

Walt Alston Feels Dodgers Still Best

(This is the ninth of the photographs on the 1960 prospect of the major league clubs.)

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Yucca Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Manager Walt Alston, an arch conservative, abandoned his accustomed reticence today by coming right out and picking the world champion Los Angeles Dodgers to win again.

Alston doesn't shut it from the roof tops, nor is he taking any paid advertisements in newspapers, but when you ask him his opinion he gives it to you—straight from the shoulder—and it's obvious he still feels the Dodgers are the best club in the National League.

"You can't help being enthusiastic with all the fine looking youngsters we have," says the Dodger manager. "Look at the job they did for us last year. And now we have even more."

The added youngsters Alston refers to are out-sized Frank Howard and Tommy Davis in addition to a flock of pitchers who, even if they are not quite ready this year, guarantee the Dodgers a strong pitching staff for the future.

Talk of Camp
Howard, a 23-year-old bonus baby out of Ohio State who is 6 feet 6 and weighs 245, has been the pace of the Dodgers' camp. The Dodgers' brass claims he already is better fielding first baseman than Pittsburgh's Dick Stuart and that he has more power. He batted .356 for Victor of the Texas League in 59 games last year and .319 in 78 games with Spokane of the Pacific Coast league.

Alston hopes Howard can be the first base job although most of his experience has been in the outfield.

The Los Angeles pilot who says Davis can break onto the outfield. Davis, only 21, batted .347 with Spokane where he drove in 78 runs and hit 10 home runs.

Howard and Davis in 59 games with the Dodgers, there is little question that the club's attack will be improved. Both are right-handed longball hitters who promise to do well against the left field organ at Los Angeles Coliseum.

Word to Third
Assuming Howard holds down first base, veteran Gil Hodges will be shifted to third.

It also moves Charlie Neal back to shortstop and the bullpen over to second base, Alston says.

Could the experiment Hodges always can go back to his former infield assignment of Gilliam at third, smoothfielding Maury Wills at shortstop, Neal at second and Hodges at first. That still gives him a string of defensive infield.

The Dodgers also are adequately protected in the outfield whether or not Davis returns.

Veteran Duke Snider, who hit .300 last year, driving in 68 runs and slugging 23 home runs will be back in center field. Don Demeter as his understudy. Wally Moon, a .302 hitter last year, can play either left or right field. That, too, depends on how Davis does.

Looks Good
Ced Belfrage, who made his presence felt down the stretch last September, looks like he can be back in the big league. Alston more. The big problem is to which other outfielders to keep.

Chuck Essesjian looks a cinch to stick. That still leaves Ron Fairly, Rip Repulski and Sandy Amoros.

John Roseboro and Joe Signorino again will handle the catching, a department Alston says isn't the least worried about although neither of the two receivers hit .200.

Spring Chinook Taken on Rogue
Portland — (UPI) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Spring chinook angling in upper main Umpqua and North Umpqua has been poor; outlook for week end is poor to fair.

Striped bass fishing should be fair in Coos river; a few salmon are being taken in Coos Bay bar area when weather permits.

First spring Chinook are being taken on Rogue below Grants Pass.

HOMERUNNERS BILLEI
Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State, sporting an unbeaten baseball record so far, opens its home season this week end, with a game against the Beavers. The Beavers are scheduled to play Lewis and Clark in a twin bill here Friday and Linfield in a doubleheader Saturday.

as high as 240. The Dodgers' pitching is probably the best in the league. Alston thinks so and he gets few arguments on that score.

For right-handed starters he has Don Drysdale (17-13), Roger Craig (11-5) and Stan Williams (5-5). On the south-paw side, he has Johnny Podres (14-9), Sandy Koufax (8-6) and Danny McDevitt (10-8).

And if that's not enough, Larry Sherry, the Dodgers' relief ace in the World Series against the White Sox, also would like to be a starting pitcher. Alston is giving him a shot at the assignment even though he prefers the 24-year-old right-hander in the bullpen.

Veterans Clem Labine and Ed Roebuck, who is attempting a comeback following arm trouble, have shown well this spring and could end up with relief roles along with fast-baller Johnny Klippstein and possibly Fred Kipp.

Little wonder Alston isn't quite so conservative any more.

Cubs Again Clip Giants
Tucson, Ariz. — (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants, still suffering from shock as the result of a barrage of base hits by the Chicago Cubs, were scheduled to meet the friendlier Cleveland Indians today in exhibition baseball game.

Manager Bill Rigney said he might let pitcher Jack Sanford go all the way against the Tribe — but he won't make it if the Indians pick up where the Cubs left off.

The Chicago team defeated the San Franciscans, 13-10, in Mesa yesterday — and the Cubs out-hit, out-ran and out-played the team that has been picked by many to win the National League pennant.

Antonelli Battered
The Cubs battered Johnny Antonelli for three runs on six hits in two innings, rapped Stu Miller for five hits and six runs in three and one-third frames, and got five hits and four runs off Billy Loes in an inning and two-thirds. Bud Eyerly hurled one inning and allowed one hit.

