Thurmond's Injury Adds To San Francisco Woes

By United Press International

As if the San Francisco Warriors didn't have enough problems with worst slump in National Basketball Association history, they've lost Nate Thurmond, who was supposed to take up the slack caused by the departure of Wilt Chamberlain.

Thurmond reinjured his right lower back Sunday against the St. Louis Hawks at St. Louis. The Hawks, paced by Bob Pettit and Richie Guerin with 23 points each, won the game 126-103.

The streaking Detroit Pistons edged closer to third place in the Western Division with their eighth victory in the last 11 games, a 119-112 come-from-behind homecourt conquest of Baltimore.

The triumph pulled the Pistons to within four games of the third-place Bullets. Terry Dischinger led the Pistons with 22 points and Don Ohl topped the Bullets with 32.

The world champion Boston Celtics had to come from behind to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 101-97 at Boston. The Celtics trailed by 11 points in the second quarter, but fought back to lead 52-48 at the half.

Sam Jones and John Havlicek led the Celtics scoring parade with 27 and 24 points, respectively. Laker Jerry West's 36 points took scoring honors.

Tom Heinsohn of the Celtics was tossed out of the game in the fourth quarter for fighting with the Lakers' Walt Hazzard after the Los Angeles player fouled him to stop a basket.

National Basketball Association
Eastern Division

	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	48	10	.828
Cincinnati	35	21	.625
Philadelphia	31	25	.554
New York	19	37	.339

Western Division

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	31	25	.554
St. Louis	28	28	.500
Baltimore	26	29	.473
Detroit	25	36	.410
San Francisco	13	45	.224

Sunday's Results
Boston 101 Los Angeles 97
Detroit 119 Baltimore 112
St. Louis 126 San Francisco 103
(Only games scheduled)

Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Los Angeles
(Only game scheduled)

Tuesday's Games
Boston at Cincinnati
St. Louis at New York
Philadelphia vs. San Francisco at San Jose, Calif.
(Only games scheduled)

Montague Thinks Scouts Returning

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Eddie Montague, who signed Willie Mays for the Giants after showing up to watch the better known Alonzo Perry, thinks that baseball's free agent draft will bring scouting back in focus.

"A shoe clerk could have been a super scout in recent years if he had money to outbid everybody else," Montague said today of the large bonuses which have been handed out. "But now the scout who has experience and judgment will come back into his own. We have to be awfully sure that the youngsters that we go after are top material."

The game's revolutionary draft, modelled after pro football's, will be inaugurated this June in a move to stop the bonus splurge. Each major league club will select one player apiece in reverse order of last season's final winning percentages. Thus the New York Mets will get the first choice followed by the Kansas City Athletics and so on up the ladder.

More Coverage

"We not only must be absolutely sure of every kid we consider but have a long list," Montague said. "This means a lot more coverage in each area will be needed. And we should have more minor leagues where the boys can be properly developed."

Mays cost the Giants $14,000 in 1950. Ten thousand of it went to secure his release from the Birmingham Black Barons although Willie had signed an affidavit that he was not that club's property. Mays collected another $4,000 for a bonus.

Then, as the price war broke out, the Giants paid pitcher Ron Herbel $65,000 for his signature in 1958 and invested approximately $130,000 in 1962 for Bob Garibaldi, another hurler whose arm troubles have kept him in the question-mark class.

Montague never heard of Mays before going out to the Barons' park to see if Alonzo Perry might help the Giants Sioux City farm club.

"Then I saw Willie sting the ball and making those terrific throws," Montague recalled. "I clocked him running to first base in 3.5 seconds."

Dodger Miscue

Montague next "scouted" Ray Blades to see if the Brooklyn Dodgers coach planned to approach Mays.

"He didn't," Montague said. "And I slept pretty well that night."

Mays went on to become a $105,000 per year man and Perry a good triple A player.

