

Majors Open Ball Season

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Chuck Dressen's Washington Senators and Stan Hack's Chicago Cubs, two longshots in the pennant races, topped the majors Monday night after winning the special preview openers.

Bob Porterfield, who usually has to pitch a shutout to win, received plenty of batting support from his Washington mates in a 12-5 romp over Baltimore. Porterfield allowed only six hits and scored the first Washington run after doubling in the third.

President Eisenhower munched popcorn and cheered for the home club to the final out after throwing out the first ball. Dressen kept Ike and the crowd of 26,684 fans busy with their scorecards as he shuffled players and once sent up a pinch runner to run for another pinch runner.

Washington clubbed five Baltimore pitchers for 10 hits, chasing starter Lou Kretlow in the sixth inning. Jim Busby had a double and two singles and Tom Umphlett a double and a single to lead the Senators.

Cubs Win Sixth

The Cubs won their sixth straight opening game, thumping Cincinnati, 7-5 with an attack that included home runs by Gene Baker and Harry Chiti.

Ted Kluszewski, who led the majors in homers last year, hit No. 1 for Cincy off starter Bob Rush. Sad Sam Jones, former Cleveland pitcher who replaced Rush, was the winner over Art Fowler.

Kansas City warmed up for its American League debut at new Municipal stadium with a welcome parade through the downtown streets for Manager Lou Boudreau and his Athletics.

The A's hope to show their new fans that they are changed men by rising against the Detroit Tigers in Tuesday's opener before

35,000. Boudreau banks on Alex Kellner (6-173, a veteran lefty, to start the Kansas City revival against Detroit's Ned Garver (14-11).

Kiner Makes Debut

Cleveland's defending American league champs expect the largest turnout, 50,000 fans, to see Bob Lemon (23-7) pitch against Chicago's Virgil Trucks (19-12) at Cleveland where Ralph Kiner will be making his debut as the Tribe's new left fielder.

Although few expect the Indians to win 111 games again, they are even-money favorites to repeat as champs.

The runnerup New York Yankees, hoping to bounce back into the big World Series money, open at home against Washington with Whitel Ford (16-8) opposing Maury McDermott (7-15) in a battle of lefthanders. A crowd of 25,000 is expected.

Baltimore's rookie-laden Orioles count on a turnout of 41,000 to watch them open at home against the youthful Boston Red Sox. Joe Coleman (13-17) is scheduled to work for the Orioles against Frank Sullivan (15-12) of the Red Sox, who still are waiting to hear from Ted Williams.

New Pilots

Six new managers, some of them slightly used, will be starting new jobs in the American league where only Al Lopez of Cleveland and Casey Stengel of the Yanks remain. The National has only one new skipper. He's Mayo Smith of the Phillies whose first task will be to face the world champion New York Giants.

Smith has adopted the approved method of managing the Phillies by naming Robin Roberts (23-15) for his sixth opening day pitching assignment. He will be opposed by Johnny Antonelli (21-7), the lefty who helped Leo Durocher win the pennant.

The 25,000 fans who turn out at Philadelphia may see Del Ennis and Richie Ashburn, the injured outfielders, after all. Although Ennis reportedly suffered a hairline leg fracture in a collision with Ashburn at Wilmington, Del., last week, the latest report is that both men may be in the lineup against the Giants.

Pittsburgh, which helped knock Brooklyn out of the 1954 race, opens at Ebbets Field where 17,000 are due to see the veteran Max Surkont (9-18) face the Dodgers' Carl Erskine (18-15).

Robinson to Start

Despite all the spring fuss, Jackie Robinson will be at third base for Brooklyn. The Pirate lineup, a fluid thing, will show three new faces in outfielders Ramon Mejias and Tom Saffell and shortstop Dick Groat, back from the Army.

Duckling Netters Smash Springfield

Oregon's freshman tennis team smashed Springfield high school last Friday by a 6-1 score.

Singles performers Stan Kalapus and Marvin Woods of the Frosh were special standouts as they won their matches.

Results:

Singles: Stan Kalapus (O) def. Bob Smith (S) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Marvin Woods (O) def. Tom Bourgeois (S) 7-5, 6-2; Bob Stewart (S) def. Brian Booth (O) 6-2, 6-3; Phil Lowthian (O) def. Larry Leek (S) 6-1, 6-1; Don Robinson (O) def. Don Williams (S) 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles: Woods and Kalapus (O) def. Bourgeois and Stewart (S) 6-2, 6-4; Booth and Lowthian def. Leek and Williams (S) 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

