

SPORTS

SL Cards To Blend Youth, Age in 1958 Flag Chase

(This is the 15th of 16 dispatches on the off-season outlook of each major league team for 1958, written by the managers of each club.)

By FRED HUTCHINSON
Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals

Written for The United Press Bradenton, Fla. — (AP)—The Cardinals will make a strong bid for the 1958 pennant because we have a powerful blend of age and youth plus the mobility to withstand injuries.

First, of course, there is Stan Musial. I'm planning to work Stan down from those 150-odd games he's been playing every year to about 125. Given those off-days from time to time, I think Stan can have another year like 1957—maybe even lead the league in hitting again.

Second, is the nature of the Cardinals' squad. Joe Cunningham can spell Musial at first and play the outfield. Eddie Kasko can play third and short. So can Al Dark. Ken Boyer did a good job in the outfield last season and can be an all-star third-baseman. Don Blasingame can play short or second. All this adds up to protection against injuries over a season that covers six months of a year.

Mizzell Key Pitcher
And, of course, there's pitching. My four starting pitchers when the season opens will be Sam Jones, Lindy McDaniel, Larry Jackson and Vinegar Bend Mizell. Von McDaniel will be a fifth "spot" starter and by season's end he may be a regular in the rotation.

The key man is Mizell. Vinegar Bend didn't have a good year in 1957 but over the latter part of the season he was my best pitcher. The best thing that could happen to the Cardinals in 1958 would be for Mizell to give us the 15-to-20 game season we know he is capable of.

Jones, Lindy McDaniel and Jackson are solid workmen and that, of course, brings me to Von. Von astonished me as much as he did the rest of the baseball world last season. He is an amazing workman for an 18-year-old boy. He just can't be one of those one-year wonders because he's got too many pitching skills to be one.

Dark Goes to Third
With those five to head my staff, I'm not worrying about pitching.

We figure to open the season with an infield of Musial at first base, Blasingame at second, Kasko will prove to be a brilliant shortstop.

That gives me Cunningham, Del Ennis, Boyer and Wally Moon in the outfield, meaning a pretty good hand will be sitting down every day. Cunningham played well at first and in the outfield and he hit .318, including some of the most spectacular pinch hits of the year. We regard him as a solid .300 hitter.

The league, of course, is strong and the Braves were strengthened when they got Bob Rush and Don Kaiser from the Cubs. That was a good deal the Braves made but don't let anybody tell you it locks up the pennant. Rush and Kaiser won't make that big a difference.

I look for another four or five-team race. It makes me laugh when people suggest the Braves can run away with the flag. Believe me, it can't happen in a league so evenly balanced as the National League.

AMERICANS WIN

Pertli, Australia — (AP)—Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio and Ron Holmberg of Brooklyn, N.Y., two young United States Davis Cuppers, whipped Frank Taaffe and Barry Lennon of Australia, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1, Sunday in the opening round of the men's doubles in the West Australian tennis tourney.

Bullish Ardor Ends Last Financial Year

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor
New York (AP)—Stocks added \$5 billion to valuation of all listed issues during the past week with daily average volume of 3,266,795 shares, most since Oct. 25, 1957.

The week, bisected by the New Year's holiday, contained two sessions of 1957 and two of 1958.

The year 1957 closed with a burst of bullish ardor that brought out 5,707,000 shares, the most for a year-end session in the history of the stock exchange which dates back 165 years.

The industrial average on Dec. 31 gained 3.91 points, a rise exceeded in only one year in history, 1929 when it rose 7.42 points on 2,678,000 shares. The nearest total sales

for a last day to 1957 was in 1928 when volume was 4,888,900 shares.

Year-end rallying tendencies carried over into 1958 on smaller volume but the week's total of four sessions involved volume of 13,087,183 shares. The spurt at the end of 1957 left that year's total slightly above the 1956 figure.

