

# Fans Optimistic Over Giant Team

San Francisco—Three games don't make a season—but from the optimism in San Francisco, it appears the fans believe that the Giants have to win only a couple of more to capture the 1959 National league pennant.

True, San Francisco slaughtered the St. Louis Cardinals in the opening series of the season. But the Cards definitely aren't the strongest club in the league.

As a matter of fact, the Giants play second division clubs through the first 17 games. Of these they should win at least three out of four to build up for what may come after. They play St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, and then Philadelphia before they run into the big trouble.

Two games are slated with favored Pittsburgh, then three against the Braves at Milwaukee. After that there will be a better line on what Mays, Cepeda and Co., will do this year.

"Sure, we won against St. Louis," says Manager Bill Rigney. "But we didn't play well enough to win against the pennant contenders."

Nine errors in three days is 'way above par. Of course, some of these were blamed on the cold weather.

One thing the Giants already have done—they have made a believer out of Manager Solly Hemus of the Cards.

"This club has a lot of punch and the pitching is sharp," said Hemus after his team was routed. "And their defense is good—even if they did make a lot of errors against us. They could win the pennant."

Some seasoned baseball observers believe that the coach-

# SPORTS

## Dodgers To Meet St. Louis Tonight For Home Game

Los Angeles—The second home season of major league baseball in Los Angeles gets underway tonight when the Dodgers meet the St. Louis Cardinals before some 70,000 fans in the Coliseum.

The Dodgers from President Walter O'Malley down vowed the club would do better this season than in their first year as the Los Angeles club when they finished seventh.

Although few would pick the Dodgers to finish first in the National League, most experts agreed the club should be in the first division by the time the season comes to a close next September.

A capacity throng of 1,500 jammed the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton hotel Monday night to pay tribute to the Dodgers and Roy Campanella and Stan Musial at the second annual Dodger dinner sponsored by the Los Angeles chapter of the Baseball Writers.

The popular Campanella was given a standing ovation that brought tears to the now-paralyzed former catcher.

"It is quite an honor to be here," he said. "Last year I never had an idea that I could make it."

He was crippled in a near-fatal auto accident 15 months ago.

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## Women Set Medal Play Thursday

Rogue Valley lady golfers play for Thursday, April 16 will be the date of the first play on the Rogue Valley Women's Golf trophy.

The days play for April 9 was 'specs' and the winners were: A group resulted in a tie between Mrs. Bernard Nutting and Mrs. Dean Lambert; B group, Mrs. Brian Douglas; C group, Mrs. C. H. Barrell; D group, M. R. Richard Rementeria, and the 9 hole winners were Mrs. Ed Kleiver and Mrs. Jerry Gastineau.

Qualifying for the Spring Handicap has been completed and numerous matches have been played to date. By next Monday, April 20, results of the first round will be announced.

Pairings for April 16, 1959  
Ladies are to contact others in their threesome.

## Arcaro Picks Mount For Memorial

New York—Eddie Arcaro plans to string along with First Landing in Saturday's Wood Memorial—and presumably in the Kentucky Derby.

The nation's greatest stakes rider picked First Landing as his mount in the Wood after booting Chris Chenery's colt to an impressive three-length victory Monday at Jamaica.

Arcaro could have chosen Elckam Stable's Atoll, whom he piloted to an equally impressive triumph in last Saturday's Gotham Stakes at the Long Island course.

But after First Landing hung out the fastest six-furlong clocking of the meeting 1:10 1-5 in Monday, Eddie announced, "I'll ride him in the Wood."

What impressed Arcaro most was the way First Landing drew away from five rivals in the stretch and then pulled up without drawing a deep breath.

