

Senators To Continue Lowly Pace For Year

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—Manager Mickey Vernon frankly admits the lowly Washington Senators are going to continue hurting until their kids blossom. And he knows that will not be in 1963.

Vernon has only one optimistic observation for the coming season.

"One thing for sure, we can't fall any lower," he explains. "There's no way to go but up."

Last year the Senators won only 60 games while losing 101, finishing 35 1/2 games behind the Yankees.

"We've tried to help the team with trades but the other clubs only offer second string players for our first line ones, and we have more than enough of that caliber of players now," Vernon explained.

The 1963 club is a rag-tag outfit as presently constituted and there's a wild open scramble for most of the jobs.

Pitching Strongest Point

Pitching could be the club's strongest department for it is the Senator hurlers the other clubs talk about when deals are proposed. Especially sought after are Dave Stenhouse, 11-12 and Claude Osteen, 8-13.

For his other starters Vernon will choose from Don Rudolph, 8-10; Tom Cheney, 7-9; Bennie Daniels, 7-16; Ed Boubaugh, 6-2; Joe McClain, 0-4; or rookie Jim Duckworth, a 10-game winner at Rocky Mount last season.

There isn't too much in the way of bullpen prospects so some of those possible starters may have to be used in relief.

Steve Hamilton, 3-8 last season and Art Quick, the former Oriole who was 2-2 with Baltimore and 7-6 with Rochester in 1962, are the leading relief candidates.

The infield is really a hodge-podge affair. Tom Brown, university of Maryland bonus boy, has looked good at first base in the absence of Rogelio Alvarez, who hit .318 at San Diego last season. Alvarez has been delayed getting out of Cuba, Vernon said.

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Giants To Cut Players

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—The axe falls this week at the camp of the San Francisco Giants.

Manager Alvin Dark planned to make the first cut of the spring today and ship off somebody to the Tacoma training camp at nearby Casa Grande.

Friday, 10 more heads will fall to the guillotine as the roster is pared to 28, the number of athletes the Giants will carry when they break camp here Saturday.

The Giants, losers of 10 of their past dozen spring training efforts, hoped to get back on the win track today when they hosted the Los Angeles Angels.

They dropped another Monday at Scottsdale when Boston took San Francisco 4-2 thanks to a bags-jammed double by Frank Malone of the Sox in the sixth.

But even in defeat, a few Giants looked good. Jack Sanford continued his steady hurling and Jim Davenport and Ernie Bowman their rip-roaring batting.

Sanford, winner of 24 contests last season, gave up four hits and one unearned run in five innings of spring tossing.

Don Larsen then took over and gave up the three-run double to Malone that spelled defeat for San Francisco.

Davenport, his left thumb tightly wrapped to cushion an injury, hit his first homer in the second and it was as long a blast as the hotshot third sacker has ever hit. It sailed over the left center field fence at the 417-foot mark.

Bowman walked and singled twice. He is now hitting an eye-popping .833 this spring.

Dark left power guys Willie Mays and Willie McCovey back in Phoenix to hit a few and relax a lot, so the Giants had another excuse for the defeat.

Trouble is this spring that the Giants have usually had good excuses for their defeats, but would rather pick up a few more wins instead. Their spring record stands at 6-11, third worst in the majors.

needing a shortstop, has been trying Marv Breeding at short, second and third. Breeding came in a deal with Baltimore.

Cottier At Second

Chuck Cottier may keep the second base job he held down last season if Breeding is needed at short or third. John Schaefer is another holdover infielder who hit .256 last year. Cottier batted .242, Breeding .246 with the Orioles.

It's easy to see why Vernon has infield worries.

West Returning To LA Lakers

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (UPI)—The Los Angeles Lakers today prepared for an intra-squad game here Wednesday night which may see guard Jerry West, sidelined with a muscle injury since early February, back in action for the second time.

West played two full quarters of an exhibition intra-squad game Monday night and contributed 13 points to a losing cause as the Lakers beat the Whites 110-109.

Coach Fred Schaus said last week he did not want to take a chance on West playing under full team until Thursday or Friday, but the all-league guard talked himself into 24 minutes of service.

Red Wings Top Beaver Nine

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The Rochester Red Wings defeated the Portland Beavers 4-2 in an exhibition baseball game Monday.

Outfielder Jay Hankins got two of Portland's six hits with a double and a single.

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torious record for consistency. He always has been sensational for half a season, inexplicably erratic in the other half.

Last year he was a fast finisher for a 15-13 record after a 9-6 mark by the first All-Star game. Only in 1961, his best year, did he maintain his pace from April to October. He had halves of 9-2 and 9-3, although his earned run average increased from 2.91 to 4.55 in the final half.

In other years Podres has made a habit of starting fast and running out of steam in August and September. "But I hope to put the two halves together this spring," said Podres after he became the first Dodger pitcher to go nine innings this spring.

Considering that a recurring back injury delayed his Grapefruit League debut by four days, Podres has made remarkable progress. With 20 innings pitched, he ranks second on the staff only to Don Drysdale and his earned run average of 2.70 is second to Sandy Koufax among the starters.

With such a fast start, Podres sees no reason why he shouldn't hold his second half form of 1962 throughout the year.

"I haven't felt better in three years," he said today. "When Johnny Temple saw me for the first time in three years last fall, he told me the same thing. He thought I pitched even better than when he last saw me against Cincinnati."

Podres says his dismal 1962 start could be blamed on a number of extenuating circumstances. His father died in September of 1961 and "I just couldn't get my feet on the ground after that."

