

By United Press International

Oscar Robertson didn't let a torn sneaker sole that flapped when he ran distract him from his work Sunday night.

As a result, the Cincinnati Royals forced the Boston Celtics into a final seventh game in Boston Wednesday for the Eastern Division playoff title of the National Basketball Association. Both have won three games.

Robertson scored 36 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as the Royals defeated the Celtics 109-99 before 7,745 fans in Cincinnati.

"That's the second pair of sneakers I wore out this season," the big "O" said. "But this time it was worth it."

The Los Angeles Lakers took the advantage in the Eastern Division playoff series 3-2 with a runaway 123-96 win over the St. Louis Hawks before 15,312 — a record crowd for the Lakers at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The next game is at St. Louis Tuesday.

The Lakers' Elgin Baylor and Jerry West started Los Angeles out fast; Baylor scoring 24 points in the first half and winding up with 30.

Laker Coach Fred Schaus said, "I never saw Baylor better for three periods, offensively and defensively." (Baylor sat out the fourth period.) Gallatin occurred: "Baylor beat us!"

Rob Pettit and Cliff Hagan the Hawks had their poorest nights in a long time. Pettit, while Baylor guarding him much of the time, only made two baskets in 11 attempts. Pettit finished 15 points because of 11 points collected on the free throw line. Hagan, playing with a dislocated thumb which was taped, missed on all nine shots from the floor.

In the Royals-Celtics game, Robertson's biggest outburst came in the last 6½ minutes of the third period. He fired 11 straight points and scored 16 of Cincinnati's last 18 points to push the Royals to a lead that was 85- after three periods.

Robertson sparked another Royal outburst in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter and the Royals led 97-81 with eight minutes left. Robertson was backed in scoring by Jack Twyman who had 24. Boston's top scorers were Sam Jones with 22 points and Tom Heinsohn with 20.

Celtic Coach Red Auerbach complained after the game that "the officials took the game away from us."

"I've had it," Auerbach said. "Referees! Sid Borgia and Norm Drucker aren't kidding me. That game had gotten rough. They'd have had to put up a boxing ring and let the players shell it out. It would be the highlight of Borgia's career if he ref'd a game in which we lost the world championship." Auerbach said.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—There's no rest for the weary, so it'll be more golf today for Masters champion Jackie Nicklaus, who has chased all those "butterflies" in his belly but now has a "grand slam" on his mind.

Still weary from his spectacular 80,000-one-stroke victory over the muddy Augusta National Course, the blond, heavy-set 23-year-old Nicklaus will keep a date to play in a pro-amateur tournament at nearby Atlanta today.

Confessing to nervousness and butterflies in his stomach before he fired his final round 72 for a winning 288 total Sunday, Nicklaus came up with a quick quip regarding his possibility of agrand slam this year.

"I guess I'm the only one who has a chance to win it," he said.

He hit that, like most of his few shots, right on the button inasmuch as a golfer must win the Masters, the U.S. Open, the PGA and the British Open to complete a grand slam.

Arnold Palmer, who finished in a ninth place tie in the Masters Sunday, has been trying for that elusive slam several years now but never has made it.

The majority of golf experts feel Nicklaus can however.

"If that 66 I shot in the second round wasn't my best," he grinned, "it sure is pushing the leaders."

It followed a first round 74 and tied young Jack for second place with Jay Hebert after 36 holes. Then, when virtually all the other leaders faltered in the heavy rain and mud of the third round, Nicklaus took a one-stroke lead with a 74 and maintained it throughout the pressure-packed final round.

In addition to being the youngest player ever to win the Masters, the Ohio shotmaker also was the first reigning Open king to lead home the field in this tournament.

Possibly the two biggest Masters surprises were 25-year-old Tony Lema of Oakland, Calif., who finished second with 287 even though it was his first appearance in the event, and the 288 that tied 31-year-old Sammy Snead for third place with Julius Bors.

"I kept looking at Tony because I knew he was even with par all day," Nicklaus admitted, "and I could tell by the scoreboard Sam was doing all right, too."

When Lema, who finished with a two-under-par 70, birdied the 11th, Nicklaus, coming up two twosomes behind him, knew he

would have to par the 18th, a four 420-yarder, or face a playoff.

"I didn't try to play conservative golf at any time," Nicklaus explained, "but neither was I about to get reckless on the 10th."

"This was no time to flirt with the trees on the right so I aimed my tee shot to the left," he went on. "The ball landed in sand and mud and I got a free drop."

"I dropped the ball in a muddy lie, then went for my six iron. I sure wasn't going to be short."

