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on sports..**

(News-Journal Sports Editor)

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 1955 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 gridiron 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 12 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 Latting, halfbacks and Neil Worden, fullback. . . . Bertelli and Lujack will come 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 be. 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 hope 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. Nine of the victories were chalked

up last fall. Galion nipped the Prexys 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.

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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).

Luke Easter Gets Cut By Cleveland Indians

(By United Press)

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 Wight to San Diego and infielder Jim Dyck to Richmond.

HOBLED BY INJURIES

Easter, 33, was one of the most feared sluggers in the American League but was hobled 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 hobbed during the entire season. He never fully recovered from that injury and wore various braces during the 1952 and 1953 seasons.

Miss Villegas eliminated Jane Thomas of Salisbury, N. C., and a 274 mark.

The Brooklyn Dodgers reached their 25-player limit by optioning rookie outfielder Sandy Amoros to Montreal in the International League, which he led in batting with a .353 average last season. Amoros hit .400 to lead the Dodgers in spring training but was hitting .138 for the regular season. Manager Walt Alston also said Amoros had a weak throwing arm. The New York Yankees optioned three pitchers — Bill Miller to Toronto, Bob Wiesler to Kansas City and Art Schalock to Oakland while the Philadelphia Phillies optioned pitcher Ron Mroznik to Syracuse in the IL.

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 Souchok on the disabled list, optioned pitcher Dick Weik to Little Rock and Dick Donovan to Atlanta in the Southern Association. The Pirates optioned pitcher Ron 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 30 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 times.

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.

83 IN FIELD

Bellville 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 judge.

| TIME SCHEDULE | |
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| Preliminaries | |
| 8:30 a.m. | 100-yard dash, high hurdles. |
| 8:45—140-yard run. | |
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| 9:15—220-yard dash. | |
| Finals | |
| 9:30 a.m. | Pole vault and discus, shot put, broad jump. |
| 10:15 a.m. | 180-yard low hurdles. |
| 1:30 p.m. | 220-yard dash. |
| 1:30 p.m. | 220-yard relay, high jump. |
| 1:50 p.m. | 180-yard dash. |
| 2:10 p.m. | 440-yard run. |
| 2:30 p.m. | 220-yard dash. |
| 2:30 p.m. | Discus. |
| Totals | |
| FINDLAY | |
| 1. Bob Komjenovich | 40-36-76-4 |
| 2. Jim Mayer | 42-45-82-6 |
| 3. Don Hill | 42-41-82-6 |
| 4. Neal Schmitz | 43-54-87-4 |
| Totals | |
| FINDLAY | |
| 1. Don Hill | 44-18-86-8 |
| 2. Jim Mayer | 42-21-86-8 |
| 3. Perry Fanning | 43-43-85-4 |
| 4. Lowell Cramer | 39-43-85-4 |
| Totals | |

Trabert, Seixas Cop Easy Tennis Matches

BARCELONA, Spain (UPI) —

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 Mouré, 6-0, 6-2, while Seixas, Wimbledon champion from Philadelphia, defeated Spain's Renaga, 6-3, 6-0.

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