

Casey Stengel Says Yankees Deserve 'Favorite' Rating

Editor's Note: This is the 10th in a series on the 1956 prospects of the major league clubs.

By LEO P. PETERSEN
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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — The New York Yankees are going into the 1956 American League pennant race as the favorites, and Manager Casey Stengel agrees they deserve that rating.

"Everyone tells me I have the best talent in the league, and I agree," Stengel winked. "But I ain't selling those Red Sox, Indians, White Sox and Tigers short. Those Red Sox especially could hurt us real bad."

Casey may "platoon" 'em to death this year.

"I've got enough guys who are major league players, but I'll have to find spots for them—especially when I have nine shortstops going for me," he explained.

Outfield Poses Problem
His biggest problem is his outfield of Hank Bauer, Mickey Mantle and Irv Noren. All three were below par when the Yankees lost the World Series to the Brooklyn Dodgers last October, because of various injuries.

Casey isn't too worried about Mantle and Bauer, but he is so worried about Noren that he has been playing first baseman Joe Collins, in right field.

Stengel, a master at juggling talent, said any manager in the league would like to have such outfield candidates as Bob Cerv, Elston Howard, and a rookie by the name of Norm Siebern.

For the infield there are Collins, if not needed in the outfield; Bill Skowron and Eddie Robinson battling for the first base job. Billy Martin probably will be at second with Phil Rizzuto starting the season at short and Gil McDougald at third base.

Yogi Set As Catcher
Also in the infield picture are Jerry Coleman, Andy Carey, Bobby Richardson and a rookie,

Five Shooters Make Perfect Journal Scores

Five Medford Gun club shooters turned in perfect scores this week for the ninth annual Journal Trapshooting league.

Scoring 25 out of a possible 25 were Lew Bates, Ray Coleman, Paul Culbertson, Bill Hervey and Jim Horn. Medford yesterday ranked 12th in the statewide league with nine wins and six losses.

In skeet practice shooting Ed Pease, using a 20 gauge gun, shot 23 out of a possible 25. Don Hawk broke 23 out of a possible 25 using a .410 gauge.

Don Hawk was high prize winner for the day. Thirty shooters took part in the meet.
Next Sunday, April 1, Medford Gun club will shoot against Albany, Arlington, Bend - Redmond, and Brooks for Journal scores and practice. The shoot will start at 10 a.m.

Pistons Favored For NBA Finals

By UNITED PRESS
The Fort Wayne Pistons and Philadelphia Warriors are favored to score victories on their home courts tonight and thus advance to the final round of the National Basketball association playoffs.

Both semi-final series are deadlocked at 2-2. The Pistons, after dropping the first two games, made a brilliant comeback to take the next two and now are picked to win the "big one" over the St. Louis Hawks.

The Philadelphia - Syracuse series has followed the home-court pattern.

In Wednesday night's only action Syracuse evened the count in the eastern finals by nipping the Warriors, 108-104, at Syracuse.

Syracuse had a 12-point lead early in the fourth quarter, 86-74, but the Warriors rallied and Joe Graboski's three-point play with one minute left narrowed the gap to one point, 103-102. That's where Ed Conlin, the rookie from Fordham came through again with a free throw and a field goal to clinch matters.

Morgan Scores Lightburn Upset

Cleveland — (U.P.) — L. C. Morgan of Youngstown, Ohio, is "ready for anyone in the top 10" of the lightweight ranks, his manager insisted today in the wake of a unanimous decision over favored Ludwig Lightburn.

Lightburn took a 9-count in the first round when Morgan, who lost a split decision to the veteran lightweight here last September, abandoned his jabbing tactics and unleashed a stinging right cross which landed squarely. Lightburn, winner of 39 of 45 pro bouts until tonight, termed the blow a "bolt" that forced him to coast for four rounds.

Tony Kubek, who hit .334 at Quincy last year.
Yogi Berra, of course, will be the No. 1 catcher, with that relief from Howard and the veteran, Charlie Silveira in the No. 3 spot.

As for his pitching, Stengel says the only two sure starters are two lefties, Whitey Ford and Tommy Byrne. But he has a lot of potential behind them.

For right-handers, there are Bullet Bob Turley, an impressive Don Larsen, Bob Grim, a 20-game winner as a rookie in 1954, and Johnny Kucks. Stengel believes Mickey McDermott, the left-hander acquired from the Washington Senators "can win for us" and has a chance to get in the starting rotation.

