

Opening Day Baseball Programs Extend from Boston to Frisco

225,000 Fans View Eight Games Today

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer

The tradition of the Presidential first pitch out of the way, major league baseball breaks with its "trolley car" past today with an opening day program from the Boston Common to the Golden Gate.

Some 225,000 fans encouraged by generally favorable weather, should turn out in eight cities to herald in the game's new coast-to-coast era. A new world champion, a new geographical alignment, some 20 new faces, and another 20 old faces in new uniforms all help to mark it as a big opening day in baseball history.

Because such spokesmen as Commissioner Ford Frick are proclaiming the dawn of a new era while too-rapid expansion carries seeds of the game's destruction. Exhibit A in the critics' list of arguments is the New York City area without a game on opening day for the first time since 1883.

Big Hoopla
Whatever the case, the pros and cons of the expansion issue are certain to be drowned out in the hoopla of the West Coast's grand opening between the transplanted Dodgers and Giants at San Francisco. A crowd of 23,600 will jam its way into Little Seals Stadium while a total of 110 reporters bang out the details of the historic festivities. Don Drysdale, a native Californian, has been named to start for the Dodgers against the Giants' Ruben Gomez.

Sharing the spotlight — at least locally — with the West Coast opener are the defending league champion Milwaukee Braves and New York Yankees. The world champion Braves open before 46,000 at Milwaukee with Warren Spahn facing Bob Friend of the Pittsburgh Pirates while the American League champion Yankees against Willard Nixon at Boston against Willard Nixon at Boston.

Philadelphia is at Cincinnati and Chicago plays at night in St. Louis in the other National League games. Detroit at Chicago, Kansas City at Cleveland and Washington at Baltimore round out the all-day-time AL schedule.

There will be about a dozen rookies in the starting lineups, headed by the Redlegs' 19-year-old Vada Pinson, outfielder Willie Kirkland of the Giants and second-baseman Billy Moran of the Indians. Fans also will see ex-Cincinnati slugger Ted Kluszewski in a Pittsburgh uniform for the first time; ex-Yankee Billy Martin performing at shortstop for Detroit, and slugger Minnie Mino and Larry Doby back in Cleveland uniforms.

New Manager in Debut
The Kansas City-Cleveland opener also marks the debut of the only new manager—Bobby Bragan of the Indians, who succeeded Kerby Farrell during the winter.

San Francisco warmed up Monday with its biggest parade since Gen. Douglas MacArthur's return from Japan. The excitement should reach a peak at 1:30 p.m. (PST) today when Gino Cimoli leads off for the Dodgers. One rookie—Dick Gray—is expected in the Dodger lineup while the Giants will have three — Kirkland, Orlando Cepeda and Jimmy Davenport.

Drysdale, a 6-6 right-hander, has a 7-3 lifetime record against the Giants while Gomez, a slender six-footer, is 10-11 vs. the Dodgers. The Braves will have Harry Hannebrink playing left field in place of the injured Wes Covington but otherwise will present the same lineup that beat the Yankees in the World Series. Milwaukee's

first world championship pennant will be hoisted in pre-game ceremonies.

Gil McDougald returns to shortstop in place of the injured Tony Kubek for the Yankees, which like the Braves, are solid favorites to repeat. The Red Sox, who lost to the Washington Senators, 5-2, in Monday's opener, are regarded in some quarters as New York's principal rival for the pennant.

Robin Roberts, one of the big disappointments of the 1957 season, draws his eighth straight opening-day assignment for the Phillies against Brooks Lawrence of the Redlegs. Frank Robinson, bearded in an exhibition game last Wednesday, returns to the Redlegs' lineup for the opener but Willie Jones, whose son died of pneumonia the other day, will be missing from the Phillies' batting order. Roberts was 10-22 last season and Lawrence, 16-13.

