

California Leads Pack In Major League Roster, Followed by Mid-West States

Detroit—(UPI)—Major league baseball, the nation's population and ball players all have been caught in the California current.

A survey of the birth places on major league rosters over the past five years show California easily leads the pack. New York, which lost its two National League teams to the Golden State, is third.

"California and the breadbasket states—Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri—are the most fertile fields for the development of young ball players," Detroit Tiger director of scouting Ed Katalinas said.

"We figure that if these areas have produced in the past they'll still be producing," Katalinas said.

According to the American league red book and the National league green book, 62 California-born players are in the majors. There are 43 from Illinois and 42 from New York. Pennsylvania is next with 36 followed by Missouri, 34; Ohio, 31; and Michigan, 30.

Five states are without a player in the majors—Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, North Dakota and New Mexico. And there aren't any Hawaiians.

"California has been the big producer because kids usually can play ball all year long there and because of its large population," Katalinas said. "The same is true for Texas which has 24 active major leaguers."

"Major league ball in the area has a lot to do with it. If there's a club in the state or nearby, it engenders more

Dodgers To Meet Cardinals

Los Angeles—(UPI)—A saddened group of Dodgers return to the Coliseum tonight vowing to make good after dropping their home opener to the Cardinals, 6-2, before a huge welcoming crowd of 61,552.

The Dodgers had wanted to win that game badly, not only because of the large turnout, biggest night attendance for a National League single game, but because of the presence of their idol, disabled former catcher Roy Campanella.

Drysdale to Pitch
So tonight manager Walt Alton sends Campanella's protegee, Don Drysdale, to the hill in quest of his first win and in the hope it will be the club's initial home victory.

The Cardinals retaliated with Larry Jackson, also looking for his first win. Tuesday night's game was a case of too much of Hal Smith, Don Blasingame and Ken Boyer. Of the three, Smith contributed the most to pitcher Lindy McDaniel's seven-hit win.

Rookie manager Solly Hemus enthusiastically said Smith was the most improved player on the Card squad this season, and his performance Tuesday night bore out the statement.

SOC Spikemen To Run at Chico

Ashland—Trackmen of Southern Oregon college really get into stiff competition this Saturday when they tangle with Humboldt State college and Chico State in a triangular meet at Chico at 1 p.m.

The Raider trackmen are riding high on the crest of their two consecutive wins over Shasta junior college and the University of Portland.

Coach Alex Peterson will take the Raider relay team of Clarence and Stuart Baker, Jack Johnson, and Chuck Swingle.

Other berths on the Raider travelling squad were tentative until the time trials were run off this afternoon on the Raider track to see who would fill out the remaining spots on the travelling team.

U. of O. Blanks Pacific 6-0

Eugene—(UPI)—Denny Peterson and Hugh Springer held Pacific hitless and retired 18 men in a row as Oregon blanked Pacific 6-0 Tuesday in a baseball game called after six innings because of rain.

Peterson pitched the first three innings and got out nine straight batters, five of them on strikes. Springer came on to duplicate the feat, adding two strikeouts. Then rain ended things.

Ron Walp hit a two-run homer for Oregon, which met Lewis and Clark here today.

All of the states have had summer temperatures of 100 or more.

interest in baseball and, as a result, the sandlot programs usually are better developed," he said.

Pennsylvania, New York and North Carolina have been the biggest losers as the birth places of major league talent while Virginia's has 10 more active sons in the majors this season than it did five years ago.

Fifty-three Pennsylvanians

were on American or National League rosters in 1954 but it's down to 36 this year, a loss of 17.

New York, with three major league clubs, always was a mecca for scouts. But the Empire State, with the Dodgers and Giants on the opposite coast now, skidded from 52 in 1954 to 42 this year. North Carolina's numbers dropped from 26 to 17.



United Press International

New York—(UPI)—The U.S. Golf Association, long accustomed to the beefs of the brassie brigade responded to a snorting Sam Snead today that it desired only championship conditions for the U.S. Open at Winged Foot in June.

The pro golfers annually criticize the course on which the Open, golf's most coveted prize, is played. Slammin' Sam jumped the complaint gun by charging before the New England Professional Golfers association that the USGA sets up a "miserable obstacle course" for the Open.

By innuendo, the USGA retorted that the pros play so many "dog" courses they don't know a good championship test when they see one.

"At most, I doubt if they play four good courses a year," explained Joe Dey, executive secretary of the USGA. "We are interested in championship conditions, not in tricky or unfair courses, and we frequently pull the host club back from extremes."

The pros complain almost annually that the Open course is made into a monster because the host club doesn't want its course made to look ridiculously easy by the long-hitting, sharp-cutting pros. Thus tees are lengthened, fairways are narrowed, traps are increased and—or enlarged and every other conceivable barrier to low scoring is instituted.

None Is Perfect
The worst atrocity was Detroit's Oakland Hills in 1951 where traps were placed deliberately to catch pro-length drives, bunkers blossomed like mushrooms and the greens were shaved lightning fast.

Medinah in 1949 instituted changes which lengthened its 17th hole, a one-shooter over water, into one billed as "the toughest hole in the world." USGA officials banned its extra length tee simply because 25 per cent of the field never would have gotten past that hole without committing hari-kari.

Southern Hills at Tulsa, where the Open was played last year, was a magnificent course. Hospitality led this host club astray when it decided on new sand for its traps and came up with a siliceous mixture somewhat akin to ladies' bath salts. Balls actually rolled into one trap and sank out of sight.

"There is no question but what the golfers can criticize some aspects of some of the courses," Dey admits. "After all, no course is absolutely perfect. But give us the benefit of the doubt and admit that we try our best to come as close to perfection as possible."

