

Covington Twists Knee Sliding Home

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The Milwaukee Braves and the Los Angeles Dodgers today faced the possibility of opening the 1958 season without star outfielders Wes Covington and Duke Snider.

Covington twisted his left knee in an exhibition game against the Dodgers at Austin, Tex., Tuesday and may miss next Tuesday's opener against the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was sliding home on the business end of a squeeze play in the 13th inning that gave the Braves a 5-4 victory.

Snider's trouble also is centered in the left knee, which was operated on last December. There has been some swelling in the knee this spring and Duke told one reporter Tuesday "I think it'll

have to be drained." May Not Need Draining

However, he later declared "There may not be any need for that draining," and added he "will try to play" in today's game against the Braves at Dallas.

The veteran center fielder has appeared in only 13 games this spring and has been unable to play more than two days in succession, all of which would indicate his knee still is unable to withstand sustained pressure without developing some soreness.

The San Francisco Giants, meanwhile, received good news when X-rays revealed Willie Mays suffered only a mild hematoma bruise just above the elbow when struck by a pitched ball in Monday's game against the Cleveland Indians at Austin.

Mays sat out Tuesday's game at Corpus Christi, in which the Indians rolled to an 11-7 victory over the Giants, but will be back in center field for the season opener.

Yanks, Cards Defeated
In other Tuesday exhibitions, the Phillies edged the Yankees 3-2, the White Sox turned back the Cardinals, 5-4; the Senators rolled to a 10-3 victory over the Redlegs, and the Cubs downed the Orioles, 6-5, on Dale Long's 10th inning clutch single.

At Mexico City, in the first appearance of a big league team there in 20 years, more than 25,000 fans saw the Pittsburgh Pirates lose to Mexico City of the Mexican league, 5-3. Pancho Ramirez pitched the route for the minor leaguers and missed a shut-out in the ninth inning when Danny Krawitz hit a three-run homer.

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Mexico City 000 041 008—5 11 1
R G SH Bats Runs Errors
Pirates 5 3 1 10 10 1 0
Los Angeles 2 1 0 1 1 0 0
Loser—Gross.

New York (A) 100 010 010—2 7 1
Phillies (N) 101 000 013—3 9 1
Ford (9), McGee (8) and Lopata. Winner—Sanford.

S. Fran. (N) 011 300 002—7 11 3
Cleveland (A) 012 000 008—11 10 3
Worthington, Miller (4), Crone (7) and Thomas. Tests (5), Garcia, Churn (5), McElish (8) and Nixon. Winner—Garcia. Loser—Worthington. HRs—Vernon, Maris.

(10 innings)
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Balt. (A) 001 001 102—3 13 1
McDevitt, Kipp (12) and Walker. Rodriguez (10) and Tappe. Pappas, Harshman (8) and Triandos. Loser—Harshman. HR—Niemann.

LA (N) 021 001 000 000—4 9 3
Mil (N) 300 000 010 000—15 12 0
McDevitt, Kipp (12) and Walker. Buhl, Conley (6), McMahon (8), Robinson (10), Paine (12) and Rice. Crandall (6), Winner—Paine. Loser—Kipp. HR—Neal, Aaron.

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Wash. (A) 202 240 008—10 14 0
Rabe, Acker (5), Freeman (6), Klippstein (7) and Burgess. Ramos, Hyde (7) and Courtney. Winner—Ramos. Loser—Rabe. HR—Courtney, Bink.

St. Louis (N) 000020 200—4 11 1
Chicago (A) 100 200 205—3 8 1
Jones, Martin (5), Barnes (8) and H. Smith. Wynn, Fische (8) and Batten. Winner—Wynn. Loser—Martin.

RUSSIANS VIC ON MAT
New York—The Russian freestyle wrestling team which will meet an all-star American team in four matches was scheduled to leave today by plane for Tulsa, Okla.

