

Chico State Trims Red Raiders Twice

Ashland-Chico State nipped Southern Oregon college in a pair of non-league baseball encounters yesterday at Chico, Calif. Scores were 1 to 0 and 3 to 1.

Jerry Miller scored the lone run for Chico in the opener. He got on base on an error, went to second in a wild pitch and crossed the plate on Ed Delley's single.

The Wildcats' Wade Wall and S.O.C.'s John Cook engaged in a tight pitching duel. Wall held the Red Raiders to two hits, by Damien Rossetto and Mike Parsons, and walked three. Cook gave up four hits, struck out three and walked just one.

Delley hit two for two in the game and Mike Gibeau and Frank Enos had the other safeties for the Californians.

The Broken

Two runs by Chico in the bottom of the fifth inning broke a 1-all knot. A hit batter, stolen base, two errors and a fielder's option turned the trick. The 'Cats tallied first in the opening inning on a base on balls, a single by Wall and a sacrifice fly by Gary Engelken. The Raiders tied the game in the top of the fifth on a hit by Jack Kopsch, a wild pitch and an error on Dave Hughes' ground ball.

The Raiders were held to three hits by the Chico pitchers who combined to whiff five and walk four. S.O.C.'s Delaney permitted four hits, walked four and hit a batter.

Rossetto and Cook had the other hits for S.O.C. Jerry Miller, Gibeau and Delley were

safety swatters for the Wildcats.

SOC had two double plays for the afternoon.

LINEUP:
(First game)
SOC.....000 000 0-0 2 1
Chico.....000 100 3-1 2 1
Cook and Munyon; Wall and Engelken.
(Second game)
SOC.....000 010 0-1 2 2
Chico.....000 000 0-0 2 2
Tichenor and Francis; Martin, Miller (9) and Ray, Serafin (9).

Two Veterans Comeback Picks

New York - (UPI) - Duke Snider of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Jackie Jensen of the Boston Red Sox have been labeled the veterans most likely to make significant comebacks during the 1961 big league baseball season.

Snider, who saw only part-time service last season, and Jensen, who sat out the year in voluntary retirement, were singled out in the United Press International's pre-season survey of 57 experts who viewed the teams in action this spring.

Snider, 34, one of the last of the old Brooklyn heroes, saw action in only 101 games last season and batted only .243. He hit 388 and walked five homers this spring.

Jensen, 33, will be attempting a much more complicated type of comeback. Few players, even those who returned to stardom after service in World War II, were able to avoid a year of adjustment after being out of competition a full season.

Pirates, Angels Display Bolts Of Lightning in Opening Games

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press International
The champion Pittsburgh Pirates still have that old late-inning lightning, but it wasn't any more devastating than that opening bolt by the Los Angeles Angels.

It was like 1960 all over again when Bill Virdon hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning Tuesday to give the Pirates a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants. And who received credit for the pitching victory? Elroy Face, of course.

The most explosive home run display of the first full day of the 1961 season was supplied by the Angels, however, in their initial major league game. Ted Kluszewski hit a pair of homers and Bob Cerv one in a 7-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. Even more surprising than that Los Angeles power was the classy 6-hit pitching job by Eli Grba, the Yankee castoff. The Angels are tabbed a power-rich, pitching-poor ball club.

There were other surprises, too, as both league races got underway Tuesday.

Spahn Loses Opener
-Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves lost a home or a season opener for the first time in seven tries when Daryl Spencer hit a 10th-inning home run that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 2-1 triumph.

-The Yankees made a dismal home debut under new Manager Ralph Houk. Pedro Ramos held them to three hits

in pitching the Minnesota Twins to a 6-0 victory in their first game in Minneapolis-St. Paul uniforms.

-And something must have gone wrong with "head coach" Vede Hime's IBM machine as his Chicago Cubs were bopped by the Cincinnati Reds, 7-1.

On the more-to-be-expected side: The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Philadelphia Phils, 6-2, in the only night game played before a crowd of 50,885; The Kansas City Athletics took advantage of four errors to beat the Boston Red Sox, 5-2, and the Cleveland Indians defeated the Detroit Tigers, 9-5.

