

# Lyle C. McNitt Is Appointed Athletic Director of Grand Rapids University

## N. Muskegon Coach Named Successor to Potsy Clark

Ludington Releases Norse Teacher From Contract to Permit Taking New Job.

Lyle C. McNitt, who has coached North Muskegon High school athletic teams since the school first had teams, this fall will move from Class C high school coaching to the college brand of athletics.



McNitt

McNitt today was named athletic director of Grand Rapids University, succeeding George (Potsy) Clark, former University of Illinois football star, and later a coach of the Detroit Lions and other professional football teams. Clark now is Lieutenant Commander Clark of the Pensacola, Fla., naval air training base.

The announcement of McNitt's appointment made today by President M. E. Davenport of Grand Rapids U. followed release of the North Muskegon coach from a contract he had signed and returned to Ludington High school, where he had accepted the job of athletic director left vacant by the resignation of Mitchell O. Reed.

Release from the Ludington contract was announced today by H. H. Hawley, chairman of the Ludington board of education, with the statement that Ludington High hasn't selected or considered any other coach as yet.

McNitt's jump from Class C high school ranks to college circles is a rare accomplishment. His record at North Muskegon has been outstanding, and he wound up years of successes last fall when he coached the "dream team" of his career, an undefeated untied and unscored on group of boys, who had few veterans at the beginning of the season, and few outstanding stars at any time during the year.

McNitt will step into a difficult job at Grand Rapids University. He will face a stiff football schedule, and thus far hasn't any assistants. Clark's assistants, Jerry Ford and Fred Koepnick both resigned with Clark, the former to enter the Navy.

Clark's teams won six and lost two last year, but a more ambitious schedule faces McNitt. Grand Rapids U. has scheduled games with Hope College, Lawrence Tech, two games with Central Michigan College on a home and home basis, Manchester, Ind., college and Bluffton, Ind., college. In addition games are tentatively arranged with Selfridge Field and Fort Custer.

Most of the players from last year have enlisted or have been drafted, and a new group of athletes must be trained by the new coach.

## Challengers for Bennetts Battle In Weekend Tilts

Tri-cities League Presents Leading Rivals Today and Saturday.

The Tri-cities baseball league challengers for the unbeaten Bennett Pumps leadership should come out of games listed this weekend, with a game between Continental Motors and Fitzjohn tonight and one between Art Smith Taverns and Lakeview Hotels tomorrow, deciding the current runnersup. All four teams are tied for second place, each with a single victory against one loss in the second half race.

Continental and Fitzjohn will present a pair of southpaw pitchers in their game today, at 6:30 p. m., with Lefty Dude Pelon of Whitehall and the Continental, expected to oppose Lefty Wood of Ravenna.

Tomorrow, at 3:45 p. m., Larry Kwolek of Lakeview will oppose Warren (Red) Patton of the Smith Packers.

## Bard Shuts Out Holland 1-0 on Four-Hit Diet

Victory Over Dutchmen, Piersma Avenge Former No-hit Defeat

Holland, July 17 — (Special) — Paul Bard, who has lost just one baseball game since he started chucking for Muskegon High and Coach Harry E. Potter last Spring, added to his record here last night as Smith Taverns defeated the Holland Flying Dutchmen 1 to 0.

The victory, with Bard allowing four hits and fanning 15 Holland batsmen, while walking just two, was sweet revenge for Smiths, for the Dutchmen won a no-hit no-run game from the Smiths earlier in the season here. Last evening the same Holland pitcher, Piersma, allowed Smiths just four hits, but two of them, by Francis Miller and Phil Petrongelli, were grouped behind a walk to Joe Baker in the sixth inning for the only run of the contest. Baker made the only other hits off Piersma.

Smith Taverns .....000 001 000—1 4 2  
Holland Dutchmen .....000 000 000—0 4 1  
Bard and Hendricks; Piersma and Wenzel.

## Muskegon High Athletic Budget Asked by Board

# Chet Laabs Staging Greatest Batting Spree in Majors as Browns Move Up

By JUDSON BAILEY  
Associated Press Sports Writer

The biggest batting spree of the season is now being staged by little Chet Laabs of the St. Louis Browns and, brother, when he hits people forget all about the complaint that the ball is leader this year.

In the last six days he has hit four home runs and driven in 16 tallies with amazing raids at New York, Boston and Philadelphia. His total production all last year for the Browns was 15 homers and 59 runs batted in, but with his recent surge he already has brought his mark for this season to 15 circuit clouts and 58 runs driven in.

