

Cubs Hope for Start Like Finish of 1957

Editor's note: This is the seventh of 10 dispatches on the off-season outlook of each major league team for 1958, written by the managers of each club.

By BOB SCHEFFING
Written For United Press
Scottsdale, Ariz. — If we can start next season as we finished the last one, the Cubs will do all right.

During the last two months of last season we won 29 and lost 27, and that is the kind of baseball we want to play all season.

We've done a lot of building, and some trading, and we'll do more to get the material we need to become a solid club.

The baseball writers have been ribbing me about the trade we made with Milwaukee, in which we gave right-handed pitcher Bob Rush and Don Kaiser, along with outfielder Eddie Haas, for left-handed pitcher Taylor Phillips and catcher Sam Taylor.

I think we helped our club in the deal. We got youth, as both Taylor and Phillips are 24, and in Phillips we got ourselves a probable starting left-handed pitcher, which we badly needed last season.

When you are trying to bring a club up, there is nothing like trying to find young players, with lasting qualities, who might not win the pennant for you the first year or so but will improve with experience and make you a contender for several years.

We brought up some young players in the second half of last season and our winning percentage started going up. We've got some good young pitchers, probably the best staff of young pitchers of any team in the major leagues. Barring physical handicaps, they'll get better with seasoning.

The pitching staff of Phillips, Moe Drabowski, Dick Drott, Jim

Brosnan, Johnny Briggs, who seems to be recovered from an arm injury that has hurt his career, Bob Anderson, and a couple of youngsters we've brought up should do all right. Ed Mayer, up from Fort Worth, and Glenn Hobbie, a left-hander from Memphis are highly regarded, although still a little rough around the edges. So was Drott when he first came along.

Outfield Problems
Don't be surprised if Fernando Rodriguez, at 35, gives us some good relief pitching. We got him from the Giants' Minneapolis farm team, and he's doing well in the Winter League down in Cuba.

We haven't any deals in sight right now, but we still have outfield problems, particularly in center field. The outfielders we have are Lee Walls, who came from Pittsburgh last year in the deal which also gave us Dale Long at first base; Jim Bolger, Bob Speake, Walt Moryn and Chuck Tanner.

Third base was a problem last year until John Goryl came along and did a pretty good job. We've got Bobby Adams for third base duty also, and have been given high recommendation on Antonio Taylor, a 20-year-old from Minneapolis.

Jerry Kindall and Bobby Morgan give us pretty good protection at second and Ernie Banks, well, you just tell me a better guy to have at shortstop who hits those long ones for you like he does.

Cal Nieman, another youngster who made the team last season, caught more games than any other catcher in the National League and was only out-hit by three or four catchers, if memory serves me correctly. I know he can do a good job for us, and Taylor will be of help.



FRANK LEAHY To Sign Aggie Pact

Frank Leahy To Become Aggie Coach

College Station, Tex. — The Texas Aggies picked up a driving football fundamentalist the same pattern as Paul (Bear) Bryant Wednesday night when Frank Leahy, former coach at Notre Dame, agreed to become head coach and athletic director.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, Texas A&M president, said Leahy agreed to contract terms by telephone and that the formal signing of a contract was expected by the end of the week. This may be Saturday at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., where the Aggies meet Tennessee in their final game under Bryant, who is going to Alabama.

However, Leahy was in a hospital at Michigan City, Ind., today. He slipped and broke his ankle Tuesday while carrying Christmas packages into his Long Beach, Ind., home. He was taken to the hospital for X-rays and remained for treatment.

Three-Year Pact
Dr. Harrington said Leahy, 49, would be given a salary of \$16,000 a year plus rent-free use of a college-owned residence. The contract is for three years.

The Notre Dame graduate, noted for pessimistic attitude despite having winning teams, will become the 22nd coach since A&M fielded its first football team in 1894.

Leahy's overall record, including two years at Boston College, is 107-13-9.

Leahy was expected to report to College Station soon after the first of the year, Harrington said. Leahy quit Notre Dame after the 1953 season because of ill health. He compiled an 11-year record of 87 victories, 15 losses and 9 ties and had six undefeated seasons.

He said Wednesday he had completely recovered his health. "The layoff got me over all the troubles that I had and my local doctor has told me that I am healthier than I've been in 10 years."

