



QUESTION:

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THE NATIONAL PENNANT?



COYNE

JOHN P. COYNE, BTJ, B-DIV.-I think Milwaukee will win the National League pennant because they are an all round better ball club. With Matthews, Aaron and Ascock supplying the hitting and pitchers like Buhl and Spahn at their peak, the Braves are a sure bet to clinch top honors.



FLEMING

BILL T. FLEMING, MW2, W-DIV.-I pick the Cincinnati Reds to win the National League pennant. No other team can boast such home run sluggers as the quartet of Kluszewski, Robinson, Post and Bell.



HOWELL

D. A. HOWELL, MMC, A-DIV.-Milwaukee is my choice for pennant honors. Their pitching is deep in strength, with mound aces Bob Buhl, Warren Spahn and Gene Conley.



NASH

HAROLD D. NASH, FN, W-DIV.-I believe the Brooklyn Dodgers will win the National League pennant because they are by far the better team. They have the best hitters in the league, men like Snider, Hodges, Campanella and an excellent pitching staff.



Cincinnati Darkhorse In NL; Sight 1st Pennant In 16 Years

By Bob Hyslop

The big question now-a-days is, can the Cincinnati Reds, the "Cinderella Team" of the National League, keep defying the baseball experts as they have all season and go on to win the pennant? Can they continue their tremendous home run pace and break the team home run record set by the New York Giants in 1947? These and many more questions are puzzling baseball's sports writers as the grueling National League pennant race nears its final days.

The country's top baseball writers and managers, who overlooked Cincinnati as a first division ball club in pre-season forecasts, are now expressing their slants that the Redlegs could emerge with their first flag in 16 years.

Not since 1940, when Cincinnati was World Champions, have they seriously threatened as a pennant contender. Much credit, of course, is directed to Cincinnati's fiery little manager, Birdie Tebbetts. The scrappy pilot, whose club finished in the second division behind Philadelphia last season, has kept his team in pennant contention since opening day.

Tebbetts' gentle guidance and knack of handling players, like slugging rookie outfielder Frank Robinson, and veterans Ted Kluszewski, Wally Post, Gus Bell and others has been the keynote in Cincinnati's present position in the league standings. He has also contributed largely to the fine showing of pitchers Hershel Freeman, Joe Nuxhall and sophomore sensation Brook Lawrence, who is just a few games shy of being a 20 game winner.

Home runs have been the Club's most productive attack this season, with four outstanding long ball hitters. Leading the team and also the circuit in homers is Frank Robinson with 38 and Kluszewski with 35, while

team mates Post and Bell are endsnatering the 30 mark.

Kluszewski, who won the home run title in 1954 with 49, will have rough competition from team mate Robinson, who already has tied the freshman home run record set by the Boston Braves' Wally Berger over 25 years ago. (At the time of this printing, Robinson had 38 home runs).

The sensational young rookie is the surprise find of the season for the Redlegs, and a valuable one. His clutch hitting has won many games for manager Birdie Tebbetts, and could prove to be the factor in Cincinnati's uphill battle for a long awaited pennant winning team.

CWO Wins All-Navy Rifle Title

Dan Neck, Va. (AFPS)—A Navy warrant officer from the Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, Tex., topped a field of 29 in the individual firing of the 1956 All-Navy rifle championships at Fleet Air Defense Center here.

CWO Jack Kanavel, competing in his first All-Navy tournament, fired a 465 out of a possible 500 score to garner top honors. Runner-up to Kanavel with a 362 score was Chief Petty Officer Donald McCoy of the San Diego NTC, Calif.