



JEW IN SPORTS

by MORRIS WEINER

RELIEF AT SEVEN GRAND PER SEASON

Harry Eisenstadt, southpaw hurler for the Cleveland Indians only in case of trouble, is happy with his lot. He knows he'll never be a great pitcher but he has three years of big league experience behind him that tells him he'll always be one of the game's top-notch relief hurlers. The awareness of this fact has brought fame and fortune to the twenty-six year old Jewish boy from Brooklyn.

Harry came in through baseball's front door and found the experience thrilling. Where other rookies struggle for years before a major league club will sign them to take an option on them, Harry literally had such a thing thrust upon him. It happened this way. Harry was pitching for his high school nine and his effective hurl-

ing clinched the city championship for his team. Then, as a result of a poll, he was elected the most valuable scholastic ball player in the great metropolis and received the prize that went with it—a six-week trip with any of the major league clubs in the big-time circuit. Naturally, Harry as a Brooklyn boy chose the Brooklyn Dodgers and ate and travelled and played with them for six of the happiest weeks of his life. After he returned from that trip—just two months after he had received his high school diploma—the Brooklyn Dodgers signed him to a contract with one of their farm clubs, shipped him to Dayton and he finished the season in a class A.A. minor league. He won five and lost one. An excellent record, no matter how you look at it, and when you consider that the kid was just 19 and fresh out of school—well, you may begin to get an idea of the future potentiality this boy had.

But it wasn't all milk and honey. For three years the lad tried to make the big league grade. Once it was a sore arm. Another time—just the breaks. The result was the same. Harry finished with a minor league club each year. And, strange as it seems, Harry never was a losing pitcher no matter to what minor league club the Dodgers farmed him out.

But let's not get ahead of our story. . . . Casey Stengel called Eisenstadt to Orlando at the beginning of the '35 season. At that Florida camp, Harry was little short of a sensation. He made beating the Detroit Tigers, then world champions, a hobby. Striking out Hank Greenberg became a monotonous routine (something the Detroit Tigers never forgot). Harry did more. He hurled thirteen shutout innings in the Grapefruit league and he was just about the most effective pitcher in camp. When the Dodgers opened in their hometown—the entire population of Brooklyn Boro was on hand to salute the new Jewish find. Harry pitched and won his ball game. He stayed with the Dodgers until the first week in June and then went down to the Mid-Atlantic league to win a pennant for Dayton, scoring eighteen victories and losing eight games. He won his last twelve games in a row with that club.

"So," said Harry's admirers. "Such a record means but one

thing. Harry is ready for the leagues."

Casey Stengel thought this too and brought Harry back camp the following year but a arm set him back and Harry played the 1936 season for a town in the New York-Pennsylvania league where he finished a record of nineteen to eight the closing drive of the '36 paign, Stengel called him back to Brooklyn and he finished the season with the Dodgers. But the Flatbush Flock played dirty. They dropped him like a potato and waived him out of the league. Fortunately, the Detroit Tigers, still remembering the effective pitching the lad had put out two years previously gave him option and paid Harry grand to pitch for them. He pitched pretty fair ball as a starter but couldn't make the grade. He lasted one and a half seasons with the Tigers and he came to Cleveland. That in the beginning of the 1937 season and Harry has been in Cleveland ever since. Harry starts a game. More than not he finishes. For he has been made into an effective relief pitcher. . . . a pitcher steps into a game in a tight more often than not, but a when his own fellow mate's mound has weakened. It's a big spot for any youngster in but Harry likes the work. He likes to climb the mound and the heavy guns of the opposition that perhaps may just have edged the great Bob Feller from hill. That he is good is self-evident. The kid's still with after three years. At last found a home in the big leagues even though it's a far cry from Brooklyn and the Dodgers—by the way, are still Harry's favorite team.

The kid's a shrewd little business man as well as an effective relief man. Harry's business consists of buying up apartment houses during the months when he is out in the southlands training on tour with his club. At present he's got over ten of these buildings in his own name—all a result of his baseball earnings.

Harry sums up his own situation quite tersely, "Not bad for a guy on relief, eh?"

From the Peach State

By MARVIN BERNARD

Atlanta, Georgia—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bodenheimer announce engagement of their daughter Joan Rose, to Lieutenant Ir. Barnett, son of J. Barnett of Atlanta. The wedding will be no fall.

Marriage of Miss Dorothy Annette Seligman and Sam Barlowitz will take place on May at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Seligman, on the north side. Rabbi H. Epstein will conduct the nuptial ceremony. Afterwards open house will be held for all friends that have been invited.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Gershonowitz of Jersey City announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Sidney Saul, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saul.

Mrs. Jack Bierman of Valdosta was a recent visitor of her mother, Mrs. R. Minsk, and sister, Mrs. Mannie Beerman, of Atlanta.

Herman Gross was unanimously elected president of the Progressive Club. Gross will succeed Joseph Cuba. Other officers elected during the evening were: Meyer L. Balser, vice president; Samuel Eplan, secretary; and Dr. Nathan Blass, treasurer. The Atlanta Post No. 122, Jewish War Veterans, presented a United States flag to the club before the start of the meeting.

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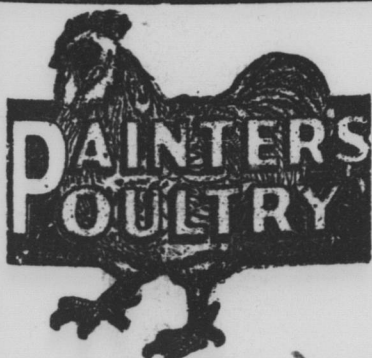
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