

# Schulte and Sewell Doubtful Starters When Griffmen Line Up Next Spring

## HARRIS FANCYING BOLTON, POWELL

Cliff May Catch Every Day, Says Bucky—Cleveland Releases Rice.

BY FRANCIS E. STAN.

REGARDLESS of whether Fred Schulte and Luke Sewell yet prove attractive enough hunk of base ball bait to effect some trading—if they are to act as lures again—whether they again will wear Washington uniforms next spring, there is considerable doubt as to their chance of appearing in the starting line-up of Clark Griffith's 1935 Nationals when the American League campaign opens.

December may seem an early date for serious thoughts about line-up to take the field in mid-April, but Bucky Harris is doing no napping these days as he and Griff confer frequently. As ball players, Harris holds Sewell and Schulte in high regard, but he is overlooking no possibilities for improvement. And there are a couple of youngsters in the Bronx-bound contingent next year that Harris is carefully watching.

All Cliff Bolton will have to do is show on the training scene on time, display the same improved form he exhibited during the latter part of 1934, and, to quote Bucky, "I'll catch him every day."

The task of Al Powell looks to be a little more difficult. There is not the difference in batting ability and youth between Powell and Schulte that there is between Sewell and Bolton. Al promises to be a 300 major league hitter, and he is fast and can get 'em. But so can Schulte do these things. Nevertheless, Powell is going to get all the chance in the world not merely to prove he rates some kind of a job, but that he rates to oust Schulte.

Bucky Likes Sock-Swipers.

HARRIS had considerable opportunity to watch Bolton from the Red Sox bench last season, and Bucky likes everything the North Carolinian does.

"I'd say Bolton finally has 'arrived,'" is the way Harris regards the Tarheel sock-stealer. "If so, we can use him behind that bat next year. Sewell is a handy man behind the bat, but so is Bolton. Bucky has a lot of faith in him. He's got the end of the season, and then he always packs that old punch. That Wallop is something we may need to make up for a possible lapse in pitching now and then."

Harris saw Bolton throw two games last season, those in a double-header at Boston, that marked the Nationals' last out-of-town competition during 1934. But Bucky says he saw enough in that double-header to be impressed with the former local sandlotter.

"Powell not only seems to be able to meet that ball, and play a nice game in the outfield, but put him in there every day and he should steal 30 or more bases a season. And stolen bases help a lot."

Indeed, all other things being equal, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Powell could win the center-field job from Schulte, because of his sock-swiping and prominent great base-runner on the Red Sox last year, and apparently placed no check-in on him, for Bill Werber led the league.

Glad Tidings, and Sad.

BOLTON and Powell, incidentally, are two of the luckier Griffmen who are due to receive contracts this week calling for an increase in stipend for 1935. For the last week or so, Griffith has been working on the annual task of drawing up contracts, which are to go into the mail tomorrow. Cecil Travis, the kid third baseman who made good with a bang last season, is another of the Nationals who is certain to sign up for fatter figures, while it is probable that Bob Burke, slender southpaw, also will find glad tidings in the salary shorty.

Despite the dismal showing of the Nationals last season, Griffith denies he is mailing contracts with drastic reductions in salary. "It was the club's fault entirely," declares Griff, "it would be a different story, perhaps. But it was injury that really knocked the spots out of the team. There'll be reductions, of course, in a few instances, but so will there be several raises."

At the while the salary cost will be close to that of last year, I still maintain that Washington pays better salaries than any club in the league with the exception of the Yankees."

Indians Release Rice.

AND while on the subject of mail one of the Washington colony's most popular players, the Cleveland Indians found a surprising New Year episode in the mail box yesterday. It told Sam Rice that he was through as a member of the Cleveland Indians—unconditionally released.

The news from General Manager Billy Evans was startling, it was difficult to detect it. Fairly oozing with spirit and pep, Sam, encountered strolling down the street, radiated a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and then followed through with:

"Well, I got it!" Just as though he had gotten a five-year contract at \$40,000 per annum. Well, almost like that.

At nearly 43, though, Edgar Charles—the "Sam"—is something extra—refuses to believe he's "through" as a major leaguer. He has nothing in mind, but "will land somewhere."

Rice moved out for Bruce Campbell, the southpaw swinger obtained from the Browns, who is slated to play right field next season. Campbell, along with Vosmik, Averill, Seeds, Galatzar, Ab Wright and a couple more youngsters, made Sam more or less unnecessary in Cleveland's plans, but regardless of whether this is Rice's "end," he can look back to a brilliant career.

