

Spring Training

Piersall Makes 2nd Comeback

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Jim Piersall, a veteran of eight years in the major leagues, is making a second comeback.

From a case of mental illness, he returned to play six straight seasons for the Boston Red Sox. From 1953 through 1958 he never played less than 150 games.

In 1959, his peak year, he led the American League in games played at his position (155) and he hit 40 doubles to top the AL. His batting average was .293. Then it slipped to .261, .237, and on Dec. 2, 1958, the Red Sox traded him to the Cleveland Indians for Vic Wertz and Gary Geiger.

Piersall, a right-handed hitter, opened the '59 season in center for Cleveland, but he wasn't a fixture for long. The Indians had also acquired left-handed hitting Tito Francona, in March from De-

troit, and Tito supplied much of the punch that carried Cleveland to a second-place finish. Francona played 122 games, hit .363 and 20 home runs. Piersall played in only 100 games, hit .246 and a mere 4 homers.

Piersall wasn't happy as a platoon player in Manager Joe Gordon's lineup, and he wants that regular center field job back.

At Scottsdale Tuesday, Piersall went 2-for-2 and made the big defensive play against the Red Sox who traded him. Cleveland won 7-6, and it was Piersall who made a line recovery and throw on Don Biddin's long double in the ninth inning. The play prevented Don Gile from scoring the tying run.

That kind of playing should convince Gordon Piersall is the man for center, rather than the younger, huskier Carroll Hardy.

Francona seems set in left now that Minnie Mirosa had been traded to Chicago, and power hitting Rocky Colavito is the right fielder.

In the other Arizona exhibition game, the Chicago Cubs edged the San Francisco Giants 7-6.

In Florida, the Los Angeles Dodgers blanked the St. Louis Cardinals 5-0 at St. Petersburg. The New York Yankees defeated the Kansas City Athletics 4-1 at West Palm Beach. The Washington Senators beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 at Orlando. The Milwaukee Braves defeated the Detroit Tigers 7-6 at Bradenton. The Cincinnati Reds whipped the Baltimore Orioles 8-1 in a night game at Miami. The Philadelphia Phillies, behind veteran Robin Roberts, snapped the Pittsburgh Pirates' 11-game winning streak 7-2 at Clearwater.

TIME OUT



"Let's swim in about 100 yards. Ruth... we're too far out for that cute guard to hear our cries for help!"

Montreal On Brink Of Crown

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The Montreal Canadiens are on the brink of their 10th straight Stanley Cup playoff final. They have the Chicago Black Hawks all but counted out of the National Hockey League's best-of-seven semifinal series.

The Canadiens' 4-0 victory over the Hawks Tuesday night gives them a 3-0 lead with the fourth game scheduled for Thursday night in Chicago. A Montreal victory would send the four-time Stanley Cup winners against the winner of the Detroit-Toronto series, now tied 2-2 after Detroit's 2-1 overtime victory over the Leafs Tuesday night.

Tuesday night at Chicago, the Canadiens got their power from the spare line of Bill Hicke, Ralph Backstrom and Don Marshall. Hicke scored the first goal and assisted on the fourth. Marshall got a goal and an assist and Backstrom had three assists.

Rookie Jerry Melnyk banged home a rebound at 1:54 of the overtime to get the Wings home. It was the third successive overtime battle for the two teams. The series resumes Thursday night in Toronto.

EX-FIGHTER DIES

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Funeral services will be held Friday for Vince Forgione, 54, welter and middleweight contender of the late 1920's and early 1930's. He died of a heart ailment Monday.

KU Pelican Baseball, Cinder Teams Face Busy Weekend Appointments

KU '9' Has 2 Twin Bill Tilts Away

On account of the Klamath Union and Weed baseball game being canceled yesterday because of wet grounds, the Pelican baseball club conducted a three part practice session inside Pelican Court.

The Whitebird-Cougar tilt was rescheduled for May 14 at Gem Stadium where yesterday's game was to occur. The postponed tussle will undoubtedly harm the club as far as attending game experience is concerned.

Yesterday the pitchers underwent strenuous drills in Pelican Court unimpaired and loosening up for Friday and Saturday's double headers with Ashland and Primeville. Both games are out of town and Pel coach Bill Mansfield hopes that they will be able to be played.

Mansfield still is somewhat undecided on his regular outfit, especially the pitchers, second base, and one outfield position. However, with the exception of perhaps first and catcher, none of the positions is secured by any horseholder.

As far as the team looks now, Mansfield thinks he will start Blake Griggs in the first game against the Grizzlies and Wally Palmberg in the nightcap. Griggs failed to make the Weed trip last Saturday on account of illness.

Other pitchers that the KU coach is looking closely at are Kent Hunsaker and Marvin Edwards. Paul Bishop is another flinger who didn't make the Weed cruise and is slowly rounding his arm into condition. Mansfield cited selections at six positions for the Ashland tilt. Behind the plate is Dave Saks who has recovered from a gash suffered in the Weed game. At first is Dean Dunsen who is the club's leading slugger with a .371 average.

At the short and third base slots are Bob Yunk and Larry Bunyard. Sherm Allen who turned in a fine performance last week may see some outfield duty because of his strong arm and hitting, said Mansfield.

The two outfield positions that are all but sewed up are Don Gresdel in center and John Bianchi in right. The left side of the pasture is still wide open. Ray Taylor and John Herrera saw a lot of action in the outfield last Saturday.

Second base is undecided at the moment between Steve Bunney and Don Willey.

Boosters To Meet

All members of the Pelican Booster Club are urged to attend the regular meeting tonight in the Chuck Wagon Restaurant, according to club president Harold Howard.

