

Sport Parade

New York - (UP) - They'll burn Burt Shotton in Florida today and it would be nice to say that the baseball world will miss him.

Burt, a man with a scorching tongue and a crusty exterior, summed it up himself five years after he stepped out of baseball as the fired manager of the then Brooklyn Dodgers.

"I'd like to see some of the players," he said while getting ready to go fishing in the isolated Florida town where he spent the years until his death Sunday at 77. "But only one fellow, a scout, has been by to see me."

It was the result to be expected of his withdrawn attitude and disregard of others in the short span wherein he won two National league pennants with the Dodgers. As Ty Cobb could have told him in his late and lonely years, it requires more than a record and a roughshod approach to others to found friendships which last through the twilight years.

Unpopular With Players The truth is that, like Cobb, Shotton was unpopular with his players and usually at odds with the press during the days when he was riding high. He was quick to assume credit and slow to accept fault.

But you can do that with a sense of humor, or without antagonizing those under you who somehow fail to get the job done. Shotton's two most memorable remarks were: "I've never seen anything funny on a ball field."

And, after he finished second in 1950: "If you've got the players, you can win. If you haven't got them, you lose."

Shotton was in baseball a long time and yet, because of his self-imposed isolation, he was almost an unknown stranger when Branch Rickey made him the Dodger pilot in 1947 to replace Leo Durocher, who had drawn a year's suspension which never has been explained.

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SLIDES SAFELY—Jim Piersall, Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. Catcher Elton Howard takes throw from third baseman Clevis Boyer on relay from outfielder Hector Lopez, too late to make the out. The Yanks won 9-5. (UPI)

Yankees Ahead of Schedule; Stretch Lead to Six Games

By MILTON RICHMAN UPI Sports Writer Remember Roger Maris' timetable? Well, the Yankees have a new one today and if they stick to it, they're a cinch to win the American league pennant by their biggest margin in 15 years.

Here's how it works: The Yankees already have ballooned their lead to six games. That means they still have two full months in which to better their famous finish of 1947, when they killed off all the contenders early and won by 12 games.

Actually, the Yanks are far ahead of schedule. A year ago this time they were only 1 1/2 games ahead and came home eight lengths in front. So you can draw your own conclusions about their chances of topping that 15-year-old 12-game spread.

Even with Mickey Mantle on the sidelines Tuesday night, they still increased their lead by a full game with a 9-5 victory over the Washington Senators.

Pair of doubles and drove in two runs. Gary Bell's effective relief pitching along with homers by Willie Kirkland and John Romano paced the Indians to their victory over the falling Angels.

Kirkland and Romano each connected in the sixth inning to give Cleveland a 3-1 lead and the Tribe pushed across what proved to be the winning run in the seventh with the aid of an error by losing pitcher Dan Osinski.

Bell took over for starter Jim Perry in the top of the seventh and was nipped for a two-run double by Bob Rodgers that tied the score at 3-1. Bell, however, didn't give up another hit the rest of the way to earn his eighth victory, seven of which have come in relief.

Sheldon To Oppose Odell in RV Club Champ Golf Finals

Defending champion Jim Sheldon and another past champ, Dr. Ralph Odell will clash on Sunday, Aug. 5, for the men's club title in golf at Rogue Valley Country club.

Odell advanced to the titular match by downing John Nuich 3 and 2 in a semifinal. Sheldon subdued Dr. William Miller by the same score.

The championship match will be for 36 holes. Tee off for the first 18 will be at 9 a.m. and the second 18 will begin at 2 p.m.

Rogue Valley CC officials reported that the public is welcome to take in the match and they are hoping for a large gallery.

Dr. Dave Engleson and Bud Brooks are first flight finalists. In semis Engleson beat Paul Moore and Brooks topped Ray Linquist. Scores were each 1 up.

In week end ball sweepstakes Harry M.lette grossed 70 and Sheldon 71. Clayton Lewis and Jim Quincy tied for low net with 87 and Ivan Harrington netted 68.

Other club championship semifinal results included: Second flight — Bill Marshall def. Jim Crow, 2-1; Wayne Chittwood def. Dr. Robert Bayuk, 3-2.

Third flight — Dick Fimmel def. John Moffat, 3-2; Warren Bayliss def. Wally Robinson, 3-2. Fourth flight — Bob Quinney won from Dr. C. A. McAdams by default; Dick Knoll def. Paul Spar, 2-1.

