

# Coppola Earns Steady Job as Starter

## NAT ROOK'S SPEED SHUTS OUT BOSOX

Hurler Justifies Judgment Griffith, Harris Reveal in His Retention.

BY FRANCIS E. STAN.  
YOUNG Henry Coppola has yet to prove himself a Cy Blanton or a Johnny Whitehead, of course, but the 20-year-old pitching hero of the Nationals today had proved at least two points to the general satisfaction of Capital fandom. Stop us if you knew them all along, but they are:

1. That Clark Griffith still is the shrewdest judge of base ball flesh in the game.

2. That Bucky Harris is the runner-up. They mixed gambling instinct with rare judgment, did this Old Fox and his understudy, and fearlessly announced a couple of weeks ago that Monte Weaver, not young Coppola, was less essential to the Washington ball club. So they shipped Monte away when it was necessary to cut down the squad.

There were a few rumblings from the fans. After all, Weaver was experienced. And there was his 1932 record, which had made him the rookie slab sensation of the American League. Who was this Coppola?

Well, today he seems to be the answer to the Nationals' pitching prayer. On the strength of a five-hit, 3-to-0 shutout victory over Boston in his debut as a big league starter he has given his club new hope. And to quote Harris:

"He is a young fellow who is going to take a regular turn from now on."

### Ball Players Boost Henry.

ONE game does not make a season, not even such a game as the kid pitched yesterday. Coppola's curve needs polish. He still is a diamond in the rough. But he is no flash in the pan. Authority for this statement comes from the ball field—from men who play with and against the stocky little Italian, whose first name Griffith couldn't for the life of him remember when he sent him to Biloxi and told Harris to "keep an eye on that Coppola kid."

Griff and Bucky went far out on the limb for Henry, a strong-armed little fellow with a blinding fast ball. Last Fall, after the season was over, Griff had him shipped here from Albany via the Northeastern League. It looked as though Griffith was getting old when he personally worked out with Coppola in an empty stadium every other day from September to December. And then on week ends he sent Henry to Baltimore to pitch post-season semi-pro games.

But there was a method in Uncle Clark's apparent madness, although all he said to Harris when he turned over a batch of assorted mound hopefuls to his pilot at Biloxi was: "Keep an eye on Coppola."

## Glad Tidings

BOSTON.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Almada, cf.	4	0	2	0	0	0
Werber, 2b.	4	0	0	0	2	0
Johnson, lf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cronin, ss.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Reynolds, rf.	3	0	1	2	0	0
B. Ferrell, c.	4	0	1	0	1	0
Smith, 3b.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Walberg, p.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Dahlgren, lb.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Rhodes, p.	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hackette, p.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cooke	1	0	0	0	0	0
*Miller	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	5	24	9	2

\*Batted for Walberg in sixth. Batted for Rhodes in eighth.

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bluffer, ss.	4	0	0	0	4	0
Manush, lf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Myer, 2b.	3	1	1	2	3	0
Travis, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Powell, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Schule, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stone, lf.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kubel, lb.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Coppola, p.	3	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	3	2	10	0	0

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Runs batted in—Manush, Myer. Two-base hit—Manush. Slotted bases—Powell. Sacrifice—Walberg. Double play—Bluce to Myer to Kubel. Left on bases—Boston, 7; Washington, 4. First base on balls—Off Rhodes, 1; off Coppola, 3. Struck out—By Walberg, 1; by Rhodes, 1; by Coppola, 1. Off Walberg, 4 in 5 innings; off Rhodes, 1 in 3 innings; off Hackette 0 in 1 inning. Losing pitcher—Walberg. Umpires—Mears, McGowan, Quinn and Summers. Time of game—1:40.

## SEE STAKE THREAT IN COLD SHOULDER

Vanderbilt Horse Displays Real Speed in Preparation for Classic Belmont.

By the Associated Press.  
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT'S Cold Shoulder has only to equal his last workout and he'll be a mighty tough horse to handle in the sixty-seventh running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park Saturday.

The big colt, which has shown poor efforts in recent competition, turned in one of the most sensational workouts ever recorded on an American track.

With his full weight up, the Vanderbilt 3-year-old worked 1 1/4 miles, the distance of the Belmont, in 2:29 3/4. The track record of 2:25 1/4, was made by Man o' War. Handy Mandy holds the American mark of 2:28 3/4, made under 109 pounds at Latonia in 1927.

### WORKMAN GOING GREAT.

Jockey Sonny Workman, the C. V. Whitney rider, is going along in great form at present. He had two winning mounts yesterday when he piloted Pompeget and Triumphant to victory and then landed Pete Bostwick's Allen Z in the place position in the Belmont feature.

### OWENS LEADS BUCKEYES.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 7 (AP).—Jesse Owens, Ohio State's record-breaking athlete, has been elected to captain the 1936 Buckeye track team.

## Stars Yesterday

By the Associated Press.

## FANS AND PLAYERS APPEAL FOR PITTS

Diz Dean and Martin Among Those Who Urge He Be Given Chance.

By the Associated Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 7.—Edwin C. "Alabama" Pitts, banned from base ball because he wears the label "ex-convict," provided the sport with its latest cause celebre today as fans and players throughout the country rallied to his aid.

From Dizzy Dean down to the fan who pays his 50 cents for a seat high in the bleachers came protests over the barring of Pitts, Sing Sing prison's star athlete, from the International League.

Jimmy Wilson, manager of the Phillies' base ball club, commented he would be "glad to have Pitts on my ball club."

"What harm can Pitts do to base ball?" asked Assemblyman Arthur L. Swartz, chairman of the New York State Assembly Penal Institute's Committee.

### Send Wire to Bramham.

DIZZY DEAN and Pepper Martin, stars of the St. Louis Cardinals, wired an appeal to Judge W. C. Bramham—the man who closed base ball's doors to Pitts. They asked that he rescind his order.

The controversy started as Bramham, president of the National Association of Minor Professional Base Ball Leagues, emphatically put his foot down on plans of the Albany Senators of the International League to use the 24-year-old former prisoner in the outfield.

The least disturbed in the entire matter, however, was young Pitts, who was released from Sing Sing yesterday after serving five years for a New York City hold-up. He watched his first night base ball game at Syracuse last evening.

## SURVIVES BROKEN NECK

Noted British Steeplechaser Is Expected to Race Again.

LIVERPOOL (AP).—A "veterinary miracle" has been accomplished here with the recovery of Henri's Choice, a noted steeplechaser whose neck was broken in a fall at Aintree the day after the Grand National.

The horse was unconscious for 48 hours after the fall, then remained in a dazed condition for several days. It was not until the puzzled veterinarians had an X-ray examination made that they discovered his neck had been broken just back of the ears.

Previously such a break had been considered fatal, but there is a possibility Henri's Choice will be jumping again within a year or two.

### GOMEZ IS LEXICOGRAPHER.

NEW YORK (AP).—Vernon "Lefty

## Noted Rivals



Jack Lovelock (right), Londoner and former holder of the track at Palmer Stadium at Princeton, who will be one of 10 that will feature the invitation t

## City Tennis To Sure of Be

THAT there are more top-notch tennis players in Washington than ever before in the history of the game, seems to be the consensus of opinion on the part of the city's first major tournament of 1935.

With the City of Washington tournament scheduled to begin tomorrow at the Rock Creek courts, local fans are stirred by the knowledge that scores of capable players from out-of-town now are here as employees of the Government.

A last-minute rush to enroll in the tourney is expected at Bill Shreve Tennis Shop today before the deadline at 6 o'clock tonight and around 70 are expected to be paired for the matches which start at 2 o'clock