Heights to Traverse City, for a class B some of an intersectional nature. Cadillac entertains a veteran Ludington eleven, while Manistee makes its yearly pilgrimage to Muskegon for a league game hands of Coach Tiny Redmond's state champ big Reds.

Yesterday, the 1927 Northwestern champion, will be host to St. Ignace, while Boyne City plays at Charlevoix. Harbor Springs goes to East Jordan; Kingsley meets Rogers City; Reed City plays at Big Rapids.

Cadillac, Manistee, Alpena, Boyne City all have first class, experienced teams, and Traverse City will probably be a factor in the bunting race, despite an entire new backfield and both tackles. At Petoskey, there is a nucleus of only three veterans, and the road thereior is expected to be tough for the champions of 1926 and 1927.

Philadelphia Athletics Wallop Studebaker Nine

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 27.—The Philadelphia Athletics routed the Studebaker Athletics in an exhibition game here Wednesday. The Mackmen collected 11 runs while the Studebaker team got 9, including a home run by Bolan in the seventh.

Tulsa Wins First Game in West's Championship

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 27. — Tulsa won the first game of the play-off series with Oklahoma City for the Western league championship here when Dundero drove out a homer in the ninth inning, breaking a stalemate at 1-1.

KIPKE PUSHES MEN

EAST LANSING, Mich., Sept. 27 (UP).—With the opening game of the season with Kalamazoo college had two days off, Michigan State college's football aspirants are being driven as never before by Coach Harry Kipke.

Speed and more speed is the watchword. If the assistant workouts of the past may be taken as a criterion, Kipke's charge will be prepared for the test Kalamazoo college has to offer next Saturday.

GRID OUTFITS ON COAST FACE BANNER SEASON

Conference and Intersectional Rivalry Aid Football

By RONALD W. WAGNER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27 (UP).—The most exciting Pacific Coast Conference race in years, with a lot of inter-sectional rivalry thrown in for good measure, is predicted for this season.

Stanford, California and the Southern California Trojans point to an array of veterans as the first pigskins start scoring, while other schools in the ten-team loop also boast championship aspirations.

Leading the dark horse contingent are the husky Idaho Vandals, who dropped first honors last year with a Stanford and U. S. C. Eleven fast and heavy veterans are on the roster of Charles Erb, who teaches the Vandals a dangerous brand of the game he mastered under the late Andy Smith at California.

Schissler Is Good

Oregon State, coached by Paul Schissler, who in general follows the Notre Dame style of play, takes the field centered around Howard Maple, a quarterback whose running attack last fall rated him All-Conference honors. The Aggies last year lost to the leading coast teams only by the slimmest margins and northern critics declare they have additional strength this season.

Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Montana all start the season with unknown power. On each of these eleven, important positions—through graduations and other losses of personnel—must be intrusted to untested athletes.

Coach Enoch Bagshaw of Washington appears hardest hit of all the western coaches. Seventeen of his Huskies were lost by faculty rulings or the diploma route.

Washington State's most prominent absence is little "Buck" Morton, the midget quarterback who guided the Cougars for three years.

University of California at Los Angeles, elected to the conference last fall, will now into the ring against several conference foes with a fair chance of success. Coach Clair Brown, cold-blooded runner, is credited the Bruins' chief hope against fast company.

Bears' Hopes Bright

For the first time in several years football prospects at California are bright. The Bear optimism is kindled by the fact that 17 letter men and several veterans who dropped from college will report to Coach "Nibs" Price.

Howard Jones at U. S. C. has a bevy of veterans including Jess Hibbs, captain and tackle; Don Williams, flashy but fragile running mate of Morley Drury last year, and Russell Saunders, a smashing back, who was groomed in the fading days of last fall as Drury's successor in Jones' "one-man" offensive system.

Stanford, according to Coach "Pop" Warner, famed coach, has "more good material than any other squad in my 23 years of coaching."