The signing of Herbel eight years later was a little different. Montague virtually had him wrapped up for a $10,000 bonus. But then Ron's school, Colorado State, replaced Brigham Young in the NCAA tournament after the Mormon institution withdrew because it would not play baseball on Sunday.

"Ron, who was in San Francisco, phoned his mother and they agreed he should pitch in the tournament," Montague said. "After that, just about every scout was after him."

This forced the bonus offer up to $65,000 and Herbel signed although the Los Angeles Dodgers offered him about $4,000 more.

Former Player

Montague broke in with the old San Francisco Seals in 1924 and did his first steady playing at Johnstown, Pa. of the Middle Atlantic League. His teammates there included Joe Cronin and Rip Collins. Later, Eddie spent four years at Cleveland when the Indians had a pitching staff that featured Wes Ferrell, Willis Hudlin and Mel Harder.

His first shot at scouting came for the Boston Red Sox and in one year landed Mel Parnell, the team's all-time winningest left-hander, Virgil Stallcup and Tom Wright.

"But there was a seniority problem among the scouts and I left after being offered a managing spot in the farm system," Montague said.

The next stop as a scout was for the New York Giants. That was 22 years ago and he has stayed with the organization.

Montague always looks for the desire to play when he checks out a youngster.

"There are many who have all the talents but really don't want to play day in and day out," the veteran scout said.

Hockey

Western Hockey League

	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Portland	28	17	4	60	182	148
Seattle	26	19	3	55	142	127
Vancvr	22	23	5	49	187	180
Victoria	22	24	1	45	168	171
San Fran	21	27	1	43	189	209
Los Angls	19	28	2	40	159	192

Sunday's Results
Portland 5 Los Angeles 1
Seattle 6 San Fran 5 (overtime)

Saturday's results
San Francisco 6 Portland 4

Monday's schedule
no games scheduled.

RECORD HOLDERS

NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Giants have appeared in 14 National Football League championship games, more than any other team.

BASKETBALL TUSSLE — The Celtics' Tommy Heinsohn (right) tackles Lakers' Walt Hazzard during a game in Boston Sunday. The tussle occurred after Heinsohn was fouled intentionally. Heinsohn was ejected from the game, but the Celtics won, 101-97. — UPI Telephoto

Pels Down Grants Pass, Hornets Fall

The two biggest contests in prep basketball action during the weekend occurred at Klamath Union High School and Henley High School gymnasiums, where the Klamath Pelicans defeated Grants Pass in A-1 action, and Sacred Heart trimmed Henley's Hornets in A-2 action.

The win for Klamath assured the Pelicans of a secure post in second place, and an opportunity to set their sights on bigger game, namely the Medford Black Tornado.

For Sacred Heart the win was little more than satisfaction. It won't appreciably affect their standings, but it does provide fodder for their cannons in future contests.

In County League action, Gilchrist's Grizzlies turned in an upset win over Merrill's Huskies, and added considerable weight to their bid for dominance in the league.

The Grizzlies came on strong only in the last two weeks of action, but their fangs have been and will be felt throughout the season.

Bonanza trimmed Malin in another weekend contest, and Chiloquin had too much for the winless but scrappy Bly Bobcats.

Bly's Patzke continues to dominate B League basketball scoring honors as he remains on top of the heap statewide with better than a 25-point average.

Rogue League Standings

Phoenix	9	0
St. Mary's	7	1
Eagle Point	4	1
Rogue River	2	3
Lakeview	3	6
Illinois Valley	2	5
Sacred Heart	2	6
Henley	2	7

Henley also felt the strength of the Lakeview Honkers this weekend as the Honkers tore at them in Lakeview, and the strong Phoenix Pirates added another notch in their gun butts as they trimmed the spirited Trojans of Sacred Heart on Saturday in Klamath Falls.

All in all, little change was noticed by weekend contests in league standings.