Last-Minute Switch
Jim Brosnan 5-5 is the Cubs' surprise starter against the Cardinals' Vinegar Bend Mizell, another big 1957 disappointment with an 8-10 record. The Cubs have two rookies in their lineup—John Goryl and Tony Taylor. The Cardinals made a last-minute switch when they benched shortstop Eddie Kasko in a move that returned Ken Boyer to third base and Alvin Dark to short.

Martin's debut at short and Harvey Kuenn's in center field feature the Detroit-Chicago opener in which Jim Bunning 20-8 faces Billy Pierce 20-12. The White Sox, although one of the weakest hitting pennant contenders in years, are the odds-makers' choice as the Yankees' chief rivals.

Herb Score, AL strikeout king until sidelined most of last season by an eye injury that threatened his career, is on the firing line for the Indians against Kansas City's Ned Garver 6-13 while the Senators are protecting their first-place position with Chuck Stobbs 8-20 facing Baltimore's Connie Johnson 14-11.

Ruins of Indian cities in New Mexico span more than a thousand years and many were abandoned before the Spanish explored the region in the 16th Century. Some of the most imposing ruins are at Bandelier, Chaco Canyon and Aztec National Monuments.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 331.010, ORS, to the legal voters of School District No. 549C, of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION of said District will be held at the following polling places, to-wit: at the Herd Junior High School building on East Jackson Street; and the McLoughlin Junior High School building on West Second Street, both in the City of Medford, Oregon, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. on the first Monday of May, being the 5th day of May, A.D. 1958, for the following purposes:

1. Election of one district director for a term of five years.
2. Election of one rural board member-at-large for a term of three years.
3. Election of one Rural Board Zone member for a term of three years.

PRECINCT BOUNDARIES. Notice is hereby further given that the school district into two election precincts, one of which consists of all that part of the school district WEST of Bear Creek, also that part of the district formerly School District No. 69 (Oak Grove) and School District No. 95 (West Side) shall vote in the McLoughlin Junior High School; and the other election precinct consists of all that part of the school district EAST of Bear Creek and that part of the school district formerly School District No. 29 (Dewey) and School District No. 102 (Kenwood) shall vote in the Herd Junior High School, both in the City of Medford, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of April 1958.
F. C. Bash,
Chairman Board of Directors
ATTEST:
Rebecca Jensen,
District Clerk

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SPORTS

Washington Wins With First Game

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

No, dear reader, you are not holding your newspaper upside down—the Washington Senators are really and truly in first place in the American League today.

But you'd better look fast, and manager Cookie Lavagetto better enjoy life while he may. Because this has happened to other Washington teams that won the opening game of the season while other teams were idle, and we all know what happened to them.

Nasty Thought

But that's a nasty thought to bring up on a day when Lavagetto and his merry men, particularly Cuban pitcher Pedro Ramos, are the toast of the game for their stirring 5-2 triumph over the Boston Red Sox in Monday's tradition opening game before President Eisenhower and a crowd of 26,675.

After Ike went tradition one better by tossing out two "first balls"—one caught by the Senators' Whitey Herzog and the other by the Senators' bat boy—Ramos took over the hurling chores and did right well. All told he gave up only five hits.

Ramos got in a bad jam almost immediately when Boston loaded the bases on a walk, a single, and an error in the first inning. But third baseman Eddie Yost bailed the Cuban out of that with a swan-dive catch of Jackie Jensen's line-drive bid for a double. After that Ramos' only trouble came when he served Jensen a home run ball with one man on in the third.

That gave Boston's Frank Sullivan a 2-0 lead but Jim Lemon homered for the Senators in the fourth and then Washington tied it in the fifth with a run on Yost's single, a walk, and Roy Sievers' single. Then Washington scored three times in the sixth with the help of Bosox miscues.

Error for Buddin

First Lemon reached first on Don Buddin's error and Norm Zauchin walked. Then, after two out, Ramos singled to left to score Lemon. When left fielder Gene Stephens kicked the ball around, Zauchin reached third and Ramos scored and later Yost put the game on ice with a single that scored both runners.

