

Burton Says Willie Mays Claims Best Throwing Arm

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NEW YORK (UP)—Willie Mays may have slipped into the baseball background in the rosy riot over Brooklyn's World Series success but the belting big-league slugger still stands aces high with the players.

Latest testimony about the talents of the "say hey" kid comes from Bill Burton, an adversary who struts his stuff for the rival Milwaukee Braves. As such, Burton would not be wont to over-emphasize a competitor's ability.

But the Braves' Bill insists that Willie has the best arm in the National League.

"Mays has the best arm and I'd put Wally Post of the Reds second," Burton estimates with what may amount to heresy in Brooklyn, considering that he rates Carl (The Arm) Furillo no better than third in the shogun derby.

OVER HUMP

It is a testament to Mays. Perhaps, that Giant official Garry Shumacher estimated recently that this season's Willie Mays "may be over the hump."

If he was ever behind one, most of the other players in the game should be so lucky.

Two years ago, you'll remember when Willie was a one-man game leading the Giants to the National League pennant he was being described as a sepi combination of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Tris Speaker. En route, he won the batting title with a gaudy .345 and



WILLIE MAYS ... can throw too

wrong bases, went to sleep on same and even was benched at one point in early June.

The truth is that Willie's truly terrific finish was completely overlooked in the mad delirium which followed Brooklyn's early pennant clinching and assault on the world championship.

HOME RUNS

Willie actually was a ball of fire coming down the stretch. In that period he tied the record of seven home runs in six consecutive games, became the seventh man to hit 50 or more home runs and wound up as the league's second leading batsman with a .319 mark. It went unnoticed, but he also led in total bases with 362 and was second in runs batted in with 127.

The year before he was being hailed as one of the nine wonders of the baseball world.

Yet last season he upped his total bases by five, increased his home runs by 10 and raised his runs batted in total by 17.

The theory was that Willie found the pressure too much to bear after such a tremendous season the year before. Actually, his runs batted in, total bases and homers would indicate that he was an even better ball player than the year before.

And they say, out in the Giants' spring training camp, that he is flaming like an Arizona sunset. Which should give all concerned the idea that now he is "over the hump" he may be a bit more than merely astounding in 1956.

Vancouver's Woes Jump, Park Flooded

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UP)—The Vancouver Mounties' newest Pacific Coast Baseball League entry took on another cliff-hanging aspect Wednesday in the continuing "Perils of Pauline" history of the organization.

This time, the old homestead, represented by the city-owned Capilano Stadium, is in danger. The villain is water.

Phil Stroyan, parks superintendent, reported Tuesday night one-third of the playing field is under water and \$30,000 will be needed to get it out and in payable condition by April 27, first scheduled playing date.

"Something will have to be done," opined Mayor Fred Hume. But he didn't seem inclined to be the man to save the city's athletic stepdaughter.

"We certainly cannot afford to spend \$30,000," he said.

Cedric Talbot, general manager of the Mounties, assayed the hero's role with the firm statement:

"Something will be worked out." Backstage, the water gurgled villainously, swirling like a long black mustache on the muddy surface of the deserted field.

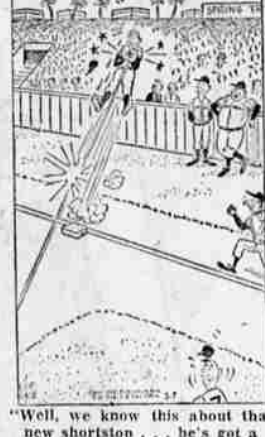
The Mounties got into the Coast League via the back door, taking over the Oakland franchise when that California city declined to pick up its fallen Acoms. It was tough and go, with the franchise in and out so often even the league lost track of its whereabouts.

Then the city battled through a special vote on whether to permit the Mounties to play Sunday baseball. It passed by the skin of the voters' teeth.

Then, it developed, the vote was only advisory to the provincial Legislature. And the Legislature wanted no advice. It didn't pass the enabling act altering the city charter to permit Sunday baseball.