Buck Cards

Considering Warner's usual gloomy comments until the game is over and won or lost, the Cardinal followers are backing Captain "Bill" Corbus, fullback, and his veteran aides, with early season enthusiasm and confidence.

Three of the Pacific coast schools have games scheduled with representative eastern eleven.

Stanford meets West Point in New York in December. The Trojans, smarting under two one-point defeats in two years, entertain Notre Dame at Los Angeles on December 8, and Coach Schissler will lead Oregon State east to play New York university on November 28.

TWIN CITIES SHOW INTEREST IN GOLD ARCHER TILT SUNDAY

The coming golf-archer match billed to take place Sunday at the Benton Hills Country club is stirring up a lot of interest in the twin cities between the golf and archer fans. Young Jack Stuart of Sodus, has been cutting in several long workouts at the club with his bow and arrow.

This will be Ade Van Liew's second public appearance, at the local club, as early in the season he took part in a foursome with Hagen, Hutchison and Sutt.

The entire gross returns of the match will be turned over to the Berrien county Red Cross to be used in the Florida relief fund. The gallery charge will be 50 cents.

BIRMINGHAM WINS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 27.—Birmingham won the first game here of the series for baseball championship of the south by defeating the Houston Buffaloes, Texas league champions, 3 to 6.

Indianapolis Takes 1st Games In Little Series

ROCHESTER, Sept. 27 (UP). — Having sent Jack Ness, his top pitcher, against the Rochester Red Wings yesterday, Manager Bruno Betzel of the Indianapolis Indians was not today in increase the one-game lead that his team hoists in the little world series.

Indianapolis, champions of the American association, defeated the Red Wings yesterday, 5 to 3 in eleven innings. Swiatnik gave 12 hits, but it was not until the eighth inning that Rochester could pushacross a run.

The Indians got only nine hits off Kent, but a rally in the eleventh inning, aided by two walks, gave them the game.

Manager Billy Southworth of the International league champions got three hits in six times at bat.

Yankee Polo Girls Win From Canadian Sisters

RYE, N. Y., Sept. 27 (UP).—Hitting and hitting with the spirit of American "Big Four" itself, a team of American girl polo players swept to victory in the first international match for women, and today was one up on the Canadian girls from Calgary in the series for the championship.

Picturesque figures in purple and white, the Westchester-Biltmore team outrode and outhit the visitors to win the opening match yesterday, 5 to 2. The Canadians were handicapped by the omission of their mounts, which were late in arriving at Rye, but the American victory was a surprise in view of the excellent reputation of the Canadian team.

The spirit and dash which the girls put into their polo captivated the crowd which braved the biting wind of a cold fall day to watch the first match of its kind ever played. The girls not only rode like men, but occasionally swore round masculine oaths when the mallets bleached and the ponies reared, all after the best traditions of polo.

The winning team was: Miss B. Leslie, No. 1; Miss R. Lanier, No. 2; Mrs. J. Hewlett, No. 3, and Miss M. Lanier, No. 4.

The next match will be played at the Westchester-Biltmore club, October 7.

SAMMY BAKER IS NOW WITHIN REACH OF BELT

Hands Young Corbett Good Beating in Ebbets Field Battle

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 27 (UP).—After years of waiting, Sergeant Sammy Baker today is almost within reach of a welterweight title bout.

The lithe Portland soldier earned a decision suffered at the hands of Young Corbett, third, two weeks ago, by taking a 12-round decision over the California sensation last night at Ebbets Field.

Baker's victory indicated the New York State Athletic commission's judgment in demanding that the winner of the coming welterweight championship bout between Joe Dundee, the titleholder, and "Black Jack" Thompson, San Francisco negro, at Madison Square Garden, November 16, meet Baker within sixty days after their title bout.

Corbett Is In Bad

Corbett was outgunned, out-slugged and out-boxed by Baker. Corbett had previously won an unpopular decision at Madison Square Garden in making his eastern debut. He made no effort to defend his crown by accepting a return bout against Baker, and almost precipitated a riot by hitting the little soldier after the bell for the end of the second round.

