

SPORTS

Craft Hopeful Athletics To Win 70 Games

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (UP)—Everyone agrees that Harry Craft is a nice guy, and that he won't finish last — as long as the Washington Senators are in the league.

Placing his Kansas City Athletics any higher than seventh in the American League, however, seems far-fetched.

Craft, starting his first full season as a major league manager, isn't aiming for any position, much less the pennant.

"I'm only hoping we will win 70 games, and if we do that I'll be satisfied, no matter where that puts us in the standing," he said. As usual, the A's have been one of the most active clubs in the trade marts. But then too, they are short of ball players of major league caliber. While their farm system is starting to show some signs of life, the youngsters they have coming up are still a year or more away.

Castoffs and Youngsters
So far 1958 the A's will try to get along with a bunch of veteran major league castoffs and promising youngsters.

In a 13-player deal with Detroit, the A's picked up center fielder Bill Tuttle. Although he hit only .251 for the Tigers last season, Tuttle is regarded as one of the best defensive outfielders in the league.

Woody Held, one of the many ex-Yankees on the team, is slated for right field, leaving Bob Cerv and Bob Martyn fighting it out for left.

Only two spots in the infield are definite — Vic Power at first base and Joe De Maestri at short. Mike Baxes, a rookie up from Buffalo, and Milt Graff, who hit only .181 in 56 games with the A's last year after being called up from Richmond, are the leading second base candidates.

Veteran Billy Hunter has been going great guns this spring and may beat out Hector Lopez for the third base spot. In that event, Lopez would be in the running for the second base job.

Catching is one department that is set with Hal Smith, Frank House and Harry Chitt sharing the chores.

Competition in Pitching

Eight pitchers are in competition for starting roles. Duke Maas, another key player in that Detroit deal, ranks as the No. 1 man and two youngsters, Ralph Terry and Jack Urban, are right behind him.

Other starting candidates are southpaw Alex Kellner, Wally Burnette, Arnie Portocarrero, Ned Garver, all holdovers, and a rookie southpaw, Walter Craddock, up from Buffalo.

That leaves Tom Gorman and veteran Virgil Trucks, for the main bullpen duty.

It isn't too bright a pitching picture, but it's in keeping with the rest of the 1958 outlook for the A's.

Today's Sport Parade

(Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.)
By OSCAR FRALEY

United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—Well, now that the baseball season is over, who do you like in the World Series?

What brings me to this question, even before the pennant races get under way, is the apparent fact that they are already decided. This is the tenor of all the reportorial juice oozing from the grapefruit circuit.

And Fearless Fraley has to go along with those who predict that the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves, are "in." These two apparently are in a class by themselves. The Yankees usually do prove it. The Braves, off their world championship, have the faith which they lacked previously.

How The Races Appear
In this corner, the races shape up like this:

American League
1. New York Yankees; 2. Chicago White Sox; 3. Detroit Tigers; 4. Boston Red Sox; 5. Cleveland Indians; 6. Baltimore Orioles; 7. Kansas City A's, and 8. Washington Senators.

National League
1. Milwaukee Braves; 2. St. Louis Cardinals; 3. Cincinnati Reds; 4. Los Angeles Dodgers; 5. Philadelphia Phillies; 6. Pittsburgh Pirates; 7. San Francisco Giants; and 8. Chicago Cubs.

The Yankees are, as usual, the Yankees. They are so "loaded" that Casey Stengel's problem is what to do with some of his young stars.

Pitching is Chicago's forte but the team lacks power and you don't win many games if you can't score any runs.

Billy Martin figures to lift the Tigers. Yet the pitching may not hold up and the club could be hurt fatally by any injuries.

The Red Sox have Ted Williams, infield problems and lack left handed pitching. Cleveland's hopes depend greatly on Herb Score's comeback and the result of the operation on Bob Lemon's arm.

That takes care of the contenders. The Orioles are hopeful but their dreams look like an anemic nightmare; the A's will discover that spirit is no substitute for talent and the Senators are still the Senators.

Gobs of Everything
In the National League, Milwaukee has gobs of everything, has strengthened and has that new belief which comes to a champion. Cardinal pitching is a question and the club lacks outfield defense.

