Dodgers' Head Man Believes Flag Due

By Joe Reichler

VERO BEACH, Fla., April 6—(AP)—Burt Shotton is not like most major league managers. He thinks his Brooklyn Dodgers are going to win the National League pennant this season and is not afraid to say for public consumption.

"Sure we'll win the flag," Shotton answers frankly and unhesitatingly, "why shouldn't I say so when I honsely believe it?"

The elderly pilot does not expect the Dodgers to make a runaway race of it. On the contrary, he expects the toughest kind of opposition.

"But we'll win in the end." He reiterates, "because we will outhustle, outrun and outfight the others. We'll also outscore them."

"What I just said doesn't go if we should suffer a serious injury," he warned. "I can't anticipate injuries. In the final analysis, the team that can field its regular lineup more often than the rest will win the pennant. All things being equal, however, I can't see how any club can beat us."

This comes as a surprising statement from a man who admits that his outfield still consists of quantity rather than quality; that he doesn't know who will open the season at third base, and that he can't make up his mind on the 10 pitchers he's going to keep.

Three-quarters of the field is set. Gil Hodges will be at first, Jackie Robinson at second and Pee Wee Reese at short. No less than eight aspirants are battling for the regular hot corner job.

Shotten intends to keep 10 pitchers. Asked to name his "big five," he said he couldn't do it. It is no secret, however, that Shotton is counting heavily on Ralph Branca, Rex Barney, Joe Hatten and Preacher Roe.

Vikings Slate Friday Action

Salem high's baseball and track teams resume action Friday afternoon on two local fronts. Coach Harold Hauk's baseballers play host to the Silverton Silver Foxes in a three o'clock tilt at Waters field. At the same time Vern Gilmore's thinclads take on the Milwaukie Maroons at Olinger field.

After losing to Mt. Angel Tuesday, the Viking diamond crew will be after its first win of the season. The tracksters, who won the Hill Relays and then downed Albany Tuesday, will be after a third consecutive oval victory.

Varipapa Has 10-Pin Trouble

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., April 6 (AP) – Andy Varipapa, Hempstead, N.Y., trick shot specialist, earned some of the American Bowling congress tournament's $300,000 in prize money today, but his cut will be small.

Like Joe Falcaro of Lawrence, N.Y., who competed in the tournament earlier this week, Varipapa had 10-pin trouble. In six games today, the pins refused to go down for him 17 times.

His singles (626) and doubles today gave him a 1767 total in all-events. That is 174 pins off the 1941 pace set by Johnny Small of Chicago.

Brissie Tabbed as Coming Waddell, Grove

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., April 6—(AP)—Connie Mack has a secret. But it's one he wants every other American league manager to know about.

Lou Brissie

The old gentleman who has piloted the Philadelphia Athletics since the turn of the century, is convinced he knows just the man to step into the pitching shoes that have been worn by Rube Waddell and Lefty Grove.

The name? Leland Victor Brissie.

Lefty Lou was one of the better American league rookies last year when he posted a record of 14 victories and 10 defeats. Mack and his pitching boss, Earle Brucker, figure that Lou is a lot better now.

Brissie was the first winning lefthander to work for Mack since Grove departed in the mid-thirties.

During the winter the Anderson (S.C.) war hero studied how to remedy the mistakes he made last season.

"I did so many things wrong out there on the hills last year tthat I'm ashamed of myself," Lou admitted.

"But that was last year," he went on. "There is another season ahead and while I'm not saying how many games I'll win, I assure you I'll be smarter."

"That's all Brissie needs to be a great pitcher," commented Mack.

As for speed, Brucker says that right now Lou can rifle the ball as fast as Bob Feller and Hal Newhouser. And, says Brucker, Lou has a snapping curve and an improving change-up.

"What more," Brucker asks, "can a pitcher want?"

Brissie is the 25-year-old whose left leg was all but shot off in the Italian campaign of World War Two. It took 23 operations to save the leg.

And he still cloaks it in a plaster shield when he's out there pitching.

DUCKS WHIP BADGERS

EUGENE, Ore., April 6 – (AP) Two Oregon hurlers held Pacific university batters to but three hits today as the Ducks posted an 11 to 4 baseball victory over the Badgers.

House Okays License Jump

The house Wednesday re-passed, with senate amendments, two game bills increasing hunting license fees. Major change effected placed hunting license for out-state residents at $35, instead of $50. Present cost is $25. Southern Oregon representatives were unsuccessful in their effort to have the present $25 retained.

The senate Wednesday also refused to reconsider the vote which increases state hunting and license fees. Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, moved for reconsideration, on the grounds that the boosts would "make hunting and fishing a rich man's game." The raise boosts hunting licenses to $5 and combination license to $7.

Junior High Oval Season to Start

Salem's junior high school track season will set sail this afternoon on Olinger field via a relay meet between the Parrish and West Salem juniors. It will be the first of three relay sessions involving the three junior highs, after which the annual city relay session will be held April 28. The regular dual meet campaign gets started May 5, according to Athletic Director Vern Gilmore.

Trout Planting In Full Swing

Plantings of trout have taken place from the Cedar Creek, Bandon, Oak Springs, Butte Falls, Alsea, Rock Creek and McKenzie hatcheries recently. To date 69,068 legal sized cutthroat weighing over 6,000 pounds have been liberated. Legan size rainbow liberations have been 125,694 with a total weight of 18,693 pounds. A liberation of 25,000 silversides has also been made during the past month. Robert Holloway, in charge of trout liberations for the Oregon state game commission, reported that these early releases are in the nature of thinning out as the commission is attempting to hold the fish as long as possible so that a maximum growth can be attained before liberation.

The taking of eggs from the brood fish at hatcheries is nearly completed for this spring. At the Alsea hatchery, more than two million cutthroat eggs have been taken from the brood fish and, at the Bandon hatchery, the cutthroat take is nearing 800,000. At the Rock Creek hatcery on the North Umpqua, 5,500,000 rainbow eggs have been taken.

SPOKES NAME SPEELECY

SPOKANE, April 6—(AP)—Denny Speelecy of Spokane was named assistant business manager and publicity director for the Spokane Indians baseball club today. The 29-year-old Spokane man is well known in the Western International league for his publicity work with the Indians in 1947 under Sam Collins who was owner at the time.

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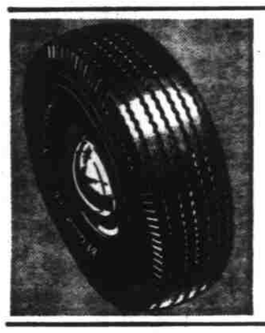

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