

## Bosox Wait Signing of Williams

Sarasota, Fla. — (U.P.) — An atmosphere of high expectancy filled the Boston Red Sox training camp today as players and officials alike anxiously awaited the arrival of slugging star Ted Williams.

Williams, reported by close personal friends to be enroute here late Monday, was expected to confer with Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin upon his arrival and to put his signature at once on a contract calling for a \$100,000 salary.

**Has Worked Out**  
The 36-year-old outfielder has been working out regularly in the Florida Keys and friends think he will be able to take a full part in team workouts within a very short time.

Williams announced in a magazine story last spring that the 1954 season would be his last, and at the end of the season he never fully believed him, keeping him on the official roster, and mailing him his usual contract at the same time the other players received their contracts.

## Spring Sports Underway For Rogue River Chiefs

Rogue River — The 1955 spring sports season for Rogue River high school got underway today at Grants Pass when Coach Tinker Hatfield's strong track squad ran through time trials.

The first track meet of the season is scheduled for Saturday when the Chiefs will play host to Crater's Comets. Coach Ray McClain's baseball squad is now drilling for the first contest against Eagle Point. The game will be played early in April, but the exact date has not been set.

The Rogue River track squad, defending district champions who tied for sixth place in the state meet, will be paced by five men who participated in seven

## Lions Seek Hold On Ex-Utah Star

Salt Lake City, Utah — (U.P.) — The Detroit Lions football club yesterday filed in court here to prevent former University of Utah grid star Tom Dublinski from playing for the Toronto Argonauts.

Third district Judge David T. Lewis signed an order for Dublinski to appear before Judge Clarence E. Baker on April 1 to show cause why he should not be enjoined and restrained from playing for the Argonauts before May 1, 1955.

## Baseball

**By UNITED PRESS**  
(At Tampa, Fla.)  
Chi. (A) 2-0 000 000-0 5 0  
Cin. (N) 2-0 201 209 10x-5 14 0  
Pierce, Stoffel (6), Cain (7) and Battey, Minarcin, Klippstein (7) and Landrih. Winning pitcher—Minarcin. Losing pitcher—Pierce.

(At Bradenton, Fla.)  
Chicago (A) 2-0 010 000-2 6 0  
Milwau. (N) 2-00 021 00x-5 8 2  
Senzuaga, Harshman (6) and Lollar, Conley, Robinson (6) and Crandell, White (6). Winning pitcher—Conley. Losing pitcher—Senzuaga.

(At Lakeland, Fla.)  
Baltimore (A) 2-0 000 000-7 0  
Detroit (A) 0-0 001 02x-4 7 0  
Duren, Johnson (6) and Batts, Lary, Foytack (6), Birrer (9) and House, Wilson (6). Winning pitcher—Foytack. Losing pitcher—Johnson.

(At Vero Beach, Fla.)  
New York (A) 31 500 242-19 24 2  
Brooklyn (N) 003 029 10x-8 11 0  
Blackwell, Konstanty (3), Lopat (4), Byrne (8) and Howard, Meyer, Wojcik (3), Rosdale (5), Labine (8) and Thompson, Campanella (5). Winning pitcher—Blackwell. Losing pitcher—Meyer.

(At Tampa, Fla.)  
Pittsburgh (N) 011 100 000-3 9 2  
Cincinnati (N) 200 000 011-4 10 0  
Grunwald, Douglas (6) and R. Smith, Acker, Werle (6) and Bailey. Winning pitcher—Werle. Losing pitcher—Douglas.

(At West Palm Beach, Fla.)  
Memphis (Sou) 010 000 000-1 6 1  
Kan. City (A) 2-0 011 00x-6 11 0  
Zillian, Dahlke (4), Latman (7) and Doolittle, Oster, Raether (6), Laness (9) and McKenzie, losing pitcher—Oster. Losing pitcher—Zillian.

(At St. Petersburg, Fla.)  
Phila. (N) 0-00 003 000-3 8 0  
St. Louis (N) 020 000 000-2 5 1  
Casagrande, Lovenguth (6) and Lopata, Arroyo, Jones (5), Lawrence (8) and H. Smith, Sarin (8). Winning pitcher—Casagrande. Losing pitcher—Jones.

(At Phoenix, Ariz.)  
Cleveland (A) 00 100 002-3 10 1  
New York (N) 010 000 001-2 5 2  
Rodemover, Score (4) Houtteman (7), Narleski (9) and Hegan, McCall, Grissom (6) and Katt. Winning pitcher—Houtteman. Losing pitcher—Grissom.

