

Few Experts Agree With Hutchinson's View About Redlegs

(This is one of 18 dispatches on the 1961 prospects of the major league clubs.)

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Tampa, Fla. — (UPI) — Manager Freddie Hutchinson thinks his Cincinnati Reds finally have overcome the pitching weakness that has plagued them over the years and that they have an outside chance of winning the 1961 National League pennant.

He hasn't found many baseball experts who agree with him, however, especially in view of the fact that the Reds lost eight of their first nine spring exhibition games.

"I know that it looks bad for the folks back home," said Hutchinson, "but tell 'em for me that we are going to be better — much better — than last year."

Then the Reds finished sixth, lacking both the pitching, which is an old problem, and also the power hitting which they usually have.

They tried to correct those weaknesses but in doing so left a gaping hole in the infield. Unless they make a deal which figure to be troubled at either shortstop or second base.

Their regular shortstop for the last 10 years, Roy McMillan, is gone and so is second baseman Billy Martin. Among the players the Reds received in trades were Gene Freese, who should help the attack but is far from a defensive bulwark at third base, and Joey Jay, whom Hutchinson is counting upon as a regular pitching starter.

Those two players along with Gordon Coleman, Wally Post, Bill Henry, Jay Hook and Jim O'Toole hold the key to how far the Reds will go this season. Solution of the infield problem also will be a major factor.

Freese will be at third and Coleman, who hit .271 in 66

games for the Reds after being brought up from Seattle last year, at first, Coleman has to make it at first or Hutchinson's outfield plans will be upset. For if Coleman fails it means that Frank Robinson will have to leave his left field post to return to first. Robinson would prefer to play left and that's where Hutchinson wants him to perform.

Eddie Kasko will be at either short or second. Which ever position he plays will be in good hands, but it leaves a big void at the other.

Chico Cardenas, who hit .266 in 48 games with the Reds after batting .288 at Jersey City, will decide which position Kasko will play. If he makes it at short, Kasko will be at second. If not, then Ello Chacon, who hit only .181 with the Reds and .266 at Jersey City last year, or rookie Jim Baumer, a .293 hitter at Salt Lake City in 1960, will battle it out for the second base job.

Willie Jones probably will be kept around for infield utility duty and pinch hitting purposes. He's slowed too much in the field to play every day.

The outfield is set if Coleman makes it at first. In the garden with Robinson will be Vada Pinson in center and either Post or Gus Bell in right.

Regained Home Run Eye
Post regained his home run eye last season after the Reds got him back from the Phillies and probably will go when the Reds face left handed pitchers. Bell, the better fielder, will play when the Reds go against right-handed hurlers.

That leaves Jerry Lynch and possibly Harry Anderson in reserve.

Ed Bailey will be the No. 1 catcher again with Hal Bevan and Jerry Zimmerman, both of whom were with Seattle last season, behind him.

Bob Purkey (17-11), O'Toole (12-12) and Hook (11-18) will be regular starters along with Jay, who was 9-8 with the Braves last season. The consensus is that O'Toole and Hook, on the basis of their improvement last year could lead the Reds out of the pitching woods.

Henry could help, too. If he regains his old form. Last year he won only one game and lost five, but he still is considered one of the best

Baseball

FRIDAY GAMES
Pro Exhibitions
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3
Los Angeles (N) 3, Detroit 3 (10 innings)
Washington 5, Los Angeles (A) 5 (11 innings)
Philadelphia 7, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 8, Kansas City 5 (11 innings)
New York 13, Chicago (A) 6
San Francisco 13, Chicago (N) 12
Boston 8, Cleveland 4
Vancouver (PCL) 9, Los Angeles (A) 6
Baltimore 5, Minnesota 1

College Scores
Boise JC 9, Oregon Tech 1
Boise JC 1, Oregon Tech 6
Lindsey 8, Pacific 6
Oregon Prep
Dallas 5, Central (Monmouth) 4
Dayton 1, Amity 5

SATURDAY EXHIBITIONS
By United Press International
Pittsburgh (N) 200 000 000—2 3 3
Cincinnati (N) 102 001 000—4 9 0
Umbricht, Olivo (7) and Smith; Hunt, Bridges (1) and Bailey; WP—Hunt, LP—Umbricht, HR—Stuart.

Chicago (A) 100 000 000—1 5 2
Milwaukee (N) 001 000 01X—2 8 1
Newcombs, Scott (3), Moller (8) and Camille; Mathias, Burnside (5), Kautyna (8) and Dutterer; WP—Lemaster, Cloninger, LP—McLish, HR—Logan.

L.A. (N) "B" 003 010 000—7 11 2
Wash ton (A) 401 000 12X—9 12 1
Newcombs, Scott (3), Moller (8) and Camille; Mathias, Burnside (5), Kautyna (8) and Dutterer; WP—Lemaster, Cloninger, LP—McLish, HR—Logan.

