

SPORTS

O'Toole Impressive For Cincinnati Reds

United Press International Add Jim O'Toole to the reasons Grapefruit league observers are predicting that the Cincinnati Reds will make a strong bid this year to recapture the National League pennant they lost last year.

The Reds made their run for the 1962 pennant just a bit too late - and one reason was that O'Toole didn't begin to win consistently until mid-season. He stood only 4-9 on June 20 but wound up with a 16-13 mark.

O'Toole, a 19-game winner when the Reds won the flag in 1961, has been one of the most impressive pitchers of the spring. He went six innings in the Reds' 6-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday at Vero Beach, Fla., and now has a string of 14 consecutive shutout innings.

O'Toole, who yielded four hits, was backed by a 13-hit attack that included a homer by Gordon Coleman and doubles by Don Blasingame, Chico Ruiz, Wally Post, Johnny Edwards and pitcher John Flavin.

The New York Mets scored their fifth victory in seven games when they beat the St. Louis Cardinals, Craig Anderson, who had lost 16 decisions in regular N.L. play since last May, tasted victory for the first time in 10 months. Frank Thomas homered for the Mets.

Jim Bunning, a 19-game winner last season, was hit hard in the early innings but became the first Detroit Tiger pitcher to go the nine inning distance in a 6-1 loss to the Milwaukee Braves. Lew Burdette and Bob Hendley teamed for a six-hitter for the Braves, who had three-run uprisings in the first and third innings.

Early Wynn took another firm step along the comeback trail as he combined with Eddie Fisher to pitch the Chicago White Sox to a 3-0 triumph over the Washington Senators. Wynn, who yielded one hit for the first three innings, has allowed only one run and two hits in his last nine innings. He needs one more major league win to reach the 300-level.

Lopez Checks A's Marcelino Lopez yielded only two hits in six innings and also homered as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Kansas City Athletics, 9-2, and snapped the A's four-game winning streak. Richie Allen also hit a homer for the Phillies while Norm Siebern homered for Kansas City.

First-basemen Joe Pepitone, Bill Skowron's heir apparent, hit two homers and Elston Howard hit one to lead the New York Yankees to a 7-6 decision over the Minnesota Twins. Harmon Killebrew belted his first homer of the spring and Bernie Allen also connected for the Twins.

The Los Angeles Angels edged out the Boston Red Sox, 4-3, on a ninth-inning homer by Eddie Sadowski, who un-

loaded against left-hander Wilbur Wood. Former Yankee 21-game winner Bob Turley struck out seven and walked one in a six-inning performance for the Angels.

A homer by Ernie Banks and triples by Andre Rodgers and Lou Brock were the big blows for the Chicago Cubs, who shaded the Cleveland Indians, 12-11. Bob Buhl was bounced around for seven runs in seven innings by the Indians but was the winning pitcher.

The NL champion San Francisco Giants gave their Tacoma farmhands something about which to write home when they lost to them, 10-9. Marion Talton broke up the game with a bases-filled single in the ninth.

LINESCORES: Exhibition Results Washington, 000 000 000-0 2 2 Chicago (A) 201 000 000-3 9 0 Stenhouse, Hamilton (4), Duckworth (8) and Schmidt (Winn). Fisher (4) and McNetney (Winn). Wynn-Loser-Stenhouse.

Detroit 100 000 000-1 6 1 Milwaukee 203 000 000-6 9 0 Bunning and Triandos. Burdette, Hendley (7) and Crandall, Uecker (7). Winner-Burdette.

N. York (A) 031 003 000-7 11 2 Minnesota 100 320 000-6 12 0 O'Toole, Bouton (8) and Howard. Pascual, Roland (7), Lasher (9) and Batten, Hatfill (7). Winner-Terry.

Cincinnati 100 100 121-6 13 0 Los Ang. (N) 000 000 000-4 1 1 O'Toole, Flavin (7) and Edwards. Miller, Smith (8), Perranoski (9) and Camilli. Winner-O'Toole. Loser-Miller. HR-Coleman.

N. York (N) 010 100 022-8 9 2 St. Louis 010 000 010-4 7 2 Clark, Dillon (3), Stillard (3), Anderson (7), Hawkins (9) and Coleman. HR-Hawkins (9). Dujiba (8) and Oliver, McCarty (7). Winner-Anderson. Loser-Dullin. HR-Thomas.

