

# Al Lopez Explains To Critics

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TAMPA, Fla. (UP)—Al Lopez, more optimistic than ever, had a ready explanation today for those criticizing his Chicago White Sox for trading away such established players as Minnie Minoso and Larry Doby.

"I'll do anything to beat the Yankees. And he feels this is the year it will be done — even without Minoso and Doby."

The White Sox gave up those two outfielders and pitcher Jack Harshman to get among others, Early Wynn, Al Smith, Billy Goodman and Ray Moore.

## DEALS HELP

"I think we can take the Yankees with those players added to what I've got," he said frankly. "After all, we wouldn't have made those deals unless we were sure they would help us. So we had to give up good players to get the men we felt we needed to win the pennant."

Lopez admitted he was "more than a little tired" of finishing second to New York. He's done that six times, five as manager of the Cleveland Indians and last year in his first season as the helm of the White Sox. Only once has he finished ahead of the Yankees, when his Indians won the pennant in 1954.

"I wanted Wynn because he can beat the Yankees — and all the other clubs," he explained. "I wanted Smith because he seems to play his best ball against the Yankees. I needed Goodman to plug a hole at third base and while he may not be the best fielder in the world, he's a handy man with a bat in his hands."

## WANTED MOORE

"And I wanted Moore for our bullpen because we lost 27 games last year in the last two innings of play simply because we didn't have the right guy in the bullpen. I'm sure Moore will be the right guy this year."

"Smith may not hit as much as Minoso, but he'll do a better job for you in the field," Lopez pointed out. "Wynn wants to beat the Yankees as badly as I do. You can bet that for every Yankee series I'll have Wynn, (Dick) Donovan and (Billy) Pierce ready to shoot at them with Moore in the bullpen."

Wynn and Donovan are the only two right-handers in the league who have beaten the Yankees more times than they have lost to them. Lopez calls his pitching potential "the best in the league."

While he tabs the Yankees as the club to beat, he warned that the Tigers "are going to be tough to beat too."

"But if we beat the Yankees, we'll win the pennant," he added. "And I'm sure with those four new men we'll do it this year. No more of this finishing second for me."

## Demaret Eyes Golfing Jinx

BATON ROUGE, La. (UP)—Defending champion Jimmy Demaret will be fighting a local jinx at the Baton Rouge Country Club today as he tees off on the first round of the \$15,000 Baton Rouge Open; no golfer has repeated as winner of the tournament.

However, the weather seemed to favor the smiling golfer from Houston, as a field of 152 moved out on the tough par-72 course. Demaret sometimes plays his best under adverse weather conditions.

Three other former Baton Rouge champions — Bob Toski, Jackie Burke Jr., and Bo Winger — are also in the field.

Gallery favorites this year include Ken Venturi, Ed Poyser, Oliver, Peter Thompson (last year's runner-up to Demaret), Lloyd Mangrum, and the local favorite—Lionel Hebert.

## Bears Untroubled By PCC Stats

LOS ANGELES (UP)—In Coast Conference scoring statistics, the California Bears are nothing but a bunch of also-rans.

But this state of affairs doesn't trouble the Bears. They happen to be leading everybody else in another statistical area — the conference standings.

Figures released by the conference office Wednesday show that the Bears are only sixth in team scoring, but rank first in defense and second in another important department, rebounding.

California, now a game and a half ahead of second-place Oregon State, has allowed an average of only 52.1 points per game while scoring an average of 58.7 itself. Oregon State ranks second in scoring, with an average of 55.2, and second in defense, with 54.8.

Idaho has the best offensive average, 69.9, and the worst defensive mark, 67.7.

In rebounds, Oregon State leads with 538 and Cal is second with 507.

## Idaho State Whips PU

POCATELLO, Idaho (UP)—Resorting to ball control tactics in the waning minutes Wednesday night, Idaho State College whipped Portland University 61-50 in a non-conference basketball game.

Portland rolled to a 20-12 advantage midway in the first stanza but hookshot artist Leroy Bacher and Lloyd Harris transformed it into a 26-all tie with three minutes left of the half that finished with Idaho leading 33-26.