The net results for the week were:

Industrial average closing at 444.56, up 11.85 points, widest weekly gain since July 5, 1957 and the best since Dec. 6.

Railroad average closing at 103.53, up 6.14 points; widest weekly gain since Dec. 7, 1956 and best since Nov. 29. Utility average closing at 69.46, up 0.81 points, widest weekly gain since Nov. 22, 1957 and the best since Aug. 6.

A total of 1,055 issues out of a total of 1,398 issues traded was the biggest gain figure for any week since the one ending May 15, 1948. There were only 225 losses and 118 issues closed unchanged. A total of 30 new 1957-58 highs were set and 209 new lows.

The year-end rally reflected some improvement in the news picture, including a rise in steel operations, a good report by Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, and a letup in tax loss selling.

Also on the demand side there was a heavy reinvestment of interest and dividends received at the year end plus some bear covering.

The stocks which made the widest gains were those issues which had been wide losers during the past year.

These groups included the railroads, steels, aircrafts, metals, and motors. The latter had one of their best weeks in a long time with General Motors and Ford each more than 2 points higher at the close.

Aircrafts responded to several contract awards and scored gains ranging to more than 4 points. Good business predictions helped send the tires up 2 to 5 points in Firestone.

Gains in the rails ranged to more than 4 points in Chesapeake & Ohio which was the first railroad to report earnings for 1957, a rise over 1956 which was considered almost unique among this group.

Steel issues registered gains that ran above 3 points in several instances.

Griffin Creek Fives Will Play Gold Hill

Griffin Creek — Griffin Creek grade school will be host to Gold Hill for basketball games on Thursday evening, Jan. 9. Junior varsities will vie at 6:30 p.m. and varsities at 7:30 p.m. Griffin Creek school band will play. A small charge for admission will be made.

PANCHO EVENS UP

Sydney, Australia — (AP)—Pancho Gonzales evened his 100-game pro tennis series with Lew Hoad at two victories each Sunday when he scored a 6-4, 8-10, 6-3, 6-4, triumph over the Australian before a crowd of 10,000 at White City Stadium.

Vejar Favored In Video Bout

New York — (AP)—Middleweight Chico Vejar is favored at 8-5 to spoil Mickey Crawford's New York TV debut tonight with a defeat in their 10-rounder at St. Nicholas arena.

Vejar of Stamford, Conn., is favored because of his experience and his weight advantage over the commercial artist from Detroit. Chico, 26, had 89 fights; 23-year-old Crawford, only 20.

Chico is a middleweight who scaled 157½ for his last bout. Welterweight Crawford registered but 146 for his last start.

Ken Nanson Scores 31 in OSC Victory

Corvallis — (AP)—Oregon State tumbled the UCLA Bruins 68-61 in a Pacific coast conference basketball game here Saturday night behind explosive Ken Nanson who scored 31 points and set a new individual scoring record for himself.

Nanson, before a crowd of 5,841 fans at Gill Coliseum, dumped in 14 points in the first 11 minutes of the second half to widen OSC's 30-25 lead at the half. His previous point total for a single game was 26 set against Indiana.

The game was tight with eight ties in the first half, before Nanson's spree. OSC forward Dave Gambee was second high man in the

game with 16 points. Bruin center Ben Rogers scored 15 and forward Connie Burke hit 14.

The Beavers, led by Gambee's 14 rebounds, controlled the backboards 38-22 although the Bruins outshot Oregon State with a 42.9 percentage. OSC hit 26 out of 66 field goal attempts for a .394 percentage.

