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Major League Teams End 'Season Openers' Today

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Major league baseball puts a finish to the business of "season openers" today with the National League champion Milwaukee Braves, San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers playing their first games at home. The Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Orioles make their home debuts in the American.

Seven of the majors' 16 clubs still are unbeaten. Six still are trying to get started.

Here's today's schedule of home openers:

American League
Kansas City at Chicago—Ralph Terry (0-0) vs. Billy Pierce (0-0).

Detroit at Cleveland—Jim Bunning (0-0) vs. Herb Score (0-0).

New York at Baltimore—Don Larsen (0-0) vs. Arnie Portocarrero (0-0).

Washington at Boston—Camilo Pascual (0-0) vs. Ike Delock (0-0).

National League
Philadelphia at Milwaukee—Ruben Gomez (0-0) vs. Seth Morehead (0-0) vs. Warren Spahn (1-0).

Chicago at San Francisco—Dave Hillman (0-0) vs. Jack Sanford (0-0).

The Pittsburgh Pirates, surprising members of the winless six, are at Cincinnati, but that doesn't qualify as an opener. It was at Cincinnati that the Pirates began their 9-3 frustration last Thursday.

The White Sox, who matched some fine relief pitching with some surprise power for a three-game sweep at Detroit, expect a crowd of about 23,000 at Comiskey Park for their debut against the A's, who were beaten by Cleveland in their only two starts.

Pierce, the southpaw veteran, was the Sox' opening day choice last Friday, but not involved in the decision. Terry, a young right-hander, will be making his first start for Kansas City.

The unbeaten Indians come home with hopes of pulling in 40,000 or more while giving Score

another test. The betroubled lefty was wild in a brief relief chore at Kansas City. The Tigers, who failed with their aces—Bunning, Paul Foytack and Frank Lary, try again with Bunning.

The Yankees (1-0) also have a test case on the mound, with Larsen still to prove that his bothersome shoulder is fit. The Orioles, who haven't played since losing Thursday's opener at Washington, switched from Hoyt Wilhelm, who no-hit the Yankees last season, to Portocarrero while estimating some 30,000 fans will show up.

The Red Sox, stymied by bad

weather and the two-hit pitching of Bob Turley at New York last weekend, now are battling the flu, but Delock insists he's ready to pitch against the Senators. About 20,000 are expected at Fenway Park.

Spahn, who got a quick start toward what would be his 10th season of 20 victories by shutting out the Pirates last Friday, goes for No. 2 against the Phils, who beat Cincinnati in their lone start.

Good weather is expected to bring 43,000 fans and Gomez' debut as a Phil following the winter trade with San Francisco. If the weather is cool, Morehead may pitch.

The Giants, 3-0 after their sweep at St. Louis, have a half-game edge over the Braves (2-0). They'll introduce their half of the trade with the Phils with Sanford going for his seventh victory in 10 decisions against the Cubs. Hillman has won three straight from the Giants, who expect a sellout crowd of 23,000.

The Dodgers, who split a pair at Chicago last weekend, hope for 60,000 at the Coliseum, where Podres had an 11-4 record while winning only two of 13 on the road. McDaniel had only a 5-7 record last season but was 2-0 against the Dodgers for the Cards, who have yet to win for new manager Solly Hemus.

Pittsburgh's pitching choice was young George Witt, who has been troubled by a bum elbow. The young right-hander carries a seven-game winning streak over from last season. Bob Purkey, the ex-Buc who beat the Pirates for the fifth consecutive time opening day or right-hander Brooks Lawrence will work for the Reds, who are 1-1.

Next Sunday the New Vern Moore Handicap Trophy will be shot for with the highest handicap score winning a leg. Three legs will be needed for the trophy to be taken home for keeps.

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Bud Cloake 49 46
Dr. M. Adams 45 45
Bill Davis 47 29 41
Nelson Reed 47 41 42
David Robinson 46 43 38
E. H. Cahoon 46 43 34
Arnold Calahan 46 43 34
Marion Grant 46 43 34
Jake Stiger 45 38 35
Newt Weaver 45 38 35
Vern Moore 44 46 35
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NL Boss Switches Opinion

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—President Warren Giles of the National League admitted Monday he has changed his views and now favors a third major league, but said he knew nothing of a report that money was ready or the teams selected.

"It's news to me," Giles said at Milwaukee when asked about a report here that financial backing was ready for a third team.

Cincinnati Post and Times-Star Sports Editor Pat Harmon, in a copyrighted story, quoted Giles as saying it would be "much easier to form a new eight-team major league than to expand the present leagues from eight to 10 teams."

Last November Giles said he favored expanding present leagues.

The story also said financial backing was ready and the teams named.

But Giles said a third league was a "long way off." He said he thought it would take about 10 years for a third league to be on a par with the present leagues.

"There are problems of financing, players and other things," he said.

The report that broadcaster Harry Wismer said backers for the new league had pledged the money at a meeting three weeks ago drew surprised reactions from other baseball officials.

Powell Crosley Jr., president of the Cincinnati Reds, and Gabe Paul, general manager, said they had not heard of plans for the new league.

Paul said he thought the present leagues "would cooperate" with a new league.

Joe Brown, Pittsburgh Pirates general manager, foresaw more problems for a third league, if it operates independently, "than if it works through present baseball."

He said he had not heard of "definite plans."

"They would find it very expensive to meet the present pension system for players," Brown commented.

Frank Lane, Cleveland Indians general manager, said he thought expansion of the two existing leagues to 10 teams was the "logical forerunner of a third league."

The Post and Times-Star story said teams in the new league would be New York, Houston, Montreal, Toronto, Dallas, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and two still to be selected.

