

Roberts Almost Gets No-no As Phillies Grab Opener

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Robin Roberts, the meticulous righthander of the Philadelphia Phillies, began his campaign for a sixth straight 20-victory season Wednesday by coming within two outs of hurling what would have been only the second opening day no-hitter in major league history.

The Phil's ace had frustrated the world champion New York Giants for 8 1/3 innings of a dreary rain-threatened afternoon. Then Alvin Dark clipped him for the hit that blocked Robin's bid for the record book and also led to the destruction of his shutout. Two more hits followed and Roberts had to settle for a 4-2 victory.

Cleveland's Bobby Feller is the only man to pitch a no-hitter on opening day, shacking the Chicago White Sox 1-0 on April 16, 1940.

Game Standout

The game at Philadelphia was the standout by far on a skimpy day of baseball. Only three other games were played.

In the other National league game, Brooklyn's Carl Erskine finally got himself an opening day victory by beating Pittsburgh 6-1 at Ebbets Field.

The two American league games went to the New York Yankees, 19-1 over the Washington Senators, and the Detroit Tigers, 10-2 over the Kansas City Athletics. Rain washed out Boston's game at Baltimore.

Dark Singles

Dark's big single off Roberts came with one out and a man on base via an error in the ninth with the Phils leading 4-0. Robin spun two strikes past Dark, but his third pitch was lashed to right by the Giants' captain.

Willie Mays, hitless all day, fanned for the second out and Roberts still was in position to claim his third one-hitter if not his first no-hitter. But Monte Irvin doubled both runners home and Hank Thompson followed with a single down the third

Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	
New York	1	0	1.000	
Washington	1	1	.500	1/2
Kansas City	1	1	.500	1/2
Detroit	1	1	.500	1/2
Chicago	1	1	.500	1/2
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Baltimore	0	2	.000	1 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	1/2
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000	1/2
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	1/2
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1 1/2
New York	0	1	.000	1 1/2
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	2

base line before Roberts ended the game by getting Don Mueller on a fly to right.

Roberts Walks Two

Roberts walked but two on the cold day—temperatures were in the low 50s—and struck out four.

The Phils, who rested the injured Del Ennis and Richie Ashburn, stopping Ashburn's consecutive game string at 731, scored their runs off starter Johnny Antonelli, 21-7 last season, in the fifth and Marv Grisom in the sixth.

The Yankees' Whitey Ford pitched himself a two-hitter in New York's big opener against the Senators while driving in four runs on three singles in a 16-hit attack. Maury McDermott was the Washington starter, but wound up as just one of four ineffective pitchers. Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Bill Skowron homered for the Yanks.

Both hits off Ford were singles. He walked five and fanned eight.

A five-run seventh inning gave the Brooks their success. Junior Gilliam opened the frame with a home run that broke a 1-1 tie. Erskine, who had pitched three previous openers without a victory, went all the way, losing his shutout in the seventh on a walk and singles by Sid Gordon and Tobl Atwell. Max Surkout was the starter and loser.

Detroit also had a winning combination of good pitching and timely hitting. With Steve Gromek scattering eight hits and walking none, the Tigers broke loose for four runs in the third and five in the sixth. Harvey Kuenn, who also doubled, led off the third with a home run off loser Arnie Portocarrero. Al Kaline and J. W. Porter each hit bases-loaded singles in the sixth off Ed Burtshy.

Pollard Accepts LaSalle Position

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jim Pollard, 32-year-old pro basketball star, Wednesday accepted what he termed "one of the 10 best basketball coaching jobs in the country," the court post at LaSalle college.

LaSalle athletic director Jim Henry announced that Pollard, a three-time all-pro star with the Minneapolis Lakers in the National Basketball association, telephoned his acceptance from Minneapolis. Pollard, by report, will get \$8500 a year on a three-year contract.

"It was something I just couldn't turn down," said Pollard from his home in Minneapolis. "It must be one of the 10 best basketball coaching jobs in the country, and I was flattered just to be considered."

Pollard, a Stanford university product, succeeds Ken Loeffler who resigned a few weeks ago to take a similar post at Texas A & M. Loeffler led the LaSalle team, third ranked in the nation this past season, to the runner-up spot in the 1955 NCAA tourney. Under Loeffler, LaSalle won the NCAA crown in 1954 and the National Invitation title in 1952.

Pollard said the decision had been hard for him to make. "I'm sure I can still play a year or two of pro basketball, although it's getting tougher every year," he said. "But coaching is something I've wanted to do all my life, and this is about as good a chance as I'll ever get."

Boston Celtics Choose Loscutoff In Hoop Draft

Another Oregon athlete joined the ranks of professional draftees Wednesday as the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball association picked Jim Loscutoff in the annual player draft.

Loscutoff, 6'5" ex-GI who averaged 19.4 for the Ducks this season, will talk to Boston officials in the East next week but is also considering other offers.