Last season was Rice's twentieth in the big leagues and his first in other than a Washington uniform. He winds up with a batting mark well over .320 and still can hold his own with the youngsters in stretches.

LITTLE PANTHO SCORES

Californian Wins in Manila and Gets Oriental Title.

MANILA, December 29 (AP).—Little Pancho, 113½, a recent arrival from California, won the decision from Star Frisco, 115½, in a 12-round fight tonight, and was awarded the Oriental bantamweight title.



Max Baer. Dizzy Dean was not the only clowning champion of the year. Max Baer, declared not physically fit to fight in the heavyweight championship battle, thrashed Prime Carnera, who towered above him, and brought the heavyweight title back to the United States. He knocked the gothic to the floor 11 times in the 11 rounds the bout lasted.

## KRUGER, WITH 70, LEADS PRO FIELD

One Stroke Ahead of Eight Others in First Round at Long Beach.

By the Associated Press.

ONG BEACH, Calif., December 29.—Al Kruger of Beloit, Wis., with a 70, two under par, took the lead in the California \$1,500 open golf tournament here today.

Close upon his heels, however, with 71s were bracketed these eight contestants:

Longworth, Portland, Ore.; Walter Hagen, Detroit; Jack Groat, Dallas, Tex.; Horton Smith, Oak Park, Ill.; Eddie Loos, Chicago; John Revolta, Milwaukee; Sam Parks, Jr., Pittsburgh; and Clarence Clark of Bloomer, N. J.

Another group, 72s, included Jimmy Hines, Timber Point, Long Island; Harold Mospaden, Kansas City, Kan.; winner of the recent Pasadena open; Vic Ghezzi of Deal, N. J.; William Hunter, Culver City, Calif.; Abe Epstein, Chicago; William Goggin, San Francisco; Al Zimmerman, Portland, Ore.; Les Bolstad of Minneapolis; and Emil Mashie of Pittsburgh, Mass.

Grouped at 73 were Rod Munday of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Jim Demaret, Galveston, Tex.; Al Feldman, Portland, Ore.; Rex Robson, Toronto, Canada; Wiffy Cox of Brooklyn; Johnny Dawson of Chicago; Mac Smith of New York; and Orville White of St. Louis.

Charles Boley of Salt Lake City, Charles Lacy of Long Island, Dick Metz, Chicago; Emory Zimmerman, Portland; Tod Menefee, Texas; Clarence Yockey, Kansas City, and Byron Nelson of White Plains, N. Y.

The second round of the tournament will be played tomorrow, the final two rounds Monday.

## MISSISSIPPI CLAY WINNING TRAPSHOOT

Dennis Upson Takes President's Trophy in Officers' Farewell Event at Benning.

DENNIS A. UPSON, with 24 hits out of 25 targets, yesterday won the President's Trophy in the officers' farewell shoot, annually the last event of the year for Washington Gun Club trapshooters.

Parker Cook captured the Vice President's Cup in the second 25, with 22 breaks. J. R. Groves and R. D. Morgan tied for the Treasurer's Trophy in the third event, each with 24. Groves won the shoot-off. A. W. Strowger captured the Secretary's Trophy with 22.

Low-score prize on the 100 targets was tied for by Dr. A. B. Stine and Dr. A. V. Parsons, with the former winning the toss.

Scores:

D. A. Upson, 24  
J. B. Groves, Jr., 23  
R. D. Morgan, 22  
J. R. Groves, 22  
O. C. Macey, 21  
W. S. Wilson, 21  
N. H. Shelton, 20  
C. T. Harris, 19  
R. B. Bond, 18  
J. E. Green, 17  
Dr. A. B. Stine, 16  
Dr. A. V. Parsons, 16  
G. M. Gullett, 15  
M. D. Case, 14

\*Visitors.

GARNER STAYS IN SADDLE.

Jockey Mack Garner will arrive in Miami from his home in Lexington, Ky., about January 10. His present plans call for another year in the saddle before he branches out as a trainer.

Marathoner, 58, Nears Golf Age

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, December 29.—Dan Younger, veteran marathoner, admits the time is coming when he'll "have to take up golf," but his 58 years will not keep him from running 15 miles on New Year day.

Younger, who has competed in most of the marathons of the East in the last 25 years, has been trotting 15 miles every New Year day for a quarter of a century. His run this year will be through the Windsor Hills section.

Younger works his full trick in the Sun's mailing department before each cross-country run and attributes his stamina to the fact he is "tired before he starts."

"I suppose I'll be able to continue for about two more years," he said today. "I'll be 60 then, and that's about time for a man to quit long-distance foot races. But that will be up to my doctor. If he says it's all right, I'm going to keep on running."

