

Vernon Thinks Yanks May Lose

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Mickey Vernon, heading into his 21st season of organized ball, took issue today with those who concede the Yankees another pennant, and warned that some of the Bombers' key men "might have" a bad year.

"I don't go for conceding pennants to the Yankees right in the middle of spring training," said the veteran Boston Red Sox first baseman, who will be 39 in April. "Some of their key men could have a bad year, just as happens on other clubs. Look at Bob Porterfield with us. He had a bad one last season. And if he could click this year while the Yankees are having trouble—well . . ."

Vernon thinks the Red Sox might wind up as high as second after coming home fourth for the last four seasons.

"Porterfield's pitching was better in 1956 than the record showed," Vernon continued. "And some of his 12 defeats could have easily gone the other way. That would have made a

tremendous difference, of course."

As for James Barton Vernon himself, who never has been with a pennant winner during 16 years in the American League, Mickey won't say how many

games he can get out of his legs this season.

"You never know what can happen to a player my age so why predict anything?" he asked. "Sufficient to say that I feel as good as last year."

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SPORTS

California Golfers May Control Masters

By HAL WOOD
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San Francisco—(U.P.)—California will throw a long shot one-two-three punch at the star-studded field in the Masters Golf Tournament this year.

Young professional Ken Venturi, San Francisco, who was the sensation of the event last year while still an amateur; National Amateur champion Harvie Ward of San Francisco; and state amateur champion Bud Taylor of Pomona are the boys, and they may be the dark horses who could cause a lot of trouble.

These aren't the only Californians playing! Gene Littler from San Diego will be there; so will Bobby Rosburg from San Francisco to mention a couple. But they are seasoned professionals.

Venturi has spent the last two months doing nothing but practicing and playing in a few minor tournaments. This will be his first major tourney as a professional, although he did compete in the Bing Crosby and Palm Springs invitational, where he took down big money. "Been playing pretty good on the local courses," says Venturi. "That doesn't mean, of course, that I'll do as well down at Augusta as I did last year. But I'm hoping."

Venturi loves to practice and he spends hours nearly every day on the practice range.

Ward, of course, is an entirely different physical and mental make-up.

"I have to practice," says Harvie, who had to lay off the game for nearly a month this winter due to muscle injuries. But he has been playing regularly the last month and his game looks sharp. He finished as runner up to Taylor in the O'Donnell invitational at Palm Springs two weeks ago.

Taylor is no youngster. But not until last year did he bother to play in the big tournaments and he won his first three matches in the National Amateur and finished well in the National Open. His old golfing foe, Ward, incidentally, went to bat to get him into the Masters.

"Taylor probably is the straightest shooter in the game of amateur golf," says Ward. "Sure, I never far off the fairway. He's a campaigner for him. I voted to get him into the Masters, and I asked some other guys to vote for him. He belongs in the competition there."

Taylor isn't the longest hitter in the world, but he is long enough, and if he has a good week, he could be the surprise of the Masters, just as Venturi was last year when he led through the first three rounds only to lose to Jackie Burke the final day.



SCORING WITH HARD RIGHT Gil Cadilli, Los Angeles, staged a 7th round rally but lost decision to Ike Chestnut, Harlem, in featherweight fight in New York. (International)

Arch Moore To Defend Title June 7

Detroit—(U.P.)—Ancient Archie Moore today was assured of keeping his light heavyweight crown until at least June 7 when he meets the winner of the Chuck Spieser-Tony Anthony bout here at Olympia Stadium.

Moore, weighing 210 pounds but promising the excess will be gone by June, signed for the title defense Monday—a one week after the original deadline fixed by the National Boxing association and the New York State Athletic commission.

The boxing bodies had threatened Archie with loss of his crown if he didn't sign for a defense by March 18.

Spieser, No. 1 contender, meets third ranked Anthony at Olympia April 5.

Perez Slates Defense of Ring Mantle

New York—(U.P.)—Little Pasqual Perez of Argentina will defend his world flyweight championship against Dai Dower of Wales at Buenos Aires Saturday in the featured bout on this week's boxing schedule.

Their 15 round fight may draw the largest crowd in South American ring history, for it will be staged in the San Lorenzo de Almagro football stadium, which has an 85,000 capacity.

It will be Perez's sixth defense of the 112 pound crown he won from Yoshirai of Japan in November, 1954. Dower, 26, is champion of the British Empire.

Logart, Turner Close Season

The boxing season at Madison Square garden will be closed out Friday night with a 10-rounder between welterweight contender Isaac Logart of Cuba and Gil Turner of Philadelphia. Logart outpointed Turner last Oct. 21 and is favored at 14 to 5 to win again.

Their bout will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC.

