

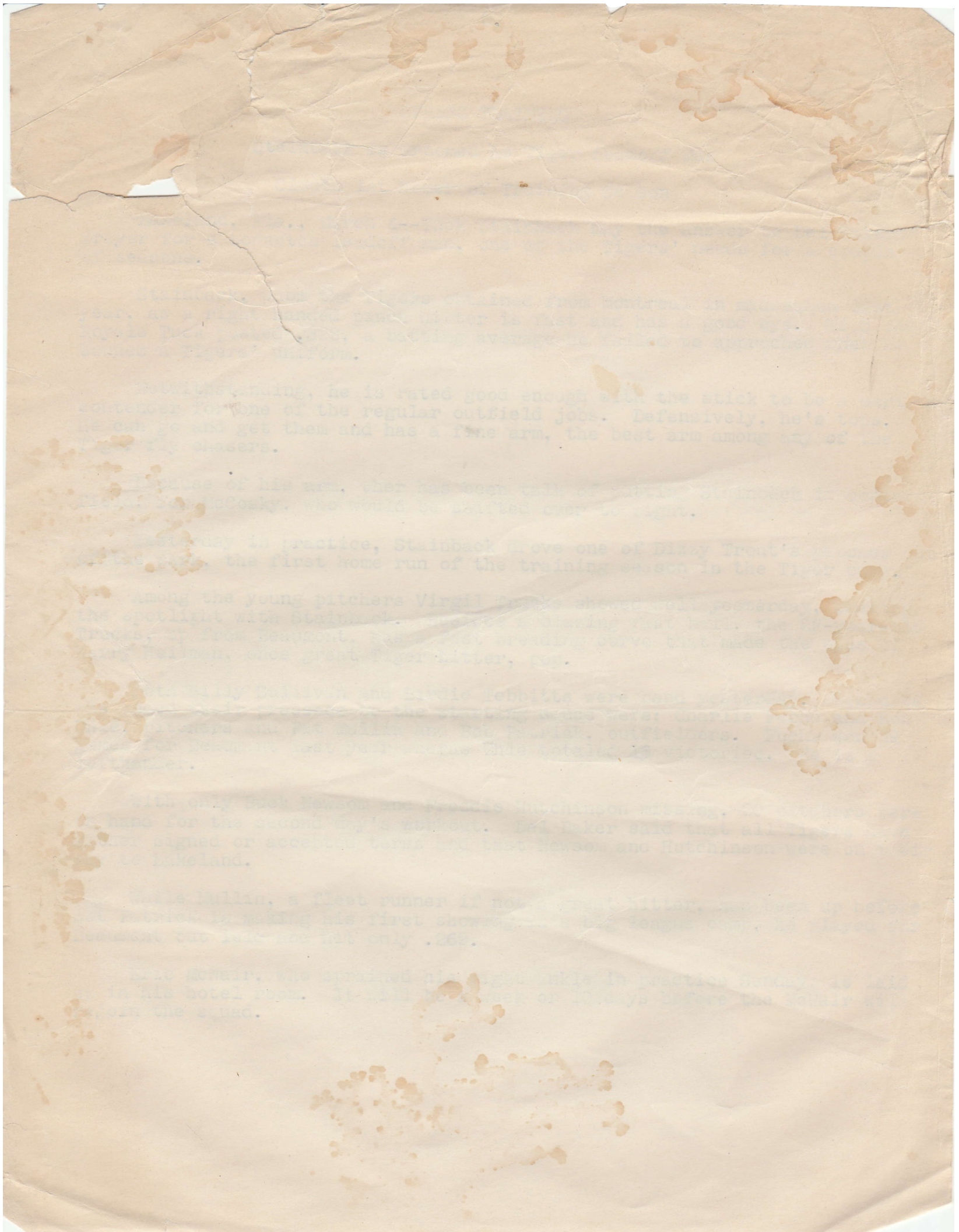
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It's all about enjoying a challenge and stretching oneself to the limits. It is absolutely essential that you develop mental toughness. Mentally tough people can think negatively without becoming discouraged. The issue is not failure but your reaction to it. Enjoy your work, your work is important. Go out with your guns loaded, if you miss, accept it. Your next shot is more important than your last mistake. Stop reacting to your failures and start developing the right mental attitude, "I Am a Winner!"

**Robert Royal Beauchemin  
(1923-2004)**







## SPRING TRAINING

## Stainback Is Groomed As Tiger Leadoff Man

## Clouts 1st Homer of Training Season

Lakeland, Fla., March 4--Tuck Stainback may be the answer to Del Baker's prayer for a topnotch leadoff man, one of the Tigers' needs for a couple of seasons.

Stainback, whom the Tigers obtained from Montreal in midseason last year, as a right handed pinch hitter is fast and has a good eye. With the Royals Tuck posted .328, a batting average he failed to approach when he donned a Tigers' uniform.

Notwithstanding, he is rated good enough with the stick to be a serious contender for one of the regular outfield jobs. Defensively, he's tops. He can go and get them and has a fine arm, the best arm among any of the Tiger fly chasers.

Because of his arm, there has been talk of putting Stainback in center field, for McCosky, who would be shifted over to right.

Yesterday in practice, Stainback drove one of Dizzy Trout's pitches out off the park, the first home run of the training season in the Tiger camp.

