



KLAMATH UNION HIGH SCHOOL'S Pelican basketball squad will represent District 6-A-1 ranks in this coming week's state A-1 basketball tournament at Eugene. Above from left to right, top row, Don Peterson, coach, Earle Tichenor, Glenn Moore, Cliff Sutherland and Ray Colley, assistant coach. Middle row, same order, Bill Hamblin, Orin Perkins, Ken Douglas, and Butch Kimpton. Bottom row, left to right, Dave Pepple, Jerry Burke, Donn Taucher, Mike Runge and Lee McGill. Seated in front is manager Orin Ormsbee. The Pelicans will meet McMinnville in their first tournament play Tuesday night at 8:45 in the tourney's second game. Play will continue at McArthur Court through Saturday evening.



TREE-TOP HIGH — Neil Johnston of the Philadelphia Warriors climbs an invisible ladder to grab a rebound above the outstretched arms of the New York Knickerbockers. Walter Dukes, left, and Dick McGuire in pro thriller.

The University of Detroit will play a 10-game football schedule next fall. The first game is at home Sept. 21 against Marquette.

Dartmouth's freshman track coach, Edmund Styra, won the New England intercollegiate javelin title three times while at the University of New Hampshire.

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'56 May Be Mantle's Year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—(NEA)—Mickey Mantle has played golf for only two months, but already has shot 90 twice. The Switcher swats a golf ball from the right side, and he hits it like a baseball—a country mile.

Mantle complains that he cannot find anyone to play golf with in St. Petersburg. The Yankees' slugger center fielder asked Yogi Berra to play. "Go get a rep,"

Phillies In Need Of Doctor, Not Players

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

CLEARWATER, Fla.—(NEA) Robert R. M. Carpenter Jr., has become a "yes man" with the Phillies.

Carpenter, the red hot fan, sits in the sdn back of third base watching his club work out at Clearwater's new Jack Russell Stadium. Ask the owner about the playing personnel and he throws a thumb in Hamery's direction, and says: "Whatever he says, I say."

Carpenter acted as his own general manager for several years only to see the pennant-winning Whiz Kids of 1950 become the Phils Kids. While the bright lads who so quickly came out of nowhere to upset the Dodgers didn't precisely fall apart, they lost considerable of their early fire. Carpenter changed managers and in the fall of 1954 brought in Hamery from the Yankee organization to run the works.

A young man with the money of a DuPont heir can afford to pay someone to suffer the aggravation that goes with the Philadelphia Nationals.

This year, the club's chances depend more on medical science than baseball skill. As previously reported, renowned bone-setters cannot find anything wrong with Curt Simmons' left shoulder, yet forensic psychologists cannot get the once fearsome left-hand pitcher to throw hard.

Granny Hamner was operated on last summer for a loose tendon in his left shoulder. Hamery felt it necessary to make sure that the star shortstop could swing a bat with something approaching his former viciousness before giving him a satisfactory contract.

Richie Ashburn won the National League batting championship last trip, but limped in with a sad smile which could return at any time.

Jim Greengrass was treated for hemiplegia in a leg. Joe Lonnett underwent a knee operation.

Once past this medical mess, the Phils have nothing more than the usual quota of spring aches, pains and problems. Last year, Mayo Smith had to scramble for pitching after using Robin Roberts, Herman Wehmeier and Murry Dickson, the latter now 39. Unless Simmons gets it out of his head that he can't cut back, there is no early indication that the southpaw will. Manager Smith faces the task of developing or otherwise obtaining a pitcher or two.

If Hamner can stay sound, the Phils have half of a double play combination who can swing the long ball. Bobby Morgan has demonstrated that he is nothing more than a utility infielder. Roy Smalley doesn't hit enough. The hope, therefore, is Teddy Kazanski, the \$75,000 bonus beauty back from Syracuse a bit more matured at the ripe old age of 22. He only has to hit the ball with some share of the verve with which he fields it.