## Fights

**By UNITED PRESS**  
New York: Jackie La Bua, 157, East Meadow, N.Y., outpointed Rafael Merentino, 157½, Argentina (10).

Brooklyn: Joe Rowan, 182, Philadelphia, outpointed Wayne Bethea, 193½, New York (10).

Providence, R.I.: Bob Bolton, 157½, Providence, knocked out Jackie Lovatt, 157, Providence, (8).

Brockton, Mass.: Eddie Connors, 146½, Sharon, Mass., drew with George (Curly) Monroe, 146½, Worcester, (8).

New Orleans: Joe Dorsey, 166, New Orleans, outpointed Jimmy Morris, 164½, Miami Beach, Fla., (8).

Montreal: Bobby Courchesne, 127½, Chicopee, Mass., outpointed Pat Marcune, 129, Brooklyn, N.Y., (10).

San Francisco: Maurice Harper, 148, Oakland, dec. Livio Minelli, 150, Italy, (10).

# SPORTS

## Pittsburgh Pirates To Go Again With Youth; Haney Doesn't Have Title Hopes

(Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series on the 1955 prospects of the major league clubs.)

**By LEO PETERSEN**  
United Press Sports Editor  
Fort Myers, Fla. — (U.P.) — Fred Haney thinks his Pittsburgh Pirates "may come up with something" this season, but he isn't entertaining any first division thoughts, let alone pennant hopes.

He isn't thinking in terms of the cellar, either. His two previous Pirate teams have finished last and the club is an almost unanimous choice to finish in the cellar again.

"I'm not saying we will climb out of it," Haney said, "but I'm

just not thinking about finishing eighth. I'm just thinking about when we will be ready to win and I realize it won't be this year. There is only one place to finish, and that's first. Finishing anywhere below that doesn't mean anything."

**Accent on Youth**  
Once again, the Pirates will be going with youth, and it could be the kids will start to jell this year. As of now, outside of pitching, the Pirates have only one ball player who could make any other club in the league and that is outfielder Frank Thomas, who ended his holdout Thursday.

He will be a fixture in center. Rookie Roberto Clemente, who hit only .257 at Montreal but was a sensation in the winter league, appears to have clinched the right field berth and Haney believes Clemente has the makings of a Willie Mays. Left field is a battle between the veteran Sid Gordon, rookie Tom Saffell, who hit .279 at Hollywood last season, and Carlos Bernier, up for another try. Other outfield possibilities are Earl Smith, who hit .387 at Phoenix last season; Jerry Lynch, who hit .239 as a part time player with the Pirates, and Felipe Montemayor, who earned another chance after hitting .309 at New Orleans.

Not a single infield position is set. At first base it's a battle between Dale Long, a .280 hitter in Los Angeles last season, and Preston Ward, who has been a disappointment ever since the Pirates obtained him from the Cubs. Tony Bartirome, out of military service, and Bob Skinner, who hit only .249 with the Pirates last season, are other possibilities.

**Freeze at Second**  
Second is also open with Curt Roberts, who played the position last season, likely to lose the spot to rookie Gene Freeze, a .330 hitter at New Orleans last year.

Gene's older brother, George, who batted .324 at New Orleans, is fighting for the third base post with Lee Walls, up from Hollywood where he batted .290. Gordon also can be shifted to third in case he isn't needed in the outfield.

Dick Groat, just out of service, and Dick Cole and Gair Allie, who divided the job last season, are the leading shortstop candidates. Groat probably will win the job although he lacks power.

Pittsburgh catching is set with Jack Shepard, the No. 1 man, and the veteran Toby Atwell in reserve. Shepard was one of two Pirates to hit over .300 last season, winding up with a .304 average.

**Littlefield Mound Ace**  
Dick Littlefield, who won 10 and lost 11 last season and was coming along fast at season's end, figures to be the ace of the pitching staff with the veteran Max Surkont, 9-18, and Roger Bowman, a 22-game winner with Hollywood and Lino Donoso, a 19-game winner with the same club, other likely starters.

Bob Friend, 7-12, and Vernon Law, 9-13, are holdovers from last year's staff who must improve to win starting berths.

**Geoffrion, Sawchuk Win Hockey Trophies**  
Montreal — (U.P.) — Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion of Montreal and goalie Terry Sawchuk of Detroit won the Art Ross and Vezina trophies by the closest of margins—one goal.

