

Versatility, Depth Could Be Giants Key to New Fortunes in 1956 Season

Editor's Note: This is the ninth in a series on the prospects of major league clubs for 1956.

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Phoenix, Ariz.—(U.P.)—Versatility and depth could be the key words to the fortunes of the New York Giants this season.

With a new manager, Bill (Idea-A-Minute) Rigney, and with a club that seems to be fired with baseball spirit, the Giants are thinking in terms of another "miracle" or "destiny" team like those that stirred the pulses of fans in winning the 1951 and 1954 flags.

First, there is an infield where things have gone so smoothly in the training camp games that no one, save veteran shortstop Alvin Dark, is sure of a regular job. Whitey Lockman figures to be the regular first baseman. But Gail Harris, up briefly last season, and rookie Bill White are battling so hard to stay with the club that one may land the post and put Whitey into left field.

Spencer Hottest Hitter

Daryl Spencer, back from military service, has been the team's hottest hitter at second, and he also can play short and third. When he sat down to rest with a temporary sore arm, Foster Castleman moved in and played standout ball.

Behind Dark at short is Ed Bressoud, a youngster hailed as perhaps the best looking rookie in Arizona. Yet he probably will be sent away because Rigney wants him to play every day, which he can't do unless Dark

wearies or gets hurt.

Hank Thompson has been adequate at third, but unless he plays like the Thompson of old, Spencer might take his job away, leaving Castleman at second. Or vice versa. Rigney has worked it both ways in the camp this spring. All these youngsters have been so impressive that the veteran utility men like Wayne Terwilliger and Bobby Hofman scarcely have had a chance to play.

Rhodes in Left

In the outfield right now it looks like Dusty Rhodes, with his hitting, has won the left field post and his fielding so far has been adequate. Willie Mays, having a fine spring as usual, is the million dollar center fielder, and Mueller has right field nailed

down. George Wilson, Bob Lennon, Billy Wells and Gil Coan are battling for the other spots.

The pitching has been "iffy" but Rigney thinks it could be the club's strong point. He likes Johnny Antonelli, Ruben Gomez, Allan Worthington, Don Liddle, and Jim Hearn as his strongest bets for starting jobs. Steve Ridzik, who has had several strong outings, might out Hearn, who has been hit soundly.

Wes Westrum, who anchors the catching despite his weak hitting, has surprised the camp with his improvement at the plate. If he can continue to do that, he'll be in most of the games, because he is a superior receiver to either Ray Katt or Ray Murray, the other contenders for catching jobs.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



SAFE—Dodger shortstop Pee Wee Reese (left) is safe at first in the third inning of Yankee-Dodger exhibition game at Miami, Fla., as a wide throw pulls Yankee first baseman Bill Skowron off the bag. The Yanks won, 5-0.

St. Mary's Again Victor Over Pirates

St. Mary's of Medford made it two victories in a row over Glendale high by tipping the Pirates 4 to 2 yesterday in a baseball struggle at Glendale.

The Crusaders had nudged the Pirates 7 to 6 last Friday. Jim Darland provided stellar hurling and Gerald Darland and Ron Pruitt the heavy hitting for the Crusaders. Pitching four-hit ball, Jim Darland walked three batters and recorded 10 strikeouts. Gerald clubbed a home run and a single and Pruitt got a pair of safeties.

West, the Glendale twirler, held the SM nine to five safe raps. He yielded three bases on balls and also whiffed 10 batters. Munyon was the heavy stick man for the Pirates with two doubles.

Glendale scored first in the opening inning on a base on balls and one of Munyon's clouts. St. Mary's picked up a pair of tallies in the fourth inning when Jim Darland got on base on an error and brother Gerald slugged his roundtripper.

Both clubs pushed over runs in the sixth inning. For SM Pruitt got a hit, Elberts walked and Gerald Darland singled. Glendale used an error and Munyon's second twin-baser.