Among the young pitchers Virgil Trucks showed well yesterday, sharing the spotlight with Stainback. Besides a blazing fast ball, the 22-year-old Trucks, up from Beaumont, has a fast breaking curve that made the eyes of Harry Heilmann, once great Tiger hitter, pop.

Both Billy Sullivan and Birdie Tebbitts were hand yesterday. Recruits who added their presence to the starting squad were: Charlie Fuchs and Bob Uhle, pitchers and Pat Mullin and Bob Patrick, outfielders. Fuchs won 19 games for Beaumont last year whereas Uhle totaled 16 victories. He is a lefthander.

With only Buck Newsom and Freddie Hutchinson missing, 20 pitchers were on hand for the second day's workout. Del Baker said that all Tigers have either signed or accepted terms and that Newsom and Hutchinson were on their way to Lakeland.

While Mullin, a fleet runner if not a great hitter, has been up before but Patrick is making his first showing in a big league camp, he played for Beaumont out field and hit only .269.

Eric McNair, who sprained his right ankle in practice Sunday, is laid up in his hotel room. It will be a week or 10 days before the McNair will rejoin the squad.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Eyes On Franklin

Young Third Sacker Up From Beaumont Impresses;

May Stick As Higgins' Understudy

Lakeland, Fla., March 5--Murray Franklin has caught the fancy of the rail birds looking at the Tigers at their Spring Training workouts. A hustler the agile young recruit from Beaumont is showing more than ordinary talent around third base.

An all-around infielder, Franklin indicates that he will be a serious contender for a job with the Tigers as a reserve for infield labor. He hails from the University of Illinois where he played shortstop at the time Lou Boudreau held the hot corner job for that college nine. When Murray got around to play professional ball they made a shortstop out of him.

Born in Chicago, on April 1 he will be 25 years old. Standing 6 feet and weighing about 175 pounds, he has an ideal build for a ball player. He hit .290 at Beaumont last year, pretty good slugging for an infielder, even in the minor league.

With Franklin at third as a possible understudy for Pinky Higgins and Dutch Meyer stooging for Charley Gehringer, it would appear that Eric McNair and Frank Croucher will be candidates for Dick Bartell's job. Incidentally, McNair, who sprained his ankle Sunday, is on his feet but will not be able to don a uniform for 10 days or more.

The Tigers also have Boyd Perry, a swell defensive player with a rifle peg but weak at bat. But, no weaker than Bartell and McNair perhaps.

While Meyer may never attain the grace of Gehringer around second base not many, if any will--the Fort Worth boy, whom the Tigers picked up from Knoxville in a pinch late last season, looks like he can hit. He blasted a homer over the wall yesterday, a feat which was matched the same afternoon by Birdie Tebbetts.

But the eyes of the biggest crowd of the week were shifted from the recruits to the Worlds Series hero, one Louis Bo-Bo Newsom, who made his two day late appearance with all the majesty his 219 pounds could command.

First, Newsom announced that he would slice 10 pounds of his grand total of 219.

"That will be easy," Newsom explained. "I took off 20 last Spring and won 21 games. If I hadn't broken my thumb I probably would have won 28. I hope to win more than 20 games this season."

If Newsom exceeds the magic 20 figure, he will accomplish the notable feat of winning 20 or more games four seasons in a row.

Secondly, Newsom announced that the Tigers would win the pennant again this year.

"I mean that," Newsom insisted. "Where do they get that stuff about the Tigers?"



the Indians or Yanks winning. The Yanks were last in hitting last year. Are they all of a sudden going to come back to slugging out a pennant? Bo-Bo isn't betting that a-way."

"And is Gee Walker going to win the pennant for Cleveland? Now I ask you? I like Gee--he's a great kid--a friend of mine. But Bo-Bo doesn't think he's going to win a flag for the Indians. Otherwise it's the same ball club we whipped last year. And, did we whip 'em. Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy."

Thirdly, Newsom announced that the World Series of last fall is over.

"We didn't win it," recalls Newsom, "and that's that. But we can win it."



## SPRING TRAINING

## 'Hutch' Gets Last Chance

Lakeland, Fla., March 6--Freddie Hutchinson is facing the acid test this year. It's do or die with the Tigers for the high priced recruit purchased from Seattle two years ago.

The Tigers either must keep Hutchinson this year or the waiver clause will go into effect. Under Judge Landis' recent ruling, the Tigers cannot farm out without asking for waivers.

Bought from the Pacific Coast League team for \$50,000 and players--including Jo-Jo White, Ed Selway and George Archie--Hutchinson two years ago was farmed out to Toledo. Last season he was sent to Buffalo. Under the old rules, a player could be sent out three times. But this privilege is now denied the clubs.

Young Hutchinson--he is only 21 now--arrived in camp yesterday determined to make the best of his opportunity. He wants very much to stay with the Tigers and the Tigers want very much for the likeable Seattle boy to do so. There isn't a more popular player in camp.

While Hutchinson hasn't revealed any of the talent that made him a sensation on the West Coast, Del Baker still clings to the belief that the boy is of big league caliber. For that reason, the Tiger manager refrained from acting hastily in Hutchinson's case.

Again, no manager or club likes to let a prospect go to some other club and become a hero.

Though in the age classification, single and no dependents, Hutchinson revealed he has a high number and does not expect to be drafted for military service till next Winter. His draft board is in Seattle. He flew to Lakeland, changing planes at Chicago.

