

'New Deal' Chiefs Plan on Youth, Hustle Movement

By Al Lightner
It will be a young, hustling ball club at Wenatchee this season, says Rupert (Tommy) Thompson, the new Chiefs manager. Once a powerful lefthand slugger with San Diego and Portland of the Coast league, Thompson has just finished managing a few seasons in the Pioneer circuit. He expects to play regularly himself for his new club.
The Wenatchees of this year are actually the Bremertons of a season ago, with numerous changes. The Bremerton franchise was moved to Wenatchee during the winter. The Chiefs continue to hold the tieup the Bremertons had

with Oakland of the Coast league, and through it Thompson intends getting any player help he may need.
As it stands now the Chiefs have room for another catcher and an outfielder who hits from the right side. They figure they're pretty well set otherwise. Len Neal is at present the No. 1 catcher. He was with Bremerton last year and hails from nearby Sublimity.
Both Walt Pockay, who hit .328 for Bremerton, including a flock of home runs, and Bob Goldstein, purchased from Seattle, are tangling for the first base job. Pockay may be shifted to the outfield there where he could patrol with Thompson and Jay Ragni, the lat-

ter the hustling 294 hitter with Bremerton in '49. Ragni can also pitch or play first base.
The balance of the infield is set with Morley Bockman, up from Great Falls of the Pioneer league where he was a star performer at third base; colored Larry Neal at short and the veteran Bud Hjelmaa at second. Neal has been sent down from Oakland and Hjelmaa, with Vancouver's pennant winners two years ago, was bought from Seattle. They expect to be a crack double play combination and both can hit.
The Chiefs appear to be strong in the pitching department with these gents around: Al Triefel, six-foot, five-incher formerly with

the Boston Braves and San Diego; Lefty Dave Dahle, a promising rookie with Bremerton last year; Hank Weaver, seasoned right-hander; Alton Lee, Leroy Stevens and Dude Baldwin, all with pro experience, and Lefty Don Farrarese, Tom Breisinger and Jim Ficalini, a trio with Albuquerque's pennant winners last year. Farrarese and Breisinger won 35 games between them at Albuquerque.
It's an entirely new setup at Wenatchee this year as the fans themselves control the ball club through the sale of stock. And they're expecting big things of Mgr. Thompson and his hirelings. (Tomorrow: Tacoma Tigers.)

Carroll Likes Bosox, Bums

Yanks, Cards Named As Runnerup Choices

ST. LOUIS, April 12 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyn Dodgers are the favorites to win the major league pennant races, according to odds released today by J. J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner.
Odds on the Red Sox to win the American league flag are 13 to 10, meaning that a bettor favoring the Bostonians could win \$13 on a \$10 wager. Odds on the Dodgers, last year's National league champions, were narrower at 6 to 5.
The New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals were made the runner-up favorites in the American and National leagues, respectively.
Carroll's complete odds for the two leagues:
American — Boston, 13-10; New York, 5-2; Detroit, 4-1; Cleveland, 6-1; Philadelphia, 10-1; Chicago, 60-1; St. Louis, 100-1; Washington, 100-1.
National — Brooklyn, 6-5; St. Louis, 3-1; Boston, 4-1; Philadelphia, 8-1; New York, 12-1; Pittsburgh, 20-1; Chicago, 50-1; Cincinnati, 50-1.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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'Toughest Task': Telling Keltner Goodbye

TOPEKA, Kas., April 12 (AP)—Kenny Keltner said a sad "so long" to the Cleveland Indians today, never again to play for them after 12 rugged years as their regular third baseman.
Then, with a bit of apparent bitterness, Kenny packed his bags and headed for his home town Milwaukee, wondering what he'll do

now. He's never been anything but a ball player.
Keltner got his unconditional release from Manager Lou Boudreau, his pal and teammate for 11 of those years. Lou, announcing that rookie Al Rosen will take over for Ken on opening day, called springing the news to Keltner "one of the toughest jobs I ever had."
"We've been great friends," said Boudreau, "and he always has been a manager's ball player. Ken took it like the great guy he is. I guess it didn't come as a surprise to him."
"His legs are gone, his wrists

seem to have lost their snap, too," admitted Lou.
Keltner's biggest year from the standpoint of value came in 1948 when he clubbed 31 homers and batted .377, supplying a big portion of the punch that won the Indians the pennant and the World Series.
Then last season he dropped to .232. He was obviously slowing in the field.
"We could have sold him," explained Boudreau, "but he deserved better treatment than that after all the fine years he gave to Cleveland. Now he's free to make his own deal.

