

NL Prepares For Openers Next Tuesday; Kline Tops

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The National League clubs start thinking ahead today to the earliest season openers in the history of major league baseball's senior circuit.

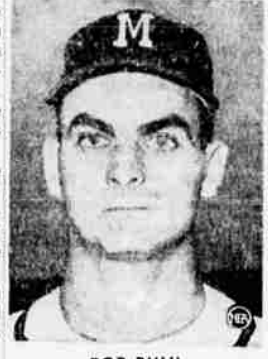
With regular season operations getting under way a week from Tuesday, many of the teams broke camp and began the northward trek with the surprising St. Louis Cardinals clinging to the top of the exhibition standings with a 13-7 record.

Getting a second consecutive routine-gone performance from Ron Kline, the Cardinals concluded their Florida phase of training Sunday by defeating the New York Yankees 6-3.

Kline, acquired in a trade with Pittsburgh, scattered 10 hits and now has allowed only four runs—two earned—in 28 innings.

Milwaukee's Bob Buhl also went the distance, holding Wash-

ington to four hits in the Braves' 3-2 victory while Detroit's Hank Aguirre pitched a six-inning over-pitcher for a 1-0 victory over Pittsburgh in a game shortened by rain.



BOB BUHL
... goes distance

Hawks Even NBA Series; Cousy Off

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — The riddle of "what's happening to Bob Cousy?" held all the attention today in the National Basketball Association championship playoff between the St. Louis Hawks and Cousy's Boston Celtics.

The Hawks evened the best-of-seven series at 2-2 Sunday, dropping Boston, 106-96, at St. Louis while holding the usually high-scoring Cousy to but one basket in 13 tries.

In all, Cousy now has scored but 17 of 69 field goals attempted in the four game series for a frigid 246 shooting percentage.

"It just seems to be one of those things," Boston coach Red Auerbach said. "The ball simply is not going through the physical for Bob. He certainly is physically fit and all that. It's just not falling in. There doesn't seem much that can be done."

Moves To Boston

The series now is scheduled to move to Boston for the crucial fifth game Tuesday, then return to St. Louis for a sixth game on Thursday. A seventh game, if necessary, would be played in Boston on Saturday.

The Hawks had jumped to an early lead over the Celtics Sunday, outscoring Boston 14-4 in the final four minutes of the first period to take a 20-18 edge at the quarter. By the half, St. Louis had built its edge to 50-39, after earlier leading by 12 points, 40-28.

Boston fought back in the third period and twice managed to come within one point, St. Louis, however, pulled in front once again in the third quarter, 81-63, at the end of the third quarter. In the final period, the Celtics never could come closer than nine points.

Heinsohn Cuts Eyebrow

Heinsohn cut a last minute drive, however, but was severely hurt when Frank Ramsey fouled out with four minutes left and, still later, Tom Heinsohn had to be helped from the floor with a cut eyebrow suffered during action under the backboards.

Key men in the Hawks attack were Bob Pettit and Cliff Hagan. Pettit wound up the game's top scorer, with 32, and Hagan added 22 before a national television audience and a crowd of 10,612.

Diamondless B V

Fields Fierce Bat

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of articles covering the prospects of spring sports in the Basin area.

By JERRY REMMERS
Herald and News Sports Writer

During Basin area baseball seasons it is generally taken for granted that a good number of the teams will be hampered by weather conditions and the various consequences that arise from it. The Butte Valley Bulldogs coached by Ken Cleland not only have weather factors to contend with, but they also are without a baseball diamond to call their own.

Cleland says the team is in a "pickle" and no truer words could be spoken on the situation. Several months ago the Bulldogs' regular diamond was torn up and was pitted to be completed by the beginning of baseball season. It wasn't. Consequently the team plays on a vacant lot in which there is no room for a right fielder to station himself.

These obstacles have not hampered the team's turnout or have anything to do with the type of club they are fielding in California. Thirty-four players came out for the first practice session the beginning of March. The team played McCloud on March

19 in other day games. San Francisco blasted the Chicago Cubs 14-9, Baltimore beat Kansas City 5-2, Boston edged Cleveland 5-4 in 10 innings, and Los Angeles and Cincinnati were tied 4-4 when a downpour ended their game in the eighth inning.