With Hutchinson's appearance here, all 20 of the Tigers' pitchers are in camp. Only seven players are yet to come and they are not due until Sunday--Hank Greenberg, Barney McCosky, Bruce Cambell, Dixie Parsons, Charley Gehringer, Dick Bartell and Pinky Higgins.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Only 4 Tigers Yet to Report

Lakeland, Fla., March 8--With the arrival of Dick Bartell and Barney McCosky, who were here prepared to work out today, only four Tigers were missing from the full squad which is due in camp by Sunday.

Those who are to come were Hank Greenberg, Dixie Parsons, Bruce Campbell and Pinky Higgins. All but Parsons were expected to be in camp tomorrow. Parsons suffered an injured finger at work for an oil company in Beaumont recently which has delayed his arrival.

Bartell came from his home, Alamada, Cal., whereas McCosky drove in from Fort Lauderdale, where the Detroit boy has been visiting for a few days. Both players reported themselves as being in "tip top shape" and ready for action.

Bartell faces a fight with Eric McNair for the shortstop job. Del Baker has indicated, whereas there has been some talk that McCosky might be to right field, being replaced in center by Tuck Stainback.

Paul "Diz" Trout today was convinced that his new overhand delivery will make of him a better pitcher. Yesterday Diz let loose the new twist with highly successful results.

"Trout was a lot faster than I ever saw him," Billy Sullivan testified, "really, I'm telling you he had it, and control too."

Trout explains that he now takes a full overhanded delivery instead of what previously was a cross between a side arm and an overhand throw.

"A golf pro in Detroit suggested the change in my delivery," Trout revealed. "I take a full overhand throw now with just a little bit of a cock in the arm."

With the new pitching delivery, Trout is also banking heavily on a pair of glasses which he inserts in the eye which is over the eye ball. They give him perfect vision and at the same time do not cloud up with perspiration as do other glasses. Last year Trout wore a band across his forehead which absorbed sweat, but Jimmy Dykes forced him to remove the contraption by appealing to the umpires that the band was not necessary playing equipment.

Charley Gehringer and Rudy York worked out Friday for the first time. Gehringer reported at the park in a wheel chair pushed by Bo-Bo Newsom and Schoolboy Rowe. But it was just a gag concocted by Charley's teammates for ghoulish newspaper photographers.

As a matter fact, Gehringer reported that he was in much better shape than at this time last year. A year ago he reported in with a lame back.

After one day's practice he had to give up and at one time seriously threatened to abandon baseball.

On his arrival here, Gehringer reported that he had planned to take baths at Hot Springs and was actually on his way to Arkansas resort but it was so cold that when he reached East Memphis, Mo., he turned southwest



to Lakeland.

Husky York celebrated his first day in uniform by slamming one of Al Benton's pitches over the fence for a home run.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Baker Calls Tigers Good; Shuns Claims

## Hank's Draft Woes Biggest 'If' Problem of Pennant Hopes

Lakeland, Fla., March 8--With all hands due in camp, the Tigers were to plunge into intensive training here Sunday; a steady grind of practice and exhibition games that will continue until the American League Champions open their 1941 regular season schedule against the Browns in St. Louis, April 15.

With one week of training, in which he got a pretty good look at the recruits, Del Baker expressed himself pleased with the prospects of rebuilding the Tigers into another formidable outfit.

Baker never makes extravagant claims. In fact, the Tiger manager is very much on the conservative side. But, he confides, that the Tigers "look pretty good for another season."

Baker didn't claim a pennant last year, nor is he claiming one this year.

But we should do pretty good, barring unforeseen accidents," the manager of the champions predicted.

The Tigers like other clubs, have ifs, but they have what looms as a bigger if than most clubs. That is--if Hank Greenberg, is an early draftee, which currently appears to be. The loss of Greenberg, even for only part of the season, will hurt. Baker, least of all, will claim that the big slugger's absence will not hurt.

Just who will fill Greenberg's shoes when he does go, at the moment is highly speculative. While it is a lot to expect of a boy fresh off a college campus, there seems to be a feeling among observers here that Hoot Evers will make the grade this year. Evers has shown that he can hit, which is the principal thing.

In Pat Mullin and Bob Patrick, the Tigers have a pair of nifty looking fly chasers, but whether they can hit big league pitching is questionable.

Mullin is fast and just about as good a fielder as a manager would want. He was with Buffalo last year, where he hit .271. At Beaumont Patrick was able to fashion a mark of only .269. But, Al Vincent, who was his manager at Beaumont last season, insists that Bob is a better batter than that.

"Besides," Vincent declared, "Patrick can go a long way into the outfield for a fly."

Ned Harris is probably the best hitter of the recruits but the master minds are afraid his arm is not strong enough for the big leagues. However Harris' arm seems better this Spring than last, when he first appeared in Tiger camp. Ned posted a .312 average with Beaumont last year.

The Tigers can of course always put a good outfield out on the field, even though none of the rookies makes good. When Greenberg goes, they still have Tuck Stainback, Barney McCosky and Bruce Campbell.



Among the young pitchers, Harold Manders, Hal White and Virgil Trucks, showed well thus far. There are 20 pitchers, in camp from which Baker feels he will be able to muster 10 or 11 worthy of taking North when the club breaks camp.

With a pair of stars in Birdie Tebbetts and Billy Sullivan, the Tiger manager is not worrying about his catching staff. Eric McNair, who suffered a sprained ankle in the Tigers first workout, is limping around and expects to get in harness in another week. He will make a bid for the shortstop, which is now held by Dick Bartell.