The report said the New York team would play at Flushing Meadows in a new park built by the Port Authority. It said financial backing was pledged by a group brought together by William Shea, chairman of the New York City Mayor's Committee For Baseball.

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Time Out



Fireworks Promised By Veeck

CHICAGO (AP)—Amid rumors that Satchel Paige will be the starting pitcher and baseball is once again open to midges, the Chicago White Sox inaugurate their 1959 home season with Bill Veeck on the scene.

Veeck, who heads a syndicate which purchased 54 per cent of the club, assured all concerned that Paige will not be the starting pitcher.

And, he confided, there'll be no midges sent to bat as happened once when he owned the St. Louis Browns.

"I can't say in advance what we'll do," said Veeck, "but something will be popping and there may be a surprise or two."

The Associated Press, however, learned that one of Veeck's stunts will include fireworks and the first display will take place when the crowd is singing the Star Spangled Banner and roaches "the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

At this point Veeck's cohorts will touch off an explosion of fireworks unparalleled since last summer's celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Another Veeck trick will take place in the seventh inning when the Sox come to bat, although most people will not consider this a stunt but a downright generous and hospitable gesture.

Free beer will be passed out in the stands to toast the White Sox. Acting Capt. John L. Sullivan of the Deering police station which patrols Comiskey Park will have 40 men on the job and a special pickpocket detail.

Every opening day for five years, Sullivan's men have nabbed Eddie Murphy, a reputed pickpocket with a record dating back to 1915.

Murphy likes baseball. So Capt. Sullivan notified Murphy he may attend the home opener provided he wears boxing gloves.

Behind all this hubbub, of course, will be the White Sox. Chicago fans aren't too excited even though the Sox are entrenched in first place with a 3-0 record.

They cautiously view it as the same team which in nearly every one of the past eight years sparked Windy City hopes for a pennant only to fall short.

Pennant or not, it promises to be an interesting season for the Sox and the fans, especially with Veeck on the scene.

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Pelicans To Meet Miners

Coach Dean White's Pelican baseball team is almost back to full strength with the return of four more squad members who have been out of action for the last week with the flu. With the return of Dave Saks, Estin Kiger, Ken Womer and Bob Wilkenson, the Klamath Union crew is working hard in preparation for a pair of non-counting games with Yreka on the Miners' home field this coming Friday afternoon.

The Pels will be out for revenge as they dropped a close 2-1 decision to the Miners earlier in the season at Yreka.

Last weekend, Klamath suffered their fifth and sixth losses of the year at the hands of Grants Pass at GEM Stadium. The Cavenem squeaked through with a 4-3 win in the opener and came back to sweep the second, 6-1. Grants Pass scored their winning run in the first game on a home run over the left field fence by catcher Ron Davis in the top half of the fifth inning while Dave Huneycutt paced the Cavenem in the second tilt by slamming out three for three, including a pair of triples which drove in four of the six Grants Pass tallies.

White will have the same starting lineup on hand for the Yreka tilt that he had for last weekend with the exception of Saks, who will return to his backstopping chores and Wilkenson, who, if his bronchial trouble has cleared up enough by game time, will hurl in one of the two weekend contests. Blake Griggs is expected to take the mound in the other half of the twin-bill with the Miners.

Individual batting statistics:

G A R R H R B A
Depew 11 28 6 10 7 337
Yunck 11 32 5 9 3 388
Kiger 5 8 1 2 1 250
Gresdel 6 8 0 2 0 250
Saks 5 9 0 2 0 222
Worlein 9 24 3 5 5 208
Binney 5 10 2 0 0 300
Hall 9 15 1 3 0 300
Head 3 5 0 1 0 200
Griggs 6 11 0 2 0 182
Webb 6 7 1 1 0 143
Moore 8 9 0 1 1 111
Womer 8 10 3 1 0 100
Bunyard 9 18 1 1 1 053
Dunson 3 2 0 0 0 000
Allan 3 2 0 0 0 000
Farrell 3 1 0 0 0 000
Lapsley 2 1 0 0 0 000
Allen 2 0 1 0 0 000
Palmer 3 2 0 0 0 000
Carney 5 0 2 0 0 000
Bishop 5 0 0 0 0 000
Wilkenson 1 2 0 0 0 000
TOTALS 11 209 29 43 19 209

Depew 2, Yunck 4, Worlein 2, Binney 2, Allen 2, Dunson, Hunaker 2, Gresdel, Webb, SAC—Dunson, Griggs, Allan, Head: SB—Yunck 2, Worlein, Carney, Kiger, Webb, Hall, Depew 3, Dunson; 2B—Depew 3, Yunck 2, Dunson, Worlein, Hall 2, Gresdel, Griggs; HR—Depew; DP—Binney, Yunck and Dunson; Webb and Head.

Dodgers' Campanella Feted Before Huge Dinner Crowd

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—"I'm glad I carried myself so they would not turn their heads now that I'm in trouble."

So said Roy Campanella, the semiparalyzed Los Angeles Dodger catcher, to a sellout crowd of 1,400 at the second annual Dodgers dinner Monday night.

"This club went over the mountain for me," said Campanella as he wiped tears from his eyes. He expressed gratitude to President Walter O'Malley and Vice President Buzzie Bavasi for his treatment in the year since the automobile accident that ended his playing career.

Campanella's appearance was the only solemn note in an evening otherwise devoted to levity.

The big question, said master of ceremonies Art Linkletter, is: "Can the Dodgers finish ahead of the Phils this year?"

The Dodgers finished seventh

and Philadelphia eighth in the National League last season — Los Angeles' first year in major league baseball.

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