

Big League Spotlight Changes To Kansas City; HST To Chuck

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Kansas City takes over the center of the baseball stage from President Eisenhower today as the major league pennant races swing into high gear. Weather permitting, the curtain goes up on the 1955 campaign in eight cities with the New York Giants beginning the defense of their world championship in Philadelphia and the American league champion the Cleveland Indians, playing host to the Chicago White Sox. Crowds totaling 300,000 are anticipated with a top of 50,000 expected at Cleveland.

The Detroit Tigers supply the opposition as Kansas City officially makes its debut as a big league city. Boston is at Baltimore and Washington at New York in other American league openers. In the National league, it's Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, Cincinnati at Milwaukee and St. Louis at Chicago.

Harry Still Pitchin'
There'll be gala festivities all along the line but nowhere will city pride be at a higher peak than in Kansas City. A capacity crowd of 36,000 will jam the new park and Harry Truman, a former president who keeps the photographers guessing because he's ambidextrous, will handle the first pitch.

Following Mr. Truman's toss, Manager Lou Boudreau will send lefthander Alex Kellner to the mound against Detroit's Ned Garver. Kellner had a 6-17 record last season while Garver's mark was 14-11.

The Indians, who won an A.L. record of 111 games last season, are sending 23-game winner Bob Lemon against 19-game winner Virgil Trucks of the White Sox; towering Frank Sullivan, a 15-game winner in 1954, pitches for the Red Sox against Joe Coleman (13-17) of the Orioles and Mickey McDermott (7-15) is the Senators' nominee against the Yankees' 16-game winner, Whitey Ford.

Antonielli Duels Roberts

Southpaw Johnny Antonelli, who won 21 games last year, toes the mound for the Giants against the crippled Phillies, who are countering with 23-game winner Roberts. Max Surkont (9-18) opposes Carl Erskine (18-15) in the Pittsburgh-Brooklyn opener; Gerry Staley (7-13), of the Redlegs faces Milwaukee's 21-game winner Warren Spahn and Brooks Lawrence, 15-game winner of the St. Louis Cards pitches against Paul Minner (11-11) of the Cubs in N.L. openers.

With a former president, several governors and mayors on hand, there are plenty of potential showstoppers but it isn't likely that there'll be one to match the inaugural performance turned in by the sore-armed Mr. Eisenhower Monday.

Mr. Eisenhower played his part like an "old pro" as the Washington Senators scored a 12-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Porterfield Wins First

Bob Porterfield treated the President to some first class pitching, holding the Orioles to six hits and yielding only two earned runs. Lou Kretlow, Paul Richards' surprise nomination, suffered the defeat.

Rookie catcher Harry Chiti and A. L. Castoff pitcher Sam

Jones provided the heroics as the Chicago Cubs trampled Cincinnati's 71st "advance opener" with a 7-5 triumph over the Redlegs. Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio presided over the opening ceremonies with an assist from Mayor Carl Rich.

Chiti knocked in three runs with a double and a two-run homer. Jones replaced Bob

Rush in the fourth inning and received credit for the victory although he needed ninth-inning help from Hal Jeffcoat. Gene Baker also homered for the Cubs and Ted Kluszewski, who led both majors with 49 last season, hit a two-run round-tripper for the Redlegs.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



EXECUTIVE PITCH—President Eisenhower tosses out first ball to officially open the 1955 baseball season prior to the Washington-Baltimore game at Washington's Griffith Stadium. On the right is Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Nationals.

Winters, Hunter Ink Pact for Return Bout

A two-fold chance for revenge will be aired at Merrick's wrestling arena Saturday night when Shirley Winters and Gerry Hunter square off, a rematch of their bruising brawl of two weeks ago which ended in a draw.

Mack Lillard signed the scrap yesterday at the insistence of Miss Winters, who wants to prove that she can whip the blonde bomber.

The mat rivals had a little extra-curricular skirmish during the Jean Elbon-Hunter tussle last week when Winters rushed to ringside to give Hunter a brief but thorough pasting after El-

Gun Club Crab Feed Wednesday

Members of Medford Gun club get together for a crab feed at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the clubhouse. A business meeting will follow.

All members who possibly can are asked to attend.

Next registered shoot of the club will be the southern zone event on April 23 and 24.

In the Pendleton East Oregonian telegraphic shoot competition Bert Peck broke 25 out of 25 for Medford on Sunday while Martin Clogston got 23 and Ray Coleman 22. Shoot-off in the event is set for April 23 and 24.