The Reds sacrificed power to improve their pitching and fell short in both departments.

The Dodgers' old pros will keep them respectable but the loss of Campanella is a killing blow.

Philadelphia may make a bid as last year, but it is doubtful. After that you have the real also-rans. Pittsburgh lacks pitching; the Giants are "shooting for a pennant" and using blanks, while the Cubs have a poor outfield, poor power, poor pitching and fair defense.

In the series, I'll take the Yanks in six games.

Dodgers Seek Catching Help From Phillies

By TIM MORIARTY

United Press Sports Writer
The Los Angeles Dodgers, who apparently have given up all hope of luring Ed Bailey or Smokey Burgess away from the Cincinnati Reds, today looked to the Philadelphia Phillies for catching help.

General Manager Roy Hamey of the Phillies met with E. J. (Buzzy) Bavasi, the Dodgers' vice president and general manager, during the weekend, thus lending support to reports of a pending trade between the two National League clubs.

The Dodgers reportedly offered catcher Rube Walker and infielder Don Zimmer to the Phillies for catcher-first baseman Stan Lopata.

Bavasi said there was "nothing right now" to report on negotiations with the Phillies, but very definitely did not rule out the possibility of a deal.

Games Washed Out
All six scheduled exhibition games in Florida were washed out Sunday, giving all hands except the general managers a day off.

The Milwaukee Braves purchased 32-year-old southpaw Dick Littlefield from the Chicago Cubs for "slightly over" the waiver price of \$20,000. The world champions wanted another lefty because their only post riders were veteran Warren Spahn and rookie Juan Pizarro, a spring disappointment.

In Littlefield, the Braves get a bullpen worker who will be appearing with his 16th major league team. He had a 2-3 record last year with Chicago.

The Detroit Tigers completed a trade with the Cleveland Indians, acquiring infielder Milt Bolling and pitcher Vito Valentini for pitcher Pete Wojciech and an estimated \$20,000.

Meanwhile, Joe Cronin, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, huddled for two hours with Calvin Griffith of the Washington Senators. The Red Sox, too, would like some catching help and the Senators are carrying four capable backstops — Clint Courtney, Lou Berberet, Ed Fitzgerald and rookie Steve Korchick.

Tom Sheehan, veteran scout for the San Francisco Giants, showed up at Tampa to discuss more than the weather with Gabe Paul, the Redlegs' general manager. And at St. Petersburg, the Yankees may yet swing a deal with the Indians or Senators.

Eyes Pitchers
Dissatisfied with the spring-time form of some of his pitchers, Casey Stengel would like to add either Ray Narleski of the Indians or Pete Ramos of the Senators to his staff before the bell rings for the new season.

While the Florida-based teams suffered through another rainy day, the sun shone bright in Arizona, where the Giants unloaded five home runs in downing the Indians, 12-10, and the Cubs edged the Orioles, 2-1, in 12 innings.

On other fronts: The White Sox shipped Barry Latman to Indianapolis of the American Assn., the Indians farmed out pitchers Dick Brodowski and Gene Lary to San Diego of the PCL; the Tigers sold outfielder Jim Greengrass to San Diego, and the Orioles shipped outfielder Leo Burke to Knoxville of the Sally League.

Bowling Scores

G. E. CLUB ALLEYS
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	W	L
Peterson Elevator	20	10
West End Restaurant	18	12
Kelly Cleaners	18	12
Teepie Truck Lines	17	13
Monroeville Lumber Co.	17	13
K. of C.	12	8
G. E. Club	10	20
Red Men	8	22

Peterson Elevator won 3 from Red Men, K. of C. won 2 from Kelly Cleaners, Monroeville Lumber Co. won 2 from West End Restaurant, Teepie Truck Lines won 2 from G. E. Club.

600 series: George Laurent 615, 200 games; G. Laurent 238, Tutewiller 201, D. Gage 206, O. Schultz 211, G. Strickler 234, D. Dowell 204, T. Gage 202, A. Buuck 203 and Baumgartner 203.

Note — Andy Appelman rolled a ladder series, rolling 177-178-179.

Lit' Leaguer



"They're wild flowers, Mom. I was going to finish last in the cross-country run anyway!"

