

GENE SUCCEEDS 'FITZ'; BLUES IN 1ST WORKOUT AT CITY PARK SUNDAY

By JERRY

Baseball comes into its own here tomorrow afternoon when the San Mateo Blues unofficially open the season with a series of tryouts and some kind of a game between the Regulars and the Yannigans at the city park.

Of the Regulars practically the entire team of last year will be present but as to the latter there is no telling just how many there will be.

From late reports it would appear a goodly number of the semi-pros in the Bay district will be present in an effort to tip up with the Blues, and from all that can be learned there will be some flashy players galloping about the inland outfield.

The players will start to assemble about one o'clock.

Plenty of Reputations

Some of the "tryouts" are coming with reputations a mile long. One in particular claims to have a batting average of .400 for four years in an East bay high school and after that had a batting average of the almost unbelievable figure of .400 while playing ball with the Williams club of the Northern California league.

Manager Burke desires to hold intact as much as possible of last year's team, but if some of the new talent fulfill the promises made by their sponsors he will of necessity be obliged to let some of the old hands find berths in other quarters.

Gene To Run Team

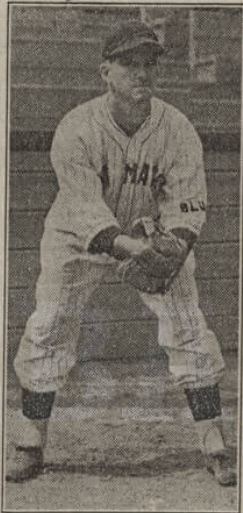
Justin Fitzgerald, who has so ably handled the team in the field during the past years has signed up with the Seattle club of the Coast League and will be among the missing this season.

His loss is deeply regretted by the management and unquestionably San Mateo fans will echo the regrets.

Manager Burke has prevailed upon Genial Gene Camozzi to take over the handling of the team while on the field. That means that Genial Gene will not only have to do his share of the chuching, but will have to divulge to his little playmates some of his baseball knowledge.

From where we sit it looks as though the right man had been put in the right spot and that Camozzi can impart a lot of baseball learning.

His Bat Sings



A brilliant fielder, but usually not so hot at bat, Dutch Anderson yesterday aided the Blues' cause with three blows, including a double and a triple, as they marched to a 15-6 triumph over the Sherry Liquors. Anderson also drove in three runs.

TWENTY FIRST STRAIGHT WIN FOR BLUES IS MADE IN DEFEAT OF RICHMOND

By JERRY

BEFORE a good sized crowd of San Mateo fans, among whom was a generous sprinkling from Burlingame, the San Mateo Blues took their twenty-first straight win yesterday afternoon at the City park when they defeated the Richmond Sannies by the score of 5 to 2. It was a pitcher's battle for the greater part with the majority of the honors going to Gene Camozzi.

Among the outstanding features of the game were two double plays made in the fourth inning, one by each side, the circus catch of Simpson that started the first one, Ranzazzo's home run in the third, scoring a runner before him, and the fact that every man on the Blues team got in the put-out column with the exception of Bill Lawrence who only played one inning.

MATEANS RALLY BEHIND GENE'S PERFECT WORK

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By HARVEY ROCKWELL
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Over at Strawberry Canyon in Berkeley Saturday there was a ball game—a football game—that still has San Mateo fans talking of the "game of a century"—that is all but the sprinkling of baseball enthusiasts who yesterday saw the San Mateo Blues rally to defeat the Daly City Merchants behind the

no-hit, no-run pitching of Manager "Genial Gene" Camozzi.

In high school my journalism teacher told me one should always tell the score of an athletic contest as early in the story as possible, so for the record let it be stated here that the Blues won, 8-7.

Perfect Mound Work

But, with due respects to teacher, let me say now that the score of yesterday's game is of little import to this story.

And for these reasons:

1. Manager Gene Camozzi, taking over in a relief role, pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowing but one Merchant to reach first base.

2. The Blues, six runs behind going into the seventh inning, scored seven runs in two innings and could probably have added a couple more for good measure only for the rules of baseball that stipulate the team last to bat in the ninth inning can officially score but one run more than their opponent.

Yep, Gene Camozzi was the boy who fooled 'em yesterday. Camozzi, who has pitched for the big leagues, for the minors, and who made baseball history here for a decade, showed the youngsters that he still can hurl from the port side when he replaced Herman Sick in the fifth inning.

