Casey Flatly Predicts Yank Win in American Title Race

Admits Boston Might Be Tough

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Casey Stengel, the New York Yankees' double talking manager who triple platooned his way to six American League pennants in seven years, stuck to a single track Wednesday.

Resorting to simple, conventional English, a language he seldom uses, the professor flatly declared the Yankees will win the pennant again this season.

The wise old skipper acknowledged the opposition will be stronger this year but he refused to fall back on any ifs, ands or buts as he predicted his team will represent the American League in the World series next October.

"Our writers figure we'll win and the players figure we'll win and I believe 'em," Casey said between huge winks.

None of 'Em Fired

"That's the way I feel. So why not say it? I know the other seven managers are smart. They must be because none of 'em got fired last year. So maybe we won't win. But I think we will."

Stengel admitted the Boston Red Sox, with Ted Williams going from the starting gate, will be tough, as will Chicago and Detroit. But he believes Cleveland again will give the Yankees the most trouble, with Boston finishing third and Chicago and Detroit battling it out for fourth.

"My writers like Boston for second but I naturally have to favor the Indians because that team beat me on the season last year—the only club ever to do it. They've still got the best pitching in the league with Early Wynn, Bob Lemon and Mike Garcia and those reliefers (Don Mossi and Ray Narleski) are murder. And I'm not forgetting that lefthander, Herb Score, either. That kid really has it. I'd be crazy to think beating Cleveland will be easy."

Casey spoke respectfully of the White Sox who, he figured will be tougher on offense and defense.

"They've got a pretty strong outfield with Larry Doby, Minnie Minoso and Jim Rivera—almost as good as mine."

Stengel thinks the Yankees will repeat because he has a stronger pitching staff, a well-balanced infield double teamed at every position, the strongest outfield in the league and Yogi Berra for catcher.

S. M. U., Temple, Iowa Eye Upsets

USF Foes Have 'Mission' for NCAA

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—San Francisco is a prohibitive favorite to reach its goal of two straight NCAA basketball titles Friday night but the three other contestants also have axes to grind.

While the Dons are confident they'll become the third team in history to win two successive titles, Southern Methodist, Temple and Iowa also have their sights set on winning.

There's no reason the Dons shouldn't be confident that they'll join Oklahoma A&M (1945-46) and Kentucky (1948-49) as two-straight winners. They've won 53 straight,

19-Game Streak

Southern Methodist's mustangs (25-2) go into the semifinals against San Francisco with a 19-game winning streak. They're hoping to become the first title winner from the Southwest Conference.

Tomorrow's opening game pits Iowa and Temple.

Temple boasts a fast break led by Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers. It will have the services of Hal Reinfeld, a steady backcourtman who helped Temple compile a 26-3 record. He suffered a wrenched back in the Canisius game Saturday night but reportedly will be in shape to play against Iowa.

Iowa, the representative from the powerful Big Ten, also has a "mission." The Hawkeyes will field the same team which finished fourth last year after losing to La Salle and falling apart before Colorado in the battle for third place. They're determined to make amends.

STARTER NAMED

PORTLAND (UP) — William P. Kyne, general manager of Portland Meadows, announced yesterday that Eugene "Beans" Kennedy, prominent official at horse race tracks on the Pacific Coast, will be official starter at the track this season.

The Portland season opens May 5 and continues through July 7 this year.

BROWNS SIGN PARILLI

CLEVELAND (UP)—Babe Parilli, former Kentucky T-formation star and regarded as the successor to Otto Graham, signed Tuesday with the Cleveland Browns for an estimated $12,500. Discharged from the air force last week, Parilli was acquired from the Green Bay Packers two years ago in exchange for Stanford's Bob Garrett.

Basketball Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AAU BASKETBALL
(Tuesday's Results)
(First Round)

Quantico, Va. Marine All-Stars 71, Brownstown, Ind. (Marion Kay Co.) 61.

Mobile, Ala. (Ada Oilers) 90, U.S. Air Force All-Stars 83.

Denver (Central Insurance) 72, Des Moines (Clarkson Realty) 64.

Pasadena, Calif. (Mirror Glaze) 82, Army All-Stars 68.

New Orleans (Loyola University) 78, Salt Lake City (Western States Investment) 67.

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(Quarterfinals)

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St. Josephs (Pa) 74, Seton Hall 65

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Gambold to Be Aide at WSC

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Bob Gambold, who played quarterback for three years at Washington State College, was named an assistant football coach at WSC Wednesday.

Gambold, 27, will return to his alma mater from Everett, Wash. Junior College where he has been basketball and baseball coach and a football assistant.

His signing completes the new staff of Jim Sutherland who succeeded Alton Kircher as head coach here after last season. The other assistants are Leon McLaughlin, former UCLA and Los Angeles Rams lineman; Lloyd Torchio of the University of California staff, and Arthur B. (Buck) Bailey and Dar Stavely, veteran holdovers from the Kircher regime.

Gambold quarterbacked the Cougars in 1948, 1949 and 1950 and played on the 1950 WSC basketball team which won the Northern Division championship in the Pacific Coast Conference.

He was later with Los Angeles, the Chicago Cardinals and the Philadelphia Eagles in the National Football League and returned to WSC as coach for all freshman sports in 1953. He started his athletic career at Longview, Wash. High School.

Sutherland said he is happy to have Gambold on the staff because "he knows the situation at WSC and is familiar with the state".

Bevos, Seattle Play 'Em Close

Dave Gray, Hodges Has Pitch Win For Portland

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 1956 Pacific Coast League baseball season is many practice sessions away but Portland and exhibition games like they counted in the standings.