## BASE BALL, BOXING PACK BIG WALLOP

D downfall of Griffis, Giants Is Big Upset—Columbia in Grid Calcium.

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has ever been put on: none the less satisfactory because it has been accompanied by a notable upswing in the gate receipts as well as a decided improvement in the class of competition. Not since 1923 has there been as many thrills provided over a wide range of athletic activity as in 1934.

## DEANS MAKE GOOD, ROWE TIES RECORD

AS THOUGH carefully calculating their entrance, the amazing Dean brothers have given to major league base ball the colorful achievement and personality it has been seeking frantically since it became apparent Ruth's playing days were definitely numbered. Elder of the two pitching brothers, Jerome Herman (Dizzy) Dean helped make good the family boast by winning 32 games for the world champion Cardinals, while Brother Paul (Daffy) Dean contributed 21 victories. Together they turned in as great a pitching record as base ball has ever witnessed, including something like 12 conquests in 14 starts against the erstwhile champion New York Giants. Both are under 23 and apparently only on the threshold of enduring greatness along with another young pitching giant, Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, who equalled the records of Grove, Joe Wood and Walter Johnson by ringing up 16 consecutive victories for the Detroit Tigers during the American League season.

To the roster of new headliners England contributes Frederick John Perry, the acrobatic tennis ace, who captured world singles honors for 1934 and helped keep the Davis Cup in British hands for the second straight year. . . . America's W. Lawson Little, Jr., double victor in the British and United States amateur golf tournaments by convincing margins, achieved the most notable amateur conquest since Bobby Jones retired in 1930. . . . Virginia Van Wie and Helen Jacobs proved their class by registering their third straight victories in the American women's golf and tennis championship tournaments. . . . Paul Runyan and Olin Dutra, in a hot fight among professional go-goers for the year's leading honors, divided the two main titles available to them—the P. G. A. and open.

Griffis and Giants

UPHEAVAL VICTIMS

NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR has been a year of tremendous change and upheaval in major league base ball. Of the two previous seasons' pennant winners, both fa-

ltered the Italian 11 times before being awarded the decision and title on a technical knockout in the eleventh round of a 15-round match, which drew a crowd of 52,268 and gross receipts of \$428,392. This was the biggest prize since the first Sharkey-Schmeling bout in 1930.

Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin waged two sensational 15-round fights in New York with the honors officially even. Ross, already holder of the lightweight crown, became a double crown when he won McLarnin's welter crown in May, but the Irish boxer regained it in September. Both decisions were split, but in both cases ring-side experts favored Ross by decisive margins. Over thousands fans paid \$194,239 to see the first match. The second drew 25,000, who paid \$138,907, after repeated postponements.

Pugilistic activity otherwise was sporadic and of no great consequence, including the circumstance by which Bob Olin took away the light-heavyweight title from Maxey Rosenberg. Teddy Yareoz premeditated the middleweight championship from the grasp of Vince Dundee. Freddie Miller, the busy bee from Cincinnati, established himself clearly at the head of the featherweight division with the one-time Cuban bonbon, Dick Chocolate, failing to make a comeback.

Cotton ends reign of Yankee golfers

THE most historic episodes of the 1934 golfing season were the brilliant triumph of Henry Cotton, English pro, in the British open championship, thereby ending a 10-year period of American domination of this event, and the double conquest of W. Lawson Little, Jr., Stanford University student, in the British and American amateur tournaments. The most exciting, however, were Olin Dutra's uphill march to victory in the American open at Merion, where he beat Gene Sarazen by a single stroke with a total of 293, and Paul Runyan's 38-hole triumph over Craig Wood for the American P. G. A. championship at Buffalo.

Cotton lost a golden chance to crack all existing open championship

records. The English pro, who represents a Brussels club, shot his first two rounds in 67 and 65, gaining a nine-stroke lead. He faltered on the final day, however, carding 72—79 for a total of 293, which tied Sarazen's British open record made in 1932. British pro took the first three places for the first time since the war.

Little was unshakable at both Prestwick and Brookline. He slaughtered a Scot carpenter, James Wallace, 14 and 13, in the final of the British amateur after the latter had eliminated George T. Dunlap, Jr., American champion, in the semi-finals. The California youngster swept through the first United States all-match-play tourney. His victim in the final round was David (Spec) Goldman of Texas, 8 and 7.

Little also was a factor in Uncle Sam's eighth successive triumph over Great Britain in Walker Cup competition. Played at St. Andrews, the amateur team match resulted in victory for the invaders, 9½ to 2½. The women's team match between the two countries for the Curtis Cup was

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