With Charley Gehringer better physically than he was at this time last year, the infield prospects are not as dismal as some folks would have you believe. Dutch Meyer looks like a suitable replacement which will give Gehringer the necessary rest when needed. Besides playing a better than average second base, Meyer clubs the ball pretty good. Murray Franklin, up from Beaumont, has been working out at third base. Franklin is from U. of I where he played shortstop along side Lou Boudreau, who played third base in his college days.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Greenberg Will Sign Up for \$40,000

Lakeland, Fla., March 10--Hank Greenberg will sign a Tiger contract for 1941 for a salary that will approximate \$40,000, making the big outfielder the highest salaried player in baseball and highest of all time, excepting Babe Ruth and the Bambino's \$80,000 stipend with the Yankess one season.

The Greenberg signing will take place here this week with the arrival of Walter O. Briggs, owner of the Tigers, from his Winter home in Miami Beach.

Beyond admitting that "terms had been agreed upon and all satisfactory, Greenberg would reveal no more than that he had a good time in Hawaii."

The \$40,000 Greenberg salary figure was arrived at with the aid of a Washington budget clerk, the size of Hitler's hat and the and the price of an egg in France. No assistance was obtained from the Gestapo.

At \$40,000, or any improvement on \$35,000, Greenberg will be paid more salary than Joe DiMaggio who settled with the Yankees recently for \$35,000. Buck Newsom, at a salary which approaches the DiMaggio sum, tops the pitcher with Bob Feller is reported as runnerup in a photo-finish. Jimmy Foxx of the Red Sox will be paid \$25,000 or more.

As for the draft, Greenberg expects to be called this summer but says he has no idea when Uncle Sam will make the call. An early call will, of course, cut deeply into his salary. The Tigers will not have to pay salary for the time a player is in service.

"I have received no official word from my draft board in Detroit," Greenberg declared, "but am looking for a call for a physical examination. All I know is what I have read in the newspapers."

Tanned to a crisp by a warm Hawaiian sun, Greenberg ooked to be in perfect health when he arrived at the Lakeland ball park Sunday, last of the squad of 40 Tigers to report for Spring training. As he came through the gate he was greeted by Tom Seats and Clay Smith.

"I feel great," Greenberg acknowledged the greetings, "that Hawaii is the spot."

"How's the surf boat riding?" he was asked by Tuck Stainback, who visited the islands some years ago.

"Say, that's hard work, Tucker," Hank replied.

Greenberg smothered a couple of fly balls but was in no official batting practice. He ran around Lakeland's big ball field twice.

"I'm a couple of pounds over," Greenberg explained when asked about his weight.

Hank's normal weight is about 210 pounds.

Besides Greenberg, other arrivals in camp yesterday were Frank (Pinky) Higgins and Frankie Croucher. Higgins arrived all smiles over being papa



of a five-weeks'-old girl. Both players came from their homes in Texas, Pinky from Dallas and Frankie from Houston.

For the first time this Spring the Tigers worked out in two squads, morning and afternoon shifts. Baker announced that this program would continue until Wednesday, when intra club scrub games will be inaugurated. The Tigers and Indians will open the exhibition games here Saturday.

Besides Greenberg's arrival, the highlight of yesterday's drills was Eric McNair's performance. In McNair's first workout since he sprained his ankle, the week before, the new Tiger infielder popped two home runs over the fence.

Rudy York, who on Saturday with the aid of a strong wind drove five homers over the wall, continued his long distance shacking yesterday with four more over the same palings. And, yesterday's homers were made without the aid of wind.

Birdie Tebbetts poled two more to increase the Tigers catcher's daily fence whacking.



## SPRING TRAINING

## White to Hurl In Camp Game

## Fuchs Also Among Recruit Pitchers Who'll Work

Lakeland, Fla., March 11--Hal White and Cahrley Fuchs will be among recruit pitchers who will see action in the first intra-club practice game to be played in the Tiger camp here tomorrow. There also will be a scrub game Thursday.

With the Cleveland Indians furnishing the opposition, the Tigers here Saturday will open their Spring training exhibition schedule.

White is the 22-year-old righthander who won 17 games and lost only 4 while with Buffalo last year. By big league scouts, White was rated the best flinger in the International League in 1940.

"White should have lost just one game," Steve O'Neill said. "Three of four defeats charged to Hal were not his fault."

O'Neill, manager at Buffalo last season and now Tiger coach, is high on young White and predicts a rosy future for the lad in the big leagues. White's earned run average of 2.43 last season made his win-and-lose record the more impressive.

Thus far, White has looked good here and railbirds believe he has a good chance to stick.

Fuchs, 24 years old, is another right-hander. He came up from Beaumont where he won 19 and lost 13 last season. Fuchs is a native of Union City, N.J., played semipro baseball in New York City and then signed with the South Boston, Va., team. With Oklahoma City, before going to Beaumont, Fuchs pitched no hits games against Houston and San Antonio. Fuchs, like White, is under 6 feet tall, but compact and durable.

Today was set aside for the news reels to take pictures, an important feature of big league club's intensive training down here in thses modern days. Alex Okray, the clubhouse boy, put in extra hair brushes, tonic and grease, to make the boys look pretty.

Pat Mullin, who has had his grip and stance streamlined, looked good at bat yesterday. His best effort was a slap against the right field wall, 430 feet from home plate.

