

Senators, Cincinnati Nab Major League Openers

Triple Play Highlights Nat Win; Robinson's Hitting Paces Reds

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The 1959 baseball season is just one day old, but you have to figure the winter deal with Cincinnati that brought a left-handed pitcher to Pittsburgh was one the Pirates should have passed up.

Calm down. Note the trade that sent Frank Thomas to the Reds last winter for lefty Harvey Haddix, Don Hoak and Smokey Burgess. Wait until August to judge that one. Go back another winter and recall the swap that gave the Reds right-hander Bob Purkey for southpaw Don Gross.

Purkey became Cincinnati's ace last year, winning 17, running up 17 complete games — and piling up a 3-0 record against his ex-mates, who surprised everyone by

defending champion Braves sent southpaw Warren Spahn (22-11) against the Pirates' Bob Friend (22-14) at Pittsburgh. The Los Angeles Dodgers picked Don Drysdale (12-13) against the Cubs' Bob Anderson (3-3) at Chicago. Two night-game openers find the San Francisco Giants at St. Louis with Johnny Antonelli (16-13) opposing the Cards' Larry Jackson (13-13), while the Reds' Don Newcombe (6-13) faces the Phillies' Robin Roberts (17-14) at Philadelphia.

In the American League, the world champion New York Yankees start the long haul for their 10th pennant in 11 years under Casey Stengel with Bob Turley (21-7), last season's pitcher of the year, facing Tom Brewer (12-12) of the Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. The Chicago White Sox selected Billy Pierce (17-11) to meet the Tigers' Jim Bunning (14-12) at Detroit. Gary Bell (12-10) was Cleveland's choice against Bob Grim (7-7) at Kansas City. Baltimore and Washington are idle.

Reds 4, Pirates 1

Frank Robinson backed up Purkey's five-hit pitching with three hits, one a two-run homer in the fourth inning that overhauled a 1-0 Pirate lead. Robinson drove in three runs against loser Ron Kline, who went five innings before 32,190 at the Reds' Crosley Field.

Only game scheduled:
Pittsburgh 001.000 000-1 6 0
Cincinnati 000.220 000-4 8 0
Kline, R. G. Smith (6), Porterfield (8) and Foles, Purkey (1-0) and Bailey. Loser-Kline (0-1). HR—Robinson.



FRANK ROBINSON
... paces Redleg win

finishing second in the National League race.

That 1959 resurrection created all sorts of 1959 pennant fever in Pittsburgh, but the Pirates made a rather inauspicious start Thursday, losing 4-1 to the Reds — and Purkey.

In the American League's earlier opener, right-hander Pete Ramos was backed up by a pair of two-run homers from Harm Killbrow and Reno Bertoia and the Washington Senators beat the Baltimore Orioles 9-2.

With Cincinnati and Washington ruling the roost, the pennant races really got rolling today.

In the National, Milwaukee's

U of Oregon Getting Set For ND Meets

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON — Coach Bill Bowerman's sturdy Oregon tracksters, fresh and eager after a victory in the Northern Division Relays last week, open their ND dual meet season at Hayward Field this Saturday against the Washington Huskies.

The track meet is the highlight of a big day of sports on the Eugene campus. In conjunction with the varsity meet, the Oregon Frosh open their season at Hayward Field against the OSC Rooks, and Coach Don Kirsche's Webfoot baseball varsity hosts Southern Oregon in a non-conference afternoon tilt at Howe Field.

The Duck thinclads have a host of goals to shoot for in their debut before the home fans at Eugene, and when the field events begin at 1:30 p.m., the strong Oregon squad will be favored.

Still, the Huskies, who finished a strong third in the Division Relays and posted several top times and distances in doing so, provide a sturdy foe.

The dual meet will have several highlights, including the mile where rivals Jim Greffe of Oregon and Jack Larson of Washington will compete, and the 440 where the Husky's spectacular Terry Tobacco is expected to have his hands full with Webfoot surprise Otis Davis.