The Soviet grapplers, all of whom have held world, Olympic, or Russian championships, will meet the U.S. team at Norman, Okla., on Friday, at Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday, and at Tulsa next Tuesday. The series concludes with matches at New York April 17.



ENTHUSIASTIC KISS is given Arnold Palmer, Latrobe, Pa., professional, by Mrs. Palmer after he wins Masters' Golf Tournament at Augusta, Ga. (International Soundphoto)

SPORTS

NY Yankees, Braves Choice of Experts

New York—It'll be the Yankees and Braves in the World Series again this year—and this time the Yankees will bring back baseball's world championship to New York.

That is the overwhelming consensus of a committee of 50 of the nation's top baseball experts, who participated

Loggers Nip Rogue River

Butte Falls—Butte Falls high, trailing by three runs after two frames, tallied in the third and sixth innings yesterday to trip Rogue River 5 to 3 in a non-league baseball fracas here.

The Loggers got singles by Jerry Ferguson and Tom Dillard and the help of two mis-cues and a base on balls to tie the mix with three runs in the third canto.

In the fifth, Mike Conley and Ferguson got on base on a walk and error and advanced on a double steal. Conley scored on Dillard's squeeze bunt and Dillard was safe on the fielder's choice. Ferguson then crossed the plate on Ray Abbott's ground out.

Rogue River got its runs and three hits of Logger starting chucker Larry Cavin. Dillard had two of the six Butte Falls safeties.

LINESCORES:
Rogue River 210 000—3 3 7
Butte Falls 003 002—5 6 4
Cordes and B. Bigman; Cavin, Irwin (2), Baker (4) and Ferguson.

Red Sox Catcher Has Operation

Boston—Red Sox catcher Haywood Sullivan, who tried for years to win a starting berth, faces surgery on a ruptured spinal disk today.

Sox officials said he probably will be lost for the season. A spokesman at New England Baptist hospital said the 28-year-old Sullivan would be in the hospital "at least three weeks" and then wear a brace for an indefinite period.

Sullivan, a native of Donaldsonville, La., was batting .258 when he suffered a broken index finger. He began complaining about his back while sidelined.

in the United Press' annual survey. All 50 experts spent the last six weeks in spring training camps.

Here's the way the writers viewed the forthcoming season:

—49 of the 50 picked the Yankees to win the American league pennant.

—45 of the 50 picked the Braves to win the National league pennant.

—29 of the 50 picked the Yankees to beat the Braves in the Series.

The Yankees' 49 first-place votes and one second-place vote gave them 399 of a possible 400 points. The Braves had five second-place votes to go with 45 first-place ballots for a total of 395 points.

Trailing the Yankees, in order, were the White Sox 332 points, Tigers 297, Red Sox 256, Indians 189, Orioles 174, Athletics 98 and Senators 55.

Trailing the Braves, in order, were the Cardinals 326, Dodgers 296, Redlegs 267, Phillies 183, Giants 160, Pirates 100 and Cubs 73.

MH Netters Beat Eagles

Medford high tennis team subdued Eagle Point 6 to 1 in a match yesterday.

In singles John Root defeated Gene Edwards 6-2, 6-0, Garry Cummings downed Bob Berryman 6-2, 6-2, John Shaw clipped Sid Jackson 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, Paul Ryn won from Joe Andrews 6-1, 6-4, and Hank Olson beat Walt Speare, 6-1, 6-2.

Root and Ryn took a doubles match from Edwards and Jackson, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 and Berryman and Andrews defeated Cummins and Olson 6-4, 6-1.

The Tornado will be host to Eureka, Calif., on Friday but its previously scheduled trip to Redding, Calif., has been cancelled.

Delco Assumes Second in ABC

Syracuse, N.Y.—Delco Appliance Division of Rochester, N.Y., bowled into second place in the open division of the American Bowling congress tournament Tuesday night.

The Delcos wound up with a pinfall of 2946, which left them 29 pins shy of the division-pacing 2975 of Ben Duthers of Grand Rapids, Mich.

