Ike Launches Major League Diamond Campaign With Pitch at Washington

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer

President Eisenhower officially got the ball rolling today when he made the pitch that opens the 1955 major league baseball season at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D. C.

Despite a bursitis condition, the President threw out the ball that will not only launch the game between the Washington Senators and Baltimore Orioles in the nation's capital but also the American and National league pennant races from New York to Kansas City.

Exactly one hour later, the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Redlegs meet at Cincinnati in the only other game scheduled today.

The Nat-Oriole game will mark a joint debut for Manager Chuck Dressen of Washington and Manager Paul Richards of Baltimore.

At Cincinnati, Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio tossed the first ball from the grandstand to Mayor Carl Rich on the pitching mound and Rich, in turn, will throw it to City Manager C. A. Harrell behind the plate.

Today's two "advance openers" officially launch the big league season for 1955 but competition doesn't really start on all fronts until Tuesday.

Most Action Tuesday

Most of the baseball attention Tuesday will be centered upon Kansas City, which makes its American league bow with a game between the Detroit Tigers and Kansas City Athletics. The remainder of the American league schedule Tuesday lists the Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, Boston at Baltimore and Washington at New York.

In the National league, the New York Giants start defending their world championship against the Phillies at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh is at Brooklyn, Cincinnati at Milwaukee and St. Louis at Chicago.

The total attendance at the 10 opening games is expected to reach 300,000 and baseball Commissioner Ford Frick already has predicted an increase in overall attendance this year.

(Probable pitchers, weather and attendance for the major league baseball opening games. Pitchers' 1954 records in parentheses:)

TUESDAY
American League

Detroit at Kansas City— Garver (14-11) vs. Kellner (6-17); clear and mild; 36,000.

Chicago at Cleveland — Trucks (19-12) vs. Lemon (23-7); cool, possible showers; 50,000.

Boston at Baltimore — Sullivan (15-12) vs. Coleman (3-17); chance of rain; 45,000.

Washington at New York — McDermott (7-15) vs. Ford (16-8); some cloudiness, warmer; 25,000.

National League

New York at Philadelphia — Roberts (23-15) vs. Antonelli (21-7); fair and warm; 72,000.

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn — Surkont (9-18) vs. Erskine (18-15); some cloudiness and warm; 20,000.

Cincinnati at Milwaukee — Staley (7-13) vs. Spahn (21-12), cool, some cloudiness; 45,000.

St. Louis at Chicago — Lawrence (15-6) vs. Minner (11-11); cloudy and cool, possible showers; 25,000.

Baseball Briefs

By UNITED PRESS

New York —(U.P.)— The New York Yankees were singing the praises of rookie pitchers Tom Sturdivant and Johnny Kucks today as they got ready for Tuesday's opening game against the Washington Senators.

Sturdivant held the Brooklyn Dodgers hitless and runless in a three-inning workout Sunday as the Yanks scored a 7-3 win. Kucks, 21-year-old righthander, was signed to a Yankee contract. In 26 innings this spring he allowed 14 runs and 25 hits.

CLUTCH TOUCH

Malwaukee, Wis. —(U.P.)— The Milwaukee Braves have their "clutch touch" in batting all tuned up for Tuesday's opening game.

They proved that when Danny O'Connell whacked a two-run homer in the ninth inning Sunday to tie the Cleveland Indians, 4-4, and then Hank Aaron poled another two-run homer in the 10th for a 6-4 victory.

YOST HEADS SOLONS

Washington — (U.P.) — Eddie Yost, Washington's "iron man" third baseman, wound up as the Senators' leading hitter of the spring today with a .397 average while the club finished with an overall exhibition game record of 15 victories and eight losses.

CITY SERIES EVEN

Chicago —(U.P.)— The annual spring "city series" between the two Chicago clubs ended even at one game apiece when the White Sox blasted four Cub pitchers for a 9-7 victory Sunday before 19,504 fans.

MOORE IMPRESSES

Baltimore —(U.P.)— It took all spring but right-hander Ray Moore, a $35,000 acquistion from the minors, finally managed to impress Baltimore Manager Paul Richards. Moore, troubled by a sore arm all spring, made his first start in the Orioles' 4 - 3 victory over the Pirates Sunday and faced only 10 men in three innings while striking out three.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Portland Subdues LA Twice To Cop Series

By DON THACKERY
United Press Sports Writer

Hollywood and San Francisco come home for the first time in the 1955 Pacific Coast League and from the looks of the standings that's where they should have stayed last week.

