

Dodgers Appear To Have Strength For Third Flag

(This is the first in a series on the 1957 prospects of the major league teams.)

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Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — The Brooklyn Dodgers seem to have what it takes to win the National league pennant for the third successive year, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since the St. Louis Cardinals turned the trick 13 years ago.

Despite an assortment of question marks and a parcel of players who may be past their peak, the Dodgers have enough promising youngsters to take up any slack that may develop.

The biggest question are: Has catcher Roy Campanella recovered from the hand injury

so he will be able to return to the form which won him the league's Most Valuable Player Award in 1955?

Will southpaw Johnny Podres, star of Brooklyn's 1955 World Series triumph, be able to pitch regularly despite the back injury which caused his discharge from the service?

Will Don Newcombe, the 27-game winner of last season but a World Series bust, be bothered by the sore elbow upon which he blamed for his poor series performance?

Has southpaw Karl Spooner finally recovered from his arm injury?

Will old age catch up with Sal Maglie, Peeewe Reese, Carl Furillo and Campanella.

Manager Walter Alton is optimistic on all points. He contends that the Dodgers are stronger this year than last, when they went down to the final day of the season before winning the pennant as the Braves stumbled in their final series of the year against the Cardinals.

He plans on using Newcombe, Podres, Roger Craig, sophomore Don Drysdale as his regular starters with Maglie also getting a regular turn during the cooler weather.

For spot assignments there will be the veteran Carl Erskine, rookie Fred Kipp, a 20-game winner with Montreal, and southpaw Sandy Koufax, who finally has come up with a change of pace.

Also if Spooner, who broke in sensationally late in 1954 only to come up with a sore arm, is recovered, he could become a starter.

Alton maintains that in Clem Labine, Don Bessent and Ed Roebuck he has the best bullpen in baseball.

Infield Still Uncertain
Only one infield spot is set—big Gil Hodges at first base. Reese, who is 37, probably will start the season at third with Randy Jackson at short and Charley Neal at second. That alignment would free Junior Gilliam for the left field job. If Neal falters, Gilliam will take over second base.

Duke Snider, the league's home run champion, will be in centerfield with the 35-year-old Furillo in right. If Gilliam is needed at second, the veteran Sandy Amoros or rookie Don Demeter, a .287 hitter with Fort Worth last season, may share the left field spot.

The 35-year-old Campanella will be the No. 1 catcher if he is only a shadow of his former self, with the veteran Rube Walker the No. 2 man.

EYES TRACK PURCHASE
Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Robert Randall of Vancouver, B.C. said today he was negotiating for purchase of Portland Meadows race track.

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Bob Shantz Stands Out For Yanks

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Bob Shantz, Don Zimmer and Carl Erskine, three scrappy little baseball players who don't include "quit" in their vocabularies, posted sparkling performances Sunday in their drives to make good in 1957.

The 130-pound Shantz refuses to admit he can't hit the top again although arm trouble has shackled him since he won the American league's "most valuable player" award by compiling a .347 record in 1952. And he may be right.

The little left-hander produced bad news for New York's 1957 rivals Sunday when he held the hard-hitting Cincinnati Redlegs unless giving them six hits in five innings. Mickey Mantle's two homers plus a homer, triple, double and single by Andy Carey helped the Yanks win, 9-0.

Zimmer Nearly Beamed
Zimmer, the Brooklyn Dodger infielder who is battling for a regular job, had to flop to avoid a wild inside pitch by Jim Bunning of the Detroit Tigers Sunday. On the next pitch, Zimmer hit a three-run homer that gave Brooklyn a 3-2 victory.

Sounds just what you'd expect of a major leaguer to do, doesn't it?

But Zimmer has three times been injured seriously by pitched balls. His playing career almost was ended in 1953 when his skull was fractured by a pitch.

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Lightner's charge came on the heels of an accusation by Oklahoma City coach Abe Lemons that the referees "protected" Wilt Chamberlain, big Kansas center.

"I am not ashamed of any call I made. The only thing I am ashamed of is that perhaps I was not able to catch all the deliberate fouling that was aimed at Chamberlain," Lightner said.

The veteran official said it was his belief that the real trouble stemmed from the fact that Chamberlain and Guard Maurice King "were dark-skinned."

"Throughout the game I heard Oklahoma City players refer to the two as 'those niggers' and

even before the game started Lemons told me there would be trouble if 'that big nigger piles onto any of my kids,'" Lightner who also is sports editor of the Oregon Statesman here, said.

