Campanella's Hand Holds Key To Dodgers' Hopes for NL Pennant

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Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — How's Roy Campanella?

That's the question every National league manager and club owner asks first about the Brooklyn Dodgers, for they know the bulky Negro catcher holds the key to the Dodger's pennant hopes.

The answer to the other seven clubs in the league is not encouraging. Campanella seems completely recovered from the hand injury which handicapped him last season.

Never has he looked as sharp at the plate than he has this spring. He is powedering the ball to all fields and looks even better than he did in 1951 and in 1953, when he was selected the league's most valuable player. So confident is he that his hand is okay that he is catching without a sponge in his mitt.

"The hand and fingers feel fine and I'm no longer worried," Campanella said, adding that he expected the Dodgers to win the pennant easily. And they might well do that if Campanella comes back to his 1953 form when he hit 41 home runs, batted in 141 runs and wound up with a .312 batting average.

Other Question Marks

Last year because of that hand injury, he hit only .209 with 19 home runs and 51 runs batted in. Baseball men agree that was the major reason the Dodgers finished in second place, five games behind the Giants.

There are some other question marks on the Brooklyn club beside Campanella, but they aren't as important.

The other "if's" on the club include whether Jackie Robinson can overcome the injuries which handicapped him last season; whether big Don Newcombe can get back the form he showed before going into the service, and whether shortstop Pee Wee Reese, now 35, can go at full speed another season.

Manager Walter Alston is sure all three of them will come through, as well as Campanella. If they do, he has a club set at every spot except left field.

It will be big, hard-hitting Gil Hodges at first base, Junior Gilliam at second, Reese at short and Robinson at third. Jackie would much rather play third than left field, but if he is needed in the outfield, Don Hoak will take over at third. Also, if Gilliam should be traded, Reese may switch to second, leaving shortstop to either Don Zimmer or Chico Fernandez, the talented rookie star who hit .282 at Montreal last season.

Duke Snider is set in center field and Carl Furillo in right, and Sandy Amoros probably will open the season in left.

For outfield reserves and pinchhitting there will be George Shuba and either Walt Moryn, who hit .275 last season with the Dodgers or rookie Bert Hamric, a .350 hitter at St. Paul.

Alston is counting on Carl Erskine (18-15), Newcombe, (9-8), Johnny Podres (11-7), Billy Loes (13-5) and rookie Karl Spooner as his "big five" pitchers.

Behind them will be Russ Meyer, with Jim Wade, the No. 1 bullpen man and Clem Labine behind him. Erv Palica and Pete Wojew figure to win the other two spots on the staff, although Joe Black, back for another shot; and rookies Ed Roebuck, Ken Lehman and Bob Darnell also have a chance along with Bob Milliken.

BEAUTY ON MAT—Curvaceous Tiny Kim, Honolulu judo expert, above, will pit her wrestling wiles against the brutal tactics of Gerry Hunter, claimant to the world's feminine middleweight championship, in the feature match of Saturday's card at Merrick's arena. Other matches will send Yoggi Hussane against Cyclone Cobb and Buck Davidson in with Johnny Dobbs. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Tally Ho, Lamport Pin Quintets Chalk Up Victories Over Redding

Local teams won three matches, knotted another and lost two in tussles with Redding, Calif., quintets Sunday at Medford Bowling lanes.

Tally Ho won twice from Basset Buick of Redding. Lamport's Sporting Goods store nabbed one series and took two games in another match against Mecca club of Redding, which took a game and total pins in the second outing.

The other Medford club took only one game in each series against the third Medford club. They spotted the Californians 22 pins a game in each match and it made a difference in one.

George Spaunhorst had 231 for high game and Fred Anderson 590 for top series as Tally Ho beat Bassett 2678 to 2638. Walt McDonald had a 245 and a 621 for the Californians. Tally Ho grabbed two games and total pins in the opener and all three games in the second tussle. Pin count in the second was 2776 to 2529. Karl Johnson rolled a 215 game and 585 series for Tally Ho. Others rolling for the locals were Bill Hawley and Ray Wise.