Kan. City (A) 010 010 200—4 9 1
Detroit (A) 301 000 001—5 10 1
Daley, Hartman (6), Kucks (8) and Courtney; Pignatano (8); Foytack, Aguirre (8), Fisher (9) and Brown, Roarkie (9); WP—Fisher, LP—Kucks, HR—Stierlin.

St. Louis (N) 100 040 110—6 9 2
New York (A) 102 000 200—5 8 2
Broglie, Fanok (8) and H. Smith, Oliver (7), Turley, Duren (7), James (8) and Blanchard; WP—Fanok, LP—James.

Philadelph. (N) 001 400 100—6 7 2
Minnesota (A) 300 000 020—5 6 2
Buzhardt, Baldschun (7), and Coleman; Stange, Bruckbauer (5), Bonikoski (9) and Henry; WP—Buzhardt, LP—Stange.

Cleveland (A) 000 002 000—2 10 2
Chicago (N) 015 000 01X—7 10 0
Perry, Allen (5), Hamilton (8) and Thomas; Curtis and Barragan, Taylor (4); LP—Perry, HR—Heist, Williams, Boucher.

San Fran. (N) 000 013 030—7 10 2
Boston (A) 300 000 010—4 9 2
Loes, Duffalo (8) and Landrith; DeLoek, Koltad (8), Wood (9) and Paolaroni; WP—Loes, LP—Koltad, HR—McCovey.

southpaw relief pitchers in the business.

Teaming with right hander Jim Brosnan (7-2) he could give the Reds one of the best bullpens in the business.

Marshall Bridges, 6-2 with the Cards and Reds last year, also will be in the bullpen.

Howie Nunn, 12-6 with Rochester and Jersey City last season, may also make the relief corps.

Five hurlers are battling for the other spots. They include Claude Osteen, 0-1 with the Reds last year; Ken Hunt, a hard-throwing right hander who was 16-6 with Columbia; Jim Maloney, 2-6 with the Reds and 14-5 with Nashville; Ray Ripplemeyer, 16-13 at Seattle, and Dave Stenhouse, 13-12 at Seattle.



ROBBIE FREY
In Exhibition Here

Exhibition Slated by Robbie Frey

Robbie Frey, kegling star from Texas and Brunswick staff member, will vie against six local women Tuesday, March 28, when she appears in exhibition at Medford Bowling lanes.

The appearances are set for 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Robbie will roll games against Vera Cummins, Gerlie Blind and Helene Culy in the afternoon and Shirley Daigle, Karen Smith and Liz Hale in the evening.

These six paced a local tourney to win the right to meet the Texan who is one of the biggest stars in the game today. Scores in this competition were 553 for Vera, 523 for Karen, 517 for Shirley, 505 for Helene, 501 for Gerlie and 497 for Liz.

Hatful of Honors
Brunswick publicity releases point out that Robbie Frey, although she stands just 5-4, is a tall Texan so far as the bowling world is concerned. She is owner of "a 10-gallon hatful" of tournament honors.

She is a three-time champ of both the Texas state and Houston all-events tournaments. Also, she has three victories in the Texas Match Game tournament and twice in the San Antonio all-events.

In 1960 she finished third in the BPAA national doubles. Along the way to her fine showings, Robbie has acquired several honors. Teaming with Jerry Price, she rolled the second highest 3-game doubles series (1377) in the world.

The Brunswick star also won the qualifications of the 1955 All-Star tournament, making the finals that year and again in 1960.

She has bowled a high game of 279 and high series of 752. During her appearance Miss Frey will give free instruction. She is one of the more than 100 big leaguers who promote bowling with nationwide appearances.

Willie Stays In Lineup For Giants

Scottsdale, Ariz. — (UPI) — Manager Alvin Dark said Saturday that he considers Willie McCovey a fine fielding first baseman and said he would not pull him out of games for defensive purposes.

"I like everything about him out there," the manager said, "and that includes his attitude."

Many Giant fans blamed McCovey's disastrous 1960 campaign for the Giants skid to fifth place. But McCovey has had a big spring and Dark indicated Saturday he will go with him all the way this year.

Score Six
Friday, the Giants scored six runs in the eighth inning and edged the pesky Chicago Cubs, 13-12, at Mesa.

On the gloomy side of the ledger, front-line hurlers Jack Sanford and Billy O'Dell were battered. Neither has looked sharp this spring.

O'Dell gave up five hits and five runs in two innings and still got credit for the win.

On the plus side, however, was another big showing by the Giant power brigade.

PASERO REELECTED
Kansas City—UPI — George Pasero, sports editor of the Oregon Journal, was reelected as a director of the National Basketball Writers association at the group's fifth annual spring meeting here Friday.

Jim Sutherland To Head Clinic

Portland — Jim Sutherland, head football coach at Washington State university, will headline Portland State college's third annual Football Coaching clinic on Saturday, April 15.

In addition to Sutherland, clinic director Hugh Smithwick, head grid boss at Portland State has also lined up Phil Sarboe, head football coach at Humboldt State college, and Marv Hiebert, head coach of David Douglas High school, to serve as guest lecturers at the clinic.

