

# Milwaukee Pennant Hope May Hinge on Filling Second Base

(This is the first dispatch on the prospects of the major league teams for 1959.)

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Bradenton, Fla. (UPI)—The Milwaukee Braves didn't win a pennant until they came up with a top-drawer second baseman and it is entirely possible they won't win this year unless they can obtain another one.

In short the Braves' chances of winning their third straight National league title depend largely on finding a first-class second baseman to fill the shoes of Red Schoendienst, who may be out of the whole season recuperating from a siege of tuberculosis.

Until the Braves acquired Schoendienst from the Giants during the 1957 season, they could only make a pass at the pennant but never quite win it. With him in the lineup, however, they won the past two years and even beat the Yankees in the 1957 World Series.

Manager Fred Haney and all the other Braves officials profess not to be worried about the second base problem, where Mel Roach is the leading candidate to take over for Schoendienst. Felix Mantilla and Casey Wise are the reserves. The only hitch is that Roach still limps slightly from a torn ligament he suffered last season and there is a question whether he can open the season at second base.

"Sure we have some ifs," Haney admitted. "Like Wes Covington's knee, Bill Bruton's knee and Roach. I'm not worried, though, about any of those ifs."

"After all, we have more pitching depth than any club in the league and I think we have the strongest bench, too."

Bruton showed in the World Series that he can do the job for us and all the reports I get on Covington are good."

Seven 'Starting' Pitchers  
Haney said he has seven pitchers "who may not be the top ones in the league but who would be starters on any other club in the league."

The seven he ticked off are Warren Spahn, recognized as one of the best left-handers of modern baseball; Lew Burdette; Carlton Willey, Bob Rush, Juan Pizarro, Joey Jay and Bob Buhl. That leaves him for relief Don McMahon, Bob Trowbridge, Humberto Robinson and possibly Gene Conley when he gets through playing basketball for the Boston Celtics.

Milwaukee's catching is set with Del Crandall, the No. 1 man, and Del Rice, a polished receiver, behind him. Rookies Bob Taylor, the \$102,000 bonus boy, can make the club if Haney decides to go with three catchers.

Except for second base, Haney has no particular worry in the infield. He has Eddie Mathews at third base, Johnny Logan at shortstop and Joe Adcock and Frank Torre at first. Both Mathews and Logan had bad years last season but Haney says he's not worried about their ability to come back.

Talented Outfield  
As for the outfield, Hank Aaron, about as good as they come, is a fixture in right. He hit 30 home runs, drove in 95 and wound up with a .326 average in 1958 as the Braves won their second pennant in a row but blew the World Series to the Yankees after having a three-to-one game lead.

If Burton and Covington are okay, they will be in center and left field respectively. Haney is high on rookie Lee Maye, who played with Aus-

## SPORTS

### Drysdale Wild In Squad Tilt

Sarasota, Fla. (UPI)—The Los Angeles Dodgers hoped to even things up in today's rematch with the Detroit Tigers in an exhibition Grapefruit league baseball game.

The Dodgers, whose slated game with the St. Louis Cardinals Monday was called off here because of rain, picked Sandy Koufax to start against Detroit's Paul Foytack, a 15-game winner last year.

The Californians flew the 131 miles here from their Vero Beach camp Monday, waited around an hour for some of that Florida liquid sunshine to stop and then, discouraged, returned to Holman stadium and held a nine-inning intra-squad game.

With minors playing on both teams, Pee Wee Reese's club edged the "varsity" 6-5.

It was a sad experience for Don Drysdale, the ace Van Nuys hurler who had pitched eight scoreless innings up to Monday. He seemed to let up against his own teammates and gave them three walks, two unearned runs, and hit two batters—none of them injured, however.

IF I HAD THE WINGS . . . Lansing, Mich. (UPI)—The stool pigeons really have wings at one Michigan prison. Tipped off by the excitement among pigeons on a roof at the Ionia Reformatory, guards captured 20 19-year-old inmates as they were about to jump to freedom.

tin and Wichita last year and showed he had power by hitting 16 home runs and batting in 81. In reserve there is veteran Andy Pafko and the possibilities include draftee Jim Pisoni, bonus player John Demerit and George Haas, who hit 326 at Wichita.

With that array of talent, it is easy to understand why Haney is not too concerned about those "ifs." But he still realizes that a Schoendienst doesn't come along very often and the Braves are sure to miss his field leadership.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A CRYSTAL GAZER, to be worth her salt these days, has to be exceedingly well versed in many fields. The Wall Street Journal tells of one member of the crystal gazer guild, located on the Atlantic City boardwalk, who was approached by a client seeking financial advice. The medium was equal to the occasion. "Sell your 50,000 Anaconda at once," she counseled. "Then buy 50,000 Dupont and 20,000 Big Steel, hold them three days, sell and put the whole wad into General Electric. That will be two bucks, please."



