

# Unfavorable Weather, 258,000 Fans Expected at First Games

New York (U.P.)—Possible showers are predicted all over the major league map but not even that discouraging forecast could dampen the inaugural day spirit of President Eisenhower and a quarter of a million fans, who are expected to be on hand today for the official 1956 baseball opens.

The weatherman says there is "a chance of rain" in seven of the eight places where big league openers will be held—

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Here are the probable pitchers 1955 Won-Lost records in parentheses, weather, expected attendance and starting times EST for today's major league opening baseball games:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Cleveland at Chicago—Lemon (18-10) vs. Pierce (15-10); cool, showers likely, temperature in mid 50s; 35,000; 2:30 p.m.  
Kansas City at Detroit—Kellner (11-8) vs. Lary (14-15); cool, chance of showers, temperature in low 50s; 45,000; 2:00.

New York at Washington—Larsen (9-2) vs. Pascual (12-12); mild, showers likely, temperatures in mid 60s; 30,000; 1:30.  
Baltimore at Boston—Wight (6-8) vs. Sullivan (18-13); cool, possible showers or snow flurries; 20,000; 2:00.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn—Roberts (23-14) vs. Newcombe (20-5); cloudy and cool, temperature in mid 40s, possible showers; 25,000; 1:30.  
Pittsburgh at New York—Friend (14-9) vs. Antonelli (14-15); cloudy and cool, temperature in mid 40s, possible showers; 25,000; 1:30.

St. Louis at Cincinnati—Mizell (0-0) vs. Nuxhall (17-12); partly cloudy, temperature in mid 50s, 33,000; 2:30.  
Chicago at Milwaukee—Rush (13-11) vs. Burdette (13-8); cool, possible showers; 45,000; 2:00.

Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Brooklyn, New York, Milwaukee and even Washington, where Ike is slated to throw out the first ball.

Cincinnati, where the Redlegs will play host to the St. Louis Cardinals, is the only city in which some rain hasn't been forecast, and even there the prediction is partly cloudy with the temperature in the mid-50s.

Still, a total of 258,000 baseball-starved fans are expected to pass through major league turnstiles today, gorge themselves a little more than they should on popcorn, peanuts and hotdogs and root on their individual heroes for the first time since the 1955 campaign ended last September.

**Biggest Crowds Expected**  
Milwaukee and Detroit are expected the biggest opening day crowds despite the "possible showers" forecast for both cities. Each anticipates a crowd of 45,000, anyway.

The Braves, looking to unseat the Dodgers as National League champs, will send Lew Burdette, who won 13 games and lost eight last season, against Bob Rush, who won 13 games and lost 11 last year for the Chicago Cubs, at Milwaukee's County Stadium.

The Dodgers will open their season at Ebbets Field against the Philadelphia Phillies and 25,000 are expected to give the world champions a typically enthusiastic Flatbush sendoff. Roberts, who was 23-14 last season and is shooting for his seventh consecutive 20-game year, will face shuffling Don Newcombe, who had a 20-5 mark in 1955.

With Rigney at the helm in place of the departed Leo Durocher, the Giants are expected to attract 25,000 to the Polo Grounds for their opener with the Pirates. Southpaw Johnny Antonelli (14-16) is Rigney's pitching choice while Bragan named his ace right-hander Bob Friend (14-9).

**Mizell To Hurl**  
Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell, fresh out of the Army, will try to get the Cardinals started in the right direction at Cincinnati where Joe Nuxhall (17-12) is slated to hurl for the Redlegs before an expected crowd of 33,000.

**Army-Irish Game Changed**  
New York (U.P.)—The lure of an extra \$190,000 in gate receipts was a major factor in the decision to transfer the 1957 Army-Notre Dame football game to Philadelphia.

Army officials pointed out this difference when the announcement was made yesterday that the gridiron clash, first between the two schools since 1946, will be played at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. This stadium has a 100,000 capacity, compared to 74,000 at New York's Yankee Stadium.

It was also disclosed the Municipal Stadium, the site of the annual Army-Notre Dame game, also has a comparatively low rental.

Over in the American League, much of the interest will center around the nation's capitol where 30,000 fans, including the President, will probably attend the Yankees-Senators inaugural. Big Don Larsen (9-2) is the Yankees' pitching choice and Washington Manager Chuck Dressen is countering with Camilo Pascual (2-12).