The juiceless Stars, near champions last season, managed to score only 11 runs in seven games with Sacramento and were lucky to get out of town with two wins for the series. Yesterday they won 2-1 in the finale after losing by the same score in the opener.

San Francisco took two to the jaw from San Diego yesterday 2-0 and 7-6 and looks up at the rest of the league from a 3-5 record.

Timely Homers

Portland got good pitching and timely home run hitting and bopped Los Angeles 4-2 and 2-0 while Seattle won over Oakland 6-3 to cinch the series and then dropped a 5-2 decision.

A two-hitter was recorded in Los Angeles but this one was a losing effort. Jim Brosnan and Joe Kuncl limited Portland to two blows, but one was a two-run homer by Russ Sullivan in the sixth. Bob Hall gave up three hits but no runs.

The first game was also won by Portland home runs. Ed Michelson hit two of the homers while Eddie Basinski got one. All came with the bags unoccupied but provided enough edge for Dick Waibel and Lee Anthony, who seven-hitted the Angels.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Sacramento	5	2	.714	
San Diego	5	3	.625	½
Seattle	4	3	.571	1
Portland	4	3	.571	1
Los Angeles	3	4	.429	2
Oakland	3	4	.429	2
San Francisco	3	5	.375	2½
Hollywood	2	5	.286	3

Seattle 6-2, Oakland 3-5
Sacramento 2-1, Hollywood 1-2
Portland 4-2, Los Angeles 2-0
San Diego 2-7, San Francisco 0-6

How Series Ended
Sacramento 5, Hollywood 2
Portland 4, Los Angeles 3
Seattle 4, Oakland 3
San Diego 5, San Francisco 3

Next Series
Portland at San Francisco
Oakland at Sacramento
Los Angeles at San Diego
Seattle at Hollywood

Baseball

SUNDAY EXHIBITIONS
BY UNITED PRESS

Pittsburg (N) 000 000 030—3 7 -
Balt. (A) ... 000 000 121—9 4 0
Bowman, Lew 8 and Atwell, Shepard 8, Moore, Byrd 4 and H. Smith, Moss 6. Winning pitcher — Byrd. Losing pitcher — Thies.

N. Y. (N) ..... 012 210 000—6 12 1
Boston (A) .. 000 021 010—4 8 2
Hearn, Gomez, 4, Wilhelm 7, Grissom 9 and Katt. Brodowski, Delock 6, Freeman 8 and White. Winning pitcher — Hearn. Losing pitcher — Brodowski.

Bklyn (N) .... 010 000 002—3 5 0
N. Y. (A) .... 024 010 00x—7 8 0
Black, Bessent 4, Meyer 5, Lasorda 7 and Campanella, Walker 7. Turley, Sturdivant 5, Sain 8 and Berra. Winning pitcher — Turley. Losing pitcher — Black.

Cin. (N) ..... 000 110 000—2 8 1
Wash. (A) .... 000 000 14x—5 11 2
Pearce, Fisher 8, Baczewski 8 and Landrith. Ramos, Stobbs 5 and Fitzgerald. Winning pitcher — Stobbs. Losing pitcher — Pearce.

K. City (A) 520 105 100—14 20 3
Phil. (N) ..... 001 301 000— 5 10 3
Bishop, Ceccarelli 6 and W. Shantz. Owens, Dickson 4, Simmons 7, Kipper 9 and Popata. Winning pitcher —Bishop. Losing pitcher — Owens.

(10 innings)
Clev. (A) .. 101 011 000 0—4 10 2
Mil. (N) .. 000 002 002 2—6 9 1
Garcia, Score 4 and Hegan, Foiles 4. Conley, Jolly 7, Crone 9 and Crandall, White 9. Winning pitcher — Crone. Losing pitcher — Score.