In a by-lined story today, Lightner asserted that Abb Curtis, the Southwest conference supervisor of officials, came into the dressing room following the game and "told us that he had not seen such a display of unethical basketball in years. He was really disturbed."

At one point during the game, which Kansas won, 81-61, rival coaches engaged in a heated argument when Oklahoma protested that a foul should have been called on Chamberlain. Fans also pelted the floor with cushions and pennies during the game.

During the 1955-56 season, Lightner once halted a Pacific Coast conference game between Southern California and California at Berkeley when California fans persisted in throwing coins onto the floor.



DRIVING FOR REBOUND, Yale's Tom Sargent (black jersey) and North Carolina's Bob Cunningham collide during second half of New York NCAA title tournament. Photo taken at Yale 90-74. (International Soundphoto)

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



LANGLISH SMASHING RIGHT to Gil of Wilf Greaves, Canadian now living in Philadelphia, Spider Webb builds up points to win unanimous decision of judges at Chicago. This action was in fourth round. (International Soundphoto)

Memphis, St. Bonaventure Seek Other Upsets in NIT

By UNITED PRESS
New York — (U.P.) — Memphis State and St. Bonaventure, both authors of upsets in the first round, will try to add another chapter to their success stories tonight to open the quarter-final round of the National Invitation tournament.

Both are underdogs again — Memphis State (22-5) to "home team" Manhattan (15-8) and St. Bonaventure (16-5) against top-seeded Seattle (22-2).

The Bonnies face the big problem in Seattle's Elgin Baylor, the most highly-touted player in the tournament. The 6-foot-6 Baylor has been called by Coach Bob Feerick of Santa Clara "the best college player in the country."

The Bonnies will be out to make a substitute for size, as they did in Saturday's 90-72 upset of Cincinnati when 6-foot-9 Connie Dierking was their chief problem. Cincinnati had the Upstate New Yorkers down

by as much as eight points early, but a 15-point string in the closing minutes of the first half put the Bonnies in charge.

Jack Butcher's last-minute points carried Memphis State to its opening 77-75 triumph over Utah after the Tennessee boys ran into "foul" foul and lost high-scoring Wil Welfong on personal fouls.

The quarter-final round will conclude Tuesday night when second-seeded Bradley meets Xavier of Ohio, and Temple plays Dayton. Bradley and Temple, like Seattle and Manhattan, had first-round byes.

Xavier sprang the third upset of the opening round when it blew a 10-point lead and then rallied to beat Seton Hall, 85-79. Dayton, runner-up in this tournament four times but never the champion, advanced as expected with a 79-71 win over St. Peter's of Jersey City. N. J., on a second-half surge led by Don Lane and Al Sicking.

Tennessee A1 Quintet Captures NAIA Basketball Championship

NASA City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Tennessee A&I of Nashville, the first all-Negro team to ever win a major basketball tournament, today appeared to be in a position to win a few more.

The Tennesseans won the 19th annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic tournament championship over South-eastern Oklahoma State, 92-73. Saturday night, with a team made up of one freshman, six sophomores, two juniors — and only one senior.

Star of the tall and speedy Tennesseans was 6-3 sophomore Richard Barnett, who was leading rebounder with 71 grabs and second in scoring with 132 points for the four tournament games.

Barnett had only 16 points in the final game, but it was his running jump shot with nine seconds left in a semi-final that preserved A&I's life in a 71-70 victory over top-seeded Pacific Lutheran.

CELTICS ROLL
Boston — (U.P.) — The Boston Celtics, with Tommy Heinsohn scoring 25 points, scored an easy, 121-73 victory over an squad of New England college basketball stars Sunday at Boston Garden.

INDIAN TOURNEY
Chiloquin — (U.P.) — Lapwai, Ida., became the champion for the second straight year Saturday night by defeating the Blackfeet Braves from Browning, Mont., 80-68 in the third annual Pacific NW All-Indian Invitational Basketball tournament held here.

McMURTRY VICTOR
Tacoma — (U.P.) — "Irish" Pat McMurry notched his second straight knockout here Saturday night by knocking out Reuben Vargas of California in 1:15 of the third round.

Five New Aleutian Earthquakes Recorded
New York — (U.P.) — Five new earthquakes in the Aleutian area were recorded on Fordham University seismographs Sunday and early today.

Distances were estimated at from 4,000 to 4,900 miles from New York. One quake was estimated to have been of an intensity of 4. The others were less sharp.

Nearly 4,000 individual operations are required in manufacturing the parts needed for one watch.

BUTTE FALLS School Vacation Over

By MARY JO HARRIS

Butte Falls — Butte Falls schools were closed Thursday and Friday of last week for spring vacation.