Each club got a marker in the seventh panel. John Walsh and Jack Relling walked for St. Mary's and Pruitt singled. Two walks and a miscue paid off for the Pirates.

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SF Dons Name Two CBA Players To All-Opponent

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Mighty University of San Francisco, ignoring critics who said their California Basketball association is a "blush" conference, honored two players from that league today by naming them to their 1955-56 all-opponent team.

The CBA players chosen in yesterday's voting were John Thomas of College of Pacific and Bill Sanchez of St. Mary's. Thomas placed second to USF's Bill Russell for conference scoring honors with 300 points. Russell had 304.

Willie Naulls of UCLA, Art Bunte of Utah and Carl Cain of Iowa rounded out the all-star opposition. No selections were unanimous but Naulls came within a vote of sweeping the field.

Pucas Declines AAU Invitation

Portland—(U.P.)—Four Golden Gloves champions will enter the national AAU boxing championships in Boston Garden next month. Selection of the quartet to represent the state was made yesterday by the Oregon AAU committee.

Named to participate in the national championships were: Phil Moyer, Danny Moyer, Tommy Thomas and Louie Johnson, all of Portland.

Medford's Jackie Pucas was originally named to the squad but declined the invitation. Johnson was picked to fill the vacancy.

Ashland Nicks Crater 1 to 0 in Extra Inning

Central Point — Bud Olson tripled in the extra eighth inning and scored on a wild pitch to give Ashland high a 1 to 0 edge over Crater yesterday in a non-league game at Ashland.

It was the season opener for the Comets of Central Point and was a well-played scuffle for so early in the year.

The ruckus was a real pitchers' battle with Ashland's Gene Parent yielding only two hits and Crater's Fred Herrman giving

up only three. Parent issued two walks and struck out eight batters. He hit one batsman. Herrmann gave up only one free pass to the bases and fanned seven Grizzlies.

Two Left On

Phil Sword and Simpson safetied for Ashland's other hits. The Grizzlies threatened to score in the fifth frame when one man reached third base on the second out. Ashland left only two men on bases and Crater three.

Crater got a man on second base in the second inning. In the fourth Herrman socked a double and went to third on a ground out. The Comets got a man to second base in the seventh canto when Wayne Allen singled and was sacrificed to second by Bob Fowler. The two players are freshmen.

NBA Playoff Set Tonight

By UNITED PRESS
The Philadelphia Warriors can nail down a berth in the final round of the National Basketball association playoffs tonight—and suddenly it looks as if the Fort Wayne Pistons might be their opponents.

The Warriors seized a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five eastern division finals Tuesday night by drubbing the Syracuse Nationals, 119-96, in Philadelphia. They can wind up the series by repeating the win tonight in Syracuse, but if they lose, still will be picked to win the deciding game Thursday.

Fort Wayne, down and almost out, upset the St. Louis Hawks, 93-84, Tuesday night at St. Louis to deadlock the Western division finals at two games each.

The Hawks, with the home court edge, had been favored to win this one to clinch the series. Now, when the series concludes Thursday night, the home court edge will be with the Pistons and they'll be favored.

SOC Athletics Gets "Shake-up"

Ashland—(U.P.)—Southern Oregon College underwent a "shake-up" in its athletic department yesterday but no one departed and no one joined the staff.

The novel arrangement came about when Ted Schopf, Red Raider baseball coach for the past six years, and Al Akins, the scheduled golf tutor, switched jobs for the season.

Now Akin is the baseball coach and Schopf the golf mentor.

The change was carried out to relieve Schopf of some of his duties. He also is head basketball coach, athletic director and assistant football mentor.

Tabu Beats GP In Bowling Match

Tabu Dinner House bowling team rolled a 2887 to hand Wonder Bur of Grants Pass a three-game loss in a special match here Sunday. Wonder Bur rolled 2722 in its three games.