All Ashburn, the incomparable lead-off man, has to do to upset infielders and otherwise stir up trouble is stay on his pins, but he practically was paralyzed with a back kicked up late last season and he had to be helped from the field in Chicago.

The Phils require Ashburn's center fielding and speed and Greengrass' thump, for there is nothing behind them in the outfield but fill-ins and pinch-hitters. You run into veterans here like Frank Baumholtz and Wally Westlake, and Glen Gorbous, who can't hit nearly as well as he throws.

With Stan Lopata at first base, Lonnett, who showed promise at Syracuse before his knee buckled, is needed to back up and spell the 35-year-old catcher, Andy Seminick.

So Smith awaits the final medical reports and Hamery the anticipated headaches. And Carpenter says, "Yes."

said the Yogi Man, who has shot 88 and won a match in the Baseball Players' Tournament at Miami Springs.

So Mantle spent the better part of the day watching Yankee youngsters in an intra-squad game at Miller Huggins Field.

While he says he weighs the same—195 pounds—Mantle looks bigger and stronger after his tonsillectomy of mid-January. He suffered from infected tonsils and a resultant strep throat for two years.

Between osteomyelitis, a trick knee and hamstring muscle, bad tonsils and whatnot, Mantle has not enjoyed a complete and all out spring training season since he became a Yankee regular.

This will be his first. And it could be the year when this veteran of 24 finally will live up to his tremendous potential, greater than that of any other player, not excluding Willie Mays and Duke Snider. "Could be," grins the Mick, "if I don't pull another leg."

While carving his tonsils, surgeons put an OK on the right knee that has bothered Mantle since he tore the cartilage in it while stopping quickly and stepping on the cover of a sprinkling system outlet in right-center field of Yankee Stadium in the second game of the 1951 World Series. Two separate operations were required to mend it.

No one ever played baseball so well under so many severe handicaps, physical and otherwise. Young Mantle was harassed by the military draft and poison pen letters. Draft regulations actually were changed because of Mantle.

DiMag Visits Camp, Finds Urge To Play

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP)—The tall, graceful figure was familiar—except for the gray titch not when he stood at the Huggins Field batting cage and it was no wonder that a new generation of New York Yankees gawked like kids at a side show.

It was Joe DiMaggio, who flew to St. Petersburg on a "sentimental journey" yesterday marking the 30th anniversary of the day he reported to the Yankees in 1936. DiMaggio retired in 1951 but it was like old times when he visited Manager Casey Stengel in the clubhouse and then stationed himself alongside the batting cage.

"The urge really is there," Joe said wistfully. "Four years make a long rest."

MIAMI, Fla. (UP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers take the field for the first time as world champions tonight with Ted Williams and the Boston Red Sox supplying the opposition.

Shortstop Peeewe Reese will be sidelined with a pulled back muscle but Manager Walt Alton will do the rouse field essentially the same team that knocked off the New York Yankees in the final game of the 1955 world series.

The Red Sox, meanwhile, promised that Williams would play at least five innings. Williams usually ducks exhibition games but wants to play this year because he is so far advanced in his training. He sharpened his batting eye at Sarasota, Fla., yesterday by turning in a brilliant performance in batting practice.

"Needed" by a Boston baseball writer who claimed Ted couldn't hit a ball over the 375-foot distant right field fence, Williams promptly blasted a 400-foot "homer" and followed with an even longer drive.

Reds Reported Getting Set to Seek Davis Cup

By WILL GRIMSLEY
NEW YORK (UP)—A refugee from behind the Iron Curtain said today Russia is secretly preparing for a shot at the Davis Cup, symbol of world supremacy in amateur tennis, but won't chance it "until they're sure they can win."

"And I think they're going to be bitterly disappointed," added Vladimir Cernik, 34, Czechoslovakian tennis ace who fled Communist rule in 1949.

A former Czech Davis Cupper, Cernik is in New York seeking citizenship—and a job. With him are his wife and baby boy, Mike.

