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Win, Lose, or Draw

By BURTON HAWKINS

Waterbury Lands a Champ

"He always wears a smile," said Duke DelPo, general manager of the Waterbury, Conn., baseball club, nodding in the direction of his manager, Bert Shepard. "I'll be frank," continued DelPo. "We signed Shepard as a gate attraction, but after three weeks I'm convinced we have one of the world's finest

fellows and a capable manager." The smiling Mr. Shepard will be remembered here as a former Washington coach with unquenchable ambition to pitch. Within Shep's ham-sized heart there is the conviction he can pitch despite the handicap of an artificial leg.

German anti-aircraft stripped Shepard of a leg, clipping his P-38 from the sky while Bert was straffing a train, but he has dismissed the loss of that leg much in the same manner that most folk would accept a toenail trimming. He abhors sympathy.

"We were playing Lynchburg, Va., last night," said DelPo, who dropped by Griffith Stadium yesterday with Shepard. "Bert was

batting and the Lynchburg pitcher whacked him on the leg with a pitched ball. Bert went down and our fellows came running out to him. He waved 'em away, got up quickly and said goodnaturedly and loudly to the pitcher, 'Hey, if you have to hit me, aim for that wooden leg.' The fans loved him for that."

Perfect Pitcher Against Lynchburg

It might have been significant that Shepard pitched three innings against Lynchburg, champion of the Class B Piedmont League last season. Bert walked off the mound without yielding a hit, run or walk. He struck out three in that exhibition, marking his first appearance of the year.

DelPo, who admits cash was his first consideration in signing Shepard to manage his Class B Colonial League team, understandably has become one of Bert's avid admirers. "The kids on our club will go all the way for Bert," said DelPo. Bert knows baseball and he knows how to get it across.

We've been in spring training three weeks-we don't open our regular season until May 4-and I've never seen such improvement in youngsters. Know how he gets 'em to slide properly? He shows them by doing it himself and says, 'If I can do it with one leg, you fellows can do it with two.' I think after that they're ashamed to "He'll make you a good manager," said Clark Griffith, the

Nats' boss, and Manager Joe Kuhel nodded agreement. "Two years ago I liked his chances and offered him a job as manager of our Charlotte club. He turned it down by saying, 'I'm a big

Bert couldn't get a chance to pitch in major league surroundings. He didn't want to coach and he didn't want to be on the payroll out of sympathy. He wanted to pitch so badly that he dropped into semipro ranks and pitched for State Line, Mont.

Bert's Letter Led to Job

But Shep was forced to return to Walter Reed Hospital here for additional surgery. Four more operations on his already considerably sliced leg kept him on crutches for a year, but his hope never wavered. It was while he was on crutches that he landed the Waterbury job.

"I advertised in The Sporting News for a manager," said DelPo, "and I got 73 replies. Bert's was the most convincing. I was sold on him after I talked to him, but I'm a minor stockholder. Bert had to convince our board of directors. They fell in love with him in five minutes.

Bert might be trying to prove that he's a major league pitcher, but personally I think he's out to do a job for all the amputees. I believe he's trying to deliver some of his own determination to them by showing them that almost anything is possible to accomplish as an amputee."

Shepard will be an attraction in the Waterbury, Bridgeport, Stamford, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Bristol circuit and DelPo was saying they need somebody to lure the customers. "We're not so far from New York, where major league baseball is available, and we're beginning to feel the effect of television. There are 2.000 sets in Waterbury now and it will hurt us."

"I bet I'll win 15 games this year," said Shep, within Griffith's hearing range. "Hey, Griff, how many games do you think I can win this season?"

"I think," said Griff, "that you'll win 15 games."