Official National Hockey League figures released today showed Geoffrion won the scoring title in the next-to-last regular season game. Sawchuk captured his third Vezina Trophy in four years in the very last game. Each crown carries a \$1,000 check which their respective clubs will duplicate.

## Lesser Loses in North-South Play

Pinehurst, N.C. — (U.P.) — Wiffie Smith is only 18 years old but golfing experts were convinced today she has the ability to develop into another Babe Zaharias of the links.

Blessed with a magic putting touch and near-perfect temperament, the red-haired teen-ager like a veteran Monday as she captured the North and South Women's Amateur championship with a 3 and 2 victory over Pat Lesser of Seattle, Wash.

Miss Smith, who won the National Junior title last year, completed four straight rounds in the North and South without three-putting one green. It was a remarkable performance from a young girl who admits that "golf is my life."

## Ducks Trip Stanford U.

Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — Oregon university shut out the Stanford Indians 3-0 in a pre-season practice baseball game yesterday, primarily because of the efforts of two excellent Duck pitchers.

Righthander Bill Blodgett started the game for Oregon and was relieved in the sixth by southpaw Bill Donner. They gave up only six hits between them.

Oregon's big stickers were catcher Neal Marlett who collected a double and a single in four times at bat and outfielder George Shaw who pounded a tremendous triple and a single in five trips.

The two teams play a second contest here today.

## Fort Wayne Sees Quick Victory

**By UNITED PRESS**  
The Fort Wayne Pistons, "in shape at last," hope to make it two straight wins over the Minneapolis Lakers tonight in the Western division playoffs of the National Basketball association, while the Syracuse Nationals and Boston Celtics open the Eastern division finals.

The Pistons, who beat the Lakers nine times in 12 regular season meetings, won the opening game of the Western finals, 96-79, at Elkhart, Ind., on Sunday. Tonight's game is in Indianapolis and the third game is scheduled at Minneapolis Wednesday night.

Syracuse, regular season champion of the Eastern division, is host to the high-scoring Celtics in tonight's opening game. The second game is scheduled at Boston Wednesday night and the third at Syracuse.

Each of the division finals consists of a best-of-five series.

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

## Beavers Defeat LA 6-2 in Warmup Tilt

Glendale, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers, with new faces adding spark to their lineup, play the Camp Pendleton Marines in a practice game today after measuring the Los Angeles Angels 6-2.

The Beavers' rookie fast ball artist, Leroy Han, pitched five shutout innings to gain credit for yesterday's win. Portland drew 15 walks while Russ Sullivan, hard-hitting rightfielder, got a single and a triple to lead the Beavers at bat.

## OSC Blasts Aggies 10-1

Davis, Calif. — (U.P.) — Oregon State's baseball team opened its 1955 season yesterday by handing the California Aggies a 10-1 defeat here as Jerry Exley smashed two home runs for the Beavers.

Dick Weaver clouted another OSC homer as a pinch hitter. Marlin DeHaas, second of four Oregon State pitchers, got credit for the win. Others who went to the mound were Frank West, Lynn Mohler and Lowell Pearce.

The Aggies got but two hits, both by Bill Bear.

## Red Wings, Montreal Prepare for Playoff

**By UNITED PRESS**  
The Detroit Red Wings were rested and confident, but the Montreal Canadiens were tired and doubtful as they prepared for their opening games tonight in the National Hockey League playoffs.

The Red Wings, who edged out Montreal for their seventh straight league pennant Sunday night, entertain the Toronto Maple Leafs, while the Canadiens play host to the Boston Bruins in the first games of the best-of-seven semifinal series.

Basque is an unclassified language, its origin doubtful.

Tuesday, March 22, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

## Avila Agrees To Terms

Tucson, Ariz. — (U.P.) — American League batting champion Bobby Avila completed the Cleveland Indians' roster today when he came to terms with General Manager Hank Greenberg for an estimated \$27,500.

Avila, who hit .341 last season, agreed to terms in a telephone conversation with Greenberg from his Vera Cruz, Mexico, home.

Avila threatened to quit baseball last week if the Indians did not meet his terms but is believed to have settled for considerably less than the \$32,500 he was demanding. It was also reported last week that the Chicago White Sox had offered Nelson Fox for Avila.

Avila is expected to arrive at the Indians' training site today or Wednesday.

