

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Washington Can Go No Way But Up

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Pompano Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Manager Mickey Vernon frankly admits the lowly Washington Senators are going to continue hurting until their kind blossom. And he knows that will not be in 1963.

Vernon has only one optimistic observation for the coming season.

"One thing for sure, we can't fall any lower," he explains. "There's no way to go but up."

Last year the Senators won only 60 games while losing 101, finishing 35½ games behind the Yankees.

"We've tried to help the team with trades but the other clubs only offer second string players for our first line ones, and we have more than enough of that caliber of players now," Vernon explained.

The 1963 club is a rag-tag outfit as presently constituted and there's a wild open scramble for most of the jobs.

Pitching Strongest Point
Pitching could be the club's strongest department for it is the Senator hurlers when the clubs talk about the other clubs are proposed. Especially sought after are Dave Stenhouse (11-12) and Claude Osteen (8-13).

For his other starters Vernon will choose from Don Rudolph (8-10), Tom Cheney (7-9), Bennie Daniels (7-15), Ed Boubaugh (0-2), Joe McClain (0-4), or rookie Jim Duckworth, a 10-game winner at Rocky Mount last season.

There isn't too much in the way of bullpen prospects so some of those possible starters may have to be used in relief. Steve Hamilton, 3-8 last season and Art Quick, the former Oriole who was 2-2 with Baltimore and 7-6 with Rochester in 1962, are the leading relief candidates.

The infield is really a hodge-podge affair. Tom Brown, University of Maryland bonus boy, has looked good at first base in the absence of Rogelio Alvarez, who hit .318 at San Diego last season. Alvarez has been delayed getting out of Cuba, Vernon, needing a shortstop, has been trying Marv Breeding at short, second and third. Breeding came in a deal with Baltimore.

Chuck Cottier may keep the second base job he held down last season if Breeding is needed at short or third. John Schaive is another holdover infielder who hit .256 last year. Cottier batted .242. Breeding .246 with the Orioles.

He's even giving tryouts to Lou Klimchek, the one-time bonus baby who never lived up to his price tag, and Ron Stillwell, who batted only .220 at Syracuse. Another possibility is John Kennedy, who hit .262 in 14 games with the Senators.

The outfield outlook is

brighter, especially if Jim Piersall comes back from his poor season of last year when he batted only .244. The year before with Cleveland he batted .322.

Chuck Hinton, who led the Senators at bat last season with an average of .310, will hold down another outfield spot. Don Lock, who hit only .253, could win the third outfield berth.

Other candidates are hold-over Jim King (.243), Barry Shetrone, obtained from Baltimore where he hit .250 in 21 games, and rookies Brant Alyea, a .319 hitter at Geneva; Nelson Gardner, who batted .315 at Dothan and Louis Pinella, up from Selma where he batted .270.

Don Leppert, obtained from Pittsburgh, could be the No. 1 catcher, winning the job over Ken Retzer, last year's regular receiver. Leppert hit only .266 in the limited action he saw with the Pirates while Retzer batted .285. The third catcher will be Bob Schmidt, who backed up Retzer last season and hit .242.

Looking over that roster, it's obvious why Vernon expects the Senators to be hurting again in 1963.

Bransom, Ellis Win 2 Events

Ashland — No score was kept but the Southern Oregon college thinsled dominated a Friday afternoon track meet here.

The meet turned out to be just what Central Oregon Junior college when Southern Oregon Junior college called off its trip to Ashland because of flooding and bad weather in general.

Freshman Denny Ellis and senior Doyle Bransom were the javelin winners, Ellis heaved the javelin 201 feet 5 inches and the shot put 46-6¼. Bransom ran the 100-yard dash in 10.2 and the 220 in 23.2.

Bransom who has been a triple winner for the Raiders was beaten by teammate Mike Hood in the broad jump 21-9 to 21-3.

Other first placers and their times heights and distances were Jim Grush, discus, 128-11; Bill White, high hurdles, 15:0; Jeff LeRoy, half-mile jump, 6:2; Spike Gordon, pole vault, no height given; SOC, relay, 3:43, team members not listed; Bill Dahlstrom, mile 4:51.5; Dave Graham, quarter-mile, 53.8; Terry Boatman and Norm Oylar, two-mile, 10:24, tie.

SKI ENTRIES HIT 87

Anchorage, Alaska — (UPI) — The national alpine ski championships at Mt. Alyeska April 4-6 will include 77 athletes from the United States, seven from Canada and three from Switzerland.



STEALS HOME — Boston Red Sox left-hander Carl Yastrzemski starts to slide as he steals home after Roman Mejias is thrown out at first in exhibition baseball game with San Francisco Giants at Phoenix, Ariz. Giants' catcher Jim Coker yells for ball. Boston won 10-7. (UPI)

Cook Says Butts Gave Bryant 'Vital' Data

Atlanta — (UPI) — Georgia attorney General Eugene Cook said last night his investigation indicates that Wally Butts gave vital information to Alabama coach Paul Bryant before last year's Georgia-Alabama football game.

"It appears from the evidence of my investigation plus the polygraph examination that vital and important information was given by Butts to Bryant about the Georgia team before the game," Cook said.

The attorney general also said the information "could have affected the outcome of the game and the margin of points scored."