The department head looked really apologetic. "Honest, Wilkins," he said soothingly, "I wouldn't wake you if it wasn't important. You're fired."

Joe E. Lewis says that when he's drinking he fortunately always knows his capacity. The trouble is he invariably gets drunk before he reaches it.

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## Louisville Draws Play-Off Support

By JOHN G. DIETRICH

Louisville, Ky. (UPI)—The records and the ratings made Cincinnati and West Virginia the favorites today to meet in the finals of the NCAA basketball tournament here Saturday night, but Louisville's own comeback kids were getting plenty of support.

As the vanguard of visiting coaches and fans arrived, they discovered three things were difficult, perhaps impossible to locate in this basketball-hip city: A hotel room, a ticket to the tournament and a Louisvilleian who doesn't think the hometown Cardinals can win it all on their own floor.

Official tournament activity began today when sports writers met at a lunch to hear Louisville Coach Peck Hickman engage in a telephone battle of words with his rivals, George Smith of Cincinnati, Freddie Schaus of West Virginia and Pete Newell of California.

Louisville faces West Virginia in one semi-final game Friday night for the Eastern championship with Cincinnati and California tangling in the other for the Western title. The winners then will meet Saturday night to determine who picks up the NCAA crown which Louisville unceremoniously tipped off Kentucky's brow in the mid-east regionals at Evanston, Ill.

Very few people, and least of all NCAA officials, thought that a Louisville team which

entered the tournament as an at-large team with a mediocre 16-10 record would ever knock off Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky and Michigan State in a row to come back here and play for the national crown on its own floor.

Cincinnati Highest Ranked  
In the final UPI national rankings, Cincinnati was No. 4, California No. 9, West Virginia No. 11, and Louisville was unranked.

Cincinnati, the Missouri Valley conference champion, comes in with a 25-3 record, the nation's top scorer in Oscar Robertson, and a victory over Kansas State in the mid-west regional final at Lawrence, Kan.

West Virginia, Southern conference representative boasts a 27-4 record and one of the nation's smoothest performers in Jerry West, who twice saved the Mountaineers from disaster with late-scoring bursts in tournament play.

California, from the Pacific Coast Conference, has a 23-4 mark built on the nation's best defensive record. The Bears have allowed opponents only 51.5 points per game, and have won their last 14 games in a row.

Louisville, with only two seniors on its squad, had only a 9-9 record going into February, but the Cards suddenly turned into a driving, rebounding, hot-shooting ball club that won 10 of its last 11 games before scoring its three tournament victories, and now has a 19-10, overall record.

## Davey Moore Fights Bassey for Crown

New York (UPI)—Davey Moore, who has been gunning for a title fight since 1957, gets his big chance Wednesday night when he attempts to wrest the world featherweight title from Hogan (Kid) Bassey in a scheduled 15-rounder at Los Angeles.

It will mark Bassey's second defense of the 126-pound crown. The flashy Nigerian won the title by knocking out Cherif Hamia of France in 1957 and defended it against Ricardo Moreno at Los Angeles last April, knocking out the Mexican in the third round.

Although he has won 11 straight fights since 1954, Bassey has failed to impress the oddsmakers who have tabbed Wednesday's brawl an "even money" affair.

Both Boast Top Records  
Moore, 25, also holds a decision over Moreno in one round after the Mexican's title fight with Bassey. Moore has lost only five of 40 pro bouts, registered 15 kayoes and never was stopped. Bassey has been stopped twice on cuts while winning 53 of 64 starts. He

has 19 knockouts to his credit. Tony Anthony, second-ranked contender in the light heavyweight division, is a 3-1 favorite for his return 10-chrounder with Sonny Ray of Chicago at Madison Square Garden Friday night. The bout will be broadcast and televised nationally (NBC) starting at 7 p.m. (PST).

Anthony had to come from behind to gain a unanimous decision over Ray in their first meeting at New York last Nov. 14. Ray, the No. 5 contender for Archie Moore's title, has won 18 of 29 fights compared to Anthony's 37-6-1 record.

The week's boxing schedule also includes:  
Tuesday: Boston—Paul Pender vs. Ralph Tiger Jones; at St. Paul, Minn.—Del Finagan vs. Jimmy Martinez; at Miami Beach, Fla.—Rudy Sawyer vs. Kid Fichique; at Philadelphia—John Britt vs. Jimmy Mitchener; at Seattle, Wash.—Bobby Hicks vs. Teddy Hall.  
Thursday: at New York—Jose Torres vs. Leroy Olyphant; at Odesa, Tex.—Joey Giambra vs. Andy Anderson.  
Friday: at Hamburg, Germany—Albrig Westphal vs. Archie McBride.  
Saturday: at Hollywood, Calif.—Bob Albright vs. Dick Thurman; at Richmond, Calif.—Hank Casey vs. Al Williams.