Undaunted, the club officials took up the task of altering the schedule instead. They were almost done Tuesday when they heard the water may alter it some more. If it doesn't drown it completely.

TIME OUT



"Well, we know this about that new shortstop ... he's got a good arm!"

YMCA, Coke City Winners

YMCA and Coca Cola both came from behind last night to register City League basketball wins in a pair of games played at Altamont Junior High.

The Y tripped the National Guard Reds 77-66 after trailing 30-25 at halftime. Gene Fawell pointed 39 points to lead the YMCA triumph, while the Red's Leo Davis collected 21 to lead his team.

In the other contest, Coca Cola had to stage a second half comeback to win a 63-58 verdict over the Klamath Falls Creamery. The Creamery eagles led 38-26 verdict over the Klamath Falls Creamery.

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ICE HOCKEY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday's Results

WESTERN LEAGUE

Vancouver 3, Victoria 0

Winnipeg 4, Edmonton 2

EASTERN LEAGUE

Philadelphia 7, Baltimore 3

Clinton 4, Johnston 1

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Reigel Ups Scoring Total

EMPORIA, Kan. (UP)—Bill Reigel of McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La., boosted his season total to 1,601 points for 29 games, and retained his position as the nation's No. 1 collegiate basketball scorer with a 34.5 average, latest figures released by the NAIA revealed Wednesday.

Reigel hit for 43 points against Centenary in the first game of the NAIA district playoff at Shreveport to maintain a comfortable lead over Joe Miller of Alderson-Broadus College of Phillip, W. Va., who has 928 points in 29 games for a 32.0 average. Third was Chester Webb of the Georgia Teachers, Statesboro, Ga., with 813-31.3.

Both Reigel and Webb will appear in the NAIA national tournament opening at Kansas City Monday.

Northwest Nazarene College of Nampa, Idaho, had the best team defensive record, limiting rivals to an average of 57.21 points per game. Next was California Poly of San Dimas, Calif., with a 59.2 average.

N. Y. Knicks Move On Nats

By UNITED PRESS

The New York Knicks' record-setting 119-99 victory over the Boston Celtics moved them today within just half-a-game of the Syracuse Nationals in the blazing battle for a playoff berth in the National Basketball Assn.

The Knicks, whose winning total was the highest they've ever recorded on their home court, now trail the Nats by only one game in the loss column.

And both teams will be in action tonight in a doubleheader at Boston, the Knicks against the first-place Philadelphia Warriors and the Nationals against the second-place Celtics. Syracuse has six games remaining, the Knicks five, as they battle for third place in the Eastern Division.

In the only other league game Tuesday night, St. Louis downed Philadelphia, 102-97.

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NEW YORK (UP)—Guards Carl Cain of Iowa and Paul Judson of Illinois were named today on the West squad which will play the East in the College All-Star basketball game at Madison Square Garden, March 31. Bill Russell and K. C. Jones of San Francisco were named previously to the team.

LONDON (UP)—The Professional Golf Assn. announced today that next year's Ryder Cup matches between the United States and Great Britain will be played at Lindrick. The association said Sir Stuart Goodwin, Yorkshire steel industrialist had put up \$28,000 to stage the match.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UP)—This year's Yale-Harvard Regatta, the nation's oldest intercollegiate athletic event, will be held on June 16 on the Thames River at New London, Conn. The varsity race will be rowed at 7 p.m. (EDT), with the JVS scheduled for 6:15 p.m. and the freshman race at 5:45 p.m.

HALLANDALE, Fla. (UP)—The legendary "little old lady with the hatpin" would have been the expert of experts at Gulf Stream Park Tuesday, when six straight outsiders scored victories.

The string began with Tulip Lady (\$61.80) and Gioconda (\$100.00) combining for a \$169.80 daily double in the first two races and continued as Mayor Will C. (\$13.20), Prefer Dan (\$18.20), Equable (\$14.30) and Nivra (\$19.90) scored upset wins through the sixth race.