Midnful of their success in making Barney McCosky a sar at bat with a few changes, Del Baker and aides-de-camp figure Baker and they can do the same with Pat.

But while the change is being made in Mullen, young Hoot Evers, the kid from the U. of I. continues to poke out a mean ball and may figure in competition for the Tiger outfield job that will be left open when and if Hank Greenberg goes to an army camp. Other candidates are Ned Harris and Bob Patrick.



## SPRING TRAINING

Tigers Now Wondering When Hank Gets Call

Passes Physical Tests But Has Flat Feet;

It's Up to Board Here

Lakeland, Fla., March 12--When will Hank Greenberg be called for military service?

The question today gripped the Tigers, most of all Greenberg, who yesterday was found physically fit for duty in Uncle Sam's new draft army.

"That's that," Greenberg declared cryptically. "I guess all I can do now is wait and see what happens."

Will the call come in May, or June, or later?

The answer will come from Greenberg's draft board in Detroit. At the board in Detroit. At the board's request the examination was conducted here yesterday by Dr. Grover C. Freeman, who will report his findings to the Detroit body.

The examination revealed that Greenberg has "second degree" flat feet, which, it was explained, is no cause for rejection. But, were useless in exercise, and still, because of flat feet, be unfit for hikes of 20 miles or more in the army.

While it was learned that Greenberg wears arch supporters in his dress shoes, the Tiger slugger made no complaint to the examining physician except to admit that his feet sometimes got a little tired after long walks.

As far as is known, Greenberg invited no guests to the examination. If so, they didn't show up. In fact, the affair was as secret as Greenberg could make it. Or else, he thought little of the affair as a show. Just why the secrecy mystified newspapermen and Tigers. There was a hot exchange of words between Greenberg and a Lakeland scribe but it is hardly worth mentioning.

"Too much publicity with that draft board in Detroit, probably," a Tiger teammate suggested. "Sort of a war of nerves."

While they appreciate that Greenberg's physical okay brings the close to an army camp slugger, of course, be a blow to the team's 1941 chances. Baker and the other Tigers take his expected departure philosophically. They take the view that while it would be nicer if Hank could do his training in the off-season in the army and that their mate would be with them. But there is no off season in the army, and he is no different than millions of other young men who are on their way to camp.

The possibility that the Tigers also would lose Barneu McCosky in the draft appears to have lessened with the revelation that an older brother is already in the service, leaving the young Giger the sole support of his folks.



Freddie Hutchinson, who has a high number in Seattle, does not expect to be called until next Winter. Birdie Tebbetts, another of the outstanding Tigers single and not married, supports his widowed mother.

Hal White, promising young pitcher up from Buffalo, whom it was thought would be on his way to an army camp in April, is married and was placed in 3-A classification by his draft board in Utica, N. Y.

At any rate, Greenberg was included in the lineup of Merv Shea's Shamrocks who were scheduled to play Bing Miller's Shennanigans in a six-inning scrub game here today.



## SPRING TRAINING

Hewhouser, Hutchinson To Make Spring Debuts

Seek Revenge for 6-4 Defeat by Miller's Team

Lakeland, Fla., March 13.-Harold Newhouser and Freddie Hutchinson were scheduled to make their 1941 Spring camp debuts today, pitching for Merv Shea's Shamrocks against the Bing Miller Shenanigans.

Bob Uhle and Les Mueller, recruits, were to fling for the Shenanigans, or Muggs as they are disrespectfully known in the Shea camp.

The Sheas were to seek revenge for the 6-4 defeat at the hands of the Muggs yesterday in the intra-club contests. The Sheas were beaten despite a home run by Hank Greenberg, who lifted a first pitch off Hal Manders and exploded it off Hal Manders and it was a 4000feet on the outside of the park, accounting for three tallies.

While Greenberg's mighty poke was the most spectacular event in the game Del Baker the most pleasing performance was that of Hal White, who in three innings allow no hits or runs. He accomplished the trick despite a raging headache due to sinus trouble.

Earl Cook replaced White, but did not fare as well as his former teammate at Buffalo. Trailing, 4 to 1, the Shenanigans in the sixth ining bunched six hits for five runs and victory off Cook.

Hal Manders and Virgil Trucks did the chucking for the Shenanigans. Though a trifle wild, Trucks showed will in four inings he was on the hill.

Charley Gehringer, who rested Wednesday, was expected to worm his way into one of the lineups today. Eric McNair is still limping around with a sprained ankle. He tried out the foot too soon, slowing up recovery.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Pinch-Hit Prospect

## Tiger Master Minds Ponder Keeping Ned Harris

## After His Long Homer in Camp Game

Lakeland, Fla., March 14--Robert Ned Harris, young left handed slugger from Beaumont who pooled the longest of five home runs jam-packed into a seven-inning Tiger scrub game here yesterday, is being seriously considered as a pinch hitter of the Detroit club that will campaign this Summer in defense of its American League Championship honors.

The reason is that Harris is a left-handed hitter who can hit.

With Barney McCosky the only regular Tiger outfielder who hits left handed, the Tiger master minds are thinking it might be well to have a gent like Harris around. Of course, the M. M.'s are not forgetting that Bully Sullivan is a right smart southpaw swinger available when Birdie Tebbetts is catching.