"I am convinced that for propaganda purposes Russia is anxious to enter the Davis Cup competition," he said. "The Communists want to rule the world in all sports. Thousands are training daily under tennis coaches with an eye on entering international tennis competition."

"But the Russians won't enter anything until they're reasonably sure they can win. That's what's holding them back in this case."

Cernik, a tall, lean athlete with a splash of gray at his temples, said he felt sure the Communists would find it much more difficult to move in and take charge in tennis than they have in other sports.

"It won't be like ice hockey or speed skating," he added. "Tennis is an individual sport. It's more than technique, good conditioning and organization. It's tradition and there's a lot of heart in it."

Cernik said in order for the Communists to match the pace of the United States and Australia in tennis they'd have to put a touring team on the road, "playing at Wimbledon, Forest Hills and Sydney."

"Great players are made by experience," he said, "and I am anxious to enter the Davis Cup competition," he said. "The Communists want to rule the world in all sports. Thousands are training daily under tennis coaches with an eye on entering international tennis competition."

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In Brief

TRACK
NEW YORK — The state supreme court upheld its injunction pending trial March 15, against the AAU's lifetime ban on Wes Saucedo.

BALTIMORE — Lee Calboun equalled the world 60-yard high hurdle record of 7.1 in the South Atlantic AAU indoor meet.

GOLF
PENSACOLA, Fla. — Bo Winger shot a 67 to tie George Bignam at 139 after 36 holes in the Pensacola Open.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Louise Suggs' 75 gave her a two-stroke lead of 153 at the halfway mark of the Titleholders tourney.

TENNIS
BARRANQUILLA, Columbia — Tom Brown upset top seeded Vito Seixas, 6-3, 11-9, 6-4, in the semifinals of the Barranquilla tourney.

Ludwig Lightburn Bangs Out Lopsided Triumph

NEW YORK (UP)—Lightweight contender Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras registered his seventh straight victory Friday night on the most lopsided decision of his career, but Manager Arlie Clarke complained today. "He's so good, we have no matches in sight."

In his return television 10-rounder with substitute Hosaine Khalif of Algeria at Madison Square Garden, 21-year-old Lightburn won on a rounds basis as follows: Referee Ruby Goldstein, 9-0-1; Judge Bert Grant, 8-2; and Judge Frank Forbes, 9-1.

Lightburn, weighing 140½ pounds to Khalif's 135½, improved on the scoring of their first bout last October 24, when the voting was 8-2, 8-2, 9-1.

The 2,500 fans booed intermittently after the third round.

Khalif, whose wife presented him with twin daughters Thursday night, almost suffered the first kayo in his career of 61 bouts in the sixth round. A right drove him to one knee, but he was up and groggily took the count of nine on his feet in a corner. The bell rang just as he staggered forward to resume. But he revived during the minute's rest.

The 25-year-old Algerian suffered a deep gash on his left cheek in the eighth, but he had the satisfaction of nearly closing Lightburn's left eye before the finish. He suffered his 13th defeat while substituting for L. C. Morgan of Dayton, Ohio, who was disappointed by the boxing commission because of a suspension at Cleveland.

It was Lightburn's 20th victory in 45 fights.

Former Dodger pitcher Clyde King began last season as Atlanta's opening day pitcher. This season he starts the campaign as Atlanta manager.



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING awards were handed out this past week at Klamath Union High School in an awards assembly held in Pelican Court. Above, left to right, Leo Bocchi of Pepsi Cola, who presented Richard Berg with the high point trophy, Berg, state champion in the 148-pound class, holds the third place trophy KU won at last week's state tourney in Corvallis, coach Dutch Simons, C. B. Simons, winner of the Elks trophy for the outstanding freshman grappler, and Mike Balsiger, who presented the Elks award. Trophies on the table are the Pepsi Cola award, the Tokete Lions plaque for the most improved honors, the Southern Oregon Conference trophy and the first place award for the district winners.

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