Laabs started his chain of fire-crackers against the Yanks last Saturday with a two-run homer off Ernie Bonham in the ninth.

The next day in Boston he socked the Red Sox into submission. He made a double and a single in the first game and in the second game of the

## City Tennis Meet Aug. 3

The Greater Muskegon senior tennis championship tournament will be started at McGrath Park, August 3, it was decided this week at a meeting of the Greater Muskegon Tennis club. President William Meeusen has appointed Len DePeuter, who has managed many tournaments in the last few years, as director of play. Mr. DePeuter was tournament manager for several Novice championship meets staged by The Chronicle. Entries for the tournament will be charged 50 cents to meet expenses, and to provide prizes. A final arrangements meeting will be held at McGrath Park July 29.

doubleheader he batted in five runs, three of them on a homer in the ninth. Monday was an open date and Tuesday the Red Sox sidetracked trouble by walking him twice.

Wednesday night again he drove in five runs at Philadelphia. He homered with the bases loaded in the first inning and tripled with one on in the second, barely being

thrown out at the plate trying for an inside the park home run.

Yesterday he drove in four runs to beat the Athletics again, hitting two homers, each with a mate aboard, to help Al Hollingsworth win 5-1. Laabs' impetus has boosted the Browns to an even 500 percentage and a tie with the Detroit Tigers for fourth place. Detroit stumbled to its fifth

straight defeat and eight in nine games last night at Washington. The Tigers made six errors and lost 6-5 in ten innings even though the Senators were held to five hits. One of them was George Case's single for the deciding run.

In the meantime the New York Yankees boosted their first place margin to 7½ games by belting the Cleveland Indians 8-5 while the Chicago White Sox nosed out Boston 3-2. Ernie Bonham pitched seven-hit ball for the Yanks' fifth straight triumph, but served up homers to Les Flenning and Oris Hockett. Red Rolfe hit his second homer in four days and two singles to lead the New York attack and Joe DiMaggio hit in his 13th game in a row.

At Chicago the wrought-up Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers divided a doubleheader in approximately five hours of paying strict

## Sad Memories

New York, July 17—(P)—Lefty Al Smith of the Cleveland Indians was slated to pitch against the New York Yankees today and his appearance should bring back sad memories to one Yankee—Joe DiMaggio. It was just a year ago tonight that Smith stopped DiMaggio's 56-game batting streak, with a little help from Jim Bagby in the late innings. Today DiMaggio will risk a new streak that has reached 13

doubled and Joe Medwick singled to account for two runs in the seventh after Lou Stringer had homered for Chicago in the fifth. John Allen and Hugh Casey combined to hold the Cubs to seven hits.

Mel Ott shook up his New York Giants at Pittsburgh, sending reserve First Baseman Babe Young to centerfield for the first time in his life, and old Carl Hubbell conjured up a four-hit pitching masterpiece that stopped the Pirates 3-1. It was Hub's third win and he had a two-hit shutout till the ninth.

The Phils, led by Danny Littwhiler, who batted in three runs and scored twice, stopped the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 in ten innings. Cincinnati took a 7-6 decision from the Boston Braves, even though Ernie Lombard hit his second homer in two days and made three other safeties against his old team.

# Brilliant Rally Falls Short as Sally Sessions Loses Match

## Cubs, Dodgers Square Off For Another Battle Today

Durocher, Wilson Are Eager for Rivals to "Start Something" in Big Feud.

Chicago, July 17—(P)—With the big mid-July feud of the Cubs and Dodgers standing at one round for Brooklyn and two even, the Chicagoans chose today to lead again with their strong right arm, Claude Passeau.

It was Big Pass, the major league's leading game winner with 13, who was cuffed off the mound in less than three innings by the Bums on Wednesday, and Manager Jimmy Wilson figured he'd use the long-jawed right-hander in an effort to salvage a split in the four-game series with the National league champs.

Yesterday both sides bandaged the wounds suffered in the opening day's hostilities and played baseball according to the basic double-day plan, thereby dividing a doubleheader. But tongues were sharp on both sides.

"That Bithorn got pretty hot. Maybe he just can't take it," said the Dodgers' manager, Leo Durocher, finding it a little difficult to smile.

His face muscles ached from the verbal blisterings he gave Hi Bithorn, the Cubs' Puerto Rican hurler, in Wednesday's game, and the rest of his body from the exertion of ducking an extra-curricular pitch Bithorn zoomed into the Dodger dugout as he left the playing field.