In a night game, the Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia Phillies wound up their three-game series in Puerto Rico with Chicago winning 4-2. The Phils took the first two.

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Master Pros Arrive Early

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, the hard core of goldsmith's "old guard," were among the early arrivals getting in their practice links today for the 24th renewal of the Masters tournament which opens Thursday.

The 47-year-old Snead, a three-time Masters winner, looked trim, fit and still flushed from his victory in the DeSoto Lakes tournament last week at Bradenton, Fla. It was the 104th triumph of his professional career.

Hogan, also 47, has been honing up for the Masters by practicing in Florida for the past month.

Mike Souchak of Grissinger, N. Y., another early arrival, caused the biggest stir during the weekend by shooting a four-under-par 68 in his first practice round over the picturesque Augusta National course.

Other early arrivals included PGA champion Bob Rosburg, Ken Venturi, Arnold Palmer, Jay Hebert, Byron Nelson, Johnny Revolta and Denny Shute.

For the first time in the tournament's history, the defending champion will not compete. Art Wall Jr., last year's winner, was forced to the sidelines because of a kidney infection and a troublesome knee. He will be present, however, to serve as host at the annual meeting of the Masters' Club.

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Aguirre, bidding for a berth with the Tigers, just about nailed a spot when Steve Demeter accounted for the game's only run against the Pirates with a third-inning homer.

A nine-run sixth inning, highlighted by Ed Bressaud's two triples that drove in five runs, brought the Giants from behind for their victory. Chicago's Frank Thomas slugged two home runs in a 16-hit Cub offensive.

Six - hit pitching by rookies Chuck Estrada and Arne Thorland collared the A's as the Orioles clustered five of their seven hits in the second inning for all five runs.

Pumpsie Green's 10th inning single drove in the deciding run for the Red Sox against the Indians.

Vada Pinson's fourth spring homer and a double and single by Ed Bailey good for two runs were the big blows for the Reds. The Dodgers clubbed Cal McLish and Claude Osteen for 10 hits, including Don Demeter's homer, before the rain broke it up.

The White Sox saved the final game of the Puerto Rican series with home runs deciding the issue. Ted Kuszewski hit one good for two runs and Al Smith one. Phils' two runs came on homers by Bobby Del Greco and Ed Bouchee.

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Chi, Yanks And Indians Says Scribe

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Chicago White Sox don't scare you. They just beat you. They slash, dash, punt and eke out runs while the other fellow waits for the long ball. They throw up a tight defense to protect a veteran pitching staff. In short, the Sox are a solid ball club with the age of their pitching the only questionable factor.

Since the World Series, Manager Al Lopez has added power in Minnie Minoso and Gene Freese without giving up front-line strength.

Because the Sox appear to have strengthened a pennant-winning club, they figure to repeat in the American League. For the long-range future, look elsewhere but for 1960 this should be the ball club.

New York, it says here, is the main threat. The trade that brought Roger Maris to the Stadium from Kansas City gives the Yankees a batting order that should be the strongest in the league. Maris, Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Bill Skowron and Hector Lopez can skewer at any moment.

However, the Yankee pitching staff is questionable. It depends, to a great extent, on the ability of Bob Turley to bounce back from an off year and the untested ability of rookie Bill Short. If Turley can regain his 1958 form, if Short lives up to all the nice things said about his work for Richmond in the International League, it could be a happy year for Casey Stengel.

Cleveland's trades built a solid infield. Frank Lane got second baseman Johnny Temple and third baseman Bubba Phillips and may have given up too much in Cal McLish, a 19-game winner, and Minoso. The Indians must sink or swim with kid pitchers. It might be too much to ask of a young staff.

Detroit has fine front-line pitching, plus the bats of Al Kaline and Harvey Kuenn. Manager Jimmy Dykes has to gamble at short with Chico Fernandez and at first base with big Steve Bilko. Baltimore is shooting the works with a young team, based on a fuzzy-cheeked pitching staff, that should improve as the year continues. Kansas City has spruced up with Hank Bauer, Norm Siebern and Don Larsen but the pitching staff is too thin and the infield questionable.

