

# NY Yankee Manager Houk Says He's Not Worried About Club

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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — The New York Yankees got hurt the most in the American league expansion draft but they still have enough left to lead their new manager, Ralph Houk, to believe they will win their 12th pennant in the last 15 years.

Most baseball experts agree, although they think there is a chance the Yankees may be short in pitching. Houk, taking over the reins from Casey Stengel, who won 10 of those pennants, isn't concerned about the pitching.

He points out it was good enough to win the pennant last year and lead the league in earned run average. He thinks he has the material to replace three hurlers lost in the draft — Duke Mearns, Bobby Shantz and El Grub.

"I'm not worried about our pitching," said Houk confidently. "As a matter of fact I'm not worried about anything even though we haven't set the world on fire in our exhibition games. We'll get straightened out before long."

In rookie Roland Sheldon, who won 15 games while losing only one at Auburn last year, Bill Stafford, who won three and lost one after the Yankees recalled him from Richmond, and Danny McDevitt, purchased from the Los Angeles Dodgers, Houk believes he has three pitchers

who will make up for the draft loss.  
He is especially high on Sheldon, although few players make the jump from Class D to the majors.

The Yankee starters will be Whitey Ford (12-0), Bob Turley (9-3), Art Ditmar (15-9), Ralph Terry (10-8) and Stafford. Jim Coates (13-3) can be used as a starter or in relief.

With Luis Arroyo out with a broken arm, McDevitt will be the bullpen southpaw No. 1 man. Houk still is toying with the idea of making a starter out of Ryne Duren (3-4), but the chances are he will be in his usual fireman's role.

To round out the staff Houk can select from Sheldon, Bill Short (3-5) and John James (5-1).

The replace the bench which they lost in the draft, Houk is counting on Deron Johnson, who hit only .245 at Richmond in 1960 but rapped out 27 homers with 92 runs batted in, Leroy Thomas, up from Amarillo where he hit .390, and possibly Jesse Gonder.

Johnson can play third, first or the outfield. Thomas is an outfielder and Gonder a catcher.

Indfield Set  
The infield is set with slugging Bill Skowron at first, little Bobby Richardson at second, Tony Kubek at short and Clete Boyer at third.

Skowron is the big run of the quartet. He batted .309 last season with 26 homers and 91 RBIs. Richardson hit only .252 but was a World Series hitting star. Kubek batted .273 and Boyer, one of the finest glove men in the league, .242.

Joe DeMaestri and Johnson will be the utility infielders. Mickey Mantle, who hit 40 homers and drove in 94 runs, and Roger Maris, who had 39 homers and 132 RBIs last year, will be in center and right field respectively. Mantle's average was only .276 but he still is one of the most feared sluggers in the game. Maris hit .289.

Hector Lopez and Yogi Berra probably will share the left field spot. Lopez (.284) probably will play when the Yankees face southpaw pitching; Berra (.276) when a right-hander goes against the Yankees.

Have Good Catchers  
Berra may not see too much action behind the plate. Elston Howard (.245), who also can play left field, probably will do most of the catching with John Blanchard (.242), the No. 1 understudy. Blanchard appeared to come into his own during the World Series when the Yankees lost to the Pirates.

Gonder, who hit .327 at Richmond last season, has looked so good that Houk may keep him. Whether he stays or not, the Yankees will have the best catching in the league.

Other clubs have been knocking on the Yankee door for catchers and it may be the Yankees will deal either Blanchard or Gonder if Houk feels he needs another starting pitcher. It's no secret the Yankees would like Ray Herbert of Kansas City, but so would a lot of other clubs.

No team in the league appears capable of matching the Yankee power. It also is a good defensive unit with speed.

Little wonder that Houk and the odds makers feel the Yankees will win it again.



DUST BOWL—Home plate became a dust bowl when Zorro Versailles of the Minnesota Twins tried to score from first base against the New York Yankees Saturday in St. Petersburg. Versailles made his bid after

## SATURDAY RESULTS

### Cardinals Edge Pirates 4-3

Homestead, Fla. — (UPI) — Al Ciochetti and Mickey McDermott, American league castoffs, pitched four-hit ball Saturday as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-3, at the Redbirds' minor league base.

Bill White walloped a two-run homer off Elroy Face in the first inning to pace St. Louis to a 3-0 lead and a nine-hit attack twice.