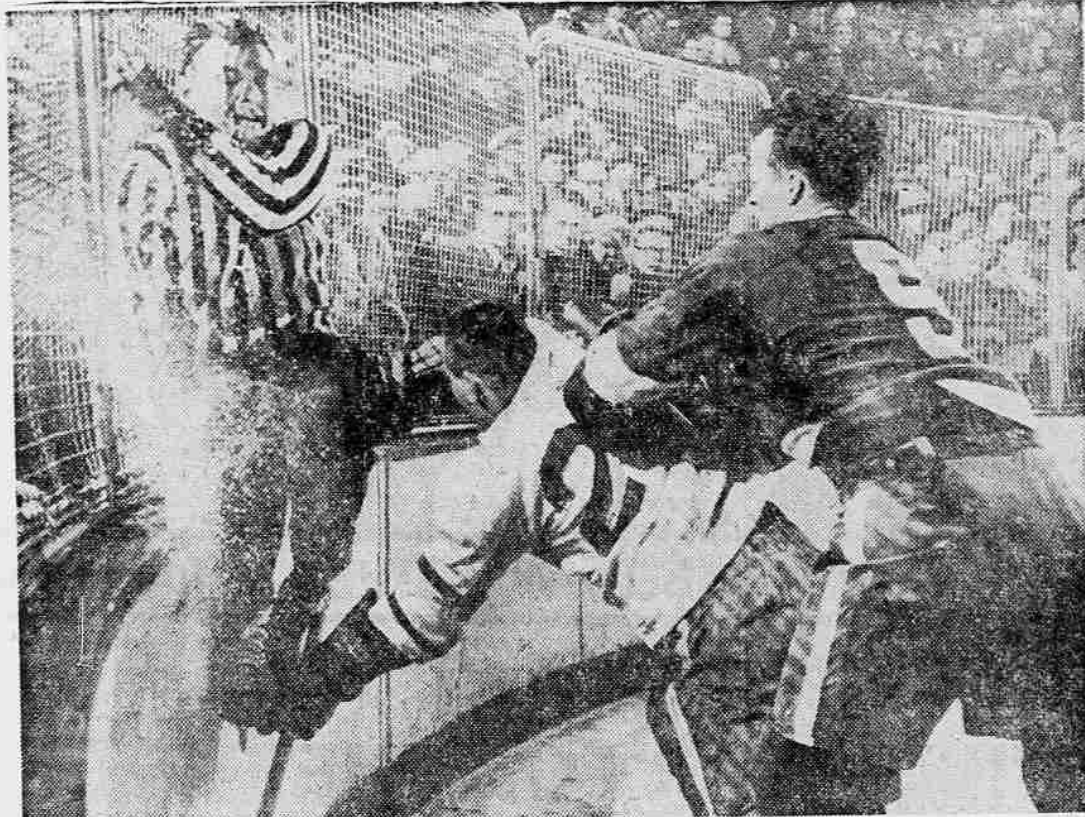
Tabu rolled 974 in the first game to Grants Pass' 844, and in the second game, Tabu had 938 to 910 for Wonder Bur. The final game was 975 to 968 for Tabu, although Wonder Bur's Andy Endicott rolled a 251 game.

Endicott was high game and series with a 636. Charles Sullivan was high for Tabu with two games of 213 and a 608 series total.

Other Wonder Bur team members were Mac McFarland, Max Frink, Harold Martin and Pat Paterson, while Ray Wise, George Spaulhorst, Frank Driscoll and Andy Anderson made up the rest of Tabu's team.

In another match, the H and M Shell Service ladies won three games from a VFW team composed of their husbands. The ladies rolled 2463 to 2297. Eleanor Lenz was high for the ladies with a 624 series, and Jack Monroe was high for the husbands with a 537 series.

More than 80 per cent of the miles traveled by motor vehicles in the United States are by passenger cars.