Bacher was the game's high man with 26 tallies, followed by Harris' 23.

# TIME OUT



"Why not, Silly? We already have one of those on our library wall!"

## OTI Banquet Date Changed

The date for the Oregon Tech basketball banquet has been changed from March 9 to March 17 according to John Hobson, OTI dean of men, due to a conflict in campus activities.

The banquet is open to the public and all sports fans are urged to attend and pay tribute to the Oregon Collegiate Conference champions. The cost of the dinner will be \$1.50 per person.

Tickets for the banquet will be placed on sale at downtown Klamath Falls locations the first of next week, Hobson announced.

## Ex-Giant Working For Yanks

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP)—Andy Cohen, after 30 years, is back with New York. Only this time he is a member of the Yankee organization instead of the Giants.

"How many fans remember Andy Cohen and his remarkable debut with the Giants on opening day, April 15, 1928.

Cohen, a dark-skinned, black-haired rookie, up from Buffalo, nervously stepped into the big shoes of Rogers Hornsby at second base and, almost at once, captivated the town so completely that the fans forgave Manager John McGraw for trading away the great Rajan to the Boston Braves.

The inspired 22-year-old Cohen clouted a single, double and home run for the Braves' star pitcher Bob Smith. He drove in three runs and scored the other in the Giants' 4-2 triumph. He continued his sizzling pace for several weeks.

Unfortunately, he was no Hornsby and his fall from grace was almost as speedy as his rise. Within two years the compact little Texan from El Paso was back in the minors.

Today, 30 years older and at least that many pounds heavier, he is manager of the Yankees' Denver farm club in the American Assn. During the past two weeks he has been assisting Casey Stengel and his crew of coaches and minor league pilots in the instructional course for Yankee hopefuls.

"This will be my 15th year as a manager," Cohen said, "and I thought I knew a little bit about this baseball business. But getting an education I've been getting just listening to Casey and the others. No wonder the Yankees keep on winning pennants. This is where the Yankee success originates. Right here. Never in all my years have I seen such an efficient method of teaching, attended such interesting meetings and listened to such thorough lectures and coaching techniques."

## Yank's Mantle Inks Contract For \$72,000

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP)—Mickey Mantle won his salary tussle with the New York Yankees when he signed his 1958 contract for an estimated \$72,000.

Mantle, who has been holding out for that sum, walked into the hotel room of Lee MacPhail, director of player personnel, at 9:30 a.m. e.s.t. Two minutes later, he signed and was en route to the ball park for the club's first official practice session.

Mantle, who today signed for just \$5,000 less than the club paid Babe Ruth, received about \$60,000 last year. He won the American League's most valuable player award in 1957 for the second straight year.

Mantle had a .345 average and hit 34 home runs last season.

## BALL FARE

COUNTY TOURNAMENT  
At Oregon Tech  
1:30—BY vs Paisley  
3:30—Merrill vs Gilchrist  
5:30—Chioquin vs Sacred Heart  
7:30—Mallin vs Bonanza

VICTORY LEAGUE  
At Mills School  
8:45—Gun Store vs Mountingcraft  
9:00—Farmer's Sand and Gravel vs Coca Cola

KUBSKI NAMED  
PITTSBURGH (UP)—Al Kubski, veteran minor league player and manager, has been named manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates' new farm club at San Angelo, Tex., in the newly formed Sophomore League. Kubski, 38, is a native of Baltimore.

# Hornet 5 In Rogue Tourney

Coach Ted Ammerman and his Henley Hornets left today for Ashland to compete in the Sub-District 6-A-2 tournament to be held on the Southern Oregon College court, Thursday, February 27, through Saturday, March 1.

Rogue River and Glendale will pair off in the first game at 6:30 p.m. Thursday while the Henley cagers go against Eagle Point in the second contest which is scheduled to get under way at 8 p.m. Brookings and Illinois Valley are slated for the nightcap. The remaining entry, Phoenix draws a bye for the first day's activity.