## NIT Play Continues At Madison Garden

New York (UPI)—St. Louis university, an old favorite with New York fans, and Oklahoma City university, a newcomer to the big town, open their bids for the National Invitation Basketball Tournament championship tonight at Madison Square Garden.

The towering Billikens, seeded second, will face upstart Providence college and fourth-seeded Oklahoma City will meet New York University in the concluding two-quarter-final games.

SET FUNERAL SERVICES  
New York (UPI)—Funeral services for jazz saxophonist Lester Young will be held Thursday in a Manhattan funeral chapel. Young died Sunday at the age of 50 following a heart attack in his hotel room.

## Yanks Talk Trades To Bolster Hurling

United Press International  
A rainy day in the Florida baseball camps usually produces trades and-or rumors of trades.

It was that kind of a day on the soggy citrus circuit Monday. Four exhibition games were rained out, so several possible player transactions were reportedly being discussed.

The New York Yankees, concerned over Don Larsen's recurrent shoulder ailment, have turned again to the Washington Senators for pitching help. The world champions would like to pry either Pedro Ramos or Dick Hyde loose from the Nats. They also are eyeing southpaw Billy Hoelt of the Detroit Tigers.

The Senators, in turn, have indicated they are willing to peddle Roy Sievers to the White Sox. But Cal Griffith, the Nats' owner, insists "we're not going to give cream for skim milk." That presumably means the White Sox will have to offer center fielder Jay Landis as part of the deal.

However, the Cleveland Indians may wind up with both

Ramos and Sievers. Frank Lane plans to confer with Griffith Wednesday at St. Petersburg, Fla. The Cleveland general manager is expected to offer outfielder Minnie Minoso, pitcher Jim Grant and infielder Woody Held for the Nats' pair.

Another possible trade involving the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Redlegs reportedly has advanced past the talking stage. This one would send outfielder Gus Bell to the Cardinals for southpaw Vinegar Bend Mizell.

In the only two exhibition games played Monday, the Kansas City Athletics blanked the Tigers, 6-0, and Ted Kluszewski's first spring homerun sparked the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-1 victory over the Cincinnati Redlegs.

LINESCORES:  
(Exhibition Baseball)  
Detroit 000 000 000—0 5 1  
Kansas City 111 100 11x—13 1  
Aguirre, Davie (6) and Berberet, Feller (6) Garver, Craddock (6) and House, Torney (6). HRs—Hadley, Morris, Winner—Garver. Loss—Aguirre.

Cincinnati 000 010 000—1 3 1  
Pittsburgh 200 020 00x—4 8 2  
Pena, Mabe (7) and Bailey, Lav, Hardison (8) and Burgess. HR—Kluszewski, Winner—Law. Loser—Pena.

## Grants Pass High Girding For Spring Sport Slate

Grants Pass — Grants Pass had eight lettermen on hand when coach Mel Ingram opened baseball drills last week and will have a monogram man for every position when Ollie Woolsey reports.

Coach Russ Werner has around 16 lettermen among 85 candidates for the Cavenar track and field squad. Woolsey has been sidelined from diamond activity by a leg injury. He is an outfielder.

Other baseball lettermen are Marv Chandler and Dan Wolke, outfielders; Rex Benner, utility infielder and also outfielder and pitcher; Frank Sprinkle, first base; Lee Holmes, second base; Dick Hayes, short stop and pitcher; John Fox, third base, and Gary Huneycutt, catcher.

Bill Cole, Hayes and Benner may have the main pitching chores. Among promising non-lettermen are Dave Anderson and Denny Walker, infielders, and Ray Endicott, outfielders. They have American Legion junior ball experience.

Winningham Back  
Glen Winningham, All-American and state champion in the javelin, heads the list of track returnees. Other 1958 district champs on the squad are Marv Terry, sprinter, and Ken Simmons, miler.

Rest of the monogram men are Ray Meek, Larry Johnson and Pat Barrett, sprinters; Jim Armstrong, half-miler; Don Clark, hurdler; Myron Caldwell, discus thrower; Bob Montgomery and Steve Bennett, weight men; Lyle Miller, javelin thrower; Larry

Holmes, pole vaulter; Lynn Cheney, high jumper, and Gary Mauer and Rick Sabin, broad jumpers.