Joey Giardello, Philadelphia middleweight contender, is favored at 3 to 1 to beat Willie Vaughn of Los Angeles in their 10 rounder at the Kansas City Auditorium, Wednesday night. It's an ABC TV-radio fight.

Durelle To Keep Dates

New York—(U.P.)—Yvon Durelle, the fishing tycoon who wears Canada's light-heavyweight crown, said today he would keep three Canadian fight-dates despite brow cuts suffered Monday night while stopping Clarence Floyd in their TV bout at St. Nicholas arena.

Durelle, who makes money from his four fishing boats and claims he fights only "for fun and travel," scored a technical knockout over substitute Floyd of New York at 1:14 of the seventh round. A right to the chin had dropped Floyd earlier in the seventh. Floyd's left eye was swollen shut.

Yvon, weighing 175 pounds to Floyd's 167, suffered a slight cut on his left brow in the first round and a four-stitch gash in the fourth.

Central Catholic Coach on Way Out

Portland—(U.P.)—Joe Brugato plans to resign as head basketball and baseball coach at Central Catholic high school in June, it was disclosed today. Brugato led Central Catholic to second place in the recent A-1 tournament in Eugene.

Brugato, who said plans for the future caused the move, will be replaced by John Shepard, currently an assistant, as hoop coach next season.

PACIFIC SPLITS

Forest Grove—(U.P.)—Pacific and Oregon College split a non-conference baseball doubleheader yesterday, with Pacific winning the opener 6-5 and dropping the nightcap 9-0 behind the three-hit pitching of OCE's Dwayne Brandt.

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Mounties Name Three To Hurl to Seattle

Riverside, Calif.—(U.P.)—Manager Charlie Metro of the Vancouver Mounties named Gordie Sundin, Jim Archer and Babe Birrer to pitch in today's game against Seattle.

The Mounties ran up their fourth straight win Monday by defeating the March Air Force base team.

Veteran hurlers Red Munger, Howie Judson were named to curl in today's game for Seattle.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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Basketball Group Modifies Free Throw Rule, Makes Other Changes

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—A modified free throw rule used this season by the Big Ten conference was the major rule change adopted by the National Basketball committee in its two-day meeting here.

Announcement of the new rules concluded the committee's session Monday.

The new six-foot rule means the one-and-one free throw rule is not in effect for the first six fouls by each team in each half. Only after the first six fouls, does a player get a "bonus" shot if he scores on his first attempt.

In another effort to speed up the game, officials were ordered to warn the "responsible" team during stalls to make "a reasonable effort to get action" or be subject to a technical foul.

Out of Bounds

The "responsible" team, the rule states, is the team behind in the score. If the score is tied, the team on defense is the "re-

sponsible" one.

Another revision calls for the ball being thrown into play from under either goal, but if the ball goes behind the backboard on the throw-in it will be regarded as out of bounds. It was written to prevent players from throwing in over the backboard to tail players for "dunk" shots.

The committee also made a new rule that players on offense cannot touch the ball on the rim of the basket or directly above it unless the player carried the ball there. It is designed to eliminate tip-ins by taller players.

On double fouls, the committee ruled, neither team will get a free throw and a jump ball will be held instead. Use of a yellow ball for televised games was authorized by the committee along with numerous changes and editorial revisions in the rules book.

Federal Hill Busts Record

Hallandale, Fla.—(U.P.)—A world record-busting performance by Federal Hill forced professional handicappers to readjust their figures today for the \$100,000 added Florida Derby Saturday at Gulfstream park.

Until Federal Hill sizzled, six and one-half furlongs in an eye-popping 1:15 flat Monday at Gulfstream, the weekend classic shaped up as a battle between Wheatley Stable's Bold Ruler and the strong Calumet Farm entry of Barbizon, Gen. Duke and Iron Liege.

Now Federal Hill must be considered at least a strong contender, and some horsemen even are touting this brown son of Cosmic Bomb as "the horse to beat" in Florida's final Kentucky Derby preview.

Ted Williams Hits 1st Homer; LA Next for Sox

Anaheim, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Hollywood Stars, in the wake of a 3 to 0 loss to the Boston Red Sox, hoped to get back into the winning column today against an invading UCLA team.

The Red Sox scored a run in each of the first three frames in blanking the Stars at Hollywood's Gilmore Field Monday night, topped by Ted Williams' first homer of the spring season. Boston collected nine hits while holding the Stars to only three.

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Manager Clay Bryant of the Los Angeles Angels said he would use rookie hurler Glenn McMinn, Dick Hanlon and Ron Lee in today's exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox at Wrigley field.

The Angels, sorely in need of tighter pitching, will try to use the Red Sox to improve upon their dismal spring record thus far of five defeats in six games, but don't rank as much of a threat to slugger Ted Williams and company.

The Military Air Transport Service is the world's largest air-freight carrier. In 1956 MATS flew 580,000,000 ton-miles of cargo and mail for its one customer, the Defense Department.

Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY
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1. The New York Yankees: If they lose this one, there should be a congressional investigation. The only questions are how many homers Mickey Mantle will hit (55) and how many games Art Ditmar will win (21).
2. Detroit Tigers: In the race 'til the head of the stretch. Then watch Whitey Ford and Co. go by.
3. Cleveland Indians: Still loaded with pitchers to throw it up there. Still nobody to get it when it goes out there.
4. Chicago White Sox: Go, go too slow, slow.
5. Boston Red Sox: Proving once again that money will buy anything but complete poverty and a pennant.
6. Baltimore Orioles: Any higher would be a real Oriole borealis.
7. Kansas City Athletics: Still in Missouri.
8. Washington Senators: The old, old story: First in war, first in peace—and last in the American League.

Miss McIntire Tourney Favorite

Pinehurst, N.C.—(U.P.)—Pert Barbara McIntire of Toledo O., set her sights on the Western Amateur and the National Amateur championships today following her triumph in the 55th annual Women's North and South golf tournament.

Miss McIntire won the silver on her fifth try here with a 3 and 2 win over Mrs. Ann Casey Johnston of Mason City, Iowa.

The 22-year-old Ohioan closed the match against the experienced Mrs. Johnston, four-time Iowa champ, on the 16th green. The former Rollins coed rolled in a tricky seven-foot putt for a birdie on the long par-five to win the hole on the strength of two booming fairway woods.

PLAYERS REINSTATED

Morgantown, W.Va.—(U.P.)—Three players who were dropped from the West Virginia University football team last season for breaking training rules have been reinstated by Coach Art Lewis. They are center Phil Messinger, end John Plybon and quarterback Chuck Simpson.

Podres, Larsen Hurl to Draw in Spring Tussle; Giants, Cubs, Senators Triumph

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
Johnny Podres and Don Larsen settled today for a "draw" in the first of the "Mr. Wonderful vs. Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees" meetings which the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees expect to extend into the 1957 World Series.

The pitching heroes of the last two World Series met for the first time Monday and the result was a splendid 11-inning contest won by the Dodgers, 1-0. Neither hero was around at the finish, of course, but each put on a whole of a show for the record Vero Beach, Fla., crowd of 4,084.

Six Hitless Innings
Podres, picking up right where he left off on Oct. 4, 1955, pitched six hitless innings in which he faced the minimum 18 batters.

Then he stepped aside in favor of Don Drysdale, who kept the no-hitter going until Tommy Byrne singled with two out in the ninth. Tony Kubek singled in the 10th for the Yankees' other hit.

Larsen was "bombed" by Cincinnati in his spring debut last Wednesday, but Monday he yielded four hits in five innings and now has pitched 14 straight shutout innings against the Dodgers. Podres, meanwhile, has a string of 17 shutout innings against the Yankees.

Byrne added five more scoreless innings to Larsen's five, but the Dodgers pushed over the winning run against Al Cicotte in the 11th. Don Demeter opened the inning with a double and he scored when Gil McDougald threw wild past third after fielding Roy Campanella's grounder.

Rain Plays Havoc
Only three other games were played Monday as rain washed out Detroit vs. Chicago, Cincinnati vs. St. Louis, Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia and Wichita vs. Milwaukee.

Dusty Rhodes cracked a two-run homer off Sandy Consuegra in the 12th inning to give the New York Giants a 6-4 win over the Baltimore Orioles. Foster Castleman and Hank Sauer also hit homers for the Giants.

West Tops East in Ararat Game

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—Gary Thompson, Iowa State's little guard, helped win another game for his coach when he paced the West to a 64-60 victory over the East in the annual Ararat Shrine all-star classic Monday night.

Coach Bill Strannigan of Iowa State supervised the winners and Frank McGuire of North Carolina coached the East team. Thompson, who was a second-team selection on the United Press All-America, took scoring honors with 16 and was named "most valuable player" of the charity game.

All-America Lennie Rosenbluth of North Carolina's national champions led the East with a 14-point performance. Big Jim Kreks of Southern Methodist was best rebounder with 15 for the West.

The West all-stars held a slim margin through all but 30 seconds of the second half when All-America Grady Wallace of South Carolina hit a basket to give the East a 56-55 edge.

Then Krebs hit two fielders and one free throw and Thompson stole the ball to make a lay-in a push the Western team to a lead to the finish.

'Big Thursday' Grid Meet to End in 1960

Columbia, S.C.—(U.P.)—The "Big Thursday" football meeting between South Carolina and Clemson will be abolished in 1960 when both schools meet North Carolina opponents during state fair week to end the traditional classic begun in 1896.

Officials of both schools have confirmed the South Carolina-Clemson game in 1960 would be played at Clemson on Saturday, Nov. 12.

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