Fourth Game Set In Puck Playoff
Fort Wayne, Ind.—(UPI)—Louisville and Fort Wayne meet here tonight for the fourth game in the best-of-seven International Hockey League playoffs with the Rebels holding a 2-1 margin.

Louisville went head in the series here Monday night by downing the Komets, 4-3, in overtime.

George Ranieri knocked in the winning goal with 1:05 left in the 10-minute sudden death overtime period after the Komets had knotted the score with two goals in the third period.

It was the goal of the night for Ranieri, the league's leading goal and point scorer with 60 goals and 122 points.

The Rebels jumped to an early, 3-1, lead during the first two periods, but Lennie Ronson and rookie Bob McCusker of the Komets evened the game at 3-3 in the third period.

Neither team has yet won a playoff game on its own ice. The Rebels took the games here while the Komets won the series opener at Louisville.

"We're going to make Winged Foot as long as possible," Dey reveals. "But we are interested in seeing that it is a good, fair course. Sometimes we may have been somewhat negligent and failed to keep in touch beforehand with

the changes the host club have made.

"At times we have been as surprised as the golfers and have had to make adjustments. But I believe that everybody is going to be happy at Winged Foot."

Not everybody. Only the winner winds up "happy." But, what the man didn't say, everybody is going to have to play the same course—and the man who wins this one will, as usual, be a fine champion.

Drabowsky To Pitch At Giants

San Francisco—(UPI)—Moe Drabowsky, one of the Giants' most beloved "cousins," takes another shot at them tonight when he goes to the mound for the Chicago Cubs against San Francisco's Johnny Antonelli.

Drabowsky's lifetime record against manager Bill Rigney's maulers is one win and seven defeats. They found him duck-soup on several occasions last year before he went home with a sore arm.

Antonelli, who posted his first win last Friday in the season-opener against the St. Louis Cardinals, has the edge on the Bruins with a 13-11 lifetime mark.

A gun named Ernie Banks was the big factor Tuesday as Chicago ruined the Giants' home opener by defeating them, 5-2, before a crowd of 22,485. Ernie, who led both leagues last season with 47 home runs, got the range for the first time Tuesday and blasted a pair of round trippers with rookie George Altman on base. That was the difference.

Rally Cut Off
But the Giants, who won more than 20 games in the final inning last season and already have pulled off the trick twice this year, nearly did it again Tuesday.

With one out in the ninth, winner Dave Hillman began to fade and Orlando Cepeda singled off him. Hillman was taken out in favor of Don Elston and then the pressure really mounted. Felipe Alou sent Cepeda to third with a single to center, his second hit of the day. Daryl Spencer fanned but Elston loded the bases by hitting Andre Rodgers. On came Bob Schmidt. And the burly catcher looked at a third strike to end it.

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SPORTS

SOC Slams OTI For 5-1 Defeat

Ashland—Jim McAbee got the Raiders of Southern Oregon college off to a big start in their defense of the Oregon Collegiate conference baseball title by slamming a line drive homer in a game here yesterday which the men of SOC won 5-1 over Oregon Tech.

McAbee, the steady Raider catcher, was the top hitter of the day with his four-bagger and single in three trips. He also scored twice and got credit for one run batted in and to cap his performance he picked up a straying Owl runner off second base.

Raider hurler, Dave D'Olivio, went the full nine innings and gave up only four hits without walking any of the opposing Owl batters.

The win for the Raiders puts them in first place in the OCC with a three game series coming up Friday and Saturday against Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. The OCE Wolves are currently in second place with a 1-1 record by virtue of a split with Portland State.

SOC Scores First
Southern Oregon scored first in the third inning on McAbee's drive down the left field line to take a 1-0 lead.

Again it was McAbee crossing the plate in the fifth inning after he had dragged the ball down the third base line. The Raider backstop was safe but a desperate throw by the Owl third sacker went wild and McAbee was roosting safely on second when the ball was recovered.

Moments later the Owl pitcher, Allan Leach, tried to pick McAbee off second and the ball went wild into center field. Result, McAbee now on third. A fly ball to right field off the bat of Larry Maurer scored the every busy McAbee.

SOC got two more tallies in the sixth when Chuck Nevi led off with a single to left. Gordie Carrigan hit the ball to the Owl shortstop and they fumbled the ball at second trying to get Nevi and all runners were safe. D'Olivio bunted with no outs but a bad throw to first went wild and Nevi scored with Carrigan hustling into third.

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McMurtry Signs Bout

Portland—(UPI) Heavyweight Pat McMurtry of Tacoma has been signed for a 10-round bout here April 27, Northwest Sports Promotions announced today.

Garvin Sawyer, a heavyweight from Arnold, Pa., was named as a likely opponent. It will be McMurtry's first fight here since 1957 when he defeated Carl (Bobo) Olson.

SIGN FOR BOUT

Hollywood—(UPI)—Art Aragon of Los Angeles has been matched with Joe Miceli of New York for a 10-round bout in Hollywood's Legion Stadium April 25. Miceli scored a decision in a 1955 meeting between the two welterweights.

New York—(UPI)—Veteran jockey Eddie Arcaro rode three winners Tuesday at Jamaica to raise his total to 13 victories in four days.

Raider Netmen Meet Humboldt

Ashland—Raider tennis players of Southern Oregon college get back into action tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. on the college courts here when they tangle with Humboldt State college.

Coach Skip Graham's defending Oregon Collegiate conference champions will be seeking their first win in three matches this year.

Bob Gouley will be the top ranked player for the Raider squad, tomorrow and Bruce Merrill will play the second spot. Medford freshman, John Root, will be in the third berth with the remaining two spots to be named prior to the match.

SOC also has a match scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning against Oregon College of Education on the college courts.

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