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Tygers Debut In Tough Loop

MANSFIELD SENIOR HIGH debuts in the Greater Ohio league Saturday in spring sports competition and this should be the first step towards making the GOL the toughest all-over scholastic sports league. . . . And not just in the Buckeye state. . . . Sure some of the GOL teams are weak in some sports but not in many. . . . They cannot be touched in basketball with eight state titles since 1944 and four previously. . . . Five of the six league schools have won state cage titles. . . . League schools have won state crowns too in football track golf tennis and wrestling. . . . Three of the schools have won tennis crowns. . . . With Mansfield and the new Lima school swinging into full competition in 1955, the league should be a dominate factor in all sports every year in the Buckeye state. . . . Just look over the top ten in football every year and the GOL schools such as Mansfield, Springfield, Middletown, Hamilton, Portsmouth and Lima are sure to be heavily represented. . . . In track, Mansfield and Springfield are Ohio's No. 1 threats to the Cleveland schools which seem to breed the best cinder artists. . . . Middletown is unbeaten in tennis this year with three teams losing only one and Mansfield's 18-game baseball winning streak is the best in Ohio Class A ball. . . . Mansfield should add just the right northern Ohio touch to put the league at top rating. . . . This won't be like the now defunct Ohio Scholastic conference where Mansfield dominated the whole thing. . . . The Tygers will have to be at their best in all sports. . . . This should make competition a pretty thing.

Cowboys From Ohio State

THE OHIO STATE Cowboys. . . . The 1954 OSU football team may be called just that. . . . Already the Bucks are blessed with Hopalong Cassidy and now the Cisco Kid looms as an addition to the club in '56 as a fullback. . . . The latter is Galen Cisco, St. Mary's great all-around athlete. . . . A 190-pound senior he was voted the outstanding grinder in the Western Buckeye league in 1953 and has been awarded a football-baseball scholarship to Ohio State. . . . Right now though Cisco is the rage of Western Ohio baseball circles. . . . He has blasted 10 hits in his last 11 trips to the plate to raise his seasonal batting average to .625. . . . And the Cisco Kid has been just as tough on the mound, winning seven of the eight 1954 St. Mary's victories. . . . He has struck out 71 in those seven games and has permitted only 15 base hits. . . . Two of the victories were no-hit, no-run games. . . . He's the fellow who poses a big road block in the Mansfield Tygers' hopes for a regional meet berth Saturday. . . . Notre Dame's varsity defensive talents will be in for a stern test Saturday in the annual spring game against the Old Timers. . . . The ex-Irish backfield will feature Angelo Bertelli at quarter, Johnny Lujack and John Lettger, halfbacks and Neil Worden, fullback. . . . Bertelli and Lujack came out of retirement for this hassle. . . . Del Webb puts an end to rumors he wishes to sell his interest in the New York Yankees and attempt to move a major league club to Los Angeles. . . . He says, "My big interest is to see my Yankees play more often. So I'm interested in seeing an American league club — any American league club — transferred to Los Angeles. Then I'd be able to see the Yankees more. But it's the Yankees I want to own, not a Los Angeles club."

Turley Real Speedy Fellow

THERE'S SOME CONTROVERSY whether young Bob Turley of the Baltimore Orioles is the fastest pitching article in the majors. . . . Some fans are saying the 23-year-old speedballer is as fast as Walter Johnson, Lefty Grove and Bob Feller in their primes. . . . The 6-2, 207-pound righthander has been the strikeout sensation of the yet-young major league season. . . . But Baltimore manager Jimmy Dykes says, "I don't believe he's quite as fast as Grove was, but he doesn't have to. He's fast enough to overpower the hitters and he's going to get faster. He's a baby in this trade. This is just his second year in the majors. When he gets the knack of putting his body behind his delivery instead of relying on his wrist snap, he may yet become the fastest of them all." . . . Casey Stengel, manager of the New York Yankees, concurs with, "He's the fastest in our league, I'll guarantee that. Maybe he's the fastest in all baseball, but I can't say that for sure as I haven't seen all of the National league." . . . Rare praise indeed for a youngster who was in high school no later than 1948. . . . Turley had two 20-game seasons in the minors, copping 23 with Aberdeen in Class C ball in 1949 and 20 for San Antonio in 1951. . . . He struck out 205, 153 and 200 in three minor league seasons before going into service. . . . Turley joined the St. Louis Browns upon his discharge last summer and fanned 61 in 60 American league innings. . . . He pitched last winter in the Puerto Rican league and fanned 18 in one game breaking a 17-strikeout record set by Satchel Paige in 1938. . . . His performances against the hard-hitting Cleveland Indians this year surely harkens a great future and maybe a glimmer of light for Baltimore to escape the AL cellar.