The Rose City Beavers came up with some tight pitching Tuesday and, aided by a Seattle error, shut out the Rainiers, 2-0, to make it two straight over Seattle. Portland won, 7-5, last Saturday.

Gray, Hodges Shine

Three Portland pitchers allowed the Rainiers only six hits. Young LeRoy Han of Vancouver, Wash., gave up two in four innings and took credit for the win. Berlyn Hodges, who pitched for Eugene in the Northwest League last season, yielded two hits in three innings, and Dave Gray of Willamette University two in two innings.

Ed Mickelson homered in the fourth off Cal Humphreys for Portland's first run. Two singles off Roy Pardue and an error gave the Beavers their second run in the seventh.

In other practice games, San Diego scored six times in the fifth inning at Palm Springs, Calif., to beat the Vancouver Mounties, 8-5. The Mounties started with a three-run edge on Dino Restelli's homer in the first inning with two on.

Seven home runs were part of the 21-3 crusher Los Angeles handed to Pepperdine College.

Los Angeles and Seattle were scheduled at Pasadena Wednesday.

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Walter Burkemo, Franklin, Mich., won the professional division of the Seminole Tournament with a 36-hole total of 138.

$220,000 Income Expected At Dallas Centennial Golf

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Officials of Golf International, promoters of the world's second largest links show—the $100,000 Dallas Centennial and Texas International Opens in May—predicted Thursday that income would be more than $220,000. This would insure a profit on the first year's operation.

Such success would result in the ante being raised, said Jim Ling, chairman of the board of Golf International, an organization of wealthy Dallas men.

And he added that GI definitely was aiming at surpassing George May's golf extravaganza at Chicago, the world's largest tournament. Ling said that May's total was $126,000, not including a $50,000 exhibition tour for the winner.

PGA Made Room

Ling also told newspapermen Wednesday night the tournaments —one with $30,000 prize money and the other $70,000—were designed both as a civic venture and with the idea of making money. Ling declared they would have to be virtually total flops before there would be thoughts of abandonment.

So big is the show — and Ling forecast an attendance of at least 100,000—that the PGA cancelled two tournaments and a possible third in order to make room for it on the golf tour.

He said the tournaments already were assured of virtually every major player, that he believed Ben Hogan, the links great who has been in virtual retirement since the last National Open, would play here as a cooperative gesture (Hogan lives at Fort Worth, 30 miles from Dallas), and that Sam Snead, always a top attraction, would compete. Snead hasn't been playing many tournaments lately.

Race Shaping Across Strait

Victoria Raises Cash Prize for Thomas And Lumsdon

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—Normally conservative Victoria is gripped by channel fever as a result of Bert Thomas' acceptance of a challenge to a match race across the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Thomas, only swimmer to negotiate successfully the 18.4 miles of water between here and Port Angeles, Wash., said Tuesday he will be happy to race Cliff Lumsdon of Toronto this summer. Lumsdon issued the challenge Monday.

The Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce immediately launched a drive to raise the prize money to be paid the winner and more than $1,000 was pledged n the first day. The jaycees hope to raise as much as $15,000.

The race will not be limited to Thomas and Lumsdon. The chamber said it will be open to any swimmer who can pass a rigid endurance test and a complete medical examination.

However, it will be closely controlled and would-be publicity-seekers will be barred, a chamber spokesman said.

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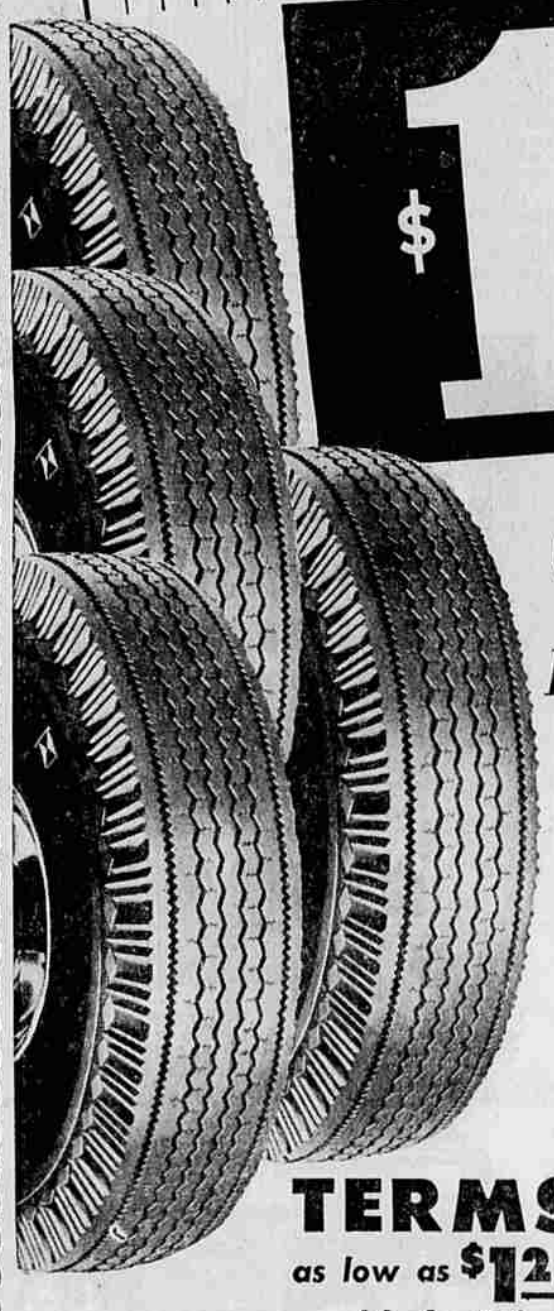

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