

# Odds makers Pick Yankees, Cardinals As 1965 Pennant Champions

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NEW YORK (UPI) — The Yankees again? Of course. The Cardinals too? Maybe. That's the way the 1965 major league baseball pennant races shape up in the official odds — the Yankees are 6 to 5 favorites to win their sixth consecutive American League pennant and lead the defending champion Cardinals and the Phillies as co-favorites in the National League, each at 2 to 1.

There is one slacker in the pre-season line — the pitcher, rich, power-poor Dodgers. Despite their second division finish last year after winning the pennant and World Series in 1963, the Dodgers are listed at surprisingly strong 3 to 1. As usual, the odds forecast a real dog-fight in the National League. The Reds and Giants are each listed at 4 to 1 and the Athletics and Senators follow by the Braves at 6 to 1 and the Pirates at 8 to 1. That leaves only three outsiders — the Astros (see Colts) and Mets at 100 to 1 each.

Both 3 to 1 Orioles, who threatened to dethrone the Yankees last year until the final two weeks of the season, and the White Sox are rated behind the Yankees in the American League. Both are 3 to 1 shots. Then come the Twins at 5 to 1, followed by the Indians at 10 to 1 and the Red Sox at 15 to 1. Again there are three also-rans in the odds — the Angels at 30 to 1 and the Athletics and Senators each at 100 to 1.

If the Yankees have any weaknesses, they are not apparent. They started to roll last year after they acquired pitcher Pedro Ramos for their bullpen. Their only question mark is Whitey Ford, the southpaw ace, who underwent an off-season operation in an effort to correct a circulatory disorder in his pitching arm. They have the pitching, the power, the speed and the quality—even though the Cardinals upset them in the World Series last October. Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Tom Tresh, Elston Howard, Bobby Richardson, Joe Pepitone, Tony Kubek, Al Downing, Jim Bouton, Mel Stottlemyre — they are the kind of players who add up to a championship. They also have a new manager, Johnny Keane, who came from the Yankees with some pretty impressive credentials. And even though he won the pennant for a circulatory man and the World Series with

the Cardinals, he didn't let the outlook in St. Louis and Detroit look too gloomy. Quick To Take Keane The Yankees were quick to take on the steady, competent Keane in place of Yogi Berra. The rap on Yogi was that he couldn't communicate with the players who had been his teammates so long. Both the Orioles and the White Sox have the pitching, but they lack hitting power. They did little to patch up their weaknesses in off-season deals.

Hank Bauer, the Baltimore Skipper who is the first to admit he was pleasantly surprised by the Orioles last year, finishing only two games behind the Yankees, is looking for a heavy hitting center fielder. He's trying to get Jimmy Hall from the Twins without any luck. So Bauer feels there are two big "ifs" on his 1965 club — pitcher Steve Barber and rookie outfielder Curt Bleafly. If Barber can regain his old form and if Bleafly can fill the bill, Bauer thinks the Orioles can do all the way.

Al Lopez claims the White Sox will win it. This is his usual claim each spring and there is one thing he has going for him. He's the only manager who has beaten the Yankees in the last 13 years and he did it twice—with the Indians in 1954 and the White Sox in 1959.

Plugged Two Gaps He plugged two gaps with one man — Johnny Romano. Romano figures to give the White Sox the top-notch catching they lacked in 1964 and also to add to their attack. But to get Romano in a three cornered deal, they had to give up two fine defensive outfielders, Jim Landis and Mike Herberberger.

The Twins promise to have the heaviest hitting club in the league again with Hall, Harmon Killebrew, Bob Allison, Tony Oliva and Earl Battey but they have a bad defensive club and lack a first class relief pitcher. Manager Charles Dressen says his fingers are all set for pitching. But their prospects for coming up with enough of it are not too bright. The Indians will go into the pennant race with probably the most improved club in the league with the addition of outfielders Rocky Colavito and Chuck Hinton and pitcher Ralph Terry. But they may have infield and catching problems.

## Sports Summary

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—Four-time champion Arnold Palmer Sunday headed a list of 69 U.S. golfers invited to compete in the 1965 Masters Golf Tournament to be held April 5-11.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (UPI)—Peggy Fleming of Pasadena, Calif., Saturday took the lead in the women's single competition in the North American League Skating Championships by outclassing Valerie Jones of Toronto in the compulsory figures.

## Wrestling

(Continued from Page 11) Championship bouts were presented by Dr. Winston Pugh, with Oregon Tech dean of students, W. M. Douglas presenting the most outstanding player award.

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## Rogue River Tops Honkers

LAKEVIEW—The Honkers of Lakeview High School dropped a tough Rogue League contest Saturday night to the visiting Rogue River cage team 68-65.

BREMEN, Germany (UPI)—Danna De Varona of Santa Clara, Calif., won two events Saturday in the Bremen International Invitational Meet by outclassing Valerie Jones of Toronto in the compulsory figures.