Unlimited Substitutions Asked for Small Colleges

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
San Francisco — (U.P.) — Short office flop in recent years, report a complete sell-out of their 3,100 boxes for the opening game against the Vancouver Mounties on April 10th. President Jerry Donovan expects a crowd of around 17,000, "if the weather is right."

Who Wins Tourneys?
The publisher of Golfing Magazine, Herb Graffis, asks for a ballot predicting who will win the major golf tournaments in this country in 1956. So here 'tis: National Open — Dr. Cary Middlecoff. PGA — Jackie Burke; George S. May's World Championship — Mike Souchak. National Amateur — Ken Venturi. The line for arguing against these selections will now form at the right.

If the California Athletic commission wants something to do, it might take a closer look at the records of some of the fighters in this area. A fellow named Bill Mathis from Eureka had 10 fights in 13 months — and was knocked out nine times! In one stretch he was kayoed three times in three weeks; and another time he took the count three times in four weeks. In many states a fighter receives an automatic six weeks suspension after suffering a knockout, to make sure he is completely recovered.

New Distance Star
Don Bowden, young California distance star, will take the second official try of his short career at the mile on Saturday against San Jose State. In his first attempt last year, as a freshman, he was clocked in 4:11. Last week he took a test spin and turned up with a 4:08.2. He's definitely pointing for the Olympics now.

Short memory department: Only 20 years ago San Francisco basketball writers were terming Hank Luisetti of Stanford university the "greatest basketball player of all time," and pointing out "there will never be another like him." Today they are using the same adjectives to describe Big Bill Russell, the USF All-American. The two men had something in common, at that; Russell has forced rules changes for the cage game two years in a row. Luisetti was the man who changed all concepts of coaching by popularizing the one-handed shot. Before Hank, coaches used to pull players out of the game for "show-boating" if they tried to shoot with one hand.

Softball Group Meets April 2
Medford Softball association will hold its first meeting April 2, at 8 p.m. in room "B" of the YMCA.

Officers will be nominated and plans for formation of a softball league will be discussed. According to Herb Vessey, association president, no organized softball league was started last year because there was no playing field readily available and there was a lack of interest show at meetings.

Work on a playing field has now begun and it is hoped that representatives from Eagle Point, Central Point, Camp White, Jacksonville and other communities interested in forming a softball team will attend Monday's meeting, Vessey said.

CASTELLANI SOUGHT
South Bend, Ind. — (U.P.) — Rev. Robert Rebhahn, athletic director at Seattle University, planned to interview John Castellani today for the head basketball coaching position at the Far West school. Castellani currently is an assistant to Notre Dame basketball Coach Johnny Jordan.

CARPENTIER MARRIES
Paris — (U.P.) — Georges Carpentier, the former world heavyweight champion, secretly married a pretty, ex-model last month. It was revealed today. The bride is 29-year-old Brigitte Massis, who is 33 years younger than Carpentier.

Since Jan. 1, 1948, the standard weekly hours of work throughout Australia have been fixed at 40.

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Red Wings Fight For Stanley Cup
Detroit — (U.P.) — The Detroit Red Wings, needing only one victory to advance to the Stanley Cup finals, had a "let's get it over in a hurry" attitude today and for good reason.

The Red Wings hold a 3-1 edge over the Toronto Maple Leafs in their best of seven game semi-final series and can qualify to meet the National Hockey league champion Montreal Canadiens by stopping Toronto tonight in Olympia.

"We've got to try to end it tonight," said Coach Jimmy Skinner of the Red Wings. "The Canadiens have already beaten the Rangers in the other semi-final series and they can rest until we've decided this series."

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Bowling Four School Track Meet Set Saturday

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Mail Tribune moved into a tie for first place with Quality Market. Alexander and Brown and Valentine's Cafe with a 4 to 0 series over White City Sales for the only whitewash of the night in the Commercial bowling league. High team series was rolled by the Tribune boys while Buster Forney had a 614 series and Jim Cabler had 608 and Dick Spain 608.

Table with columns for Standings, W, L, and names of bowling teams and individuals.

WOMEN'S CLASSIC
Elsie Baker of Hawkinson's Tire rolled a 527 for high series and Vera Cummings of the Union club of a 522.

