

Stengel Won't Believe Key Players Will Have Two Bad Years in Row

(This is the second of 16 dispatches on the 1960 prospects of the major league clubs.)

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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — Casey Stengel has won nine pennants in his 11 years as manager of the Yankees and if he makes it 10 in 1960 he probably will retire from the game of which he has been a part for nearly 50 years.

Casey won't talk about quitting, but this is the last season on a two-year contract, he is 69 years old, his wife has wanted him to quit for some time, and one of his coaches, Ralph Houk, turned down the manager's offer of the Yankees this year, believing he would be at the Yankee helm in 1961.

But Casey may stick around if the Yankees lose, because he doesn't want to bow out as an also-ran. And he could be an also-ran this year like he was last when he finished third to the champion White Sox and the Indians.

Casey figures they are the two clubs to beat again. He concedes they probably were strengthened in off-season deals more than the Yankees, but refuses to believe that some of his key players will have "two bad years in a row."

"I look for Bob Turley to

come back, for Whitey Ford to win more games, for Ryne Duren to have a better year in relief.

"Also I don't think Gil McDougald is as bad as he was last year; that Bill Skowron may not get hurt and that we can escape the other injuries which hurt us in 1959.

"Now if all that happens and Mickey Mantle lives up to his potential, and Roger Maris is the ball player we think he is, well, we're in business and won't have to take a back seat to any club."

Maris, obtained in the big deal with the Athletics, is being counted on to play the tough left field in Yankee Stadium, enabling Stengel to shift the heavy-hitting but poor fielding Hector Lopez to right.

That leaves Mantle for centerfield and Ole Case still claims he should be one of the greatest players of all time. But he also admits that so far Mantle hasn't proved it.

"I sure hope that this is the year Mickey really comes through," Casey sighed hopefully.

Believes Pitching Good

He doesn't think his pitching is as bad as it showed last year. Turley slipped from a 21-game winner in 1958 to only eight victories last year. Ford, troubled by an ailing back, won 16, but wasn't beating the first division clubs like he used to do. Duren, despite a fine earned run average of 1.87, won only three games while losing six. In 1958, the fast-balling relief specialist won six games, all of them key ones.

Turley, Ford, Art Ditmar (13-9) and Jim Coates (4-1) will be the Yankees "big four."

Duke Maas (14-8) and Bobby Shantz (7-3) will be used for occasional starts and for relief along with Duren.

Skowron at first and little Bobby Richardson at second are the only infielders sure of their jobs. Andy Carey may make a comeback at third base which would leave Mel Tucker fighting it out with Tony Kubek for the shortstop post. Also in the infield picture is Cletis Boyer.

Berra Remains Catcher

Sure to be in the picture is Elston Howard, the No. 1 Yankee handyman, but just where he will play depends on whether Skowron holds up at first and if Maris and Lopez make good in the outfield. If that all comes about, Howard will divide the catching with Yogi Berra. You can forget about that Berra spring training third base experiment.

John Blanchard will be the third catcher. For outfield reserves there are the veteran Elmer Valo and two rookies, Jack Reed, a .262 hitter at Richmond, and Ken Hunt, who batted .322 at Shreveport. One of those rookies probably will go.

There are a lot of "ifs" on the club, but Stengel says "he ain't frightened."

Beavers Bounce Whitman 23-1

Walla Walla — (UPI) — Oregon State made an auspicious baseball debut Tuesday, whipping Whitman 23-1.

The Beavers' of Coach Ralph Coleman pounded out 22 hits, led by outfielder Larry Peterson with two triples and three singles. Jerry Droscher had 3-for-5 and Rene Moy knocked in four runs with a double and triple. OSC pitchers Ted Hendry and Al Emery held Whitman to three hits.



CHAMPS GET AWARDS—Medford high's state basketball champions line up for awards following victory Saturday night over Marshfield in finals of state A-1 tourney at Eugene. Players, from left, are Cal Dean, Jim Barry, Dick Ragsdale, Jerry Shults, Booth Deakins, Ken Durkee, Dar-

rell Miller, Jerry Anderson and Bob Quinney. Coach of the titular Black Tornado, Frank Roelandt, is shown far right conferring with Ed Ryan (back to camera), assistant secretary-treasurer of the Oregon School Activities association. —(Brainerd photo)

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
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When it comes to criticizing or commending officials of an athletic game, much depends on whom a fan is rooting for and on how the shoe fits. This writer particularly likes the comments of Dick Strite, sports editor of the Eugene Register Guard, concerning state basketball tournament refereeing.