Were it not for an uncertain arm, Harris might ell be considered for regular outfield duty. Besides hitting, Ned can turn in a nice bit of fielding. His arm, which he injured in college, is improving. It is better than it was here last Spring, in fact with Beaumont last year, he totaled a sizable list of assists.

To say that Harris' homer was the longest of the five and only one that did not clear the fence sounds like a bit of a paradox. Here's how it happened--the Lakeland right field fence is more that 400 feet from home pate. At the point where Harris hit a bounce is exactly 429 feet. All the homers cleared the palings under the 400-foot markd.

The mighty Harris' four-base swat came off Freddie Hutchinson, as did three others--by Bob Patrick, Dutch Meyer and Dick Bartell. Rudy York also smacked a homer out of the park, but the big first baseman's blow came off Bob Uhle, a southpaw.

"Nice hitting," Uhle said to York between innings.

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"Say that guys all right," chuckled York in reporting Uhels's praise.

With the aid of four of the afternoon's four-ply blows, Bing Miller's Shenanigans licked Merv Shea's Shamrocks, 8-5, their second strainght victory in the camp contests. Harold Newhouser stated on the mound for the Shamrocks and his performance was no better than Hutch's.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Tigers Awaiting Ruling On Hank

Report Holding Star's Feet Unfit for  
General Military Duty on Way Here

Lakeland, Fla., March 15--While Hank Greenberg goes about the business of training for another baseball season seemingly unconcerned about his future, the big Tigers' Star draft status has his teammates here buzzing.

Will Greenberg be called into service and if so when, the Tigers are asking each other.

In the meantime, on the way to Detroit is the report of Dr. Grover C. Freeman, draft board examining physician in Lakeland, who declared Greenberg, because of flat feet, unfit for general military duty, and a fact that may or may not put the player, in B-2, deferred classification. As a result Greenberg is not likely to be called this Summer, perhaps never.

Doctor Freeman reports that Greenberg has "bilateral pes planus (flat feet) of a marked degree, considerable deformity and definite weakness."

At the examination it was revealed that Greenberg wears arch supporters in his dress shoes. Also, Hank was known to have flat feet as a boy in New Yorks, Bronx, according to a high school teacher, as reported in the National Weekly recently in an article on the Tiger Star.

The doctor's report more specifically declares that Greenberg on duty approximately two hours each day and working on soft terrain is able to play baseball with little inconvenience, but he has flat feet of such degree as to constitute a major physical defect.

"He is not physically able to withstand the arduous duties of army life and will not be able to execute marching orders carrying the regulation pack. Says the doctor."

Other than ailing feet, Greenberg is physically fit. Towering 6 feet 4 inches and weighing about 220 pounds, the slugging outfielder is the biggest man in the Tiger squad. Schoolboy Rowe and Al Benton are as tall but do not weigh as much as Hank.

Whether or not he plays a full season it is reported that Greenberg will receive from Walter O. Briggs, owner of the Tigers, his full salary, which is reported to be somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

"You'll have to ask Mr. Briggs," Greenberg replied smiling, when asked the amount of his salary with the Tigers.

From Miami Beach, where he is quartered in his winter home, Mr. Briggs gave out the following statement:

"The status of Hank Greenberg's contractual relations with the Detroit Baseball Company, are the same basis as those given out regarding every ball-player with the club. That is, they are confidential matters between the player and the club. There is no further information to be given.

With but two exceptions, the Tigers' starting lineup against the Cleve-



land Indians in an exhibition game here today was to be the same at that which battled their way to the American League championship last year.

The batting order: Bartell ss; Harris rf; McCosky, cf; Greenberg lf; York, lb; Gehrig, 2b; Franklin, 3b; Sullivan or Tebbitts, c; Benton, p.

Pinky Higgins is laid up temporarily with a pulled leg muscle.

Bud Thomas, Tom Seats and Hal White are to pitch for the Tigers against the Washington Senators in Orlando Sunday. The probable Sabbath Day lineup will be: Harris and Evers, cf; Patrick, lf; Mullin, rf; York, lb; Meyer, 2b; Croucher, ss; Tebbitts or Sullivan c; Thomas, p.



## SPRING TRAINING

Tigers on Rampage Crush Indians, McCosky Homers

Barney's Circuit Clout Drives 3 Runs

in as Detroit Wins First Tilt, 12-2

Lakeland, Fla., March 15--Batting three pitchers nard, the Tigers swarmed all over the Indians; 12 to 2, in an exhibition game here today.

Barney McCosky contributed a home run to a grand total of 15 blows the Tigers gathered off Dewey Adkins, Al Smith and Jim Bagby.

Hank Greenberg batted out a single and a double in two official trips to the plate and Billy Sullivan a brace of singles.

Johnny Gorsica, in a threeinning stand, held the Indians to one hit and no runs. Dizzy Trout started the firing for the Tigers with Al Benton finishing.

Charley Gehringer and Dick Bartell were the fielding stars. With six errors, the Indians looked anything but like their fine American League fielding records show.

With three runs in the first inning as a started, the Tigers scored in every inning but the seventh and eighth. McCosky's four-ply blow brought hhme the initial trio of tallies.

A single by Greenberg added two more in the second and from then on it was a cakewalk.

Gee Walker, former Tiger, batted home one of the Cleveland markers and Clarence Campbell the other. The two Indians gathered three of their teams five hits. Hal Trosky and Ray Mack got one each for the others.

