Series Starts Tomorrow

Houk Hopes for Breaks, Alston For 'Healthy' Koufax in Opener

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UPI Sports Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Manager Ralph Houk of the Yankees hoped today for "the break" and skipper Walter Alston of the Dodgers for "a healthy Sandy Koufax" for the World Series opening Wednesday in Yankee Stadium.

There was a good chance Alston's hope would be fulfilled for Koufax, the golden armed southpaw who will face Whitey Ford, New York's left handed money pitcher, in the first game said on his arrival, "I feel fine." He had been reported suffering from the aftermath of a slight case of the flu.

However, only time — perhaps seven games — will tell whether the Yankees who have made winning World Series a habit, will get the breaks.

The way Houk sees it, the two teams are so evenly matched that the series could be decided by "the breaks of the game." He doesn't buy the general talk that the Dodgers are inferior defensively.

Pitching Is Factor

He does agree with Alston that pitching, usually the name of the game whether it be for one game or 162, will decide the series victor providing those breaks even up.

Although the Yankees are concerned to have more depth in the pitching department, the Dodgers starting trio of Koufax, Johnny Podres and Don Drysdale and their relief ace, Ron Perranoski, are accorded a slight edge over the Yankees "big four." They are starters Ford, Al Downing and Jim Bouton with Hal Reniff the No. 1 man in the bullpen.

Houk, cheered by the improvement in the condition of his two outfield stars, Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, said the Yankees "are in the best physical condition of the season."

Alston was concerned over his pitching — Koufax, Perranoski and Podres.

Has The Flu

Like Koufax, Perranoski has had a touch of the flu.

"Unless Koufax gets sick today or tomorrow, he'll pitch," said Alston upon the Dodgers' arrival Monday night, "and Perranoski is okay."

Among his regulars, Alston had a question mark in rookie third base Ken McMullen. McMullen re-injured a muscle in his left leg Thursday night but Alston thinks he will be ready to play Wednesday. If he isn't he will shift Jim Gilliam to third base and put rookie Dick Tracewski, a slick fielder but a weak hitter, at second.

Alston refused to name a starting lineup "until I find out if McMullen will play."

Houk named this lineup and batting order for the first game: Shortstop Tony Kubek, second baseman Bobby Richardson, left fielder Tom Tresh, Mantle, Maris, catcher Elston Howard, first baseman Joe Pepitone and Ford.

Rich Series Seen

Although this will be the eighth World Series meeting between the clubs, it will be the first since the Dodgers left Brooklyn after the 1957 season to find a baseball gold mine in the Far West and Yankee officials predicted capacity crowds for the first two games here Wednesday and Thursday. They reported, however, that a few reserved seats had not been sold while 6,000 bleacher and standing room only tickets will go on sale the day of each game.

With standing room, the Yankees can crowd 72,000 in their park. Add that to the 55,000 capacity of Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, and it figures to be the richest series ever for the players, who share in the receipts of the first four games only.

The Yankees, who have won 20 out of the 27 previous World Series in which they have participated, were favored to win this one, 7 to 5 and were 6 to 5 choices to win the opening game. The Dodgers have won but two of their previous 10 series, the last one coming in 1959 against the Chicago White Sox.

The advance forecast for Wednesday called for "fair and mild" weather by the 1 p.m. (edt) game time.

Yanks Have Better Defense, But LA Given Pitching Edge

By MILTON RICHMAN
UPI Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Yankees' defense is so much better than the Dodgers' that there is really no comparison.

Nothing, but nothing that can possibly be handled ever gets by the Yankee infield and little ever gets by their outfield, either.

Unfortunately for the Dodgers, the same can't be said for their infield or their outfield.

Yankee manager Ralph Houk, who invariably prefers to soft-pedal his own team's advantages and upgrade the other team's, says the Dodgers may rise to the occasion on defense during the World Series.

"I've seen players, who were supposed to be poor fielders, come up with the big play in the World Series time after time," he claims.

Maybe Houk's eyesight is better than most but the fact remains that no one else can ever remember seeing a so-called "butcher" in the field decide the World Series with his glove.