Tommy Taylor, Lou Johnson and Ernie Banks led Chicago's 17-hit attack with three each — including homers by Johnson and Banks. Chicago also got help from four Giant errors.

The Giants got nine hits, including a homer by Willie Mays — but it was nearly a costly one. The centerfielder wrenched his left ankle as he loped around third base and will ride the bench for a day or so.

362 Took Part In Grade School Hoop Play Here
A total of 362 boys in elementary schools of the Medford district took part in varsity and junior varsity basketball during the season just past.

A final report on the season, from Lee V. Ragsdale, supervisor of health and physical education, showed that 150 league games were played plus 14 non-league tussles. The report showed there were no injuries during the season.

West Side had the largest varsity squad with 23 players but did not have a jayvee team. Roosevelt and Jefferson had 15-player varsity rosters and Roosevelt had 20 on its junior varsity as did Howard.

Final league standings were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Varsity)			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Oak Grove	6	0	1.000
Lincoln	4	2	.667
West Side	4	2	.667
Howard	3	3	.500
Jacksonville	2	4	.333
Lone Pine	2	4	.333
Ruch	0	6	.000

(Junior Varsity)			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Lincoln	6	0	1.000
Oak Grove	4	2	.667
Howard	2	4	.333
Jacksonville	0	6	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE (Varsity)			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Jefferson	6	0	1.000
Washington	4	2	.667
Roosevelt	4	2	.667
Jackson	2	4	.333
Wilson	2	4	.333
Hoover	1	5	.167
Griffin Creek	0	6	.000

(Junior Varsity)			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Washington	5	1	.833
Wilson	3	3	.500
Roosevelt	3	3	.500
Hoover	2	4	.333
Griffin Creek	1	5	.167
Jackson	1	5	.167

OSC DRILL SET
Corvallis — (UPI) — Coach Tommy Prothro said today spring football practice at Oregon State is tentatively scheduled to open April 23. The Beavers probably will have a regular game scrimmage May 21 with the second annual varsity-alumni game on May 28. Scheduling will depend on the weather.

Ladies' Pin Tourney on 2 Sundays

Medford Woman's Bowling association will hold its city tournament on two Sundays, April 3 and 10.

Team event will be held at the Roxy Ann Lanes this Sunday. Sixty-eight teams are scheduled to bowl with starting times at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

All participants are asked to check the time their team is scheduled to bowl.

Doubles and singles will be contested at the Medford Lanes on April 10. The schedule is still pending. It will be posted at both lanes when completed.

North Division Almost Revived In Basketball

Eugene — (UPI) — The popular old Northern division basketball schedules of past years will return in many respects in the 1961 season. University of Oregon Athletic Director Leo Harris announced today.

Harris, also speaking for athletic directors at Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho, said the four teams would play each other four times each season as in past years and most of the series would be two-night stand.

Most of the schools will add a two-game series with Washington, the fifth member of the old Northern division of the Pacific Coast conference. Washington is now a member of the "Big Five" with California, Stanford, UCLA and Southern California.

Harris said the schedule did not mean formation of a new league.

Pacific Names Danny French

Forest Grove — (UPI) — Danny French, who graduated from Pacific university in 1956 after winning 11 letters in basketball, football and baseball, has been named head basketball and track coach at the Northwest conference school.

French is currently basketball coach at Hillsboro High school.

He will replace Vic Adams who resigned last month and has taken a post at Pacific High school at Port Orford.

OWENS BEARS FINES

Clearwater, Fla. — (UPI) — Pitcher Jim Owens of the Philadelphia Phillies decided today to grin and bear \$600 in fines rather than risk his promising baseball career.

Owens, a 26-year-old right-hander who had a 12-12 record with the last-place Phillies in 1959, threatened to quit the club Wednesday but reconsidered Wednesday night after a conference with General Manager John Quinn. Owens had been fined a total of \$600 for breaking the Phillies' curfew rule the night of March 5.

Eugene — (UPI) — Guard Chuck Rask has been honored as the most valuable player on the 1960 Oregon basketball team. He received the annual Baker award.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



INTRAMURAL CHAMPS—Valley Vollyers above were winners in the women's intramural volleyball tourney at the Medford YMCA. They won nine games and lost three, beating out of the Jumping Jills for first by one game. The Time Outs were third and the Scrappers fourth. Vollyer members are, from front, from left, Alice Garrett, Capt. Sarah Stickle and Ellen Tengesdal, and back row, left to right, Barbara Marrs, Betty Malloy, Lanell Wilkes (instructor) and Margaret McGinty. Vollyer players each received an award pin and Mrs. Wilkes was presented a pin from the entire group for instruction. Tournament referees were Elaine Wilson and Rose Draper.