The Tigers wasted little time getting out in front. After Bartell, leading off in the first, walked, Ned Harris shot a single to right, and then McCosky cleared the bases with a home run against the right field fence.

After that the game developed into a breeze for the Tiges as they found the Indians' pitchers to thier liking.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Newsom Likely To Hurl Opener Against Browns

## Rookies Get Their Chances to Play Later in Season

Lakeland, Fla., March 15--With no less than six or seven of them in the lineup in one time or another, Tiger recruits will get a chance to show their wares in an exhibition game against the Washington Senators in Orlando Sunday.

The game is first of seven which the two teams will play against each other prior to the start of the regular American League season. Four of the Tiger recruits will see action in the outfield--Ned Harris, Hoot Evers, Pat Mullin and Bob Patrick.

In the infield will be Dutch Meyer at second base; Murray Franklin at third base; Frankie Croucher at shortstop; Rudy York at first base.

Bud Thomas, Tom Seats and Hal White will do the pitching. While Thomas and Seats are veterans, young White is making his first bid for a big league berth. White was bought from Buffalo, where last season he won 16 games and lost but 4.

While the Tigers are opening their Spring training season schedule of interclub games belated, Del Baker is not worrying. The Detroit manager feels that the two weeks the Tigers put in camp here thus far is as beneficial as games would be. In fact, the Tigers this Spring have gone in for fewer games than an other time. After breaking camp April 8, they will play only two games going North, both with Washington, one at Charlotte, N. C., and the other at Greenville, S. C.

With only a bare possibility of changes, the Tigers in St. Louis will open the season with the same lineup that started one year ago and then went on to win the league championship.

That lineup was: Tebbitts, c; Newsom, p; York, 1b; Gehringer, 2b; Higgins, 3b; Bartell ss; Greenberg, lf; McCosky, cf; Campbell, rf.

With only a bare possibility of Greenberg's future the Tigers may carry six or seven outfielders North, plucked from this assortment: Greenberg, McCosky, Campbell, Stainback, Evers, Mullin, Harris and Patrick. Among the new men, Harris is the best of the hitters with Mullin outstanding defensive.

Barney McCosky's home run off Dewey Adkins in the first inning was bounced against the right field wall, 400 feet from home plate.

Bob Feller did not accompany the Indians to Lakeland. He will pitch for Cleveland Sunday against the Phillies in Miami Beach.

Art Passarelli, new American league umpire working here today, came up from the Texas League. His home is in Los Angeles.

Bob Eveans, former Detroit announced, now associated with Jack Kearns, boxing promoter, was a press box visitor.

Gehringer, in the third, made a swell stop on Trosky, then Bartell, in the same inning, came up with a grand play on Walker.



## SPRING TRAINING

"I'll Stick As Long As My Legs Last"

Gehringier Quiets Rumors He'll Retire

Lakeland, Fla., March 15--Charley Gehringier has set no definite time for retiring from baseball.

If his legs hold out and the Tigers still want him, Gehringier will play 177 more games, for 17 more years.

"I'm on a year-to-year schedule," Gehringier explained wryly. "As long as I can keep going, I'll go--providing the Tigers keep me. When I don't feel like playing, I won't."

Did you mean it last Spring when you threatened to quite baseball, the great Gehringier was asked.

"Sure, I did," the Tiger second base star recalled, "and if I felt now as I did then I probably would quit now, after the season I put through."

Then you ailed a lot last season it was suggested.

"Plenty," was the reply.

And you are better now?

"Much Better" said Gehringier.

The question of Gehringier's possible retirement soon was prompted by rumors that the player wanted to confine his entire attention to business. He is in partnership with Ray Forsyth in a manufacturer's agency in Detroit.

When he played yesterday against Cleveland, it was Gehringier's first appearance in a Tiger game in Florida in two years. After reporting in camp a year ago, he aggravated a sacroliac ailment in his first practice and spent most of the training season in visits to the Doctors.

He remainee in Florida after the Tigers left and worked out with Buffalo returning to the Tigers in time to make his appearance in the opening game.

It was Del Baker's idea last season to play Gehringier sparingly but when the Tigers forced their way into the championship race the veteran continued at his post until finally he had to quit and a rush call brought Dutch Meyer from Knoxville. When Charley righted himself again he finished the season with the Tigers, his bat being prominent in winning the flag for Detroit.

He hit 313 playing in 130 games in 1940. In only two of his 17 years with the Tigers has Gehringier failed to hit more than .300. His best season was 1937, when he clubbed the ball for a mighty 371, led the league in hitting and won the league's most valuable award honors.

"Looks like you are stuck with that job," Rudy York, Gehringier's pal, remarked.

"Yeh, as hard to get rid of as it was to get," Gehringier laughed and



recalled the "tribulations and vicissitudes" of his early carrer.

"Ty Cobb didn't think I had enough oomph but he put me at second anyway," Gehringer recalled.

"That was because Frank O'Rourke has the measles. When Frank got rid of the measles I got bounced off second. I got my chance later when Marty McManus got spiked--and somehow hung on. I guess because Marty never really got over that spike."

At the Fowlerville (Michigan) high school Gehringer was a pitcher.

"I side-armed 'em from overhead," Gehringer recalled, "like a dive bomber. Newsom would like to have that old throw of mine. He hasn't got any funnier one now."

At U. of M. Gehringer thought he would like to play football. "Ray Fisher steered me off," Charley hardened back, "saved my life probably."