Two Different Leagues

The simple truth of the matter is that the Yankees are in an entirely different league than the Dodgers when it comes to defense. That goes on paper or on the field.

Figures can be made to prove anything, of course, but there is no way to distort the fact that the Yankees have committed 50 fewer errors than the Dodgers and have executed 35 more double plays.

In composite percentage, the Yankees' fielding mark is approximately eight points higher than the Dodgers and that's nearly worlds apart when you work out defensive averages.

Forget the figures, though, and look at the men they represent.

Let's go to the outfield first. Roger Maris ranks as one of the finest right fielders in the American league while his Dodger counterpart, Frank Howard, still has trouble at the position.

Mantle Is Tops

Mickey Mantle, even with a gimpy leg, leaves little to be desired in center field and although Willie Davis is faster, he doesn't make the plays Mantle does.

Tom Tresh amazed onlookers with his defensive performance in left field during the 1962 World Series with the Giants. He has improved since then and his sure-handedness is all the more remarkable considering he came up to the Yankees as a shortstop.

Tommy Davis is a better than average left fielder but there is no guarantee that Dodger manager Walt Alston won't also use him at third base on occasion during the Series.

Alston never really has come up with a set infield. His best defensive unit is comprised of Ron Fairly at first base, Dick Tracewski at second, Maury Wills at shortstop and Jim Gilliam at third. To get more punch in the lineup, however, he has moved Gilliam to second and played either Tommy Davis or Ken McMullen at third.

Have Solid Infield

No matter how the Dodgers set up their infield however, it never rates on a par with the Yankees.

In Joe Pepitone, the Yanks have their finest fielding first baseman since George McQuinn and Pepitone covers a lot more ground than McQuin ever did.

Bobby Richardson takes a back seat to no one with the possible exception of Pittsburgh's Bill Mazeroski at second base, Tony Kubek makes a mistake at short and Clete Boyer generally is classed with the best defensive third basemen of the past two decades.

That leaves catching where some may give Johnny Roseboro an edge over Elson Howard but even that would be debatable. Howard doesn't have much trouble with low balls, blocks the plate as well as anyone else around and handles the Yankee pitchers perfectly.

Regardless of what angle you look at both defenses, the Yankees have all the better of it.

Pitching Another Story

The Dodgers' pitching unquestionably is stronger than the Yankees' even though Ralph Houk will stand there and argue the point all day.

Houk is a funny guy to figure. He disagrees with those "experts" who claim the Yankees are substantially superior to the Dodgers on both offense and defense, then turns around and still disagrees when the Dodgers' pitching is rated better than the Yankees'.

Houk says "Let's go by the records."

Okay, let's do that.

Using earned runs as a common measuring stick, the Dodgers win hands down. Their pitching staff shows a phenomenal 2.82 earned run average through games of Sept. 24 while the Yankees are pegged at 3.06.

"But six of our 11 pitchers are under the 3.00 mark and I don't think the Dodgers can say that," Houk points out.

He's right. Only five of the Dodger pitchers are under the 3.00 mark.

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There is no doubt no pitcher on the Yankee staff can compare his earned run average with either Sandy Koufax' or Ron Perranoski's. Koufax leads all regular National League starters with a 1.88 percentage and Perranoski tops all relievers in the majors with [illegible] [illegible] Don Drysdale, 2.70, Bob Miller (2.89).

In contrast to Koufax and Perranoski, [illegible] Downing's 2.37 percentage is best among the Yankee pitchers. Then Jim Bouton (2.67), Steve Hamilton (2.73), [illegible] obtained from the Senators, Bill Kunkel (2.72) and [illegible]

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Reserved Tickets Being Sold

Reserved seat tickets for the Medford-South Salem high football game this Friday are now on sale at the activities office at the senior high school.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reserve tickets left also will be available at the reserve booths on Friday night.

Tickets for Section A in the west side grandstand may be bought at Booth 1 at Gate 3; those in Sections B, C, D and E at Booth 2 at Gate 5 and those for Section F at Booth 3 at Gate 8.