Famous Comeback Again

Pittsburgh's ninth-inning explosion was reminiscent of the many rallies the Bucs pulled in winning the pennant last year. The Giants opened a 6-3 lead in the fifth on back-to-back homers by Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda, and still led 7-5 going into the ninth.

Then Dick Schofield hit a pinch double off reliever Stu Miller and pinch-hitter Dick Stuart walked with two out. Lefty Mike McCormick was summoned to get the final out but instead Virdon hit his first pitch over the right field fence for a three-run homer.

Face, who gave up an unearned run during his two-inning stint, received credit for the victory although Clem Labine retired the Giants in the ninth.

In the Braves-Cards game, Spahn led Ernie Broglio, 1-0 after seven innings on a homer by Eddie Mathews. A triple by Hal Smith in the eighth, followed by Bob Nieman's pinch single tied the score for St. Louis and Spencer's homer foiled Spahn's bid for his 289th victory. Lindy McDaniel was the Cards' winner in relief.

Ron Fairly's pinch two-run double off Robin Roberts climaxed a three-run seventh-inning rally that gave the Dodgers their victory over the Phils. Wally Moon homered for Los Angeles and John Callison hit a two-run homer for the Philadelphia runs. Don Drysdale was the winning pitcher with relief from Larry Sherry in the last two innings.

Spill Him's Debut

Jim O'Toole's 4-hit pitching and home runs by Frank Robinson and Wally Post helped the Reds to their victory and ruined Him's debut as boss in Cubs owner Phil Wrigley's rotating managerial scheme.

In the AL, Ramos hit a two-run single to help his own cause against the Yankees.

Bob Allison and Reno Bertola hit Minnesota homers. Whitey Ford was the loser in the Yankees' first home-opening defeat since 1954.

Cleveland jumped on Jim Bunning for six runs in the second inning and Jim Perry pitched a 7-hit victory over Detroit. Jim Piersall and Vic Power each made four hits and Bubba Phillips contributed a homer to the Indians' 18-hit attack. Rookie Jake Wood hit a 2-run Detroit homer.

Only one of Kansas City's five runs against Boston was earned. Ray Herbert drove in two tallies with a double and received credit for the A's victory although he pitched only six innings.

Kluszewski drove in five runs with his two homers as the Angels knocked out Baltimore starter Milt Pappas in the second inning. Grba struck out five batters, all in the last six innings.

This may be the only time this season the Angels are tied for first place, but they're sure enjoying it.

LINEUP:
(Major League Results)
By United Press International

American League
Cleveland.....000 100 020-5 12 1
Detroit.....002 000 000-0 3 0
Perry (1-0) and Romano. Bunning (0-1) and Brown. Lost-Bunning (0-1), HRs-Wood, Phillips.
Minnesota.....000 000 021-6 9 1
New York.....000 000 000-0 3 0
Ramos (1-0) and Batty. Ford (7-7), Costas (0) and Berra. Loser-Ford (0-1), HRs-Allison, Bertola.

National League
Chicago.....001 000 000-1 4 0
Hobbs (0-1) and Anderson (0-1). Brewer (0) and Thacker. Berra (0-1) and Thacker. Loser-Brewer (0-1), HRs-Robinson, Rodgers, Post.
(10 innings)
St. Louis.....000 000 010-1-2 5 2
Cincinnati.....002 000 000-0 7 1
Hobbs (0-1) and Anderson (0-1). Brewer (0) and Thacker. Berra (0-1) and Thacker. Loser-Brewer (0-1), HRs-Robinson, Rodgers, Post.

Pittsburgh.....000 302 003-8 11 2
S. Friend, Green (5), Face (7), Labine (9) and Burgess. Olds (7-0), Smith (0), Jones, Miller (8), McCormick (0) and Haller. Winner-Face (1-0), Loser-McCormick (0-1), HRs-McCovey (1st), Cepeda (1st), Virdon (1st).

Philadelphia.....002 000 000-0 6 1
Los Angeles.....110 000 31X-6 11 0
Roberts, Lehman (8) and Dalrymple. Drysdale (1), Sherry (8) and Roseboro. Winner-Drysdale (1-0), Loser-Roberts (0-1), HR-Moon, Callison.