Final arrangements for the annual basketball-wrestling banquet to be held a week from tonight are on tap for tonight's meeting, in addition to other important club business.



DON GRESDDEL
... sees action

Dual Meet At Ashland On Saturday

Saturday's dual meet with the Ashland Grizzlies is the goal which the Klamath Union track team is pointing for this week. The Pel cindermen are seeking their first team victory of the year, and are extremely interested in basically two things:

The first is to improve on last week's performance at Springfield when the KU thinclads finished last in a three way meet.

The second is to condition themselves for the huge Rogue Valley Relays to be held at Medford the following week.

This afternoon the cinderburners, weather permitting, are conducting three-quarter time trials in preparation for the Ashland meet. Up to that time the track was in comparatively good condition. The field was partially soggy, but on the whole the track team was able to go through practices without too much difficulty from the weather.

Even so, the cold winds and overall wintry weather played havoc on sore muscles and weak lungs.



ALLAN PHILLIPS
... record breaker

Coach Jim Inglesby commented that no serious injuries had slowed any of his team.

The thinclads rest high hopes on Allan Phillips who holds the school record in the javelin at 179 feet, 1-inch. Phillips set the mark last week at Springfield. The lance tosser previously earned the Pel's initial first place in the meet by leading 19-foot, 5-inches to win the broad jump event.

NBA Dogfight

Hawks Square Series

BOSTON (AP)—"We're in for a dogfight now."

That was the dour observation of Boston's Bill Sharman Tuesday night after the Celtics had dropped a 113-104 playoff decision to the St. Louis Hawks.

The Hawks' victory gave them a 1-1 split in the first two games of the best-of-seven National Basketball Assn. playoffs for the title now held by Boston. The series now shifts to St. Louis for games Saturday and Sunday, then back to Boston for the fifth game.

"If we had won," Sharman said, "they would have had their backs to the wall. But we played badly. Now it's going to be tough."

Sharman, Boston's veteran backcourt man, paced the Celtics' faltering effort with 30 points, hitting on six of eight attempts from the floor in the second quarter when the Celtics forged a 36-49 halftime margin.

About the only other bright spot for Boston was Bill Russell's play-off record 40 rebounds, wiping out the old mark of 30 he set against Minneapolis last year.

St. Green broke an 83-53 tie early in the fourth quarter and the Hawks were ahead to stay.

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Herald and News SPORTS

SF's Willie Mays Enjoys Best Pre-Season Year Since Move

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Willie Mays is having his best spring since the Giants moved from New York to San Francisco.

The great center fielder, who gained fame as the "say hey" kid, now performs as a matured team leader, but he still makes sensational catches and hits with authority.

One thing is different, Willie took baseball just a bit easier this spring. He still plays exhibition games as if they were regular season contests, but Manager Bill Rigney doesn't want him to go all out all the time.

"When I got here, Bill Rigney told me to take it a little easy," Willie explains. "I think that's why I'm feeling better."

In previous springs Mays suffered with colds as an apparent reaction to the fast transition into the hot Arizona air. Last spring he suffered a severe leg cut sliding into Boston catcher Sammy

White.

Willie plays in most of the Giants exhibition games, but usually for only five innings. Tuesday, he appeared as a pinch hitter during a ninth-inning rally that brought five runs before the Giants lost to the Chicago Cubs 7-6.

Mays produced a solid single in the pinch-hit role to put his spring average at .333 with 14 hits in 42 appearances. His most discussed homer came in San Diego against Cleveland's Jim Perry when he hit the ball so hard it rolled up a hill outside the park.

His most discussed catch was on a blast to right center by Boston's Haywood Sullivan when Willie raced about 100 feet to grab the ball just before he crashed into the wall.

When they talk about Mays taking it easy, they talk about drills, not games, for as he says, "When I play, I don't know any other way to play."

Mays also feels more at home in San Francisco now.

"When we first went there, they thought I could hit a home run every time and I pressed trying to do it," he explained. "Now the fans realize the other teams have major leaguers the same as we have."

New Yorker Debuts

CHICAGO (AP) — Chico Rollins, boomed in his native New York as a bright lightweight prospect, makes his national television debut tonight in a 10-round against Chicago's Eddie Perkins. The Chicago Stadium bout, beamed by ABC at 10 p.m. EST, will be scored under the five-point must system. Rollins and Perkins, each 24, are products of small boxing clubs.

OTI Begins Spring Sports

Track Trials Start Today

With circumstances making it nearly mandatory come rain, sleet, hail or thunder, the Oregon Tech thinclads will hold time trials this afternoon on the Klamath Union track. Coach Wally Palmberg said that the speedsters have yet to be timed in three weeks of practice since weather conditions have more or less forbidden such work outs.

The track team is preparing for its 1960 opener at Reno in a three-way meet with the University of Nevada and Idaho State College. The team leaves Friday for the Saturday afternoon meet.

Last night the sprinters and distance men worked out on the KU track while the remainder of the participants donned their sweat clothes at the OTI track.

Palmberg at this date wasn't positive just whom he would be able to send down to the Reno events. The team has rarely worked outdoors. He'll know for certain though, after this today's trials.

Lack Depth In Places

Overall, the thinclads are lacking depth in several departments. Yet Palmberg stated that it was still early and several athletes whom he was depending upon had not registered for the spring term on the mile high campus.

Palmberg was considering introducing Norman Johns into the 120- and 160-yard low and high hurdles. No Owl trackster has ever competed in the hurdles and the paucity of entrants in the event will undoubtedly plague the team all season. Perhaps Johns will develop into a top flight hurdler.

4 Century Men

In several of the sprints and running categories the Owls hurt,

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