"Officiating in the 1960 tournament? No worse than usual! It is perennially the worst officiating we see all season. No doubt all get A's on their examination blanks. But writing and thinking are two different things. The difference in charging and blocking is an age-old bugaboo . . . and problem when you have Sued Halbrooks and Mel Counts in the game-handicap them because of their height advantage or "protect" them while they seemingly overwhelm shorter opponents . . .

Well, Bruce Hoffine knows what it's like . . . and Frank Roelandt, whose Medford team proved to be a real champion, also knows what basketball tournament heartbreaks feel like . . . Both have suffered and will continue to suffer until the time when they quit coaching and discover it is more lucrative and sole-issuing to get the shaved-ice-and-colored-flavor concession at the state tournament instead of worrying about whistles."

Amen, Dick! Well spoken. Guess who Dick poked as the "forgotten man" of the 1960 A-1 hoop tourney — the man he judged outstanding who received no recognition for all-state honors. None other than Medford's Ken Durkee. Strite termed him a "ball control defensive demon." The sports writer pointed out that all-state teams are selected at halftime of the title game and that many times clutch play in the second half shows the qualities of an all-star. This, he believed, happened to Durkee.

UNANSWERED

The question of whether Marshfield would have won the title had Counts gone the route, or at least remained in action a little longer, will, forever, remain unanswered. No amount of post-contest discussion will change the outcome of the game. Whether the Pirates, as their Coach Bruce Hoffine maintained, had Medford on the ropes and was winning when they lost their biggest threat, will never be determined. But, the issue will be long in speculation.

BETTER BALANCE

Marshfield had a strong aggregation. The Bucks proved themselves one of the top teams of the tournament. But, you'll have a hard time convincing Mr. Medford Fan or this department that the Coos Bay contingent was a better club than the Black Tornado. The Pirates had the big man and the Tornado the better balance of players, speed and power and had depth.

SOUTH SALEM RATED BETTER

We join those who lament South Salem's sixth place ranking in the tourney standings. The well-coached, hard-running, hot-shooting, fighting Saxons were truly one of the top clubs of the tournament. They were accorded sixth spot behind South Eugene and Jefferson because they lost two games, while the Eugene and Jeff lost one apiece. South Salem, however, beat South Eugene in the quarter-finals.

NOT HOLLOW

"Hollow" championship. At least two sports writers in the state have made that reference concerning Medford's triumph in the Oregon Class A-1 hoop tourney. We fully recognize Marshfield's bitterness at losing their giant star, Mel Counts, on fouls in the finale fray. Still, on this "hollow" business we strongly disagree. As do, we believe, the majority of Medford fans who saw the game. For the fighting Black Tornado did play a championship brand of ball.

And, we can't go along with the statement in the Coos Bay World that 95 per cent of the 10,421 spectators who crammed into McArthur Court left with the feeling that Medford's was a hollow victory.

CONTROVERSIAL

Certainly, the personal foul call which eliminated Big Mel from the fracas will remain controversial to Marshfield fans and to some others, too. But, there, a reasonable number of referees' calls give rise to dispute, and just about always have, depending on who you want to win.

Tornadoes Now Intact In Baseball

With the reporting of athletes from Medford's state title hoop team, the Tornado baseball roster is now intact and Coach John Kovenz charges were to get down to business real seriously today.

The Black Tornado is to open against Roseburg high at 1 p.m. here Saturday.

Seven members from the basketball club just loosened up mostly as they turned out for the diamond sport Monday and yesterday. They were to go into full scale workouts today along with other members of the squad. Kovenz planned both infield and outfield work, intersquad contention, hitting drill and other fundamentals.

Those reporting to Kovenz from the hoop squad were Jerry Anderson, Lowell and Cal Dean, Jim Barry, Ken Durkee, Dick Ragsdale and Bob Quinney. Both Anderson and Quinney worked off the mound a bit yesterday and looked good. Kovenz just may have these two hurlers toss a couple of innings each against the Indians to get the feel of action.

RV League Session Set

Representatives of the Rogue Valley baseball league will meet at the Cave Shop in Grants Pass on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. to organize for the coming season.