Probable starters for the Hornets are forward, 6-1, senior Gary Curry; 5-10 senior, Jim Herringshaw, the Henley high-scorer, at a guard slot; Alvin Born, 6-3, senior center; Larry Ferguson, 5-11, senior guard, with senior Lee Kaylor, 6-2, who is number two man in the score column filling the remaining forward spot.

Burrell Gober, 6-2, junior heads the list of reserve strength which includes Del Herringshaw, Leroy Larson, Joe Tacchini, Jim Chapman, Doug Kammerer and Phil Swisher.

The Henley club has a 11-won, 10-lost record for the season which, incidentally is unique in that they have not met any of their fellow conference members to date. The Hornets racked up 834 points to 730 for their opponents in the 21 game schedule.

The tournament winner will meet the representative from the northern half of the district in a two of three game playoff series to determine the club to represent the district in the State A-2 tourney which is held at Salem.

Last year's state entrant was Glide, who defeated Phoenix in the playoff games.

## County Tourney Now In Progress

Tonight at 7:30 the Chiloquin Panthers tangle with the Sacred Heart Trojans in the third game of the County B Tournament now in progress on the OTI court.

The Malin Mustangs, county league champions, face the Bonanza Antlers tonight at 9:30 in the nightcap. The Mustangs, raised a slight edge in tourney play, face the fifth-place Antlers in what should be the key game of the opening day's activity.

This afternoon the Bly Bobcats challenged the Paisley Broncos at 1:30 p.m. and the Merrill Huskies met the cellar-dwelling Gilchrist Grizzlies at 3:30.

Tonight's games will be broadcast by Floyd Wynne over Radio Station KFLW as will Friday and Saturday's games.

## All Not Well In Brave Camp

BRADENTON, Fla. (UP)—Milwaukee Braves General Manager John Quinn is beginning to frown just a little because 10 of his world champions remain unassigned and some of them won't even talk to him.

"Sure it would be a relief to have everyone in the fold and ready to go to work Saturday when spring training opens for the full squad," Quinn said. "I'm doing my part trying to contact all the unsigned, but if they don't answer the telephone we can't get together."

Quinn is not sure where most of them are. They are always "out" when phone calls are put through their winter homes.

Those sitting it out include pitchers Lew Burdette, Bob Buhl, Gene Conley and Don McMahon; infielders Red Schoendienst, Johnny Logan, Frank Torre and Felix Mantilla; and outfielders Wes Covington and Bob Hazle.

There was a report that Mantilla was as close to the Braves' camp as Jacksonville, Fla., and that Conley was on the way South, but Quinn couldn't verify it.

The general manager expected to get some support at the bargaining table from Club President Joseph Calines, who was due to arrive last night and bring a bit more authority into the talks.

## Low Head Ends Gonzales Threat

ODESSA, Tex. (UP)—Low Head ended Pancho Gonzales' "comeback attempt" at one match Wednesday night, beating the pro king 22-20, 10-8 in a grueling 2 hour and 13 minute match.

The win for Head ended Pancho's claim he was on a "comeback" following his easy victory at Dallas Monday night, and gave the Aussie a 17-9 lead in their 100-match world's pro championship tour.

## FIGHT CALLED OFF

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UP)—Next Monday night's scheduled bout between Dave Rent of Battle, England and Ray Gately of New York has been called off because the local promoter was unable to fill the program.

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THE HENLEY HORNETS, Klamath County's lone A-2 school left today to compete in the Sub-District 6-A-2 tourney to be played on the Southern Oregon College court. In their first game they meet Eagle Point. From left to right, front row, Jim Herringshaw, Del Herringshaw, Leroy Larson, Lee Kaylor, Joe Tacchini and Burrell Gober. Back row, Alvin Born, Doug Kammerer, Larry Ferguson, Gary Curry and Phil Swisher.

## Today's Sport Parade

# Japanese 'Sandmen' Vie

By OSCAR FRALEY  
United Press Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (UP)—The Japanese sandman is going to get a chance to prove that he wasn't a one-shot sleeper.