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The United States automotive testing Co. Inc., announced today that a multi-million dollar racing plant will be built 23 miles east of here between Riverside and Pomona. Features will include grandstands, an electronic control system, test circuits and parking for 22,000 cars. It will cost 12 million dollars over a four-year period.

PSC Vikings Trip Pilots Pacific Wins

PORTLAND (UP)—Portland State avenged three defeats handed them by Portland University in the regular season and also gained a spot in the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament Tuesday night, with a 66-63 upset win over the Pilots.

The Staters were behind, 23-23, at the half and didn't catch up until the closing minutes. The victory qualified them for the national tournament at Kansas City later this month.

Pacific University took third place in the state playoffs with a 62-55 triumph over Linfield. Portland State 66 63 Portland U. 65 Vikings 63 Kutsch 10

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C 6 Newow Altenhofen 15
G 4 Perkin Scrivens 19
G 14 Poetsch Rector 6
Subs: Portland State — Kaski 5, Frazier 13, Thompson 5, Portland U. — Larson 16, Jones 4.

Humboldt-Del Norte Dominates Cage Play

YREKA—Schools from the Humboldt-Del Norte region dominated the Yreka basketball tournament Saturday and also the selection of all-star awards.

Picked for the all-tournament team of six men were Mike Goyan and Jerry Winters of Eureka; Glenn Erhart, Tony Stryan and Bob Linerman of Del Norte; and Earl Dimmick of Arcata. Goyan, whose 14 points led Eureka to the team championship in a 48-43 victory over Del Norte, was picked as the most valuable player of the tournament.

Arcata nudged Dunsmuir 56-53 for third place spot. Weed's Cougars won the consolation title with a 52-49 victory over Yreka.

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Dons Finish Year By Sweeping 51st

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

The national champion San Francisco Dons cleared the decks for defense of their NCAA tournament championship today by closing the books on a record-busting perfect season of 23 victories and no defeats.

Win No. 23 for this year and No. 51 in the streak that has snatched the major-college record came easily by an 82-49 score Tuesday night before a record crowd of 13,732 at San Francisco's Cow Palace. All-America Hill Russell paced the Dons' scoring with 22 points, helping them break the same open after being held to a 31-24 halftime margin.

The triumph marked the final collegiate appearance of K. C. Jones, who was named along with Russell today to the United Press All-America team. Jones, ineligible for the NCAA tournament, received a two-minute standing ovation from the crowd when he left the game with six minutes to play.

Next stop for the Dons is a March 19 date with UCLA the Pacific Coast Conference champion. In the first round of the NCAA regional tournament at Corvallis, Ore. If the Dons win four straight games in the tourney to retain the NCAA crown, they also will equal a streak of 55 victories posted by Peru, Neb. Teachers 30 years ago, recognized by the NCAA as the all-time, all-college record.

Kansas State became the Dons' latest rival for the NCAA crown by clinching the Big Seven championship Tuesday night with a "sweet revenge" 70-68 victory over arch-rival Kansas.

The game marked probably the last home-court appearance for Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, Kansas' famed and controversial coach who must retire in June when he reaches the age of 70. Kansas tried to give him a victorious sendoff by selling a 45-37 halftime lead, but Kansas State caught up after eight minutes of the second half and then pulled away. Six-three Fritz Schneider paced state with 36 points.

Kansas State was the 23rd team to enter the 25-team NCAA field and will clash with the winner of a game between Marshall and the undetermined Ohio Valley Conference team in a first-round game at Lawrence, Kan., March 16. The league crown is the Wildcats' first since 1951, when they went to the NCAA finals before losing to Kentucky, 68-55.

Unfilled NCAA berths are: 1. Member-at-large to meet West Virginia at New York, March 12. Has been offered to Ivy League champion Dartmouth, which hasn't yet accepted; 2. Ohio Valley Conference team. Three-way playoff starts tonight with Western Kentucky vs. Tennessee Tech, winner to meet Morehead St. Thursday. St. Louis (18-6) became the 12th and last team to enter the National Invitation Tournament field Tuesday. Pairings have not yet been announced. The rest of the NIT



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