Iberia High Baseballers Nab Berth In District Finals

COLUMBUS — Iberia high school's once-beaten baseball aggregation moved into the finals of the district Class B tournament here yesterday with an 8-1 triumph over Morral on the Ohio State university diamond. . . . The Presidents, champions of Morrow county, take on Columbus University school at 1 p. m. here Friday in the finals. Winner moves on to regional competition. . . . Iberia's record for the 1953-54 school year now stands at 21-1. . . . The Presidents' record for the season is 21-1. . . . Nine of the victories were chalked up last fall. Galion nipped Prexy's in the opener this spring but Iberia rebounded to win its last 12 games. . . . The Presidents scored two runs, all they really needed behind Walt Chambers' fine pitching, in the first inning. Chambers singled with the bases full after an error and two walks. . . . Chambers and Warren Zeger each had two singles for Iberia and each drove in two runs. . . . Morral, 0-9 0-0 6-1 4 5 1. . . . Chambers and Maiden: Barton and Rice.

Tyger Baseballers Race To 18th Win

Senior High Rips Marion In 9-1 Game

MANSFIELD SENIOR HIGH stretched Ohio's longest baseball winning streak to 18 straight here yesterday with a resounding 9-to-1 triumph over Marion Harding. . . . The undefeated Tygers pounced on three Marion pitchers for 11 base hits and clinched the result as early as the second inning when three safeties produced two runs. . . . Senior Major Kollin limited Marion to three hits as he won his eighth straight contest. Kollin fanned 11 and walked only three as Marion scored an unearned tally in the fourth frame. . . . The undefeated Tygers pounced on three Marion pitchers for 11 base hits and clinched the result as early as the second inning when three safeties produced two runs. . . . Senior Major Kollin limited Marion to three hits as he won his eighth straight contest. Kollin fanned 11 and walked only three as Marion scored an unearned tally in the fourth frame. . . .



BIRTHDAY GIFT — Yogi Berra (center), New York catcher, celebrated his 29th birthday yesterday as the Yankees snagged a 5-4 baseball victory at Cleveland. Contributing to the win were (left to right) Andy Carey, who had a home run, Johnny Sain, the relief pitcher, and Ed Lopat, the starting hurler. (United Press Photo).

EARLY TWSOME

A double by Bruno Femia, a walk to Gary Gregory and singles by Dave Jacoby and Jim Thompson accounted for Mansfield's runs in the second. Singles by Roger Bloom and Eddie Deeds, a triple by Femia and Gregory's single pushed in three runs in the fifth. . . . Two more runs scored in the sixth on a walk, two errors and Dick Cattet's infield roller. A walk, hit batsman and Jacoby's single plated one counter in the seventh and Gregory stole home with the ninth run. . . . Marion's lone counter came after two were away in the fourth. Chamberlain was safe on a bobble and moved to second when Kollin walked Coy. Then Geissler came through with a single to spoil Kollin's bid for his second shutout. . . . Femia paced the Tyger attack with a double and triple, three runs scored and two batted in. . . . Coach Tom Pierson added the contest to the Senior high schedule early yesterday afternoon so the Tygers could get additional competition under their belts before the district tournament contest with undefeated St. Mary's Saturday at 3 p. m. at Kalida. . . . Deeds was scheduled to go to the mound today against once-beaten Shelby at Mansfield's Gorman-Rupp park. Deeds has won eight in a row. . . .

Luke Easter Gets Cut By Cleveland Indians

LUKE EASTER, whose prodigious power at the plate was the Cleveland Indians' perennial No. 1 hope for a pennant, probably reached the end of a heart-breaking career today when he was optioned to Ottawa in the International league. . . . The 6-foot, 4-inch, 235-pound slugger can be recalled by the Indians on 24-hour notice but such a move was regarded as unlikely with Al Rosen permanently installed at Luke's old first base post. Easter made only one hit in six at bats this season for a .167 average. . . . Easter's return to the minor leagues was the biggest surprise as the big league clubs maneuvered to reduce their rosters to the 25-player limit before the midnight deadline Wednesday night. The Indians also sold outfielder Jim Lemon to the Washington Senators and optioned four other players — pitchers Jose Santiago and Dave Hoskins to Indianapolis, pitcher Bill Wright to San Diego and infielder Jim Dyck to Richmond. . . .

Tyger Track Banquet Set For June 1

The fifth annual banquet honoring the Mansfield Senior high school track and field team will be staged at the Sons of Herman hall Tuesday, June 1. . . . The banquet will again be sponsored by the Horse club, a sports booster organization of Sons of Herman members. Tickets for the fete are now being sold by the Horse clubbers at \$2.50 and the public is welcome. . . . Arrangements for program and speaker are in the process of completion. . . .