The Webfoots will seek their 22nd straight Northern Division dual meet triumph against the Huskies, and they have not lost to Washington since 1953.

The Oregon Frosh and the Rooks will be watched as closely as the more-experienced varsities, and much of the spotlight is expected to fall on miler Dyrrol Burleson and sprinter Jim Puckett.

Burleson is the ex-Cottage Grove youth who holds the national prep mark at 4:13.2

Marcel Sparking Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens were safely launched today on their bid for an unprecedented fourth straight Stanley Cup title thanks to the spark supplied by Marcel Bonin.

For two and a half periods Thursday night a crowd of 14,370 saw a routine affair between the Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs. Then the irrepressible little leftwinger chopped in the winning goal, and set up the insurance marker with a coolly calculated pass to give the Canadiens a 5-3 win.

The tipoff to the humdrum aspects of this first game in the best-of-seven final playoff came in the comment of the coaches. Both Toe Blake of Montreal and Punch Imlach of Toronto were critical of their teams.

Blake said "Some of the guys didn't seem to have any legs."

Imlach said his Leafs didn't hustle and fight enough.

The closeness of the score all the way failed to pull the crowd out of its apathy. Henri Richard and Ralph Backstrom scored for Montreal and Dick Duff and Billy Harris for the Leafs in the opening period.

It was as close through the second. Andre Pronovost moved Montreal in front and Ron Stewart pulled the Leafs even.

To the Leafs' credit, they outskated and outchecked the Canadiens in the first two periods. They looked good enough to snatch this first game although they had only one day rest after knocking off Boston in a tough seven game semifinal.

The longer layoff for the Canadiens who were carried six games before downing Chicago appeared to have left them sluggish.

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Nats 9, Orioles 2

Ramos, the Cuban right-hander everyone wanted but whom the Nats decided to keep, struck out six, didn't walk a man and had the Orioles blanked on five hits until the ninth. Then Gus Triandos who last year tied the AL record for catchers with 30 home runs, slapped a two-out homer after a leadoff double by Bob Boyd.

Killebrew and Bertoia, the ex-Tiger, hit their homers in the fourth inning off loser Jack Harshman.

The Orioles pulled off the first opening day triple play in major league history, but were a bit stoppy the rest of the time. They committed three errors before the



GUS TRIANDOS
... homers for Orioles

Griffith Stadium crowd of 26,850 that included Vice President Richard Nixon.

Boyd started the triple play, snaring Ed Fitzgerald's liner in the fifth inning, doubling Roy Sievers at second and then hustling back to first to get shortstop Chico Carrasquel's return peg that caught rookie Bob Allison.

Only game scheduled:
Baltimore 000.000 002-2 7 3
Washington 100.001 12X-9 14 1
Harshman (5), E. Johnson (6) and Triandos. Ramos (1-0) and Fitzgerald. Loser — Harshman (0-1). HRs—Killbrow, Bertoia, Triandos.

Academy Post Still Wide Open

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI) — It might be "at least a month" before the U.S. Naval Academy picks a new head football coach to succeed Eddie Erdelatz, a source close to Academy affairs indicated today.

Although it was understood that present Navy Assistant Coach Dick Duden and former Notre Dame Coach Terry Brennan were on the inside track, the selection still was wide open with several names figuring in reports. Among those were former Colorado Coach Dallas Ward and former Notre Dame Coach Frank Leahy.

Erdelatz sprang a major surprise Wednesday when he suddenly resigned after nine years as Navy coach, climaxing a growing dispute with certain Academy officials over athletic policy.

Herald and News SPORTS

WAYNE SCOTT, Sports Editor

Celts Sweep Title With Fourth Straight

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Boston's irresistible Celtics, pro basketball kings again, had a rosterful of heroes to salute today and none more worthy than Frank Ramsey and Bill Sharman.