Butte Falls schools take only two days off at this time in order that school can be let out earlier in the spring.

Many of the teachers have taken this time to go to Portland for the OEA convention, while many residents went on vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Olsen and daughter, Kathy recently motored to Seaside, Ore., to visit with friends and relatives.

The Reverend Howard Simmonds family are spending the spring vacation on their first trip through the Redwoods. Rev. Simmonds is from the Community church of Butte Falls.

Darwin Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore, is home on spring vacation from Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls. Darwin is studying welding.

The Jack Rodgers family of Toketeek arrived Wednesday evening, March 13, for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodgers, Jack's parents. The Jack Rodgers left Butte Falls Friday, March 15, to visit with Jack's brother and family, the Ron Rodgers of Medford. A visit is also planned with Mrs. Rodgers' folks in Central Point.

Edwin Ellis has returned from Myrtle Point to spend his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Ellis. Edwin has been staying with an aunt and attending school in Myrtle Point.

Clyde Moore, following surgery and a weeks stay at the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, returned home last week. Mrs. Moore is still convalescing from breaking her right leg and will remain in a cast for another two or three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Driskell recently spent a week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Driskell at Brookings. John is a brother of Bob. The John Driskells then returned to Butte Falls with the Bob Driskells for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodgers recently motored to Brookings to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rodgers and family. Cecil is a son of the Rodgers.

Guests in the Roy Parton home recently were Hugh Parton and Bud Kelley. Hugh and Bud are a son and nephew of the Partons, and come from Leavenworth, Wash.

Brothers Ken and Wayne Conrad, and an uncle, have returned from Burwell, Nebraska for several months. The Conards are visiting with the Floyd Matters and are relatives of Mrs. Matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rodgers have just returned from a trip to Pasadena, Calif., where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers and son, Mark. Bob is a son of the Rodgers. While there the Jess Rodgers and Bob Rodgers motored to Palm Springs, Calif., for a day. The Jess Rodgers returned home via Reno, Nev., spending one night there, and returned to Butte Falls Wednesday, March 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jolliffe and son, Chipper have returned from Redding, Calif., where they spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jolliffe. Lee is a son of the Jolliffes.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cramer and family have returned to their home in Butte Falls after spending several months as missionaries with the Village Missions through the Community church.

The Burt Baker family are visiting in the Dave Smith home. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of the Smiths and is from the Bly area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arnold and Fred Bennett were Sunday visitors in the Paul Greer home in Medford recently. Mrs. Greer is a daughter of the Arnolds.

Guests in the Page Stauffer home are Mrs. Hoygaard and Mrs. R. Walker of Portland. Mrs. Hoygaard is a sister of Mrs. Stauffer and Mrs. Walker is a daughter of the Stauffers. Also visiting in the Stauffer home are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hodgson of Oakridge, Ore.

The Butte Falls Lions were visited by Bill Roling, District Governor, at a special potluck meeting this past week. Roling is from Grants Pass and spoke to Lions on various aspects of Lionism.

Also visiting at this meeting was Roy Parton of Butte Falls.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN



FIDGETY—William Langley, district attorney of Portland, Ore., had a difficult day before the Senate labor rackets committee in Washington trying to parry the many questions directed at him. His nervous strain is reflected in these two candid photos of his hands and feet while he was on the witness stand.

False Bomb Threats Ground Two Planes

St. Louis, Mo. — (U.P.) — Two Eastern Airlines flights carrying 90 passengers, including Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), were grounded temporarily Sunday because of a false bomb threat. Flights 201 and 203 continued to Miami after a search of the planes proved the telephone report to be a hoax.

Gore, who was en route to Nashville, Tenn., was questioned by authorities about possible threats to his life. He quipped that the only threats he has received were "from my constituents."

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Cooperation Told For Development

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington yesterday pledged full cooperation of his state with Oregon "to the end that we will have the tremendous development in this area we are entitled to."

Rosellini spoke at the formal dedication of the navigation locks at The Dalles dam.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes earlier called the dam a milestone in the progress of Oregon and an event long awaited by the Inland Empire.

The gates of the dam which reached its maximum level of 155 feet about sea level yesterday were opened for inland navigation after the wives of both governors jointly cut a ribbon which spanned the downstream gate.

Thousands watched eight barges go through the upstream gate and six pass through the downstream gate.

Gov. Rosellini also stated that the Northwest has the possibility of economic development second to none in the world because of the great natural resources including rivers, like the Columbia.

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