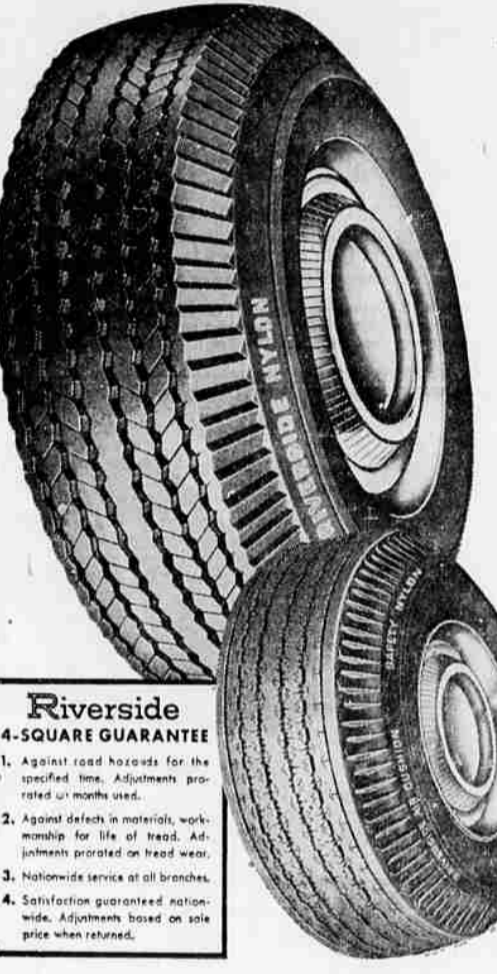
Fifth flight — Dick Kline def. Dr. Ralph Thompson, 3-4; Jay Puf-ferberger def. Wally Sawyer, 2 up. Sixth flight — Larry Horton def. Sam Prough, 21st hole; Jerry Anderson def. Ken Toole, 3-2.

Seventh flight — Tom Tubbs won from Dr. Jack Owens by default; Paul Haviland def. Bud Haupt, 2-1.

1961 Laughs In Majors Paraded By RUDY CERNKOVIC Pittsburgh (UPI) — Now that the statistics are completed for the first half of the major league pennant races, how about a look at the laugh parade?

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Mizell Gets Bad News; Mets Seek To Give Him Unconditional Release

United Press International Three major league pitchers — Frank Lary, Ray Sadecki and Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell — were hit with bad news at practically the same time.

It was worst of all for the 31-year-old Mizell, one-time ace of the St. Louis Cardinals pitching staff, on whom waivers were asked by the New York Mets Tuesday for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

Lary, a 23-game winner last year who has been troubled by a sore arm most of the season, was placed on the disabled list by the Detroit Tigers and may be through for the year.

And Sadecki was optioned to Atlanta of the International league by the Cardinals after being told there was "no room" for him by St. Louis manager Johnny Keane.

Suspended and fined by Keane two months ago because of a poor performance, the 21-year-old Sadecki said, "I just can't figure this thing. Keane just said I don't fit into his plans. It's all kind of funny."

Gun Club Idle This Sunday

There will be no shooting this Sunday at Medford Gun club. A number of local shooters are expected to go to Klamath Falls for a Saturday and Sunday registered event.

Another night shoot is being planned for the Medford layout with date to be announced. In a practice shoot last Sunday Ray Coleman, Harry Cawker, Bill Poff, Paul Cuddeback and Lloyd Langston each broke 25 straight targets at 100 yards. Don Peterson had a perfect 25 in handicap Dixon Kemner, Langston and Gene Hunt each shattered 24.

In skeet Max Weston knocked down 24 of 25, Bill Bryant 23 and Bert Peck and Dr. Art Anderson 22. Gene Hunt broke 49 of 50 in doubles.

Ortiz Favored Over Persley

Mantle — (UPI) — Lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz is a strong favorite to beat 30-year-old Arthur Persley tonight in a 10-round non-title bout that begins a series of six appearances by the new champion under the promotion of Filipino sportsman Eorge Araneta.

Ortiz, 24, will be making his first ring appearance since he won the lightweight title last April with a controversial decision over Joe Brown. A crowd of about 20,000 is expected to see the bout in the 40,000-seat Araneta Coliseum.

City Tennis Tournament Scheduled

Second annual Medford Community Tennis tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12. Medford park and recreation department is sponsor and Bob Huff is tournament chairman.

Entries will close on Friday, Aug. 10. Fees are to be paid at time of the first match. Fees are \$2 for men's singles and consolation, \$3 each for men's doubles and for mixed doubles and \$1 each for junior men's singles and women's singles.

Prospective participants may file entries by telephoning Bob Huff, 772-8888 or by contacting the city recreation office in the city hall. Players are to report to the sponsor's table at the Medford High school courts. Junior men's singles first round will open at 7 a.m. and will be followed by the first round of women's singles.

Matches will be two out of three sets.

League Leaders

Table with 4 columns: Player, Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include National League (P. Mize, J. Mize, J. Mize) and American League (M. Vernon, J. Mize, J. Mize).

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