Medford-Ashland Tussle Postponed; Other Tilts Threatened by Weather

Rain washed out a Medford-Ashland high non-league baseball tussle set for yesterday afternoon and threatened to force postponement of other Medford contests slated for this week.

The Black Tornado has a twinbill with Crater scheduled for the Medford diamond Friday and doubleheader trip to Roseburg set for Saturday.

Even the outfield at the local school was real wet from the rains yesterday and the Tornado could not work out on it.

Should a good break in weather enable Medford to meet the Comets tomorrow, the first game, a Southern Oregon conference starter for both schools, is planned for 2:30 p.m.

Tennis Off, Too
Coach John Kovenz indicated Jerry Anderson as probable pitcher against Crater in the counting game with the twirler in the second mix de-

pending on how Anderson fares. For the Comets Coach Bill Piche is expected to call on Bill Anhorn as pitcher for the main tangle.

It is hoped to make up the mix with Ashland.

Also not played yesterday, although the weather did clear up to have permitted it, was the Medford - Southern Oregon college jayvee tennis match. The action has been reset for April 20. Tornado netters have Friday dates against North Bend and Marshfield on the coast and a Saturday engagement at Corvallis.

Defenders Win In Mat Meet

San Francisco — (UPI) — Four defending champions scored easy first round victories Wednesday in the National AAU wrestling championships at the San Francisco Olympic Club.

Bill Kerslake, Cleveland's 290-pound defending heavyweight champion, pinned Carlos Gammas of the University of Mexico in 1 minute, 37 seconds. Frank Rosenmayer of San Francisco, king of the 191-pound class, pinned Bill Farrell of the New York Athletic Club in 7:35.

Other victorious defending champions were Fritz Fivian of Oregon State in the 160-pound class, and Jim Ferguson of San Francisco in the 174-pound class.

Fivian pinned Jerry Ray of the San Francisco Olympic Club in 2:30, and Ferguson finished off fellow Olympic clubber Ken Kesey in 27 seconds.

Track Tiff Rescheduled

Central Point—An Ashland-Crater High short distance track meet, to have been staged here yesterday, was postponed because of water on the track.

Crater Coach Ed Knapp said that the encounter has been reset for Wednesday, April 6.

Work has been done here to prepare the track for the District 6 A-1 meet set for May 21. Rubber asphalt runways, each 110 feet long, were completed last Friday for the broad jump and pole vault pits as was a fan of the same material for the high jump pit. The work has hampered somewhat Comet preparations for the season.

Savage Archers Shoot Sunday

Savage Archers of Talent will hold an April Fool shoot on Sunday, April 3.

The event will be on the club's range on Ashland Mine rd. with registration starting at 9 a.m.

A 14 novelty target round will be shot. This will be followed by a 14 target field round.

Refreshments will be available.

Baseball

WEDNESDAY EXHIBITIONS
United Press International Cincinnati 12, Baltimore 9
Los Angeles 7, Milwaukee 2
Washington 11, Philadelphia 10
Chicago (A) 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 6, New York 2
Chicago (N) 13, San Francisco 10
Boston 5, Cleveland 2
(Only games scheduled.)

Doubles Team Takes Fourth

Toledo, Ohio — (UPI) — The big standings board of the American Bowling Congress tournament had a new look today for the first time in 72 hours.

The most notable performance in Wednesday's action was a 1294 doubles by Bosco Yovanovich and Ed Markulus of Akron, good for fourth place in this division.

There were two changes in the team standings as Fairlanes Bowling center of Fairless Hills, Pa., hit 2987 for eighth place in the open team competition and the Deros Sport Shop of Fostoria, Ohio, had a 2720 for eighth place in the boosters team bracket.

Ronald Stoneback of Hometown, Pa., who bowled a 213 triplicate in singles play Wednesday afternoon in ABC tournament history, finished his team play last night with a 609 and ended with 1867 all-events, the best in this division.

He had 619 in doubles. The record triplicate is 214 bowled by Harold Aslund of Detroit

Car Club Will Meet on Friday

Siskiyou Sports Car club will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday at 8 p.m. at radio station KMED.

A movie "Racing Drivers," by Stirling Moss, will be shown. All persons interested are invited to the meeting.

A number of sports car motorists will go to Klamath Falls on Sunday for a full day of Autocross. Those going from here will meet at Cubby's at 7 a.m. Registration at Klamath is at 9 a.m.

Don and Erma Squire, Central Point, placed second in Class 1 and Allan Woolridge was third in Class 2 Sunday in the Redwood Sports Car Club Autocross at Redding, Calif. Others entered from the Siskiyou club were Dean and Evelyn Spears and Bill McCart.

Siskiyou club will hold a gymkhana on April 17.

RED-FACED PADRES

Indio, Calif. — (UPI) — The San Diego Padres sported the reddest faces in the Pacific Coast league Wednesday after dropping a 7-5 exhibition game to Pepperdine college. Pepperdine's Waves, however, are one of the strongest college nines on the West Coast and currently sport eight wins in a row with their 14-4 record.

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