

Giants Nip Red Sox in Cactus Tiff

Phoenix, Ariz. — (AP) — The San Francisco Giants combined the home run hitting of Bob Schmidt and Felipe Alou with the near-flawless pitching of Sam Jones Tuesday to nip the Boston Red Sox, 2-1.

The Giants sought to extend their one-game-win streak today against the Chicago Cubs at nearby Mesa, with right-hander Jack Sanford slated to take the mound.

Jones, making a serious bid for the opening day assignment, displayed a wicked and accurate curve ball in hurling seven scoreless innings. The toothpick man limited the Sox to only three hits, two of them the infield variety, and struck out six with his hanging curve ball.

Schmidt opened the scoring with a solo homer over the left center fence in the second inning and Jones carried the 1-0 lead the rest of the time he was in.

Billy O'Dell took over for Jones in the eighth and set the side down after Cub pitcher Ted Willis greeted him with a single. In the ninth Alou crashed a shot out of the park, also with the sacks empty, to provide the winning margin for the Giants' ninth Cactus league win against eight losses.

In the ninth, however, the Sox broke through O'Dell. Jackie Jensen singled and Frank Malzone rapped a long double between Alou and Willie Mays to send Jensen across.

Then Boston rookie Carl Yastrzemski ripped a long liner which Alou caught up against the fence and Giant manager Alvin Dark yanked O'Dell in favor of rookie Bob Bolin.

Bolin used only six pitches to get the side out.

Mays went hitless in four times at bat to end his 13-game hitting streak.

Washington Called Corned Beef Hash; Made Up of Scraps

(This is the seventh of 18 dispatches on the 1961 prospects of the major league teams).

By MILTON RICHMAN
Pompano Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Enthusiasm goes only so far and so will the new Washington Senators.

General Manager Ed Doherty, by all odds the most optimistic baseball man in Florida, says he's positive the newly put-together Senators won't finish last and even feels they could soar as high as fifth but he is part of a painfully small minority.

As presently constituted, the Washington club is something of a corned beef hash, made up of scraps, left-overs and what not.

Still, the pitching staff could turn out to be stronger than Kansas City's, for example, and most of the outfielders can get up and fly. The infield, however, might be a season-long problem for Manager Mickey Vernon, who also can use a lot more power to go along with veterans Gene Woodling and Dale Long.

"Many of the players on our ball club will be getting a real opportunity for the first time and that can mean a lot," says Doherty, supporting his unbridled enthusiasm.

"This team has been a revelation this spring," he adds. "I know most everyone will pick us to finish ninth or 10th but we're shooting much higher than that."

Vernon, still undecided as to who will play where, is trying to build a pitching staff around such castoffs as Dick Donovan, Pete Burnside, Tom Sturdivant, Johnny Klippstein, Bennie Daniels and Dave Sisler.

Donovan, who was 6-1 with the White Sox last season, is certain to be a regular starter along with Burnside, who won seven games and lost the same number for the Tigers.

Daniels also has a crack at a starting turn. He came in a deal with the Pirates and had a 4-9 record at Columbus last year.

Sturdivant, who was 3-3 with the Red Sox, can start or relieve and the same goes for Klippstein, who was 5-5 with Cleveland.

Sisler, 7-5 with Detroit, will head the bullpen crew which also could include R. D. Hernandez, Hec Maestri, Marty Kutyna and Carl Mathias.

Woodesshick to Slick
Hal Woodesshick, who was 4-5 with the old Washington Senators last year and didn't have to move an inch when he was drafted by the new ones, will stick, but Vernon isn't sure whether he'll use him to start or relieve. John Gabler, former property of the Yankees, and Ray Semproch, who has seen service with the Phillies and Tigers, also are likely to be retained.

Woodling, a .283 hitter with Baltimore last season, will have to be the regular left fielder because of the punch he provides. Gene is 38 and is no gazelle in the outfield but he's the man who will have to drive in the runs.

Rookie Chuck Hinton has been impressive and could wind up remaining with the club, although Vernon seems to be leaning toward Willie Tasby as his center fielder and Marty Keough as his right fielder. Joe Hicks and Jim King are the other outfield candidates.

The infield is the real sore spot on the club. None of the Washington infielders played regularly on a major league club in 1960.

Long, who hit .366 in 26 games with the Yankees, and R. C. Stevens, a .276 hitter at Salt Lake City, are in the battle for first base along with young Bud Zippel, up from Binghamton where he hit .271 but drove in 107 runs.

There's a mad scramble at second base and shortstop and it's anyone's guess as to which players eventually will wind up with the jobs.

Johnny Schaefer, who hit .314 at Charleston, veteran Danny O'Connell and Chester Book, who hit .292 at Shreveport, all can play second, while Vernon can choose from among Coot Veal, Billy Klaus and Jim Mahoney at short. Even Hinton has been tried there this spring, but Veal, who has experience with Detroit and hit .302 at Denver, appears to be the leading candidate.