Bearcats Open Hoop Tourney

Sacramento, Calif. — The fourth annual Far Western conference invitational basketball tournament got under way here this afternoon with Willamette university meeting San Francisco state.

Other opening round games will pit defending conference champion Nevada against Whittier college, California Aggies against Chico State and host Sacramento State against Humboldt State.

RADIO DISPATCHED

Christy Goes on Rampage
Christy, the 180-pound speedball from North Carolina State who was named the South's MVP went on a second half rampage. He broke through the line for 62 yards and a touchdown in the third period and carried back a punt 57 yards in the final quarter for another score.

As if that were not enough, the stubby "Rebel" halfback from Chester, Pa., nearly pulled off an upset for the south, a four-point underdog. With 2:15 left in the game, Christy ran back a North punt 47 yards; then with 15 seconds left, he caught a 23-yard pass from Arkansas quarterback George Walker on the North two. There was time for only one play, and a dive at the line by LSU's Jimmy Taylor fell one yard short as the Yankee forward wall held.

DUKE, SOONERS ON HAND

Miami — The Duke and Oklahoma football squads arrived today by plane to begin work for the big New Year's clash in the Orange Bowl. The players for both schools reassembled on their campuses Wednesday night and this morning after spending Christmas at home. The Duke squad is due shortly after noon and the Sooners about 2:30 p.m. (e.s.t.). Neither team plans a workout until Friday morning.

Sport Parade
By OSCAR FRALEY
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New York — Notre Dame and the Milwaukee Braves deserve their fair share of glory, but for the upset of the year I've got to hand it today to angular Mal Anderson, the unseeded cowboy from Australia who won the National Amateur tennis championship.

Anderson's victory at Forest Hills may not sound like such great shakes if you don't happen to be a tennis buff. For there still are those who regard the court game as not essentially a he-man's dodge.

In such case, they'd better take another look, because Anderson's feat required great endurance, skill and the ability to withstand pressure.

And his triumph was really an earth-shaker in the tennis world because no other unseeded player ever had captured the big one. To put the icing on the cake, the 22-year-old Aussie in the final heat the No. 1 seed, Ashley Cooper—and did it in straight sets to boot.

Notre Dame must be the popular choice because of the much more widespread general interest in college football. The Fighting Irish put over the shocker when, as an 18-point underdog, they ended Oklahoma's 47-game

winning streak by a tight 7-0 score. In the matter of unexpected performances you also have to hand it to the Braves and to the Cleveland Browns.

The Braves will tell you, of course, that they expected to win the World Series from the Yankees. However, the oddsmakers made them the outsiders and they kicked over the tote board to win it.

As for the Browns, not even Coach Paul Brown thought his Cleveland club could come all the way back in the National Football league race this season. The team had a lowly 5-7 record last year and was rebuilding with 12 rookies.

Yet the Browns captured the Eastern Division championship going away and come Sunday they'll have a chance to make it all the way to the league title. Two other major upsets of 1957 which stand out in the mind are the victory of Iron Lige in the Kentucky Derby and Mike De John's boxing triumph over unbeaten Argentine heavyweight Alex Miteff.

There were many other upsets during the year but these, at least in this corner, were the stickouts — and Anderson's topped them all.

Rice Works On Aerials, Defense Against Passing
Rice counterpart, have accounted for a third of their team's total offense. Hill chalked up 1,244 yards in the Owls' 7-3 season. Forrestal made 1,169 in Navy's 8-1-1 season.

Hill and Frank Ryan, his quarterback understudy from Fort Worth, passed Rice to the Southwest Conference championship. The Owls gained 1,091 yards in the air against Navy's 1,469. But Hill and Ryan threw only half as many passes—65 completed in 116 attempts to Navy's 113 in 229 attempts.

