

Cities Greet American League's Expansion Plan; 2 Squawks Heard

By FRED DOWN
New York—(UPI)—The American league's expansion to a 10-team circuit in 1961 was greeted enthusiastically in the three cities involved today but drew loud squawks from Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers and Continental league founder William Shea.

Civic officials in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Los Angeles and Washington cheered the American league's bombshell announcement and indicated all-out efforts to surmount any obstacles. At the same time O'Malley shouted that "another full baseball schedule would wreak havoc in Los Angeles" and Shea called the move "one of the lowest blows below the belt in the history of sport."

Three key officials of the federal government—Estes Kefauver, (D-Tenn.), Rep. Emanuel Celler, (D-N.Y.), and Rep. Kenneth Keating, (R-N.Y.)—expressed approval of the move which means that the American league will operate as a 10-team circuit with a 162-game schedule for each team in '61.

NL Plans Unchanged
The National league, which voted expansion into New York and Houston in 1962, said through league president Warren Giles that the American league's surprise action would not change their plans. The two major leagues thus will present uneven alignments in 1961 for the first time since the American league was founded in 1900.

It was obvious American league officials believed their invasion of the lush Los Angeles territory "evened the score" for the National league's return to New York. The AL drive to put a franchise in Los Angeles was spearheaded by Dan Topping and Del Webb, co-owners of the Yankees. Webb is chairman of the AL's expansion committee.

AL president Joe Cronin stunned the baseball world late Wednesday with the announcement of the circuit's three-pronged realignment move which:
—Transferred the Senators "lock, stock and baby" from Washington, D.C., to Minneapolis-St. Paul.
—Established a new franchise in Washington, thus keeping major league baseball in the nation's capital.
—Invaded the rich Los An-

geles area and thus matched the rival National league as a coast-to-coast circuit.

Predicts 12-Team League
Webb, who said emphatically "we are on our way to 12 teams," said that further

details of the expansion would be worked out at the league's next meeting here, Nov. 17. That meeting will deal, among other things, with allotment of players for the new franchises. This is expected to be

accomplished by use of the so-called disaster plan—the plan created a few years ago in the event a team were wiped out in a train or plane crash. It would make certain players from each existing team in the circuit available to the new clubs from a "pool."

The identities of the groups which will operate the new franchises in Washington and Los Angeles were not disclosed although Shea insisted he knew that Hank Greenberg and Bill Veeck of the Chicago White Sox intended to move to the nation's capital to run that fledgling franchise.

O'Malley strongly questioned the invasion of the Los Angeles territory and said "we had hoped to get our own problems in pioneering the territory, in building our stadium, behind us before the relative move in."
"Another full baseball schedule would wreak havoc in my opinion and I'm sure that the American league will not want to offend the earlier settlers and their fans," he added.

Expects No Problem
Bill Nicholas, general manager of the Los Angeles Coliseum, said, however: "We cooperated with the Dodgers, so why wouldn't we cooperate with the others?"

Webb had pointed out in New York that the new Los Angeles team might play games in Wrigley Field if the Coliseum were unavailable.

Shea, whose attempts to lure the National league back to New York led to the formation of the Continental league, delivered a blistering indictment of the American league's move and predicted it would revive congressional legislation that baseball hopes to avoid.

"The American league expansion committee has absolutely reneged on its agreement with us," he said. "It is the worst thing I ever heard of in U.S. sports. I am waiting for Commissioner Ford Frick to make a statement on the matter. It is a terrible thing for what is called the national pastime to be in the hands of men whose word isn't good."

Shea claimed the expansion committees of both leagues had agreed in Chicago that any expansion would be achieved by taking in franchises that were formed in the Continental league.



TORNADO DEFENDER—Sam Knudsen, above, 176 senior, is middle guard on the starting defensive platoon for the Medford high football team which plays at Ashland tomorrow night. He previously was a regular linebacker.

Tornado, Grizzlies Drill Defenses for Friday Night Scrap

Defense continued to get considerable work in both camps yesterday as the Medford Black Tornado and the Ashland High Grizzlies continued to press preparations for their Southern Oregon conference gridiron hassle.

Ashland, wanting its first football win over the Tornado since 1947, will be host to the Tornado at 8 p.m. on Friday. All reports indicate the clubs will vie before a jam-packed crowd.

At Ashland, where the Bruins are girding to face the Medford multiple attack, Coach Stan Smith mentioned the problem of finding personnel with his thin squad. He reported that the Grizzlies are experimenting a bit in the secondary.