Gates 13 and 14 on the east side of the field are for entry of senior high students and 15 and 16 are to be used by junior high boys and girls.

Richardson 1st In Pin Tourney

Clyde Richardson won a first place trophy Saturday in the singles in the Northwest Pacific League of Blind Bowlers annual tourney meet in Portland on Saturday, Sept. 28.

He had a score of 130 scratch and 213 with handicap.

Dorsie Lowe also represented the Jackson County Council of the Blind bowling team from Medford.

DETROIT (UPI) — Gary Lowe, defensive back of the Detroit Lions, will be operated on today to repair the Achilles tendon which was torn three inches above the ankle in Sunday's loss to the Chicago Bears. Lowe will miss the entire season as the result of the freak accident.

Missing Fourth Down Won't Be Protested

SPOKANE (UPI) — Washington State university football Coach Jim Sutherland has said that he will not file an official protest over a "missing fourth down" which may have cost his Cougars a win over Iowa Saturday.

Films of the game show the Cougars were given only three downs at the end of the game, and they gave the ball up in Iowa territory with but three seconds left to play. Had they been given the fourth down, a field goal try would probably have been made. The game ended in a 14-14 tie.

"In the Athletic Association of Western Universities (Big Six), coaches do not protest against officials," he said.

Fall Golf Play Starts

Today was the opening day for action in the annual fall golf handicap tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

The tourney of 54 holes — three rounds of 18 holes each — will close on Nov. 10. Players are to declare themselves at the pro shop before going out on each of their 18-hole rounds.

The medal play tourney is with full handicap.

John Landers is defending champion. He had a 210 net last year.

A mixed three-ball six-some tourney will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at RVCC. Drawing for starting times will be at 8:30 a.m.

Justin Smith took low gross with a 74 and Clayton Lewis low net with a 70 in weekend ball sweepstakes.

WSC's Williams Back of Week

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Washington State halfback Clarence Williams is the Big Six "Back of the Week."

Williams scored one touchdown and set up another as he led the Cougars back from a 14-0 deficit to a 14-14 tie with favored Iowa last Saturday.

In all the junior from Kentucky gained 130 yards in 12 carries and caught two passes for 18 more.

UCLA end [illegible] was chosen "Lineman of the Week."

Opening Days of Deer Season Called 'Good'

PORTLAND (UPI) — The state Game Commission said Monday that the opening weekend of the deer hunting season was "good" despite hot and dry conditions in most of the state.

The commission said hunter success was up in Northwest Oregon and about the same in the Central part of the state but a little lower than last year in the Southeast and Northeast parts and generally slow in the Southwest.

