

To Snap Maris' Homer Record

Killebrew: Mantle Has Best Chance

By JACK HAND
Of the Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla. — Mickey Mantle recently picked Harmon Killebrew as the man most likely to break Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs. Killebrew Wednesday returned the compliment by singling out Mickey as the man to do the job.

"Mantle has the best chance to hit 62 or more because he is a switch hitter," said the Minnesota Twins' strong man, who hit 48 himself last year. "But Mickey does have a tough park

to bat in when he is swinging right-handed. He does have tremendous power and could do the job if they pitch to him.

"I know I'd never hit 46 or close to it if I was playing in Yankee Stadium. It is not a good park for a right-handed hitter, not unless he is a tremendous pull hitter. I am not a pull hitter. And I can't go to the other field with power like Bill Skowron can do in the stadium.

"The switch of our club from Washington to Minnesota was a

great thing for me. I liked it in Washington and everybody was nice to me but the ball park in Minnesota is just right for me. Now I can hit a lot out in center or right center by hitting straight away where the ball is pitched."

Killebrew, now 25, was the first bonus player the club ever signed. Ossia Bluege, then farm director, grabbed Killebrew after a recommendation by the late senator Herman Welker of Idaho, the player's home state. In 1959 he won the home run

title at Washington with 42 and followed up with 31 in '60 although he missed 26 games. In the club's first year at Minnesota he tied Baltimore's Jim Gentile for third place with 46, topped only by the Yankees' "M & M boys." One of his drives measured 462 feet.

"I pulled a hamstring muscle in the spring and missed about 10 days early in the season," said Killebrew. "Some people say that I would have hit 50 if I had been in there every day but that is something you'll never know. I just hope I can do as good as last year or better."

"Just because Maris broke 60, I don't think it will be like breaking the 4-minute mile ceiling. I don't expect to see a bunch of guys hitting 60."

"A lot of people talked about the thinned out pitching staffs due to expansion, helping the hitters last year. Maybe it did, but I know I found out that I had a lot of trouble with the new clubs and pitchers that I never saw before."

Killebrew doesn't know whether he will be playing first base, left field or third base this year. He has played all three positions at various times during his big league career. It all depends on what happens in the other positions.

If Jim Lemon bounces back with a good spring and regains his left field job, Killebrew probably will go to third. However the Twins are working two drafted rookies, George Banks and John Goryl, at third. In the first exhibition game, Killebrew played left field. In the second he was on third base.

"Let's put it this way," he said when asked his preference. "I like first base best but I have played more third base. I am willing to try the outfield if it will help. Moving around doesn't seem to bother my hitting."

Foul Helps Chicago Win

By United Press International
Ever hear of a team winning a basketball game by committing a foul? It happened Tuesday night in a wild American Basketball League contest at Pittsburgh.

Chicago led 121-119 when Walt Monaghan of the Rens hit a layup and scored with five seconds to go. But the officials ruled he was fouled before the shot and gave him two free throws instead of two points.

He made only one and Chicago grabbed the rebound as time ran out to preserve a 121-120 win.

Herschel Turner paced the winners with 27 points, while Kelly Coleman added 23.

Mangham and Chuck Curtis hit 25 each for Pittsburgh, while Connie Hawkins had 21 to push his league-leading point total to 2,001.

The win moved Chicago past Pittsburgh in the chaotic Eastern Division chase. Cleveland leads with 18-16, Chicago has 20-18, and Pittsburgh 17-17.

San Francisco is 18-19 in the Western Division standings after edging Hawaii, 119-111, for its fourth straight.

The won-lost records of the four middle teams are important in view of the new playoff setup announced by the league.

Last place New York and Hawaii will meet the two worst of the above quartet in first-round activity.

The two winners will then meet the other two teams and those victors will battle it out for the right to meet kingpin Kansas City in a three-out-of-five series for the title.

In Tuesday night's San Francisco victory over Hawaii, three Saints hit 21—Ken Sears, Mike Farmer and Jim Francis. Hawaii's Herbie Lee and Bill Spivey hit 26 and 23 for the Chiefs.

Kansas City played like the champs they are in bouncing New York, 120-98. Larry Staverman hit 28 for the Steers, while Roger Kaiser led the losers with 18 tallies.

McKay Hopes Oregon, OSU, WSU Will Eventually Be in Big Five
McMINNVILLE (UP)—Johnny McKay, head football coach at Southern California, said Tuesday night he hoped "Oregon, Oregon State and Washington State will eventually be included in the Big Five."

McKay, a former halfback at Oregon, spoke at the Linfield College sports banquet. Some 370 persons attended. McKay formerly was assistant coach at the University of Oregon.

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Trial Grows More Heated

BALTIMORE (UP)—Testimony grows more heated by the day as the American Football League's \$10 million anti-trust suit against the National Football League in Federal Court approaches its end.

The chief contention of the AFL, now two years old, is that the older league expanded to 14 teams in a monopolistic maneuver aimed at preventing formation of the AFL.

The trial continues Wednesday.

Tuesday, Baltimore Colts owner Carroll Rosenbloom got down on the defensive line for the NFL, offering to Judge Roszel Thomsen an explanation why the NFL gave a franchise for a team in Minneapolis. He said it did so because of the city of Houston's refusal to lease its stadium for professional football.

