



MANAGERS VIEW FIELD—New York Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, left, and Pittsburgh Pirates skipper Danny Murtaugh view Forbes Field at Pittsburgh, Pa., as their baseball teams go through workouts in preparation for World Series.

KC Hires Joe Gordon

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Joe Gordon who resigned as manager of the Detroit Tigers two days ago, today signed a two-year contract to manage the Kansas City Athletics.

Murtaugh Helped Up By Bragan

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Don't look now, but guess who helped Danny Murtaugh up the steps as manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates?

It was none other than brash Bobby Bragan, the man Murtaugh replaced as the field boss of the now-National league champions Monday way through the 1957 season.

And if Danny boy gives an extra little twist to his Irish smile when the TV boys say "Dan, you're on television," there's a good reason.

It was an odd combination of tantrums and television that landed Murtaugh the field manager's job here and Bragan figured in both ingredients.

Back in 1956, "bad boy" Bobby had just been named manager of the Pittsburgh team. He was searching around for a coaching staff.

One of the men he had offered a job was Tommy Tatum, a fugitive from the old Brooklyn Dodgers organization. But Tatum declined the offer politely, saying he was going into the television field as a salesman in Oklahoma.

No. 1 Fireman That left an opening and the first man Bragan suggested was the number one volunteer fireman from Chester, Pa.—Daniel Edward Murtaugh.

Danny boy answered the long distance call offering him the job in the same manner he'd turn out for a three-alarm fire.

After all, it was only the year before that Murtaugh packed his bags and left the Charleston Senators of the American association because the club was on the financial rocks and frankly admitting it couldn't pay Danny his salary.

He did catch on with Williamsport of the Eastern league, but when the summons to the big time came, he hardly bothered to unpack.

The Pirates, with Bragan calling the shots and Murtaugh coaching the third base line, did surprisingly well early in the 1958 season, but then folded and finished seventh.

The next year, everything went wrong and after several wild cutups on the field Bragan was let go. Murtaugh was named as his "temporary successor."

But Danny came to stay and he's been here ever since. What he did with the club now is in the record books.

Baseball Writers Poll Favors NY Yankees by 2-1 in Series

By FRANK BERKOPEC Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Baseball writers covering the World Series have picked the New York Yankees by nearly a 2 to 1 margin to whip the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Sixty-six writers picked the Yankees to win their 20th world championship while 36 favored the Pirates to win their third Series title, a survey by United Press International showed.

The Yankees have won the American league pennant 25

times. The Pirates have copped five National league flags.

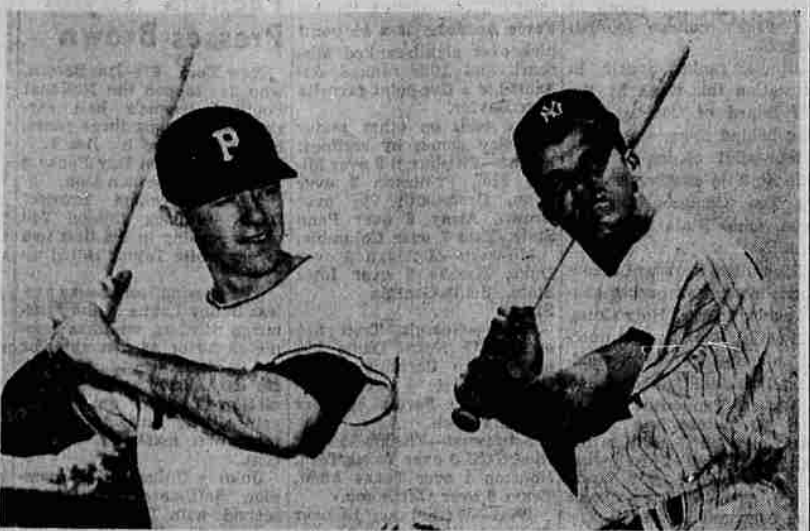
The Yanks whipped the Pirates in 1927 in four games, the last Series appearance for Pittsburgh.