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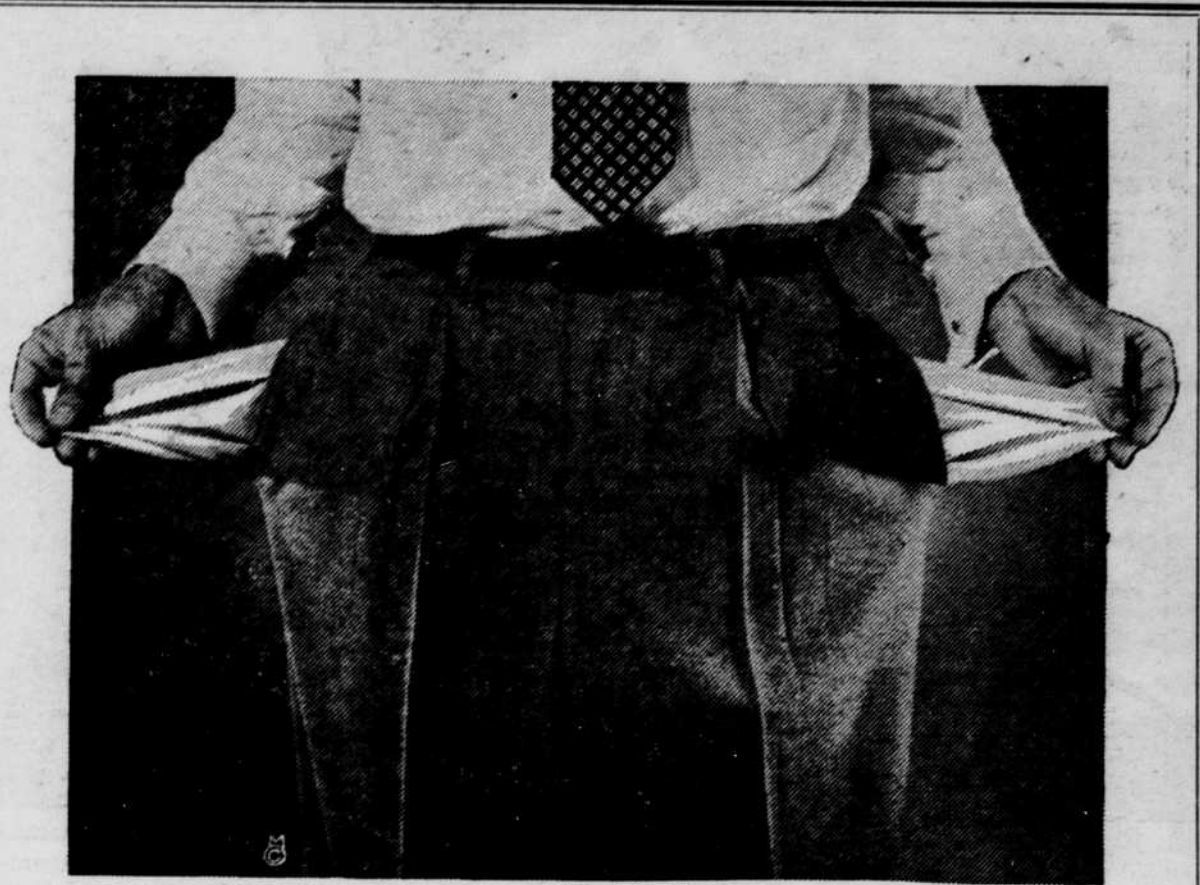
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Carl "Bobo" Olson and Joey Maxim wound up training sessions Monday afternoon for their scheduled 10-round non-title fight Wednesday night at the Cow Palace.

Riding a string of 20-straight

victories and fighting in his hometown, Olson was a 7-5 favorite in the early odds on the fight. The talk was that the younger, lighter Olson might be favored by 2-1 at the opening bell.

The fight, scheduled for national television (CBS—7 p.m.

PST) with the San Francisco area blacked out, is expected to draw upwards of 12,000 fans and promoter Bennie Ford says a \$150,000 gate is within reach. The bout, said Ford, has excited more interest here than any of Olson's title fights.



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Ball Contests Set for Today

Monday's doubleheader with Linfield was called off due to wet grounds, but another twin bill with the Wildcats has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today on Howe field. Both games are slated for seven innings.

The Ducks' first Northern Division action is set for Friday afternoon against Oregon State at Corvallis. The same teams will play at Eugene Saturday.

Coach Don Kirsch plans to use a number of pitchers in each Linfield game. Bill Blodgett, Bill Garner, Terry Maddox and a number of other hurlers are all likely to see action.

Linfield, defending Northwest conference champion, has a veteran pitching staff, headed by hard throwing Del Coursey. Coach Roy Helser also has available Carl Wickham, Bob Diller, Marv Scherpf, Dick Duerr and Bill Croco.

Thomas to Swim Juan de Fuca

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—Weather permitting, Bert Thomas will begin his attempt at swimming Juan de Fuca Strait at 9 p.m. Wednesday from Horseshoe Bay, the spot chosen last August by fellow American Florence Chadwick.

Should weather or water conditions be unfavorable, the swim will be postponed until 10 p.m. Thursday.