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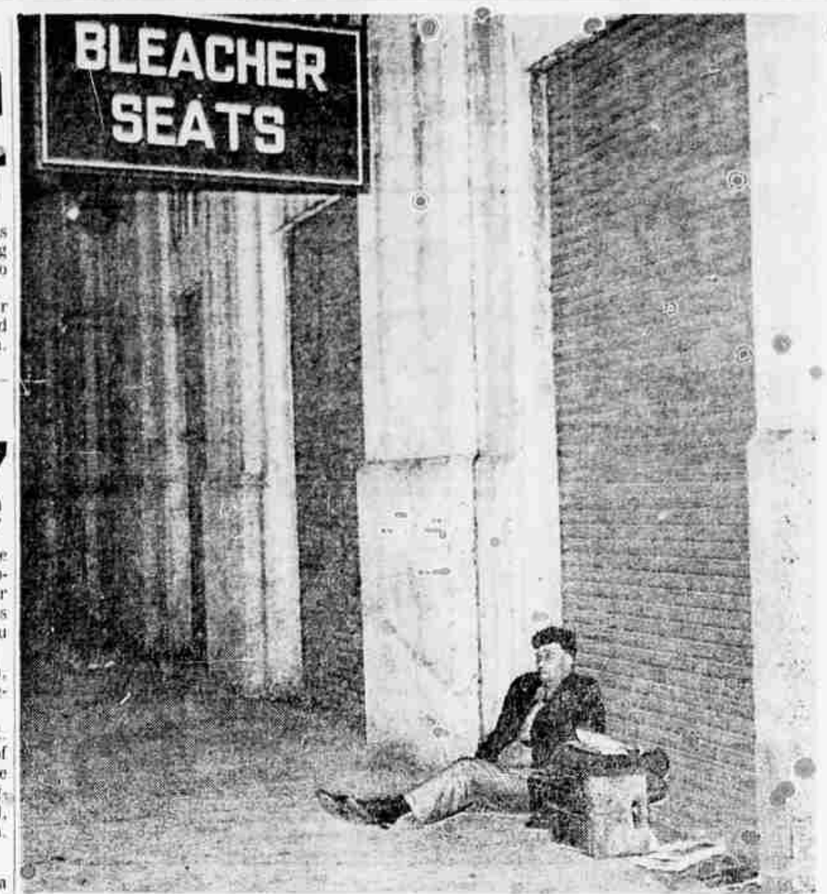
NEW YORK (UPI) — Pitchers Tony Taylor of the Philadelphia Phillies and Felix Mantilla of the Boston Red Sox, and [illegible] Segui of the Kansas City Athletics have accepted invitations to participate in the Latin American major league all-star game scheduled for Oct. 12 at New York's Polo Grounds.



THE LONG WAIT—George Schneider of New York held his post late Monday night as he awaited the first game of the World Series between the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers to be played at Yankee stadium Wednesday. Schneider says he has been waiting outside the bleacher gate since Friday. Bleacher seats don't go on sale until the day of the game. (UPI)

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

"We were thrilled with our comeback," declared Coach Fred Spiegelberg as he looked back yesterday on the Medford high triumph over North Salem last Friday night.

Asked whether he felt the platooning of offense and defense paid off, Spiegelberg replied, "I think it did." Some of the kids were green, he pointed out, "but they scrapped like mad." Platoons were held to pretty well through the first half. In the second half the unit system was relaxed a bit in order that some players could have both ways duty in the game.

Spieg wasn't one to single anyone out. "All the kids played real fine," he said. "They all worked together. They were up for the game. They were high for the game."

SOUTH SALEM BETTER

While the Tornado bounced back into the victory column by knocking over the club the "experts" had rated No. 1, it won't be able to rest on any laurels. The Medfords play at home for the first three weeks this Friday, entertaining the South Salem Saxons.

While Medford will enter its last non-league game favored, there's indication that the Tornado will run into a steadily improving crew. Said Jerry Acklen in the Grants Pass Courier on Saturday:

"Actually, according to the men who scouted South Salem in the first two games played by the Saxons, the visitors were a much better team last night than they were in either of the other two games."

South before bowing to GP 19 to 7, lost to North Salem 26 to 6 and sizzled over Klamath Falls 53 to 0.

TWO BALL GAMES

Acklen starts off the Caveman-Saxon game story by saying: "There were two ball games last night—the first half which ended 0-0 and second which ended 19-7."

Most of the scoring in the GP-South game was in the third quarter with the Cavemen getting two touchdowns and the Saxons their one.

Mickey Wright and Jim Nicholson were the main ball packers for the Saxons Friday night with Wright getting 55 yards on 19 tries and Nicholson 48 on 13. Terry Noble and Bob Putnam were the passers for South with Noble getting the only completion in the seven throws by the two.

MADE ITS BREAKS

Said Ron Blankenbaker in his Oregon Statesman story on the Medford-North Salem high football game:

"And for the defending State A-1 champion Tornado the evening proved the old adage that 'a good team makes its own breaks.' Medford made them and capitalized on them as well."

Said the Statesman writer also:

"No doubt, Bennett field fans are still wondering how a team could make five fumbles and lose three of them and still win by 19 points."