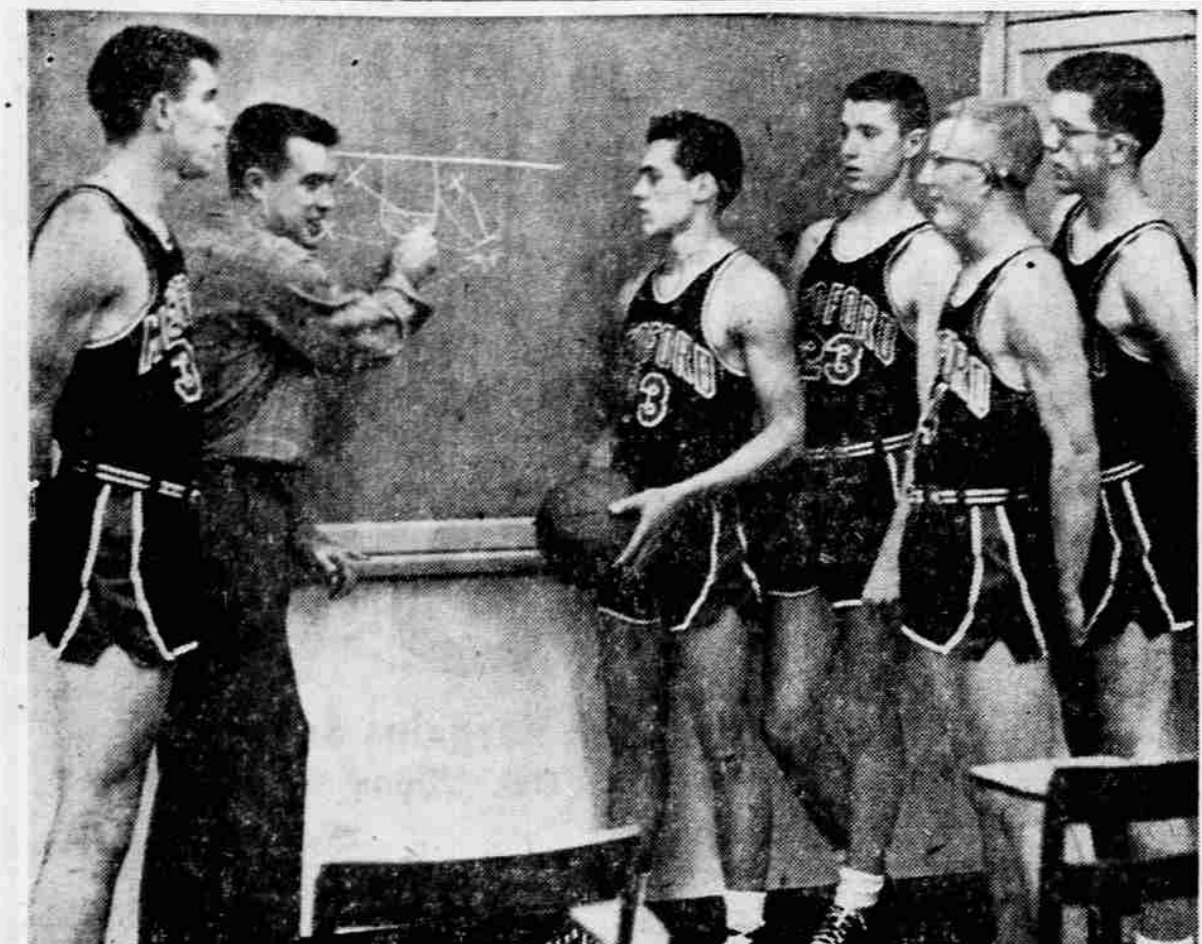
The versatile Hill, who operates with equal ease from a balanced or unbalanced line, a split or tight-T, also leads the Owls in rushing with a net 446 yards in 90 carries, a 5.0 average. He has five TD's and 17 conversions for 47 points.

On the ground it's practically a stand-off. Navy rushed for a season total of 2,375 yards. Rice made one yard less in its 10-game season—2,374 yards.

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GIRD FOR ASTORIA—Coach Frank Roelandt charts some strategy for his Medford high school basketball crew as it readies for its series with the Astoria Fishermen here Friday and Saturday nights. Players, left to right, are Tom Hamlin, Bilbee Lane, Jerry Anderson, Don Peek and Lowell Dean. Hamlin turned his ankle in practice last week and just how much service he'll be able to see isn't certain. Games each day will be at 8:15 p.m. They will follow 6:30 p.m. preliminaries.

Tornado Begins Home Season Friday Against Astoria Five

Astoria high's Fishermen, with only one returning regular and their most experienced men juniors, are expected to give the Medford basketball quintet a rugged time under the backboards Friday and Saturday nights when the Black Tornado makes its first appearances of the new campaign on its home court.