Three writers have picked the Yanks to repeat their 1927 performance but four others selected the Pirates in four straight. Those predicting a Pirate sweep were Oscar Fraley, UPI New York; Scott Young, Toronto Canada Daily Mail; Chuck Feeney of the

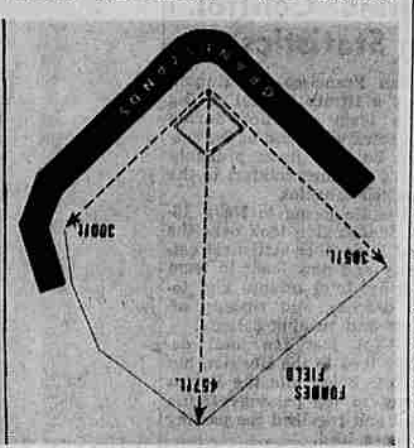
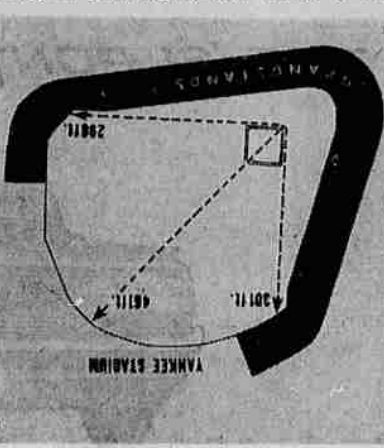
Long Island Star-Journal, and Stan Isaacs, New York Newsday.

Will Grimsley, New York AP; Jack Mann of Newsday, and Leonard Schechter of the New York Post believe the Yanks will pick up the winner's share of the Series money Sunday night after the fourth game is ended.

The majority of those favoring the Yanks—36—believe they can take it all in six games and an equal number like them in seven.



OPPOSING PLAYERS—The opposing first baseman in the World Series are both noted sluggers. Dick Stuart, left, will be at the initial sack for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bill (Moose) Skowron will cover first for the New York Yankees. (UPI Telephoto)



DIMENSIONS SHOWN—Diagrams here show the dimensions of Forbes Field at Pittsburgh where the World Series opened today and of Yankee Stadium at New York where the third game will be played on Saturday. Forbes field has a 35,000 seating capacity and the Yankee stadium seats today and of Yankee Stadium at New York 67,000. (UPI telephoto)

Mantle, Stuart Believe World Series Home Runs Possible at Forbes Field

By MILTON RICHMAN Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Babe Ruth couldn't do it, but Mickey Mantle and Dick Stuart both think they can.

Ruth failed to hit a single home run at Forbes Field during the 1927 World Series between the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Pirates. Only two homers were hit in that entire series, both by Ruth, but in Yankee Stadium.

Mantle doesn't think it should be so difficult to reach the fences here, however.

"It's a lot like Yankee Stadium," he said, taking a good look around the ball park. "That left field fence isn't too far away and that right field wall is the same as the stadium's except it's a little higher."

Only Mantle, with his tremendous power, can see it that way.

"I played here twice before," said the switch-hitting Yankee center-fielder, "and I hit one over the right field roof the first time."

The homer Mantle referred to was a blow that traveled more than 500 feet. He hit it during an exhibition game against the Pirates in 1957 and is one of six men, including Ruth, ever to have cleared the right field roof at Forbes Field.

feels the fences aren't too far away to face him either.

"I got my share of homers this year (23) and I can tell you that no one ever gets any cheap ones here," Stuart said. "Sure, I know Mantle led the American league in homers with 40, but we got a couple of guys besides myself who can hit home runs, too."



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Pie Traynor Thinks Pirates Can Do It

By RUDY CERNKOVIC Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Pie Traynor, who managed the 1938 Pirate team which came within a whisker of winning the pennant, believes the 1960 team can beat the Yankees in the World Series, but a

later pilot—Fred Haney—picks the "hot team."

"The team that gets hot will win the Series," said Haney who guided the Pirates from 1953 through 1955.

Traynor, who played on the 1925 and 1927 teams which won the National league flag, thinks his "alma mater" can win in seven games.