Boston's hopes appear to be tied closely to Ted Williams' game. The retirement of Jackie Jensen was a stiff blow and the pitching is only so-so. Washington will be fortunate to get the same home run production from Harmon Killebrew, Bob Allison and Jim Lemon and still has a two-man pitching staff composed of Camilo Pascual and Pedro Ramos.

Here's the way it looks from here:

1. Chicago
2. New York
3. Cleveland
4. Detroit
5. Baltimore
6. Kansas City
7. Boston
8. Washington

Two Boosters Clubs Meet

The Owl Hoots, a local booster club for Oregon Tech, and the Pelican Boosters Club are holding a joint meeting tonight at 6:30 in the Chuck Wagon Restaurant.

Pelican Boosters President Harold Howard said that final details will be ironed out concerning the Klamath Union Sports Banquet. The banquet, in honor of the Pel basketball and wrestling squads, is slated for Wednesday evening, April 6. University of Oregon basketball mentor Steve Belko will be the guest speaker.

Other matters for discussion tonight are plans concerning the smoker planned for April 23 in the Klamath Auditorium and sponsored by the Owl Hoots. Fighters from Chiloquin, Klamath Falls and Oregon Tech will highlight the 12 event card.

Chisox Player Gains Horse

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Al Smith, Chicago White Sox outfielder, all of a sudden owns a race horse.

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Hockey Scores

National Hockey League
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sunday Results

Toronto 4, Detroit 2 (Toronto wins best-of-seven series 4-2).
Toronto meets Montreal for the championship.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE
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Final Playoffs

Victoria 3, Vancouver 2 (over-time-Victoria leads best-of-nine series 1-0).

EXHIBITION
Sunday's Score
Winnipeg 9, Calgary 7

Howe: 'Toronto Lucky'

DETROIT (AP) — The Toronto Maple Leafs, says Gordie Howe, will need more than luck to get past the Montreal Canadiens in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup Championship series that begins Thursday night in Montreal.

Howe, long-time star of the Detroit Red Wings, slumped in a corner of the dressing room after his club carried the Maple Leafs to six games before losing a semifinal series.

"The Leafs were lucky against us, and they'll admit it if they're honest," said Howe. "But luck alone won't do much against those Canadiens. I think they have more polished hockey players than Toronto."

The Red Wings fizzled in the final period Sunday night, and the Leafs bombed the nets with three goals for a 4-2 decision before a packed Olympia Stadium house of 13,696.

Murray Oliver and Norm Ullman scored for Detroit. Oliver getting the opener after five minutes of play and Ullman sending the Wings back into the lead in the first minute of the second period.

KF Man Cops Gymkhana

Sports and Imports, a local sports car club, held a gymkhana event yesterday on Spring Street with local and sports car club members from Hedding, Chico, Reno and other out of town affiliates attending the event.

A gymkhana is a special event in which driving skill is the prime factor and speed is disavowed. The course consisted of four 360 degree turns, three 24-foot boxes which the contestants had to turn around in and two serpentine.

The next local event is slated at the Klamath County Fairgrounds May 1. The featured event will be an autocross which is a simulated road race with confined boundaries.

The best time in yesterday's gymkhana was turned in by Dave Vincent of Klamath Falls driving a Fiat 500. His Fiat was the smallest and had the least horsepower of any car entered in the event.

Winners of the sedan classes were Vincent, Roy Plank driving a Morris Minor and Ron Friedrich with a Volvo.

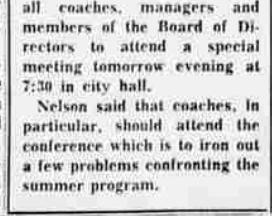
Winners in the sports car classes were Gail Osborn driving an Austin Healey Sprite. Osborn captured second place overall in the gymkhana. John Monjar from Reno driving a MGA, Glenn Rinehart in a Porsche, Bill Wire in an Austin Healey and Les Strauss in a Chevrolet Corvette also grabbed winning honors.

