

Drysdale Unmatched This Spring

Vero Beach, Fla.—UPI—Don Drysdale, a big disappointment to the Los Angeles Dodgers during the first half of the 1958 season, wants to make sure that history does not repeat.

The way the big righthander from Van Nuys, Calif., has been working this spring convinces the Dodgers he needn't worry. Drysdale has been the sensation of the Dodgers pitching staff and his record in five exhibition games is unmatched in the Grapefruit circuit.

Big Don is a certainty to pitch the National League opener against the Chicago Cubs. In 28 innings of spring work he has allowed only two earned runs, struck out 20 and walked only five.

And when he shut out the Phillies 1 to 0 on five hits last week, he became the first Dodger pitcher to go nine innings in the last three springs. Phillies Manager Eddie Sawyer was so impressed with Drysdale's stuff that he believed Don was throwing a spitball. But the Dodgers pointed out that at the age of 22 Drysdale is at least 10 years away from even thinking about a spitball.

"Is Drysdale pitching today?" is the standard query of opposing teams this spring as soon as the Dodgers step onto the field. Rival batters fear his sidearm fast ball and so do the Dodgers, for that matter, whenever Don is the batting practice pitcher.

LA Defeats Braves 9-2

Clearwater, Fla.—UPI—The Los Angeles Dodgers, back on the winning track after losing four straight, went against the Philadelphia Phillies today in a Grapefruit league exhibition baseball game.

The Californians snapped their losing streak Tuesday when they downed their favorite pigeons, the championship Milwaukee Braves, 9 to 2 in a game at Sarasota. Lefty Gene Snyder, bidding for a job as a regular Dodger hurler, pitched six innings and gave up six hits, including the two Braves' runs in the second inning. He was credited with the win.

Bill Harris worked the last three innings and gave up only one hit.

Juan Pizarro gave up five runs in the eighth inning to the Dodgers after he took over in the seventh for starter Bob Buhl who had allowed four runs on five hits and eight walks.

Celts, Nats In Decider

Boston—UPI—The chips are down and the players are up for tonight's seventh and deciding game between the Boston Celtics and the Syracuse Nationals in their Eastern Division playoffs.

The winner meets the astounding Minneapolis Lakers in the National Basketball association's final playoffs which start Saturday. The lowly Lakers shocked the basketball world last weekend by ousting the defending champion St. Louis Hawks in six games.

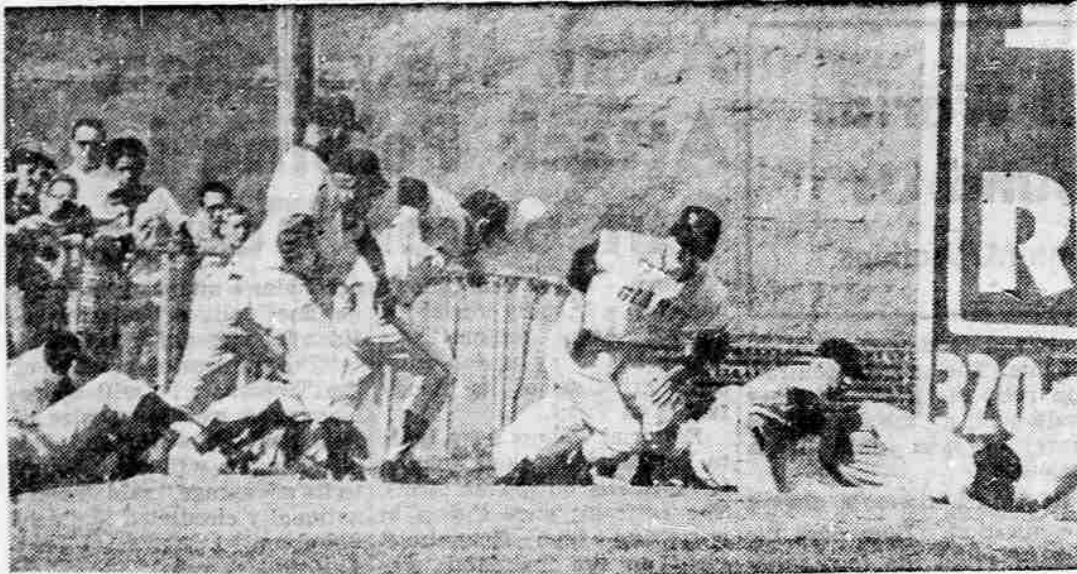
Harris Making Free TV Debut

Dallas, Tex.—UPI—Backwoods Roy Harris, who lost a game but bloody bid for heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson's title on pay TV, gets his first chance to show the nation's free television audience tonight that he's good enough to permit another chance.