He then cited the blocked punt (by Terry Wigetroul), the pass interception (by Greg Dippel) and the calling back of Gib Gilmore's fumble recovery run for Salem, because the ball had been blown dead, as possible factors in the difference.

MOTORBIKE ACCIDENT

A motorbike accident last week cost the Grants Pass high football varsity a starting guard. Lost for the season was Charles Meek, who suffered a broken leg. Grants Pass reports indicated that the motorbike Meek and a junior varsity companion were riding collided with an automobile which turned in front of it. The youths, according to the report were not at fault. But, that does not eliminate the danger of riding such machines.

COACHED DEANS

Roy Robertson, head football coach at Lakeview high, was elementary school and ninth grade coach of two brothers who went on to athletic fame at Medford high after moving from Nampa, Idaho. The two are Lowell and Calvin Dean, now at University of Oregon. The twins entered Medford high as sophomores. Robertson made the move from Nampa to Lakeview this fall.

WRONG LISTING

We've been dumbfounded on occasion, when calling in games to the Portland papers, to note the lack of knowledge of geography of the schools of the state on the part of the youths who take the reports. An example was the listing in one of the papers this week end of Class A-1 Crater high among the A-2 and B schools.

FIRST IN 13

Ashland High school's football victory over Sweet Home last Friday night was the first Grizzly football triumph in 13 games. The Grizzlies with no game this week end laid off yesterday and today. They'll next meet Yreka, Calif., on Oct. 11.

EYE MEDFORD GAME

Crater high, also has an open date this week. They will be concentrating on their Oct. 11 Southern Oregon conference scrap with Medford. No doubt, there will be a good number of Fireballs in the stands watching the Medford-South Salem mix. The Comets have in mind to outdo 1962 when they threw the Tornadoes a terrific scare. Medford escaped after a Crater bid to take the game.

SO League Clubs Have Home Tilts

Three Southern Oregon conference football teams have home games this week end — all in non-league action. The other two conference members will be idle.

This Friday's rivalry for the Axts is South Salem at Medford, North Salem at Klamath Falls and Albany at Grants Pass. Crater and Ashland have the open dates.

All eight Rogue league aggregations have counting games. Friday evening's slate is Sacred Heart at Henley, Rogue River at Phoenix and Eagle Point at Illinois Valley. St. Mary's goes to Lakeview for Saturday engagement.

A contest this evening will have the Crater Rockets against the Eagle Point jayvees at Central Point. Game time is 7 p.m.

Prospect varsity vies at Canyonville in a Friday Class B-8 tussle.

There will be three ninth grade games on Friday — South Grants Pass at Ashland, Hedrick ninth against Monument at Merlin and North Grants Pass against McLoughlin at Medford. Klamath Falls ninth meets Crater freshmen at Central Point on Saturday.

Eighth grade games on Friday are Klamath Falls at Hedrick and McLoughlin at North Grants Pass. On Saturday Ashland goes to South Grants Pass.

Pinfare

By LARRY BLUNT

TONIGHT—Someone may throw a big game or series that will be a feature in this column next week as we bring the top ten male and female bowlers at Medford and Roxy Ann Lanes. Will you be one of these weekly bowling stars? Check next week and see.

STILL SMALL

Junior Leagues produced a little larger turn out at both houses last Saturday, but there's still a big need for more participants. It was believed that the opening of hunting season contributed to the small attendance. This should not be a hinderance next week.

AT MEDFORD

The men's day league at noon on Thursday at Medford lanes now has 14 three man teams. However, there is still room for more before it has to close the league next week. Bowl Around Hawaii is still rolling and looking for more competitors. A state wide league of at least 120 teams is in the making. Named the Oregon Invitational League, this league gives a $1500 top team prize. Teams from the Medford area will start bowling this Sunday at 1 p.m.

AT ROXY ANN

October women's leagues still need more bowlers to fill up these circuits before they get rolling. The Jack Pot Doubles is a challenge. The Jack Pot pays the top 10 entries in January so there's plenty of time for several tries to break 1391 high score. If a bowler and his pin pal can crack this sum, they collect all the money in the pot.