Three teams have indicated they will return to the circuit. They are Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass. Crescent City, Calif., plans to request a franchise. Plans of Riddle and Glendale are not yet known but Butte Falls interests have indicated they will not field a team this year. Camp White will combine with Medford.

Roseburg is reported to be interested in joining the league and if that happens League President Harry Chipman said he would expect Riddle to combine with Roseburg.

Earlier Jack Turk of Central Point said he expected to have backing from that community to field a team.

Gun Club Bills Night Shooting

Medford Gun club will hold a membership meeting and night trapshoot on Friday evening, March 25.

It will be a tryout for the new lighting system. A 50-bird handicap is planned. There may be time for some practice and other events. Eats are planned at 7 p.m.

Lights are in for two traps with two poles of 1,500 watt lights each for each trap and four lights to a pile.

The Medford Elks team shoot began last Sunday and will continue for five more Sundays to determine the team for the state Elks lodge shoot here May 27 and 28. Bob Lee's team took top points Sunday with all 20 possible. Dick Phair's crew got 12 and Lew Bates' gang eight. There is one other team, captained by Pete Petreham. Charles Skeeters of the Petreham team broke a perfect 50 straight.

SPORTS Pascual Sparkles In Exhibition Tilt

Baseball

TUESDAY EXHIBITIONS
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh 9, Chicago (A) 8
Los Angeles 6, New York 3
Kansas City 5, Detroit 1
Washington 2, Baltimore 1
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 6
San Francisco 9, Chicago (N) 8
Boston 9, Cleveland 5

Dallas Five Rolls High Pin Game

Toledo, Ohio — (UPI) — The Great Southwest Sport center of Dallas, Tex., rolled the top team game to date in the American Bowling congress tournament action here Tuesday night.

The Dallas team rolled a 1101 in its second game for a series total of 2934, but it did not affect the open division standings. Its first game was 936 and third 897.

The team had 32 strikes in its big game, with Ronnie Diamond getting nine and Jack Biondolillo eight. The only open frames were caused by two splits.

Strohs Beer of Detroit rolled a 2876, the lowest score for a Strohs team since 1949. In the three tournaments prior to this one, Strohs had been over 3100 each year.

Earlir, Tony Puglie of Detroit cracked the top five all-events standings with a third place 1929.

Puglie teamed with Don Glimski to take fourth place in the doubles with 1261 on games of 381, 419 and 461.

He had a 655 in team, 675 in doubles and 599 in singles for his 1929 all-events score, which was his third straight all-events total over 1800 in ABC competition.

In the only other change in Tuesday's top standings, James Brooks of Detroit moved into a 10th place singles tie with a 668 on games of 236, 185 and 247.

Smith, Nelson Receive Honor

Salisbury, N.C. — (UPI) — Red Smith of the New York Herald Tribune and Lindsey Nelson of the National Broadcasting Co. were named today as the national sports writer and sportscaster of the year.

The awards were announced by the National Sportscasters and Sports Writers Awards committee which conducted the balloting by sports writers and broadcasters throughout the country.

Smith and Nelson, first winners of what will become annual awards, will receive the awards from North Carolina Gov. Luther H. Hodges at a banquet here April 12. State winners announced last week also will be honored at the banquet.

Runners-up in the voting for the national awards were Oscar Fraley of United Press International, Arthur Daley of the New York Times, Will Grimsley of the Associated Press and Furman Bisher of the Atlanta Journal and sportscasters Mel Allen of the New York Yankee network, Buddy Blamer of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Vince Scully of the Los Angeles Daily network and Dizzy Dean of CBS.

Mail-O-Graphic Meet Entered

Teams at Medford Bowling lanes rolled their series last Saturday in the American Junior Bowling congress Mail-O-Graphic tournament.

The local juniors will not learn until mid-April how they placed in the tourney. Results will not be compiled until that time.

SCORES HERE SATURDAY WERE:

SENIOR BOYS:
Jaycees 2877; Bauman's 2866; J. W. Copeland Yards 2746; K-Boy Radio Station 2653; Medford Automobile Dealers Association 2654.
High series—Dennis Bauman 661.

SENIOR GIRLS:
McLain's Drug Center 2545; Women of the Moose 2533; Medford Paint & Wallpaper Store 2462.
High series—Barbara Champion 443.