An aim has been to get the defensive line to charge. The mentor reported dissatisfaction and concern this season over defensive forward wall play—it's had a "flat on its feet" tendency. Ashland has been able to score but not keep the other team from it.

Smith said that Rich Callahan, who has been playing some javvee ball, will be moved from linebacker and halfback to a defensive guard.

Medford worked on both passing and rushing defense yesterday with some stress on goal-line defense. All were given "a shot at it" to see what they could do.

Tornado Coach Fred Spiegelberg reported that Al Funston, guard and linebacker, likely will be the only player to start on both offense and defense as platooning is maintained. Stan Smith, who has a broken finger, can play but Richard Connolly likely will start at a defensive tackle.

John James, Medford offensive tackle, who drilled only lightly Tuesday because of a bout with flu, had a "good" workout yesterday, Spiegelberg stated. Fullback George Clearwater, missing Monday and Tuesday because of illness, was back yesterday but took it easy.

Ashland's last win over Medford in 1947 was by 27 to 19. Since then, Medford's narrowest victory margins have been 13 to 12 in 1952, 20 to 14 in 1953 and 15 to 6 in 1957.

Of the 65 games between the two schools, on record in Medford files since 1909, Medford has won 44 and Ashland 18. There have been three ties, the last in 1936.

Ashland in a 5-win, 2-loss record so far this season has run up 155 points to opponents' 103. Medford is 7-0 and has tallied 297 points to rivals' 31.

Unofficial statistics show Medford with 2,566 yards of scrimmage for the season while the opposition has run up 1,433. Rushing yardage has favored Medford 1,865 to 755 and passing gains 704 to 678. The Black Tornado has accumulated 95 first downs and adversaries 73.

Medford has recorded a total of 44 touchdowns, 12 scored by Phil Humphreys, 11 by Mike Hood, nine by Dan Sieg and six by Bob Quinney. Dan Miles has contributed 28 extra points all but one on kicks.

Ashland's team scoring total is more than double the 76 for the entire 1959 season. The Grizzlies show 2,071 yards from scrimmage while the total for the opposition is 1,658. The Lithian aggregation has outrushed its foes 1,864 to 1,161 but the adversaries have had the edge in passing yards 497 to 407.

First downs have been even for the Grizzlies, 80 to 80. Probable starting lineups are:

MEDFORD OFFENSE—Bob Quinney and Larry Hamneck, ends; Terry O'Sullivan and John James, tackles; John Pierce and Al Funston, guards; Chuck Holt, center; Dick Ragsdale, quarterback; Phil Humphreys, left half; Mike Hood, right half; Dan Sieg, fullback.

MEDFORD DEFENSE—Larry Brown and Jerry Winstrout, ends; Richard Connolly and Monte Jones, tackles; Sam Knudsen, middle guard; Bill Charley, Bill Hobbs, Funston and Tim White, linebackers; and Jim Barry and Jim Stever, deep backs.

ASHLAND OFFENSE—Bob Georgiana and Jerry Houk, ends; Mike McCartney and Glen Moses, tackles; Rod Fuller and Don Fowler, guards; Russ Blair, center; Jim Doster, quarter; Forrest Farmer, left half; Bob Voris, right half; and Ron Scholer, fullback.

ASHLAND DEFENSE—Jim Hamilton and Moses, ends; Jack Mills and Fuller, tackles; Rick Callahan and Fowler, guards; Houk and Georgiana, linebackers; Farmer and Doster, halfbacks, and Voris, safety.

Exhibition By Billiard Star Here

Willie Mosconi, world's pocket billiard champion and Brunswick Advisory Star, will give an exhibition of his cue skill Monday, Oct. 31, at Ben's Billiards, 22 North Front st., here.

Hours will be 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.
The popular star of the pocket billiard game will devote his show to a demonstration of billiard fundamentals, designed to show the beginner how to approach the game. He will also open his well-fitted bag of trick shots, and regale his audience with his feats of pocketing rolling balls.

Mosconi without question is one of the all-time greats of pocket billiard history. In 13 out of the last 15 years, he has held the world's title in competition with some of the finest players ever to step to the table. Only the great Alfredo DeOro and Ralph Greenleaf, with fourteen each, rank ahead of Mosconi in this department.