The Senators are hoping Harry Bright will make it at third. Obtained from Pittsburgh, Bright, 31, hit .313 for Salt Lake City last year, driving in 119 runs and hitting 27 homers. Bob Johnson, a .205 hitter with Kansas City last season, and Klaus, who hit .209 with Baltimore, also can play third.

Pete Daley, Dutch Dotterer and Gene Green are the three catchers on the roster. Daley has the most big league experience of the three and comes from Kansas City where he hit .263 in 73 games last season. Dotterer hit .228 with Cincinnati and .321 with Jersey City, while Green compiled a .274 mark with Miami. Green is the only long-ball hitter in the group.

When the new Washington club came into being last December, the general guessing was that it wouldn't win more than 40 games this year. That sounds a little low. Doherty's talk of fifth place, on the other hand, sounds much too high.

The White Sox defeated the Dodgers Tuesday at Sarasota, 3-1, ending Los Angeles' seven-game victory string in a tight pitching battle.

Spectators at Payne Park were treated to a fine game in which three young Dodger pitchers limited Chicago to seven hits. Jim Golden allowed two hits and three walks in four innings. Lefty whiz Ron Perranoski gave up the same—but no runs—in two innings and Arizonan Phil Ortega worked two frames, giving up three hits and a single walk.

Roy Slevers knocked in two of the Chisox runs with a dribbler and a broken bat single. Top hitters for the Dodgers were Jim Gilliam and Bobby Lillis, with two apiece. Gilliam knocked in the club's lone run in the seventh.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



MOST VALUABLE MEET—The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates of the National league and the New York Yankees of the American league met for the first time yesterday since the 1960 world series. Pittsburgh won the exhibition game at Fort Myers, Fla., 9-2. Showing their big bats, above, are Roger Marris, left, of the Yankees, and Dick Groat of the Pirates, most valuable players of their respective circuits. —(UPI Telephoto)

Pittsburgh Pirates Bounce NY Yankees

By TIM MORIARTY
United Press International
Even in spring exhibition games, the Pittsburgh Pirates show no respect for the New York Yankees.

The 1960 World Series rivals met for the first time this spring at Ft. Myers, Fla., Tuesday—and the result was the same. The Pirates, with Bob Clemente and Dick Stuart hitting home runs pranced to an easy 9-2 victory.

Art Ditmar started for the Yankees against Bob Friend. They each lost two games in the series last fall. However, Friend enjoyed much better luck this time as he scattered eight hits to become the first Pittsburgh hurler to go nine innings this spring. He struck out seven.

The Pirates, meanwhile, clouted Ditmar for eight runs on as many hits in less than six innings. It was the Yankees' 13th defeat in 18 tune-ups, which is just the opposite of the Bucs' spring record, 13-5.

Ralph Houk, the Yankees' new manager, claims he's not worried—yet—about the club's poor form but some old-timers can't remember a Yankee team that looked so futile in spring training.

While the Yankees are having their troubles, the Detroit Tigers are bowling over their exhibition rivals with surprising regularity.

Don Mossi, making a strong comeback after missing the final six weeks of the 1960 season with a sore elbow, raised his springtime record to 4-0 as the Tigers downed the Cincinnati Reds, 7-5, Tuesday. Mossi scattered seven hits over the first seven innings.

The San Francisco Giants edged the Boston Red Sox, 2-1; the Chicago White Sox snapped the Los Angeles Dodgers' seven-game winning streak, 3-1; the Baltimore Orioles outlasted the Kansas City Athletics, 8-7, in 11 innings; Harmon Killebrew's two run homer in the ninth inning gave the Minnesota Twins a 3-2 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies, and the St. Louis Cardinals nipped the Milwaukee Braves, 1-0, in other games.

LINEUP:
Milwaukee — 000 000 000—0 4 2
St. Louis — 000 010 00x—1 5 0
Wiley, McMahon (6) and Lau, Roof (6), Kay, Crotte (4), McDermott (7) and Smith. Winner—Crotte. Loser—Wiley.

New York — 000 000 110—2 8 2
Pittsburgh — 010 313 10x—9 9 1
Ditmar, Duren (6), Wiesand (5) and Howard Friend and Smith. Loser—Ditmar. HR—Clemente, Stuart, Marris.

Minnesota — 001 000 002—3 6 3
Philadelphia — 100 000 010—2 7 1
Pascual, Stobbs (7) and Batten, Sullivan, Buzhardt (8) and Coleman. Winner—Stobbs. Loser—Buzhardt. HR—Killebrew.

Cincinnati — 001 001 201—5 10 0
Detroit — 200 210 11x—7 8 1
Dibble, Nunn (7) and Edwards, Mossi, Donohue (8) and Chitt. Winner—Mossi. Loser—Dibble. HR—Kasko, Chitt, Colavito, Post, Borsa.

