

New injury: Mantle may be through

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NEW YORK (UPI) — A depressed Mickey Mantle faced up to the grim possibility today that the season may be all over for him.

Set back even further by a new knee injury, which is literally one on top of another, the downhearted Yankee centerfielder said he had "no idea" when he might be able to play again.

Mantle suffered his latest injury, a loosening of a cartilage on the outside of his left knee, while trying to work himself back in shape from an "old" injury sustained on June 5.

Mickey was running in the outfield prior to a game with the Los Angeles Angels last Tuesday when his left knee suddenly gave way.

He was immediately examined in the clubhouse by Yankee team physician Dr. Sidney Gaynor, who relayed his findings to manager Ralph Houk.

"Dr. Gaynor came to me on Tuesday and said, 'I've got some bad news for you,'" Houk related.

"I said, 'Oh, no what now?' Then he told me what had happened to Mantle and I could hardly believe it."

Injury A Factor

"Mickey doesn't know when he'll be back; the doctor doesn't know and I don't know. Who knows, maybe he'll be able to pinch hit in three days? Then again, maybe he won't be able to play for the rest of the season. There's no use trying to minimize this."

Plagued by a long succession of injuries almost from the day he broke in with the Yankees in 1951, Mantle recently came off the disabled list after breaking a

bone in his left foot when he ran into a wire fence at Baltimore on June 5.

He returned to his home in Dallas two days later and noticed a black and blue mark on his left knee but paid little attention to it. He said the knee didn't bother him at all until three days ago.

When the Yankees were informed of Mantle's latest injury they decided to make it public and called a press conference following Thursday's 5-0 loss to the Los Angeles Angels.

Both Houk and Yankee General Manager Roy Hamey were at the session but Mantle wasn't. He was in the trainer's room where he was being treated for both his injuries.

Take Pressure Off
"People kept asking him when he was going to play again," Houk explained. "It's bugging him. We wanted to take some of the pressure off him."

"We don't have any reason to believe this new condition requires any surgery," Hamey declared. "But if it does, the surgery will be done after the season is over."

The knee Mickey has injured now, the left one, is considered his "good" knee. He already has undergone separate operations for the removal of cartilage from his right knee following the 1951 and 1952 seasons. There is no official count on all the injuries Mantle has suffered during his 13 seasons with the Yankees but he never got through any year without one except for the 1960 season.

"I sure would love to be back in there playing again," Mickey said before Thursday's game, "but I don't feel good generally. I don't know when I'll be able to play again."

Oregon wrestlers gain 4 wins in Japan mat junket

AKITA, Japan (UPI)—An all-star team of wrestlers from Oregon high schools won its fourth team competition in five starts in Japan today, defeating an all-star team from high schools in Akita province in northern Japan.

The Oregonians won today's competition 7 to 1 and added victories in two open matches which did not figure in the team scoring.

The Oregon team travels to Niigata on the Japan sea coast Saturday for matches with Niigata province high school wrestlers.

Today's results:

- 110 pounds — Kaneaki Ito d. decisioned Rich Henjyoji, Portland.
- 120 pounds — Rick Sanders, Portland, pinned Katsuyuki Washizuka.
- 130 pounds — Grant Humphreys, Klamath Falls, pinned Uchihiro Kodama.
- 140 pounds — Keith Plack, Canby, d. decisioned Takeshi Sasaki.
- 150 pounds — Don Dykstra, Lebanon, pinned Shigeru Kikuchi.
- 160 pounds — Rollin Schimmel, Rainier, pinned Kiyo Ono.
- 170 pounds — Fred Fozzard, Portland, pinned Wakio Suzuki.
- 180 pounds — Hank Schenk, Silverton, pinned Toshihiko Fujiwara.

Bo Belinsky to toss at Tacoma

HONOLULU (UPI)—Pitcher Bo Belinsky hopes to pitch this weekend when the Hawaii Islanders invade Tacoma for a four-game series.

Belinsky, equally famous for his playboy and baseball achievements, was sent to the Islanders by the Los Angeles Angels after compiling a 1-7 record.

He is still on the disqualified list and has only worked out as batting practice hurler. He said his arm feels good, but his ankle bothers him a little.

Asked if he planned to give actress Mamie Van Doren another engagement ring, he replied, "are you kidding? I've done that scene before, man."

But he confirmed that the blonde actress was his companion last Thursday, the day before he reported to the Islanders.

"We're just good friends now," he said.

SPENCER JOINS RAIDERS
SANTA ROSA, Calif. (UPI) — Ollie Spencer, who believes the best way to teach is by example, has come out of retirement to become a player-assistant coach with the Oakland Raiders. Spencer, who served as offensive line coach with the Raiders last season, recently received his outright release from the Detroit Lions, who have held his playing rights for the last two years.

The Scoreboard

Major Leagues

By United Press International			
American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	61	35	.635
Chicago	54	44	.551
Baltimore	56	46	.549
Minnesota	54	45	.545
Boston	51	46	.526
Cleveland	48	52	.480
Kansas City	46	52	.469
Los Angeles	48	55	.466
Detroit	41	54	.433
Washington	34	64	.347

Thursday's Results			
Chicago 4 Detroit 3			
Los Angeles 5 New York 0			
Kansas City 2 Boston 0			
Cleveland 3 Minnesota 2			
Baltimore 4 Washington 2, night			

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	62	38	.620
St. Louis	56	44	.560
San Francisco	55	46	.545
Chicago	53	45	.541
Cincinnati	54	47	.535
Philadelphia	52	49	.515
Pittsburgh	50	49	.505
Milwaukee	50	50	.500
Houston	38	65	.369
New York	32	69	.317

Thursday's Results			
Cincinnati 3 Chicago 2			
San Francisco 8 New York 6			
St. Louis 3 Milwaukee 1			
Houston 3 Philadelphia 0, night			
Pittsburgh 6 Los Angeles 2, night			

PCL standings

By United Press International			
Pacific Coast League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Lewiston	17	9	.654
Wenatchee	18	12	.571
Salem	15	12	.556
Yakima	16	13	.552
Tri-City	12	13	.480
Eugene	6	23	.207

NW League

Northern Division			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Spokane	65	44	.596
Tacoma	60	47	.561
Portland	52	55	.486
Hawaii	49	56	.467

Southern Division			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Oklahoma City	58	48	.547
Dallas-Ft. W.	57	50	.533
Salt Lake City	51	51	.500
San Diego	51	58	.468
Denver	44	61	.419

Thursday's Results			
Dallas-Ft. W. 6 San Diego 1			
Portland 4 Oklahoma City 3			
Spokane 4 Denver 3 (13 innings)			
Salt Lake City 5 Tacoma 2			
Seattle 10 Hawaii 9			

Vern White wins weekly sweepstakes

Vern White won the weekly sweepstakes at Bend Golf Club Thursday with a 76 for 18 holes.

Second were Neil Goldsmith and Glenn Cushman, both with 78's. In low net competition, Jim Wood was low with 72 strokes. Don Blewens was second with 73 and three tied for third with 75's. They were Charles Rickabaugh, Mickey Sullivan and Charles Marsch.

Qualifying play in the club championship tournament was completed Thursday. Pairings for first round play will be announced this weekend, club officials said.

BARR IN HOSPITAL

DALLAS (UPI) — Alfred R. (Red) Barr, who coached Southern Methodist University to nine of the past 11 Southwest Conference swimming championships, was in serious condition in a Dallas hospital after suffering a severe heart attack Wednesday. Barr, 54, also coached the victorious U.S. swimming team at the recent Pan American games.

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