The **Fearless** Spectator By



Charles McCabe, Esquire

Baseball players, as they are first to admit, are different from other people.

Because they throw real good, and field with hustle, and eat steak rare twice daily, and gets letters of endearment from waitresses and six-year-olds, they are clearly not thrown from the common mold. And they know it.

From a Class D shortstop to Glorious Willie Mays himself, the ballplayer is a hero—"a man of super-human qualities favored by the Gods,"

If you don't know what a hero is I suggest you follow a ballplayer into the public gent's room in a hotel where the team is staying.

The letdown that comes from seeing your hero in such common—that is, human—surroundings is something you'll never forget. If you're a true fan, like

You would not expect such supermen to bother themselves with the minutiae of how they earn their bread-and-butter. Or, as we experts call it, labor-management relations.

And you would be right.

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I think you will agree that the idea of baseball's pantheon ever sullying itself by become a labor union, and putting the blocks to their beloved bosses for more bread, is repellent.

If you need any support in this belief in unfettered free enterprise for management you will find plenty in Mr. Bob Friend, the National League's players' repre-

One of Bob's outstanding characteristics as a players' rep is that he dearly loves his bosses, and says all the other players in his league do too. Bob recently gave his views on unionism.

Brother Friend said a baseball union, with picketing, and boycott, and talking back, and all that jazz would tend to destroy the image of the baseball star for the youngsters because of the haggling between the players and the owners."

In hushed tones he continues, "San Musial picketing a ballpark would look great, wouldn't it?"

Mr. Friend is on the side of the owners, who are fond of saying they have enough troubles of their own without worrying about unions.

"If we begin operating like a union," the players' rep says, "we immediately begin antagonizing the

"As for rates of pay, I would like to point out that ballplayers could not submit to union pay scales like bricklayers, carpenters, or factory employes.

"They are individualists."

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If there be anything in Mr. Friend's words to set him apart from J. Pierpont Morgan, or Mark Hanna, or Commodore Vanderbilt, it is lost on me.

The pitcher is in the great tradition of the loyal employe. Enough loyal employes, you have a company

I'm old enough to remember when the publishers used to tell us newspaper slobs that we were "individualists" and "artists" when we put the bite on 'em in the 30s.

Publisher Roy Howard used to come down to the offices of the New York World-Telegram when the newspaper union was being organized. He sat on the rewrite desks and said, "You guys are artists." He came down from his house off Park Avenue. In his chauffeur-driven Rolls

In those days the publishers used to say, "Pay 'em off in bylines." This was to remind us we were artists, like Rudyard Kipling, and to keep the tum-tum

The baseball owners pay their oafs off by calling them heroes, except at contract time. If they get away with it better than some publishers did, it can only be argued that us artists aren't as impressionable as them

What the players think of Mr. Friend's views I do not know. They remind me of that immortal phrase which made the British Navy great, "Bang-off, Jack, I'm in the dinghy.

West Falls **ToFalcons** In Opener

Pioneer League cross country favorite Aviation had its hands full on Friday before knocking off upstart West High in the

off upstart west high in the initial circuit meeting of the year for both squads.

Aviation compiled 25 points compared to 30 for the second-year Warriors. (Low score wins in cross country).

Junior sensation Tom Juco

Junior sensation Tom Jurco finished first for West with an 8:58 time over the 1.8 mile course. Trailing for the Redskins were Dave Graham, 5th; Bob Clark, 6th; Ron Pettigrew, 8th; and Lou Bisou, 10th. West fared better in junior

West fared better in junior varsity competition, going away with a 22:36 victory. Dick Buchanan wound up second with a 9:48 clocking while John Smith, 3rd; Howard McVay, 4th; George Sharp, 5th; Bill Franz, 8th; and John Jones, 10th, contributed to the

Tom Johnston, Jim Evans and Tom Fraser finished third, fourth and fifth in the novice division for West but it was not enough as Aviation took a 24-

On Thursday, West will host fledgling Carson High in a non-league battle.

Top Cyclist To Defend Reputation

America's top motorcycle racer will lead a record field of more than 150 riders in an American Motorcycle Assn. sanctioned steeplechase program at Ascot Park tonight

Dick Mann will face virtually the same field he defeated

ly the same field he defeated two weeks ago at Ascot in the 50-lap TT national when he sewed up his first Grand National Championship with an insurmountable 114 points.

Racing, directed by J. C. Agajanian, will start at 8:15 and qualifying at 7. It will be the final night steeplechase of the year on the Gardena seventurn course.

Torrance's Bob Bailey will

Torrance's Bob Bailey will renew a grudge duel with na-tional amateur 50-lap record holder Eddie Multer in the 10lap amateur feature

Doug McNeil Earns Starting Grid Berth

Former Torrance athlete
Doug McNeil, 6-1, 230 pounds,
is currently a member of the
first string George Washington University football squad.
McNeil, a sophomore, h as
made the Colonial starting unit

as a tackle



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Ladies Prove Inhospitable, Win Tourney

Torrance proved a poor host in the recent Ladies Team Shuffleboard Tournament held in the city's Adult Center.
Garnering first place honors, the hosting Torrance Adult Club beat Bixby Park, Lincoln Park, Auditorium Park, Houghton Park, and Palisades Park of Santa Monica.
Clara Witner, Oro Donaldson, Edna Bummet, Mae Carey and Myrtle Turner comprised the winning team, Jim Daniel served as tournament manager, assisted by Jack Alcock and Claude Martin.
The tournament, the first of

The tournament, the first of its kind in California, was under the auspices of District 1 of the California State Shuffle-

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