Ramsey and Sharman delivered the knockout wallop against Minneapolis Thursday night in a 116-113 Celtic victory that brought the National Basketball Assn. title finals to a merciful conclusion.

It meant a four-game sweep of the finals for Boston, the first such

STANDINGS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct. G.B.
Washington	1	0	1.000 —
Kansas City	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Boston	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Chicago	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Cleveland	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Detroit	0	0	.000 1 1/2
New York	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Baltimore	0	1	.000 1

Friday Schedule

Boston at New York

Chicago at Detroit

Cleveland at Kansas City

Only games scheduled

Thursday Result

Washington 9, Baltimore 2

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Saturday Schedule

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Chicago at Detroit

Cleveland at Kansas City

Baltimore at Washington

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Philadelphia	0	0	.000 1 1/2
St. Louis	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Milwaukee	0	0	.000 1 1/2
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000 1

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San Francisco at St. Louis (N)

Cincinnati at Philadelphia

Sports Scene

BASEBALL

At Grants Pass

1:30 Klamath Union vs. Grants Pass

At KU

1:30 KU Jayvees vs. Grants Pass Jayvees

At Bly

4:00 Malin vs. Bly

At Merrill

4:00 Sacred Heart vs. Merrill

At Lassen

1:30 Oregon Tech vs. Lassen JC

TENNIS

At Moore Park

1:30 Klamath Union vs. Grants Pass

KU Tracksters Drilling For RR

While coaches Dean White and Bob Johnson and their Pelican baseball and tennis squads are tussling with Grants Pass in their respective sports this afternoon, the KU track crew, under the coaching reins of Jim Inglesby, finished up their final practice session of the week before heading for the Rogue River Relays which will be held in Medford tomorrow afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The baseball squad clashed with the Cavemen in a doubleheader today while the Pel Netters took on the Grants Pass tennis group at Moore Park. Tomorrow afternoon, Johnson's team returns to the Moore Park courts where they will host the Yreka Miners. The Miners will be seeking revenge for a 7-0 whitewashing they received at the hands of the Pels two weeks ago at Yreka.

The Rogue Relays will be the third outing for Inglesby's cindermen this year, having placed second in a three way meet with Springfield and Eugene in their first action of the season and winning a triangular meet with Grants Pass and Ashland on Modoc Field last weekend in their second taste of competition.

Inglesby reports that Bob Drake, Bob Lewis, Alan Phillips and Jim Barnes, the Pel High jump team, has a good chance of breaking the high jump record in the relays this weekend. The mark which the four will aim for is 17 feet.

Each team's jump will be determined by taking the best leap of three of the four boys from each school and totaling those three best jumps.

The remainder of the Pelican track squad and the events they will enter:

440-yard relay — Ron Olvera, Fred Biehn, Bob Egge and Don Story.

880-yard relay — Story, Bob Drake, Egge and Biehn or Jim Parks.

1 mile relay — George Vinson, Clayton Griggs, Phil Owens and Ron Brisson or Paul Bellem.

Two mile relay — Dale Ellis, David Bruns, Jack Mitchell and Arch Blake.

Distance medley — 1/4 Jim Parks, 1/2 Don Issensee, 3/4 Ken Coffman and one mile Bill Sprout.

Broad jump relay — Story, Olvera, Phillips and Biehn.

Javelin relay — Phillips, Ed Matmiller and Bruns.

Shot put relay — Bill Santo, Les Husted and Gary Hancock.

Discus relay — Santo, Hancock and Dan Bunger.

Shuffle Hurdle relay — Drake, Gary Kranenburg, Dale Stites.

Fights

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Oakland, Calif. — Johnny Gonzales, 136½, Oakland, outpointed Irish Bobby Scanlon, 136, San Francisco, 10.

Los Angeles — Gil Cadilli, 131, San Francisco, and Ernesto Figueroa, 130, Mexico City, drew, 10.

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