A GUY COULD GET HURT IN HERE—Referee Frank Udvari acts like he wants no part of the whole thing as he attempts to get out of harm's way during the Detroit-Toronto Stanley Cup semifinal in Detroit. The culprits causing Frank's anguish are Red Wing Gordie Howe (right) and Toronto's Gordie Hannigan. Detroit won, 3-2.

30 Turn Out For Track at Rogue River

Rogue River—Some 30 boys have turned out for track and field event workouts at Rogue River High school where Coach Tinker Hatfield has six returning lettermen around which to form a nucleus.

Rogue River is the defending district champion, and last year placed second in the Hayward and state class B meets.

The first meet for Hatfield's crew is April 4 against Jacksonville at Rogue River.

Weak in Sprints

Hatfield said the team was weak in sprints, weights and hurdles, the returning lettermen, and several new athletes working out show promise.

Among lettermen back is Gary Phillips, a senior in the 440, who last year placed second in the district meet and sixth in the state meet.

Other returning numeral winners are Gary Stewart, a senior who placed second in the district high jump last year; Fred Band, a junior who was sixth in the district broad jump last year; Lawrence Wagner, a junior who placed second in the district mile; Larry Elledge, a junior who runs the 880; and Harold Moore, a senior pole vaulter who tied for first place in the district meet.

In addition to seniors who graduated, other lettermen who are lost are Bilbee Cane, a sophomore who placed third in the district 880 and who has moved to Medford; and Bill Headrick, who was district javelin champion. Headrick recently joined the Navy.

U of O Players Praise Borchner

Eugene—(U.P.)—University of Oregon basketball players were unanimous today in their praise for Bill Borchner, departing Duck hoop mentor. Borchner announced his resignation Monday.

Three seniors on the team this past season, Max Anderson, Jerry Ross and Ray Bell, all described Borchner as a fine student of the game and a fine coach.

Another varsity player, Charlie Franklin, was unsure just what Borchner's departure would mean to his future plans. "I'm sorry to see him go. He was a good coach. I kind of wonder what I'm going to do now," he said.

Meanwhile officials announced that the search for a new coach will get underway in about two weeks.

Average Golf Team Expected at SOC

Corvallis—Oregon State college's varsity golf team which came within a "whisker" of winning the Northern division title last spring, is expected to be just average this coming season due to the loss of two key men.

Jerry Cloninger, 1955 northern division medalist of the OSC team which lost the title to Washington by one stroke, has been drafted into the Army and Lee Grant, star of the OSC Rooks last spring, is not back in school. Coach Jim Barratt announced.

An underground tank is the safest place to store gasoline and kerosene.

Fight Results

By UNITED PRESS
Holyoke, Mass.—Barry Allison, 152 $\frac{3}{4}$, Westover Air Base, outpointed Sammy Walker, 156 $\frac{3}{4}$, Springfield (10) — won New England middleweight championship.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Clarence Hinnant, 163, Washington, D.C., stopped Al Andrews, 163, St. Paul, Minn. (8).

Philadelphia—Joey Giardello, 159, Philadelphia, outpointed Joe Shaw, 160 $\frac{1}{2}$, New York (10).

Beaumont, Tex.—Willie Pep, 127, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Buddy Pagett, 125, Dallas, Tex. (10).

Boston—Walter Byars, 141 $\frac{1}{2}$, Boston, knocked out Bobby Murphy, 145, Boston. (5).

Hollywood, Calif.—Art Aragon, 148, Los Angeles, knocked out Danny Giovanelli, 149, Brooklyn (9).

Pancho Gonzales Pro Tour Winner Over T. Trabert

Atlanta—(U.P.)—It's now official—Pancho Gonzales is the winner of his professional tennis tour against Tony Trabert.

Big Pancho, the dark-haired power hitter from Los Angeles, wrapped up the title last night when he whipped Trabert of Cincinnati, O., 6-1, 11-9. It was Gonzales' 51st win on the 100-match tour; Trabert has won only 15.