As Baker turned to go to his corner, Corbett let fly both fists and knocked him down. Baker's seconds had trouble bringing him to between rounds, and one of them held Baker's arm to prevent him continuing the fight. Another second shook Baker free and he advanced to meet Corbett who started a whirlind attack. Baker was in a bad way for half the round, but weathered the attack and then shot a murderous right to Corbett's jaw, flooring the Californian. Corbett jumped up without a count, but ran away from Baker for the rest of the round.

Corbett Down Twice

Again in the sixth round Baker had Corbett almost out, driving him around the ring with a two-fisted offensive that had the crowd of 7,000 in an uproar. A right to the jaw during this round sent Corbett careening along the ropes, and he almost tripped to the canvas.

Baker won six rounds, Corbett four, and two were even.

Baker weighed 145¾; Corbett 146¼.

COURT CHAMPS MEET FOUR STARS

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 27 (UP) —Four former women golf champions will meet four co-coming stars today in the quarter finals of the women's national championship. Mrs. Stanley Campbell Hurd, of Philadelphia, a three-time champion, plays Miss Maureen Orcutt, of Hartford, N. J., in what is regarded as the feature match of the day.

Marion Hollins, of Glenhead, L. I., another former champion, will play Virginia Van Wie, of Chicago, a rising star. In between Miss Cecil Bridgman, of Philadelphia, who has won the title once, and Dora Virion, Montreal star. Glenna Collett, of Providence, will meet Virginia Wilson, of Chicago.

Miss Van Wie's victory was one of the features of yesterday's qualifying matches. She was even with Miss Grier, of Reading, Pa. after 17 holes and was still even after the 18th. A marvelous drive and a perfect approach shot put the ball dead to the pin to give the Chicago star an eagle three, while her opponent took a birdie four.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Sept. 27.—Reports that Arkansas university may withdraw from the Southwest Football conference and join the Missouri Valley athletic group, were given credence here today.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	87	52	.621
Philadelphia	86	54	.628
St. Louis	80	59	.575
Washington	73	67	.487
Chicago	71	70	.512
Detroit	67	62	.490
Cleveland	61	69	.469
Boston	53	95	.358

Yesterday's Results
No games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	80	58	.612
New York	81	58	.611
Chicago	67	65	.508
Pittsburgh	65	65	.500
Cincinnati	71	72	.512
Brooklyn	74	78	.488
Boston	50	100	.333
Philadelphia	43	107	.287

Yesterday's Results
Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 2.
Brooklyn, 5; St. Louis, 1.
Only games played.

TIGERS FACE BIG SHAKEUP

DETROIT, Sept. 27 (UP).—The Detroit Tigers faced the New York Yankees today in the opening of a crucial five-game series, with their backs to the wall.

Almost every member, from Manager Moriarty down to the bat boy, faced the possibility of being fired and the team was in grim spirit, determined to do its best to stop the Yanks from clinching the American league pennant.

The apathetic playing of the home club has caused the attendance at Navin field to hit a new all-time low record this year and President Frank P. Navin is known to be considering a big shakeup.

Some of the boys hope, that by a big spurt in the present series, they may save their positions—so the series beginning with a double header today, had the earmarks of containing some good baseball.

DAVIDITES AND CRYSTAL STACK UP ABOUT EVEN

County Championship Series Promises to Be One of the Best

By JIM ENRIGHT

The post season dope on the House of David and the Crystal Palace Nines in the coming series is running just about even. In no place does either team hold much advantage over the other and every thing points to one of the best county championship series in the history of the game.

In team strength the locals seem to have a bit better infield then the boys from the dance pavilion. Three of the local infield are past masters in the art of fielding. They are young, but have had more experience than the average player.

At first base two of the finest men in the county hold forth for the local team. Johnny Tucker will work for the colony and the veteran Ray Dwiggins will star for the tolo nine for the Blues.