Harris and his manager, Lou Viscusi, are so confident that the colorful fighting school teacher will make such an impression that they were willing to risk Harris' rocky ring reputation against Donnie Fleeman, a hard-hitting Texas light heavyweight that Harris failed to put down in a previous effort.

NBA THREATENS SUGAR
Milwaukee—UPI—The National Boxing association today hinted at a possible title match between Carmen Basilio and Gene Fullmer if middleweight king Ray Robinson abdicates or has his championship taken away for inactivity. Basilio and Fullmer, both former middleweight rulers, were No. 1 and No. 2 in the April ratings of the NBA released today by ratings chairman Fred Saddy. "He hasn't done anything since winning back the title from Basilio a year ago.

Vero Beach, Fla.—UPI—St. Paul of the American association collected an unearned run in the eighth frame to take a 5 to 4 win over Spokane of the Pacific Coast league in an exhibition game Tuesday.



'FORE—San Francisco Giants' bullpen is a scene of wild confusion as players scatter to get away from line shot (note ball, center) off the bat of Boston Red Sox shortstop Don Buddin during exhibition game in Phoenix, Ariz. All managed to evade the flying missile. Boston won, 9-7.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Harry Craft Says His KC Athletics Don't Have It, Yet

(This is the 13th dispatch on the prospects of the major league clubs in 1959).

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West Palm Beach, Fla.—UPI—Harry Craft is hopeful the Kansas City Athletics will improve in 1959. He doubts, however, whether they will be able to better their seventh place finish of last year. "There are too many good clubs ahead of us," he cautioned. "So, please, don't class us with the contenders or even with the first division possibilities. We will one of these years, when our youngsters start to measure up.

"Until then the best we can aim for is to play .500 ball. I said last spring I'd be happy if we won 70 games. Well, we won 73. Just say I'll be happy this year with that .500 average."

For 1959 he lacks pitching, a solid infield, long ball hitting and almost everything else it takes to win a pennant.

His infield problem is such that he plans to play his regular catcher, Hal Smith, at third base.

Four First Basemen
"He's going to be as good a third baseman as there is in the league," Craft insisted. He isn't going to find any rival American league managers agreeing with him on that point.

He pointed out that he has four first basemen—Harry Simpson, Preston Ward, Dick Williams and Bob Martyn. All of them also can play in the outfield.

But take any one of them at first, with Smith at third, the slick fielding but light-hitting Joe DeMaestri at short and Hector Lopez at second, and what does he have in the way of an infield? Even Craft admits his falls far short of what it takes to make the American league's first division.

Lopez is the big gun—he hit 17 homers and batted in 73 runs with a .261 batting average in 1958. However, he is

the one player Kansas City has on the trading mart.

The A's won't listen to offers for the hard hitting Bob Cerv or outfielder Roger Maris.

"They are the heart of our ball club," Craft reasoned. "We just can't let them go." So Cerv will be in left field with Maris in right and Bill Tuttle, a good glove man, in center. That outfield is the A's strongest department.

Desperate for Pitching
Back of them are those four first base candidates, Whitey Herzog and Zeke Bella, a 339 hitter at Denver last year.

Infield reserves include Mike Baxes, Milt Graff, and Wayne Terwilliger, drafted from Charlestown.

With Smith playing third, Frank House will do most of the catching with Harry Chitt in reserve.

The A's are so desperate for pitching they even signed Russ Meyer, who has been out of baseball for a year, and Art Houttemann, another veteran, for tryouts. It looks like Meyer might make it.

Craft's starters figure to be five right-handers—Ralph Terry (11-13), Jack Urban (8-11), Bob Grim (7-7), Ray Herbert (8-8) and veteran Ned Garver (12-11). Southpaws Dick Tomanek (7-8) and Bud Daley (3-2) and right-handers Tom Gorman (4-4) and Herbert, when he isn't in the starting rotation, will form the bullpen brigade.

With that array, it's easy to understand why Craft isn't thinking about the first division for 1959.

GIANTS OPTION
Phoenix, Ariz.—UPI—First baseman Willie McCovey, one of the better rookie prospects in the San Francisco Giant camp, Tuesday was optioned to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast league. Others assigned to Phoenix were left handed pitcher John Fitzgerald and right hander Don Hyman. The Giants also optioned pitcher Frank Funk, a right hander, to Toronto.



TIRED OF IT ALL—Solmon Alnah, owner of a shoe-repair shop in Los Angeles, is held by cops after he was flushed from his wrecked shop by tear gas. Alnah went berserk and wrecked his store with a crowbar. He said, "I'm tired of law and order. I'm joining Mickey Cohen."