Sutherland, regarded as one of the nation's leading exponents of the forward pass, will discuss the T-formation at two separate sessions. The Cougar grid mentor is slated to speak at 9 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Sarboe, named coach of the year by the NAIA this past season, guided Humboldt State to the finals of the national small college championships before losing to Lenoir Rhyne by a single point in the Holi day Bowl.

Hiebert, State mentor, who has compiled a ten-year record of 67 wins, 25 losses, and three ties, will lecture on the Fly-T formation. Sarboe will speak at 10:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

Hiebert coached David Douglas to the Oregon A-1 high school grid championship last fall, disposing of highly-touted Medford along the way. The Douglas coach will pass along the organizational tips that paved the way to success for his club last fall when he discusses "Planning for the Season Based Upon Personnel" at 1 p.m.

Have Glove, Will Travel, Sez Player

By JOE ST. AMANT
Palm Springs, Calif. — (UPI) — "Have glove, will travel" is the story of the baseball career of Everett Lamar Bridges, who after 13 years in organized baseball finds himself in the dubious security of a utility outfielder with the new Los Angeles Angels.

The fancy handle bestowed on Bridges some 33 years ago in his birthplace of Refugio, Tex., has long since been dropped by the wayside and he's known as Rocky.

The road in baseball has been rocky for him but he got his nickname because he's hard as a rock. He's a stocky 180-pounder, standing 5 feet 8½, and he looks indestructible — but he isn't.

"I was going pretty good with Washington in 1958," Rocky recalled, "when I got my jaw busted. I was hitting about .300 when Frank Lary hit me with a fast ball. I wasn't much good for the rest of the season."

Rocky could form a broken jaw club with two other Angels — manager Bill Rigney and outfielder Bob Cerv, the former New York Yankee and Kansas City slugger. Cerv had his jaw broken by a pitched ball a few years back. Rigney got his in an auto accident two years ago.

Bridges, a colorful character who always has a plug of tobacco in his mouth, on the field and a big stogie jutting from his jaw when he's not playing, is philosophical about his role with the Angels.

"I guess I've been with more ball clubs than any other guy you could name," he said, "Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Washington, Detroit, Cleveland and now the Angels. The old Boston Braves once owned me but it was only on paper and I never played for them."

Cummins Leads Golf Qualifying

Steve Cummins compiled a 36-hole total of 160 strokes Friday and Saturday to lead the Medford High golf team in qualifying play.

Winning the four other places on the squad for Medford's first match of the season were Larry Brown, 163, Craig Miller, 165, Von Bigelow, 166, and Larry Berg, 173.

Berg edged John Hamlin by two strokes for the No. 5 berth as Tornado aspirants battled bad weather.

Others taking part in qualifying play were Stan Dowson, Ray Heysell, Mike Monroe, Pat Dunlevy, Dave Miller and Phil Haupt.

Beavers Blank Tulsa Nine 6-0
Homestead, Fla. — (UPI) — The Portland Beavers defeated Tulsa, 6-0, here Friday for their third exhibition season baseball victory in four starts.

Jim Baxes and Al Herring led the Portland attack with two hits and two runs-batted-in each. Veteran Harry Byrd, who pitched the first three innings, got the win.

Tulsa collected only four hits off four Beaver pitchers.

NIEDER BOUT CANCELED
Santa Monica, Calif. — (UPI) — Bill Nieder, Olympic shotputting champion who covets the world's heavyweight boxing crown, planned Saturday to shop for a new manager. The handsome 26-year-old athlete Friday night blamed his manager, Bertys Perry, for his trouble with the Nevada boxing commission and the Plaza athletic club which had planned to promote a fight April 17 in Reno, Nev., between Nieder and Raynor Becerra, British Columbia heavyweight. The club cancelled the fight Friday night.

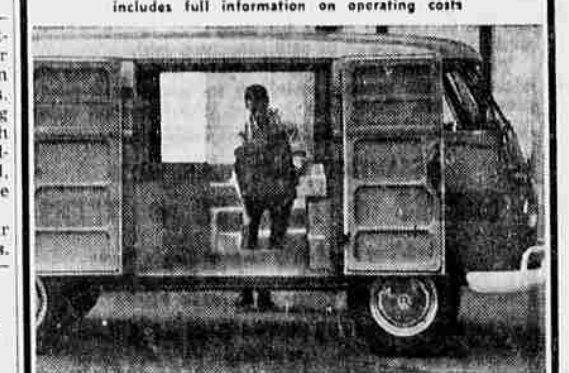
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WEEK ENDING MARCH 25:
Silver salmon — None.
Winter run steelhead — 831.

FULL SEASON:
Silver salmon — 1,851 (includes 513 per cent jack salmon) since Oct. 10.
Winter run steelhead — 7,862 since Nov. 16.

First match will be here on Saturday, April 1, against Marshfield.

Melba, Idaho—UPI — Boise Junior college trimmed Oregon Tech in both games of a baseball doubleheader here Friday. The scores were 9-1 and 1-0.

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