

Celts Drub SL Hawks In Opener

Boston—(UPI)—The defending Boston Celtics are pegging Wednesday night's game here as the crucial one in their National Basketball association championship playoff series with the St. Louis Hawks.

Veterans Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman agree that if the Celtics can win their second straight before the action switches to St. Louis the series won't go the full seven games.

Boston humiliated the Hawks, 129-95, in the opener here Sunday afternoon, handing St. Louis its worst playoff defeat in history.

"If we win here Wednesday night we'll take the series in five games," said Cousy. "And if we lose it'll go seven."

Sharman edged just a bit from Cousy's confident but not cocky prediction.

"If we can win the second one it won't go the full distance," he said. "It will be under seven games."

Lesser Known Golfer Could Take Masters

Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — The 25th Masters tournament starting Thursday will have its usual list of favorites, including Arnold Palmer and Gary Player, but there was a widespread feeling today that a lesser known golfer may win it this time.

Bill Collins and Bob Goalby, among the pros, and U.S. Amateur champion Jack Nicklaus are mentioned prominently as good bets to break the dominance which established touring professionals have had on the championship.

A dark horse hasn't won it since Claude Harmon in 1948.

While no one in a field as select as the Masters can properly be classed as a dark horse, there are some who rate well above the others. Palmer, the defending champion and two-time winner of the title, will be the favorite with Player, the little South African who is the leading money winner on the PGA tour this year, a close second choice.

Baltimore Orioles Need More Power From Outfielders

(This is another in a series on the 1961 prospects of the major league teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN
UPI Sports Editor

Miami, Fla.—(UPI)—Manager Paul Richards insists his Baltimore Orioles have the best pitching in the American league and there are few who will disagree with him.

However, Richards admits it may not be enough to win

the pennant unless his outfielders hit with more power than last year when they finished second, eight games behind the Yankees.

"Give me one power hitting outfielder and I'd have a great club. Too good for the other clubs in the league," observed Richards. "But until I come up with one, I'll only say we have a good shot at the pennant."

Richards also is aware of the sophomore jinx. It could hit such key performers as pitchers Steve Barber and Chuck Estrada and infielders Jim Gentile, Ron Hansen and Mary Breeding.

Pitchers Work Hard

That's why he has been working the players hard this spring, concentrating on running. Richards believes that the hard work may keep them from thinking about the second year jinx and also will get them into shape so they will not run out of gas as they did in the final two weeks of last season. They went into Yankee Stadium for a four-game series on Sept. 15, trailing New York only one percentage point, and lost all four games. That finished them for the year.

So strong and deep is Richards in pitching that he probably will send out the most impressive hurler in his exhibition games thus far to another year for seasoning in the minors.

He's John Papa, only 21, who won seven while losing six last year at Fox Cities, in his first season in organized baseball.

"If we faced the same situation this spring that we did last, Papa would stay with the club," explained Richards. "But we have so many pitchers now that I don't want to push him too fast so he'll probably spend 1961 in the minors."

Eight Can Start

Actually Richards has eight possible starters. In addition to Barber (10-7) and Estrada (18-11), they are Milt Pappas (14-11), Jack Fisher (12-11), Jerry Walker (3-4), Wes Stock (2-2), Skinny Brown (12-5) and Hoyt Wilhelm (11-8). All except Brown, one of the best control pitchers in the league, and Wilhelm, the knuckleball expert, are youngsters.

Richards thinks that Stock could develop into the ace of the staff and that Walker, apparently recovered from an allergy ailment, also could develop into a big winner.

With such a starting array Richards is not worried about his bullpen but southpaw Billy Hoelt (2-1) and right-hander Gordon Jones (1-1) will be around to help out.

The Orioles could hurt in the catching department if their No. 1 receiver, Gus Triandos, should bog down as he did last season. For Hank Folles, the No. 2 man, will be out until around May 1 with a broken finger and the two rookie receivers on the roster, Dave Maserelli and Frank Zupo, do not appear ready for the majors.

The infield is a strong one, both defensively and offensively. Gentle, who hit .292 with 21 home runs and 98 runs batted in, will be at first, Greeding at second, Hansen at short and Brooks Robinson, one of the best in baseball, at third.

Hansen was the American league rookie of the year, hitting .255 with 22 homers and 86 RBIs. Robinson's average was .294 with 14 homers and 88 RBIs while Breeding hit .267 with three homers and 43 RBIs.

May Carry Load

It represents a lot of power. Richards thinks it may be enough to carry the outfielders if necessary.

Jackie Brandt, 254 will be in center, Whitey Herzog, 266 in left and either Gene Stephens, 238 or Russ Snyder, 260 in right. Herzog and Snyder were obtained from the Kansas City Athletics in Richard's attempt to add outfield hitting strength. The way Snyder has been hitting this spring Richards says it "will take a good man to beat him out of a regular job."