Det. (A) .... 000 001 800— 9 13 0
St. L. (N) .. 000 015 40x—10 13 0
Hoeft, Black 4, Herbert 6, Zuverink 7, Fletcher 8 and House. Wilson 8. Faszholz, Blaylock 5, Moford 7, Woolridge 7, Smith 9 and Sarni, Rice 8. Winning pitcher — Woodridge. Losing pitcher — Zuverink.

Chi. (A) ..... 040 004 100—9 10 3
Chi. (N) ..... 300 210 100—7 11 0
Pierce, Harshman 5, Chakales 7 and Lollar, Courtney 6. Thorpe, Cohen 3, Andre 6, Amor 7, Davis and McCullough, Fanning 4, Tappe 9. Winning pitcher — Harshman. Losing pitcher — Cohen.

(First games:)
Hollywood ..... 000 000 100—1 6 3
Sacramento ..... 010 000 01x—2 7 1
Naranjo and Bragan; Daley and Sheely.

San Francisco .. 000 000 000—0 2 0
San Diego ..... 00 002 00x—2 7 0
Francchia and Ritchey; Erautt and Gladd.

Portland ..... 010 001 110—4 7 1
Los Angeles ... 000 001 010—2 7 4
Waibel, Anthony 8 and Lundberg; Zick, Stoddard 9 and Pramesa.

Seattle ..... 012 020 010—6 9 1
Oakland ..... 000 002 001—3 10 1
Lombardi and Ginsberg; Gettle, Besana 5, Strahs 9 and Neal.

(Second games:)
San Francisco .. 002 020 200—6 14 0
San Diego ..... 012 210 001—7 16 0
Bearden, Chandler 5, Zabala 6 and Tornay, Ritchey 6; Kerrigan, T. Smith 7 and Aylward.

Seattle ..... 000 000 2—2 5 2
Oakland ..... 000 050 x—5 10 1
Savransky, Widmar 5 and Orteig; Bamberger and Swift.

Hollywood ..... 000 020 0—2 9 0
Sacramento ... 001 000 0—1 2 0
Munger, Witt 5, Hogue 6 and Hall; Pieretti and Baisch.

Portland ..... 000 002 0—2 2 0
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 0—0 3 2
Hall and Bottler; Brosnan, Kuncl 7 and Hannah.

Allen Hurls No-Hitter For Pointers

Central Point—Wayne Allen, striking out 17 batters in the six-inning engagement, hurled a no-hit victory for Central Point grade school Saturday over the Prospect high junior varsity crew. The score was 18 to 1.

A walk and error produced the only Prospect score.

Allen whiffed the first nine batters he faced in the contest. All Prospect outs but one were on strikeouts. One Cougar was thrown out at first base on a bunt hit attempt. The Pointers chucker walked three batters.

Paul Beach slapped a three-run homer and Jerome McQuade caught a fine game for the Pointers.

Central Point entertained Talent today and will play Eagle Point here Wednesday. The Pointers go to EP on Friday.

Waltonians To Convene This Evening

Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the Medford Gun club.

Steps to be taken by the membership in their support of the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom festival, on April 23 will be decided upon.

John Gribble, 139 Kenwood ave., retired forester, vice president for woods and one of the League's most enthusiastic supporters, has reported that his granddaughter, Tacy Lynch, is ready for the contest for queen of the festival. Miss Lynch is the three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, 139 Kenwood ave.

Plans will be made for the showing of the Alaskan movie by Mr. Edward H. Horn on April 26 and 27 at the high school. Col. Paul H. Weiland, president, will have at the meeting several articles from the Arctic for inspection.

Bob Pruitt, Grants Pass, a professional river guide and white water boatman, will show his movies taken on the middle fork of the Salmon river in Idaho, the Rogue river and the Owyhee river. Boy Scouts who were with him on the Owyhee last year will want to see these pictures and they are invited, along with their parents.

Refreshments will be served as usual and members are asked to bring those who might be interested as guests.

Cary Middlecoff Victor In Masters Golf Struggle

By WILLIAM TUCKER
United Press Sports Writer

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—Because he didn't want to play hero at a crucial time, lanky Cary Middlecoff headed into a golden year of golf today with the coveted Masters title and his 1955 earnings doubled in one great sweep to glory.