Hawkinson's Tire carded an 851 for high team game and a 2,503 for high series.

Audrey Swaope picked up the 2-10 split. Dell Christianson picked the 5-8-10. Both ladies bowl on the Elk Lumber team.

Claudia Lowd picked the 8-10-7 split and Jackie Wilson the 4-7-9. They both bowl for Jorgensen's.

Standings: Jorgensen's 87, 37; Crater Inn Motel 79, 45; Medford Feed and Seed 79, 45; Union Club 71, 33; Daugherty Lumber 68, 38; Elk Lumber 62, 32; Kachina Room 59, 64; Hawkinson Tire 58, 66; Morning Fresh 55, 64; Mary's 51, 73; Jack's Drive-Up 49, 74; Trail Creek Lumber 27, 97.

Morning Fresh 1 Jorgensen Dairy 3; L. Erickson 408 C. Lowd 465; G. Lumber 437 M. Little 397; S. Beck 404 M. Langston 439; K. Jennings 496 F. King 415; H. Curry 418 P. Gardner 443; Handicap 12.

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Jack's Drive-Up 2 Med. Feed, Seed 2; R. Shama 430 M. Little 397; A. Absent 468 M. Langston 439; V. Coates 416 E. Lenz 481; O. Hall 395 L. Sacchi 460; H. Monroe 428 R. Barr 450; Handicap 12.

Daugherty Lumber 1 Union Club 1; L. Schroeder 477 V. Cummings 522; V. Corby 368 F. Frohriech 357; L. Wilson 421 A. Elrod 334; N. Burroughs 410 T. Tolles 392; L. Learning 510 M. Clark 466; Handicap 36.

Crater Inn 2133; Mary's Casa 2177; A. Gebhart 469 D. Ricks 397; B. Minger 421 G. Ludwig 391; J. Hampson 458 C. Corwin 387; R. Wilson 421 A. Elrod 334; G. Riggs 309 V. Blunt 442; Handicap 41.

Hawkinson Tire 4 Elk Lmbr. Co. 0; V. Knox 504 I. Forza 420; F. Doty 502 A. Swaope 509; P. Mathes 428 V. Florey 404; L. Rudy 506 T. Tamney 385; E. Baker 527 D. Christanson 482; Handicap 36.

Kachina Room 2 Trail Cr. Lbr. 2; G. Blind 368 M. Pennington 395; A. Wilson 365 A. Elrod 334; B. Miller 345 L. Hale 422; M. Holden 439 L. Jantzer 402; R. Lane 478 E. Goode 422; Handicap 37.

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Babe Zaharias Enters Hospital
Galveston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Babe Didrikson Zaharias planned to enter Galveston's John Sealy hospital for the third time today in her long fight against cancer.

She said the pains she formerly felt in her legs seem to have moved up to her back. But she said she felt "once the treatments are completed I will be able to play golf again."

The famous golfer had been scheduled to return to the hospital in mid-April for routine examinations and treatment.

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Casanova Has Praise for Medford School Athletics

Athletic programs in Medford schools drew praise from Len Casanova, University of Oregon football coach, last night at a dinner meeting of Medford Lions club.

Casanova was principal speaker at the dinner which honored the Medford high and St. Mary's high school basketball squads and coaches.

"I am happy to see that the people in this community see the great benefits of starting in competitive athletics at an early age," the Oregon gridiron mentor declared. He spoke of the lessons in physical and moral courage, determination, selflessness, loyalty and team effort learned in competitive sports and mentioned feats in games which exemplified those qualities.

The qualities and feats were pointed out after Casanova asked, "Have you thought on why did you have a good season?"

Little Extra Effort
Casanova also brought out that athletics teaches hard work. He told how competition on the athletic field can engrain that quality of a "little extra effort" that does not come from the coach but comes from within. The men-

tor repeated a motto used at University of Oregon: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Members of the two high school squads were introduced by Coaches Millard Webb of St. Mary's and Frank Roelandt of Medford high, who commented concerning each of the players. Boys of the Medford high club who made the Southern Oregon Conference all-star basketball squad were presented cards from the Mail Tribune. They were Bob Tisdell, Dick McLaughlin and Dick Copple, first team; Neil Plumley, second team, and Johnny Foust, honorable mention.