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Burke	6	2-4	1	14
Underhill	2	3-4	2	7
Rogers	5	3-4	3	15
Torrence	1	1-1	0	3
Haisten	2	1-2	0	5
Miller	0	0-0	0	0
Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
French	1	0-0	1	2
Bell	1	1-1	2	3
Brandon	1	1-1	2	3
Totals	24	13-18	16	61

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gambee	7	2-2	3	16
Nanson	11	9-10	2	31
Moss	1	1-1	1	3
Anderson	0	0-0	1	0
Hartman	3	3-3	2	9
Goble	3	1-1	3	7
Koppie	1	0-0	1	2
Totals	26	16-19	13	68

Cain Will Ref PAL Ring Card

Don Cain, Oregon state policeman, will be referee for the Medford Police Athletic League season opener boxing card on Wednesday evening, Jan. 8.

PAL mittmen will meet Talent Youth center boxers in a 12-bout program starting at 8 p.m. at the Esquire theater. Judges will be Fred Spiegelberg, Medford high football coach, and Marshall Besonette, Medford contractor and businessman.

Paul Haviland will be announcer and Bob Kyle Jr., the timekeeper. Manville Heisel will count for knockdowns and Dr. G. W. Bishop will be attending physician.

There are still some choice seats available. Tickets are on sale at the Medford police station, Brown's cafe and Talent city hall.

Bowler Nears Record Total

Portland — (AP)—The Rev. Wayne V. Jensen early today bowled his 422nd consecutive game and hoped to reach the 500 and possibly the 600 mark before he is through.

The world record is now 440 straight games. The Rev. Jensen started his marathon bowling stint Friday.

Syracuse Could Catch Celtics

By UNITED PRESS
The odds are heavily against them but the Syracuse Nationals may yet challenge the Boston Celtics for the Eastern division championship of the National Basketball association.

The red-hot Nationals scored their fourth victory in five starts Sunday when they routed the Philadelphia Warriors, 111-96, with the aid of ex-Warrior guard Larry Costello who scored 33 points. The win moved the Nationals three games ahead of the third-place New York Knickerbockers and left them 5½ behind the Celtics.

That deficit is big enough, but it's nothing like the nine-game deficit the Cincinnati Royals must make up on the St. Louis Hawks in the Western division. And the Celtics have been skidding slightly with only two victories, including Sunday's 113-100 decision over the Minneapolis Lakers, to show for their last six games.

The Royals snapped the Knickerbocker's seven-game home winning streak with a 101-99 victory and the Hawks shaded the Detroit Pistons, 95-93, in the other games.

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7.60-15	34.25	11.42	22.83	41.85
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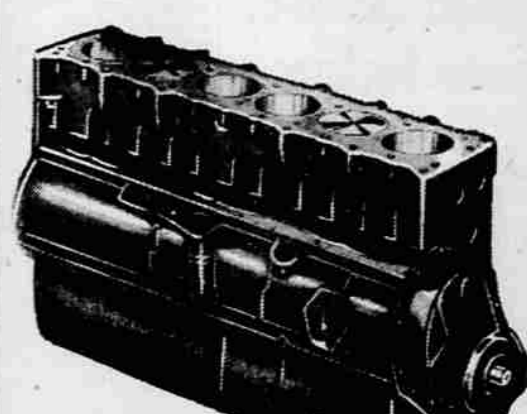
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Flu Cases Hit 24, Winding Up Year

Only 24 cases of influenza was reported in Jackson county during the last week in 1957, according to Jackson county health department officials. Of these 5 were in Medford, 4 in Ashland, Phoenix 8; Shady Cove 6; and Rogue River 1.

Other communicable diseases reported for the week included one case of scarlet fever in Jacksonville and four cases of pneumonia of which two were in Ashland and one each in Medford and Eagle Point. Other diseases reported during the week with one case each were measles, Jacksonville; German measles, Medford; chicken pox, Medford, and infectious mononucleosis, Ashland.

Public Invited To See Plant Film

The public is invited to see a 30-minute film on production and marketing of bedding plants scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, according to J. Vernon Marshall secretary of the Rogue Valley Nurserymen and Growers association.

The association is sponsoring the film showing which has several sections on newer varieties of some of the annual flowers, Marshall said. Commercial growers and those selling plants are particularly welcome Marshall added.