Cook is investigating a national magazine article which charged that Butts, long-time head coach and athletic director at Georgia who resigned a

few months ago, and Bryant conspired to rig the outcome of the Sept. 22 Georgia-Alabama game.

The Saturday Evening Post article quoted Atlanta insurance man George Burnett as saying he overheard a telephone conversation between the two in which Butts passed on game plans to the Alabama mentor.

Gridiron Rebuilding Work Told

Work of reconstructing the playing field at the Medford High school stadium was described to Medford Linebackers on Friday by Assistant School Superintendent Russ Acheson.

Acheson, reporting at the club's luncheon at North's Chuck Wagon, said the old crown, which had sticky soil in it, was hauled off. The ground was scarified 20 inches deep. Then 600-yards of sand were mixed into the soil by use of a grader. A crown of 19 inches was built and the soil was roto-tilled.

Four-inch tile has been put in for drainage and a water line is being installed down the middle of the field. A sterilizing substance, effective 10 inches deep will be applied. Then merion blue grass will be sown.

The work on the field followed soil analysis. Dr. Leonard Mayfield, Medford school superintendent, pointed out that the work is being done with money from the receipts of football games and not with school budget funds. He said that other improvements projected had been cut out "to do the thing right" on the football field.

Larry Green, of the Cave-men Bench, Grants Pass sports booster group, suggested periodic joint meetings of booster organizations of the various communities with the possibility of joint projects for the betterment of southern Oregon. Said Green, "A school is only as good as the community behind it."

MH Girls Defeat MC

Medford high girls tennis team swept the five singles and three doubles matches here yesterday to defeat Myrtle Creek 8 to 0.

Paula Lawery, Sue House and Jeanne Salade scored shutouts in their matches for Medford. Charlotte Reynolds in singles and the teams of Lawery and Reynolds and Salade and House in doubles dropped only one game each.

Medford jayvees entertain Phoenix on Tuesday afternoon.

The Medford boys tennis team was weathered out of two matches — Friday at Marshfield and Saturday at Roseburg. They go to Grants Pass on Tuesday.

GIRLS RESULTS:
Singles — Paula Lawery, Med. def. Ginger McCauley, MC, 6-0; Charlotte Reynolds, Med. def. Carol Spuhm, MC, 6-1; Sue House, Med. def. Sandra Miller, M, 6-0; Jeanne Salade, Med. def. Penny Schliep, 6-0; Karen Davis, Med. def. Jean McDevitt, 6-2.
Doubles — Lawery and Reynolds def. McCauley and Spuhm, 6-1; House and Salade def. Miller and Schliep, 6-0; Davis and Vicki Browns vs. McDevitt and Nadine McKinnis, 6-4, 6-1.

Angels Cut Four Men

Palm Springs, Calif. — (UPI) — was spring trimming time in the Los Angeles Angel camp Friday.

Two Cleveland Indian pitching hopefuls trimmed the Angel hit production to four as the Indians scored a 2-1 cactus circuit win.

And the Angels dropped four players from the squad — pitcher Bob Leopold and Ed Thomas, outfielder Jackie Davis and first baseman Charley Dees.

The Angels trimmed their spring roster to 30 players and will have to drop three more by opening day April 9. Davis, who was obtained from the Philadelphia Phillies last winter in a trade for Earl Averill, was sold to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast league. Leopold, Thomas and Dees went to the Angels' Hawaii farm club, the latter El Paso which sold him to the Hawaii Islanders.

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Southern Oregon Pro-Amateur Golf Tourney Monday, Tuesday

First major tournament of the 1962 golf season at Rogue Valley Country club is scheduled Monday and Tuesday at the Medford Links.

It is the Southern Oregon pro-amateur of the Oregon division of the professional golfers association — an annual event here.

Play at RVCC will be the last two days of a three-day tourney. First day of contention is today at Roseburg Country club.

Some 30 professionals from around the state will contend. Each is to have four amateur partners. Two amateurs are accompanying each of the pros to Medford. Two others will be provided from among Rogue Valley linksmen.

This means that some of the top amateurs, local and statewide, will contend with the play-for-pay men.

\$600 Purse

Purse for the three days is \$600 plus entry fees. Of the purse \$300 will be paid out to the pros on the basis of three-day aggregate play and \$100 for each play. Merchandise low gross and low net prizes will go to the amateurs for both daily and three-day play. Pro play, of course, is strictly gross.

The pro prize will go to the seven low scores daily and three-day. Amateur gross and net will go to the low four. Burney Mason, Columbia-Edgewater, Portland, was the winner last year with a 219 card. Boots Porterfield, Grants Pass, and Jim Petersen, Vancouver, Wash., were

Rain Shuts Out Baseball Frays

United Press International Rain scored shutout victories over both the Oregon and Oregon State baseball teams this week.

University of Oregon officials announced a game with Pacific which was washed out Friday has been rescheduled for next Friday. Today's doubleheader with Linfield now is set for April 8.

Oregon State is scheduled to meet Linfield Monday, after today's doubleheader with Lewis and Clark was called off.

FIGHTS

FRIDAY BOUT
Vienna, Austria — (UPI) — Ted Wright, 156½, Detroit, stopped Heinz Preytag, 156½, West Germany (P).

CYCLISTS WARM UP

Daytons Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Entries for the National Championship road race, a 200-mile motorcycle race scheduled for today, began warming up for the \$12,000 event Friday.

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