

MERCHANTS TO PLAY LEGION

Local Ball Clubs To End Season In Feature Contest Sunday

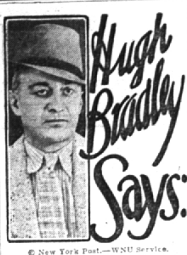
Two local baseball teams will wind up their season activities Sunday afternoon at Springdale Park when they clash on the diamond for the first time. Fitted against each other will be the Birmingham Merchants, composed of youthful American Legion outfit, which has compiled an enviable record this summer among junior competition. Game time has been set at 3 o'clock and each side has named its starting pitcher. The Merchants will have Frank Kelly who has been chosen to mount the rubber for the legion team. The season record for the two contestants is almost even, the legion nine having won 10 and lost seven while the Merchants have gained nine victories, dropping six contests.

Junior legion players were awarded certificates this week by the local American Legion post, showing that they were members of this year's legion ball club. It was announced, also, that the management of the junior players' league had been switched for the final struggle Sunday afternoon. E. G. Whitney will manage the legion squad in the closing encounter, replacing Jones, former mentor.

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Baseball's Tribute Brought Hope Game Will Uphold Trust

There is little wonder that I could not recognize the feeling I have not felt that way in years. So I just stood there and watched the strange procession winding around the Polo Grounds.

(On they came in parades, lancers, bugles drawn by horse and man. Cops marched ahead arrayed in those queer old helmets and long-belted coats of a gait era. There were ladies in dresses that day that even now it seems and was announced, also, that the management of the junior players' league had been switched for the final struggle Sunday afternoon. E. G. Whitney will manage the legion squad in the closing encounter, replacing Jones, former mentor.)

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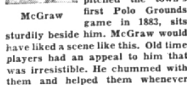
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puzzled by unfamiliar scenes that he was lost before leaving the Battery and so never reached the Polo Grounds. But it was Jim, whose eyes still flash as in better days, who managed New York's first pennant winner in 1906.

There was a man named John McGraw and still proudly employed by the game as they served so well. Arlie came into baseball in 1872 and it was Marie who first brought him to New York in 1873. It was then that he came to know Stirling Mickey Welch, who for all that he pitched the town's first Polo Grounds game in 1882, sits sturdily beside him. McGraw would have been like this. Old time players had an appeal to him that was irresistible. He hummed with them and helped them whenever they needed.



There also were men of later baseball generations. Otto Knabe once that was in a day when he played second for the Phillies and when he managed the lamented Baltimore Terrapins was one of the most hard-boiled as well as one of the most capable of players.

George Smith also sits serenely. Columbia George, as few people recall now although it has been a mere thirteen years since he left so gay that even now it seems and was announced, also, that the management of the junior players' league had been switched for the final struggle Sunday afternoon. E. G. Whitney will manage the legion squad in the closing encounter, replacing Jones, former mentor.)

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NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

When the Hamiltonian was treated at Goshen, N. Y., recently, a ten-year old firecracker was driven from winning the event twice was kicked. The hoodoo wrecker was Ro-lind, the favorite white horse who won with Mary Reynolds in 1933. White drove carefully, but with an air of great certainty. The white family was a real treat for the crowd and the winner's share.

Bullet Joe Simpson, the former American manager, was awarded a gold watch by the World War and Murray Murdock, who set that consecutive play record, have been awarded manager's teams in England.

Rental for the St. Nicholas Palace, which will be coupled with the Central Opera House as a boxing enterprise this winter, is \$1,075 per week. That could indicate that boxing business in the state and federal tax returns of other small clubs recently it also could indicate that Steve Kroske and the daring young man on the flying tuckers people suspected. Charley Stone, the blacksmith who specializes in trotters, has sold 50,000 horses during his 25 years on the Grand Circuit.

Although Saratoga is the only New York track with a 51 field, who patronize that section of the jumps are in a sad tangle. They are that the way favorites have been running recently there soon will be dire need for a recent season for two or three early betters.

Mrs. Ethel V. Mars, who spends 200 grand or so at the Saratoga yearling sales, said she was not sure that she could do all that bidding and buying merely on a feminine intuition. The lady, who last year purchased Case Ace, Adeline, has some winter unutilized in three starts this season, has a staff of experts to minutely inspect each bargain.

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Around The Circuit

— AMERICAN LEAGUE —

By E. G. Whitney

Johnny Allen has beaten all but the Yankees, West Fessell all but Washington, Bob Grove all but St. Louis, Charley Ruffing all but Philadelphia, Johnny Broaca all but Cleveland and Leving Hiedley all but St. Louis. Broaca, by the way, has not met Cleveland in a decision contest this year, while Hiedley has not pitched against the Browns.

Repeating from the way the New York Yankees took such a big lead over all of the other clubs in the league, the latter are likely to try out many new men at the training camps in 1937.

Reported to come from Detroit that Rudy York, now with Milwaukee, will be playing first for the Tigers in 1937. He is fourth in batting with Hank Greenberg moved to the outfield. York is hitting .346. Association with 194 hits in 137 runs and scores with 21 triples and 32 home runs. Other Tiger farm hands doing well in the minors are: Fred Krigbiter, hitting .337 for Toledo, Outfielder Bates hitting .317 for Indianapolis, Outfielder Leas hitting .327 for Milwaukee, hitting .310 for St. Paul, and Pitcher Hatter who has won 15 and lost six for Milwaukee. He is batting out .371, leading his circuit.

The White Sox look as if they had some margin in the money who should lead considerably in '37. Pitcher Salvoison has won 17, hitting .310, leading his circuit, batting .327. Third baseman Moore has led in the third position for the Sox, making 195 runs for a .320 mark, driving in 102 runs. Outfielder Washington leading in runs, driving in 102 runs, batting .378. Outfielder Mauldin has led 194 in Knoxville, Outfielder McGowan is hitting .306 for Baltimore, leading the league with 23 triples, while Pitcher Wright has won 16 and lost six for the same team, striking out 131.

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played baseball until stationed at Honolulu. Then, he was a shortstop. He shifted to the outfield at Boston in '34 and was used as a pitcher in an emergency one day and has been a pitcher ever since. He weighs 158 pounds and stands six feet two.

Hal Trasky now holds the all-time home run record for Cleveland players, a mark previously held by Tom Speaker, Elmer Smith, Eddie Morgan and Earl Averill.

Joe Cavallini may not improve as a singer, but by surely is playing better, having won four games for Washington.

Detroit has won six by one run from Philadelphia while Chicago has won from Washington by the same margin.

Major League has just allowed

more than eight hits in any of his fourteen complete games. His record is two three-hits, three four-hits, four six-hits, four seven-hit games and one eight-hit.

Lee Ross, Connie Mack's youthful right hander, has won eight games for Philadelphia. Four of his victories have been from Cleveland. Lee lost his first start to the Indians, 4 to 3.

Jimmy DeShong is just a cousin to the Chicago White Sox who have won four out of five from him. And, Jimmy has lost only nine games this year.

When Joe Cronin reinstated Wes Ferrell, Wes proceeded to that out Detroit with five hits and held Cleveland to seven hits and one run. Wes, however, has dropped four games to his former team mates while winning two.

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