The praise of Bobby Jones himself, founder and chief patron of the Masters, rang in Middlecoff's ears for the best single round of golf ever shot in its 21 years and 19 playings. He had conquered the two greatest competitors of the tournament, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, who finished two-three at a record seven and eight stroke distance behind the winner.

Happy, quickly-relaxed Middlecoff, said that after he took a double bogey on the 10th hole of the last round and still was one under par through 12, it was no time to take chances any more.

Yet, while the 31-year-old ex-dentist from Memphis who now is registered from Kiamesha Lake, N.Y., took a cautious iron on his approach to 13 Sunday, satisfied with a par 5, it was the same hole he gambled and got an eagle on Friday. That feat and a flurry of birdies, including four in a row, added up to only 65 and was the round Jones called the best in Masters' history.

Middlecoff finished with a two-under-par 70 Sunday, giving him a total of 279, which is as good as they've ever done in the Masters save when Hogan axed it down to 274 in 1953.

Burke Falls Behind

It was only the second major triumph for Middlecoff, who won the U.S. Open in 1949 only two years after he turned pro.

Saddest casualty of all in this Masters was Jack Burke Jr. of Kiamesha Lake, the first day leader who plummeted down to a tie for 12th after a hard-to-believe nine on the now notorious 13th.

Hogan's close putts failed to drop for birdies on his outgoing nine and after he played shakily on 10 and 11, both for bogey fives, he was out of it. Yet, ironically, he birdied the 13th and finished with 73 and 286.

Snead's story for four rounds was 12 birdies and 12 bogeys. He wound up with a fine 70 Sunday, however, for 287.

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — Bruce Cudd, Portland amateur golfer, carded a 72-hole total of 306 in the Masters' golf tournament here, shooting a 78 in yesterday's final round. Cudd, 21-year-old Walker Cupper, shot 307 last year.

Scribes Choose Indians, Braves

New York— (U.P.) —The Milwaukee Braves and the Cleveland Indians will meet this fall in the first all-Midwest World Series since 1945, sports writers predicted in the annual United Press pre-season pennant poll.

Of the 184 scribes in the major league cities who participated in the poll, 104 picked the Indians to repeat as pennant winners in the American League, while 88 selected the Braves to dethrone the champion New York Giants in the National.

The second choice teams were the New York Giants, picked for first place by only 50 writers, a surprising lack of support for a team which won the World Series of 1954 in four straight games.

Dodgers Third Choice

The Dodgers, perennial favorites in the National League, drew only 42 first place votes this time. The only other National League teams to get first place votes were the St. Louis Cardinals with three and the Cincinnati Redlegs with one.

The writers envision another two team runaway involving the Yankees and Indians in the American League. Only five scribes liked other teams for the flag, four picking the Chicago White Sox and one rugged individualist the Boston Red Sox.

It also was significant that of the 184 voters, not one picked either the Yankees or the Indians to finish below third place. Similarly, in the National League, the Braves, Giants, and Dodgers drew no votes below fifth.

Red Wings Now Ahead In Stanley Cup Tussle

Detroit — (U.P.) — The Detroit Red Wings were one victory away from their second straight Stanley Cup today but they must overcome an away-from-home jinx to keep the Montreal Canadiens from evening matters in the sixth game of their best-of-seven series.

Gordie Howe registered a three-goal "hat trick" Sunday night to give the Red Wings a 5-1 victory over the Canadiens and send Detroit into a 3-2 lead in the battle for Lord Stanley's trophy.

The first Pan-American conference was held at Washington, October 2, 1889.

Phoenix High Tops IV in Track Meet

Phoenix— Phoenix high paced by Delmar Brood, Llewellyn Witte and Walt Hurlbut, gained firsts in eight of 14 events Saturday to overcome Illinois Valley 67 to 55 in a rual track meet here.

Brood won the low hurdles, tied for first in the pole vault and took second in the 100-yard dash to glean 11 points in the meet. Witte headed the runners in both the 220 and 330-yard runs for 10 points and Hurlbut took the broad jump, was second in the shot put and was third in the discus for nine points.

In the pole vault Brood broke his Swedish steel vaulting pole trying to clear 10 feet 3 inches and luckily escaped serious injury. Winning height Saturday was 9-10 but Coach Jack Woodward said that Brood has cleared 10-9 this year and is expected to go higher.