"Then, when I began to lose, I also pressed. I tried to throw harder than I knew how and my control suffered in the process. I didn't regain my confidence until late in July when Walter (Manager Walter Alston) called me aside."

"He told me to forget that first half and pitch like I know you can." From then on, my control improved and I began to win. Heck, if it hadn't been for my last loss, it wouldn't have been a bad year at all. We would have won the pennant and I would have been a 16-game winner."

Podres' last loss, ironically, was "the best game I ever pitched." It came on the final day of the regular season with Gene Oliver hitting a hanging curve for a home run that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 1-0 victory.

Oliver ruined two planned parties — a Dodger pennant and a Podres' 30th birthday. Podres hopes to make up the dual celebration.

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI)—Henry Hank, 174, Detroit, stopped Dick Young, 168, Philadelphia, 1-1.

He's even giving tryouts to Lou Klimchick, the one-time bonus baby who never lived up to his price tag, and Ron Stillwell, who batted only .220 at Syracuse. Another possibility is John Kennedy, who hit .262 in 14 games with the Senators.

The outfield outlook is brighter, especially if Jim Piersall comes back from his poor season of last year when he batted only .244. The year before with Cleveland he batted .222.

Leppert No. 1 Catcher

Chuck Hinton, who led the Senators at last season with an average of .310, will hold down another outfield spot. Don Lock, who hit only .253, could win the third outfield berth.

Other candidates are holdover Jim King (.243), Barry Shetone, obtained from Baltimore where he hit .250 in 21 games; and rookies Brant Alyea, a 319-hitter at Geneva; Nelson Gardner, who batted .315 at Dothan and Louis Pinella, up from Selma where he batted .270.

Don Leppert, obtained from Pittsburgh, could be the No. 1 catcher, winning the job over Ken Retzer, last year's regular receiver. Leppert hit only .266 in the limited action he saw with the Pirates while Retzer batted .265. The third catcher will be Bob Schmidt, who backed up Retzer last season and hit .242.

Looking over that roster, it's obvious why Vernon expects the Senators to be hurting again in 1963.

BOWLING SCORES

SATELLITE LEAGUE

Jayhawk Oils	66	38
Clean Linen & Supply	63½	40½
Hayes Herefords	61½	42½
Lucca Cafe	58	46
U.S. National Bank	57	47
Skateboard Wheels	55	49
The Bank of Klamath Falls	54	50
Drews Manstore	52	52
Southern Oregon Insurance	50	54
Manning Drive-In	43½	60½
Crater Lake Machinery	35	69
Al n Dale Motors	22½	71½

W	L
Russell Glass	49-29
Sparks Car Wash	42-36
City of Klamath Falls	39-39
So. Ore. Music	38-40
Amusement	37-41
Laurels Beauty Fair	36-42
WOTM	35-43
Don Bazar	34-44
Amidons	33-45
Al N Dale Motors	32-46
Results: Drews Motors 2, U.S. National Bank 1, Crater Lake Machinery 4, Al N Dale Motors 5, Hayes Herdforth 6, Bank of Klamath Falls 7, Lucca Cafe 8, Jayhawk Oils 9, Skateboard Wheels 10, Clean Linen & Supply 11, Manning Drive-In 12.	
High team game, So. Ore. Ins. 954; high ind. game, Byron Diskin 244; high ind. series, Byron Diskin 344.	

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So. Ore. Music		42	44
K Amusement		38	49
Laurels Beauty Fair		38	50
WOTM		37	51
Don Bazaar		36	52
		30	56

Medo-Lair	49	39
Amidons	46	62
Bings Cafe	44	65
Nybacks Flower Fair	53	65
Parks Cabinet	43	65

March 25 results: Bon Bazaar 4, WOTM 0; K. Amusement 3, Sparkle Car Wash 1; Lauras Beauty Fair 3, Nybacks Flower Fair 1; So. Ore. Music 3, Amidons 1; Russell Glass 3, Parks Cabinet 1; Bing

Cafe-2 Medo-Land 2.
High team game, Amidons 753; high team series, K. Amusement 2158; high ind. game, Charlotte Harris 243; high ind. series, Charlotte Harris 538.

Church Leagues

In Playoffs

Hope Lutheran and Mt. Lak won YMCA Church League bas

ketball games Monday night, forcing a playoff tonight for championships.

Hope Lutheran handed First

Methodist its first loss, 31-24, with Pete LaPierce hitting 14 points and Sam Hill nine. Bill Dahn led the losers with 10 and Gerrit De Groot netted five.

Mr. Laki upset Merrill Presbyterian, 41-37, when Phil Switche hit 20 points and Gary Reinie 10. Bill Beazley tallied 14 and Don

Mattson 10 for the losers.

Bertoia Heads

Statesman List

SALEM (UPI) — Washington State's Don Bertoia heads the list

of competitors in the Statesman Mile in the 13th annual Willamette Relays Saturday, it was announced Monday.

Bertoia's best time for the event

is 4:07.

Also listed to compete in the mile run were Gary Baker of the Oregon State Rooks, Hillsboro

High School's Wendall Cox, Portland's Pat Becker and Pete Nichols, Jerry Leonard of Whitworth, Dale Swanson of Seattle Pacific, Dale Vanderbert of Linfield, K

Moore of the Oregon Frosh and
Bill Paterson of Montana State.

BANS AND BADGES

TORQUAY, England (UPI) — The headmaster of Torquay Boys' High School today forbade pupils to wear lapel badges supporting the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

"I have nothing against CN but I have to draw the line because it is so controversial," said

Headmaster John Armer. "I have no objection to scout badges and those of similar organizations."

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