Werner lists his thronged squad as potentially strong in the running events but with possible problems in the weights.

Grants Pass is defending Southern Oregon conference champion in both track and baseball.

## BOWLING

SENIOR JUNIOR LEAGUE  
Standings:  
B & B Auction 18  
Bauman's Fire Equip 18  
Medford Paint & Wallpaper 18  
K-BOY 17  
Women of Moose 16  
Motor Haven 14  
Picard's 13  
Richmond 10  
Pepsi Cola 9  
Hudson's Pharmacy 8

Results:  
B&B Auction 4 (Shirley Berr 402, Jim Osborn 447, Myrtle Williams 510, 2461; Pepsi-Cola 3 Rich Schroeder, 446; Bill Harmon 490) 2544.

Baumans 2 (Dennis Bauman 480, Joy Bauman 397, 2607; K-Boy 2 (Pauline Denyer 450, Butch Tompkins 411) 2562.  
Women of Moose 4 (Bob Emmens 494, Sandy Dickinson 374) 2505; Medford Paint 3 (Larry Jones 470, Suzy Thompson 336, 2507.  
Hudson's 0 (Linda Eccleston 459, Gary William 379) 2497; Motor Haven 4 (Harold Bailey 449, Caroline Boyer 298) 2657.

High game—Judy Ricker 179, Boys high game—Jim Wacker 199.

KIWANIS JUNIOR LEAGUE  
Standings:  
Johnny Rebs 15  
Ronny Rollers 14  
Pin Stealers 14  
Gutter Gang 13  
The Heads 13  
Question Marks 13  
Alley Rats 10  
Rough Riders 6

Results:  
Johnny Rebs 2 (Mike Davis 357) 1412; Question Marks 1 (John Hay 2879) 1402.  
Pin Stealers 3 (Gary Ingram 290) 1445; Gutter Gang 0 (Wally Huffman 271) 1279.  
Rough Riders 2 (Ken Phipps 347) 1303; Ronny Rollers 1 (Jack Kowler 255) 1269.  
The Heads 2 (Gene Offord 294) 1515; Alley Rats 1 (Eric Schade 271) 1358.

Splits converted—Rex Nickerson 5-10, Wally Huffman-3-10, Mike Davis 3-10.  
High game—Gene Offord 188.

CLASSIC LEAGUE  
Standings:  
Hillyer Oil Co. 25  
Edith & Henry's Drive Ins. 25  
Lampor's Sporting Goods 25  
Oak Knoll Golf Course 24  
Sewing Machine Center 23  
High Real Estate 23  
Trail Creek Lumber Co. 23  
E. H. Mann Co. 22  
Sam's Sporting Goods 15  
Morse Motors 12

Results:  
Lampor's 4 (Les Schneider 604) 2732; Edith & Henry's 0 (C. L. Patterson 566) 2365.  
Mann's Co. 4 (Bob Champion 601) 2759; Sewing Center 3 (Harry Frye 615) 2636; Morse Motors 1 (Lee Bex 618) 2609.  
Hillyer 4 (Dick McKenzie 563) 2500; Oak Knoll 0 (Bill Meyers 518) 2319.  
Trail Creek 3 (Ernie Engstrom 645) 2712; Hight's 1 (H. A. Green 545) 2641.

## Odell Low Net In Golf Event

Dr. Ralph Odell with a 73 card took gross honors and Gain Robinson with a 93-28-65 was low net in golf sweepstakes Saturday and Sunday at Rogue Valley Country club.

Other low gross honors went to Jim Sheldon with a 75, Carl Schmidt with a 76 and Dr. N. J. Wilson with a 77.

Low nets included Virgil Swanson 76-9-67; Dave Koblick 86-18-68; Glen Fabrick 79-9-70; Jay Brown 78-8-70; Glen Branlund 81-10-71; Bill Kalibak 81-10-71 and Warren Bayliss 83-82-71.

MAJOR LEAGUE  
Standings:  
Pin Ups 86 1/2 29 1/2  
Keplers 77 1/2 38 1/2  
Buddies Follies 64 32  
Spartans III 42 7 4  
Channel Cats 42 1/2 73 1/2  
Triple Threats 35 1/2 80 1/2

Results:  
Channel Cats 2 (L. Learning 486) 1419; Buddies Follies 2 (E. Baker 496) 1385.  
Pin Ups 4 (G. Riggs 580) 1661; Spartans III 0 (V. Cummings 542) 1509.  
Kepler 3 (S. Daigle 523) 1476; Triple Threats 1 (A. Harris 508) 1398.  
High game—G. Riggs 205, M. Clark 200, V. Cummings 201.  
High series—G. Riggs 580, M. Clark 553.

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