Other draft choices included Santa Clara's Ken Sears by the New York Knickerbockers and All-American Tom Gola of LaSalle by the Philadelphia Warriors.

Detroit Liked In Ice Final

DETROIT (AP)—The advantage of home ice, where they haven't lost in almost four months makes the Detroit Red Wings favorites to defeat the Montreal Canadiens Thursday night in the seventh and deciding game for the Stanley Cup hockey championship.

The Red Wings haven't lost in Olympic Stadium since Dec. 19—a stretch of 23 games. In that time, they have won 18 games at home while tying five others.

6 In Row for Wings

The Canadiens were the last team to beat the Red Wings on their home rink, running up a 5-0 score six days before Christmas.

Since then, however, the Red Wings have whipped the Frenchmen six straight times on Olympia ice—three during the regular season and three during the playoffs.

The most significant victory was the 6-0 drubbing the Wings gave the Canadians in the final game of the season. That not only clinched the Red Wings' seventh straight National Hockey league title, but also gave them the edge of playing the seventh game of the playoffs at home—which now turns out to be quite an edge.

This has been a "homer" series, with each team winning three games on its own ice.

The Canadiens forced the series to go the full limit by whipping Detroit 6-3 Tuesday in Montreal.

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Keglers Defend Northwest Title In Pullman Test

Oregon's defending Northwest intercollegiate bowling champions will put their title on the line this weekend at Pullman, Wash., in their third annual Northwest tourney.

Coach Lou Bellissimo's Web-foot keggers have won the championship the last two years, and a third win will enable them to retire the trophy.

Nine teams will try to upset the Ducks in the Friday-Saturday rolloff. Competing will be Oregon State, Washington State, Washington, Gonzaga, Seattle, Western Washington, Central Washington, Clark college and Yakima JC.

Oregon's six-man team—Bob Boyle, Blake Boggess, Bryce Reimer, Vern Jackson, Scott Page and Ray Christensen—will bowl six games in the team event, and three games in both singles and doubles. The team championship is decided on high total for all events.

Coming up next weekend is the National Intercollegiate Telephonic match, won by the Ducks in 1953 and by Marquette university last year.

Wind Shift Postpones Juan de Fuca Swim

VICTORIA (AP)—An unexpected wind shift late Wednesday forced 29-year-old Bert Thomas of Tacoma, Wash., to postpone his attempt to swim the Strait of Juan de Fuca between here and Port Angeles, Wash.

Swim officials announced Thomas, who planned to set out across the chilling 45-degree waters at 9 p.m. Wednesday night, had put off his try until Thursday night at 10 p.m.

If the weather continues bad Thursday—and the indications Wednesday were that it would—and he still can't swim, there will be no favorable tides for about six weeks.

Cleveland's Doby Tries Sacrifice

CLEVELAND (AP)—Amid the dazzle of flashy hitting and pitching, the manager of the Cleveland Indians quietly tried out a new strategy in their victorious opener with the Chicago White Sox Tuesday.

The gimmick was a bunt by Larry Doby with two men aboard in the first inning, a complete reversal of the usual free-swinging role cast for the hard-hitting outfielder.

Gimmick Works

It worked fine. Doby's sacrifice advanced both runners, and a single by Vic Wertz drove in the first two runs of the Indians' eventual 5-1 triumph.

Explaining his move to a reporter later, Manager Al Lopez said the new arrangement of his first six batters made it possible. Doby is the third batter, followed by Al Rosen, Ralph Kiner and Vic Wertz, in that order.

"You see, in the past we didn't dare try for the sacrifice," Lopez said. "If we did, they're purposely walk Rosen. Now they don't dare because Kiner is next and Wertz follows him. This is the first time we've had dangerous number four, five and six hitters."

Will bunts by Doby be standard practice from now on in similar conditions?

"Not necessarily," said Lopez. "It depends on the conditions, just as it did Tuesday. Generally, we would let Larry hit away and go for the big inning."

Bobo Olson Decisions Maxim in 10-Rounder

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Middleweight champion Bobo Olson, throwing lightning-like punches with both hands, floored Joey Maxim twice Wednesday night and went on to pound out an unanimous 10-round verdict over the former light heavyweight king.

IM Schedule

- Thursday
Softball
- 3:50 Hale Kane vs. Dorm Counselors, north field.
 - Delta Upsilon vs. Phi Kappa Psi, south field.
 - Sigma Nu vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, upper field.
 - 4:55 Delta Tau Delta vs. Beta Theta Pi, north field.
 - Sigma Chi vs. Alpha Tau Omega, south field.
- Tennis
- 4:00 French hall vs. Sigma Chi, courts 4, 5, 6.
- Golf
- Tau Kappa Epsilon vs. Delta Tau Delta, Oakway.

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