In the Oregon Journal 16-yard telegraphic contention George Jantzer, Charles Bendel I and Coleman all had 24 out of 25 for Medford.

Baseball Briefs

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Kretlow, Miller (6), Johnson (6), Ferrarese (7), Alexander (7) and Smith, Moss (8), Porterfield (1-0) and Edward, Oldis (7), Losing Pitcher—Kretlow (0-1).
Only game scheduled.

Monday's Results
Washington 12, Baltimore 5 (Only game scheduled.)
Today's Probable Pitchers
(1954 Records in Parentheses)
Detroit, Garver (14-11), at Kansas City, Kellner (9-17).
Chicago, Trucks (10-12), at Cleveland, Lemon (23-7).
Boston, Sullivan (15-12), at Baltimore (13-17).
Washington, McDermott (7-15), at New York, Ford (16-8).
Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Kansas City
Boston at Baltimore
Washington at New York (Only game scheduled.)

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Chicago 1 0 0 1.000
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Cleveland 0 0 0 .000
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Milwaukee 0 0 0 .000
Philadelphia 0 0 0 .000
St. Louis 0 0 0 .000
Cincinnati 0 1 .000
Monday's Results
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 5 (Only game scheduled.)
Today's Probable Pitchers
(1954 Records in Parentheses)
New York, Antonelli (21-7), at Philadelphia, Roberts (22-15).
Pittsburgh, Surkont (9-18), at Brooklyn, Erskine (18-15).
Cincinnati, Staley (7-13), at Milwaukee, Spahn (21-12).
St. Louis, Lawrence (15-6), at Chicago, Minner (11-11).
Wednesday's Games
New York at Philadelphia (Only game scheduled.)

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
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After Medford high's victory in the Rogue Valley relays last week end, the question is: What are the Black Tornado's chances next Saturday in the Hayward relays in Eugene?

The trouble in seeking the answer is that there is very little to go by. There may have been more relay meets about the state last week but results of only two, in addition to the Rogue scrap, are available. They are the Portland Interscholastic League and the Corvallis relays.

Only the PIL results can be used for detailed comparison. Of entries in the Corvallis meet only the host Spartans themselves may be in Hayward metropolitan division with Medford. The others will compete in the A class along with Crater, Ashland and Marshfield who were Rogue entries.

BETTER IN FIVE
Of the eight events which Medford won last Saturday, the Black Tornado had better marks in five than the victor in the corresponding PIL event. The Portland winner in one of the eight events had a better time than Medford's. Javelin and discus, won here by Medford, were not thrown in the Portland meet.

Here are the comparisons: Two-mile —Medford 8:27.4; Lincoln 8:30.5. Shuttle hurdles —Medford 35.2; Grant 35.2. Mile —Medford 3:29.9; Grant 3:32. Broad jump —Medford 58 feet 7/8 inch; Jefferson 55-10 3/8. Pole vault —Breazeale, Medford, 12 1/2; Hardin, Lincoln, and Kelly, Jefferson, 10-6. In the 880-yarder —Roosevelt 1:32.5; Medford 1:33.8.

According to the results listed in a Portland paper, schools in the big city bettered Rogue performances in four other events with Roosevelt's 44.7 in the 440 romp, Grant's 16.9 in the high jump, Jeff's 135-5 in the shot put and Grant's 11:08 in the distance medley. Unless the distance varied, this column is inclined to question the 11:08 time. Grants Pass ran the corresponding Rogue race in 11:29.1. Rogue record in the competition is 11:20 set by Medford last year.

SHOULD BE MORE FORCE

Portland schools should be more a force in the Hayward's this year. Not only did the top two PIL finishers in each event earn their ways to the Eugene meet but relay teams which performed up to certain pre-meet standards also will get to make the jaunt. That means more

Portland entries than in the past.

MARKS BETTER
Marks in every one of the Rogue relay events were better than in the Corvallis meet.

OUTLOOK HOPEFUL
As this department sees it, Medford's chances of defending successfully its metro title at Eugene, while uncertain, are not discouraging. With the Black Tornado's high morale, the situation is highly hopeful and, if Medford thinslads have shaken off the flu bug, their performances ought to be better this week end than last.

MEDFORDITES AID OREGON
Ex-Medfordites in school at University of Oregon figured in victories for their triangles again this week. In a triangular meet with Lewis and Clark and Seattle Pacific colleges, Jack Moak won the shot put with a 47-2 effort and Ed Bingham cast the javelin 187-3/4 for top honors. Dave Newland and three teammates tied for second in the pole vault. Their height was not listed.

