

Major League Baseball Season Is Stirring; Rhubarbs, Cut Practices Hit Training Camps

Erskine Says Players Too Occupied

NEW YORK (AP)—Carl Erskine says the major leagues are producing a new breed of ball players—sleek, well-grounded business men in Ivy League suits with one ear tuned to the stock market ticker.

"The big league player today has his own agent and legal adviser," the former Dodger pitcher adds. "He owns a bowling alley and a half-interest in some restaurant. When he's through with baseball, he's not a candidate for the relief role."

"It's a long haul from the old days when the boys sat around in hotel lobbies picking their teeth and took in no less than two Westerns a day."

Erskine's comments were made at a luncheon Monday at which a national shirt manufacturer announced that Erskine, two other former major leaguers—Jim Hearn and Jerry Coleman—and the New York Giants' defensive end, Andy Robustelli, were joining the firm in an executive sales capacity.

"A ball player today picks the time he wants to quit," Erskine said. "He doesn't have to hang on, through sheer economic necessity, and fade out miserably. That's the reason we are having so many guys retiring at an early age."

Erskine himself is a handsome cut of a man who might serve as an advertisement for the shirt he sells. He is articulate with tremendous poise and self-assurance.

Erskine, who once struck out 14 New York Yankees for a World Series record, said he knew the minute he was through with baseball.

"I started the second game of a doubleheader for the Dodgers in Pittsburgh," he said. "Before I knew it, balls were flying around my ears like cannon shots. It was lucky nobody got hurt. I walked off the mound after two-thirds of an inning and I knew that was my last game of big league baseball."

USC Cinders Meet Bears

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The powerful University of Southern California track and field teams take on the University of California at Berkeley Saturday while Trojan sophomore Dallas Long awaits word on acceptance of his new world shot-put mark.

USC has not been defeated in its dual meets and the Golden Bears are not expected to spoil this record. The Trojans were tied by Michigan State April 16, 1949—a slight blemish on their record—but since that time have won 60 dual meets.

Long, 19, a 255-pounder from Phoenix, hurled the 16-pound iron ball 64 feet 6 1/2 inches in a relay meet with the Southern California Striders. The area at USC's Cromwell Field was surveyed to see that he did not have the advantage of a down slope and the shot was weighed and not found wanting. The ball was one ounce over the required 16 pounds.

The accepted shot-put mark is held by former Trojan great, Parry O'Brien, at 64 feet 2 inches. Other athletes have bettered this mark but their applications for world record recognition are pending. No one except Long has ever had an official toss over 64 feet.

BEAT JAPANESE

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The University of Southern California defeated Japan's touring Maruzen baseball team Monday, 11-5. The Trojans broke the game open in the late innings with two runs in the seventh and three in the eighth.

St. Louis Hawks To Be Set For Boston Celts This Time

BOSTON (AP)—"We'll be ready," St. Louis Hawks Coach Ed Macauley vowed.

"We won't be any soft touch this time," he told a luncheon group Monday.

"I got news for you, bud," replied Boston Celtics Coach Red Auerbach. "We aren't exactly going to be cold in this game."

The two teams square off tonight in the second game of the best-of-seven playoff series for the National Basketball Assn. title. Local oddsmakers have the defending champion Celtics 11-point favorites to make it two in a row. They ran up a record-breaking 140-122 victory in the first playoff game.

After tonight, the series switches to St. Louis for two games.

Herald and News SPORTS

MILLION DOLLAR PARLAY



Famed Horse Trainer Jacobs Goes After 3,000th Winner

NEW YORK (AP)—Horse trainer Hirsch Jacobs, the carrot-topped former pigeon fancier from Brooklyn, goes after an unprecedented 3,000 winners at Aqueduct race track today.

Famous for claiming Styne from the King Ranch for \$1,500 and developing the horse who retired with earnings of \$918,485, Jacobs saddled his first winner 34 years ago. Jacobs, now 56, needs only two winners to achieve No. 3,000. No other American trainer is close. He closed in Monday when Itching Palm (\$3.20) and Lucky One (\$31.70) won at Aqueduct.

Jacobs' first winner was a horse named Revelon, who won at the short-lived Pompano track near Miami, Fla., Dec. 29, 1926. Revelon had been entered by R. Newman in a \$1,500 claiming race at Empire City, New York, Oct. 25, 1926. Jacobs claimed him and by earning some runner-up purses before winning at Pompano, they ended the year with winnings of \$1,700.

In 1927 Jacobs saddled two winners, earning \$1,750. That was the end of the hungry years. In 1928 his horses won 20 races and \$33,770. He has been knocking them dead since. His best year was 1956 when his horses collected \$693,437.