Capital's Bowling Women Shine In NDBC Tournament Start

By Ben McAlwee

Washington men and women made Terry's 370 to gain second place with three hits in pinning loss by candidate, was a close fourth today. Their only run in the last It was in the ninth that the auspicious starts in the 19th an- in men's doubles. nual National Duckpin Bowling
Congress tournament here last night when Frances Johnson,

Weedon, who will roll with the Rain and darkness forced the numbers to call the New York termed his race "only fair" and in-Giants-Boston Braves game at the dicated he was not considered After Coan Chevy Chase Ice Palace team cap-Chevy Chase Ice Palace team capteam, shot to second place in women's singles with 411 and the
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end of nine innings with the score been getting. Stewart walked to fill the bases.
The Nats have been getting Stewart walked to fill the bases.
The nature of treatment that superb pitching. Their hurlers but Yost whacked into another double-play. Brookland sister combination of 369 in singles.

women's doubles with 770. made in 151, 139 and 142. Miss Ray Watson rolled into seventh Carleton missed by 12 pins the with 422. Carleton missed by 12 pins the tournament's all-time high of 444, rolled by Maxine Allen of Durham, with a record 1,810 score in the

roller to sparkle with a 391 to tie place in doubles with 702. for third place in women's singles.

Six MDW Bowlers Going

Betty Hummer, Ice Palace star and defending singles champion. To All-Army Tourney posted 338. Larkin "Sonny" Wee-

G. W., Maryland Nines world-wide bowling champion-In College Park Tilt

defense of its District area college Arville Phillip and Master Sergt. baseball title this afternoon in the Claude Robinson of Army Medfirst game of an annual home-and- ical Center and Sergt. Francis Bears, October 23; New York Bull-

home series with the University of Maryland at College Park at 2:30.

Georgetown, rained out of its scheduled game at Villanover yes- Slated Next Saturday terday, was to meet Temple today in Philadelphia. Loyola and Cath-

olic U. also were rained out. American University bid for its played under game conditions next to play scholastic baseball yesfourth straight triumph and the Saturday at 2 o'clock at Byrd terday, the Mounts winning, 10-1, Southern Division lead in the Stadium. Mason-Dixon Conference in the It originally was intended to for their seventh straight triumph. first of a two-game series with play the game Friday night, but Paul Norfolk and Earl Davis each Catholic University. The Eagles Coach Jim Tatum learned the collected three hits for the winners. were hosts at 2:30.

Howard met North Carolina A. & T. at Howard.

Other outstanding college events Coolidge's defending interhigh baseball league, with 35 teams today included Maryland's im- golf champions received a scare entered, today got underway on portant larcrosse date with Navy yesterday, but finally edged Wilson, the South Ellipse with ceremonies, at Annapolis and a five-team track 5-4, at Chevy Chase in the only including band music and the meet at Catholic U. involving schoolboy league match played. throwing of the first ball by Frank American, Gallaudet, Loyola, Mount All others scheduled yesterday will Jelleff, president emeritus of the be played Monday. St. Mary's and the Cards.

Arthur Crown was best among sation with the tournament's sec- the Washington men's singles

Miss Allen and Doris Pugh lead Class B Booster Division.

the doubles with 797. Miss Johnson with games of 141, 120 and 150 was seven pins shy of the first place 418 held by Doris Leigh of Portsmouth, Va.

Mary Love of King Pin moved to seventh place in singles with york's fcotball Giants will observe their 25th season in the National League with a 12-game schedule opening September 25 in Portsmouth, Va. Mary Love of King Pin moved Ann Carlson was another Capital Irene Green bowled to seventh

don was a standout among the Washington men contestants with ington's six best bowlers are leaving today for Fort Leavenworth. Kans., to take part in Army's

ships there next week. Making the trip are Maj. Harold Krull of Fort Belvoir, Capt. Arnie Millican and Pfc. Cliffon ber 11. Elliott of Arlington Hall, Sergt.

University of Maryland's final spring football scrimmage will be Only Mount Vernon and Falls American University bid for its played under game conditions next Church braved the rainy weather

lights would not be in operation.

Coolidge Golfers Ahead

Crippled Club on Top, **Finas Vaunted Bosox** As Easy as Nats

By Jack Hand

Associated Press Sports Writer Casey Stengel's New York Yankees, unbeaten in four starts, are the surprise team of the majors in the first week of the season.

