

Dodgers, Yanks Picked To Cop Major League Baseball Flags

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Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — Walt Alston says the Dodgers should win, Casey Stengel says the Yankees could win.

That's good enough for this observer, who takes them at their word, and picks the Dodgers and Yankees to win the 1960 pennants.

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National	American
Dodgers	Yankees
Braves	White Sox
Giants	Indians
Pirates	Tigers
Reds	Orioles
Cardinals	Athletics
Cubs	Senators
Phillies	Red Sox

Here, in one of the golfing capitals of the world — far away from the parka, ski pants and ski boots of the Winter Olympics, but only a short distance away from those Florida spring training

camp — it looks like a three-team race in each league.

The Dodgers are given the edge in the National, off their spectacular showing of last season. Alston points out that the Dodgers haven't gotten "any worse." Now they will have Larry Sherry, their World Series pitching ace, with them all the way. Also, Roger Craig, who won so many key games in the Dodgers' stretch drive.

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The Braves, under a new manager, Chuck Dressen, feel they can win it. They felt they should have won last year, despite the loss of their star second baseman, Red Schoendienst.

Now they have back the old red-head, who had to sit out last year with tuberculosis, and he looks as good as ever. But they lack the Dodgers' bench strength, their pitching is older than that of the Dodgers, and they could have an outfield problem unless Wes Covington makes a strong comeback. Despite that Dressen magic they anticipate, their chances of overhauling the Dodgers aren't rated too good.

The Giants appeared to have the flag locked up last year, but lack of pitching depth and bench strength, cost them the pennant. They have strengthened their pitching staff with the addition of Billy O'Dell and Billy Loes, and they plugged a second base weakness by getting Don Blasingame from the Cardinals. But the feeling is that to get these men, they gave up too much in the way of power.

Chicago Cubs Improved Much Over 1959 Season

(This is the last of 16 dispatches on the 1960 prospects of the major league teams.)

By SCOTT BAILLIE
United Press International

Mesa, Ariz. — (UPI) — Charlie Grimm's Chicago Cubs opened the exhibition season by losing five straight but bounced back to be one of the spring's "surprise" teams.

"This team has improved all the way over last year's," Grimm says. "I feel that we'll finish in the first division this season."

Last year the Cubs wound up tied with Cincinnati for fifth and played a key role late in September in smashing the San Francisco Giants' pennant dreams. But it hasn't finished in the first division since 1946.

Most of the players who ganged up on the San Francisco front runners are back with the exception of outfielder Bobby Thomson and pitcher Dave Hillman. Both were traded to the Boston Red Sox. Old-New Faces

There are some old-new faces around, however, to go with such proven workmen as

shortstop Ernie Banks and outfielder George Altman.

The biggest name player to join the club is center fielder Richie Ashburn, for 12 years, will have another veteran newcomer beside him in left field—Frank Thomas. Richie was acquired in a deal that sent third baseman Alvin Dark to the Phils while Thomas arrived from Cincinnati as part of a swap in which Lee Walls went to the Reds.

Dick Gernert, veteran first baseman-outfielder, also is on hand from the Boston Red Sox. Then there's Del Rice, 37-year-old catcher who was picked up after being let go by Milwaukee. Once a solid receiver for the Cardinals, Rice's assignment will be to help the young pitching corps.

"We've eliminated some weak spots with off-season deals and have acquired power and speed," Grimm maintains. "We've improved all the way."

Pitching Question Mark

A big question mark is the pitching staff. Can Moe Drabowsky (5-10) and Dick Drott (1-2) bounce back to the earlier form which stamped them as fine prospects? Both have been "humming" the ball well and apparently are free of the sore arms which bothered them last year.

Glen Hobbie, who came through with a 16-13 record and 3.69 earned run average last season, looks like Grimm's staff leader and may be of all-star caliber. Charlie Root, Grimm's pitching teammate when the Cubs knew balmier days, is working with other young hurlers and predicts they'll be some surprises.

Ernie Banks, of course, is set at shortstop and is the team's outstanding attribute. The two-straight National league MVP has been hitting at a .450 clip this spring and looks ready for one of his best

School News

H. P. Jewett School

Mrs. Frances Tonn's first grade room presented a choral reading about chickens at the school assembly recently at Jewett school. Some of the children wore costumes. The children also participated in rhythms.

Mrs. Rhoda Haskin's pupils viewed a film about Sandy The Snail. This inspired the children to finger paint pictures using numerous colors.

A unit about trains is being developed in Mrs. Oakley Bower's first grade room. The children are making a toy train, consisting of an engine, three cars and a caboose. Each car is large enough for one child.

The pupils in Mrs. Grace Cline's room have helped to make a bulletin board of small wallpaper umbrellas.

Birds and bird pictures are in Miss Mae Higinbotham's room. The children are learning to observe many kinds of birds in the community.

Mrs. Zelma Foot's boys girls are learning about firemen and their work. A large toy fire engine is being constructed.

Enthusiasm in reading is being shown by the first grade as they begin to find that they can read many books with little extra help.

Mrs. Ruth Brewster, music director, is working with all the boys and girls in preparation for the musical program which will be presented the night of Open House, Tuesday, April 26.

McCULLOUGH SIGNED

Washington—(UPI)—The Washington Senators today signed 43-year-old ex-National League pitcher Clyde McCullough as coach and catching insurance, if needed. McCullough, formerly with the Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates, had been listed during spring training as a coach for the Charleston, W. Va., farm club, but has been working out regularly with the Senators.

SOC Defeats Nevada Nine Twice At Reno

Reno, Nev. — Southern Oregon college baseballers swept a twinbill from University of Nevada here Saturday. They took the first game 9 to 3 and the second 16 to 3.

Jess Munyon spurred the Raider attack with five hits in seven times at bat and five runs driven in. Eldon Francis swatted five for nine and on defense had 11 outfield putouts for the Oregon club. Phil Sword and John Cook homered for SOC in the second game.

John Younger, chucking a five-hitter for the Raiders, walked three and fanned three. SOC blasted 14 hits off four Nevada tossers in the opener. The Ashlanders collected 15 safeties in the second fracas while Marty Vogler and Don Vannice were holding the Wolfpack to six safe raps.

Administrator Eyed for Hospital

Ashland—The Ashland city council early this week is expected to appoint Robert Flynn, now a resident assistant at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, as administrator of Ashland's new hospital.

The hospital advisory board and the city council discussed hiring Flynn for \$8,000 a year last week. Action was delayed so the council could further check Flynn's recommendations.

Flynn was born in Anacortes, Wash., and is now completing work on his master's degree in hospital administration. He plans to receive the degree in June from the University of Michigan.

The advisory board indicated to the council that it would be desirable to have an administrator by the time construction work is started on the new hospital. He would work with architects in selecting equipment, the board noted.

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United Press International

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TAGGED OUT — Baltimore's B. C. Robinson is tagged out at third base by Kansas City third sacker Dick Williams in the bottom of the sixth inning in a Friday exhibition game. Baltimore dumped the Athletics in a hard fought game by a 5-3 score. Umpire Bill McKinley is pictured at left. —(UPI Telephoto)

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