Jacobs holds the record of being top American trainer for 11 years between 1933-1944, missing only 1940 when he was second. With two winners Monday, his stable earnings went past 9 million—to \$9,000,237.

A smallish man, Jacobs made headquarters at Jamaica, now closed, for a quarter of a century. In recent years when New York tracks closed for winter, he raced

his stable at Santa Anita. Now he stables at Aqueduct.

Around the tracks they marvel at "Horse Family Jacobs." Two younger brothers, Sidney and Gene, also trainers, broke in under brother Hirsch.

Hirsch Jacobs' son John, now 25, is assisting his father and one day will be ready to take charge. Tommy, 19, is another son anxious to get into the act.

Most of Jacobs' horses race in the name of his wife, Ethel D. Jacobs, who was registered owner of Styne, a daughter, Patrice.

is a 22-year-old beauty who also has a keen interest in the sport.

Illegal Hunters Under Each Bush

OLYMPIA (AP)—For members of the animal kingdom who thought there were hunters under every bush in Washington last year, the State Game Department reports this fact—19,800 persons with hunting licenses didn't hunt.

Those that did, however, bagged 69,100 deer, 247,100 pheasants, 739,500 ducks and 39,900 geese, according to the report released Monday.

The department said the deer kill was somewhat lower than estimated, but the best since 1955. The pheasant take was nearly 168,000 lower than the 1958 bag, but 50,000 above the estimate.

The duck crop was the most severe—down 284,500 from the previous year while approximately the same number of geese were taken both years.

The figures were based on questionnaires filled out by one out of every 20 hunters. A total of 285,000 licenses were purchased, but only 265,800 actually hunted.

Parke New Director

PORTLAND (AP)—Vasco Parke of Phoenix, Ariz., Monday was named director of racing for the Oregon State Racing Commission.

The commission said Parke will take over the new job at once. For the past four years, he has been racing director of Turf Paradise, a Phoenix track.

Parke replaces Harold Morrison, who quit after a year to become a steward at the Santa Anita track in California.

In other action Monday, the commission approved three days of racing at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union, June 2 to 4.

Chemult Gunners Meet Sunday

The Chemult Rod and Gun Club resumes its weekly shooting on the Journal Telegraphic range this next Sunday.

Last week the club met on the Beaver Marsh grounds with strong winds and occasional rain and snow flurries handicapping the shooting. Top Journal scores registered were by Dallas Sutherland and Rich Jessup with 24 and a 25 for Vern Brader.

Other featured events consisted of the shoots for merchandise and quail. Sutherland won the latter event. Membership prize was won by Bill Lash of Gilchrist.

Class C & D Club Awards At Stake

The Nelson Reed Handicap trophy goes on the line next Sunday for the Klamath Falls Gun Club members and guests. The Lichtenstern Trophy also goes up for grabs for the high score on the first 25 mark on 16-yard targets. The Lichtenstern Trophy is available only to class C and D shooters.

Last Sunday considerable wind and rain dampened the club's better marksmanship possibilities, but Arnold Colahan managed to break 24 out of 25 targets to gain possession of the first leg of the Lichtenstern Trophy. Lichtenstern himself won a first leg on the Howard Parnell Handicap trophy by breaking 45 out of 50 targets.

The Journal Telegraphic shoot which is in its fourth week had top marksmen in Vern Moore and Dr. John Merryman.

Scores for the day:

Dr. J. Merryman	16-Yds. Hdp.
Bill Davis	49
Vern Moore	49
Dr. J. Adams	49
Arnold Colahan	47
Earl Kent	46
Nelson Reed	45
J. Lichtenstern	45
Willard Smith	44
Dave Robinson	43
Newton Weaver	43
Jake Steiger	41
Lloyd Brock	38
Jim Wisenack	38
Paul Zahmmer	21X
Curly Caboon	19

X Denotes shot at 25 targets

Willamette Relays

SALEM (AP)—The Willamette Relays will be run in Salem Saturday.

Track teams have been entered by 21 colleges. Meet officials said they also expect teams from at least 100 Oregon high schools.

Among the top individual stars will be Jim Grelle and Bill Dellinger, two of the nation's leading distance runners who hope to land berths on the U.S. Olympics team.

LA's Howard In Doghouse For Foul-Up

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Frank Howard, the towering Los Angeles Dodgers bonus baby, took up residence in the doghouse today for missing a practice game.

Howard, who collected \$100,000 in bonuses after being graduated from Ohio State, was placed on probation and fined. There were indications that if his deportment does not improve, he will stay in the kennels.