Bill Virdon Gets Bucs Off Right

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco - (UPI) - "There's something special about winning a game the opening day with a home run in the last inning," smiled Bill Virdon, the crack center fielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Virdon was talking about his three-run circuit clout with two away in the ninth that gave the Pirates a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants. It happened in full view of 41,423 fans, some of whom already were leaving for home content that their heroes had won.

"It's not like in the World Series," he went on.

"Here if we lose, we can make it up the next day."

"But it's still a fine feeling to know that you are off on the right foot."

Came Off McCormick

Virdon, a left-handed hitter, got his smash off the offering of lefty Mike McCormick, the league's leading earned-run artist of 1960.

"In the four or five years I've batted against him it's the first homer I've ever got. And I had only eight last year all season long."

Virdon stands an even six feet tall and weighs 185 pounds. He looked like a midge compared with hulking Bob Skinner who plays behind him in the outfield. "He's not very big, but he's mighty-at least today," laughed Skinner. "I can tell you right now we've still got the spirit we had last year. We'll be tough to beat."

He admitted it was early in the season. But they still are the same rollicking crew that took three terrific shell-lacking from the New York Yankees in the World Series and came around to win.

The Pirates came from behind to win in the last inning 15 times last year. And they are off on the right foot again.

Turnout Down For Opening Day

New York - (UPI) - Tuesday's eight opening-day major league baseball games drew a combined total of 259,107 fans, down more than 80,000 from a year ago.

The Philadelphia Phillies-Los Angeles Dodgers night

game at Los Angeles drew a total of 51,765 to lead the opening-day attendance derby, but despite that fine turnout, the National league was down 24,555 from 1960.

The American league fared even worse with a total of 103,879 turning out, a drop of 58,447. The Cleveland Indians-Tigers opener at Detroit topped the AL with a turnout of 41,643.

The NL grand total came to 155,228 compared to 179,783 for 1960. Last year's AL opener drew 162,328.

The Kansas City at Boston Red Sox game drew the day's smallest crowd - 10,227, while the best the Minnesota Twins and Yankees could get at New York was 14,607.

Twins Become Favorite Topic

Minneapolis-St. Paul - (UPI) - A bolt of lightning hit Minnesota Tuesday and wiped out all topics of conversation except the Minnesota Twins.

"What about those Twins?" has replaced "hello" as the favorite form of greeting in the Twin Cities.

Radios blared in offices, schools, stores, bars, autos and homes during the Twins' 6-0 inaugural contest victory over the New York Yankees. Newspaper banner headlines proclaimed the successful arrival of the Minnesota club on the major league baseball scene.

"It used to be that if you didn't know how to play bridge or talk about art or music, you hadn't arrived," a Minneapolis woman told a parking lot attendant, "but now if you can't talk baseball, you might as well be a leper."

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FLAT ON BACK - Los Angeles Dodger catcher John Roseboro lies flat on back with umpire Frank Secory stumbling over him at second base during second inning of Dodgers' National league home baseball game against Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday. Tony Taylor (8) of Phils makes the tag. (UPI Telephoto)

STANDINGS

By United Press International
NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Results
Cincinnati 7, Chicago 1
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1 (10 in.)

Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 7
Los Angeles 6, Philadelphia 2

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Philadelphia at Los Angeles (night)
Sullivan (8-16) vs. Podres (14-12)

Thursday's Games
Chicago at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Los Angeles (night)

American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	
New York	0	1	.000	1
Boston	0	1	.000	1
Baltimore	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Results
Minnesota 6, New York 0
Los Angeles 7, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 9, Detroit 3
Kansas City 5, Boston 2

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Chicago at Washington (night)
Pierce (14-7) vs. Daniels (1-3)
Los Angeles at Baltimore (night)
Garver (4-9) vs. Barber (10-7)

Thursday's Games
Kansas City at Boston
Minnesota at New York
Chicago at Washington
Cleveland at Detroit

Satisfaction Wells Up In Manager Walt Alston

By ALEX KAHN

Los Angeles - (UPI) - A spirit of early-season satisfaction well-ed up in manager Walt Alston today for the pitching and hitting his Los Angeles Dodgers displayed in the 6-2 season-opening victory over Philadelphia Tuesday night.