Trabert, former Wimbledon and U.S. champion, was helpless against Gonzales' powerful service and crisp passing shots in the opening set. He battled grimly back to take a 5-3 lead in the second set, but Gonzales rallied for a 5-5 tie. Games followed service through a 9-9 tie when Gonzales broke through a long deuce game and easily clinched the match and the title with a service victory.

In a preliminary one-set match, Rex Hartwig of Australia defeated Pancho Seguro, 8-6.

Deakins, Copple Try Out for OSC Rooks Golf Team

Corvallis—Two former Black Tornado golfers may be competing against the Black Tornado when the Oregon State college Rooks meet Medford here this spring. No date has been set for the match.

Warren Deakins Jr. and Larry Copple, both of Medford, are expected to compete in qualifying rounds this week to determine the Rook team's six positions.

Among more than a dozen candidates for the position is Leighton Tuttle of Eugene, one of the more promising prep golfers last season. Tuttle and Copple both played Rook basketball last season.

Vancouver Mounties Trim Portland 5-3

Glendale, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Vancouver Mounties yesterday trimmed the Portland Beavers 5-3 at Casey Stengele field.

Ed Mickelson scored two home runs and four hits in a vain effort to spark his losing teammates to victory but the Mounties were too much for the Beavers. Pitcher Ernie Funk hit two home runs for the Mounties to clinch the game for the Vancouverites.

Sport Awards Presented at Rogue River

Rogue River — Football and basketball letters were awarded Rogue River High school athletes at an assembly recently. Coach Tinker Hatfield presented football letters, and Coach Roy McClain presented basketball numerals.

Roland Prefontaine, a senior, was presented a four-year award in football, while Bill Weaver and Gary Phillips, both seniors, received three-year awards. Second-year awards went to Bill Headrick, Fred Bond and Bob Wilson, juniors, and Richard Twiest and Gary Stinchcomb, seniors.

First Year Letters

First year football letters were presented Harold Moore, Oliver Morris, Loy Towse, Tom Johnston, Bill Beck and Gary Stewart, all seniors; Bill Dotson, Russell Miller, Lawrence Wagner, juniors; Steve Scott, Bob Bigman, Charles Weaver, Don Hoffman, and Bilbee Lane, sophomores; and Bill Dixon and Jon Bigman, freshmen.

Ernest Haveman and David Hatch, both juniors received managers letters.

Basketball letters were awarded Loy Towse, Gary Stinchcomb, Gary Phillips, Harold Moore and Bill Weaver, all seniors who received second year awards, and Bob Wilson, Gary Stewart and Larry Elledge, first awards. Wilson and Elledge are juniors, Stewart a senior.

Fred Bowen, a junior, received a manager's award for basketball.

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Boston (A) 7, Chicago (A) 2.
Pittsburgh (N) 5, Cincinnati (N) 4.
Kansas City (A) 7, Detroit (A) 2.
Brooklyn (N) 6, Philadelphia (N) 7.
Chicago (N) 12, New York (N) 10.
Cleveland (A) 8, Baltimore (A) 7.

Four JC Football Players Enroll in UO

Eugene—(U.P.)—Four promising California junior college football players, including two from Compton JC's Little Rose Bowl champions, have enrolled at the University of Oregon.

They include Roger Daniels, 170-pound quarterback, and Dick Long, 205-pound guard, from Compton, and Marlon Holland, 190-pound fullback from Mount San Antonio, and Tony Inferrera, 200-pound center from Harbor JC.

They will be eligible to play next season.

BUDGE WINS

Cannes, France—(U.P.)—Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Paris downed Hugh Stewart of San Marino, Calif., 6-4, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3, Tuesday to win the men's singles title of the Cannes International Tennis Tournament. Shirley Bloomer of Britain defeated Edda Budding of Germany, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, for the women's title.

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