PLAY IN DISTRICT

Team	W	L	Runs	ER	IP	SO	BB	HR
Mansfield	21	8	311	203	241	196	136	32
Marion	2	13	105	107	130	72	74	17
Shelby	2	11	109	109	130	72	74	17
St. Mary's	2	11	109	109	130	72	74	17

Riley Defeats 'Am' Champ

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex., conqueror of Mary Lena Faulk, national amateur champion, meets Ann Villegas of New Orleans today in a third round match of the Southern Women's Golf Championship. . . . Miss Riley led all the way Wednesday as she beat Miss Faulk, of Thomasville, Ga., 3 and 2, at the Birmingham course. Polly is seeking her fifth straight Southern Women's crown. . . . Miss Villegas eliminated Jane Thomas of Salisbury, N. C., 5 and 4.

HOBBLIED BY INJURIES

Easter, 33, was one of the most feared sluggers in the American League but was hobbled by a series of injuries to his ankles and knees which robbed him of stardom. He had his best year in 1950 as a rookie, hitting 28 homers and driving in 107 runs with a .280 batting mark to win acclaim as one of the coming stars of the league. . . . Luke approximated his rookie campaign in 1951 (27 homers and 103 runs batted in) but underwent surgery on his right knee during the winter and was hobbled during the entire season. He never fully recovered from that injury and wore various braces during the 1952 and 1953 seasons. . . . His five-year record shows 93 homers, 340 runs batted in and a .274 mark. . . .

MORE DIFFICULTY

The Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh Pirates had a little more difficulty before getting their rosters to the legal limit. The Tigers placed Steve Souchock on the disabled list, optioned pitcher Dick Weik to Little Rock and Dick Donovan to Atlanta in the Southern Association. The Pirates optioned Gail Henley, Bill Hall and Nelson King to New Orleans and Al Grunwald to Waco. . . . Although the "legal limit" is 25 players, most clubs actually are carrying 26 or 27 players because returning servicemen do not count on their rosters until a year after their return. . . .

7 Schools Enter County Trackfest

The largest field in the history of the event will battle for the championship of the eighth annual Richland county track meet at Stadium field Saturday. . . . Seven schools, five of them represented by full teams, have entered the competition. Plymouth is the lone county school not included in the starters. . . . Defending champion Ontario, Bellville, Lexington, Shiloh and Union have entered full cinder aggregations in the affair. Butler and Lucas will have athletes in some of the events. . . . Last year Ontario scored 90 points to win the team crown for the third straight year and for the fourth time since the meet began. Bellville has won the other three titles. . . . Bellville was second with 67 1-3 points while Lexington scored 32-2-3; Union, 20; Shiloh, six, and Lucas, six. Plymouth and Butler did not compete. . . . 85 IN FIELD . . . Shiloh has entered 17 boys while Union has 15; Lexington, 14; Ontario, 13; Bellville, 12; Butler, seven, and Lucas, five. The total number of participants is 83. . . . Preliminaries in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, 180-yard low hurdles and 440-yard run are scheduled to begin Saturday at 9:30 a. m. along with finals in the pole vault and discus. . . . Finals in other events start at 1 p. m. George Fetter, veteran state meet official, is the starter while Carl Duffner will serve as head finish judge. . . .

Senior Hi Golfers In Tie Match

FINDLAY — Mansfield Senior high school was held to a 8-8 deadlock in a golf match here yesterday with Findlay. . . . The Tygers, who had won four of their first six matches, played without veteran star Fudge Henkel and that made the difference. Henkel remained in Mansfield to rehearse for the senior class play which will be presented at Ohio university Saturday. Henkel plays one of the leads in the play "Goodbye My Fancy" and will also miss the Greater Ohio league meet. . . . Junior Bob Komjenovich continued his fine shooting yesterday with a 40-36-76 good for medal honors. However, teammate Harvey Glasgow was close behind with a sparkling 37-41-78. Komjenovich and Glasgow won all eight points for the Tygers. . . . Mansfield plays at Gallion today and participates in the GOL spring carnival in Springfield Saturday morning. . . .

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Bob Komjenovich	40	36	76	152
Harvey Glasgow	37	41	78	156
John Frize	42	44	86	170
Perry Lanning	41	44	85	169
Lowell Cramer	40	43	83	166

SOI Golf League Begins Schedule

Play in the Sons of Italy Golf league is slated to begin Friday at Coolidge Golf club. Starting time for the eight-team circuit is 5 p. m. Bob Smith is president of the loop for the 1954 season. Joe Santoro serves as treasurer while Emil Schroeder is the secretary. . . .

Trabert, Seixas Cop Easy Tennis Matches

BARCELONA, Spain (UP) — American stars Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas swept to easy victories Wednesday in first round matches in an international tennis tournament. . . . Trabert, U. S. National Champion from Cincinnati, Ohio, defeated Spain's Moure, 6-0, 6-2, while Seixas, Wimbledon champion from Philadelphia, defeated Sapiña's Renaga, 6-3, 6-0. . . .

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