Los Ang. (N) — 000 000 100—1 8 1
Chicago (A) — 101 000 10x—3 7 0
Golden, Perranoski (5), Ortega (7) and N. Sherry, Pierce, Kempter (7) and Roselli. Winner—Pierce. Loser—Golden.

Washington — 001 020 011—5 9 1
Cin. B. — 010 010 100—3 14 1
Sturdivant, Woodesshick (7), and Daley. Maloney—Bridges (3) and Bailey. Winner—Woodesshick. Loser—Bridges. HR—Cook, Daley. (11 Innings)

Kan. City 003 201 010 00—7 13 3
Baltimore 001 300 201 01—8 18 3
Bass, Wickersham (6), Larsen (6), Baker (10) and Sullivan. Pignatano (4), Medford, Hoelt (9), Miller (10) and Triandis. Zippo (9). Winner—Miller. Loser—Baker. HR—Pignatano 2.

Boston — 000 000 001—1 6 0
San Fran. — 010 000 01x—2 6 0
Nichols, Wilks (7) and Paglarou, Sam Jones, O'Dell (5), Bolin (9) and Schmidt. HR—Schmidt. F. Alou.

Knowledge Of Pitchers Aids Larker

Vero Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Norm Larker, whose .323 batting average last year was only two points shy of Dick Groat's league-leading mark, attributes his yearly advance with the Dodgers to a study of pitchers.

"I have a pretty good idea of what they will throw when they're in a jam," says Larker. "Let's say that I'm batting against the Braves' Lew Burdette. He knows that I'm

a pretty good high ball hitter, so chances are that he will throw me a low pitch, a sinker.

"Only I don't call it a sinker. I say he's throwing a spitter when he's in trouble. Low and inside pitches are the toughest for me to hit. I can't swing hard and don't get the leverage. All I can do is try to meet the ball and maybe punch it to the opposite field."

Friend, Law Bother
Bob Friend and Vern Law, the Pirates' aces, are other low ball pitchers who bother Larker.

"Friend has a real good sinker, but the guy who gives me the most trouble is Law. He mixes 'em up pretty good and always makes a good pitch on you."

Larker, who never has hit under .275 and five times hit over .300 in Double-A and Triple-A minor leagues, enters his fourth season as a Dodger with a .301 lifetime major league average. He hit .277 in his rookie year, .289 in 1959 and .323 last year when he was named the most valuable Dodger.

Although he led the league most of last year and lost the batting title to Groat only in the final week, Larker does not expect to challenge again.

"I was mighty lucky last year," he said. "With a little break here and there I'll get my share of hits again. But I don't expect to lead the league."

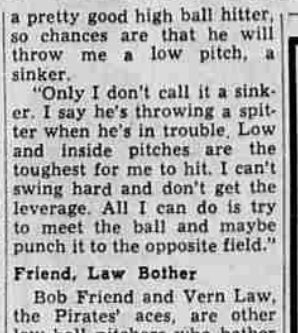
Red Rocha To Speak At Dinner
Red Rocha, assistant varsity basketball coach at Oregon State University, will be one of two speakers this evening for the banquet honoring the Medford high school basketball team.

The dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. at Rogue Valley Country club.

Other speakers will be Steve Belko, head hoop coach at University of Oregon.

The Black Tornado basketball club was runnerup for the Oregon Class A-1 prep championship. T. W. Dicks, Bob Quinney and Dick Hagsdale, made the A-1 tournament all-state team.

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SF Giant Fans Lack Flag Fever

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco — (UPI) — The pennant fever that gripped the San Francisco area a year ago at this time is strangely lacking this spring as Giants fans look ahead to the opening of the season April 11.

It's all a matter of "wait and see" this time.

When the 1960 campaign opened, manager Bill Rigney and his crew of wreckers had been installed as the choice to win the National league pennant.

The addition of Don Blasingame to play second base and pitchers Billy Loes and Billy O'Dell to pep up the mound staff was supposed to make the club invincible.

But two months later Rigney was fired as manager of the club when it was four games out of first place—and the disension-torn team was destined to wind up in fifth place.

Different

This time it's different. If Leo Durocher or some other experienced man had been named to the helm, the same old fever may have been prevalent.

Now the fans are waiting: —To see if Alvin Dark is a big league manager. —To find out if Harvey Kuenn can hit National league pitching as well as he did American league hurling. —To make sure that the sensational spring hitting of Willie McCovey (he's hitting above the 400 mark) will signal the return to form that won him the "Rookie of the Year" award in 1959. Last year he would have won a "Flop of the Year" prize for a .238 average. —To see if some of the rookie catchers, mainly John Orsino and Tom Haller, are good enough to help out with the backstopping chores. —If Blasingame will come through this year in better form—or, if he doesn't, if rookie Charley Hiller can step in and take his place.

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