

Veterans, Aid From Braves Warm Yakima's NWL Hopes

EDITORS NOTE: This is one in a series on the prospects of Northwest League baseball teams.

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KENNEWICK — The Tri-City Braves baseball team consists of a manager and a pile of paper at this time, and it looks as if that will be the situation until a few days before the Northwest League opener April 24 at Wenatchee.

Even so, Pasco, Kennewick and Richland fans have higher hopes than ever before that the Braves, regular residents of the league basement for six years, will rise and smite the rest of the pack. The lack of flesh-and-blood players and the fans' high hopes are the result of a working agreement negotiated with the Pittsburgh Pirates' chain last winter. Technically, the agreement is with Columbus of the AAA International League, a Pittsburgh club.

Manager here this year is Ray W. Hathaway, a 19-year veteran of professional baseball, with most of his time spent managing minor league clubs. Last year he coached Pueblo in the Western League.

Pirates Supplying Help
Efforts to reach an agreement with the Pittsburgh chain have been in the works for a number of years and during 1957 Tri-City received some help from the National League club. But this year the full agreement means Pittsburgh is supplying all Tri-City players, either through assignment or on option.

Financially, Tri-City benefits in several ways. Pittsburgh is picking up much of the salary tab on those players. It is also paying a chunk of manager Hathaway's salary.

The local club will have no spring training costs because all of the players are working out at Pittsburgh camps.

While the working agreement exists a rosier light here than in former years, it also makes advancement promotion a bit difficult. For no one knows for sure just who will be in the lineup on opening day.

Fans To Meet Players
The club is conducting a "meet the Braves" dinner for fans here April 23. In all likelihood, manager Hathaway will meet his players at that dinner, too.

Hathaway currently is at a Pittsburgh training camp in San Bernardino, Calif., where the "Braves" are training in name only. His players, however, will be those cut off from higher classification. Pittsburgh clubs which trained in Florida. And because of uncertain California weather,

Pittsburgh plans to keep them in Florida instead of moving them to San Bernardino for a few days' work under Hathaway.

Included in the group are three who played for the Braves last year. One is Fred Rick, a young right-hander, who won five and lost seven, including a one-hitter and a two-hitter.

Two Remain Unsigned
Hard-hitting Joe Zavatano, a catcher, and pitcher-second baseman Stan Hubert both are assigned to the Braves again. But Zavatano is a college student and Hubert is a high school coach and neither has signed a contract yet. Nor are they expected to do so until the school year ends.

But the unsigned players don't worry the club's new president Ralph Mandy of Pasco. He says there are a number of talented young players in the Pittsburgh farm system and Tri-City will get its share.

League Leaders

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING (Based on 30 or more at bats) — Robinson, Baltimore, .300; Kuenen, Detroit, .297; Colavito, Cleveland, .295; Runnels, Boston, .292; McDougald, New York, .292.

RUNS — Cerv, Kansas City, 9; Lopez, Kansas City, and McDougald, Baltimore, 8; Minoso, Cleveland, Kuenen, Detroit and Baxes, Kansas City, 7.

KANSAS CITY, 14; Jensen, Boston, 10; Hunter, Kansas City, 8; Colavito, Cleveland, Maxwell, Detroit and McDougald, New York, 7.

HOME RUNS — Jensen, Boston and Cerv, Kansas City, 4; Triunfo, Baltimore and Maris, Cleveland, 3; Thirteen tied with 2.

PITCHING — Harshman, Baltimore, Foytack, Detroit, Garver, Kansas City, Laran, New York and Ryerly, Washington, 2.0, 1.000.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING (Based on 30 or more at bats) — Musial, St. Louis, .347; Banks, Chicago, .344; Vernon, Pittsburgh, .321; Davenport, San Francisco, .320; Mays, San Francisco, .317.

RUNS — Musial, St. Louis, 9; Banks, Chicago, Davenport and Cepeda, San Francisco, and Blain, St. Louis, 8.

RUNS BATTED IN — Spencer, San Francisco, 10; Musial and Ennis, St. Louis, 9; Banks, Chicago and Cepeda, San Francisco, 8.

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PITCHING — Purkey, Cincinnati, Podres, Los Angeles, Buhl, Milwaukee and Gomez, San Francisco, 2.0, 1.000; thirteen tied with 1.0, 1.000.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

W	L
Hub Barber Shop	41 15
Flury's Supply	37 18 1/2
Burr Logging Co.	35 21
Fairhaven Chms.	34 22
American Life	33 23
Roseburg Bowl	30 26
Team Four	29 27
L&L Lumber Co.	26 30
McKay Drugs	25 31 1/2
Trading Post	24 32 1/2
News-Review	22 34
Team Eleven	20 36
Alley Cats	18 38
Hansen Bros.	15 41

High series: Boys, Pete Leiken 503; girls, Marietta Madson.

High games: Boys, John Dunn, 212; girls, Madson 167.

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City Drive in Mkt.	33	12 46
B.P.O. Elks	28 1/2	16 1/2 41 1/2
Erv's Flying "A"	25	20 31
P. C. Briggs Co.	23	22 31
Evans Products Co.	22	23 28
Jovin Brake Supply	22	23 28
Hanna	13 1/2	29 1/2 20 1/2
P.A.L. Motors	11	34 14

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Splits: Georgia Theiss, 6-7.

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Kansas City	5	3	.625 1 1/2
Washington	4	1	.571 2
Cleveland	3	4	.429 3
Baltimore	2	6	.250 4 1/2
Chicago	2	7	.222 5
Boston	1	7	.125 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	5	2	.714
Cincinnati	4	2	.667 1/2
San Francisco	3	3	.500 1
Philadelphia	4	3	.571 1 1/2
Los Angeles	3	5	.375 2 1/2
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286 3
St. Louis	2	5	.286 3

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