## SPRING TRAINING

## Harris, Mullin Prove Standouts

## Rookie Outfielders Do Well Despite Tiger Defeat

Lakeland, Fla., March 17.—Young Robert (Ned) Harris today had added more luster to his good showing in the Tigers' Spring training camp. With three hits, one of them a triple, it wasn't Harris' fault that the Tigers were beaten by the Washington Senators, 8 to 7, in Orlando yesterday.

Nor was it the fault of Pat Mullin, another outfielder who looks good among the Tiger recruits.

While he doesn't possess Harris' power at bat, Mullin is a hound in the outfield and on the bases has about the fastest tootsies in the Tiger ranks.

"Both Harris and Mullin have shown a big improvement over last year," the cautious Baker confessed.

Baker took the Orlando jaunt as an occasion to use a half dozen rookies, and even then the Tigers would not have lost were it not for the generosity of their pitchers.

Besides Harris and Mullin, recruits who saw action were Frankie Croucher, Dutch Meyer, Murray Franklin, Bob Patrick and Hal White. White, one of the pitchers, showed pretty well in the three innings he was on the hill.

Besides White, the Detroit flingers were Bud Thomas, who started; Tom Seats and Archie McKain. Jimmy Bloodworth in the ninth inning singled off McKain to score Sam West with the winning marker. The ancient West had doubled.

With three hits, two of them triples, Hank Greenberg accounted for three Detroit scores.

Sid Hudson, Washington's young mound ace, started for the Senators. A couple of walks paved the way for a run in the first inning, after which the youngster steadied and held the Tigers at bay in the next two frames.

But Ken Chase, left-hander who replaced Hudson, was not as effective as his predecessor. In three innings in which Ken hurled, the Tigers collected six hits and five runs. Arnold Anderson, a huge right-handed out of the Iowa cornstalks, finished in the box for the Senators and batted home the tying tally.

Buck Newsom, who injured his back in a fall in the Tiger clubhouse here Saturday, today was reported as recovered and anxious to take a fling at pitching.

Newsom sat in a box with Clark Griffith at Orlando Sunday.

"He's my buddy," Buck said of the veteran Griffith, for whom Bo-Bo use to pitch.

Incidentally, Griffith has about given up on George Archie, former Tiger whom the Senators drafted from Seattle with high hopes that they were picking



up a first baseman who would star for Wsshington this year. Archie hasn't been hitting down here.

Patsy O'Toole was present at Orlando and you can believe this or not--the celebrated Tiger rooter was the quietest man at the game. Patsy came up from Miami. Patsy predicts the Giants will beat out the Phils for last place in he National League this year.

The last we saw of Patsy, the well-known Detroiter was sitting in a swanky automobile with a Virginia license. He was in the front seat--sandwiched between two opulent looking gentlemen. Patsy was doing all the talking.

The Tigers must have forgotten their B-1 vitamins yesterday.

United States soldiers from a bombing squadron near Orlando saw the game.

Ernie Stewart, one of the American League's new umpires, who worked yesterday, played baseball with University of Southern California.



## SPRING TRAINING

## Tiger Rookies To Tackle Redlegs

Lakeland, Fla., March 18--Del Baker was to see more of his recruit pitchers today in Tampa, where the Tigers were carded to battle the Cincinnati Reds in an exhibition game.

It was to be the first meeting of the Tigers and Reds since the stirring World Series in last Fall but Baker was more concerned over the possibilities of his new players than any new test of strength with the National League championships.

Three Tiger recruits were to pitch against Bill McKechnie's boys--Hal Manders, Virgil Trucks and Earl Cook. With Manders and Trucks up from Beaumont, Cook is a graduate of the Buffalo club.

With Charley Gehringer and Dick Bartell left in Lakeland, the Tiger manager also planned to use second string infielders. He wants to give the kid ever chance he can. He knows what the veterans can do--so Dutch Meyer was to be at second and Frankie Croucher or Boyd Perry at shortstop.

But while Baker is concerning himself most with the rookies these days, he must have gotten considerable of a bang out of the batting performances of Rudy York yesterday. With three homers that accounted for five runs., York almost single handedly won the game for the Tigers against the St. Louis Cardinals, 8 to 7, here in Lakeland.

All three of the homers were belted over the left field wall, high enough that a stilt walker on top of the fence couldn't catch them. York also bagged a single, giving the Tigers' bat demon four-for-four or a perfect average for the day as on one other occasion he walked.

York did not discriminate. The Cardinals used four pitchers and the Injun got one hit off each. He homered off Fiddler Bill McGee in the second inning to put the Tigers out in front. Then in the sixth he singled off Hal Vandenberg, a flinger the Cards obtained from the New York Giants via Jersey City this Spring. In the next inning the seventh--Rudy plucked his second four-ply blow off a chap called Newell Kimball, whom Branch Rickey got from the Dodgers via Montreal. At this juncture there were two runners on base and York's whack tied the count.

Then in the ninth, with one out, came York's third marathon drive--off Sam Nahem, a Brooklyn lawyer who would sooner pitch baseball.

Enos Slaughter fashioned a home run for the Cardinals. It was made inside the park off Les Mueller, a hit that would have been a triple except for Barney McCosky, who played hide and seek with the ball after he bounced off the fence.

Bob Uhle was treated even more shabbily by his teammates. Charley Fuchs, who finished for the Tigers, was wild but managed to get by without too much damage.

Hank Greenberg struck out twice.