He wasn't.

The 205-pound Ohioan put all his muscle and might into that six iron shot and belted the ball onto the green about 30 feet past the flagstick.

Faced with a downhill putt, Jackie studied the green closely. He then stroked it three feet past the cup. His second putt made it.

"I was kind of surprised when my first putt didn't go in," Nicklaus said. "And I was even more surprised when my second one did."

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By FRED DOWN
UPI Sports Writer

Major league baseball's 1963 pennant races begin today with President Kennedy lending the dignity of his office to the event in Washington, D.C., and a traditional air of carnival-like outdoor fun marking the proceedings in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The annual "advance opener" will send the 20 big league teams off in a coast-to-coast "round-the-

clock tournament of 620 games during which 18 teams will try to prove that the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers are not the best teams in baseball. The experts and the odds-makers predict the 18 teams will fail to prove their point.

President Kennedy will be presiding at his third presidential opener when he tosses out the first ball before the American League opener between the Balti-

By LEO H. PETERSEN

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—The New York Yankees and . . . er . . . er . . . or the San Francisco Giants.

That's how this sports writer predicted the major league baseball pennant finishes last year—and they both came through.

There's little question about picking the Yankees again: they appear so superior to any of the other clubs in the American League. But picking in the National League is vastly different.

Three clubs look strong. There are four others who could do it without surprising anyone too much.

Here's the predicted finish:

American League

New York Yankees
Baltimore Orioles
Detroit Tigers
Chicago White Sox
Cleveland Indians
Boston Red Sox
Minnesota Twins
Kansas City Athletics
Los Angeles Angels
Washington Senators

National League

San Francisco Giants

Schetting summed it up best, though, when he said:

"They were ready to be taken last year, but no one did."

The Dodgers, as usual since 1954, are favored in the National League and it does really look like they should win. But it's looked that way for the past three years and they didn't do it.

The Giants have problems, like every other club, but reports are that Manager Al Dark thinks he will solve them all. It's a question whether he will get another good year out of pitchers Billy Pierce and Don Larsen, but he has a solid starting nine and a strong bench.

The Reds would appear to have the best pitching in the league and have power. The Phillies rate as the darkhorse with a fine outfield but could come up short in front and middle line pitching.

It wouldn't surprise if the Cardinals, Pirates or Braves won it all.

But going back to last spring at this time—the Yankees and Giants were good enough then.

They look good enough again.

By United Press International
Monday's Probable Pitchers
(1962 won - lost records in parentheses)

LOS ANGELES UP1—The Los Angeles Angels made decisions on two veteran hurlers who were trying to make the club this spring by purchasing Bob Turley's contract from the New York Yankees and letting Sam Jones go.

Turley, 32, had a 3-3 record with the Yankees last season after more successful seasons with New York, such as 1958 when he won 21 games. Turley came to the Angels this spring on a conditional basis and impressed Manager Bill Rigney.

Jones, who played under Rigney when he was managing the Giants, came to the Angel camp as a free agent but saw little work in exhibition games.

Henley High School Boosters will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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By United Press International: The Los Angeles Angels and the Houston Colts are the champions of the spring exhibition season. Both closed their spring "seasons" on a victorious note Sun-	Cheney, Quick (6), Bouldin (9) and Leppert, Schmidt (6). Schwall, Cardwell (7), Sturdivant (3) and Pagliaroni, Plaskett, Winner — Cheney, Loser — Schwall, HR — Osborne.	Boston 010 000 02s— 3 10 Ellsworth, Mudrock (5), McDaniel (7) and Ranew, Bertell (5) Morehead, Stephenson (6), Fornies (9) and Tillman, Winner — Stephenson, Loser — McDaniel
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Don Nottebart, Conrad Cardin and Hal Woodeshick combined hold the Athletics to six hits.

At Baltimore, Md.

PORTLAND (UPI) — South Oregon, with Doyle Bransom and Mike Hood turning in double victories, defeated Portland 5-0 76-55 in a dual track meet Saturday.

Bransom won the 100 and 200 yard dashes and Hood earned first in the broad jump and 200 yard low hurdles. Ken Pater of Portland State turned in the meet's top performances by winning the shot put in 54-5 1/4 and the discus in 155-3.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)—Bud Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Barbi Henneberger of Germany won the top honors in the National Alpine Skiing Championships here today.

matches ever seen at Hayward Field. Two runners were knocked off the track as the battling erupted down the backstretch on the first lap. Oregon sophomore Ray Van Asten eventually won the event by lunging past USC's Kevin Hogan at the tape, but Hogan later was disqualified and Oregon

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