"The Pirates must win the first game for morale," Pie said gazing towards third base at Forbes Field where he held forth for 17 years.

"Pittsburgh has the pitching and the open dates between the second and third games and the fifth and sixth definitely help the pitchers. I will give Bob Friend and Vernon Law a chance to rest and they likely will appear in four games.

"The Yankees have power, of course, with Mantle, Maris and Berra able to hit the ball out of the park, but this is a large park."

Haney also pointed to the power in the Yankee lineup—Mantle, Maris, Berra, Skowron and Dale Long.

"But the team that gets hot in the Series will win," he said. "Both teams have better pitching than it appears. The Yanks had tremendous pitching over the last 25 games."

Haney is familiar with the talents of Friend and Law. "Law has improved in the last five years. He gets his breaking stuff across and has better control."

Haney modestly admitted he had helped Friend several years ago.

"Bob used to show the ball but I got him to turn his body and he overcame the habit," he said.

"The Pirate pitching demands respect. It has been consistent with the exception of a streak of several games when Friend and Law didn't finish."

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Boudreau Resigns as Cub Pilot

Chicago—(UPI)—Owner Philip K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs looked forward today to a busy fall.

He has to pick a new manager for the Cubs before spring training begins, but before he can do that, he might have to pick another vice president for the team, its fourth.

The complicated problem arose Tuesday when Lou Boudreau sought a three-year contract to manage the team he directed since May of 1960. He was the third manager of the club in two seasons.

The Cubs, Wrigley said, could not afford such a long term commitment, so Boudreau said he would return to radio station WGN, which already had him under contract for 1961 to announce the "color" phase of Cubs games.

Milwaukee Braves Bid For Kuenn

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—General manager John McHale revealed today that the Milwaukee Braves are bidding for Harvey Kuenn, and Frank Lane said "negotiations will continue" although Cleveland is asking for either Hank Aaron or Eddie Mathews.

McHale, Lane and Milwaukee manager Chuck Dressen revealed the way for a possible inter-league deal when they conferred at length Tuesday regarding the 29-year-old Kuenn, who led the American league in hitting with a .353 average last year and batted .308 this year.

While on the subject of Kuenn, McHale took the opportunity to deny a report that the Braves offered the Chicago Cubs six players for shortstop Ernie Banks.

Interested in Temple McHale also admitted he would be interested in acquiring second baseman Johnny Temple along with Kuenn who came to Cleveland from Detroit for Rocky Colavito this year.

The Braves plan to convert second baseman Chuck Cot-tier into a shortstop and if they can swing the deal with Cleveland, Temple would play second base for Milwaukee and Kuenn undoubtedly would be in left field.

Although Lane opened the trade talk with a pitch for Aaron or Mathews, he probably would settle for less.

McHale did not disclose the players he would be willing to give up, but the Braves would part with 16-game winner Bob Buhl if they had to, and such others as shortstop Johnny Logan and pitchers Carlton Willey and Joey Jay also are available.

HOCKEY

AMERICAN LEAGUE

United Press International The American Hockey league opened its 25th season Tuesday night with the Cleveland Barons scoring three times in the last period to defeat the Quebec Aces, 4-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The New York Rangers, who surprised even themselves by going unbeaten 11 exhibition games, and the zippy Chicago Black Hawks will be the host teams Wednesday night when the National Hockey league stages its earliest opening in its 43-year history.

The Rangers will face off against the Boston Bruins at Madison Square Garden and the Black Hawks will entertain the Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Stadium.

DODGERS GET FARM

Greenville, S.C.—(UPI)—The Los Angeles Dodgers will operate the Greenville, S.C. club in the class A South Atlantic league in 1961. Greenville has been out of organized baseball since the class B Tri-State league folded five years ago.

Wenatchee Inks Pact With Cubs

Wenatchee—(UPI)—The Wenatchee Chiefs baseball club of the Northwest league Tuesday announced it has reached a formal agreement with the Chicago Cubs and will field a team in the 1961 season.

Club President Fred Burnett said that although the agreement with the Cubs was not a full agreement, the terms were more generous than a previous arrangement with the Cincinnati Reds.



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