## Williams Takes Montana Post

Missoula, Mont. — (U.P.) — Jerry Williams, 31, Spokane, former Washington State college grid great, yesterday was named head football coach at Montana State university.

Williams, who has played professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles for the past two years after four years with the Los Angeles Rams, will be the second youngest coach in Montana's history.

He replaces Ed Chinske, who resigned. Only Bernie Bierman, who started his coaching career at MSU in 1919 at the age of 25, was younger when he took over the reins of the Grizzly grid squad.

Williams' parents are residents of the Talent area.

The mainland area of Australia is 2,948,366 square miles.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate Monday passed after spirited and at times heated, debate, a measure to take the motor vehicle division out of the secretary of state's department and make it a separate department under the appointive power of the governor. There were only six "no" votes cast.

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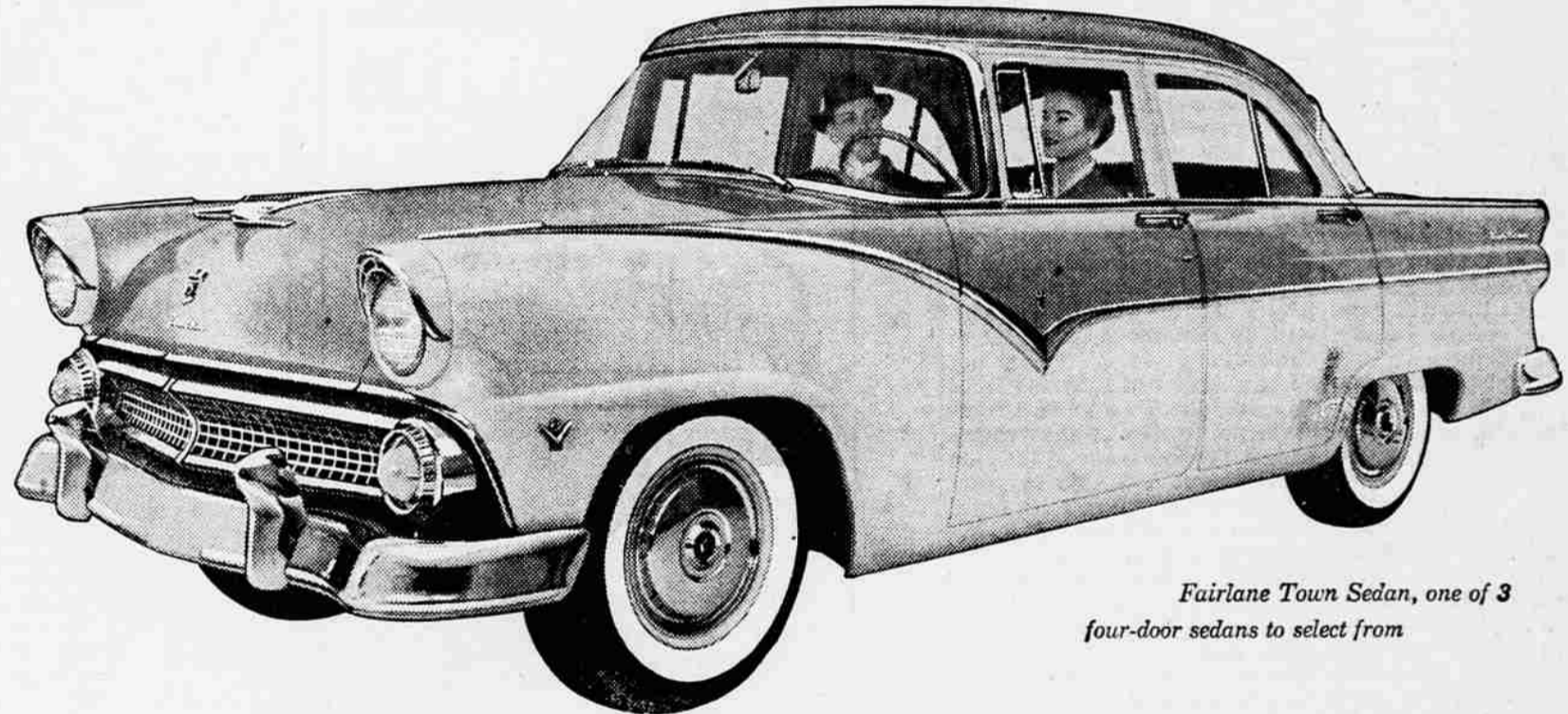


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