City BR Meets

Cliff Nelson, president of the city Bahe Ruth League, urges all coaches, managers and members of the Board of Directors to attend a special meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in city hall.

Nelson said that coaches, in particular, should attend the conference which is to iron out a few problems confronting the summer program.

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Saubert Wins Girls' Ski Crown

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Jack Morbeck of Seattle led a Washington State squad to the boys' title here Sunday in the 17th Sun Valley American Legion Junior Ski championships.

Morbeck took the individual combined crown by winning the slalom taking second in both the downhill and giant slalom.

A Colorado squad won the girls' team title but the girls' combined title went to Jean Saubert of Lakeview, Ore.

The results included:

SLALOM
Boys: 5. Dick Zimmerman, McCall, Idaho, 129.0; 6. (tie) Woodie McElay, Homer, Alaska, and Jon Allsop, Bellingham, Wash., 135.4; 9. Richard Groth, Idaho Falls, 139.6; 10. Bob Jonas, Boise, Idaho, 140.2; 11. Bill Santl, Anchorage, 143.6; 12. Mike Undera, Hawley, Idaho, 149.0.

Girls: 2. Sandra Shellworth, Boise, Idaho, 120.8; 4. Kay Eyraud, Walla Walla, Wash., 130.2; 7. Susan Cutter, Bend, Ore., 134.8; 8. (tie) Alice Hatchelder, Mammoth Mountain, Calif., and Laurie Jarvis, Seattle, 135.0; 12. Mary Jane McWilliams, Twin Falls, Idaho, 144.6; 16. Ingrid Simonson, Yakima, Wash., 154.6; 17. Joyce Johnson, McCall, Idaho, 156.2.

TEAM STANDINGS:
Boys: 1. Washington, 61.40 pts.; 2. Colorado, 33.15; 3. Idaho, 33.76; 4. Alaska, 205.60; Oregon did not qualify sufficient racers to complete team scores.

Girls: 1. Colorado, 37.20; 2. Oregon, 43.82; 3. Washington, 45.20; 7. Idaho, 79.54; Alaska did not qualify sufficient racers to complete team scores.

INDIVIDUAL COMBINED
Boys: 1. Jack Morbeck (Wash.), 7.26 pts.; 2. Bill Marshall (Colo.), 9.78; 4. Jon Allsopp (Wash.), 22.71; 7. Dick Zimmerman (Idaho), 9. Sky Records (Wash.), 31.77; 10. Bob Jonas (Idaho), 33.81.

Girls: 1. Jean Saubert (Ore.), 7.04; 2. Smiley Tschopp (Nev.), 7.63; 4. Kay Eyraud (Wash.), 18.02; 7. Susan Cutter (Ore.), 36.78; 8. Ingrid Simonson (Wash.), 36.96; 15.

Portland's other home run was a 420-yard drive by shortstop Clarence Moore. The ball rolled to the fence and Moore beat the throw home.

The Beavers draw a day of rest today in their Pacific Coast League spring training schedule. Portland Manager Heath announced over the week.

Heath announced that the Beavers had purchased one player, and sent two others to a Northwest League team for seasoning.

Acquired by Portland was Pete Mesa, 30, who pitched for the Washington Senators and Denver of the American Assn. last season, winning 7 games and losing 15.

Clark is a 25-year-old, 5-10, 185-pounder from Cedar City, Utah, who has won all 46 of his pro fights, the last 45 by knockouts. That's a world record.

One night he scored six knockouts in nine minutes' fighting time. Soni, a 21-year-old six-footer from the Dominican Republic, never has been stopped in 15 pro fights. The 160-pounder has a 12-2 record, including 8 knockouts.

Clark is managed by Marv Jensen, whose prize gem is NBA middleweight King Gene Fullmer. This is Clark's first fight.

Jorge Hernandez, the latest Argentine boxer to invade the United States, makes his American debut tonight against Texas welterweight Mel Barker of Austin at New York's St. Nicholas Arena.

Heavyweight contender Zora Folley guns for his tenth straight victory Tuesday night. He meets Clarence Williams of Hayward, Calif., at Sacramento, Calif.

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