Ciochetti, bidding for a starting assignment, held the Pirates on one hit until the seventh when he fired. With the score 4-2, none out and runners on first and third, McDermott took over, fanned Dick Schofield and got Smokey Burgess to hit into a double play.

Mesa, Ariz. — (UPI) — Brilliant relief pitching by Lefty Tom Borland gave the Boston Red

Sox a 9 to 8 victory over the Chicago Cubs. For good measure he also drove home the winning run with a double.

Borland came to the relief of starter Ike Delock with one out in the sixth inning. After yielding a run-producing single to Richie Ashburn, first man to face him, he didn't allow another hit. He struck out five and walked only one.

Bradenton — (UPI) — Bob Buhl became the first major league pitcher to go the distance twice in spring training as the Milwaukee Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-3.

Buhl, who also pitched nine innings against the Washington Senators last Sunday, allowed eight hits. The Braves collected 11 hits off John Buzhardt, Ken Lehman and Jack Baldschun, including a home run by Lee Maye.

West Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — The Kansas City Athletics hammered Frank Lary and rookie Joe Grznda for 13 hits, including a tape measure homer by Andy Carey, and beat the Detroit Tigers, 11-2.

Rookie outfielder Jay Hankins had three hits for the A's, including a double. Leo Posada had a pair of hits and Haywood Sullivan doubled and singled and drove in two runs. Ken Johnson, Bill Kunkel and Ed Rakow pitched for Kansas City, holding the Tigers to seven hits.

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — Pedro Ramos and Jim Kaat combined to hand the New York Yankees their first shutout of the spring in pitching the Minnesota Twins to a 4-0 victory at Al Lang field.

It was the 15th defeat in 22 exhibition games for the defending American league champs. Ramos, working the first seven innings, held the Yankees to five singles. Kaat allowed one more in the final two frames. The victory gave the Twins a sweep of the two-game spring series.

Tampa, Fla. — (UPI) — Consecutive home runs by Vada Pinson and Frank Robinson off rookie righthander Bill Ortega in the eighth inning gave the Cincinnati Reds a 6-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It was the second homer of the day for Robinson, who slammed one off Johnny Podres in the first inning. Podres, the first of four Dodger hurlers, was struck on the left wrist by a Pinson smash and left after the first inning.

### DeWitt Given Charge of Reds

Cincinnati, Ohio — (UPI) — Bill DeWitt, who has been banging around major league front offices since the old St. Louis Browns folded, has been given complete charge of the Cincinnati Reds.

DeWitt, the chief executive officer of the Reds as vice president and general manager, was given full control of the club's operations following a meeting Thursday of the board of trustees of the Crosley foundation, principal stockholder of the National league baseball team.

Mrs. Stanley Kess, Crosley's daughter, was named president of the Crosley Foundation, which plans to turn all profits of the baseball operation over to charitable, educational and scientific endeavors.

### TAKE PR JOB

Raynham, Mass. — (UPI) — Former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano will do public relations work for the Raynham dog track during its 56-night meeting which opens April 18, it was announced today by General Manager Russ Murray.

# Al Lopez Confident Chisox Will Annex American Loop Flag

By LEO H. PETERSEN

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Sarasota, Fla. — (UPI) — The Chicago White Sox finished third last year and manager Al Lopez is sure they are going to make up for it by winning the 1961 American league pennant.

He bases his confidence on his claim that he has the best pitching in the league and points out that last season the White Sox led the league in both hitting and fielding.

Lopez won't find many who will agree with him on his pitching claim or that he has the batting power of the favorite New York Yankees. And if the White Sox hold a defensive edge over the Baltimore Orioles, who finished a notch ahead of them last year, it is a slender one.

But Lopez says he isn't worried about anything—not even the fact that some of his key performers are nearing the end of the baseball road.

"We'll win it," he predicted, pointing out that the third place finish of 1960 was the lowest in his 14 years as a manager, 11 in the majors. "I didn't like it and neither did the players."

"We decided we needed more pitching so we went out and got it by sacrificing some hitting power, but not defense."

The new hurlers are Juan Pizarro, 6-7 with Milwaukee last year, and Cal McLish, who won only four while losing 14 with Cincinnati after winning 19 games for Cleveland in 1959.

"I'm sure they will give our pitching the lift it needs," Lopez said, adding that when McLish was in the American league he made a habit out of beating the top teams, especially the Yankees.