When the crippled "Bombers' polished off Washington in three straight, the critics said "wait until they start playing the big leaguers." Yesterday they took the Boston Red Sox, 5-3. Maybe it's time to take them seriously.

Nobody gave the Yanks much of a chance at the pennant, even before Joe Di Maggio's heel started acting up. When Di Mag was hospitalized and lost for an indefinite period, the club was doomed to the second division. But it is leading its league.

Pitching is the Yankee strength. That has been Stengel's claim all along. Ed Lopat, Vic Raschi and Tommy Byrne went all the way. Allie Reynolds got no-hit relief help from Joe Page in the last three innings yesterday.

Now it's Fred Sanford's turn. After the \$100,000 pitcher gets his shot, Casey can return to Lopat. It's an impressive starting array event without the injured Bob Porterfield. Hughson No Puzzle to Yanks.

Tex Hughson failed his first test for Joe McCarthy. Much of the Sox's pennant hopes hinge on Hughson's ability to come back after last year's arm trouble. Hughson walked six Yankees

and was rapped for five hits in six innings. although he wasn't charged with the loss. That went to Earl Johnson, who was responsible for three New York runs in the seventh. The largest opening-day crowd

in Fenway Park history, 33,955, saw the loosely played game. Cleveland drew 63,725, best of the "second openers." The Indians won the World Series at Braves Field in Boston last October and hadn't been home since.

his 31st birthday anniversary, to score Larry Doby with the win-

Chisox Rally Beats Browns. rising against Red Embree and prowlers. Tom Ferrick.

game of 181 and fourth highest set loaded a three-run double and and the Derby May 7. of 462 which he coupled with Al Red Schoendienst came through Ponder, the No. 2 Calumet Der- into action in a game with the A's son hit into (you guessed it). No. 1 on Johnny Schmitz.

out Dave Koslo.

YORK, April 23.-New

Since the New York Bulldogs, formerly the Boston Yanks, will pearances in New York during

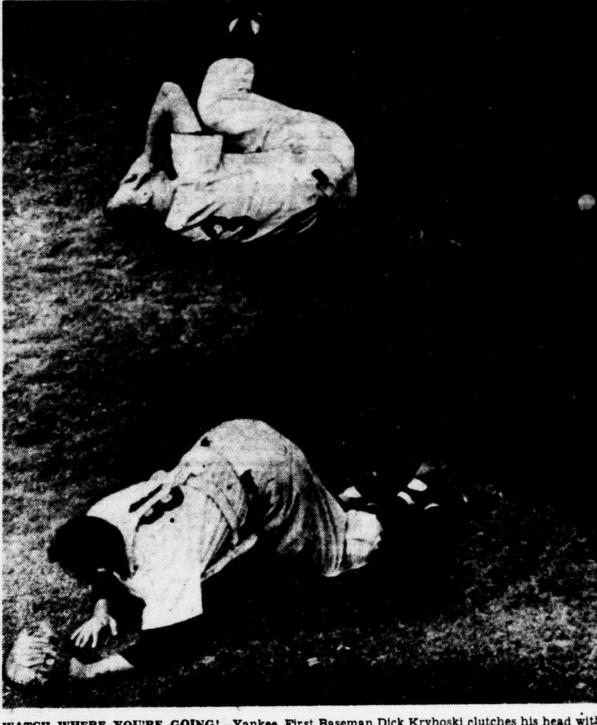
the season. The Bulldogs will be host for a night game between the two have no comment." clubs September 30. Giant road games take them to Washington, October 9; Chicago Cardinals, October 30: Green Bay, November Philadelphia, Decem-

Home games are listed with Pittsburgh, October 16; Chicago vember 20; Washington, November 27, and Philadelphia, December 4.

Mounts Win in Rain

Boys' League Starts

The Boys' Club of Washington Coolidge's defending interhigh baseball league, with 35 teams Washington Boys' Club.



WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!-Yankee First Baseman Dick Kryhoski clutches his head with his hands and rolls on the ground after colliding with Catcher Yogi Berra (bottom) in the fifth inning of yesterday's game at Boston when they both went after Red Sox Pitcher Tex Hughson's pop foul along the first base line. Ball (arrow) is shown at top right. Both players continued in the game, which was won by the Yanks, 5-3.

inning to down the St. Louis
Browns, 5-2. Rookie Gus Zernial's
homer touched off the Sox upsuspected "tampering" by stable

Trainer Ben Jones pronounced his with scalpels designed to end their last night, yielding two runs in the first to win two in a row since and again in the mile and one sixteenth experimental No. 2 a opened with a single and Eimer in 1938 and '39.

Haefner was off to a rough start last night, yielding two runs in the first to win two in a row since and again in the mile and one sixteenth experimental No. 2 a opened with a single and Eimer in 1938 and '39.

in Pittsburgh's 5-4 victory over land yesterday. The horse was 2-0 decision to the Philadelphia hits. Cincinnati. Kiner's wallop and a "never better" in a workout the Athletics last night at Griffith

Park saw the Cards cut loose with after the race left him little hope hits off Carl Scheib and smashed start the Nats' fifth and Weigel their power. Stan Musial hit his of getting the horse ready for the into four double-plays. first homer, Marty Marion un-loaded a three-run double and and the Derby May 7.

The Nats were to carry a string of 12 consecutive scoreless innings and Pinch-hitter Sherry Robert-

in yesterday's race, won by Derby 30 innings consisted of Buddy Nats heartened some 9,011 cus-Rain and darkness forced the nominee Ky. Colonel, but Jones Lewis' homer against the New tomers, but only momentarily. and W. Y. Goldsborough's Binky B. and then gone on to take the

was given some sedative.

who treats horses at Keeneland, conquest of Philadelphia. said there are many drugs capable tests and others can't, he said.

Calumet entry a strong favorite in at an .067 pace. the six-horse all-Derby field, fin-

Keeneland officials were quoted share the Polo Grounds, the by John, H. Clark, track publicity Giants will make seven league apdirector, as saying that "we have College Baseball received no official report from Jones on the matter and therefore

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Gene Bearden, the knuckle ball Tampering Suspected A's Double Plays Add to Woes Sox and World Series triumph, went the distance to trim Detroit, As Calumet's De Luxe, Of Nats, Beaten Four in Row

among what is being referred to

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 23.— are afflicted with ailing averages ington's pitchers are feeling that Calumet Farm's Kentucky Derby and unless they display marked the first run they permit will be The Chicago White Sox staged hopes all but collapsed today as improvement rapidly Washington's the one to beat them. four-run rally in the fourth Trainer Ben Jones pronounced his pitchers are likely to pursue them Haefner was off to a rough start A Ward victory would make him imental handicap No. 1 on April 2.

After Coan, Nobody Hits.

the bases with one out in the last ed to could not be determined im- games, distributing them on a NAT NOTES: It was to be Scar- customary eight chances at the

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Los Angeles, 1: Oakland, 0, 12 innings.

Sacramento, 7: San Dieso, 2.

San Francisco, 7: Hollywood, 5.

Portland at Seattle, postponed.

BASEBALL

TODAY - 2:30 P.M.

Washington vs. Philadolphia

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That sort of batting behavior politely as the Nats' hitters. They effectively illustrates why Wash-Stranahan has been playing stead-Curandero. Colonel Mike was an

opened with a single and Elmer in 1938 and '39. son, the Nats have received sur- Valo walked. Ferris Fain single Stranahan, a finalist four times, last time out. Palestinian traile The trainer of the Nation's lead- prisingly excellent pitching which Joost across and Valo scored won in 1946 downing South Care- both times, while Curandero was ing stable said he based his sus- was supported only once. They later on Hank Majeski's fly to cen- lina's Hub Covington. Ralph Kiner started his campaign for the home run title by below on a very sluggish race currently own a four-game losing blasting one with the bases loaded turned in by De Luxe at Keene-streak as the result of dropping a blasting one with the bases loaded turned in by De Luxe at Keene-streak as the result of dropping a blasting one with the bases loaded turned in by De Luxe at Keene-streak as the result of dropping a blasting one with the bases loaded turned in by De Luxe at Keene-streak as the result of dropping a 2-0 decision to the Philadelphia bits.