Howard, 6-7 and 240 pounds, was scheduled to appear in the Montreal-Spokane game at the Dodgers' Vero Beach base Sunday while the main squad traveled to West Palm Beach for a game with the Kansas City A's. He didn't show up.

This was the second time in two weeks that Howard had been AWOL. A week ago Sunday, he missed the Dodgers' plane to Orlando and returned home without working out at Vero Beach. He lives off base with his wife.

"He will be fined," said General Manager Buzz Bavasi. "The amount will be determined by his behavior the rest of the spring."

"I am very unhappy about this incident particularly because it was a paid game to which fans paid to see Howard and other Dodgers."

"I told him: 'We've got an investment in you, not you in us. I can't have one set of rules for you and another for the other players.'"

Howard, it was learned, was unhappy about being left off the traveling squad Sunday.

"I can't make the team staying behind at Vero Beach," he told Manager Walt Alston.

"Then he got smart," Alston said. "He goes to the batting cage and hits 13 more than anyone else. He played in eight of our first 12 games. Then he says he's mistreated."

Bavasi added: "We have to treat Howard like everybody else. If we let one player miss practice we'd have to let everybody. I also told him that if he couldn't abide by the rules, he could go home."

Howard declined to say a word about his misadventures, but Bavasi said he realized the error of his ways. He worked out Monday but didn't get into the game against the New York Yankees.

Alston would not say if Howard would play against the St. Louis Cardinals here today.

"His trouble is that he's always trying to hit those 600-foot home runs," observed Alston. "I'd rather he hit two 300-foot home runs than one 600-footer. He also has a problem with the strike zone. He's got to learn where it is and hit the ball a little tighter."

Cardinals Hot

Spring Twirlers Sprouting Ahead Of Grapefruit Bats

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Right-hander Ron Kline, traded to St. Louis when he came down with a case of foot-in-the-mouth

TIME OUT



...and do you Alice, take this golf nut to be your lawful wedded husband?"

Jones Wins — Loses

NEW YORK (AP)—Unheralded and undefeated Doug Jones won and lost in his first major fight Monday night.

The tall New Yorker won a unanimous decision in 10 bloody rounds over light heavyweight contender Von Clay of Philadelphia at St. Nicholas Arena.

But two cuts around his left eye cost the 23-year-old Jones a promised television fight with veteran Willie Pastrano at Miami Beach, Fla., April 22.

The wounds brought Jones an automatic 30-day medical suspension.

Cut over the left eye in the first round, Doug came back in the second round and floored Clay for the only knockdown of the bloody battle although Clay was rocked at least six times thereafter and Jones was shaken twice himself.

Clay, who is ranked fifth contender by the NBA among the 173-pound contenders, now has an 11-2-2 record.

WILT OUTSTANDING

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Wilt Chamberlain, who quit the Philadelphia Warriors last Friday, was named the outstanding National Basketball Association rookie and pro player of the year by the Philadelphia Sportswriters Monday.

Chamberlain has reiterated he'll never again play in the National Basketball Assn. but this time he backed up a couple of additional statements, indicating a possibility he may return.

"Not if I can help it," he said in an interview Monday night preceding the Philadelphia Basketball Writers Club 14th awards banquet where he was honored as the NBA's outstanding player and rookie.

The other statement he made after reiterating he wouldn't return to the NBA was: "But the NBA might change."

He said by this he meant the players and some of the franchisees "and maybe some other things." He did not elaborate.

The 7-2 Philadelphia Warriors' Negro star, who announced last week he's quitting after a record-breaking season, also charged back at Bob Cousy of the Boston Celtics who accused him of complaining about being pushed around and of injecting racial issues into his decision to quit.

Cousy, who asked to be considered spokesman for other players in the NBA, had said "Chamberlain gives the racial issue as one reason for quitting. In my 10 years in the NBA I never saw any evidence of racial prejudice."

Chamberlain said he wasn't bothered by the remarks of Cousy whom he felt didn't have a right to talk as a spokesman for every player in the league. Cousy is the NBA's players' representative.

He implied that Negroes have encountered various problems in the league but again he did not elaborate.

Drafted Ane Quits

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Center Charlie Ane, seven-year veteran with the Detroit Lions of the National Football League who recently was drafted to play with the league's new Dallas, Tex., club, says he's finished with football.

Ane, a former University of Southern California football star, boarded a Hawaii-bound Matson liner here Monday with his wife and three children.

"I'm going home to stay," Ane told reporters. "I'm through with football."

Ane, whose home is in Hawaii, said his plans for the future were indefinite. He did not reveal the reasons for his decision to quit football.

disease at Pittsburgh, is another of the Cardinals' pitching rags-muffins developing winning ways under the tutelage of coach Howie Pollet.