In its first mix Lamport's won two games, tied the other and had a total pin margin of 2613 to 2567. The Redding five received a handicap of 60. Bob Dyer had high series for Lamport's with 577 and Sam Van Dyke high game with 224. Curtis Erbs rang up 210 and 564 for Redding.

In the second fray the Mecca team had a 2652 score to Lamport's 2508. Dyer had a 525 for Medford and Nick Fischer 203 and 535 for Redding. Buzz Green, Dick Spain and Stan Straus rounded out the sporting goods crew.

Charles McWhorter, Gene Doyon, Dale McCormick, Frank Chapman and Fritz Kunz formed the third Medford team. Redding won 2406 to 2374 in total pins in the opener. McWhorter had a 506 for Medford and Dale Larabee a 536 for the visitors. Chapman was high game with 194.

Medford's edge was 2436 to 2405 scratch in the second match but the 66 pin handicap gave the California five a 2471. McWhorter had a 530 series and Doyon a 193 game.

Portland—(U.P.)—Glenn Spivey, professional at the Longview Country Club since 1952, will take over as head pro at the Rose City Golf Club here April 1, it was announced today.

Waltonians Favor Three House Bills

Izaak Walton league members acted favorably on three bills before the Oregon House of Representatives and tabled another at a meeting held here last night.

They acted favorably on HB 461, which would limit salmon imports by sports fishermen in Oregon from beyond the three-mile limit. Also getting favorable reaction were HB 463, which would reduce non-resident fishing licenses from $15 to $10 and HB 160 which would outlaw salmon and steelhead derbies.

HB 462, which would impose a $1 a day salmon fishing license, was tabled after considerable discussion.

Although no official action was taken, members apparently were opposed to petitions now being circulated and directed at the Oregon State Game Commission which would open the upper Rogue river to winter steelhead fishing above the mouth of the Applegate river. It was pointed out that the lower Rogue and Applegate rivers are now open to such fishing.

Stanford Golfers Entered in Open

Five Stanford university golfers are scheduled to participate in the Oregon Open Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club on March 25, 26 and 27.

They are Phil Getchell, ex-Medford high, Fred Brown, Chuck Van Linge, Warren Dailey and John Brodie. Bud Finger, director of golf at Stanford, has informed Al Williams, RVCC pro, that the young linksmen will be on their own and won't be sponsored by the university.

Finger told Williams that anyone of the five is capable of beating the field on any given day, but indicted they may find it tougher to stay up among the leaders for four rounds.

The college golf director reported also that Cy Pennel, Stanford Golf club member who has won the San Francisco City title, may enter the Oregon open.

Williams is also anticipating entries of Oregon State college players and a Ford Ord, Calif., team.

Ideal water temperature for brook trout is usually considered 58 degrees F.

Smith, McGraw Win First Round Tiffs in Spring Golf Handicap

Defending champion Justin Smith Sr., and Medalist Everett McGraw advanced in the first round of match play in the men's spring golf handicap tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Smith won 1 up from Lew Ayres. McGraw won by the same margin but had to go 20 holes to nudge Dr. Robert Turner.

There were two other extra hole matches, Don Wood needed 20 to get by Bill Marshall and Fred Conrad required 19 to edge Jack Dougherty.

First round of play wound up Sunday night and losers fell into the third flight. Second round of action must be finished by Sunday night, March 20. Losers will go into the second flight.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS:

Everett McGraw def. Dr. Robert Turner 1 up (20); V. W. Hammond bye; Nelson Gallant def. Dr. Bob Bayuk 1 up; Frank Perl, bye; Paul Laconette def. Bob Peterson 1 up; Charles McIntyre, Eddie Simmons, Bob Lockwood, all bye.