RVL Franchise Applications To Be Considered

Four teams are expected to seek two franchises in the Rogue Valley Baseball league when loop representatives meet in Grants Pass Sunday. The meeting will be at the Cave Shop, starting at 2 p.m.

Applications of the Klamath Falls Kubs and Kingsley Air Base, both of Klamath Falls, and Glendale were tabled at the league meeting of March 22 and are expected to be reviewed next Sunday. Fred Anderson of Medford Bowling Lanes said this week that he also would seek a franchise.

Teams already holding franchises are Ashland, Butte Falls, Camp White, Grants Pass, Riddle and Cave Junction.

at 2 p.m.

Butte Falls Ranks Thin In Baseball

Butte Falls—Coach Dick Pepple is grooming a Butte Falls baseball aggregation with the most limited manpower in the Jackson County B league.

Eleven men have been drilling on the squad which will defend the loop crown. One other player is to turn out next Monday.

There are six lettermen out from last year's squad. They are Larry Cavin, pitcher, shortstop, second baseman or centerfielder; Jerry Ferguson, catcher and pitcher; Tom Dillard, second or third baseman; Ray Abbott, first baseman and catcher, Edwin Ellis, pitcher, second baseman or shortstop, and Roger Ellefson, shortstop or outfielder.

Others on the squad at present are Ken Kadin, third baseman or outfielder; LeRoy and Alvin Thompson, outfielders; John Doherty, transfer from Crater, outfielder or second baseman, and Mike McConochie, outfielder. Dan Rensen is the player who'll report on Monday.

Cavin and Ellis loom as the top two pitchers with Ferguson No. 3. Ferguson played third base last season.

In non-league tangles the Loggers have dropped an 11 to 5 verdict to Eagle Point and an 8 to 7 game to Rogue River. They open the B league season at home against Talent on Friday.

EP Netters Face MHS

Eagle Point—Seven matches have been lined up for the Eagle Point high boys' tennis team and Coach Tom Van Etten is looking for some interscholastic competition for girls out for the net sport.

The Eagle men are to meet Medford on Thursday at Medford. They go to Roseburg on April 6 and play Yreka here on April 7. They go to Medford again on April 8 and go to Grants Pass on April 15. Grants Pass will be at Eagle Point on May 6 and on May 12 the Eagles go to Yreka.

Joe Andrews has the No. 1 spot currently on the crew and Wally West is No. 2. Others among the top five are Al Simmons, Ron Weidman and Larry Meyer.

Heading the girls is Ellen Callaghan whom the Eagles hope to have in state singles competition this spring. Miss Callaghan teamed with Shirley Hanson last year to win the state girls doubles title. Miss Hanson has graduated.

Joan Callaghan, Georgia Weidman, Phyllis Perry and Diane Putman are others on the girls' squad.

Van Etten has asked that anyone who can provide tennis opposition for his girls crew to contact him.

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Eagles Bill Track Tilt

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Seven veterans are the Eagle thinclad squad being tutored this year by Vern Steward. They are Bill Turner, sprinter; Arle McClure, hurdler and sprinter; Bob Berryman, quarter-miler; Steve Charters, half-miler; Ray Peterson, sprinter, Dave Huffman, pole vaulter, and Nolan Greenwood, high hurdler and vaulter.

Other top candidates include Dale Casey, shot putter; Gary Ayres, javelin tosser; Bill Pfeifer, shot putter, and Mike Palm, pole vaulter.

Turner Concentrates
Steward has a number of sophomores and freshmen who are working to find a most suitable event. Among

these are Ron Greb and Terrell Cowden, sophomores, and Darrell Stock and Bob Householder, freshmen.

Turner was out for both baseball and track last season but is concentrating on his running this spring.

The Eagles had a practice meet yesterday with Crater at Central Point.

TROPHY TO OSCAR

Cincinnati, Ohio—UPI—Oscar Robertson of the University of Cincinnati will receive the United Press International award as the basketball player of the year tonight. The plaque will be presented to Robertson, who retained the national scoring championship and set four records during the past season, by Haskell Short, UPI Ohio news manager, at a banquet honoring the team.

Ted Williams' Neck Pain Eases

Boston—UPI—Ailing Ted Williams was reported improved today at New England Baptist Hospital.

The hospital said the Red Sox slugger's neck pain eased and that he spent a comfortable night.

A hospital spokesman said that doctors have agreed that "special studies such as myelograms were not indicated at this time in view of Williams' initial improvement."

A myelogram is a type of X-ray in which fluid is inserted in the spine and X-rayed as it passes through the body.

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