

Friend, Lemon Flash Form in Exhibitions

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
Add Bob Friend and Bob Lemon to the list of pitchers who are ready for their opening day assignments.

The two rugged right-handers flashed mid-season form Sunday as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-1, and the Cleveland Indians beat the Baltimore Orioles, 8-3.

Friend, a 17-game winner last season, became the first Pirate hurler to go nine innings when he fired a five-hitter at the Cardinals. Bill Virdon led the Pirates' attack with three singles

as the Bucs chalked up their 13th victory in 19 Grapefruit League games.

Rookie Paces Cubs

Lemon who won 29 games last year, yielded five hits in six innings to gain credit for his fourth win of the spring. Jim Hegan and Roger Maris paced the attack with homers to lead the Indians to their fourth straight triumph and give them an 11-9 spring record.

Dick Drott, a 20-year old rookie who led the Pacific Coast league in strikeouts last year, turned in a nifty two-hitter over the nine-inning route to give the Chicago Cubs a 3-2 decision over the New York Giants.

Don Larsen, the World Series perfect game hero, went seven innings in his longest start of the spring as the New York Yankees downed the Kansas City Athletics, 7-3.

Braves Nip Senators

Shortstop Felix Mantilla's 12th inning homer provided the Milwaukee Braves with an 8-7 decision over the Washington Senators.

Dick Donovan and Jim Wilson held the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers to three hits and hurled the Chicago White Sox to a 7-1 victory.

Ted Kluszewski doubled home the tie-breaking run in the eighth inning and the Cincinnati Redlegs went on to beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-1.

Jackie Jensen's disputed three run homer in the eighth inning produced a 3-0 victory for the Boston Red Sox over the New Orleans Pelicans. Manager Harry Lowery of the Pelicans disputed Umpire Art McIntyre's decision on the "fair or foul" drive to no avail.

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Medford Youths Place in Swim

Seattle — Gene Cronin, Medford, Ore., was third in junior Class A fancy diving Saturday at Y.M.C.A. swimming meet here.

Bill Hampton, Medford, was sixth in the 100-yard free style swim. He was fifth in his qualifying heat.

There were entries from 16 YMCA's in three states.

Netters To Have Week End Jaunt

Medford high tennis players were rained out of the match Saturday with Roseburg.

The Tornado netmen will play four matches in two days this week end. On Friday they play at North Bend in the morning and face Marshfield at Coos Bay in the afternoon. Saturday matches are at Springfield in the morning and at Eugene in the afternoon.

Spieser 13-5 Choice for Friday Bout

New York — (U.P.) — Chuck Spieser, 27-year-old former Air Force captain, is a 13 to 5 choice to whip Tony Anthony of New York Friday night in a 12 round light heavyweight elimination bout in Detroit and qualify to challenge Archie Moore for the title June 7 in the same city.

The elimination fight will be televised and broadcast from the Detroit Olympia by NBC.

Spieser, a balding graduate of Michigan State, has scored eight victories and fought one draw since his discharge from the service. His two losses and the draw came in meetings with Willie Pastrano, a heavyweight. Spieser's overall record is 19-4-1. He has scored 14 knockouts.

Anthony will be after his seventh straight victory. He scored a one round knockout over Gordon Wallis, the British Empire champion, in his last start. The New York fighter who has been beefed up above 170 pounds by his new manager, Ernie Braza, has a 29 and 4 record. He has scored 22 knockouts. The week's boxing schedule includes:

Line-up of Detroit Tigers Set After Experimenting

(This is the 12th in a series on the 1957 prospects of the major league clubs.)

By LEO H. PETERSON
United Press Sports Editor
Lakeland, Fla. — The Detroit Tigers thus far this spring haven't lived up to their advance billing as the most improved team in the American league. But their freshman manager, Jack Tighe, isn't worried.

"I've gone all out to win, but I've been experimenting a lot," Tighe explains. "Now I'm ready to go with a set line-up and the team should start to roll."

The 1956 Tigers never did get going until after the All-Star game. From that point they played the best percentage ball in the league and went on to become the only club to beat the pennant-winning Yankees in a season's series. But they still finished fifth — 15 games out of first place.

Tighe said that barring injuries or other unforeseen developments, he will start the season with Ray Boone at first, Frank Bolling at second, Harvey Kuenn at short and Jim Fingers at third; Charley Maxwell in left, Bill Tuttle in center and Al Kaline in right.

More Than Satisfied

Boone's conversion into a first baseman has more than satisfied the plain-speaking Tighe and the success of the experiment means that he will have to let go one of two veterans — Ed Robinson or Earl Torgerson.

Bolling won the second base job "because of his hitting." That means that Jack Dittmar, the ex-Brave, will be in reserve at that spot.

Reno Bertoia, with his two bonus seasons behind him, also will stay with the club as a replacement for Finigan. If both should falter at third, Tighe always can move Boone back there. Just in case that becomes necessary, he probably will keep the veteran Jack Phillips in a utility role.

Behind his starting outfield

PAL Boxers Win at KF

Orin Inlow, Rusty Smith and Doug Batten of Medford Police Athletic league won bouts Saturday night on the Chiloquin Boys club-Klamath Falls Exchange club boxing card at Klamath Falls.

In the fight of the night for the PAL youths Smith took a decision over taller and heavier Don Taylor, Chiloquin.