JUNIOR BOYS:
Ninety-Nine Chevron Station 2462; Silver Dollar Stamps 2416; Trail Creek Lumber Co. 2339; Ricks B & S 2316; West Coast 2284; Knockers 2268; Rodents 2234; Desert Service 2217.
High series—Cliff Roberts 517.

JUNIOR GIRLS:
Cool Bowlers 2454; Goofers 2233; Doodle Bugs 2174.
High series—Judy Dixon 410.

BANTAM BOYS:
Bull Dogs 1556; Silver Dollar Stamps 1476; Warner Gladiator 1428; Brevard Chevron 1417; Shins Food 1402; Starr Body 1380; Sno-Boys 1350.
High series—Shannon Vinson 302.

BANTAM GIRLS:
Strikers 1503; Fashionette 1315; Elks 1269; Tin Bitters 1269.
High series—Kathy McCoy 247.

PATRIOTS SIGN TWO

Boston — (UPI) — The Boston Patriots of the founding American Football league today announced the signing of players from the University of Connecticut and Heidelberg (Ohio) college. Chief scout Mike Holovac, the former Boston College coach, announced that Uconn halfback Bob Horan and Heidelberg Center Bob Gilmore have signed with the Boston entry.

By FRED DOWN

There'll soon be a new flood of bids pouring into Washington Senator President Cal Griffith's office the way Camilo Pascual is pitching this spring.

The 25-year old native of Havana became baseball's most "wanted man" in the winter trade marts after a 17-10 season in 1959 and he looks sharper than ever this year. Griffith has said Pascual definitely is not for sale but the offers will be pouring in anyhow because Camilo probably could mean the pennant for two or three clubs.

He won't win any pennants for the Senators, of course, but he could get them out of his place in the American league for the first time in four years.

Beats Orioles
Pascual, who had a gaudy 2.64 earned run average to go with his .630 winning percentage last season, combined

with Pedro Ramos Tuesday to hurl the Senators to a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. It snapped a four-game Washington losing streak and extended the Orioles' losing string to six straight games.

Ramos, 13-19 last year, yielded two hits and a run in the first five innings and then Pascual struck out eight batters and allowed only a single by Jackie Brandt during the last four. Pascual himself scored the winning run in the seventh on Lenny Green's single.

The Boston Red Sox hammered out a 9-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians, the St. Louis Cardinals whipped the Milwaukee Braves 8-1, the Pittsburgh Pirates edged out the Chicago White Sox 9-8, the Los Angeles Dodgers nipped the New York Yankees 6-5, the Kansas City A's beat the Detroit Tigers 5-1, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 7-6, and the San Francisco Giants won 9-8 in 12 innings over the Chicago Cubs.

Prep Golf Aspirants To Qualify

Five Medford High school golf lettermen are back including the four men who represented the Black Tornado last spring in the state tournament.

Coach Paul Evensen, who supervises the team, said that the linkmen have had two formal practices this week after drill by some of the aspirants last week. Qualifying play for team positions is planned for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with 18 holes each day.

The lettermen among the 18 candidates are Mike Monroe, John Frohnmayer, Darrell Miller and Larry Brown, of the tourney team, and Bob Jones.

The season opens with matches April 1 at Roseburg and April 2 against Marshfield at Coos Bay.

Tornado linkmen won plus a Uptown tourney last year plus all their dual matches.

TWO ENTER "500"
Indianapolis, Ind. — (UPI) — Wayne Weiler, Phoenix, Ariz., and Jim Packard, Indianapolis, have been nominated as newcomers to the 500-mile speedway auto race. Approval of the two rookies, who qualified for auto racing's "big time" in special tests last summer, raised the list of entries to 30 for one Memorial Day race.

In the Western section finals, the Minneapolis Lakers threatened to duplicate last season's upset over St. Louis as they defeated the Hawks, 117-110, in overtime, to take a 3-2 lead in the series. An extra-period win in the fifth game in 1959 set the stage for a Laker sweep in six games.

Chamberlain, apparently recovered from a hand injury that hampered his efforts in two previous games, broke a Boston Garden record with 22 field goals. He nabbed 35 rebounds to resume mastery over big Bill Russell in that department.

OAKLAND SIGNS COACH
Oakland, Calif. — (UPI) — The Oakland entry in the new American Football league Tuesday signed Tom Kalminer as offensive backfield coach. Kalminer, former Nevada star, played for the Los Angeles Rams and Baltimore Colts in the National Football league.

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