Los Ang. (A) 000 210 001-4 10 0 Boston 011 010 010-3 9 1 O'Steen, Osnicki (7) and Sadowski, Lamabe, Early (2), Wood (7) and Sween. Winner-O'Steen. Loser-Wood. HRs-Clinton, Sadowski.

Philadelphia 200 400 012-3 16 0 Kansas City 000 010 010-2 3 0 Lopez, Klippel (7), Baldschun (8) and Dalrymple, Pena, Fischer (8), Hartzel, Bohn (7) and Bailey. Sinner, Schurr (8) and Barton, Talton (8). Winner-Lopez. Loser-Bohn. HRs-Lopez, Siebern, Allen.

San Fran. 101 033 100-9 12 1 Tacoma PCL 000 001 027-10 13 3 O'Toole, Bohn (7) and Bailey. Sinner, Schurr (8) and Barton, Talton (8). Winner-Schurr. Loser-Bohn. HRs-Mary, F. Alou, Amalfitano, J. Alou.

Chicago (N) 101 242 200-12 15 2 Cleveland 113 011 022-11 13 3 Marichal, Bohl (8), Warner (9), and Bertell, Donovan, Walker (7), Allen (8), Nischwitz and Romano. Lopez (7). Winner-Buhl. Loser-Donovan. HR-Banks.

Medford will entertain Roseburg here at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in non-league doubleheader. Ashland will vie at the same time at Klamath Falls in a twinbill opening Southern Oregon conference play.

Rain yesterday forced postponement of the Medford-Ashland high baseball game for the second day in a row. Effort will be made to fit the game into the schedule later.

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Dodgers Favored; May Be Death Kiss

By LEO H. PETERSEN UPI Sports Writer

Vero Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - The Los Angeles Dodgers are favored again and that could turn out to be the same kiss of death that killed them the past three years.

For every year since they won their last National League pennant and World Series in 1959, they have been the choices of the odds makers and have lost.

If it should happen again, it could be the end of the road for Manager Walter Alton, whose uninterrupted nine-year tenure with the Dodgers is the longest of any manager in the majors.

Alton won't even speak about that possibility, but he says his club has a good chance.

"We are going to be stronger this year than last," he predicted, "but then so are some of the other clubs. This league is so evenly balanced that the team which can go through the season with the least number of injuries will win."

Koufax Injured Ruinous It was an injury to Sandy Koufax, the speedball southpaw, which ruined the Dodgers last year. He had won 14 games when a hand injury forced him to the sidelines in mid-season. He has looked like the Koufax of that first half of 1962 so far in spring training.

But they lost, too, because they couldn't hit left-handed pitching. So they dealt away one of their starting pitchers, Stan Williams, to get the big right-handed bat of first baseman Bill Skowron of the Yankees.

To aid Koufax in pitching there are Don Drysdale, who was the leading winner in the majors last season with 25 victories, and John Podres, a southpaw like Koufax, who won 15 games last year after a bad start.

Has Deep Bulpen And Alton has one of the deepest bullpens in the league with Ed Roebuck, 10-2, right-handed relief and Ron Perranoski, 6-6, for left-handed help. Then there is Jack Smith, a right-hander, with a 17-7 record at Omaha last year.

Another Dodger relief ace, Larry Sherry (7-3) is getting a shot as the fourth starter to go along with Koufax, Drysdale and Podres. Others in the running for Williams' old job are Bob Miller, who was 1-12 with the Mets last year; Joe Moeller, 6-5 with the Dodgers; and Phil Ortega, 0-2 with the Dodgers.

For right-handed hitting power in addition to Skowron, there will be Tommy Davis, the league's batting and runs batted in champ last year, and Frank Howard, who came on fast after getting off to a bad start.

Tommy Plays Third This year Alton has told Tommy Davis he will play third base, period, and also told Howard he will play left field regularly. Last year, Davis, who batted 346 with 27 home runs and 153 RBIs, alternated between the outfield and third base. Howard spent a lot of the first part of the season on the bench because he is anything but a good glove man, but he hit 296 with 31 HRs and 119 RBIs.

In the outfield with Howard will be fleet Willie Davis in center (285 with 21 HRs and 85 RBIs) and Ron Fairly (278 with 14 HRs and 71 RBIs) in right. Last year Fairly spent most of the season playing first base.

Along with Skowron and Tommy Davis, one other infield position is more than adequately taken care of by Maury Wills, a good glove man, a switch hitter and the champion one-season base stealer of all times. He had 104 thefts last year to break

the record held by Ty Cobb and will be back at shortstop, of course.