Jack Morris won the 100-yard dash and 180 low hurdles for the Oregon Frosh in a meet against Eugene high. He and Burt Williams were on the winning relay team. Norm Chapman won the javelin. Stan Kalapus won his singles tennis match for the Ducklings against Springfield and teamed with Marvin Woods, ex-Ashland, for a doubles victory. Terry Maddox threw a one-hit shutout for the Ducks against Willamette university, walking two and hitting one batter.

RUNS IN FAMILY

Last week this column mentioned the brother pole vaulters, Lew and Don Breazeale, reporting that, while Lew goes to Medford high, Don attends Crater. Now Coach Jack Woodward of Phoenix points out that his vaulter, Delmar Brood, is a cousin of the Breazeales. Vaulters appear to run in the family.

TO GO ALONG

Jackson County B high school coaches voted at a meeting Saturday to go along with the A schools in acceptance or rejection of a commission set-up for assigning athletic game arbiters. Class A schools of the area reportedly are to consider the matter on May 14 at the district track meet at Ashland. The Bs voted to hold a basketball jamboree next December 3 and adopted a home and home round slate again for the 1956 season with a slight change in the order of opposition.

HOW BIG?

Semi-pro or near-pro baseball situation for the Coos Bay-North Bend communities was still unsettled after sessions last week and meetings are slated this week. The fold up of the Coos Bay Lumberjacks, independent team last summer and previously a member of the now defunct Southwestern Oregon League, has caused the discussions. Baseball leaders are mulling the matter of how "big" to be. One possibility talked is going along with the three ex-pros limit and seeking admission to the Southern Oregon League.

When Phoenix defeated Illinois Valley in a Rogue League baseball contest 2 to 1 last Friday, IV Pitcher Jim Eggers, the loser, was credited with a no-hit game in his school's scorebook. However, the score sheet of the Pirates had Phoenix down for six hits. That's considerable disagreement. The Phoenix report of the game listed one error for the Pirates and three for the Cougars while the IV book showed three for Phoenix and five for Illinois Valley. Both books agreed that Phoenix Pitcher Bill Madden yielded only two hits.

An Illinois Valley report of the game to the Grants Pass Courier tells how the Cougars muffed a chance to tie the score in the last frame. Lee Carothers got to third on a stolen base and wild pitch after being hit by one of Madden's throws. Carothers dashed for home on a squeeze play but turned and ran back to third when he saw batsman George Harrison miss the ball on the bunt try. What the runner failed to notice was that Phoenix Catcher Riley Bean also missed the ball and that he could have scored. Carothers was still on third when the side was retired.

Olson Set For Match With Maxim

San Francisco —(U.P.)—Carl (Bobo) Olson, the world middleweight champion, takes the first step in major campaign to gain gold and glory Wednesday when he tangles with former world light-heavyweight titleholder Joey Maxim.

Olson has no qualms about placing his 20-fight win streak on the line. All he is thinking about is what comes next.

Want Title Shot

"After we beat Maxim," says his confident manager, Sid Flaherty, "we hope to get a shot at the light-heavyweight crown worn by Archie Moore. After that, maybe they'll consider us for a shot at Rocky Marciano's heavyweight title."

With such ambitious plans, Olson claims he is in the best shape of his career for the Maxim bout, which is slated for 10 rounds—but which already is assured of breaking the "take" for a non-title fight in the West. It will be televised nationally.

A crowd of between 10,000 and 15,000 is expected to be in the Cow Palace for the big battle. And they'll pay well over \$100,000 for the privilege of watching the two fine artists in action.

Spokane Indians Top College Nines

Clarkston, Wash. —(U.P.)—The Spokane Indians of the class B Northwest baseball league won two games yesterday.

The Indians defeated the Portland University Pilots, 7-3 in a seven inning opener, then downed the University of Idaho frosh 7-1 in a five inning nightcap which was called because of wind.

Portland Hurler Among Leaders

San Francisco —(U.P.)—Five pitchers won two games each during the first week of competition in the Pacific Coast League to share hurling honors, but rookie Joe Kiriene of the San Francisco Seals stole the honors in the batting department.

Kiriene cracked out 15 hits in 30 trips to the plate to rack up a .500 average for the first eight games of the season. The pitchers with two wins, no losses are: Bud Daley, Sacramento; Vic Lombardi, Seattle; Bob Hall, Portland; George Bamberger, Oakland; Theophil Smith, San Diego and John Oldham, Seattle.