Brad Broyles def. Bob Temple; Jim Dunlevy bye; Ray Wise won from Dr. Robert Sleeter by default; Jack Wood bye; Russell Heysell won from Bob Webber by default; Dick Henselman, Bob Phillips and Bob Rector, all bye.

Fred Sears def. Stan Stark 6 and 5; Ward Samuelson bye; Harry Watson def. Roger Clark 1 up; Hank Herman bye; Jack Creager def. Darrell Miller 1 up; Ivan Harrington, W. W. Deakins, Jim Busch, all bye.

Mahr Reymers def. Norton Smith 2 up; Lowell Chamberlain bye; Dick Knight def. Al Hart; Kent Blackhurst bye; Jack Sanborn def. Harry Millette 2 up; Ken Teeter, Dutch Oakes, Carl Schmidt, all bye.

Justin Smith Sr., def. Lew Ayres 1 up; Bob Morris bye; Wendy Wissler def. Bob Woody 2 and 1; Ray Sorenson bye; Don Wood def. Bill Marshall 1 up (20); Ralph Barclay, A. C. Broyles, Bud Judy, all bye.

Norm Hillyer won by default from Morris Leonard; John Moffat bye; Fred Conrad def. Jack Dougherty 1 up (19); Ed Radsweit bye; Dean Lambert def. Bill Catey 1 up; R. C. Burgess, Lee Flink, Henry Richmond, all bye.

Pete Clark def. Gain Robinson 2 and 1; Tom Ness bye; George Choate won from Don Whalin by default; William Thorndike bye; Bob Corbin def. Bob Voegtly 3 and 2; Vincent Bevis, Glen Fabrick and Bill Kalibak, all bye.

Clayton Lewis def. Paul Meyers 1 up; Larry Butler bye; George Schuler won from Dr. Roland Mayer by default; Al Servold bye; Miles Doran def. George Sloniger; Wallace Robinson, Bob Hinman, Joe Lydon, all bye.

SECOND ROUND PAIRINGS:

Championship Flight

McGraw vs. Hammond; Gallant vs. Perl; Laconette vs. McIntyre; Simmons vs. Lockwood ;B. Broyles vs. Dunlevy; Wise vs. J. Wood; Heysell vs. Henselman; Phillips vs. Rector.

Sears vs. Samuelson; Watson vs. Herman; Creager vs. I. Harrington; Deakins vs. Busch; Reymers vs. Chamberlain; Knight vs. Blackhurst; Sanborn vs. Teeter; Oakes vs. Schmidt.

J. Smith vs. Morris; Wissler vs. Sorenson; D. Wood vs. Barclay; A. Broyles vs. Judy; Hillyer vs. Moffat; Conrad vs. Radsweit; Lambert vs. Burgess; Flink vs. Richmond.

Clark vs. Ness; Choate vs. Thorndike; Voegtly vs. Bevis; Fabric vs. Kalibak; Lewis vs. Butler; Schuler vs. Servold; Doran vs. W. Robinson; Hinman vs. Lydon.

Third Flight

Turner vs. Bayuk; Peterson bye; Temple vs. Sleeter; Webber bye; Stark vs. R. Clark; Darrell Miller bye; N. Smith vs. Hart; Millette bye.

Ayres vs. Woody; Marshall bye; Leonard vs. Dougherty; Catey bye; G. Robinson vs. Whalin; Corbin bye; Meyers vas. Mayer; Sloniger bye.

Women's Golf

On Ladies' day last week at Rogue Valley Country club, golf play was for Criers' tournament. The group A winner was Mrs. C. B. Collins with a net 35; B group, Mrs. Ray Frisbie with a net 33; in the C group Mrs. L. G. McLaren with a net 32; and the winner in the D group was Mrs. Ed Milne with a net 33.