Neither IV nor Phoenix is considered strong this year. Both schools lost heavily by graduation last spring.

RESULTS:

70-yard high hurdles — Cubbreath, IV; Colee, IV; James and Hobbs, P. Time :11.1.

Shot put — Plumlee, IV; Hurlbut, P; Brewer, IV. Distance 43 ft. 1 in.

100-yard dash — Puhl, P; Delmar Brood, P; Cook, IV. Time :11.1.

Three-fourths mile — McLeish, P; Berkner, IV; Brown, P. Times 3:48.

Pole vault — Delelmar Brood and Carson, P, tie first; Plumlee, IV. Height 9 ft. 10 in.

High jump — Kelsoe, P; James, P, and Loganbill, IV, tie second. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

330-yard dash — Witt, P; Loganbill, IV; Cole, IV. Time :38.5.

Discus — Smith, IV; Workman, P; Hurlbut, P. Distance 116 ft. 3½ in.

100-yard low hurdles — Delmar Brood, P; Workman, P; Colee, IV. Time :12.7.

Broad jump — Hurlbut, P; Cooke, IV; Dwayne Brood, P. Distance 18 ft. 5 in.

220-yard dash — Witte, P; Cooke, IV; Lockhart, IV. Time :23.8.

Javelin — Brewer, IV; Rose, P; Korth, P. Distance 139 ft. 10 in.

660-yard run — Berkner, IV; Phillips, IV, and Brown, P, tie second. Time 1:45.

440-yard relay Won by Illinois Valley.

Orioles Pay Out $50,000 Bonus; Release Pesky

Baltimore —(U.P.)— The Baltimore Orioles shelled out the largest bonus in their history today when they paid an estimated $50,000 to Jim Pyburn, a 21-year-old third baseman from Auburn, who will report to them Wednesday.

In addition to signing Pyburn, a 6-foot, 190-pound junior from Birmingham, Ala., the Orioles also announced the outright release of veteran infielder Johnny Pesky and the signing of right-hander Saul Rogovin to a Baltimore contract. Rogovin worked out with the Orioles this spring while under contract to their San Antonio Texas League farm club.

Lowry Encounters Adams in Ring

New York —(U.P.)— Irish Pat Lowry, a welterweight who considers a boxing ring a relatively safe place after his 13-month stint in Korea with the Marines, meets Pete Adams in a return bout tonight at St. Nicholas arena.

The match is rated a toss-up. Lowry, a 25-year-old Toledo, O., fighter who took part in the Inchon landing and the capture of Seoul, was awarded a much-disputed decision after their first brawl at St. Nick's Feb. 28.

Danny Giovanelli of Brooklyn is a slight choice for his 10-rounder against Chris Christensen, Denmark's welterweight champion, in tonight's main bout at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena. ABC begins televising this program at 9:30 p.m. (EST).

Albany, Calif. — (U.P.)—Neil S. McCarthy's Bell O' Shandon, a fleet filly bred in Ireland, roared from behind to win the $17,475 Richmond handicap at Golden Gate fields today before 19,437 fans.

Jean Elbon Polishes Off Gerry Hunter; Dean Beats Hussane; Rematches Sought

Shirley Winters and Yoggi Hussane were screaming for rematches today following one of the wildest and noisest sessions of the current wrestling season at Merrick's arena Saturday night.

Miss Winters wants another chance at Gerry Hunter, whom she held to a draw on April 2, and Hussane is after another crack at Man Mountain Dean Jr., to whom he lost on a foul Saturday night.

It was a rough night for Hunter, but just about everyone of the near-capacity crowd loved every minute of it as Jean Elbon, a top rate cutie making her first start here, polished off the heretofore unbeaten Hunter two falls out of three.

Miss Elbon Shines

Not only is Miss Elbon probably the best looker Mack Lillar has brought to Medford, but she is by far the best wrestler. She turned Hunter every way but loose and took her foe's best licks time and again. But it was Winters, in the audience as a spectator, who finally turned the tide.