The Kansas City Athletics are at Detroit and it'll be right-hander Frank Lary (14-15) pitching for the Tigers and Alex Kellner (11-8) going for the Athletics.

At Boston, where the weatherman says there is even a possibility of snow flurries, a crowd of 20,000 is looked for by the Red Sox, who open against the Baltimore Orioles. Frank Sullivan (18-13) will pitch for Boston and Bill Wight (6-8) for Baltimore.

Approximately 35,000 are expected for the opener between the Indians and White Sox at Chicago. Bob Lemon (18-10) is Cleveland's pitching choice and Billy Pierce (15-10) is the Chicago hurler.

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



**HIGH TRY**—Yankee third baseman Andy Carey leaps high into the air on an attempted double play as Redleg Ray Jablonski slides safely into third in second inning of game in Cincinnati. Jablonski took first on a fielder's choice and went into third on a double by Thurman. The Yanks won, 8-7.

### Player Deals Mark Last Minute Flurry Of League Activity

By UNITED PRESS  
Two player deals by the Kansas City Athletics marked a last-minute flurry of front-office activity as the major league teams opened the baseball season today.

The surprising A's picked up two key players—center fielder Johnny Groth from the Washington Senators for the \$10,000 waiver price, and catcher Char-

ley Thompson from the Brooklyn Dodgers for two players and an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 29-year-old Groth, joining his sixth American League team, gives the A's an outstanding glove man for the middle orchard, but he batted only .258 for Washington in 1955.

Thompson, a southpaw batter, figured as the Dodgers' No. 3 catcher this season but could take over as the A's first-stringer. He's 30 and has had an excellent minor-league record, including a .313 batting mark last year with St. Paul of the American Association.

The A's also optioned catcher Wilmer Shantz to Columbus, thus breaking up at least temporarily the "brother" battery he had formed with little pitcher Bobby Shantz.

In other player moves: The White Sox signed southpaw Howie Pollet, the one-time Cardinal star who was released by the Cubs after last season. The Sox also released catcher Carl Sawatski to Toronto of the International League.

The Cincinnati Redlegs released 30-year-old righthander Clarence (Bud) Podbielan outright to Seattle of the Pacific Coast League.

The Milwaukee Braves assigned pitcher Charlie Gorin to Wichita of the American Association.

And the Cardinals surprised by optioning lefty Luis Arroyo to Omaha of the American Association.

**OS Rallies For 3-2 Win**  
Corvallis (U.P.)—Jerry Bettendorf led an eighth-inning rally here yesterday that produced three runs and a 3-2 win for Oregon State over Linfield.

Carl Meeuwisen, starting Linfield hurler, had a shutout going in the eighth when he ran into trouble. With two out and three men on Bettendorf slammed out a deep triple to center and pushed across the winning runs.

**May Be Several Weeks Before Successor Named**  
Eugene (U.P.)—Athletic Director Leo Harris said today it may be several weeks before a successor is named to Bill Borchers as head basketball coach at the University of Oregon.

### STANDINGS

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PCL Standings	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Seattle	4	3	.569
Los Angeles	4	3	.571
Vancouver	3	3	.500
San Diego	3	3	.500
Portland	3	3	.500
Hollywood	2	3	.400
Sacramento	2	4	.333

Monday's Result  
Los Angeles 12, Vancouver 7  
Los Angeles 2, Vancouver 2  
Games Today  
Vancouver at San Diego (night)  
Portland at Los Angeles  
Hollywood at Sacramento (night)  
Seattle at San Francisco

### Angels Hand Vancouver 13-7 Defeat

Los Angeles, Calif. (U.P.)—The Pacific Coast league race began to take some semblance of form today as Los Angeles moved up into second spot behind front running Seattle and San Francisco.

The Angels outslugged Vancouver 13-7 yesterday in the only game of the day to muscle into second spot behind the hitting of center fielder Jim Bolger who drove in four runs. His biggest blow was a two run homer off Tom Herrera in the sixth.

Jim Pisoni was the big man with the bat for the Mounties as he chased in three runs with a bases-loaded double in the fifth inning which highlighted a five run uprising.

Manager Lefty O'Doul of Vancouver tossed four pitchers into the fray while Bob Scheffing of Los Angeles used three. The win went to Don Swanson (1-0) and the loss to Ernie Funk (0-1).

Swanson was the third Cherub hurler to take over while Funk started and was routed in the first frame.

