

## 1st Division Seen Possible This Season for Pirates

(This is the eighth in a series on the 1957 prospects of the major league clubs.)

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Fort Myers, Fla. — (U.P.) — The Pittsburgh Pirates finally are starting to roll, but Manager Bobby Bragan believes it will be at least another year before they will become pennant contenders.

However, Bragan, who finally led the Pirates out of the cellar last year to finish seventh in his freshman year as manager, feels the club has a good chance to finish in the first division.

"I don't see any teams beating out Brooklyn, Milwaukee or Cincinnati," he said. "But I think we can beat out St. Louis for fourth place."

Although it lacks the power, Bragan classifies his outfield of Bill Virdon in center, Lee Walls in left and Roberto Clemente in right as one of the best in the league. However, he pointed out that the three of them hit only a total of 28 home runs.

**Stewart Questionable**  
Virdon batted .334 after the Pirates got him from the Cardinals and wound up with an average of .319, second only to Hank Aaron's .328. Clemente batted .311 while Walls, after a fast start tailed off and wound up with an average of .274.

There is a chance that gangling Dick Stuart, up from Lincoln where he hit 66 homers and drove in 158 runs, may break into the outfield if he continues hitting the long ball the way he has thus far. He lacks polish in the field, however, and will have to hit long, and often, to make up for it.

Behind his outfield, Bragan lists pitching as the next Pirate strong point. With Ronnie Kline and Vern Law he figures he has two of the best starters in the league with Elroy Face among the best in the relief department. But Bragan is quick to agree that his staff may "lack depth."

**Lacks Infield Speed**  
The infield will have big Dale Long at first, Bill Mazerowski at second, Dick Groat at short and Frank Thomas at third. The Pirate skipper complained that his infield, outside of Mazerowski, lacks speed.

As last spring, Bragan is high on the future prospects of catcher Danny Kravitz, who can hit the long ball. The rookie didn't hit or catch well at the start of last season, however, and he was shipped to Hollywood for further seasoning.

This year, he could become the No. 1 catcher with Jack Shepard retired. Battling him for the job are Hank Foiles, formerly with Cleveland, and Dick Rand, the ex-Cardinal.

**STARS RAP UCLA**  
Ontario, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Hollywood Stars pounded out four home runs among their 11 hits Tuesday to squash UCLA, 12-1.

## SPORTS

### Boardman, Logart Rise In Rankings

New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight Isaac Logart and lightweight Larry Boardman, two eager-beaver contenders, were advanced today to the number three berths of their respective divisions in The Ring magazine's latest rankings.

Logart of Cuba replaced ex-champion Johnny Saxton in third place among the welters because of Saxton's second-round kayo by champion Carmen Basilio, and because of Logart's consistently good showings against strong opposition.

Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., replaced Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif., at third notch among the 135-pounders because of Gonsalves' recent defeat by Italian Paolo Rosi of New York. Rosi, incidentally, crashed into the rankings at number eight, two notches above the skidding Gonsalves.

**Moore Drops**  
Those were the only changes among the top three in any of the eight divisions. However, heavyweight Willie Pastrano of New Orleans replaced Archie Moore at number four, and Archie dropped to fifth because of inactivity. Although Moore is light-heavyweight champion, he still is rated among the heavies because of his campaign for the bigger title last year.

Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico won "fighter-of-the-month" honors for his victory last week over Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn in the first elimination of the featherweight title tourney.

Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, European heavyweight champion, was dropped from the top 10 because of inactivity and to make room for Harold Johnson of Philadelphia, who is surprisingly ranked sixth.

Little Walter Byars of Boston entered the welterweight rankings at No. 10 on his upset victory over Sugar Hart.

### Oregon Gets Cal Grid Players

Eugene — (U.P.) — Three junior college football prospects from California have enrolled at the University of Oregon for spring term.

They are Fred Siler, a 180-pound quarterback from Yuba JC; Walter Cathey, 215-pound guard from Los Angeles JC; and Jerry Leathley, a 195-pound guard from Napa JC.

Many Belgians speak both Flemish and French.

## Tony Kubek Could Gain Yank Berth

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — Tony Kubek, who graduated from the Yankees' rookie school summa cum laude, inherited not only a treasured baseball diploma today but also quite possibly the world champions' regular left field job.

So says Professor Casey Stengel, at any rate.

"If I had to name my opening day left fielder right now, I'd have to say Kubek," Stengel declared. "He can hit, he can run, he can field and he can throw."

"Of course, I've got some other fellas who might force me to change my mind between now and the opening game, but this kid looks mighty good to me."

Kubek, a native of Milwaukee who stands 6-3 and weighs 188, played shortstop at Denver last season, batting .331. Only 21 years old, Old Case liked the looks of the youngster the first time he saw him, and being endowed with plenty of shortstops, put the kid in centerfield.