For infield spares there are big Walt Dropo, rookie Jerry Adair, who hit .266 at Miami, and possibly Ron Samford, the Detroit Tiger infielder, who hit .254 at Miami last season. Samford is not on the Orioles roster but has been impressive.

Chuck Esselgian, who has been hitting well, will be one of the utility outfielders, along with the veteran Dave Philley, who also can play first base.

Earl Robinson, the rookie purchased from the Los Angeles Dodgers who hit .275 at Spokane last year, also may be kept.

If Richards can find some of the Orioles, with their great hitting from those outfielders, pitching, will be as tough as they come.

Red Raiders Blast COS Nine 12-2

Ashland — Southern Oregon college baseballers Saturday put together good pitching, good hitting and good fielding to lace College of the Siskiyous 12 to 2 at Weed, Calif., in a non-league fray.

It was the first win of the season for the Red Raiders. The Weed team on Friday had spoiled the SOC debut at Ashland 10 to 8.

On Tuesday the Raiders go to Redding, Calif., for two games with Shasta Junior college.

Dave Hughes with four hits in six times up and Joe Funderburg, Jess Munyon and Kerm McElmore with three hits each headed the SOC offense Saturday. Six runs were scored in the opening frame with McElmore socking a two-run double.

On defense the Raiders choked COS rally tries with three double plays. Marty Vogler pitched six innings for the Ashland school, allowing six hits and five walks and fanning four. Earle Tichenor went the last three innings. He gave up one safety, whiffed three and walked not a one.

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Ducks Take Eight Firsts In Keeping Relay Title

Pullman — (UPI)—Oregon continued domination of the Far West relays Saturday by winning its fourth straight team title.

The Ducks outscored their nearest rival, Oregon State, by 32 points in racking up 75 points.

Oregon State had 43 2/3. Third place went to Washington with 32, Washington State was fourth with 23 1/3 and Idaho last with 14.

Harry Jerome, Oregon's Canadian dashman, won the 100-yard dash in a top time of 9.4 seconds. The mark was 2 under the meet record but the wind, measured at 16.04 miles per hour, disallowed the effort.

Two Oregon relay teams and one from Oregon State toured the track in record time while Dave Steen and Jerry Stubblefield, both of Oregon, knocked over marks in field events.

The 440-yard relay team from Oregon trimmed half a second off the record by covering the distance in 41.7 seconds.

Oregon's two-mile team of George Larson, Keith Forman, Daryl Burleson and Sig Ohlemann ran the distance in record 7:39.3. The Oregon State 880-yard relay team had a time of 1:26.2, one second better than the old mark.

The strong Ducks captured eight first places with hurdler Jerry Tarr gaining the only

double victory. Tarr edged out Mike Thrall of Washington in the 120-yard high in a time of 14.6 seconds and outduelled Thrall in the 220-yard low in 23.8 seconds.

Stubblefield tossed the disc 167 feet six inches which was 10 feet better than the existing mark of Jim Martin, Oregon, set in 1960. Steen's shotput mark was 55 feet 8 1/4 inches.

RESULTS:
Distance medley relay—Oregon (John Richardson, Sig Ohlemann, Keith Forman, Daryl Burleson); Oregon State; Washington. Time 10:02.2.

100-yard dash—Harry Jerome, Oregon; Roscoe Cook, Oregon; Amos Marsh, Oregon State; Bob Saunders, Washington. Time 9.4 seconds. (Broke meet record of 9.5 by Cliff Apes, Washington, 1958, but disallowed because of wind.)

120-yard high hurdles—Jerry Tarr, Oregon; Mike Thrall, Washington; Kirk Fisher, Idaho; Harry Needham, Oregon. Time 23.8 seconds. (Broke meet record of 24.5 by Jerry Tarr, Oregon, 1958.)

220-yard low hurdles—Jerry Tarr, Oregon; Mike Thrall, Washington; Norm Monroe, Oregon; Needham, Oregon. Time 23.8 seconds. (Broke meet record of 24.5 by Jerry Tarr, Oregon, 1958.)

Two-mile relay—Oregon (George Larson, Keith Forman, Daryl Burleson, Sig Ohlemann); Washington State; Oregon State; Washington. Time 7:39.3. New meet record. Old mark 7:41.9 by Oregon in 1960.

880-yard relay—Oregon State (Amos Marsh, Ron Bach, Bob Johnson, Norm Monroe); New meet record. Old mark 1:27.2 by WSU in 1958.

Three-mile run—Rich Cuddihy, Oregon State; Jim Temples, Washington State. Time 14:29.7. New record.

Five-mile relay—Oregon State (John Bull, Norm Johnson, Bob Johnson, Norm Monroe); Washington State. Time 31:16.9.

