

LA Angels Promise Much Entertainment With Hard Hitters

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

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Palm Springs, Calif. — UPI — Artistically, the new American league Angels do not figure to make Los Angeles fans forget about the Dodgers. But for those who go for home runs and free-scoring games and aren't too concerned with fines, the Angels promise a lot of entertainment.

With three such sluggers as Ted Kluszewski, Bob Cerv and Steve Bilko on the ball club, and some solid swingers like Eddie Yost, Ken Aspromonte and Ken Hunt, the Angels figure to score a few runs in their Wrigley Field bandbox.

Trouble is, though the Angels are sadly shy on pitching, and visiting clubs are bound to match the Angels, homer for homer.

Manager Bill Rigney sums up the situation with the lament: "Who's gonna get the other side out for us?"

At present, Eli Grba, who won 6 games and lost 4 for the Yankees last season, shapes up as the ace of the staff. He's the only Angels' pitcher who had a winning record in the majors in 1960.

Rigney says, "He has good stuff and knows how to pitch." Rigney would like some left-handed starters for Wrigley field and he hopes to find them in Ted Bowsfield, who was 4-6 with the Red Sox last season, and Ron Moeller, 8-8 at the Orioles' Vancouver farm.

Other starting prospects are Jerry Casale, 2-9, and Ken McBride, 0-1, with the White Sox. Ned Garver, 4-9 with Kansas City, may start every five or six days.

The two pitchers who have perhaps impressed the most in exhibition games are Tex Cleverger and Tom Morgan, a pair of experienced right-handers Rigney had planned to use as late-inning relievers.

Counting Cleverger's 5-1 record with Washington and Morgan's 4-5 with Kansas City, these eight pitchers won a total of only 25 major league games last season.

At the other positions, the Angels are staffed with adequate players, although Rigney complains about a noticeable lack of speed on his team as a whole.

Kluszewski, Bilko and Julio Bequer will share first base and pinch-hitting roles. Aspromonte at second was the American league's 10th leading hitter last season with a .288 mark for Cleveland, and Yost at third is the perennial "walking man."

Shortstop is a battle between Ken Hamlin and Fritz Brickell, who this week was Yanked in a trade with the Yankees.

Cerv, who batted .253 and hit 14 homers in his spare role with the Yankees, will start in left; Hunt, a Yankee farmhand, will be in center, and Faye Throneberry has the edge for right field.

Little Albie Pearson, rookie of the year in the AL in 1958, is attempting a major league comeback in the Angels' outfield. Other extra men are Gene Leek, a third baseman who has hit well in exhibition games and is being tried at shortstop and the outfield; outfielder Lou Johnson, acquired in a deal with the Cubs, and Rocky Bridges, the infield handman.

Del Rice, who at 38 is the eldest of the Angels, is the No. 1 catcher and Rigney hopes that his experience can bring out a little extra from the pitchers. Because of Rice's age, Ed Sadowski and Earl Averill Jr. should do a lot of catching, too.

Add it all up and it doesn't look like much. Considering the fact that Rigney and general manager Fred Haney acquired their players on a potluck selection basis, however, not too much is expected of the Angels.

If they just beat out the new Washington Senators for ninth place, Rigney and his castoffs can call their first season a success.

Higher Basket Would Favor Tall Players

San Francisco — UPI — Wilt Chamberlain, the seven-foot, two-inch star of the Philadelphia Warriors, said Monday he thinks raising the height of the basket would help the tall men more than the short ones.

"Every player in our league can get up to the basket now," he said. "If they raise it, only the big men will be able to get close."

Women's Golf

The Rogue Valley Country club lady golfers play for April 6 was medal.

Winners were: A group, Mrs. Ranny Smith, B group, Mrs. E. C. Nave, C group, Mrs. William Cowning; D group, Mrs. Ray Sorenson; nine-hole group, Mrs. Howard Scrogins.