St. Mary's was honored for its county championship and Medford high for its Southern Oregon Conference title and state runner-up laurels.

Musial Says Out For 7th Swat Title
By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
Stan Musial wasn't fooling when he said he was "going all out" to win his seventh National League batting title this year.

The great St. Louis Cardinal slugger laughed when he said he "had to win the title because I haven't had a raise in salary in five years," but there's nothing funny to NL pitchers today about it. His .358 Grapefruit League batting average.

Musial had one of his best days of the spring Wednesday when he blasted a double and two singles to drive in three runs and lead the Cardinals to a 13-4 thrashing of the Cincinnati Redlegs.

Willie Mays, singled out by Musial as likely to be one of his principal rivals for the title, weighed in with his seventh home run of the opening and 1954 World Series hero Dusty Rhodes clouted No. 5 to give the New York Giants a 6-5 decision over the Baltimore Orioles.

Larry Doby, another tremendous spring hitter, blasted his sixth homer but it wasn't enough as the Milwaukee Braves tallied four times against 15-game winner Billy Pierce in the first inning and went on to down the Chicago White Sox, 7-4.

Ted Kluszewski went hitless in two at bats as the Cincinnati Redlegs' "B" squad beat Nashville, 4-0, but the big first-sacker reported his ailing leg did not bother him and held out hope that he would be able to open the season.

Center fielder Mickey Mantle pulled the hamstring muscle in his right leg—the same one that sidelined him in the 1955 World Series — and second baseman Billy Martin retired after he was bumped in a play at second base in Wednesday's 6-4 Washington victory over the New York Yankees.

In other games, the Boston Red Sox rapped out 13 hits to down the Kansas City Athletics, 7-2, as Bob Porterfield yielded one run in six innings; Bob Friend, the National League's earned run leader last year, allowed two runs in seven frames as the Pittsburgh Pirates scored their third straight victory with a 5-2 win over the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the Detroit Tigers prevailed 13 hits, 13 walks and five errors into a 15-5 verdict over the Philadelphia Phillies.

PRINCE NOOR WINS
Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Jockey Bobby Ussery rode three winners Wednesday at Gulfstream park. The feature race was won by Prince Noor, who paid \$4.10 for \$2 as the favorite of 13,001 fans.

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Talent Has Mound Lack
Talent—Successful defense by the Talent high Bulldogs of the District 5B baseball crown they have won for the last two seasons may depend largely on the development of a pitching staff, Coach Gene Farthing has indicated.

The Bulldogs have had top pitching for four or five years. Last year there was a lack of young fellows in the turnout and the mentor thereby was unable to "bring along" a tosser for his campaign.

Bob Hoffman and Eldon McGarity loom as likely pitchers this year and Gordy Thoreson and Fred Helm can go to the hill if necessary. The staff could measure up to those of the past recent years as it develops.

Eight Lettermen
Farthing this year has eight lettermen on his squad. In practice scuffles the Bulldogs have lost a five inning fray to Ashland, 8 to 0, with the Grizzlies using their better hurlers and have tipped the Ashlanders, 7 to 4, in seven frames when the Lithians were utilizing freshman throwers. Talent also lost, 22 to 1, to Grants Pass last week end.

Thoreson and Ray Weinholt are three-year lettermen and Ron Weinholt and Helm each have won two monograms. One-year letter winners are Hoffman, Gary Combs, Terry Hazelton and Frank Long.

The Bulldogs were state B champions in 1954 and last year went to the state semi-finals.

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Red Hat Committee Tells Smith Accomplishments

Portland — Oregon hunters registered "significant progress" during 1955 in reducing the number of forest fires, game law violations, and firearms deaths and generally improved their relations with landowners, the Red Hat Day Committee reported today to Governor Elmo Smith.

As part of a 4,000-word report, Chairman L. C. Jack Binford urged the Governor to continue Red Hat Day educational activities among the state's landowners and sportsmen in 1956.

"The 26 sponsors of the program were unanimous in their opinion that the campaign was a success," Binford stated. "But we can't hope for sustained improvement of hunter conduct from just one year's efforts."

Among high lights of the report: The U. S. Forest service revealed that about half the normal number of fires were attributed to hunters during Oregon's 1955 hunting seasons.