Blues Trail Merchants

At the time, San Mateo was on the short end of a 7-0 count, the Merchants had one out and two men on base. A bit cold, Gene depended upon his teammates as Pitcher Wigley flew out to Slade at second base and J. Lucia was caught out at first.

But Gene opened up in the sixth inning, striking out two men and allowing a third to pop out to Slade. The seventh inning was a repeat performance as he again struck out two men and forced Catcher Krohn to ground out.

Gene struck out a fifth man in the eighth and his aides took care of the other two. In the ninth, he allowed one man, J. Long, to reach first base on a walk. Two other boys popped out and Gene struck out the last man.

Not bad at all—and Camozzi had not previously pitched an inning this year.

But the Blues boss did not confine his activities yesterday to his mound work. In three trips to the plate, he belted out two singles.

Sick Hits Triple

Herman Sick, starting pitcher, had one of his wild days yesterday and was reached for seven hits in his four innings on the hill. He struck out two men but issued four walks and hit two batters. In his one time at bat, the lanky youngster knocked out a triple with none on base.

The Merchants opened their scoring with three runs in the third inning. With two out, Pitcher Wigley reached first on Don Silva's error. J. Lucia singled to score Wigley, Johnson reached first on Ray Viani's error, S. Lucia was walked to fill the bases and J. Long singled to score J. Lucia and Johnson.

Daly City really cut loose on Sick in the fourth frame. With one out, Denning got to first when hit by a pitched ball, Schuback walked and after Wigley flew out to Haller, J. Lucia doubled to score the two men, then was knocked home by Johnson's double. Johnson was sent home a moment later when Long doubled.

In those two innings, to which all Daly City scoring was confined, the Merchants collected five hits and seven runs, were issued three walks and aided by two San Mateo errors.

Norm Wilkin tripled with two out in the sixth inning and came home on George Haller's single score San Mateo's first run.

The Blues did not do a thing in the seventh frame, despite Camozzi's single, but really went to work

on Wigley in the eighth and ninth innings.

Receipts To Stoeven

Silva and Wilkin singled in this frame and were driven home by Haller's bingle, George later crossing home plate as Matulich was caught at first on a throw from shortstop. After the first three men singled, the next three, Slade, Matulich and Day were caught out at first.

Slugger Joe Bogle opened the ninth frame, but Joe got hold of a high one and popped out to the shortstop. Camozzi singled, Viani drove out a bingle and Silva walked to fill the bases. Wilkin, really hitting for the first time in months, drove home Camozzi and Viani with a double, but Silva was caught out at third base for two away.

A moment later Haller singled to score Wilkin, reached third on Slade's double and came home on Joe Matulich's single.

That's it, dear reader, and it marks the close of San Mateo's 1938 ball season.

All funds, other than a small cash guarantee to the Merchants and other expenses, went to defray Hal Stoeven's medical bill. Hal was injured earlier in the year at San Jose when spiked and has been out of the San Mateo lineup since the first of August.

Yesterday's boxscore:

BLUES		A	B	R	H	E
Viani, ss	.....	5	1	1	1	1
Silva, 2b	.....	2	1	1	1	1
Wilkin, lf	.....	4	2	3	0	0
Haller, cf	.....	4	2	3	0	0
Slade, 2b	.....	5	0	1	0	0
Matulich, 1b	.....	5	0	2	0	0
Meghinasso, rf	.....	2	0	0	0	0
Bogle, c	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Sick, p	.....	1	0	1	0	0
Camozzi, p	.....	3	1	2	0	0
Day, rf	.....	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	.....	38	8	14	2	2
MERCHANTS		A	B	R	H	E
J. Lucia, lf	.....	5	2	2	0	0
Johnson, 3b	.....	3	2	1	0	0
S. Lucia, cf	.....	2	0	0	0	0
Long, 1b	.....	4	0	3	0	0
Boggs, rf	.....	3	0	0	0	0
Krohn, c	.....	4	0	1	0	0
Denning, ss	.....	3	1	0	0	0
Schuback, pf	.....	2	1	0	0	0
Wigley, p	.....	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	.....	31	7	7	0	0
Blues	.....	000	001	024	8	2
Hits	.....	001	012	134	14	2
Merchants	.....	002	100	000	7	0
Hits	.....	012	210	000	7	0