The north Oregon coast club and Tornado collide at 8:15 p.m. on both occasions on Hedrick Junior High school floor. There will be 6:30 p.m. starters with Medford jayvees vying both nights.

Gordon Scott, 6-2 junior forward, good shot, good rebounder and fine defensive player, is returning regular on the Fishermen roster. Jon Wagner and Brian Pazo, juniors and forward and guard, respectively, were listed as alternates in the state tourney roster last March. Wagner, 6-2, is regarded as an accurate shooter and tough backboard man. Pazo, also 6-2, is an alert player who adds to the Astoria backboard strength.

Watch Come Back
Astoria won't have any real height advantage over the Tornado crew but boasts some beefs that help out in clearing the boards after missed shots. Scott is a 200-pounder and Pazo tips the scales at 195. Wagner and Arnold Curtis, 6-1 senior, are 173-pounders. Curtis is team captain. He has a good eye for the hoop and is quick and tricky.

Tallest player on the club is Dave Hellberg, 6-3, 150-pound junior.

Coach Jerry Mosby of the Fishermen could pick his starters from among Scott, Wagner, Hellberg, Pazo, Dick Seppa, Harry Lempe and Curtis. Seppa, a junior guard, is known for his scoring ability and continued hard play while Lempe, also a junior and a guard, plays a fast, alert spirited game.

Also on the Astoria roster are senior Jack Leinenweber, Dick Matthews, Darrell Isaacson and Dick Neimi, and James Johnson, a sophomore.

Complete Astoria record is not available but shows wins of 58 to 35 over Seaside and 73 to 32 and 48 to 37 over Scappoose.

Coach Frank Roelandt of the Tornado had his squad running this afternoon, trying to "get some of the turkey off." He reported that regular Tom Hamlin, who turned an ankle last week, is moving a lot better on the injured limb and "may go some" on Friday and Saturday. Don Bowling, letterman, who has not seen duty so far because of a broken bone in his foot, will be in uniform, Roelandt said. But, it is doubtful that he'll be able to play.

Medford junior varsity meets Rogue River varsity in the Friday prelim and Tornado and Grants Pass second teams.

SPORTS

EAST BOASTS MOST BIG NAMES IN SHRINE FRAY

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco — The flu bug has again sidelined one of the East's star players as the cream of the nation's collegiate football players made ready for the annual East-West Shrine classic.

All-America lineman Alex Karras from Iowa complained of a temperature and sore throat Wednesday. One quick look and the East team's medics put him to bed at the Santa Clara University infirmary.

Another East star, halfback Jim Pace of Michigan, was back in the lineup, but still far from his peak potential after a week-end bout with the flu.

However team physicians said they expected all ailing players to be ready to take the field in Kezar Stadium here Saturday when the Shrine charity classic gets under way.

East Has Big Names
The East has most of the big names in the collegiate ranks, which accounts for its being favored by nine points by those who claim to be privy to how games should come out.

The West has no standout performers to match Karras, Pace, Walt Kowalczyk of Michigan State, Charlie Brueckman of Pitt and Mickey Trimarki of West Virginia and seldom has in the past.

But the over-all record for the 32 East-West game discloses that the West has won 15 times, the East 13 with four deadlocks.

Best known players on the West squad are Bob Stransky, Colorado back; Jim Jones, Washington fullback; Jim Shofner, TCU back; Ron Wheatcroft, California end; and Joe Francis, back from Oregon State.

Both squads — the East at Santa Clara, the West at Stanford — went through a short drill Wednesday and then knocked off for a Christmas party.

Engle Confident
East coach Rip Engle, himself only recently out of the sick bed, wasn't making any predictions. But he indicated, flu or no, his boys would be

Seattle, San Francisco Among Tourney Favorites

By JOE SARGIS
United Press Sports Writer
College basketball's annual holiday head-knocking begins in earnest tonight with several of the nation's more highly regarded teams in action in five major eight-team tournaments.