Rosenbloom took the witness stand as the case, being heard by Judge Thomsen without a jury, moved further into its fourth week. At the beginning, the trial was predicted to last about four weeks.

The AFL, however, disagrees with the explanation offered by Rosenbloom Tuesday. It claims it was injured as a result of the NFL's beating it to the punch in granting a franchise in Minneapolis. The AFL claims the action forced it to award a team to the less lucrative Oakland, Calif.

Another witness was Paul Brown, coach, general manager and founder of the Cleveland Browns.

Brown denied a statement attributed to him earlier in the trial by AFL attorney Ed Guinn. Guinn had quoted Brown as saying, "Nobody likes competition. We have a monopoly and we want to keep it that way."

Brown said he "never even thought anything like" the statements attributed to him by Guinn.

Cincinnati Problem Says Coach Wooden

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UP)—The coach of the UCLA basketball team figures he has one big problem in the NCAA tournament that opens Friday.

"Cincinnati," said Coach Johnny Wooden. "That's our problem."

The Bruins, who started slowly but won 11 of their last 12 games for an 18-9 record, meet the second-ranked Bearcats, the defending champions, in the second semifinal game Friday night. Top-ranked Ohio State plays Wake Forest in the opener, with the winners to meet Saturday night for the championship.

Wooden said his team's improvement could be traced to two sophomores — backcourt ace Walt Hazzard and pivotman Fred Slaughter. "We have no outstanding stars," he said, "but our boys have surprised many people."

"Jitters," said Wake Forest Coach Bones McKinney when asked his team's problem. "This is the first time we have gone this far in an NCAA tournament."

Wake Forest, considered at the start of the season one of the nation's powers, faltered at first, but came back behind All-American Len Chappell to win 12 straight for a 21-8 record.

The Deacons are champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Cincinnati is from the Missouri Valley Conference. Ohio State from the Big Ten and UCLA from the Big Five.

Ohio State, which won the NCAA in 1960, then lost a 70-65 overtime thriller to Cincinnati in last year's finals, is trying to become the second former champion to come back after only a year's absence. Kentucky did it in 1951, after winning in 1949.

The Buckeye (25-1) are led by the nation's top player, three-time All-American Jerry Lucas.

Fairgrounds Ring Show Set Friday

The Eugene Boxing Club will present its second amateur boxing show of the season Friday night at the fairgrounds Cow Palace.

Coach John Gable's Eugene squad will meet the Brookings Club in full program of at least a dozen bouts with fighters ranging in weight from 40 to 160 pounds.

The Oregon Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), sanctioning the card, has approved one five-round main event, with the other bouts over a three-round route.

Bob Horn, voted the "most outstanding" fighter in the Montana Golden Gloves tournament several months ago, will meet Billy Langford, the California 160-pound Golden Gloves champion who recently moved to Brookings. Langford has won his last 11 fights, all by knockouts. Horn will represent Oregon in the National AAU tournament.

Phil Moyer, outstanding professional fighter, will referee the entire card. His brother, Denny, who recently whipped Sugar Ray Robinson, will be at ringside.

Tickets are on sale at John Warren Hardware, \$2 ringside, \$1.50 reserved, and \$1 general admission.

Head Coach Named

KENT, Ohio (UP)—Dave Puddington, backfield coach of the Kent State University football squad for the last three years, has been named head coach at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Carl Erickson, Kent State athletic director, announced Tuesday. He replaces Lynn Hovland.

Redskins Get Billy Barnes

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Washington Redskins, trying to breathe new life into the weakest offense in the National Football League, obtained veteran offensive halfback Billy Barnes Wednesday in a trade with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Barnes and defensive halfback Bobby Freeman came in exchange for Jim Schrader, one of the league's top offensive centers, and defensive halfback Ben Scott.

It was the second major move to strengthen the Washington attack since the 1961 season, when the Redskins finished with a single victory, one tie and 12 defeats.

Coach Bill McPeak last December swapped the Redskins' No. 1 draft choice, Ernie Davis of Syracuse, to Cleveland for offensive halfback Bobby Mitchell and Leroy Jackson of Western Illinois, a No. 1 pick by the Browns.

Women's Golf

EUGENE COUNTRY CLUB—Sweepstakes winners: Mrs. Harold Potter 50-14-36; Mrs. Earle Nestell 47-10-37, and Mrs. Fred Carlson 46-8-38.

Syracuse 106, Philadelphia 99. (Eastern semifinal tied 2-2) Kansas City 120, New York 98 Chicago 121, Pittsburgh 120 San Francisco 119, Hawaii 111

Wilt Top Player

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—The Philadelphia Basketball Writers Club Tuesday selected Wilt Chamberlain the outstanding player of the year and Walt Bellamy the top rookie of 1962 in the National Basketball Association. They will be honored March 27.

Pro Basketball

NBA—Best-of-3 Playoffs Detroit 112, Cincinnati 111 (Detroit wins Western Division semi-final 3-1). Syracuse 106, Philadelphia 99. (Eastern semifinal tied 2-2) Kansas City 120, New York 98 Chicago 121, Pittsburgh 120 San Francisco 119, Hawaii 111

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