A mighty big day for the Senators. And one they probably will recall wishfully on many hot days this summer. The Senators put their "winning streak" on the line today when they visit Baltimore in the opener there.

Qualifying — 1st, Rip, G. Hunt; 2nd, Joe, D. Harlow; 3rd, E. Meyerding; 4th, Lady, Otto Lilya. CM, Coaly, Ira Parrish.

Derby—1st, Tally, Charles Stelle; 2nd, Skip, Joack Boettcher; 3rd, Penny, Vera Lilya.

Puppies—1st, Lobo, Dick McKinley; 2nd, Nick, Ken Denman; 3rd, Troubles, owned by Benny McKinley, handled by Leonard Lilya; 4th, Cappy, Norton Smith. CM—Cookie, Tom Rickard.

Old Anchor Chains Save Repair Bills

Moffett Field, Calif.—Two long strands of old anchor chain, too worn for further use aboard ship, have saved taxpayers more than \$2,000,000 in aircraft repair bills at this field during the past year, Navy officials estimate.

The chain is a "slow down" mechanism that, in effect, works like the hydraulic brake systems on an aircraft carrier.

When a jet plane roars into a takeoff and something goes wrong, there's nothing but the chain and a trip wire to keep the pilot and plane from running right into San Francisco Bay.

When trouble develops on take-off, a pilot trips a lever in his cockpit that lowers a hook—the same as is done on a carrier—this hook snags a wire attached to the two strands of chain. The plane gets stopped by the drag.

The wire and anchor chain—all 22 tons of it—safely snagged 58 crippled fighter planes in 1957 and 20 in 1958.

THIEVES HAVE ACHES
St. Louis, Mo.—Two thieves suffered aching muscles and acute fatigue after police made them replace their loot. The men had to replace five sewer manholes covers weighing 85 pounds each.

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Retriever Stake Won By Muffin

Muffin, owned and handled by Dr. Gene Meyerding, won the open stakes at the picnic trial held Sunday by the Rogue Valley Retriever club.

Trial scene for the land series was Hoover lake area and the water series were held on the north side of the Military bridge site.

Rip, owned and handled by Gene Hunt, won the qualifying stake, Charles Stelle's Tally the derby and Dick McKinley's Lobo the puppy stake.

Judges for the events were open, Bob Morris and C. Stelle; qualifying, Weldon Kline and Irv Warren; derby, E. Meyerding, Leonard Nelson and Norene Hunt; puppies, Hillman Miller and Gene Hunt. Field trial chairmen were Ken Denman and Irv Warren.

Dogs and their owners winning honors were:
Open—1st, Muffin, E. Meyerding; 2nd, Flash, Weldon Kline; 3rd, Smoke, Hillman Miller; 4th, Rip, Gene Hunt. Certificates of merit, Comet, Irv Warren; Boots, Claude Miles.

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Move to California Said To Give Baseball Benefits

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press Sports Writer

New York — Major league baseball will benefit "in a hundred different ways" by its expansion to California this season, a United Press baseball committee predicted today.

The group, composed of 50 experts from all sections of the country, felt that the move by the Dodgers to Los Angeles and the Giants to San Francisco automatically will create countless new fans and generate baseball interest in places where it never existed before.

The committee also fore-

saw a new National League franchise being established in New York City sometime within the next three years.

Virtually all members of the committee agreed that the shift to the West Coast now makes "major league baseball a truly national game instead of a sectional game, as it used to be."

The Benefits
"The benefits of the transfer to California at the box office are obvious," said one expert. "But there will be many other benefits that go along with it. Interest in baseball not only will be stimulated in California but in all

the surrounding states where fellows like Stan Musial, Hank Aaron, Duke Snider and Willie Mays previously had just been names that people saw in newspapers. Now, the people will be able to see them in the flesh."

Baseball Commissioner Ford C. Frick anticipates such tremendous interest in the Dodgers at Los Angeles that "they're liable to set an attendance record in the first week by drawing 90,000 fans to one game."