Kline became the third consecutive member of the Cardinals' mound staff—worst in the National League last season with a 4-34 earned run average—to go the full nine innings and win when he limited the American League champion Chicago White Sox to six hits Monday in a 3-1 victory.

It was the fifth straight exhibition victory and the ninth in the last 10 games for St. Louis, which previously received routine going performances from Larry Jackson and Vinegar Bend Mizell.

Kline, who says he became trade bait at Pittsburgh after some caustic comments about the way he was being handled, has not allowed an earned run in 19 innings.

Kansas City's Ray Herbert stretched his scoreless string to 18 innings with seven shut out frames as the A's defeated Detroit 4-1. In other games, Los Angeles thumped New York, 9-5, and the Baltimore Orioles turned back the Cincinnati Reds, 2-1, in a 10-inning night game.

Joe Cunningham backed Kline with three hits and two run-saving catches which deprived Ted

Klaszowski of extra-base hits. The White Sox settled for an unearned run off Kline, scoring in the fifth inning on an error and singles by Minnie Mirosa and Dick Brown.

Mary Thersberry gave Herbert all the working room he needed with a two-run homer in the second inning. Herbert, 17-1, with the seventh-place A's last season, has permitted only nine hits this spring and because the first Kansas City pitcher to go seven innings.

Gil Hodges and rookie Charley Smith hit home runs for the Dodgers while Johnny Podres scattered six hits in a strong seven-inning stint against the Yanks. The world champions belted Bob Turley for 10 hits in six stanzas.

Suburban BR Meeting

All 13, 14 and 15-year-old youngsters in the South Suburban area are urged to attend a player sign-up and general meeting of the Babe Ruth League at Ferguson School tomorrow evening, March 30, at 7 p.m.

Martha Cassidy, secretary of the newly formed South Suburban League, also commented that parents should accompany their youngsters and attend the meeting which follows the sign-ups.

Oriole Hopes For Pennant

Rest On Young Arm Talent

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Baltimore's hopes of a first-division finish lean heavily on a kid pitching staff, two rookie infielders and Jackie Brandt's play in center field.

Brandt could tighten up the outfield. The kid pitchers should be better. If the infield is to improve, either Marv Breeding or Jerry Adair must make it at second and Ron Hansen must do the job at shortstop.

"If the kids develop we feel we can do better," said Manager Paul Richards, who has a talent for handling pitchers.

"We do not have quite as acute a problem in the outfield as we had last year. We couldn't seem to muster a tight defense and still retain an offense. We have a better center double play possibility. If we can improve our defense, it should make the pitching all the better."

Hoyt Wilhelm (15-11) and Hal "Skinny" Brown (11-9) add balance to the young staff.

Richards could have four starters, whose ages would average 21. Milt Pappas (15-9), is only 20. Jerry Walker (11-10) and Jack Fisher (1-6) are 21 and Chuck Estrada (1-6) at Vancouver is 22.

Steve Barber, 21, has been the talk of the camp. The left-hander with a 7-11 record at Pensacola last year, could be the southpaw in the bullpen. The other lefties are Billy Hoelt (2-5) and Rip Coleman (2-10). The rest of the staff will come from Arnold Portocarrero (2-7), Wes Stock (6-6 at Vancouver), Bob Mabe (4-2 at Cincinnati), Gordon Jones (2-2 at San Francisco) and John Anderson (2-9 at Miami).

Although John Powell, a rookie first baseman who was in high school a year ago has been hitting over .300 in the exhibitions, he has had only part of a year in class D at Bluefield W.Va., where he hit .351. Bob Boyd (.265) and Walt Droppa (.278) probably will share the first base job.

Breeding (.284 at Vancouver) has been a hitting whiz in the spring games at second base. Adair, also a second baseman (.309 at Amarillo) is also fighting for Billy Gardner's (.217) job.

Hansen, a young man who underwent a serious spinal operation in 1957, may be ready to take over short after a 256 year at Vancouver. If not, Billy Klaus (.249) will do. Brooks Robinson (.284) is set at third.

Brandt (.270 at San Francisco), acquired from the Giants, is expected to take over center, a weak spot last year. Gene Woodling (.300) will do the job in left. Right field is up for grabs among Willie Tasby (.250), Al Pilarek (.232), Albie Pearson (.216) and John Powers (.256 at Cincinnati).

Gus Triunfos (.216), handicapped by a hand injury last year, will do most of the catching with help from Joe Ginsberg (.181) and Gene Green (.303 at Rochester).

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