Southern Oregon Conference Standings

	Won	Lost
Medford	6	0
Klamath Falls	4	2
Grants Pass	3	3
Crater	1	5
Ashland	1	5

BOWLING SCORES

KINGSLEY OFFICERS' WIVES LEAGUE

	W	L
The "It's"	6	2
Sizzlin' Susies	5	3
The Terrific Four	5	3
The Flops	4½	3½
The Sad Sacks	4	4
The Losers	3½	4½
The Pea Pickers	2	6
Sexy Sallys	2	6

Feb. 3 results: High team game, The Pea Pickers 726; high team series, The Sad Sacks 1965; high ind. game, M. Pierce 185; high ind. series, M. Pierce 469.

PIN LEAVERS TRIO LEAGUE

	W	L
Unpredictables	41	27
The Alley Cats	38	30
Pin Pals	37½	30½
The Spotters	37½	30½
Outer Limits	36	32
The Gutter Queens	35½	32½
The Un-strike-ables	34½	33½
The Pin Spinners	30	38
The Suburban Cats	27	41
The Lucky Trio	23	45

Feb. 3 results: High team game, The Spotters 581; high team series, The Spotters 1474; high ind. game, Betty Haudenshild 214; high ind. series, Marilyn Berg 483.

MORNING LARKS LEAGUE

	W	L
Leos Camera Shop	48	28
Fremont Grocery	48	28
Whoa At Keno	46	30
Adair Furniture	45	31
Evans Grocery	42	34
Larrys Foods	41	35
Southern Oregon Agency	34	42
National Cash Register	34	42
Tower Furniture	24	52
Standard Oil	18	58

Results: High team game, Leos Camera Shop 545; high team series, Leos Camera Shop 1584; high ind. game, Jeannie Portzer 178; high ind. series, Emilie Trnka 497.

CRACKER-JACKS LEAGUE

	W	L
Strike-ettes	20	12
Sweatshirts	18	14
Team No. 4	16	16
Team No. 5	15½	16½
C 'n' C	13½	18½
Blousers	13	19

Feb. 3 results: High Team Game, Strike-ettes 403; high team series, Strike-ettes 1103; high ind. game, Sue Daulton 169; high ind. series, Sue Daulton 445.

National League Slate Surprising

CINCINNATI (UPI)—The National League schedule for 1965 is chock full of surprises.

For one thing, there is the first decrease in years in the total number of night games. For another, all 10 clubs will open the schedule on the same day, Monday, April 12, instead of Cincinnati opening alone.

And for the first time ever, the Houston Astros will play their home games in a domed stadium, thereby guaranteeing that none of their games will be postponed because of rain.

Ordinarily, the National League keeps increasing its total of night games each year but this year's total of 430, represents eight less than were scheduled last year. That 438 total was a record for the league.

Also in the past, the Cincinnati Reds launched their schedule one day earlier than the other clubs.

This year, they'll all get off together, one day earlier than last year's opening, with Los Angeles at New York, San Francisco at Pittsburgh, St. Louis at Chicago, Milwaukee at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at Houston in a night game.

Houston, which led the league with 77 night games last year, will play only 59 this year.

The secondary openers are scattered with San Francisco at Philadelphia in a night game on April 14; Chicago at Milwaukee and Cincinnati at St. Louis on April 15, and Pittsburgh at San Francisco and New York at Los Angeles in a night game on April 20.

Minnesota will be the host city for the All-Star game on July 13.

Ron Clarke To Compete

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Ron Clarke, the Australian distance runner who holds four world records, announced Saturday that he will compete in the Golden Gate indoor track meet at the Cow Palace Feb. 26.

The 27-year-old Clarke was upset by Billy Mills of the Marines in their historic 10,000 meter run at last year's Olympic Games.

Meet director Bert Belson said that Clarke plans to run the fastest indoor two-mile in history when he takes to the Cow Palace boards.

Clarke, who clocked a 13:33.6 in the 5,000 meters during the last week, also holds world marks in the three mile, six mile and 10,000 meter runs.

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