Youngsters Profit
Several members of the U.P. committee also declared that the expansion to the West Coast probably would cause more youngsters in that area to think in terms of professional baseball as a career than might have otherwise.

Only three members of the committee thought the move to the West Coast would make "no difference" insofar as benefit or detriment to the game were concerned.

One expert, who thought the transfer would prove beneficial, qualified his opinion by adding, "Beneficial, that is, until an airplane loses an entire team over the Rockies."

All 50 of the writers on the committee, three from each of the major league teams plus the United Press' Leo H. Petersen and Milton Richman, spent the last six weeks covering the spring training camps.

'Do It Ourselves' Project
This is a job for men of strong hearts and durable will. It is a "do it ourselves" project and I'm cheered by the reports from everywhere in the National Association Empire. Advance ticket sales are up. Substantial businessmen, civic leaders, housewives, and school kids are on street corners selling tickets. There is a rebirth of community spirit that I have not witnessed in many years.

All of this rebirth of spirit didn't just happen. It came about through our intensified promotional efforts. Our people have come to realize that there is more in operating a baseball franchise than just opening the gates, throwing a few hot dogs into a kettle and hoping that folks will drop in for the evening.

We know there is more interest in baseball than ever before. We know, reports to the contrary, that it still is America's number one spectator sport. If there were any measurable way of counting the legions who attend games at the local level on up through the American Legion, high school, college, semi-pro and amateur sand-lot ranks, the total would be far greater than the 140-million plus who have made basketball the so-called number one spectator sports event.

Tap a Vast Reservoir
Our basic project then is to tap this vast reservoir of new fans and to bring them into our minor league parks for an evening of entertainment they won't soon forget. We're doing this by special promotional efforts. We may attract the teen-agers by having a rock 'n' roll band in a pre-game performance at home plate, the oldsters by bringing back all-time all-stars for personal appearances, the little fellows with special badges or buttons that admit them free if dad or mom comes along.

Call them gimmicks if you will, but time after time after these special nights I have left the ball park and listened to the comments. Casual fans, some of whom hadn't been to ball games in years, will be saying "That was a lot of fun—I think we ought to come back soon."

Our slogan is: "It pays to advertise—but let us not advertise."

From all of the evidence I have seen, this slogan is beginning to pay off.

Minor Leagues Will Try To Put Baseball Fans Back in Parks; Promotion Efforts Stepped Up

By GEORGE M. TRAUTMAN
President, National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues

Columbus, Ohio — This is the year of the "old pro" and the pro stands for promoter.

We're out to put America's

Boston Bruins Gird for Test With Montreal

Boston — The Boston Bruins girded for a rocket barrage from brothers Maurice and Henri Richards as the Montreal Canadiens attempt to make it two straight and take a 3-1 edge in the National Hockey league's Stanley Cup finals.

Another capacity crowd at the Garden will see Maurice (the Rocket) try to match his performance of Sunday when he sent two sizzlers past the Bruins goalie Don Simmons to lead Montreal to a 3-0 victory. Henri, the pocket rocket, added the icing with one of his own.

The Canadiens will be without the services of their classy penalty-killer Floyd (Bush)er Curry tonight. He came up with a badly swollen and infected foot Monday and was taken to Carney hospital.

Braves Lower Roster to 28

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Milwaukee Braves, 15 minutes before the midnight deadline, announced Monday they have asked major league waivers on pitcher Phil Paine. The action brings their opening day roster down to the limit of 28 players.

It will take three days for the waivers to expire, the Braves said, and if Paine is not claimed he will be assigned to one of their farm clubs.

Paine, 27, a right-handed reliever from Hummelstown, Pa., made only one appearance with the Braves in 1957, a two inning stint that provided no earned run average. He played in 52 games for Wichita of the American association last season and had a 1.64 earned run average and an 8-4 win-loss record.

AFTER 16 YEARS

East Millinocket, Me.—Mrs. Domenic Moscone received a postcard mailed by her son, William Moscone, while he was a corporal stationed at Murdoc Field, Calif. The postcard was dated July 23, 1942.

