

Lopez Won't Concede Title

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Al Lopez, manager of the Cleveland Indians, is not conceding the American League pennant to the Yankees or anyone else.

He just happens to believe that the Cleveland baseball club is an improved one over the 1955 team that finished only three games behind New York.

Lopez was emphatic as he reviewed reports that almost everyone has already surrendered to the Yankees.

"I don't feel that way at all," he exclaimed. "I doubt whether Marty Marion or Higgins feel that way either."

He referred, of course, to the White Sox pilot and Pinky Higgins of the Boston Red Sox, who finished third and fourth behind him last year.

"And maybe the Yankees aren't so sure," he volunteered. "I read in the paper they are looking for a right-handed pitcher."

Lopez, it might be noted here, isn't just about to part with any of his right-handers, of which he happens to have three, if not five, of the best in the business.

They would be Bob Lemon, Mike Garcia and Early Wynn, plus a fellow named Bob Feller, who should not be counted out, and still another, Sal (The Barber) Maglie, one of the craftiest, smartest in the game. To these, naturally, add lefty Herb Score.

Switching from the pitching prospects, Lopez said:

"Look at it this way. Bob Avila isn't going to drop 70 points in his

Two Track Meets On Tap Saturday

Hayman Rolls 223 Keg Line

Jack Hayman rolled a 223 line for Evans Products in the Metropolitan League Wednesday night for the highest individual bowling score.

Jim Hennebeck, for Myrtle Dairy, had high series for the night with 589. In the Industrial League, Pat Patterson had high game of 206 and high series of 587. He rolls for City Drive in Market. Standings in both leagues were virtually unchanged, with Elks in the Industrial and Myrtle Dairy in the Metropolitan still holding wide leads.

Other high games included: Metropolitan: Hennebeck 212, Jim Richey 212, Bob Elliott 203, Pat Patterson 203, Glen Wright 202, Gerry Hennebeck 201. Industrial: Pat Patterson 203, Cecil Harris 201.

Results: Metropolitan: Evans Products 3, Pay Less Drugs 0; Tennille Store 2, Postal Employees 1; Myrtle Dairy 2, Bowling Alley Cafe 1; Howard's Hardware 2, Fairhaven Cleaners 1.

Industrial: American Linen Supply 2, Roseburg Book Store 1; John's Brake Supply 2, Eagles 1; City Drive in Market 2, PAL Motors 1; Elks 3, West Coast Building Supply 0.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pts.
Myrtle Dairy	23 1/2	9 1/2	32 1/2
Howard Hdw	20 1/2	12 1/2	26 1/2
Fairhaven Clars	19	14	26
Evans Products	18	15	25
Tennille Store	15	18	21
Bowling Alley	15	18	18
Postal Empl.	13	20	17
Pay Less Drugs	8	25	10

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pts.
Elks	24	9	33
City Drive	19	13	25
Rdsg. Book	19	14	24
West Coast	16 1/2	16 1/2	22 1/2
Jovin Brake	16	17	21
Eagles	14	19	19
Amer. Linen	13 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
PAL Motors	10	23	13

batting average. Al Rosen isn't going to drop 60—"

Lopez referred to the disappointing .272 Avila batted last year in comparison to the .341 of 1954, and Rosen's .244 as against .300 the year before.

Most experts with the club agree the deals with the Chicago White Sox, which brought Cleveland outfielder Jim Busby and shortstop Chico Carrasquel, will be of benefit, despite the loss in the negotiations of their best long ball hitter, Larry Doby.

This remains to be proved.



ONE WAY TO STOP A SHOT—Julius McCoy of Michigan State loses his eye glasses as K. C. Jones of the University of San Francisco blocks shot by McCoy and commits a foul in third period of the fifth annual Shrine East-West game at Kansas City, Mo. The West team won, 74-62.

Porterfield Expected To Lift Boston To Title Contention

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — Unless he's hit by a line drive, a thrown ball or a slumping earned run average, Bob Porterfield looks ready to come up with a whale of a year and put the Boston Red Sox in the thick of the American League pennant race.

Porterfield, obtained from Washington last November, has looked great in the Sox exhibition games. He's won three, lost one and put together an awesome 1.510 ERA giving up only two walks and three earned runs in 18 innings. With guys like Ted Williams, Jackie Jensen and Sammy White on his side, there's little reason to doubt that Bob will improve on his 10-17 pitching record of last season.

The rub, however, is that he will have to steer clear of injuries. For if anyone can qualify for the title of the "unluckiest player in the majors" it's the same Mr. Porterfield.

Bob, now 31, came up to the New York Yankees in 1948 with a fine reputation. The following year, Casey Stengel was ready to make him one of his front-line hurlers.

"But there was always something wrong," complained Casey. "Sore arms, sore legs, sore head, always something sore."

After that Porterfield came up with sundry other hurts, including a fractured jaw and a concussion.

Yesterday, Porterfield gave up only three hits and one run in six innings as the Red Sox downed the Kansas City A's 7-2. Jackie Jensen slammed his first homer of the spring.