### Seixas Leads Third Round In Net Play

Houston, Tex. (U.P.)—Top-seeded Vic Seixas leads the way into third round play in the 22nd annual River Oaks tennis tournament today and another easy day is expected for the favorites.

The dozen seeded players won matches yesterday without losing a single set as the 84-man field was narrowed to 32. Doubles and women's singles action is to begin today.

Seixas, second ranked U.S. player from Philadelphia, defeated Alfred Robles of Mexico City, 6-0, 6-0 yesterday and meets John Zimmerman of Rice Institute today.

Other matches on tap for today featured seeded players, listed in order of seeding, find Eddie Oylan, Trenton, N.J., meeting the winner of the Karl Kamrath, Jr.-Bill Lust match; Gil Shea of Los Angeles playing Red Sledge of Dallas; Dick Savit of Dallas against Truman Watson, Huntsville, Tex.; Hamilton Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., playing Ronnie Sawyer of the University of Houston; Herb Flam, Beverly Hills, Calif., against Dale Miller, Belaire, Tex.; Tom Brown of San Francisco, playing Eddie Sledge, Dallas; Sidney Schwartz, New York, against Bill Ashburn of Houston; and Grant Golden of Chicago meeting Terry Todd of Austin, Tex.

**BOUT POSTPONED**  
Patterson, N. J. (U.P.)—James J. Parker's scheduled April 22 10-round heavyweight bout with Heinz Neuhaus of Dortmund, Germany has been postponed one week until April 29. Parker, heavyweight champion of Canada, has had difficulty getting to Europe for the bout.

### Archie Moore Beats Parmentier in Third

Seattle (U.P.)—Light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore toyed with George Parmentier, a lumbering lumberjack from Eureka, Calif., for two rounds here Monday night and then knocked him out at 2:34 of the third round.

Moore went into the ring at 193 pounds, 30 pounds lighter than the 6-5 California heavy-weight.

### Chiefs Win Dual Meet

Rogue River (U.P.)—Bill Weaver won both dashes and the shot put for the Rogue River Chiefs yesterday as they defeated Glendale 86½ to 33½ in a track meet at Glendale.

Weaver, only triple winner of the day, took the 100-yard dash in :11.3, the 220 in :25 and the shot put with 38 feet. He was on the winning relay team.

The Chiefs took 11 clear first places and tied for one first. Larry Holmgren nabbed the two Glendale clean cut firsts in the meet, copping the low hurdles in :24.3 and the high hurdles in :19.4.

Gray Stewart won the broad jump for RR at 19-5, tied in the high jump at 5-3, was second in the 220 and was on the relay team.

Rogue River scored sweeps in the mile as Larry Elledge won in 5:27, in the 880-yard run as Lawrence Wagner won in 2:20 and in the javelin which Gary Phillips took at 128-2. Charles Damon was first in the 440 in :57, Harold Moore in the pole vault at 11 feet and Russell Miller in the discus with 107.

Fred Bond and Damon teamed with Stewart and Weaver on the relay team.

### 1956 STATUS OF SOFTBALL HERE DEPENDS ON TURNOUT AT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday night will be a night of decision for softballers of the Medford area. The question concerns whether the Medford Softball league will operate during the coming summer after suspending play during 1955.

President Herb Vessey has called a meeting for 8 p.m. in Room A at the Medford YMCA. He has asked a large attendance at the session in order that organizational business can be conducted. Election of officers is planned.

Various contacts and inquiries have indicated to Vessey that a number of groups are interested in fielding teams. But getting men to occupy league offices to administer the league presents a problem. Only three people showed up when Vessey called a meeting, if there is not good attendance Wednesday night, he plans no further effort to get the circuit back in operation.

**Practice Called**  
Vessey reported that Bob Smith of Medford Auto Upholstery intends to enter a team if the softball circuit is revived. Smith has called for a twilight practice Wednesday evening at the high school field. He has invited all fellows 16 to 21 years of age interested.

The National Guard has indicated that it will enter a team or two and might have a small

loop of its own if the MSA doesn't go. City police and firemen have said that they would like to participate, particularly if the circuit is not too "fast" a loop.

All persons who have an interest in softball as players, team captains, sponsors or fans are invited to the meeting. Vessey has extended the invitation to groups in valley communities outside of Medford.

**PATTY ADVANCES**  
Paris (U.P.)—Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Paris advanced to the second round of play in men's singles of the Paris International Tennis Tournament by defeating Francis Nys of France, 6-0, 6-4, 6-0.

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