Play for Thursday, April 13 will be medal, with the first play on the Trans-Mississippi disc. Winter rules remain in effect until a sign in the pro shop notifies otherwise.

Qualifying for the spring handicap tournament was completed April 7. Mrs. John Jensen was medalist in the 18 hole group.

The nine-hole group had a tie for medalist between Mrs. J. A. Dickey and Mrs. G. F. Flint which will be played off. Pairings will be posted at the ladies locker room as soon as possible. The nine-hole group has until April 18 to complete first round matches.

First round matches must be completed by April 15 for the 18-hole group. First round pairings are:

Championship Flight
Mrs. John Jensen vs Mrs. W. C. Bayliss; Mrs. Richard Finch vs Mrs. Al Williams; Mrs. Frank Beesh vs Mrs. Wm. Miller; Mrs. Tom Tubbs vs Mrs. R. B. Knight; Mrs. W. T. Shilar vs Mrs. Ray Sorenson; Mrs. Benton Smith vs Mrs. R. K. Peters; Mrs. Robert Palmer vs Mrs. L. T. Anderson; Mrs. E. W. Sicksel vs Mrs. Richard Schwann.
Second Flight
Mrs. E. C. Prough vs Mrs. Gordon Reeves; Mrs. Reese Alexander vs Mrs. Ed Miller; Mrs. Wm. Clark vs Mrs. E. C. Nave; Mrs. L. P. Brooks vs Mrs. Galen Sanner; Mrs. John Day vs Mrs. Leonard Schilt; Mrs. S. L. Stark vs Mrs. Robert DeLorme; Mrs. Robert Morris vs Mrs. Fred Coleman; Mrs. Jo Williams vs Mrs. E. C. Trumbly.
Sixth Flight
Mrs. E. E. Heysell vs Mrs. Chas. Gustafson; Mrs. J. R. Acheson, R. K. Peters, R. E. Heysell; Brooks L. P. Gordon Reeves, Frank Beesh; Wm. Schel, C. A. Holmes, Mahr Reymers; Richard Rementeria, Galen Sanner, Richard Schwann; E. W. Sicksel, R. J. Lockwood, J. J. Jensen; Wm. T. Clark, W. O. Blackledge, Jack Six, Ed. Miller, Ranny Smith, F. G. Bunch; Fred Coleman, Frank Fannery, K. C. McHugh; B. D. Mitchell, C. A. Culbertson, Fred Conrad; Ray Frisbie, J. A. Moore, Richard Finch; Tom Teutsch, Kenneth Foster, Ed. Gordon; Bob Palmer, Al Williams, E. C. Nave; F. J. Woods, Bernard Stutting.
Medams; Leonard Schilt, F. C. Trumbly, Walter Shaylor, Glen Frabrick, Ira Smith, Robert DeLorme; Chas. Gustafson, R. M. Gifford, L. T. Anderson, Alton Hart, Wayne Sady, C. H. Barril, Russell Hogue, R. B. Knight, Tom Tubbs; S. L. Stark, Len Melville, Lew Bates; R. Ren Taylor, W. L. Stark, Max Millhollin; Robert Morris, S. O. Prough, W. C. Bayliss; Ray Sorenson, Benton Smith, W. H. Fry, C. E. Williamson, Wm. Cowning, Wm. Williams, 9-Hole Play; Medams John Quich, Myra Jones, Howard Scrogins, Royal Beib, G. L. Lewis, R. M. McFadden, Blaine Brooks, Paul Haviland; D. B. Lowry, Ralph Marshall, J. J. Finegan; J. A. Dickey, Chas. Sorenson; F. H. Holmes, Robert McIntyre.

Dodgers To Battle Phillies In Los Angeles Tonight

Los Angeles—UPI—The youth conscious Los Angeles Dodgers, favored to win the National league pennant in a pre-season United Press International poll, open their 1961 season tonight against the Philadelphia Phillies at the Memorial coliseum.