The Dodgers got good pitching from starter Don Drysdale, who was credited with the win, and reliever Larry Sherry, who finished out the final two innings.

Tonight the Dodgers send Johnny Podres, 14-12 last season, to oppose Philadelphia's Frank Sullivan, who had a 6-16 season with Boston in 1960. He was traded during the winter for Gene Conley.

The Dodgers had to come up with a three-run seventh-inning to break a 2-2 tie that lasted from the third inning. The Phils knotted the game on a two-run homer by outfielder John Callison.

Until the seventh, Drysdale and veteran Robin Roberts of Philadelphia engaged in a tight pitching duel. Before the game-winning rally, Drysdale had been touched for five hits and Roberts for six.

The new, slim Duke Snider led off the seventh with a single and moved to third on a sacrifice and a ground out, scoring on second baseman Charlie Neal's single off Roberts' knee. Then catcher John Roseboro singled and Ron Fairly came in to pinch hit for Drysdale and doubled in

Cotton Opposes Rory Calhoun

Seattle - (UPI) - Eddie Cotton, Seattle, ranked ninth in the light heavyweight division by the National Boxing association, meets rugged Rory Calhoun, New York, in a 10-round bout here tonight.

Both fighters were expected to weigh about 167.

Cotton, who has a 39-11 record with 23 knockouts, will be looking for his fifth straight victory.

Calhoun has a 44-10-2 slate with 21 kayos.

two runs to sew up the contest and give the loss to Roberts.

"I thought Drysdale had pretty good stuff for the first game of the season, but when he told me in the sixth inning that his elbow was starting to stiffen from the chill I had Larry Sherry warm up," Alston said.

"That was Sherry's best relief job since 1959. He had great stuff and stopped the Phils cold."

Sherry struck out five men in the two innings he worked while Drysdale fanned eight in seven innings.

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Celts Capture 3rd Straight NBA Title

Boston - (UPI) - The Boston Celtics became the second team in the history of the National Basketball association to win three straight titles when they beat the St. Louis Hawks 121-112 Tuesday night.

The Celtics, led by Bill Russell, won the playoff series, four games to one.

Russell, Boston's 6 foot 10 inch all-star center topped all scorers with 30 points, one of the highest totals in his NBA career. He also had 28 rebounds and converted 12 of 20 shots from the foul line.

The old Minneapolis Lakers accomplished the feat of winning three straight from 1952 to 1954 with George Mikan.

Boston downed St. Louis for the crown last year in seven games and whipped Minneapolis in four straight two years ago.

A third period spurt that gave the Celtics a commanding lead. Boston was ahead by a single point, 62-61, at

the half but ran the first eight points in the opening two minutes of the third frame.

The Hawks closed the gap to four points briefly early in the last period but Tommy Heinsohn and Sam Jones of Boston boosted the Celtic's lead right back to eight to 10 points.

Heinsohn won runner-up scoring honors for Boston behind Russell with 19 points while Bob Cousy had 18. Jones and Frank Ramsey each had 16.

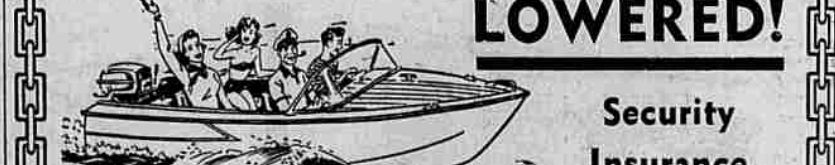
Still Question On Loop Idea

Boise - (UPI) - Athletic directors from five Pacific Northwest schools ended a one-day "exploratory" meeting Tuesday with a question mark still behind talk of a new basketball conference.

J. Neil (Skip) Stahley, athletic director at Idaho and the man who called the meeting, said "the feasibility of a conference affiliation in basketball and sports other than football" was discussed.

Represented at the meeting besides Idaho were Idaho State, Oregon State, Washington State, Stahley, who termed the meeting "exploratory," said discussion of a possible conference was not limited to the schools present.

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