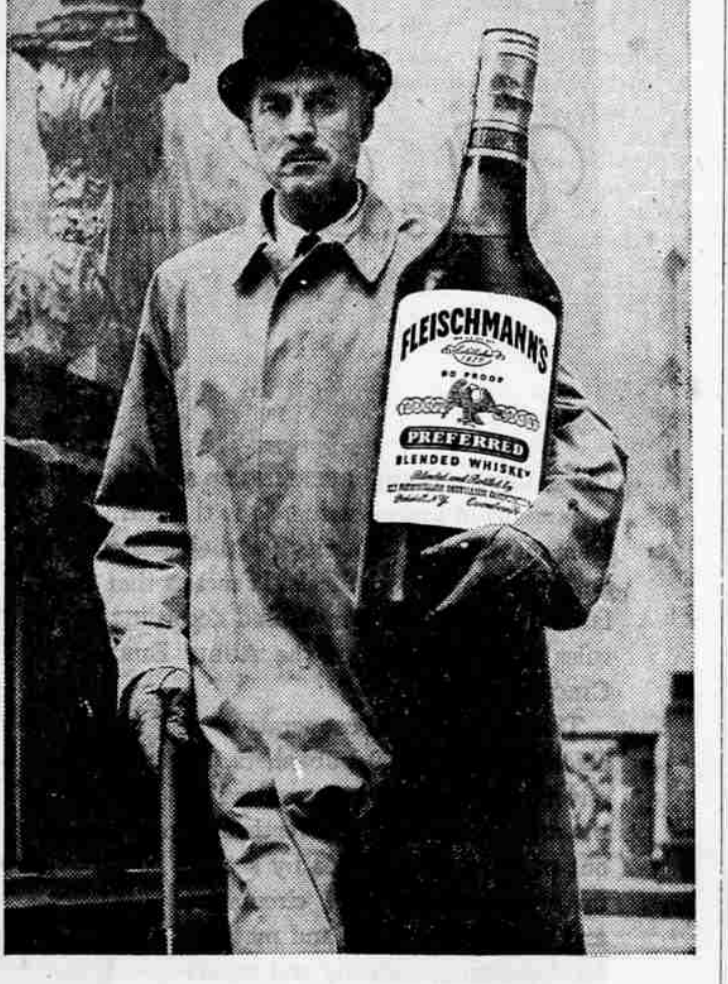
"He wouldn't blow out a match when I brought him back," Eddie declared gleefully. "He's a real fit horse. I hit him twice in the stretch to keep him going and so he would get the full benefit of the race."

It was First Landing's best effort of the year. The son of Turn To won 10 of 11 starts last year and was juvied the nation's outstanding juvenile. However, he lost considerable prestige while winning only one of three outings in Florida last winter.

The Wood now shapes up as a three-horse race among First Landing, Atoll and intentionally.

Robinson has been dicker with various promoters for a rematch with Basilio, but so far has reached agreement with none of them.

Sugar Ray never has defended the crown he won back from Basilio on March 25, 1958, even though commission rules call for a title defense at least every six months.



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### CLASSIC LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Hillier Oil Co.	20	20
Lampert's Sporting Goods	25	25
Trail Creek Lumber Co.	34	26
George & Henry's Drive In	33	27
High Real Estate	33	27
E. H. Mann Co.	29	31
Oak Knoll Golf Course	27	33
Sam's Sporting Goods	23	37
Morse Motors	20	40

Results:  
Hillier Oil Co. 3 (Norm Hillier 558) 2630; Sam's Sporting Goods 1 (George Barr 529) 2417; Trail Creek Lumber Co. 4 (Don Harmon 359) 2689; E. H. Mann Co. 9 (Fred Anderson 563) 2518; High Real Estate 4 (H. A. Green 889) 2774; Oak Knoll Golf Course 0 (S. Sullivan 467) 2607; Lampert's Sporting Goods 3 (Harold Vessey 580) 2737; Sewing Machine Center 1 (Harry Fry 563) 2642; Morse Motors 4 (Lee Beck 584) 2728; Edith & Henry's Drive In (C. L. Patterson 542) 2543.

### MAJOR LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Pin Ups	89	82
Keglers	88	83
Buddies Follies	72	80
Channel Cats	49	85
Sputniks	47	85
Triple Threats	39	92

Results:  
Sputniks III 0 (V. Cummings 468) 1336; Buddies Follies 4 (A. Bohannon 543) 1573; Channel Cats 2 (H. Culy 570) 1507; Pin Ups 4 (M. Clark 547) 1507; Triple Threats 0 (A. Harris 471) 1331; High game: H. Culy 200, V. Knox 200; E. Baker 202; High series: H. Culy 570, M. Clark 547, A. Bohannon 543, V. Knox 541; High game: Buddies Follies 569; High series: Channel Cats 1575.

### SATURDAY SR.-JR. LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Baumans Fire Equipment	26	14
B & B Auction	25	15
Medford Paint & Wallpaper	25	15
W.O.T.M.	25	15
K-BOY	23	17
Picard's	23	17
Motor Haven	20	20
Richmond	19	21
Hudson's Pharmacy	11	29
Pepsi-Cola	9	31

Results:  
W.O.T.M. 4 (Tom Bortis, 511; Sandy Dickinson 428) 2709; Motor Haven 0 (Larry Scruggs, 428) Lance Jennings, 392) 2601; B&B Auction 1 (Roberta Miller, 379; Jim Osborn, 455) 2448; Baumans 3 (Dennis Bauman 486); Roy Bauman 428) 2627; K-BOY 4 (Butch Tompkins, 407; Sandra Nelson 327) 2523; J&F 4 (E. Turner 470) 2181; Hillier Oil 0 (H. Clark 478) 1986; Rogue Sportsman 3 (D. Webster 448) 2151; Close 1 (A. Hoffman 469) 2063; Split conversions—B. Weiss 5-6-10; H. Culy 7-8-10; Sandy Shaffer 4-7-10; High game: Helen Clark 208; High series: Helen Culy 498.