The action unfolds in such widely separated cities as Kansas City, Mo., Big Eight, Raleigh, N.C., Dixie Classic, New York City Holiday Festival, Oklahoma City, Okla., All-College and Houston, Tex., Southwest, Kansas and Kansas State, ranked 1-2 by the United Press board of coaches, are the teams to beat in the Big Eight tourney which also includes Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa State, Colorado, Nebraska and outsider Princeton. Kansas plays Oklahoma and Kansas State meets Missouri tonight while the others play Friday night.

Tarheels Dixie Favorite
The Dixie Classic offers the most evenly-balanced field of all the tournaments, but North Carolina, upset by West Virginia in the Kentucky Invitation tournament and the defending national champion, is favored. The competition here includes North Carolina State, Duke, Wake Forest and outsiders Duquesne, Northwestern, St. Louis and Seton Hall.

The opening day pairings find Wake Forest playing Duquesne, N. C. State meeting Northwestern in afternoon action and fourth-ranked North Carolina playing St. Louis and Duke meeting Seton Hall in night games.

The Holiday Festival at New York offers 12th ranked Temple, 13th ranked Seattle, California, New York University, Dayton, Manhattan and Connecticut. Temple and Seattle are favored to reach the final round with each drawing comparatively "easy" opponents in the opening round. The Owls play Pittsburgh and Chieftains meet Connecticut.

Dons Top Field
Fifth-ranked San Francisco tops a "stacked" field in the All-College tourney which includes such teams as Western Kentucky, Denver, Niagara, Tulane, Oklahoma City University, Tulsa and Idaho State. San Francisco opens against Denver in

Crater High, Willamette Mix Friday

Central Point — Crater high winds up its pre-conference basketball slate Friday and Saturday nights with another pair of scuffles which should shed light on its chances in the Southern Oregon circuit.

And the Comets are expected to have their hands full against both rivals although playing on the Crater floor. They meet Willamette of Eugene on Friday and Coquille on Saturday. Grants Pass of the Southern Oregon conference, is host to the two schools on the opposite evenings.

Willamette will come with a 3-1 record. The school from the Eugene area holds an overtime nod over Springfield which in one game lost by only one point to Klamath Falls of the Southern Oregon loop.

Willamette also has beaten Madras and Cottage Grove and lost to Toledo in overtime.

Estremado Will Start
Only scores available for Coquille show a split with Newport and a win over Siuslaw. It's reported that the Red Devils also dropped a close to Toledo.

Coach Don Anielak, who aims to have the Crater crew bounce back from Oakridge setbacks, has indicated that senior Jim Estremado may make his first starting appearance for the Comets. Bill White, Wayne Allen and Randy Campbell may get other starter assignments with the fifth man to be chosen from among Kermen Bennett, Jerry Kime and Joe Teeter.

AGGIES ARRIVE AT GATOR
Jacksonville, Fla. — Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant and his Texas A&M football squad arrived today to complete their preparations for Tennessee in the Gator Bowl Saturday afternoon. The Tennessee Volunteers arrived Tuesday and even worked out behind closed gates on Christmas Day to get ready for the Aggies and their much-honored halfbacks, All-America John Crow-

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

By UNITED PRESS
Coach Phil Watson finds it hard to smile after a defeat, but he isn't too sorry the Chicago Black Hawks handed his New York Rangers their first Christmas night defeat at home since 1928.

Billy Lea, Ted Lindsay and Lorrn Ferguson—three of the players Chicago got this year from the Detroit Red Wings—scored the goals that shattered one of the most unusual unbeaten streaks in sports. They sparked a 3-1 triumph that ended a five-game losing streak for the last-place Chicago club in National Hockey league play.

The Black Hawks cost the second-place Rangers a chance to cut Montreal's lead to two points because the Toronto Maple Leafs edged the Canadiens, 5-4. In the other game Wednesday night, the Boston Bruins whipped Detroit, 4-1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

By UNITED PRESS
The Hershey Bears have a fat lead in the American Hockey league, but the second-place Cleveland Barons found out Wednesday night that the first-place club isn't letting down a bit.

Cleveland took a 2-0 lead on Jimmy Moore's two second period goals but the home club pulled even before the regulation game ended and won, 3-2, at 3:52 of the overtime period on Obie O'Brien's goal.

The Buffalo Bisons walloped the Rochester Americans, 7-1, and the Springfield Indians edged the Providence Reds, 4-3, in the other games.