One of the Delcos, Stew Hendricks, 40, had four splits in his final game. He failed to convert them but still managed a 168 game and 595 series.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal—Montreal coach Toe Blake today tabbed goalie Jacques Plante as the "key man" in the Canadiens' 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland—The Springfield Indians, surprise winners of their semi-final playoff series with Cleveland, will tackle the American Hockey league champion Hershey Bears in a best-of-seven set beginning Tuesday night in Hershey.

Springfield, fourth-place finisher during the regular campaign, edged Cleveland, last year's Calder Cup champions, 4-2, Tuesday night in overtime. Bob Beckett's second goal of the game, coming at 2:44 of the overtime period, was the decisive tally as the Indians took the series, four games to three.

Cubs Fixed For Season In Outfield

By BILL MCFARLAND
Mesa, Ariz.—It took a long time, but Manager Bob Scheffing finally feels the Chicago Cubs have put together a genuine major league outfield.

The Cubs' outfield was a constant source of jokes around the rest of the National league last year. Scheffing tried any number of different combinations but could not find two dependable fly-chasers to flank hard-hitting Walt (Moose) Moryn.

"Our biggest need was a good center fielder," says the Cubs' manager, "and we got the man we were looking for when we obtained Bobby Thompson from the Giants last week."

Thomson now is set in center; Moryn, who patrolled right field last year, looks far better suited in left; and Chuck Tanner and Lee Walls are conducting a spirited battle for the right field job.

No one is more determined to make good than Tanner, acquired from the Braves last spring for the waiver price.

"Bob Scheffing gave me a chance," he says. "I'm not going to let him down. I'm going to play 154 games for the Cubs, just wait and see."

Tanner was rocking along at a .321 pace this spring before he was struck in the mouth by his own foul ball.

Six stitches were taken in the lower lip and he probably will lose five teeth which were damaged.

Walls has been the hitting sensation of the spring camp. He was batting a lustrous .404 before he was felled by the flu recently.

A tip from Rogers Hornsby, who has been schooling all the Cubs on batting techniques, has him stepping into the ball. Since he's adopted this approach, the base hits have been flying like chips from his bat.

NY Grand Jury Calls Promoter

New York—Billy Brown, a matchmaker for the International Boxing club, was scheduled to testify again today before a New York county grand jury investigating crime and bribery in boxing.

Brown was questioned before the jury Tuesday for two hours. It was his second appearance, having testified very briefly several days ago to identify IBC records which have been subpoenaed by District Attorney Frank Hogan in connection with the investigation.

Jimmy Peters, Washington, D.C., welterweight manager by Herman (Hymie the Mink) Wallman, testified for only two minutes Tuesday and then was ordered to appear again on April 21. Wallman has been charged by Hogan with being a "front" for underworld figure Frankie Carbo, often said to be a hidden power in boxing.

Mexico's great oil resources were taken over by the Mexican Government during March of 1938.



SLASHING A HARD RIGHT to Tiger Jones' midsection, in Philadelphia, Kid Gavilan stayed on the comeback trail. He won a ten round split decision over Jones. In two previous fights each scored a victory. (International Soundphoto)

Rose, Woodcock In Top Matches Of Net Tourny

Jacksonville, Fla.—Two Australian tennis stars, topseeded Mervyn Rose and Warren Woodcock, were slated for action today in top second-round matches of the Masters tournament.

Southpaw Rose, who overpowered Bobby Johnson of Jacksonville 6-0, 6-0, Tuesday, was expected to win easily again over John Powless of Florida, Ill.

Woodcock drew a more rugged opponent in capable Venezuelan Ivo Pimenta.

Snow Versus Hernandez
In the women's division, Louise Snow of Oakland, Calif., met Marta Hernandez, Mexico, and Laura Lou Kunen of Clearwater, Fla., went against Maria Garcia of Cuba.