Versatile Bench It will be either rookie Nate Oliver, who batted .317 at Spokane last year and has a "can't miss" label on him, or the veteran handyman, Jim Gilliam, at second base.

John Roseboro and young Doug Camilli will share the catching duties.

Alton has a strong, versatile bench. Two veterans, Duke Snider and Wally Moon, are with the club for outfield reserve duty although one of them may go in a trade. Then there are veterans Don Zimmerman and Daryl Spencer for infield utility with a chance that rookie Ken McMullen, a .282 hitter at Omaha in 1962, might beat out one of them.

Moon can play first as well as the outfield. Another handyman, Lee Walls, can play the infield, the outfield and in a pinch, catch.

It's easy to see why the Dodgers are favored again, but remembering the last three seasons and the other contending clubs, including the Giants and Reds, it also is understandable why they might lose again.

SOC Host For Track Practice

Ashland-Track and field will be featured Friday as the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college host an informal meet with Southwestern Oregon and Central Oregon.

The meet will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will include all events contested in the regular meets.

The SOC men met bad weather as they traveled south during spring vacation to join a meet with Sacramento State college and Santa Clara Valley Village. With the coming of the regular season's action, the Raiders Coach Dan Bulkie felt they should have one meet before they started, so he scheduled the practice event.

Southwestern Oregon has just started its track team and need the practice. The North Bend men are young, but reports have it that they are ambitious. Central Oregon of Bend is in its second year of organized track and hopes to improve this spring.

Pomeroy Most Valuable Eagle

Eagle Point-Charles Pomeroy, all-state selection was judged most valuable player on the Eagle Point High school basketball team this season.

He received the Lettermen's club plaque for that honor and as team captain. Pomeroy was co-recipent with Richard Short of the plaque sponsored by Coaches Dale Bates and Vern Steward as best rebounders.

A coaches' plaque also went to Wilbur Boatwright for best defense and a Lettermen's club award to Duane Whaley as most improved. Boatwright received the Girls Athletic association award as outstanding senior cager.

Hatchet man award for most fouls went to Whaley. Joe Meyer gained the Pep club award for outstanding freshman.

The Eagle varsity with an 18-7 record was second in the Rogue league and second in district and was in the top 10 of the Oregon Journal coaches poll through the season.

Awards were made at an assembly last week.

Baseball Briefs

THIRD STRAIGHT

Mesa, Ariz. - (UPI) - Salt Lake took its third straight Cactus League battle with a 7-3 defeat of Jacksonville Wednesday. First baseman Donnie Davis drove in six runs with a homer, two singles and a sacrifice fly. Elder White and Jimmy Stewart each contributed a double and a single to the Bees' attack.

COLUMBUS WINS

Deland, Fla. - (UPI) - Tony Asaro's two-run double in the seventh gave Columbus a 2-1 win over Seattle Wednesday as the Rainiers sustained their third straight exhibition loss. Doubles by Russ Gibson and Pete Jernigan in the third accounted for the PCL team's lone run.

BUFFALO VICTOR

Tampa, Fla. - (UPI) - Buffalo ended defending Pacific Coast league champ San Diego's win streak Wednesday by defeating the Padres 8-5. San Diego had won three straight before Wednesday's battle. Rookie pitchers Dick Butler and Harvey Alex were belted for nine of Buffalo's 11 hits and all the Bisons' runs.

POWERHOUSE POSSIBLE

Vero Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Manager Danny Ozark of the Spokane Indians still has only the nucleus of his team, but already it figures to be a Pacific Coast powerhouse. The Dodgers sent down southpaw Norm Koch Wednesday and the much-heralded Dick Nen, a power-blasting first sacker once labeled a "right-handed Lou Gehrig" by a Dodger official.

Nen has never lived up to that kind of buildup, but he has hit more than his share of homers in both of his years in the minors.

TACOMA BEATS SF

Casa Grande, Ariz. - (UPI) - The Tacoma Giants hung a 10-9 decision on the parent San Francisco Giants Wednesday in a free-swinging contest that saw the winners beat Bobby Bolin for seven runs in the ninth inning. Tacoma, down 9-1 after the sixth, roared back behind the heavy hitting of two of the brightest prospects in the Giants' kingdom, outfielder Jesus Alou and infielder Jimmy Hart.

TORONTO TOPS BEAVERS

Daytona Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Toronto defeated the Portland Beavers 8-5 in an exhibition baseball game Wednesday despite four runs in the last five innings by the Pacific Coast League club. Toronto capped 12 hits off Portland pitchers John O'Donoghue, Miles Zeller and Tom Dembia.