Rounds can be bowled in the men's all-star eliminations. High man out of every 12 entries will receive a free entry for the qualifying round.

The days of the moonshiner may be over, but not the moonlighter. Roxy Ann offers moonlight bowling every Saturday night starting at midnight. There are prizes.

IT'S A FACT

Both houses agree that the average life of a bowling pin, before it's ready for the wood pile, is 3000 lines, and that it takes an average of four sets of new pins per alley in a year of bowling.

According to American Bowling Congress the most consecutive duplicate games ever rolled were thrown in 1954 when seven 158 games were tallied.

REMEMBER — Your average has a better chance to rise if your temper doesn't.

Dark On Quest For SF Pitchers

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Manager Alvin Dark, thoroughly dissatisfied with the San Francisco Giants' third place finish, has started that endless quest for more and better pitching.

"Pitching is the name of the game," Dark said, as he has frequently during the past season.

"And we'll need a better brand of it next year."

He indicated that some of the older hurlers may be dealt away in an effort to land a younger one who can start with Juan Marichal, the right handed ace who ended the year with a 25-8 mark and hurled a no-hitter against Houston along the way.

"Some of our pitchers have reached the stage of life where we will have to make deals," Dark said.

He wouldn't mention names. But Billy Pierce, now 36, posted a 3-11 mark this year after winning 16 out of 23 in 1962 as a key man in the Giants' pennant surge.

Queen Picked State's Top Player of Week

PORTLAND (UPI) — Oregon State quarterback Gordon Queen, who fired four touchdown passes in the Beavers 41-6 romp over Colorado Saturday, was named the state's college football player of the week today by the Linebackers.

Oregon quarterbacks Bob Berry and Duck and Dick Imwalle, plus Oregon State end Vern Burke, got honorable mention.

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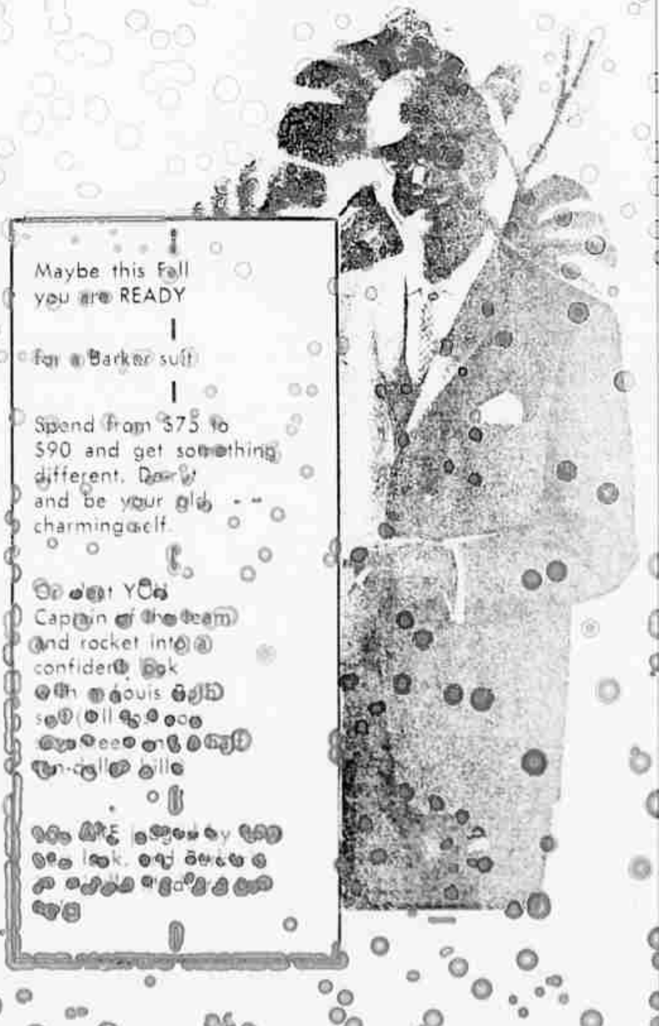

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