## Frosh Defeat Ashland

ROGUE RIVER picked up a first quarter lead of 19-13 and never headed from that point. Paul Sheer added 12 points and M. Drinkwater another 11, but their efforts fell short of giving Lakeview the needed bulge.

Individual awards were presented by Dot Clark, Jerric Conkin and Loretta Whitte. Referees for the big meet were Dick Bunnala, head referee and Jack Peterson, 501 H Klamath Union High School coaches.

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STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Former San Jose State quarter-back Richard A. Vermel, head football coach at Santa Clara College, Friday was appointed assistant director of football at Stanford and will coach the freshmen team.

The Klamath Union High School freshman basketball team won its 11th cage contest Friday night, 47-37, at Ashland, when the club trounced Ashland 73-43.

## Pro Cage Standings

National Basketball Association By United Press International Eastern Division

LAKEVIEW—Drinkwater 11, Duke 1, Fitzgerald 6, Sheer 12, Sullivan 20, Meisner 2 and Sanje 3.

## Pro Cage Standings

Western Division

ROGUE RIVER—Frantz 23, Carter 12, LeRoy 8, Copeland 9, Gates 4, Liles 2 and DeLand 1.

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**HOLD ON THERE!**—Acting coach Arch Dunsmoor, Eastern Oregon College, puts the skids on Rollin Schimmola's idea of a big breakfast prior to his competition in the Oregon Collegiate Wrestling Tournament at Oregon Tech Saturday. Schimmola, an Olympic team alternate, was simply going along with a gag, and had no intention of eating the six big steaks on his plate. — and Dunsmoor provided the will power. Teams ate breakfast on campus before the matches.



**MAKING WEIGHT**—Big Fred Hamm, Oregon Tech's heavyweight wrestler, is shown as he was being "double checked" by officials at Oregon Tech in preparation for the OCC tourney conducted Saturday. Watching on left is OTI athletic director Ron Pfeister, and checking weight are Jack Peterson and Dick Bunka, far right.

## Tulelake Is Loser

TULELAKE — Mount Shasta High School eagles grabbed an early lead and stretched it into a 55-42 victory over Tulelake's Hawks Friday evening in a Northern California prep action.

## Eagles Defeat Hornets

The Eagle Point Eagles, losing 23 points through the hoop for the first time in 100 years, defeated the Henley Hornets by a wider margin.

Pacing the Tulelake five was Brad Slezak with 19 points and high game honors. Larry Bassett led Mount Shasta with 13, assisted by Fred with 10.

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## County League Teams Take Good With Bad

While the Chiloquin Panthers are looking stronger in Class B Klamath County League play, they don't look too good against another Class B team which they share the spotlight with in the District 5B cage tournament here next month.

Chiloquin dropped a tough contest to Prospect, a strong favorite in the district tournament, when they played 8-7 on March 11, 12 and 13, but the Panthers went down fighting to the end.

Prospect led throughout the second half, emerging with a 65-54 victory over the visitors. Facing Point in the winners were Maurer with 19 and Wilson with 18 points.

High game honors went to Chiloquin's Stan Miller who collected 20 in the night's effort. Charlie Spicer added another 12 in the losing cause.

At Bonanza High School, a sleeping giant appears to have awakened. The Antlers jumped to a quick 29-10 first quarter lead over Winslow Bay, then extended it to 54-16 at halftime, and walked off the floor at the final buzzer with a one sided 102-67 victory.

Credit for the Bonanza win was given Tom Seater, who kept the Antlers going at full throttle throughout the evening and picked up 16 points while engineering the defeat. High game honors however, went to Jack Patzke of Bly, who had 29 points.

A sophomore for Bonanza did claim to one of the finest all-around showings as he matched Patzke almost point for point. Ray Struve, who starred the Klamath Union Sophs earlier this season, returned to his point-getting ways and added 25 points to the Antlers totals. Rick Steber, the big pivot man for the Bonanza crew found himself Friday night as he hit 23.

John Ashford added 11 to the Bobcat totals, but his efforts fell short of making the game a contest.

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## Eagles Lose Games

WEED—The College of Siskiyou Eagles took it on the chin again, this weekend as they dropped to Shasta College in conference action, 74-67.

The Eagles trailed at halftime by a 43-31 margin, closed the gap, and grabbed a fourth quarter two-point lead with three minutes to go, then collapsed as Shasta bombarded the bucket on charity tosses to win the contest going away.

Bill Duchi paced the Eagles with 18, assisted by Cecil Dillard with 14, Bob Carson and Genis added 14 and 13 respectively, while P. Lutton Smith added another 10 in the losing effort.

High man for Shasta was Gary Hill with 20.

## Pro Cage Standings

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Next Friday the Eagles play undefeated league leading Marquette in College in what is expected to be a rugged contest for the Eagles. The following evening, the Eagles meet Sierra College.

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