Willie, one of the handsomest competitors in sports, holds many records, of which perhaps the most spectacular is his feat of spectating a high run of 526 to establish a new world's exhibition record. He had previously shared the record at 309 with Irving Crane.

A fast, brilliant player, Mosconi has pleased audiences both with his play and his rapid-fire comments as he goes about his work. His "machine-gun shot" is a favorite with many spectators. In this trick, Willie employs a force-follow with side "English" which caroms the cue ball off each of 15 balls before counting on a corner pocket shot.

Jack Moreland Spurs Pistons

United Press International
Oscar Robertson isn't the only rookie hot-shot in the National Basketball association.

Jackie Moreland, a six-foot-eight newcomer from Louisiana Tech, sparked the Detroit Pistons to a 131-117 victory over Robertson and his Cincinnati Royal teammates in Wednesday night's only NBA game.

Moreland scored nine quick points to move the Pistons into a 9-2 early lead and finished the game with eight field goals and one free throw for 17 points.

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Passes, Kicks Occupy Beavers

Corvallis, Ore.—(UPI)—Passing and kicking occupied the Oregon State Beavers Wednesday in a one and one-half hour workout in preparation for Saturday's meeting with the University of California.

Coaches announced that tailback Don Kasso, who was injured against Idaho two weeks ago, will be able to play Saturday. He was expected to share his spot with sophomore Terry Baker.

Poulson Spreads Welcome Mat

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Mayor Norris Poulson, comedian Bob Hope and apparently a majority of the city's baseball fans spread the welcome mat today for a new American league team, even if no one was sure where it would play.

Poulson, who led the fight to bring the Dodgers here in 1957, said, "This is good news. I'm happy and pleased by the decision."

"This bears out my original contention that Los Angeles is a big league city in every way."

Bill Nicholas, general manager of the 100,000-seat coliseum, said there was no reason the new baseball team couldn't play there. "But there has to be cooperation between the American and National leagues on scheduling," he said, adding no one has approached him about an American league team playing in the bowl next summer.

team will play, with some talk already about squeezing the club into the Memorial Coliseum. The Dodgers have played to more than 8 million fans there in three years, and must stay at least another season until their Chavez Ravine stadium is completed.



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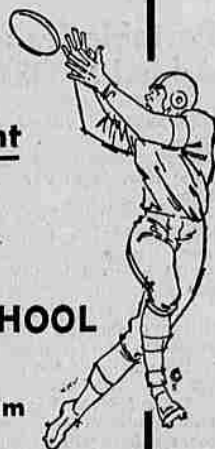


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Frosh-Jayvee Club Wins for Phoenix High

Phoenix—Phoenix high football junior varsity bounced Rogue River 32 to 6 and 18 to 7 and the Pirate freshmen beat St. Mary's 26 to 0 and Eagle Point 47 to 0 in tussles this season.

Sophomore members of the frosh-V squad were Jerry Montgomery, end; Greg Conners, tackle; Cal Lamphears, guard; Albert Hennessey, fullback; and Bob Summers, center.

They have been moved up to the varsity for the completion of the season along with eight freshmen, Greg Esp and Joe Workman, ends; Dave Westfall, guard, and Jim Flagg, Dennis Grennan and Ronnie Williams backs.

Other freshmen on the squad were Bob Wade and Ricky Breeze, ends; Dean McDowell and Gordon Garner, tackles; Gary McGarthy, center; Frank Marshall, guard, and John Hall and Ken Combs, backs.

Freshmen made up the offensive team in the junior varsity games.

Pheasant Hunt Good in Valley

Portland—(UPI)—The weekly report on hunting and fishing conditions prepared by the state game commission:

Southwest: Pheasants have taken to brush in Douglas county; elk holding to more inaccessible areas; Rogue valley pheasant hunting good; Butte Falls unit poor for elk; some valley quail available in Coquille valley.

Trout fishing good on North Umpqua for experienced anglers; salmon angling in Forks and Umpqua areas slow; salmon under 20 inches not now legal in tidalwater areas of Umpqua; Coos Bay system should provide fair salmon fishing; Rogue good to excellent for steelhead.

Central: Pheasant hunting only fair in Wasco, Sherman and Jefferson counties; waterfowl numbers building up on Columbia river refuge; quail in fairly good numbers; pheasant hunting good in Klamath basin; waterfowl hunting there erratic.

Deschutes and Metolius rivers and Haystack reservoir fair to good; streams close to fishing Oct. 31.