Inlow scored a second round knockout over Douglas Wilson, Klamath Falls, and Batten knocked out Phillip Parker, Chiloquin, also in the second panel.

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BOWLING

JUNIOR MATCH

An intercity bowling match was held Saturday at the Medford Bowling lanes among Ashland, Klamath Falls and Medford junior boys and Klamath Falls and Medford girls.

Terry Campbell of Ashland had high game and series of 202-543, Dexter Staniforth of Medford was second with 182-514. Vern Young and Jim Davis of Klamath Falls had third with 478 and 179, respectively, for the boys.

Delores Williams of Medford had high game and series of 165-436 and Bobbie Weston of Klamath Falls was second with 193-435 for the girls.

Klamath Falls boys had high team series with handicap of 2765.

The teams will have a return match at Klamath Falls April 20.

Oklahomans Mat Champs

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Dan Hodge, who has never lost a collegiate wrestling match, continued his domination of the 177-pound weight class in pacing Oklahoma to a squeeze victory over Pittsburg in the 27th annual NCAA wrestling championships.

Hodge, who placed second in last year's Olympics, won his 46th consecutive collegiate bout Saturday night to clinch the 177-pound title for the third year in a row and win the outstanding wrestler award for the second.

Pitt's Ed Peery kept pace. He maintained, as did his father, now Pitt coach, and brother, High — his unblemished collegiate card by notching his third straight NCAA 123-pound title.

The team scoreboards showed Oklahoma ahead with 73 points, seconded by Pitt with 66.

Iowa State was third with 38, followed by defending three-time champion Oklahoma A&M with 37. Eastern collegiate tilist Penn State had 33, Michigan and Illinois 30 each, Iowa 27, Lehigh 19 and Minnesota 13.

Sam Hanks Race Winner

Vallejo, Calif. — (U.P.) — Sam Hanks of Pacific Palisades, Cal., driving a 1957 Mercury, won the USAC National Champion Stock Car race Sunday.

Hanks, runnerup in last year's Indianapolis "500" collected \$1100 in prize money for the win. He also moved into the lead in the National Stock Car standings.

The race, scheduled for 100 laps was called after 96 when Rosie Roussel of Foillmore, Cal., rolled his 1956 Ford in front of the grandstand scattering wreckage along the track. Roussel was unhurt.

Asheville, N. C. — (U.P.) — Buck Baker of Charlotte, N.C., successfully defended his title in the 100-mile Grand National Nascar automobile race Sunday when he won the event in a close finish. Driving a 1957 Chevrolet, Baker edged Speedy Thompson, who also drove a Chevrolet.

Denver Pioneers Ski Champions

Snow Basin, Utah — (U.P.) — The Denver university Pioneers were the toast of the collegiate winter sports world today for their fourth straight NCAA ski championship.

Al Vincelleto cinched the title for the Pioneers Sunday when he won the jumping competition, the final event of the four-day meet. Vincelleto's victory and teammate Peder Pytte's second place finish enabled Denver to push its final team total to 577.95 points. Colorado was second with 545.29 and Dartmouth third with 537.90.

Ed Mickelson Sent to Chicago

Glendale, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers and the parent Chicago Cubs completed a player deal Sunday that sent first baseman Ed Mickelson to the Cubs immediately.

In return the Beavers will get infielder George Freese and first baseman Joe Macko who will take over Mickelson's slot. The Portland club will also receive an unannounced sum of cash.

Freese played third base for the Los Angeles Angels last year and hit .291 including 22 home runs and 113 runs batted in. Macko will come to the Beavers on option from the Cubs and remain their property.

Covers Leading Volleyball Loop

Shady Cove with victories in all three of its matches heads the standings in the Medford YMCA's Rogue Valley Women's Volleyball tournament.

However, four other clubs are still unmarred. The YMCA women, crater girls and YMCA girls each have two victories and Howard has won its lone match.

One of the clubs will be dropped from the unbeaten ranks on Tuesday. YMCA girls and Howard meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Y.

In Saturday action YMCA girls defeated Central Point women 15-7, 7-15, 15-13; Oak Grove downed Griffin Creek 15-10, 8-15, 15-13; Crater beat Central Point 15-10, 15-10; Shady Cove whipped Griffin Creek, 15-3, 15-7 and Eagle Point won from Oak Grove 15-9, 15-7.

D'Agata Will Risk Crown

Paris — (U.P.) — World bantamweight champion Mario d'Agata of Italy is a slight favorite to retain his crown tonight when he meets hard-hitting Alphonse Halimi of French North Africa in France's first world boxing title fight in 20 years.

GOYA TAKES TOGA

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — Salt Lake Goya defeated Spokane 78 to 75 in overtime Sunday to win its first championship in the finals of the 10th annual Rocky Mountain Basketball tournament.

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Corvallis — (U.P.) — Reserved seat tickets for the Boston Celtics-NBA All-Stars basketball game at Gill coliseum April 20 went on sale at the Oregon State college athletic ticket office today.

Business Manager Jim Barratt said approximately 3000 tickets already had been sold through mail orders.

Solons Subdue Portland Nine

Glendale, Calif. — Two runs in the eighth inning enabled the Sacramento Solons to nick the Portland Beavers Sunday in an exhibition baseball game. Portland gained a 6 to 4 edge in the fourth inning on a three-run homer by Ed Mickelson.

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