Mexico's Mario Llamas came from behind Tuesday to score a hard-fought 2-6, 9-7, 6-2 victory over Tony Vicent of New York. At the same time, Woodcock defeated Tommy Holton, Jacksonville, 6-3, 6-1, and Ayala beat Don Loop, Jacksonville, 6-1, 6-0.

Top-seeded Maria Bueno of Brazil and second-seeded Karol Fageros of Miami had little trouble defeating Nancy Loop, Jacksonville, 6-1, 6-0, and Carmen Ibarra, Chile, 6-1, 6-2, respectively.

Tilts Contested In Volleyball

Two matches were played in the YMCA women's invitational volleyball tourney last night with Gold Hill beating Crater No. 2 by 15-9, 15-10 and the Y-Nets tripping the Y-Ettes 15-5, 15-4.

Four matches are planned for this Saturday.

At 7 p.m. Crater No. 2 will face the Y-Ettes and Rogue Valley the Central Point women. In the 9 p.m. action it is Crater No. 1 against Central Point and Shady Cove versus Rogue Valley.

CAL TRIPS PORTLAND
Berkeley, Calif.—California defeated University of Portland 4-3 in tennis Monday.

Dodger, Giant Welcomes Wearing Little Bit Thin

Los Angeles—A city council request for a congressional investigation into both opponents and supporters of the Los Angeles Dodger-Chavez Ravine contract ran into a snag today.

The council was advised by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) chairman of the Senate committee on antitrust and monopolies, that his group could not come here in time to be of benefit prior to the June 3 referendum on the contract.

The council had adopted a resolution calling for the investigation, with both those supporting and opposing the contract seemingly anxious to have the matter brought before a congressional committee.

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco—The welcome mat that San Francisco put out for the Giants and Los Angeles set down for the Dodgers is wearing a little thin.

"Nuisance suits" that may delay the construction of new stadiums in both cities have made the club owners ponder the possibility that the moves to the West Coast were made too soon.

But on second thought, there is no unhappiness. Both clubs, no matter where they finish the season, will make a bundle of loot—and possibly the Dodgers may make more than any team in history.

In the meantime, the move toward the construction of the new ball park is slow.

Referendum Awaited
In Los Angeles, the Dodger officials are awaiting the outcome of a June referendum to see if they get the land from the city to construct their stadium. This stadium, incidentally, will be built by the

city. The proposal in San Francisco is near the center of the city, but would include a slum clearance of a block-square area within one block of the four major newspapers of the city and no more than three blocks from most of the major hotels. Of course, these proponents would want another four million dollars or so for slum clearance for parking facilities.

Meanwhile, the citizens roar—and the club officials go on raking in the bucks with the biggest advance sale of tickets in history. As things stand now, the Dodgers may play to three million fans this year and the Giants to at least half that. The Giants are using Seals stadium, which seats only 23,000; The Dodgers are using the Los Angeles Coliseum, capacity near 100,000.

These are temporary quarters, but if the demand for tickets remains at its present level in both cities, it is possible that Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers, and Horace Stoneham of the Giants may want to stay in the exact spots they are right now.

Trousers Not Up to Occasion

Trenton, N.J.—Umpire Larry Gambell put all he had into calling an out on a close play at first base Tuesday—including his pants.

The scene of the show-stealing play was the Rider-Brandeis game—which Rider went on to win 8-2. Gambell gave one of those television performances during the third inning, winding up his body and jamming his fist, thumb outstretched, high in the air. Unfortunately, his trousers weren't up to the occasion.

They split from here to there. Someone dragged a coat out to him, while another fellow went to Gambell's house and got another pair of pants. Everything in order, the signal was once more, "Play ball."

COACH DIES
Doylestown, Pa.—Carl J. Mermer, 70, who served as track coach at Columbia university for 35 years, died at his home here Monday after a long illness. He began his coaching work at Kansas State college in 1913.



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