Tucker is a great fielder and can hit with the best of them. One of the outstanding features of Tucker is his reach and height. Johnny will stop many throws that other-wise would be counted as errors. The local first baseman is also rather fast afoot. This allows him to play both deep and short and yet handle the bag effectively.

Dwiggins Won't Quit

Dwiggins, is one of those players like Alexander Quinn and many others who fail to be appreciated by Father Time. Ray fell flat announces that he is through and will not come back in the game but when the warm sun rolls around in the spring and the boys get out their gloves, Dwiggins follows suit and gets out for another touch season.

The biggest factor with the Blues first sacker is the fact that he is hitting the ball at almost a .400 clip. This in its self is no simple matter. Many times this year the Delonghy men have won their games on the timely hitting of Dwiggins. His fielding is well up to par.

At the keystone position the Blues appear to hold the upper hand over their rivals. Copeland is young and speedy and on paper is better than George Anderson, who is billed to work the second base job for the club during the coming series. Copeland is one of the newest members of the club and looks like Elwood English of the Cubs, on the field. Coke, as he is known to his team mates, is fast and shifty. It is hard to scratch a single over second base with Copeland around.

Anderson is young and tries hard to play well. At times he works good, but his hitting is not up to the standard. Andy is an extra good fielder, but all the fans know that he is far from a Babe Ruth with a bat. He should prove just as good as Copeland in his fielding.

Benna Martin, the young Blue shortstop has a tough time, as he is pitted against the small, but mighty, "Dutch" Faust. Both Faust and Martin are good fielders, but without a doubt the coolness and experience of Faust will out point Marvin.

Faust has just come up from the Texas and Central league, where he has been playing with the Dallas and Arkon clubs. While at Dallas, he collected four hits off Fred Fussell in as many times at bat. This chance was given "Dutch" last series when the Dallas club played against Pittsburgh. Fussell was about the whole story on the Pirate staff this year.

Marvin has never had a real chance to show up and the coming series will have a lot to do with his future in baseball. If he comes through in the shape that Manager Rinna Rhmark of the Blues hopes for the lad, then his future is just about assured.

The two players in the "hot corner" will be Leola Cook of the dance hall boys and David Harrison of the colony nine. All this season the call star has been playing a game that ranks far above the other third basemen in the county. If not all southwestern Michigan. Davey is hitting and fielding in big league fashion. Without Harrison this year it is doubtful if the colony team would be playing in a championship series.

Louis Cook, is one of the most popular players on the Crystal team, because of his steady batting and fielding.

INTER-STATE BOWLING LEAGUE SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED BY BERK

The schedule for the first half of the season of the Inter-State Bowling league which is comprised of pickup teams from St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, South Bend, Michigan City, Mishawaka and LaPorte was made public today.

All matches will be rolled on Sunday and each team bowls at home every other Sunday, according to Manager Billy Berk of the Elks Temple alleys here.

The teams to represent St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have not been picked but will be within the next week as the first match is rolled Sunday, October 7.

The complete schedule for the initial half of the season is as follows:

Oct. 7.—Michigan City at LaPorte; St. Joseph at Benton Harbor; Mishawaka at South Bend.

Oct. 14.—South Bend at Michigan City; LaPorte at St. Joseph; Benton Harbor at Mishawaka.

Oct. 21.—St. Joseph at Michigan City; Mishawaka at LaPorte; Benton Harbor at South Bend.

Oct. 28.—Michigan City at Mishawaka; South Bend at St. Joseph; LaPorte at Benton Harbor.

Nov. 4.—Benton Harbor at Michigan City; LaPorte at South Bend.

Nov. 11.—LaPorte at Michigan City; Benton Harbor at St. Joseph; South Bend at Mishawaka.

Nov. 18.—Michigan City at South Bend; St. Joseph at LaPorte; Mishawaka at Benton Harbor.

Nov. 25.—Michigan City at St. Joseph; LaPorte at Mishawaka; South Bend at Benton Harbor.