To get McLish the White Sox gave up among others, third baseman Gene Freese, a good hitter but no standout in the field.

Lopez is counting on McLish and Pizarro, although both have been pounded pretty hard in exhibition games, as regular starters along with the 41-year-old Early Wynn (13-12), Billy Pierce (14-7), Bob Shaw (13-13), Herb Score (5-10), Frank Baumann (13-6) and Russ Kemmerer (6-3).

Staley, Lown Relieve  
That leaves 40-year-old Gerry Staley and 38-year-old Turk Lown for relief.

Three rookies have an outside chance of making the hurling staff. They are Alan Brice, 10-7 at Lincoln; Winston Brown, 12-14 with Sacramento and Ed Crapcho, 6-2 at Mobile.

There is age—perhaps too much—in catching, the infield and outfield.

Sherman Lollar, injured a good deal of the last season, slumped to a .252 average last season, batting in only 46 runs. The White Sox need the big bat of the 35-year-old Lollar if they are going to win the flag. Behind him they have only the well-traveled Joe Ginsberg and two rookies who may not be ready for the big time, Camilly Carreon and Bob Roselli.

Roy Sievers and his big bat will be at first. He hit 28 homers and batted in 93 runs last season but is going on 35.

The White Sox have no problem around second base and shortstop with scrappy Nellie Fox and speedy Luis Aparicio holding down those spots. Lopez is counting on rookie Joe Martin, up from San Diego where he hit .285, to take over for Freese at third base. He is a better glove man than Freese but it remains to be seen if he can hit major league pitching.

If he can't, the White Sox may be hurting at third for Billy Goodman, 34, and subject to injuries and ailments, and rookie Tony Roig, a .278 hitter at Spokane, are the only other candidates al-

# Rogue Relay Meet Here

Senior high track and field for the 1961 season in Medford will be inaugurated next Saturday, April 8 when Medford high and the Kiwanis club will be hosts for the annual Rogue Valley relays.

At the same time the Little Rogue relays will be staged at Phoenix.

Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Crater and Ashland will join Medford in the Big Rogues. They have taken part over the years.

Phoenix will be host to A-2 schools and Class B St. Mary's in a meet newer than the Medford one but building up a tradition of its own.

The meets serve as a warm-up for the Hayward relays the following week end in Eugene.

## PARADE PICKS JARVIS

Portland — (UPI) — Jim Jarvis of Roseburg has been named to Parade magazine's fifth annual all-star high school basketball team. The 6-foot guard completed his prep hoop career this winter.

# Cambridge Oarsmen Tackle Oxford

London — (UPI) — Former Harvard captain Mark Hoffman of Oxford, Mass., stroked underdog Cambridge to a 4 1/4 length victory over Oxford university in the 107th renewal of their traditional crew race Saturday, timing his move just as an Oxford oarsman collapsed from exhaustion. Oxford, the heavier of the two crews, started the race as a 2 to 5 favorite before a crowd estimated at 250,000. But its hopes for a third straight win in the series were wiped out when No. 6 rower Graham Cooper folded about a mile from the finish line.

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# Pinch Hit Proposition Rejected

Tampa, Fla. — (UPI) — It's definite today that baseball is still a game with nine players and one manager to a side.

The rules committee eliminated confusion on the score Friday night when it rejected a proposal that would have turned the game into a 10-player affair and also specified that the official game manager must be identified at least 30 minutes before it's time to play.

The first decision rejected a proposal proposed by the Pacific Coast league while the second was aimed at the Chicago Cubs' experiment of operating with eight coaches instead of a formally-designated manager.

PCL President Dewey Soriano sponsored the proposal whereby pitchers in his league might remain in the game after pinch hitters batted for them. In effect, this would have turned baseball into a 10-player game, since PCL managers presumably would have pinch hit for the pitcher's turn at bat.

# San Jose Ace Runs Hundred in 9.3

Stanford, Calif. — (UPI) — Dennis Johnson, speed-burning sprinter from Jamaica running for San Jose State, equaled the world record for the 100-yard dash at 9.3 and ran the 220 in 20.9 in a triangular meet yesterday.

The 21-year-old junior from Kingston, beat Doug Smith of Occidental by a tenth of a second in a fine finish in the 100 and barely edged Steve Elias and teammate Willie Williams as he captured the 220.

San Jose State won the meet with 63 points to 59 1/3 for Occidental and 39 2/3 for Stanford.