Bithorn's maneuver brought him a \$25 fine from Ford Frick, league president, and the sympathetic Cubs offered—none too seriously—to aid Hi in his hour of financial crisis.

The chief lament heard in the Chicago dressing room was that Bithorn's lack of control on the pitching mound was still evident when he threw at the Dodger Bench. He didn't wing anyone there.

Wilson, scowling blackly, com-

### THE SPORTING THING

BY LANG ARMSTRONG

7-17

"Prepare to abandon ship, George, here comes the installment collector!"

### Standings

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	57	28	.671	
Boston	49	35	.583	7½
Cleveland	49	39	.557	9½
Detroit	45	45	.500	13½
St. Louis	43	43	.500	13½
Chicago	36	47	.434	20
Philadelphia	36	56	.391	23½
Washington	32	54	.372	24½

Thursday Results  
Washington 6, Detroit 5.  
New York 8, Cleveland 5.  
Chicago 3, Boston 2.  
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	53	24	.688	
St. Louis	50	31	.617	8
Cincinnati	46	39	.541	14
New York	42	42	.500	17
Chicago	42	46	.477	19½
Pittsburgh	38	43	.469	20
Boston	37	53	.411	25½
Philadelphia	23	60	.277	36

Thursday Results  
Chicago 7-1; Brooklyn 0-2.  
New York 3; Pittsburgh 1.  
Cincinnati 7; Boston 6.  
Philadelphia 4; St. Louis 3 (10 innings).

## Kanitz to Coach At Traverse City

## Muskegon Girl Collects Four Consecutive Threes

Ryder Cup Squad Is Favored Over Challenge Lineup

Hagen and Company Conceded Chance for Victory Over Detroit Course.

By WATSON SPOELSTRA  
Detroit, July 17—(P)—The revised American Ryder Cup golf squad, drawing four players from Bobby Jones' successful challengers of 1941, ranked today as a surprisingly short favorite to whip Walter Hagen's challenge squad in the two-day Red Cross match starting tomorrow over the difficult Oakland Hills course, scene of two National Opens.

Headed by Captain Craig Wood and reinforced by Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret and Gene Sarazen, the Cuppers would seem to be long choices in the rubber match of the war-orphaned series, but Hagen's reputation as a shrewd lineup manipulator probably contributed largely to the popular assumption that the Challengers have a bona fide chance to win.

Hagen, who captained the American forces to four victories in six matches against Great Britain, will come to grips late today with Wood as sealed lineup selections are exchanged for tomorrow's five four-ball foursome matches. Tomorrow night they will disclose their lineups for ten singles matches Sunday.

Wood presumably will stick to the only holdover pairs from the 1941 cup squad—Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden—and probably will keep the Torrid Texans, Hogans and Demaret, intact from the last two challenge squads. Other Cup-

Conqueror, Miss Row, to Play Medalist Mary Agnes Wall in Finals Today.

Detroit, July 17.—(P)—Michigan's two brightest young stars—Mary Agnes Wall of Menominee and Marjorie Row of Detroit—collide today in the 36-hole finals of the 29th annual Michigan Women's Golf championship at Plum Hollow, and for the first time the title may cross the Straits of Mackinac.

Miss Wall, Upper Peninsula entry making her fourth bid for the state crown, dusted off her 1941 nemesis, Margaret Russell of Detroit, in yesterday's semifinals, 3 and 2, and Miss Row, Michigan State college co-ed, staved off a rally to eliminate Sally Sessions, from Muskegon, 3 and 1. Miss Wall is 23, three years older than her foe.

In their only previous meeting in state competition, Miss Row defeated Mary Agnes, 1 up in 19 holes, in the second round three years ago. Since that match Miss Wall has acquired tournament experience on the winter circuit and Miss Row has gained many honors, including the 1941 Detroit district title.

Beaten by Miss Russell in last year's semi-finals, the freckle-faced Miss Wall fired a two-over-par 40 on the front nine to seize a two-hole lead and never trailed after the fourth hole. She still was 2 up at the 16th where she closed out the match by blasting a 230-yard tee shot and got down in par four.

Miss Russell, 1938 champion and finalist to Mrs. Donald Weiss of Flint the last two years, never seemed to have a chance against superior play by Mary Agnes, who got her early links training on the Menominee course that sent Johnny Revolta into big-time golf.

Miss Row, who had eliminated Mrs. Weiss in the first round, shot a 41, going out