Pole vault—Wayne Wilson, Washington State; three way tie for second, Phil Paquin, Oregon; Earl Miller, Oregon; and John Cramer, Washington. Height, 12 feet 8 inches. New meet record set by Wilson in 1960.

Shot put—Dave Steen, Oregon; Bill Buchanan, Washington; Tony Angel, Washington; Neil Fluegel, Oregon State. Distance 55 feet 6 1/4 inches. New meet record. Old mark 54 feet 6 1/4 inches by Steve Frye in 1959.

Javelin—Dan Likens, Oregon State; John Burns, Oregon; Bill Bistree, Oregon; Paul Bernick, Oregon. Distance 221 feet, 10 inches.

Broad jump—Darrell Horn, Oregon State; Jerry Close, Oregon; Mike Monell, Idaho; Jim Boehm, Oregon State. Distance 24 feet, 9 inches.

High jump—Henry Wyborney, WSU; Murray Newton, Oregon; Larry Ferguson, Idaho; three way tie for fourth, John Hunter and Jim Boehm, Oregon State; Robbie Hoag, WSU. Height 6 feet, 6 inches.

Discus—Jerry Stubblefield, Oregon; Joe Davis, Idaho; Tony Agell, Washington; Dave Steen, Oregon. Distance 167 feet 6 inches. New meet record. Old mark 157 feet, 6 1/4 inches by Jim Martin, Oregon State, in 1960.

Finals Set In Marble Tournament

Terry Zimmerly, Wilson school, was first in the 13-15 year age group and Harold Wood, Jefferson school, first in the 6-12 rivalry Saturday in the semi-finals of the Jackson County Marble tournament being conducted by the Medford city recreation department.

Finals will be on Saturday, April 7, at 3 p.m. in Hawthorne park. The event will follow the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom festival parade.

Zimmerly will face Bill Standridge, also Wilson, who was runnerup in the semis. Wood will face Doyle Carson, Lone Pine; Byron Wells, Washington, and Arnold Waldron, Oak Grove. The three were second, third and fourth, respectively, in semifinals.

Forty-four schools of the county were invited to vie in the tourney but only nine were represented Saturday.

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Spahn, Ford Shine In Easter Tussles

By FRED DOWN
United Press International

There was many a dazzling Easter performance but it took a pair by Warren Spahn and Whitey Ford to put the Milwaukee Braves and New York Yankees in clover.

This is the time of year when every manager's chief concern is picking an opening day pitcher but it's no problem today for either Charlie Dressen or Ralph Houk. Spahn and Ford took care of that Sunday with brilliant route going performances that make the choices automatic.

Spahn, who'll be 40 this month, flashed a five-hitter to pitch the Braves to a 9-2 victory over the Kansas City Athletics while Ford, key man of the New York staff, turned in a six-hitter that gave the Yankees a 1-0 decision over the Cincinnati Reds.

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Home runs by rookies Bob Farley and Tom Haller accounted for five of the Giants' opening day pitching assignment all but wrapped up today after hurling six more scoreless innings Sunday as the Giants defeated Cleveland, 6-1.

Haller's homer off former Giant Johnny Antonelli was the big catcher's sixth of the spring campaign and gave him the club lead in runs batted in as well, with 15.

The Giants stayed in Phoenix again today for a game with the Los Angeles Angels. The San Franciscans held a 2-1 edge over Bill Rigney's Angels.

Ken McBride takes the mound for the Angels, who open the season April 11 at Baltimore, Md.

CAR KILLS SPECTATOR
Calhoun, Ga.—(UPI)—One person was killed and 10 others injured Sunday when a female race driver's stock car spun out of control and crashed into a crowd of spectators behind a wood and wire fence.

The defeat was Portland's first since losing its opening game, also to San Juan.

San Juan Beats Portland 5-3

Homestead, Fla. — (UPI) — San Juan came from behind in the late innings to defeat the Portland Beavers 5-3 and snap the Beavers eight-game spring training baseball exhibition winning streak.

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LA Dodgers Put End To Loss String

Orlando, Fla. — (UPI) — "One thing I found out this spring," said Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax, "was that I do much better when I don't try to throw so hard."

"Every other spring I started well and finished poorly, but it's been just the opposite this trip," the big southpaw concluded with a grin.

The grin spoke eloquently of his mound performance Sunday against the Minnesota Twins. He was working in a shutout until the last of the ninth when Lenny Green blasted a three-run homer.

But the Dodgers easily took the final annual Florida spring training session by downing Minnesota, 7-3, before 2,862 fans.

Koufax's victory broke a Dodge four-game losing streak. The team now heads for Phoenix, Ariz., with today an off day. They meet the Cleveland Indians Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz.

Manager Walt Alston announced Sunday night that Leo Durocher would be sitting beside him in the dugout when the Dodgers open their regular season a week from Tuesday night in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

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