That's little Pete Nakamura, who beat the world's best golfers, including Sam Snead and Jimmy Demaret, in the International Trophy matches at Tokyo last October. Completing a grand slam, he and his partner, Koshi Ono, also copped the two-man Canada Cup trophy.

Now they are coming here to compete in the Masters Tournament at Augusta, April 3-6, and there is a possibility that they will place a Miami exhibition against Snead and Demaret.

Snead would probably walk to Miami from Boca Raton and Demaret conceivably would trudge all the way from Houston for another crack at the two Japanese. Because Sam and Jimmy were "all shook up" the day they played the two Japanese head and head.

Nakamura shot a three under par 68 that day and Ono a 70, while Demaret had an even par 71 and Snead bounced to a 74. When the tournament was over, Nakamura had walked off with the individual low with a 10-under-par 274 against Snead's second place 281. The Japanese won the team title with an 11-under-par 557 against the Snead-Demaret second place total of 566.

Demaret had a bemused look on his face after that round with the two Japanese players.

"They don't hit the ball out of their own shadow," he grinned, "but row they can score."

Snead nodded.

"Every time I looked at 'em," he said, "all I see is arms and elbows as they bent over to pick their ball out of the cup."

The two Japanese players were red hot. For example, on one nine hole stretch the tiny, squat Nakamura was in five traps — and finished the nine holes five under par. He holed out from three traps and one-putted after exploding from the other two.

They had practiced assiduously for that tournament, even though they were given little chances in pre-tournament figures among the best pairs from 30 other nations. The ever-smiling Nakamura had worked so long that he had a callous the size of a walnut on the palm of his left hand from the constant rubbing of the end of the club shaft. Ono, a lanky Manchurian who is a naturalized Japanese, also had practiced endlessly.

The Japanese players will be at a disadvantage of sorts here because they must use the larger American ball instead of the smaller British ball which is used in Japan. In international matches, players may use either ball. But in tournaments and exhibitions here they would use the large ball.

"It wouldn't matter to me which ball they used," Snead said when advised they were coming to the United States. "They won fair and square in Tokyo — but I'd sure like another crack at them if a game could be arranged."

Neither Snead or Demaret has forgotten that seven-stroke shelling they took from the two Japanese in that head and head round at Tokyo. You can find an inference in Sam's tone that there would be courtesy—but no mercy — if they ever hook up again.

Little Pete, who looks like an Oriental Gene Sarazen, had really better be ready this time.

## Canadiens Strive For Championship

By UNITED PRESS  
The Montreal Canadiens, denied a chance to back into the National Hockey League regular season championship, will attempt to get the job done themselves tonight when they meet the Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal.

A Montreal victory against the Maple Leafs will give the Canadiens an 11½ game lead and the pennant, for the second-place New York Rangers now have only 11 games to play.

The Canadiens missed a chance to back in Wednesday night when the Rangers downed the Chicago Black Hawks, 4-3, at New York.

## Shuff-Stuff

ARMY 3, TINY'S 1  
WOCU 4, Fines 0  
Roundup 3, Eagles 1  
Gervais 3, Summer Lane 1

Beavers Sign Gray  
PORTLAND (UP)—The Pacific Coast League Portland Beavers Wednesday signed Dave Gray, a former pitcher with Eugene of the Northwest Baseball League.

Gray, recently discharged from the Army, was with the Beavers at their spring training camp in 1956. He was later sent to Eugene where he pitched one game in Northwest League play before going into the service.

WERNER INJURES KNEE  
INNSBRUCK, Austria (UP)—Bud Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., has suffered a severe knee injury while training for the Klamath Race at St. Anton. According to reports received here, his leg has been placed in a cast and he will not be able to participate in any further ski meets this season. Werner said he stumbled on a patch of new snow and fell.

# KU Pelican, Comet Clash Ends Season

By WAYNE SCOTT  
Herald-News Sports Writer  
The Southern Oregon Conference champion KU Pelicans head for Central Point Friday to tangle with the Crater Comets in the last two games of regular season play.

The Pels, who earned their state tournament berth two weeks ago, clinched the SOC title by overwhelming the Grants Pass Cavemen in their final home-court series.