"He looked like he had played it all his life," Stengel explained. "There's something about the way he goes after and catches a fly ball that reminds you of Joe DiMaggio. Of course, he has some things to learn, but I wouldn't hesitate to start him tomorrow if the season opened that soon."

Despite the fact that he hit only six home runs at Denver—where, according to Casey, "homers are kinda cheap because of the wind and dry air"—the Yankee pilot believes Kubek has enough power.

"But he ain't got the job clinched," Stengel went on to explain. "There's fellas like Enos Slaughter, Elston Howard, Norm Siebern, and Bob Martyn who might have something to say about that. But this much I know, with those five fellas I ain't worried about a left fielder."

### No Baseball Club At Phoenix High

Phoenix—Phoenix High school will not have a baseball team this spring, it was reported today.

School Superintendent Ernest James said that Pirate athletes will concentrate on track and field in which there is considerably more interest.

The Class A-2 school does lack manpower for a good showing in both sports.

Hap Consruck is track mentor. The Pirates have a meet at Rogue River on Friday.

**SAN DIEGO VICTOR**  
Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Sacramento Solons, in a slump with six exhibition losses, faced Seattle today. The Solons fell before San Diego 3-2 Tuesday, but the Rainiers scored a close 3-2 win over the luckless Vancouver Mounties who had the bases loaded in the ninth but couldn't push a man across.

## Pat Flaherty Says Economical Driving Means Safe Operation

Pat Flaherty, winner of the 1956 Indianapolis 500-mile race, said in Medford yesterday that "economical driving is safe driving."

Flaherty was here to talk about the 1957 Mobilgas Economy Run which goes from Los Angeles, Calif., to Sun Valley, Idaho, April 14-18. He is technical advisor for the economy run.

Flaherty said the fact that economical driving is safe driving is demonstrated each year by the nation's only highway performance test—the Mobile Economy Run.

He pointed out that race drivers are seldom in highway accidents because they confine their speeding to speedways. "They

have good judgment regarding speed. They know what might happen to a car at different speeds," Pat said. "The first thing a driver should know is to understand his automobile. A man should never overestimate or underestimate his horsepower."

The 1956 speedway king said his motto is: "On the speedway, I try not to let anyone pass me; on the highway, anyone can pass me."

He pointed out that you drive economically, at legal speeds, when you use the car's accelerator smoothly and carefully. "You're then automatically driving safely," he emphasized.

For the first time in the history of the economy run, women drivers will be allowed to compete against men this year. Entrants may enter a second car of the same make and model if driven by a woman. Whichever of the two registers the better economy record—that driven by the man or woman—will establish the official score in the judging for class winners.

With two cars possible from every sponsor this year, the largest field in the 21-year history of the event is anticipated.

**HALL OF FAME**  
New York — (U.P.) — Four superstars of the past, headed by Maurice McLaughlin, were named today to the National Tennis Hall of Fame. Selected with McLaughlin the "California Comet," were R. Norris Williams II, Mrs. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman and Mary K. Browne. These additions made a total of 17 who have been honored in the Hall of fame since the first election in 1955.

## Y Women Beat Eagle Pointers

Medford YMCA women won over Eagle Point Tuesday night in the Rogue Valley Women's Volleyball tournament. Scores were 15-1 and 15-11.

Contests Saturday will be Central Point versus YMCA girls at 6 p.m. at the Y; Oak Grove versus Griffin Creek at 7 p.m.; Crater girls versus Central Point at 8 p.m.; Shady Cove versus Griffin Creek at 9 p.m. and Eagle Point versus Oak Grove at 10 p.m.

### HOOP COACH NAMED

Winston-Salem, N.C. — (U.P.) — The Rev. Horace (Bones) McKinney, who stepped from professional basketball to the ministry and the assistant basketball coaching spot at Wake Forest college, will take over July 1 as head coach.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

## SF Seals Defeat Portland 5-3

Glendale, Calif. — (U.P.) — San Francisco and Portland were to clash here today in a return

home run in the last of the ninth. The Seals were limited to two hits over seven innings by youthful Portland hurler Darrell Martin.

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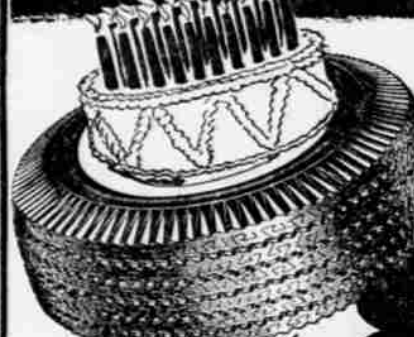
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