AAU Women's Meet Begins

Cleveland, Ohio - (UPI) - Seven champions were included in the star-studded field of 257 which battles for honors in the national AAU women's indoor swimming and diving championships opening here today.

The meet, predicted to be the fastest in the history of women's swimming in America, is especially important this year. The results will determine the composition of the American team to compete in the Pan-American Games in Brazil next month.

The first two finishers in each event automatically qualify for the South American trip. The U. S. squad will be announced immediately after the meet ends Sunday.

The 13 swimming events will be staged in suburban Middleburgh and the two diving events, involving 42 contestants, are scheduled for suburban East Cleveland.

Ashland's Scantclad Force Thin

Ashland - Ashland high's track and field forces are described by Coach Hiram Crane as "kind of thin."

He has six lettermen plus a transfer who placed in the mile in the Nebraska state meet last spring. Thirty-five to 40 boys are out for the sport.

Crane says he expects "good things" from around five individuals.

The lettermen are Tom Huff, javelin; Gerald Brown, 880-yard and mile runs; Ron Boyce, sprints; Tod Hess, sprints and broad jump; Howard Johnson, pole vault, and Jim Lamb, high jump and hurdles.

The transfer is Jack Tyler, from Dalton, Neb., whom Crane has indicated is ticketed for the 880 with the Grizzlies.

Brown resumed training several days ago after having to lay off for a couple of weeks because of a foot infection.

A number of Grizzlies are to be entered in the Ore-Cal relays at Southern Oregon college here.

MH Girls Vie Friday Meet Site Changed

Medford high girls' tennis team will open its season here this Friday against Myrtle Creek.

Miss Pat Mounts is coaching the squad of 12 girls. Among them are five who won charm awards for the Black Tornado last year and another who is a transfer from Klamath Falls, for whom she played in the district meet last spring.

The veterans back are Diana Paulson and Sue House, seniors, and Sandra Irving, Kathy Smith and Shareen Young, juniors. Another charm winner, Dru Ann Graff, is sidelined with a fractured leg. The injury resulted from a skiing mishap.

The transfer bidding for a spot among the first five is Charlotte Reynolds. A strong sophomore prospect bidding for regular play is Paula Lowery.

The five-girl team is not decided yet but Misses Young, Smith and Paulson currently rate as the top three and will not see duty against Myrtle Creek since this is that school's first year in tennis.

AZALEA OPEN STARTS

Wilmington, N.C. - (UPI) - Clear skies and temperatures in the balmy 70's greeted 149 pros and 10 amateurs today in the opening round of the 15th annual, \$22,500 Azalea Open golf tournament.

Ken Jensen, Cal Dean Draw Praise of Coach

University of Oregon, Eugene - Oregon's unbeaten baseball team attempts to improve on its 4-0 record in four games against local opposition this week.

Coach Don Kirsch's Ducks face Willamette at Salem on Thursday, battle Pacific at Howe field in the home opener Friday and travel to McMinnville Saturday for a doubleheader with Linfield.

Juniors Thatch McLeod and Don Doerr, rained out of starting assignments on the California trip, will open on the mound against Willamette and Pacific respectively.

Unusually effective pitching was responsible for Weeblos' success on the trip to California last week. Oregon pitchers allowed just three runs in 36 innings, hurled two shutouts and produced four complete games.

Junior Robbie Snow and sophomore Loyd Gallaher were shutout winners, lefty Arba Ager set Santa Clara down with a single run and Dale Jensen was touched for just two runs in his win over the University of California.

Kirsch was naturally pleased with the work of his mound corps, but he also cited catcher Ken Jensen and all-league

Meet Site Changed

Rogue River - A triangular track meet scheduled for Saturday, March 30, has been shifted to the Grants Pass high track because of the muddy condition of the new Rogue River high oval.

Rogue River will be host to Powers and Camas Valley.

Conway Films At Eagle Point

Eagle Point - Eagle Point Lions club will present Jim Conway's favorite films on hunting and fishing at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in the Eagle Point Grade school gymnasium.

The film packs three years of entertainment into an action-packed two hours. Included are fishing on Sustain lake in British Columbia, moose hunting in Alaska and marlin fishing in the Hawaiian islands.

There are adult and student prices for tickets.

FASHOWAY HONORED

Portland - (UPI) - Gordon Fashoway, veteran Portland hockey star, was honored during Wednesday night's game with Calgary. He received numerous gifts, including a new automobile.

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