Coalfown Betting Off;

Double-Plays Wreck Nats. triple by Clyde McCullough helped the Pirates come from behind before, he said.

Officials of the proud Keenefore 32,167 opening day fans.

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Stadium.

Scheib was brilliant with men tim of the Nats' power paralysis.

With two cut in the second then Al Brazle set down the Chicago pure reputation with its nonprofit He checked the A's on four hits for with two out in the second, then Cubs with four hits as the St. policy and family atmosphere, were eight innings and Dick Welteroth fanned Weigel. He walked Lewis Louis Cardinals broke into the win stunned by the report. They de- escaped with a one-hit effort in and Stewart with one out in the crowd of 10,121 in Sportsman's He said De Luxe's condition Washington fashioned only four Park saw the Cards out loos with a condition between the condition of hit into a double-play. Dente

> Coan opened with a single, but Kozar forced him. Lewis and post time, leaving the possibility The Nats have been getting Stewart walked to fill the bases, of a walkover for Calumet.

Brookland sister combination of Jessie Sacrey and Lillian Carleton took over the runnerup spot in women's doubles with 770.

Ralph Gordon's 440 and Pat of the ninth. Bobby Thomson mediately. Jones said he might hitters are guilty of nonsupport. The Nats have produced six runs. of the ninth. Bobby Thomson mediately. Jones said he might 2-3-3-2-2 basis, but Washington's borough against the A's Dick Fow- mutuel windows. If Coaltown does three of which were delivered in Stewart and Second Baseman Pete The mile and sixteenth Burke Dr. D. L. Proctor, veterinarian Ray Scarborough's opening day Suder exchanged warm words as is Coaltown's first race since March the game ended last night... 19 when she equaled the world's A quick glance at the batting Eddie attempted to bowl over Pete record for a mile and a quarter in of tearing down a sharp horse. averages reflects the Nats' misery, and break up the double-play . . . the Gulfstream Park Handicap. Some can be detected by chemical Gil Coan is hitting .381 in the Suder wasn't delighted and said He has won five out of five starts leadoff spot, but thereafter Wash- so, but what threatened to become this year. Jockey Gordon Clisson, who rode ington's hitting sinks (that's the a free-for-all quickly was quelled.

De Luxe, said the horse "just word). Al Kozar is among the Coan supplied the catch of the didn't have anything" in the race. Nats' batting elite with a ,235 infant season in the eighth inning De Luxe, whose presence made the mark, for Lewis is struggling along when he made a diving grab of Valo's liner . . . Manager Joe Kuhel The Nats' cleanup hitters, Clyde shook up his batting order, proished 17 lengths behind the win- Vollmer and Ed Stewart, are belt- moting Kozar to No. 2, dropping ner, Ky. Colonel, and 12 lengths ing a combined .158. The No. 5 Dente to eighth, batting Wiegel behind the fifth horse, Provoca- man, Eddie Yost, is .111. Eddie seventh and benching Vollmer Robinson commands no respect at for Stewart, but no immediate .188. Sam Dente is hitting .205 heroics were forthcoming.

Macks, 2; Nats, 0

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produced some of the year's greatest golf, from an artistic standpoint as well as competitive. Ward waved a battered old Calamity Jane putter in the manner of a magic wand and oneputted 18 of 36 greens for a 1-up victory last year. He won the 17th Capot, Slam Bang Test on never was worse than even. despite the pressure of several Olympia Today in magnificent Stranahan shots. Every one expected some more

nip-and-tuck golf today. ip-and-tuck golf today.
Ward hasn't flashed quite the Wood Memoria same brilliance he did a year ago. but he has had it when he needed it.