Injuries struck four players in the Yankees — Washington game, won by the Senators 6-4. After the victims were counted up the list looked this way: Yankees—Mickey Mantle, pulled leg muscle; Billy Martin, bruised knee; Senators—Pete Runnels, bruised hand; Hal Griggs, bruised ankle. Bob Turley took his fourth pounding of the Grapefruit League season. He gave up six runs in six innings.

U of O Slated To Play Pacific

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—The University of Oregon Ducks, defending Northern Division champions, and Pacific University of the Northwest Conference were slated to square off in a pre-season baseball game here Thursday. The Ducks have six lettermen back from the pennant-winning team of last year.

Team Managers Called For Softball Loop Study

A meeting of team managers interested in entering the Church and Twilight softball leagues this spring will be held Monday night, according to Lewis McAllister, Roseburg softball commissioner.

The meeting will be at the South Stephens Hardware store, 1212 SE Stephens St.

A second meeting of team representatives interested in the Industrial League will be held later in the week.

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Douglas Hosting Quadrangular; Indians To Run

The second track meet of the season on Finlay Field will be run off Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m., according to present plans.

The meet will pit the Sutherland Bulldogs, in their first outing of the year, against Roseburg.

A quadrangular meet is a feature at Brockway, where Douglas High will host Glendale, Bandon and Myrtle Point. The two track meets will be the only prep action in Douglas County this weekend.

Roseburg last week showed up weakly against five other schools in the sixth annual Roseburg Invitational Track Meet. After the meet, Coach Frank Purdy said he believed his boys might display better point-making ability if competition wasn't so deep.

Sutherland has a good start toward a team, but with few veterans back, The Bulldogs figure to be especially strong in the sprints and hurdles. A host of freshmen and sophomores has turned out, giving Coach Frank Moss a group to develop.

In the quadrangular, it will be the first show of the year for Glendale, but the second for Douglas, which participated last Saturday in the Roseburg Invitational.

Douglas is a probable cinch in the distance events. The Trojans also displayed some strength in the hurdles and pole vault.

The Pirates, according to Coach Harry Edwards, aren't experienced. Only Archer Ford in the sprints, Garry Miller in the pole vault and Jim Mosley in the high jump have returned.

But many freshmen have turned out, much the same as in Sutherland. That, plus 15-track dates, may make the Pirates tough in the future after building up this year.

Mel Fox To Coach N. Salem Football

SALEM (AP)—Mel Fox, football coach at Cottage Grove for the past two seasons, will be the new football coach at North Salem High School, school Supt. Walter Snyder announced Wednesday.

It is the second time in recent years that Salem has obtained a coach from Cottage Grove. Two years ago, North Salem hired Ken Hunt as basketball coach from there.

Fox replaces Al Gray.

Southpaws Lift Seattle's Hopes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — Two southpaws the Seattle Rainiers will count on to help propel them toward their hoped-for second straight Pacific Coast League pennant teamed for a neat five-hitter in Wednesday's exhibition baseball.

Vic Lombardi went seven innings and Fred Baczkowski two as the Rainiers downed Vancouver, 4-1, on their practice field at San Bernardino, Calif.

Seattle opened with a single run in the first inning and exploded for three in the sixth to whip the Mounties.

Portland also got topnotch pitching in beating Fresno State College, 3-1, at Glendale. Red Adams and Bill Griffin allowed the collegeans eight hits. Adams held Fresno scoreless in the six innings he worked.

Frankie Austin and Bob Gauthier got a home run apiece and accounted for three Portland runs each.

Bob Honor and Dick Stuart hammered homers for Hollywood as the Stars stopped San Diego, 5-3, in an exhibition game at Palm Springs.

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Glide Faces Indian Rematch To Avenge Earlier Defeat

An experienced bunch of Wildcat from Glide will come to Roseburg Friday afternoon in an attempt to avenge an earlier practice defeat in baseball from the Roseburg Indians.

Coach Jack Forsythe has 11 returning lettermen among a turnout of 28 boys. Nearly all, with the exception of the freshmen, boast previous varsity or junior varsity experience.

Forsythe can call on either fireballer Dick Smith or Gene Polley, who trade off with center field, on the mound, and the Indians will face trouble in either. Smith, a junior, has been hurling for three years and senior Polley for four.

To back them up, the coach has a vet who is used to the slants of both. He is Greg Keykendall, a letterman at catcher.

Other possible starters this year will be Allen Smith at first; Bill Eswine, second; Danny Kenne and Bert Baker, who can trade off at third and short.

The outfield will be a battlefield for starting roles among Wayne Kennedy, Gary Wagner, James Harvey and Charles Mericle. The man who loses out, according to Forsythe, may be called on for utility duty.

The coach has one other man listed as a pitcher — Johnny Livingston, a freshman. Three others call themselves catchers, junior James McCoy, sophomore Gary

GLIDE SCHEDULE

March — Roseburg, there.

April — Douglas, here.

13—Camas Valley (a), here.

20—Yoncalla (a), here.

21—Sutherland, there.

27—Riddle (a), there.

28—Sutherland, here.

May — Oakland (a), here.

11—Elkton (a), there.

15—Douglas, there.

(a) Denotes Douglas B League game.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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Wednesday's Results

Syracuse 108, Philadelphia 104

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