Dec. 3.—Mishawaka at Michigan City; St. Joseph at South Bend; Benton Harbor at LaPorte;

ANN ARBOR SMILES

ANN ARBOR, Sept. 27 (UP).—Prospects for a winning football aggregation were considered brighter today after the first scrimmage.

The playing of Joe Gemble, letter-man was particularly encouraging. Stationed at halfback, Gemble scored two touchdowns and was instrumental in a third.

WEBER POINTS FOR RABEMEN

Coach Wally Weiner of the Benton Harbor high school gave his charges one of the toughest workouts last night that they have received this year. Every man on the squad was given a chance to work, except Ken Hughes, who is suffering from his yearly attack of boils. Hughes remained out of scrimmage last night, but will be back in the collar again tonight and is expected to take a regular grid position Saturday when the Tigers line-up against Dowagiac. Hughes injured his knee in the game last night but apparently the week sisters on the squad opened up with a brand of football that caused some of the would-be regulars to open their eyes. One set that Weiner used in his back field was Goldstein at quarter, Frazee and Stevens at half and Captain John Enders at full. Enders again looked to be in old time form as he went plowing through the second team line for gains of from one to five yards.

The Tigers are sure to pick a number of yards this year on an air attack of Stevens to Goldstein. Several times the midget Goldstein gave his mates good examples of Osterhaus catching.

ON THE SIDELINES

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 27 (UP).—Princeton held its first scrimmage of the year yesterday, and scored three touchdowns against the reserve team.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 27 (UP). —With three good quarterbacks to select from, Head Coach Mal Stevens of Yale has decided to make the most experienced of them, Johnny Biles, a halfback.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 27 (UP). —A feeling of confidence prevailed at Harvard today after the varsity defeated the scrubs in a 90-minute scrimmage 39 to 0.

HOWE PASSES UP SCRIMMAGE FOR SIGNALS

At Present Time He Is Working Seven Men in Backfield

Coach Hank Howe rather foiled the onlookers last night when traveled out to Wells field to see the Yellow Jackets go through a scrimmage. Howe had no scrimmage but gave his charges a long session of signal and play practice.

Howe is working with seven backfield candidates. At the present time the starting backfield looks like Knoth at quarter, Watt and Callender at halves and the big and mighty Joachim at full. With this set he has a human plow in Joachim, a great broken field runner in Callender, a speedy boy in skirting the ends in Watt, and one of the brainiest high school quarterbacks in the state in Chonkey Knoth. The other boys who may get a call any time for the backfield and take a position are Briney, Kotlefski and Spear.

Expect Stronger Team

Since the first encounter of the season with Three Oaks, Coach Howe has been working slow and easy showing his men their mistakes in the opening game and without a doubt it will be a different eleven that takes the field next Saturday.

Friday the local fans will have a chance to see the Wells field and see what Howe has made the detect as second team coach. The last time that the two have been up to Wells field to see Kimmy play for the Blades and coaches good examples of Osterhaus catching.

Coach Kimmy's charges with Waterviet will be the opponents in Kimmy's opening game as coach. Last year the Crooked men from the paper city gave the local reserves a 41 to 0 set-back and this year the boys are out to even the count.

Waterviet Weaker?

Last week Waterviet and Dallas played to a draw, 6 to 6. From this score one can gather that Dallas is a lot stronger this year than they were last season and that Waterviet is not as strong. At any rate it is expected the game will be close and worth attending.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Abandoning hope of participation in the world's series, the Chicago Cubs challenged the White Sox to a city baseball supremacy of Chicago will open next Monday.

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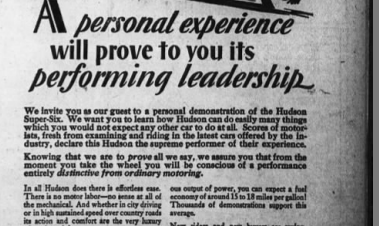

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