Miss Elbon had been thrown out of the ring and was kicked back to the floor several times by Hunter when she tried to get back in. Winters couldn't stand it any longer and with skirts flying, she rushed to ringside, pulled Hunter out of the ring by a foot, and administered a sound thrashing as ringsiders scurried out of the way. Then Winters picked Hunter up, threw her back into the ring to which Elbon had returned, and Jean applied the clincher with a body press.

Referee Injured

Hunter had taken the first fall with a press after dusting the mat with Jean by throwing her around by the hair. Elbon took the second fall with a shoulder stand and had to keep the hold for more than a minute while Referee Larry Presnell, who had been thrown from the ring by Hunter, could get back in. Presnell suffered a bad ankle injury, the seriousness of which had not been determined today. The match was held up for several minutes until another referee could be obtained.

Hussane did very little wrestling with his huge opponent, being content to stay away until he had an opportunity to do his dirty stuff. Dean, quite agile for his 384 pounds, took the first fall with his famed "belly flop" and won the clincher when, after being thrown from the ring, Hussane refused to let him return. Johnny "Cyclone" Cobb, who had replaced the injured Presnell as referee, stopped it by disqualifying Hussane.

Hussane claims the match was merely a feeling-out process and he knows now he can thrash the big fellow. Whether he gets the chance Lillard has yet to decide.

Davidson Injured

A sparkling exhibition of fine wrestling came to a disappointing end in the match between Cobb and Buck Davidson when, with a minute to go, Davidson was injured when he missed a dropkick and was unable to continue.

Cobb took a fall with a body press as Davidson lay injured on the mat but when Davidson was unable to come out for the final minute, Cobb refused to accept the decision. Presnell announced that it would go down as a "no decision" affair.

One Presidential Duty Not Listed In Constitution

Washington — (U.P.) — Dwight Eisenhower performed the one vital duty of the presidency today that isn't mentioned in the Constitution.

He'll throw out the first ball of the 1955 baseball season.

He threw out the first ball of the 1955 baseball season.

Like most of the presidents who preceded Ike, he pitched with all the speed, grace and control of a baby throwing oatmeal at the nearest wall. But it doesn't make any difference to the fans. It's the effort and not the form that counts in this traditional ceremony.

Dates Back to 1912

The ceremony calling upon presidents to throw out the first ball dates back to 1912, when a young club owner named Clark Griffith of the Washington Nationals invited President William Howard Taft to perform the function in a mid-season game.

The next year Griffith invited Woodrow Wilson to throw out the first pitch at the opening game. From 1913 to 1943, when Franklin D. Roosevelt finally missed an opener during wartime, presidents attended every first game of the season in Washington.

Oregon Thinclads Win 3-Way Test

Portland —(U.P.)— The University of Oregon swamped Seattle Pacific College and Lewis and Clark College in a three-way track meet here Saturday.

The Webfoots had first places in all but one event and rolled up 100 1-2 points to 31 1-3 for Seattle Pacific and 30 1-6 for Lewis and Clark.

Pittsburgh Captures Hockey League Diadem

Buffalo, N. Y. —(U.P.)— The Pittsburgh Hornets, the American Hockey League's regular season champions, made it a "double" by capturing the playoff title Sunday night with a 4-2 triumph over the Buffalo Bisons.

Bobby Solinger scored twice in two minutes and three seconds in the second period and those goals clinched the best-of-seven series for the Hornets, 4-2.

Crater Plays KF Pelicans On Tuesday

Crater high, winner of its first two starts in the Rogue Baseball League, switches to non-conference action on Tuesday.

The Comets take on Klamath Falls in an afternoon brush at Central Point.

The home club goes into action with a record of two wins and two losses. Crater defeated Eagle Point twice over the week end after losing a pair of non-league season openers to Medford.

Interested Spectators

Medford's varsity may be interested spectators for the conflict. Outcome of the fracas may give the Black Tornado an indication of how it may fare against Klamath and Grants Pass in Southern Oregon Conference and district scuffles.

Klamath Falls lost two SO circuit scuffles to Grants Pass last Thursday. The scores were 2 to 1 and 3 to 0.

Crater, although operating in the A-2 district, takes on four A-1 competitors two games each this spring. The Comets already have their scrapes with Medford out of the way. They play their first mix with Ashland this week end and face Grants Pass later.