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Williams Heaps Praise On Red Sox 'Phenom'

By JOE SARGIS

United Press International  
Praise from the "king" is praise indeed, especially if you're a 21-year-old rookie and the guy handing out the accolades is Ted Williams.

Williams, one of the all-time major league baseball super stars never has been one to either praise or ridicule a player. He often has helped others with friendly batting tips but generally has kept his feelings about them to himself.

However, the Splendid Splinter of Red Sox fame, has found it almost impossible to disguise his feelings about young Carl Yastrzemski, the kid outfielder who will be patrolling Ted's old left field post when the American league season opens in 10 days.

Predicts Bright Future  
Williams, a special batting instructor for the Red Sox since he called it a career last fall after 19 seasons, has spent a good deal of his six weeks in the Boston spring training camp at Scottsdale, Ariz., working with Yastrzemski, and as a parting salute today, he flatly predicted Carl will

hit .320 in his first major league season.

There is no question that Yastrzemski is this spring's "phenom," the 24-carat, can't miss hotshot that pops up every spring to the delight, fancy or imagination of baseball writers.

However, unlike the Clint Hartungs, Paul Pettits, Dick Wakefields and Frank Houses of other springs, Yastrzemski comes with excellent credentials.

In 1959, his first season in organized baseball, the native Bridgehampton, N.Y., hit .377 with Raleigh of the Carolina league after picking up \$100,000 in bonus money from the Red Sox. Last year, with Minneapolis of the Triple A American Association, Carl hit .339, losing out for the batting title in the last few days of the season.

### SWIM CHAMPION

San Francisco — (UPI) — Little Papale Georgiann, representing Oakland, Calif., Athens Athletic club, won the individual title in the National Synchronized Swimming championships here Friday.

# 92 Await Start of Masters Thursday

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Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — The largest field ever paced by defending champion Arnold Palmer, PGA king Jay Hebert and nearly all of the other top names in the world of golf, is entered for the 1961 Masters tournament which gets under way here Thursday.

Ninety-two of the world's finest professional and amateur golfers will tee off in the 25th renewal of what has become one of the greatest tournaments in the golfing world. Tournament officials, figuring the prestige is more important than the money, won't even try to estimate the purse but last year Arnold pocketed \$17,500 for his winning 4-under-par 282 for the four-day, 72-hole tournament.

A total of 98 golfers received invitations to the tournament. But five of these, including the famed Bobby Jones who sired the Masters, no longer compete. The veteran Paul Runyan cut the field further by his refusal to play in protest against the fact that the field will be cut to the low 40 scorers and ties after 36 holes. And Art Wall, the 1959 Masters champion,

is being forced to miss out again, for the second straight year, because of an injury.

Pulled Muscle  
A knee infection prevented Wall from defending his title last year. This time a pulled muscle under a rib has forced him to the sidelines.

Palmer, who swept nearly every golf honor in sight in 1959, is a heavy favorite to defend his title and win a third Masters' championship. However, the powerful Pennsylvanian will have to overcome a Masters' jinx — nobody has even won two Masters back-to-back.

South Africa's Gary Player is being boomed as a serious contender for the 1961 title. Player finished seven strokes back in a tie for sixth place last year but is the leading money winner on the 1961 tour. If Player should win, he would become the first foreigner to do so in the 27-year history of the Masters.

Hebert, who ruined Pal-

mer's chances for a "grand slam" last year by taking the PGA, gets an early chance to pit his skill against Palmer.

The two meet Sunday in Atlanta when they pair off with national amateur champion Deane Beman and amateur Gene Dahlbender in an 18-hole exhibition for multiple sclerosis.

Then Palmer, Hebert and the other Masters' entries will pour in here Monday for three days of practice rounds. A special par-three event will be held Wednesday. It was won last year by veteran Sam Snead who will be back again this year shooting for an unprecedented fourth Masters' title. Snead, now 48, and Jimmy Demaret, who has passed

50, are the only three-time winners.

All of last year's leaders will be on hand, including Ken Venturi who held a one stroke lead over Palmer after 70 holes only to have Palmer turn in a pair of sensational birdies to storm back into the lead he held at the close of each day's round.

Unless there is a lot of sunshine and a lot of wind the next few days, the 6,880-yard Augusta National Golf course will play very slow and scores should be higher than usual. There has been a lot of rain here the past week and the lush fairways allow very little roll at the present time.

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