An opening night crowd of about 50,000 is expected for the game. The Dodgers send Don Drysdale, the volatile, sidearming righthander ace of the staff, against veteran Robin Roberts of the Phils.

Lack of support for the Phils in the National league race—the same UPI picks them to finish last—is expected to cut into attendance which otherwise might have exceeded 60,000. Clear skies, with cool evening temperatures, are forecast.

The UPI poll found the Dodgers favored to beat Pittsburgh for the National league crown, while Las Vegas odds makers listed them as even choice at 7-3 with Milwaukee and Pittsburgh to win.

Plays Percentages
Manager Walt Alston played percentages in announcing his starting lineup against Roberts, a righthander. Only three right hand hitters are in the starting Los Angeles batting order — second-year

man Tommy Davis at third base, a new position, Charles Neal at second, and Drysdale. The only rookie to break into the batting order is Willie Davis, brilliant minor league player of the year for the Dodgers at Spokane in 1960. Willie will play center field.

Manager Walt Alston's youth plan still may need considerable bolstering from veterans, including Duke Snider and Gil Hodges, the survivors of the last great Dodger dynasty. Both looked good in the spring, with Snider in particular hitting and running well. Another UPI poll figured the Duke had the best chance of all for a comeback after a mediocre 1960 campaign.

Snider and other Dodger southpaw hitters have a brighter outlook this season. While the 251-foot chime wall remains in left, the right field fence has been shortened by more than 10 feet.

The major disappointment for the Dodgers this spring involved reliever pitcher Ed Roebuck. Roebuck could not overcome a lame shoulder and was placed on the disabled list for 30 days. The Dodgers Monday replaced him with rookie outfielder Carl Warwick, who had been slated for Spokane of the PCL.

Deep in Hurlers
Pitching is expected to be a strong point for Los Angeles, with Drysdale, Sandy Koufax, Johnny Podres and Roger Craig listed as probable starters. Larry Sherry, hero of the 1959 world series, again may be called on as the top built

SPORTS

Lone Pine Tops Ruch 6 To 0

Griffin Creek defeated Oak Grove 11 to 5, West Side beat Lincoln 7 to 3, Jackson nipped Jefferson 8 to 7, Howard topped Jacksonville 7 to 6 and Lone Pine shutout Ruch 6 to 0 yesterday in Medford district grade school baseball games.

Dan Carney tripled with the bases loaded for Griffin Creek. West Side had a double play and Frost of Lincoln had a two-base hit. Howard had seven hits and Jacksonville two.

Linescores:
Griffin Creek 209 11 5 1
Oak Grove 138 7 2 1
Sander, Osborn (3) and Killingsworth; Tusow, Collins (1), Thompson (3) and Waldron.
Lincoln 201 3 1 3
West Side 138 7 2 1
Grindstaff and Curl; Offord, Dawson (2) and Culbertson.
Jackson 314 8 4 2
Jefferson 223 7 2 5
Bigger, Beach (2), Oger (3) and Jones; Hale, Kime (3), Barnes (3) and Wagar.
Howard 311 2 7 7 2
Jacksonville 012 3 6 2 5
Martin, Frohlich (4) and Moser; Snow, Davis (3) and Iverson.
Lone Pine 210 23 6 5 1
Ruch 000 00 0 0 2 2
Clark and Moyer; Eek, Ramsay (3) and Rogers.

Giants Open Against Pirates At Candlestick Park Today

San Francisco—UPI—The San Francisco Giants, deemed a different club than the bickering outfit which folded up last season, open their 1961 campaign today against the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

Alvin Dark, the old pro player who is now the Giants' rookie manager, plans to start Sam Jones (18-14) against the Pirates' Bob Friend (18-12) in a battle of right handers.

A sellout crowd of 42,500 is expected to flock to Candlestick park to see if the Giants are improved over last year's fifth-place finishers.