Ladies' day, March 17, play for the day will be nine holes for the best ball foursomes. A, B and C groups will play the front nine holes and D group will play the back nine. Mrs. Noble Vincent will be at the starting table.

If there is any change in pairings, women are asked to phone Mrs. Vincent at 2-4832. Those paired with Mrs. Baumann need not call her. She will be at the pro shop by 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

The first listed in the following foursomes will be responsible for contacting the others to arrange suitable playing time.

THURSDAY PAIRINGS:

Mrs. W. W. Davies and Mrs. H. L. Bush, Mrs. Roger Clark and Mrs. H. G. Dowson; Mrs. Richard Finch and Mrs. L. G. McLaren, Mrs. Robert Lockwood and Miss Isobel Stuart; Mrs. Thomas Culbertson Jr., and Mrs. Miles Doran, Mrs. Nobel Vincent and Mrs. W. L. Stark; Mrs. B. L. Nutting and Mrs. Ward Samuelson, Mrs. L. C. Burt and Mrs. Victor Sether; Mrs. Jack Wood and Mrs. Al Hart, Mrs. Ray Frisbie and Mrs. John Day; Mrs. Leslie Schneider and Mrs. Dick Knight, Mrs. Paul Walker and Mrs. H. D. McClure; Mrs. Ken Teeter and Mrs. Ed. Radzweit, Mrs. George Harrington and Mrs. Ray Larson; Mrs. Belle Schenck and Mrs. R. B. Temple, Mrs. Loren Haugen and Mrs. Sam Colton; Mrs. Keith Bates and Mrs. Warren Lesseg.

Mrs. Royal Bebb and Mrs. Paul Dix, Mrs. F. L. Somers and Mrs. Don McGeary; Mrs. J. W. Barnard and Mrs. Charles McIntyre, Mrs. John Pletsch and Mrs. Dick Field; Mrs. R. E. Heysell and Mrs. William Blackledge, Mrs. Stuart McQueen and Mrs. T. C. Groomes; Mrs. Jerry Olson and Mrs. James Asher, Mrs. C. E. Gordon and Mrs. Reese Alexander; Mrs. J. W. Mack and Mrs. R. E. Barclay, Mrs. Frank Benesh and Mrs. Melvin McGrew; Mrs. F. M. Rhodes and Mrs Dan Adams, Mrs. Fred Conrad and Mrs. Robert Little; Mrs. John Bunker and Mrs. Ed Milne, Mrs. James Shaw and Mrs. Lee Baumann (Hilt, Calif.); Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. Dean Lambert. Mrs. James Dunlevy and Mrs. J. O. Oakes.

The average food manufacturing company earns about 2½ cents on every dollar of sales, and the average food retailer earns one cent on the dollar.

Rams Schedule Two Games in Portland

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— The Los Angeles Rams today announced they would play exhibition night football games in Portland, Ore., against the Pittsburgh Steelers Aug. 6 and the New York Giants Aug. 28 in Multnomah Stadium.

The Rams said the two games were in addition to other exhibition games announced previously.

First Skiers Arrive

Stowe, Vt. —(U.P.)— The first contingent of some 600 skiers arrived here yesterday for the three day American International-ay ski races opening Friday.

Top American and European stars are entered in the events, second of two competitions to determine membership on the 1956 U.S. Olympic ski team which will compete at Cortina, Italy.

Buchan Bakers Win AAU Title

Eugene — (U.P.) — Buchan Bakers of Seattle won the Northwest AAU basketball championship last night with a come-from-behind victory over Martin Sign of Eugene, 76-72.

The win sends the Seattle five to the national AAU tourney in Denver.

Eugene led 53-28 at the half but Ed Tucker, former Stanford star, scored 19 points in the second half. His 21 was high for the game.

Barney Holland, ex-Oregon ace, led Eugene with 14 points while Ted Romanoff, former OSC player and Jack McElravy had 13 apiece.