Is Renewed in Final

Of North-South Golf

PINEHURST, N. C., April 23 -

Chapman, for instance. tional Amateur champion with an tucky Derby honors. pin for the match-ending 3.

he met up with Arnold Palmer, to Louisville. Wake Forest College sophomore. and came home a 12-and-11

A year ago Palmer also got to second hole when Stranahan Kline's Slam Bang. 3-putted, but he never got an-Pa., kept piling up 5s and 6s.

tionist Stranahan took Palmer Capot.

ier golf than Ward. He's won his "also ran" in the Chesapeake. five matches in only 83 holes to Model Cadet was second to 100 for Ward.

Ninth Race Is Added

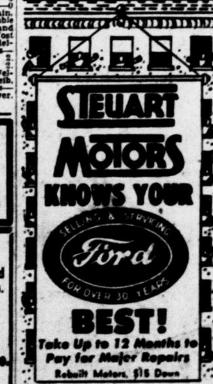
HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April

ting in the race after Mrs. E. August. H. Augustus' Seven League was Six horses-Gallant Fox. Twenty scratched this morning. This left Grand, Johnstown, Count Fleet, only Coaltown and stablemate Hoop Jr. (also owned by Hooper) Faultless, C. C. Tanner's Nearway and Assault—have won the Wood There may be more scratches by Derby.

The track has arranged a ninth race so the bettors will have their

TEXAS LEAGUE.
Dalles. 10—4; Fort Worth. 8—1.
San Antonio, 2: Shreveport. 1.
Houston. 5: Beaumont. 2.
Oklahoma City. 10: Tulsa. 8.





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HARVIE WARD

NEW YORK, April 23 .- This is Take yesterday's' semifinals the day they're going to find out match with Pinehurst's Dick if there is a horse left in the East that can do anything about Olym-Harvie closed out the 1940 Na- pia and his sweep toward Ken-

eagle 3 on the 16th for a 3-and-2 . Olympia and seven other 3decision. The University of North year-olds were named for the 25th Carolina student from Tarboro, running of the famed Wood Me-N. C., Jaced a 4-wood shot 190 morial at Jamaica this afternoon. yards to within 18 inches of the This 1 1-16th-mile event with \$40,-000 in added money as a lure is Stranahan, only 2 over par for the "last chance" for horses in the distance, had one of the tour- these parts to prove whether they nament's easiest assignments when are worth paying the freight bill

Fred W. Hooper's speedy colt may find a couple of new opponents tougher rivals than he the semifinals, bowing to Ward, 5 and 4. Yesterday he won the second hole when Stranghan Stable's Capot, and C. Mahlon

other. Stranahan stuck close to Capot and Slam Bang hooked par figures most of the way as his up in a terrific race in the Ches-19-year-old rival from Latrobe, apeake a week ago at Havre de Grace, and Capot just managed to When the match ended on the shove his nose under the wire first. seventh in the afternoon, perfec- Olympia has never raced against

by Mickey Vernon, transfer from the Washington Nats, celebrating by Burton Howkins and the catchers, Al Evans and struction on how to play out of the Washington Nats, celebrating by Burton Howkins and the catchers, Al Evans and the catchers, Al Evans and struction on how to play out of the Washington Nats, celebrating by Burton Howkins and the catchers, Al Evans and the catchers, Al Evans and the catchers, Al Evans and struction on how to play out of the Washington Nats, celebrating by Burton Howkins are the Completing the Wood field will struction on how to play out of the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will struction on how to play out of the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will struction on how to play out of the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will struction on how to play out of the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will struction on how to play out of the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the Completing the Wood field will be with the trap that had been the completing the wood field Throughout the tournament Colonel Mike and King Ranch's

Olympia in the 6-furlong exper-

week won by Palestinian at Jamaica.

Ivan Parke, Olympia's trainer, predicted "a very small field in the Derby" if his horse wins the Wood. Tom Smith, trainer of Model 23.-Racing fens here today will Cadet, eyed the rain that began and others on an "off" track in The management called off bet- the Washington Park Puturity last

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