In addition to Dark, the club has veteran Harvey Kuenn and rookies Tom Haller and Charley Hiller among the prominent new faces.

Kuenn, batting second and playing third base, is expected to give the Giants some needed line drive power. He led the American League in batting with .353 at Detroit two years ago. The Giants obtained him from Cleveland last December in a swap for Johnny Antonelli and Willie Kirkland.

Haller, who wasn't even on the Giants roster when spring training opened, has bumped Bob Schmidt out of the number one catching job thanks to some powerful hitting. The former University of Illinois grinder has looked effective handling Sam Jones' deliveries on the Cactus Circuit, too.

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Holmes Has Low Gross

Alan Holmes with a 70 on Sunday led the field in participation at Rogue Valley Country club in the Babe Dirlikson Zaharias Memorial Fund Golf tournament.

The tourney realized \$202.25 for the battle against cancer and was under the auspices of the American Cancer society.

Jim Sheldon had Saturday low gross with a 72. In net competition Norm Hillier had a 87 low on Sunday and Austin Layman 69 on Saturday.

Women's competition in the tournament was on Thursday with Mrs. William Miller and Mrs. C. B. Collins carding 87s for Class A low gross laurels and Mrs. Ranny Smith scoring a low net 72.

In Class B winners were Mrs. E. C. Nave with 98 gross and Mrs. Al Williams with 77 net. Class C saw Mrs. William Cowning take low gross with 103 and Mrs. Alton Hart and Mrs. William Stark tie for net with 76s. Mrs. L. T. Anderson had 110 for Class D low gross and Mrs. Ray Sorenson's 76 was low net in that division.

Branch Rickey Jr. Dies in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh — UPI — Branch Rickey Jr., who spent most of his life in baseball like his father, died in Presbyterian hospital Monday of bronchial pneumonia contacted while convalescing from a hepatitis infection.

Rickey Jr., 46, a diabetic for several years, will be buried Thursday at a site to be announced. He died at 3:05 p.m. EST after being hospitalized last March 30 for the second time this year.

Medford Y 11th in Area Meet

The Medford YMCA swim team placed 11th in a field of 17 teams representing YMCAs from all over the Pacific Northwest. The meet was held at the Wilson High pool in Tacoma, Wash., April 8 and 9 with 510 swimmers competing.

Leading the Medford natators were Linda Hess and Darlyn Huson. Linda swam a 1:14.6 100-yard backstroke, 15-16 girls division for Medford's only first place and placed second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time

of 2:54.2. Linda also swam on the freestyle relay team with Nona Donahue, Darlyn Huson and Bonnie Knapp which placed fifth and the breaststroke leg of the medley relay team composed of the same girls which placed sixth.

Darlyn, swimming in her first meet, turned in an outstanding performance. She finished third in the 15-16 group 100-yard freestyle with a very fast 1:10.4 and second in the 50-yard freestyle with a :30.0.

Nona Donahue was the only other individual winner for

Bittle Wins Mountain Men Shoot Honors

Horace Bittle took top honors at the shoot held April 9, by the Little Butte Mountain Men on Little Butte creek.

In three-shot group matches, winners were Al Henagin, Horace Bittle, Dorothy Henagin and Don Kline. Bittle won the trophy.

In the one-shot for center matches, winners were Bill Fitzsimmons, Bill Moberly, Jerry Henagin, Al Henagin, and Bittle, the last two winning twice.

Dorothy Henagin and Billie Nixon won the two ladies only matches, shooting on a one-shot for center target.

Bill Nixon Sr. got the best score in the match for anyone who hadn't won a prize.

Five-year-old Tommy Osterman took the kiddie shoot prize, a one-shot for center match.

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pen hand along with rookie Ron Perranoski. The Dodgers earlier today were scheduled to participate in a motorcade halting at city hall, where they were to receive an official welcome from Mayor Norris Poulson.

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