In the Crater club the Whitebirds face a team, who in spite of their 3-won, 9-lost record, are potentially dangerous. Coach Don Anielak's crew can, as is the case with most cellar-dwellers, adopt the role of "spoilers."

The Pelicans present quite a target for a team that has this in mind. Rated the top team in the state on the AP Press poll, they have a season record of 19 wins to one loss and a conference mark of 13-1, plus the fact that they are state-bound and conference champs.

In addition, four of the top five scorers in the conference are Pelicans; Moore, in the number one slot and Peterson, Robinson and Niles in the third, fourth and fifth spots.

Pel coach Don Megale, realizing the position his club is in, has aimed this week's practices primarily at sharpening the fast-break offense tactics of his tall charges.

While the Crater contests may be called anti-climactic, they are all-important to the KU five, since they represent the last competition the team will face before heading for Eugene. The necessary inactivity will last two and one-half weeks.

A gloomy spot on the Pelican horizon showed up in the form of a case of shin-splints for center Glenn Moore. The tall all-star was forced to quit early Wednesday afternoon with the hope that he would be able to shake them before the weekend.

KU scoring statistics, released today, show that Moore has collected a total of 356 points during this season's play to run his high school total to 1,065. The number two man is guard Dave Robinson who, despite a two-game score slump has managed 240 tallies to date leading the squad at the free throw line hitting 64 of 76 attempts for a .842 mark.

Bob Peterson and Bob Niles round out the third and fourth place spots with 219 and 182 respectively, while breaking about even at the head of the rebound department.

Directly behind Bob Niles in the conference scoring column is Wayne Allen, Comet workhorse, who has collected a total of 138 points in 12 games for an 11.3 average.

Pelican scoring to date:

## BASKETBALL

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Temple 77, Lafayette 54  
St. Joseph (Pa.) 82, LaSalle 77  
Fordham 92, Army 76  
Amherst 50, Wesleyan 48  
Maine 65, Colby 56  
Boston Univ. 65, Tufts 56  
Carnegie Tech 70, Wash. Jeff 44  
St. Peter's 32, Adelphi 33  
Northeastern 61, MIT 54  
Bates 80, Bowdoin 50  
Lehigh 66, Delaware 53  
Hofstra 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 57

SOUTH  
Maryland 66, Georgetown (DC) 64  
Tenn Tech 66, Morehead (Ky) 63  
Kentucky 108, Western Ky 91  
Johns Hopkins 75, Ursinus 47  
Louisville 73, DePaul 35  
Xavier (Ohio) 108, Western Ky 91

MIDWEST  
Cincinnati 91, St. Louis 73  
Ains 78, Albion 73

SOUTHWEST  
Arizona 84, Los Angeles State 68  
Texas A&M 88, Southwestern Tex 41  
Arizona State (Tempe) 91, Arizona State (Flagstaff) 77

FAR WEST  
Idaho State 81, Portland 50  
College of Pacific 88, San Diego Marine 63  
Air Force Acad 81, Colo. College 54  
Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo) 81, UCalif (Santa Barbara) 70

North State Conference  
First Round  
High Point 74, Atlantic Christian 51  
East Carolina 78, Appalachian 77  
Kentucky 140, Tennessee 70  
First Round  
Union (Ky) 51, Georgetown (Ky) 49  
Villa Madonna 83, Centre 83

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
HAVANA — Joe Brown, 135½, New Orleans, knocked out Orlando Echevarria, 136½, Cuba, 1 (non-title).

## TENNIS TOUR SLATED

NEW YORK (UP)—Young Barty MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, ranked fifth nationally, and Dorothy Head Knobe of Forest Hills, N.Y., ranked third, will compete in international tennis tournaments at Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt, and probably at Casablanca. They leave March 3 on the tour arranged by the U.S. State Department.

## NOTICE

The usual meeting of the Pelican Booster Club will not be held tonight.

Many members will take part in the County B Basketball Tourney now in progress on the OTI court.

Thursday, March 6, is the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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