PCL Ready To Start Second Week; Seals Host Portland Nine

By UNITED PRESS

The Pacific Coast League rolls into its second week of the 1955 competition today with the money from more than 100,000 admissions for the first week in the bank; rookie stars coming through in great style, and an optimistic future ahead.

About 30,000 fans are expected to watch today's games which

feature opening ceremonies at San Francisco and Hollywood, plus other tilts at Sacramento and San Diego. Seattle and Portland draw their official season openings next week.

Under the new "hustle program" of President Claire Goodwin, the fans have found an interesting brand of baseball. They have seen more action in a shorter space of time and appear to be well pleased with the new organization.

To date, the surprises of the young season have been:

1. The Sacramento Solons, picked by nearly everyone to finish in the basement, who whipped Hollywood five out of seven and hold first place.
2. The hitting of rookie Joe Kiriene of San Francisco, who cracked out 15 hits in 30 trips at the plate for an even .500 average during the first eight games he played.
3. The fine weekday attendance but the let down on Sunday. Only 22,578 attended Sunday's double headers. Between 30,000 and 40,000 had been anticipated in view of the fine weather.

Goodwin said, however, he was "happy" with the over all attendance for the week.

This afternoon the Hollywood Stars, in uniform, will be paraded through the downtown area, and they will go out to the park to kick off the home season against Seattle. Manager Bobby Bragan has picked Lino Donoso to hurl the opener, while Bob Kelly will pitch for the Rainiers. Attendance is expected to be 6,000.

Tonight's Games

Tonight San Francisco plays host to Portland and upwards of 15,000 fans are expected at Seals Stadium. Portland's pitcher will be Bill Werle, while San Francisco will send veteran Tony Ponce to the hill.

Smaller crowds are expected at San Diego and Sacramento, where the clubs are a home for the second straight week. The Padres will pitch Bill Thomas, while Joe Hatten will toe the mound for Los Angeles. Karl Drews, down from a long career in the majors, will hurl for Oakland at Sacramento, with either John Briggs or Chet Johnson pitching for the Solons.

Unofficial attendance figures for the first week broke down as follows: Hollywood at Sacramento, 30,608; Seattle at Oakland 29,188; and San Francisco at San Diego, 22,106.

Air Force Boxers Open World Tourney

Fresno AFB, Calif. —(U.P.)—The Air Force opened its world wide boxing tournament last night with 48 of the 140 entrants seeing action.

None of the three U.S. Pan-American games champions—middleweight Orville Pitts, welterweight Joe Dorando and light heavyweight Paul Wright—fought in the opening round. The finals will be held April 15.

Rogue River Track Victor On IV Oval

Rogue River —Rogue River high continued to show its track and field might yesterday by scoring a 75 1/2 to 46 1/2 verdict over Illinois Valley at Cave Junction.

It reportedly was the first track meet ever held at Illinois valley. Races were run on a 280-yard track on grass and distances were adjusted accordingly. Rogue River and IV sources said also that the occasion marked the first time the Chiefs have beaten the Cougars in track.

Ted Stanfield was a triple winner for RR, taking the 70-yard high hurdles in :10.5, the 100-yard low hurdles in :12.1 and the broad jump with 19 feet 2 1/2 inches. Bob Hoover nabbed two events for the Chiefs, the 100-yard dash in :11 and the 160 in :16.5.

Rogue River gained firsts in five other events. Don Doolittle won the shot with 43-1 1/4, Harold Moore the pole vault with 10-3, Bill Headrick the javelin with 147.5 and Clete Daily the discus with 111-10. RR took the 560-relay (Hoover, Headrick, Gary Johnson and Stanfield) in 1:02.8.

For IV winners Russ Berkner the 1120-yard run in 3:04.7, Ken Loganbill the 280 in :34.1, Ray Cole the 560 in 1:20 and George Plumlee the high jump with 5-6.

The Chiefs' team was without the services of weight man Jack Herburger who was working in order to go to the Hayward relays and No. 2 broad jumper Del McKenzie, who is recuperating from a track injury.

Coach Tinker Hatfield said that he will enter a full team in the C Hayward on Friday, probably 16 men.

Central Point Nine Trips Talent, 5-0

Central Point —The Central Point junior high school baseball team defeated Talent junior high, 5 to 0, here yesterday as winning pitcher Wayne Allen struck out 13. He gave up only two hits.

Central Point collected 10 hits, with Paul Beach leading the way with two hits in three appearances at the plate. Both teams were charged with two errors apiece.

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