

SPORTS

SL Cardinals Will Go as Far as Their Hurling Takes Them

(This is the 15th of 20 dispatches on the 1963 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — Manager Johnny Nease says he isn't trying to fool anyone about the 1963 prospects of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"Last year, at this time," he recalls, "I said we could fool 'em all and win the pennant. I honestly believed it. I was fooled. So I'm through making predictions which may turn out foolish."

About all he will say about the coming season is that "We will go as far as our pitching carries us." That's about as safe and sane a prediction as a manager can make.

He will admit his club has power, perhaps as much as any in the league, with the addition of George Altman from the Cubs. And that "we think we have solved our shortstop problem." They now have Dick Groat of the Pirates.

To get these two men, however, the Cardinals sacrificed pitching. "Sure, we gambled," Nease declares. "But what else can you do when you feel you have a good chance of winning and then finish sixth?"

The Cards gave up pitchers Larry Jackson, Lindy McDaniel and Don Cardwell to get Altman and Groat.

"Perhaps we solved one problem and created another," Nease points out. "We'll just have to wait and see."

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Linfield Sweeps Twin Bill From Oregon State

McMinnville — (UPI) — Linfield's Wildcats, getting outstanding pitching performances from Ed Cecil and Tom Younker, opened their baseball season with surprising 1-0 and 4-3 wins over Oregon State Monday.

Cecil pitched a three-hitter to outduel Cecil fra in the nine-inning first game and Younker hurled a two-hitter in the seven-inning second contest. Denny Straub was the second losing pitcher.

Linfield won the opener on a double by John Lee and a two-out single by Dave Seire in the ninth inning. The Wildcats captured the nightcap when Kevin Dempsey's outfield fly brought in Val Barnes from third base in the final inning.

Wendell Cox Plans To Enroll At USC

Hillsboro — (UPI) — Wendell Cox, regarded as Oregon's best high school middle distance runner, announced Monday he will enroll at the University of Southern California next fall.

Cox, a senior at Hillsboro High school, is the state cross-country champion. He has a best time of 4:17.6 in the mile and 1:55.0 in the half mile.

Giants Finally Win One; Juan Marichal Sparkles

By DICK JOYCE
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Juan Marichal and Tom Haller, batterymates who played important roles in the San Francisco Giants' drive to the 1962 National League pennant, have boosted Al Dark's team back into the victory column—and it's a shame the Giant manager wasn't around to see it.

Dark was traveling to New York Monday to receive a sportsmanship award when the Giants broke a six-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians at Santa Barbara, Calif. The Giants scored all their runs in the fourth inning, climaxed by Haller's two-run homer.

Dark's eyes would have sparkled at the performance of the high-kicking Marichal, who turned in disappointing efforts in two previous spring training appearances. Marichal, an 18-game winner last season, allowed only two hits and one run in six innings and struck out nine Indians.

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Veteran pitchers Robin Roberts and Bob Friend showed they're in mid-season form by firing four-hitters Monday. Although not going the full route, Joey Jay, Bill Stafford and Bob Shaw all turned in strong pitching performances.

Roberts, who hardly threw a ball in spring training last season before being out by the New York Yankees, pitched the Baltimore Orioles to a 6-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Orioles rapped out 11 hits, including Brooks Robinson's two-run homer.

The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Minnesota Twins, 3-0, as Friend scattered four singles and faced only 30 batters. Don Clendenen's two-run homer and Roberto Clemente's steal of home provided the Pittsburgh runs.

In other games, home runs by Roger Maris and Joe Pencil earned the Yankees a 3-2 triumph over the Detroit Tigers; the Cincinnati Reds knocked the Kansas City Athletics their sixth straight loss, 4-1; the Washington Senators scored twice in the 10th inning to down the Milwaukee Braves, 4-2; the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Houston Astros, 4-2; and the Philadelphia Phillies topped the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-4.

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Canadiens Have Backs To Wall

The Montreal Canadiens, although facing elimination in the National Hockey League playoffs, are favored to defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs tonight in the fourth game of their rest-of-seven semifinal series.

The oddsmakers apparently are basing their prediction on the law of average and hockey's long respected home-ice advantage, for the Canadiens haven't looked like champions in the series thus far.

Coach Toe Blake's once-mighty Flying Frenchmen dropped the first three games, including a 2-0 shutout at Montreal last Saturday night, so another loss tonight will send them packing.

The other semifinal series also resumes tonight with the Detroit Red Wings entertaining the Chicago Black Hawks. The Wings bounced back from defeats in the first two games by scoring in a 4-2 victory at their home ice Monday night.

The New York Rangers, who were without their star goalie, lost to the Boston Bruins, 3-2, in the first game of their series.

The Red Wings will be without Vic Stenstrom, who sustained a shoulder injury in Saturday's game. He will be replaced by Lowell MacDonald, who was called up from Pittsburgh at the American League during the second half of the season but has not played in this series.

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St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — There's a "gentlemen's agreement" clause in the sale of Duke Snider to the New York Mets, it was learned today.

When the straight cash deal was announced Monday night, it was estimated the Mets paid the Los Angeles Dodgers \$40,000 for the 36-year-old outfielder, who was known as the "Duke of Flatbush" during his salad days in Brooklyn.

However, only about \$30,000 passed hands in the transaction. The Dodgers, though, have been promised additional money if Snider regains some of his past slugging form with the Mets.

"If Snider is able to do any kind of a job for us, we'll give the Dodgers more money at the end of the season," said club President George Weiss.

The Mets' boss declined to estimate how much additional cash he will use to sweeten the deal, but it is assumed the Dodgers, too, will depend on Snider's performance.

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