BOWLING

ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Continental Lumber Co.	28	12
Lorenz Co.	25½	14½
Shoe Dogs	25	15
Pine Tree Market	21	19
Hooper's Radiator Service	19½	20½
Star Body Works	18	22½
Kom-Pak Trailers	15	25
State Forest Patrol	18	22
Lamport's Sporting Goods	15	25
Royal Club	15	25

Results:			
Loreaz Co.	3	Hooper's	1
C. McWhorter	447	D. Lewis	459
J. Mathes	461	D. Burns	456
McCormack	407	G. Davon	484
Gottfried	519	A. Keith	452
B. Tve	422	H. Vallee	497
Handicap	201		
	2457		2348
Star Body	0	Forest Patrol	4
L. Graham	450	B. Van Hoy	454
H. Gegner	418	H. Smets	381
D. Graham	485	J. Bradish	499
C. Emery	387	D. Stockton	476
T. Mitchell	523	T. Maul	442
		Handicap	132
	2263		2384
Royal Club	1	Pine Tree	3
B. Fehl	458	C. Curl	446
C. Hampson	519	G. Culv	468
D. Uchytil	404	S. Mallon	362
L. Smith	477	F. Martin	436
F. Knox	480	D. Kreer	557
		Handicap	93
	2338		2362
Continental	4	Lamport's	0
H. Allen	508	W. Meyers	461
T. Van Sickle	486	S. Van Dyke	476
E. Isaacs	351	L. Schneider	461
L. Knapp	529	W. Piche	436
V. Allen	605	J. Farrar	492
Handicap	54		
	2533		2326
Kom-Pak	2	Shoe Dogs	2
A. Andrew	424	E. Eberius	446
L. Moser	398	E. Floate	472
B. Thornton	393	D. Kline	432
E. Page	456	C. Lasher	428
C. Birchfied	480	Wunderlich	422
		Handicap	33
	2151		2233

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

ROGUE ROLLERS

Standings:	W.	L.
Chr. Drugs	23	13
Ralph's Green Lantern	23	13
Clave Construction	21	15
Burelson's	21	15
Rogue Sportsman	18	18
B and B Auction	17½	18½
C.K. Market	17	19
Women of the Moose	16½	19½
First National Bank	14	22
Brook's Electric	9	27

Results:			
Brook's Elec.	0	Burelson's	4
E. Asher	371	V. Findley	456
V. St. Hill	368	D. Doty	382
E. Sessions	320	A. Zahnow	374
G. Hayse	423	H. Culy	402
M. Durham	363	J. McCready	373
Handicap	27		
	1872		1987
O.K. Market	1	B and B	3
B. Coleman	345	H. Hobbs	472
D. Monroe	325	O. Wyatt	323
L. Calhoun	312	A. Zenor	359
E. Lenz	483	B. McQuade	333
		V. Miller	409
		Handicap	189
	1986		2085
Rogue Sptmn	3	WOTM	1
A. Wilson	336	C. Thoreson	337
L. Keener	343	S. Coulter	316
B. Webster	411	D. Finley	295
D. Ricks	312	M. Snyder	341
N. Roberts	345	E. Olson	362
		Handicap	71
	1807		1732
1st Natl Bank	1	Green Lantern	3
V. Abbott	351	V. Knox	444
H. Read	323	O. Henson	365
D. Scholey	302	M. Pierce	350
M. Tedrick	290	K. Smith	374
C. Sellech	360	D. Doty	435
Handicap	159		
	1785		1968
Clave Const.	3	Chris Drugs	1
D. Hickson	401	B. Munger	427
F. Clave	384	B. Henson	344
G. Russell	352	I. Forga	406
A. Hoffman	373	A. Bohannon	317
J. Tresham	407	Christianson	464
Handicap	180		
	2097		1958

High game—Elsie Baker, OK Market, and Money Hobbs, B and B auction, 200 each.

High series—Baker, 521.

High team series—Clave construction, 2097.