RESCUERS TRAPPED

Geneva, N.Y.—Thomas Breese and Benjamin Barnes were trapped in an ice-locked boat on Seneca lake after paddling out to rescue a deer stranded on floating ice.

FIGHTS

By UNITED PRESS
New York—Otis Woodard, 159½, Memphis, Tenn., outpointed Eddie Andrews, 156, Lowell, Mass. 10.

Pro Idence, R.I.—Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Cleo Ortiz, 125, Puerto Rico 10.

Oakland, Calif.—Joey Giambra, 160, San Francisco, outpointed Andy Mayfield, 161, Miami Beach, 10.

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WALLPAPER MAN DIES
New York — Walter L. Carver, 68, former managing director of the Wallpaper Institute, died Saturday.

High School Sport Slate Again Full

Friday and Saturday again will be the busy days of the week for high school athletes of this area.

On the baseball front three single games and one double-header are on the Friday agenda. Crater and Medford meet here in the twin bill. Single games are Jacksonville at Butte Falls, Talent at Prospect and Ashland at Eagle Point. The fray at Eagle Point is at night and the others in the afternoon.

Medford will have two baseball games at Roseburg on Saturday and Ashland junior varsity will play at Prospect.

Rotary Meet

Phoenix will be host to Eagle Point and Illinois Valley on Friday for a triangular track meet. Saturday's feature with Class A schools of the area competing will be the Grants Pass Rotary cinder affair. Medford, Crater and Ashland will be among those contending with the host school.

Medford has a tennis date at Roseburg and a golf match at Coos Bay on Saturday. The net team is to meet Ashland there on Wednesday.

Talent has a night baseball mix at Eagle Point today while Medford was at Ashland and Jacksonville at Rogue River this afternoon.

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Washington	1	0	1.000	
New York	0	0	.000	½
Chicago	0	0	.000	½
Detroit	0	0	.000	½
Baltimore	0	0	.000	½
Cleveland	0	0	.000	½
Kansas City	0	0	.000	½
Boston	0	1	.000	1

Monday's Results
Washington 5 Boston 2 (Only game scheduled).
Tuesday's Probable Pitchers
Washington at Baltimore—Stobbs 8-20 vs. Johnson 13-11.
New York at Boston—Larsen 10-4 vs. Nixon 12-13.
Detroit at Chicago—Bunning 20-8 vs. Pierce 20-12.
Kansas City at Cleveland—Garner 6-13 vs. Score 2-1.

ARCARO TO RIDE DERBY
New York — Master stakes rider Eddie Arcaro has been signed to ride the Maine Farm's Jewel's Reward in this year's Kentucky Derby. Arcaro has won more Derbies—five—than any other jockey. He scored on Lawrin in 1938, Whirlaway in 1941, Hoop Jr. in 1945, Citation in 1948 and Hill Gail in 1952.

High-gloss, durable enamels, suitable for both inside and outside use, are made by using mixtures of heat-treated linseed oil and also elastic copal varnishes.

On the junior high front McLoughlin and Hedrick vie at the senior high level here Friday afternoon. All three grades will be entered. Crater high frosh will be hosts to Grants Pass at Central Point. The Medford Black Tornado will meet the Roseburg high school baseball club on Friday and the Coos Bay club on Saturday.

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Butte Falls Tips Rogue River in Monday Ball Tilt

Rogue River — Butte Falls rolled over the Rogue River high school baseball club here Monday afternoon by a score of 7 to 1.

Errors filled the game with only three of the Butte Falls runs being earned. The game was a non-league event and made the fifth win with no losses for Butte Falls.

Top stick wielder was Ike Conley, Butte Falls catcher, who pounded two doubles for four times at the plate. BF first baseman Raymond Abbott hit two for three in the test.

Line score: Butte Falls 200 112 1 7 6 5
Rogue River 100 000 0 1 4 9
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