One Fire
On the 20,000,000 acres protected by the Bureau of Land Management, there was only one hunter-caused fire in 1955 compared with three in 1954. Fires caused by smokers, debris burners, and incendiaries were reduced by more than half.

The State Police reported that during the deer hunting season the ratio of arrests to hunters contacted was the most favorable since 1951.

The State Department of Agriculture asserted that only four domestic animals were shot and that gunfire injury to farm animals was the smallest for any similar period on record.

The Oregon Game Commission announced a drop in hunter firearms fatalities from 13 in 1954 to 10 last year in spite of greater numbers of sportsmen afield.

Hunter Conduct
The Industrial Forestry association stated that two out of three of its 45 tree farm owners believed that hunter conduct improved during 1955.

The State Forestry department reported a new record low for the number of forest fires on state land during the recent deer hunting season.

"The program has demonstrated that it has public appeal," Binford concluded, "and an excellent start has been made in paving the way for a continuation of this type of educational program in future years."

Tornado Tennis Squad Competes For Positions
A ladder tourney was started Tuesday to determine positions on the Medford high school tennis squad.

Coach Warren Brenner reported that 14 boys have been practicing with hopes of making the team, which will defend its 1955 state co-championship and Southern Oregon Conference crown.

Lettermen back are Bill Isaacs, Jim Gordon, Don Gordon and Bob Schmidt.

Brenner said that the schedule was not yet complete.

Jerry Kalapus, who won the state prep singles title for Medford last year, has worked out on the local high school court this week. He is a freshman at Pacific university where he currently holds No. 1 position on the net team. He is home on spring vacation. Kalapus was a varsity regular for Pacific during the basketball season and reportedly now stands 6 feet, 6 inches.

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Baseball EXHIBITION SCORES

Detroit (A) 15, Philadelphia (N) 5; St. Louis (N) 13, Cincinnati 4; Cincinnati (N) "B" 7, Chicago (A) 4; Milwaukee (N) 7, Chicago (A) 4; Washington (A) 6, New York (A) 4; Boston (A) 7, Kansas City (A) 2; Pittsburgh (N) 3, Brooklyn (N) 2; New York (N) 6, Baltimore (A) 5; Cleveland (A) 8, Chicago (N) 7.

Kefauver Moving Handshaking Tour Into New Mexico

Phoenix, Ariz. — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver moves his speech and handshaking tour into New Mexico today in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kefauver leaves for Albuquerque from here where Arizona got a look yesterday at the seemingly tireless Tennessee Senator who maintained his typical whirlwind campaign pace.

He commented on Adlai E. Stevenson's sharp personal attack against him by repeating that he did not "intend to say anything disparaging about Mr. Stevenson."

Identical Efforts
Kefauver said he also had asked his supporters to not criticize Stevenson.

In California and Minnesota, he said, "there were identical efforts in both states to organize Mr. Stevenson's support in such an overwhelming show of power that I would be frozen or frightened out."

Kefauver again urged that after the Democratic National Convention all party factions "get together" and work for the election of a Democratic party and Democratic Congress.

In his Phoenix appearances yesterday Kefauver criticized the Republican administration for its farm, labor and education policies.

Young Mother Slain In Trailer Home

Costa Mesa, Calif. — (U.P.) — An attractive 18-year-old mother was found by her husband early today brutally stabbed and apparently raped on a bed in her trailer park home here.

Police said unborn-haired Olita Johnson, mother of a two-month old baby, apparently was slain after she was criminally attacked. She had been stabbed between the breasts and nearly disrobed, police said.

Pvt. Harold Johnson, 19, Santa Ana Air base, said he found the body on the blood-spattered bed when he returned from duty.

Mrs. Johnson, who came here from Houston, Tex., two weeks ago to be near her husband, was driven home by Pvt. Henry Garcia last night. Garcia told police he made sure the victim was safely in her trailer home before he left.

Garcia had used the automobile of another airman, Pvt. Joe Van Ouderkerke, 18, to drive Mrs. Johnson home. Van Ouderkerke, missing from his post at the air base since last night, is being sought by police for questioning.

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GAVILAN MEETS BALLARIN
Paris — (U.P.) — Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan will battle Germain Ballarin of France tonight in a 10-round bout at the Palais de Sports. If Ballarin wins he is expected to be matched against Gene Fullmer in a bout at Chicago, April 18.

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