Phillies May Dip Into Minor Loop Talent Barrel

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — The crippled Philadelphia Phillies were ready to dip into the minor league talent barrel today to replace injured outfielder Del Ennis and Richie Ashburn.

With the possibility of Ennis being laid up for several weeks and Ashburn still a doubtful factor for Tuesday's opener with the New York Giants, the club figured to bring up either Bob Bowman or Larry Novak, rookie outfielders who were sent to Syracuse of the International League after training with the Phils in Florida.

The decision rested on the outcome of new X-ray examinations of the hairline fracture Ennis suffered just below his left knee when he collided with Ashburn while chasing a line drive Friday.

Harridge Forsees Attendance Gain

By UNITED PRESS

Will Harridge, president of the American League, predicted a gain of more than a million in attendance for the 1955 season today while Warren C. Giles, the National League head, declared "this will be the biggest and best year in our history."

Sharing the optimism of the two major league executives was baseball Commissioner Ford C. Frick who stated that "I'm thoroughly convinced this is going to be a better year for baseball than 1954 and that goes for the minor leagues, too."

New Grid Tutor Of Red Raiders To Visit Campus

Ashland — Al Akins, new Red Raider football coach at Southern Oregon college, will be on campus on April 29 and 30, President Elmo N. Stevenson announced.

Akins will come to Ashland for a look at the SOC campus and a review of equipment, facilities, and material for the coming football season, Dr. Stevenson said.

Akins faces a schedule of eight games this fall as he succeeds Dr. Alex Peterson at the SOC gridiron helm.

The new mentor is an ex-Washington state, University of Washington and pro football halfback. He played three years of football for WSC and then transferred to the U of W under the V-5 program, while serving in the marines and attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He played for Washington in the 1944 Rose Bowl game.

Ted Schopf, on leave this year at the University of Oregon doing graduate work, will return next year to duties as head basketball and baseball coach and will assist Akins with the football squad.

Syracuse Champ Of Pro Cage Loop

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The well-balanced Syracuse Nationals are the first Eastern team ever to rule the National Basketball association, thanks to an amazing "comeback" ability and an even more fantastic "home court" jinx.

The Nats, who once trailed 3-2 in the best-of-seven final round of the playoffs, triumphed over Fort Wayne in the payoff game Sunday afternoon in a 92-91 thriller on George King's free throw with 12 seconds to play.

At one time in the bitterly-fought fray, the Nats trailed by 17 points, and Coach Al Cervi hailed his new champions by saying, "Any team that can come from 17 points behind in an important game like this is a great team."

It was merely the 28th straight time that the Nats had beaten the Pistons here in Syracuse.

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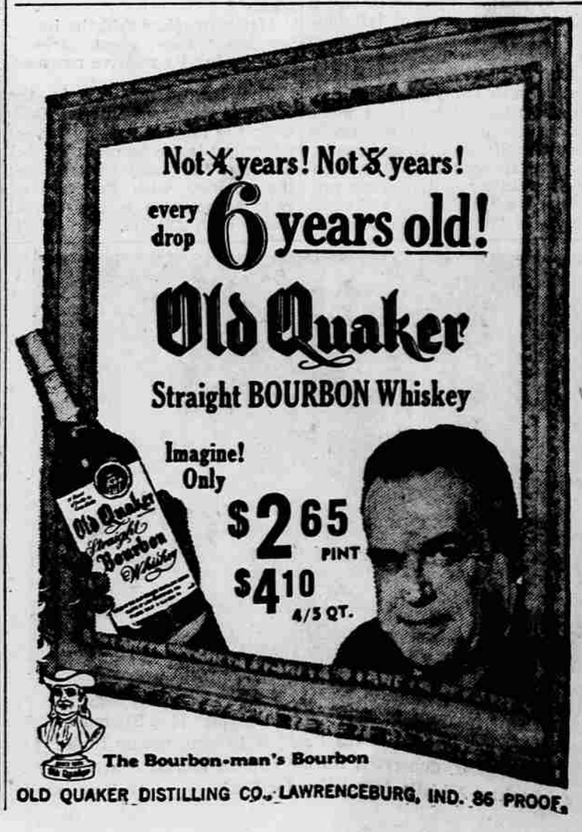
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