ABC Classic Due Saturday

COLUMBUS, O., April 12 (AP)—The 47th American Bowling Congress opens Saturday, and during its 60-day tenure 5109 five-man teams will converge on Columbus from 41 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Alaska.
Total fees of \$616,927 have been poured into the big jackpot by the five-man teams, 11,177 doubles combinations, 22,459 entrants in the individual race, and 18,021 seekers of the all-events prizes.
Charlie Treuter, tournament director, said today the ABC had spent some \$275,000 in arranging the ten-pin classic and installing 36 new alleys in the state fairgrounds Coliseum.
Preliminary costs also include more than 5,000 sets of new pins, decorations, concession booths, etc., and still to be paid out is some \$377,000 in prizes to the leggers from 968 cities and towns.
Ohio leads the entry list this time with 1969 five-man teams.

Trojan Scamperer Grabs Hurdles Victory



LOS ANGELES, Apr. 12—Running the 120-yard high hurdles in the track and field meet between Stanford and Southern California are, left to right: Darrell Kreitz, Stanford, who finished second; Don Halderman, USC; Dick Attlesay, USC, the winner; Al Lawrence, USC, who took third place; Bill Russell and Bill Storum of Stanford. Time was 14.3 seconds. Southern California won the meet by a 95 5/8 to 25 1/8 score. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Phillie Ace Injured

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 12 (AP)—Robin Roberts, ace right hander pitcher of the Philadelphia Phillies, was injured today when hit by a batted ball. Roberts was on the mound during the Phillies' batting practice before their exhibition game with the Louisville Colonels. A line drive by teammate John Blatnik caromed off the calf of his leg. He was injured so painfully that he had to be helped from the field.



CINCINNATI, April 12 (AP)—New York Yankee hitting was too powerful, and the pitching too good for Cincinnati's Reds today, the world champions winning an exhibition game, 6 to 4. Willie Reynolds was the winning pitcher. He was nicked for six safeties in six innings. Fred Sanford finished for the Yanks. Johnny Hetki was the losing hurler.

Chicago Cubs pounded out an 8 to 4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.
TOPEKA, Kas., April 12 (AP)—Bob Feller looked well on the comeback trail for four innings today in an exhibition game the Cleveland Indians won from the New York Giants, 9-4. But in the fifth, Don Mueller doubled and Feller walked three, forcing in a run. Monte Kennedy then singled in two more runs and another scored on Henry Thompson's grounder.
Feller, who won 15 and lost 14 last season, pitched for six innings allowing three hits. He was followed by Al Benton and Mike Garcia.

KSLM's 'Game of Day' Starts Next Tuesday

Radio Station KSLM's major league "Game of Day" feature, a play-by-play broadcast of the top baseball game of the day in the majors, starts next Tuesday over the Mutual network at 1:30 p.m. The station will cast the games daily except Sunday. The opening game will be the Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees game at Fenway park in Boston.

NOREN OKAY

DURHAM, N.C., April 12 (AP)—The Washington Nats received a bit of good news today when X-rays disclosed no fracture in the right hand of Irv Noren, rookie outfielder-first baseman. He injured it last night when the Nats and Philadelphia's Athletics struggled to an 11-inning 7-7 tie at Charlotte, N.C.



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Newcombe Said Okay, Bums Breath Easier

BALTIMORE, Md., April 12 (AP)—Don Newcombe, ace Negro right-hander for the Brooklyn Dodgers, was examined today by Dr. George E. Bennett, orthopedic surgeon, at Johns Hopkins hospital, and the verdict is that Don's arm and back trouble is "purely muscular."
X-ray photographs of both the Newcombe arm and back proved negative, Dr. Harold Wendler, the club trainer, who accompanied Newcombe to the hospital, said.
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