Four Archers Named All-Star Candidates

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Seven-foot Mike McCoy and three team mates on Fort Wayne South's 1958 Indiana high school basketball champions today were placed on the ballot for this year's Indiana-Kentucky All-Star benefit series in June.

Eight players from a 100-name ballot will be selected by sports-writers and sportscasters for the two-game series won by Kentucky last year. Two other players will be named by the Indianapolis Star, sponsor of the games.

The top vote-getter will be named "Mr. Basketball" and will wear the coveted No. 1 on his uniform during the series. His name will be announced next Sunday.

Joining McCoy from South's Archers were Carl Stavetti, Dan Howe and Rich Miller. Crawfordsville's runnersup also placed four men on the ballot. They included Trester Medal winner Dick Haslam, Joe Krutzsch, Mike Walker, and Bryson.

The other two finalists each placed two men. Springs Valley had Bob McCracken and Ron Schmutzler and Muncie Central Charlie Hinds and Charles Joris.

A "coach of the year" will be announced April 7.

Louisville Rebels Take Playoff Lead

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UP)—Flor Goegan of Louisville slammed a shot into the Indianapolis net when his team was a man short to give the Rebels a 1-0 win and a 3-2 lead in the International Hockey League playoff finals Sunday.

Goegan got the goal at 3:13 in the final period with teammate Tom Wilson in the penalty box for hooking.

Louisville can "ice" the best-of-seven-game series here tonight.

Trade in a good town — Decatur

Novelty Shoot Held By Lumberlost Club

An invitational novelty April Fool's shoot was held at the outdoor range by the Lumberlost Archery and conservation club Sunday. There was a big turnout and several ribbons and booby prizes were given out. Ribbons were presented in the men's division: first expert, Al Huston; second expert, Chuck Reed; third expert, Jerry Wheeler; first bowman, Julius Lengerich; second bowman, Dave Brown; third bowman, Max Rauch; first archer, Harold Irwin; second archer, Dwight Whitacre; third archer, Bob Wendel; first novice, Dan Shackley; second novice, Bo LaBum; and third novice, Dale Baumgartner.

In the women's division first expert was Mrs. Harold Nash; and in the junior division: first expert, Mike Hartsough; second expert, David Mitchell; first bowman, Don La Burn; second bowman, Tom Drake; first archer, David Lengerich; and second archer, Hicky Hackman.

Booby prizes were given out to the lowest scorers in each division. Receiving them were Lester Mitchell for expert; Forrest Johnson, bowman; John Brown, archer; and Jack Macklin, novice.

A new aluminum anchor, weighing 45 pounds, is said to have the same holding power as a cast iron anchor weighing 150 pounds.

Wertz Is Sidelined With Broken Ankle

TUCSON, Ariz. (UP)—Vic Wertz, a hard luck guy who made a successful comeback after an attack of polio in 1955, was sidelined again today with a broken right ankle.

The 33-year-old Cleveland Indian first baseman was sliding toward second base while trying to break up an attempted double play against the San Francisco Giants Sunday when his spikes dug into the ground and snapped the fibula just above the ankle.

General Manager Frank Lane and Manager Bobby Bragan said he would be put on the inactive list for at least 10 weeks.

The injury actually was a double one, involving both a dislocation and a fracture above that. Trainer Wally Bock said the dislocation might hamper him for some time to come since "there's always inflammation in those cases."

Club spokesman agreed that Wertz's loss "definitely hurts our hitting power." Wertz has a major league lifetime batting average of .279, doing his best, .304, with Detroit in 1949.

If you have something to sell or rooms for rent, try a Democrat Want Ad — They bring results.

Boston Celtics Even Playoff With Hawks

BOSTON (UP)—Near-perfect teamwork gave the Boston Celtics a rousing 136-112 victory over the St. Louis Hawks Sunday in their National Basketball Assn. championship series.

The two teams now move into the third game of the best-of-seven series Wednesday night at St. Louis tied at one game each.

Montreal Wins Third In Row Over Detroit

DETROIT (UP)—Jacques Plante, Montreal's roving netminder, had a well on the side of his head today but an overtime victory and a three-game lead over the Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup semi-finals eased the pain.

Plante was the central figure in a 2-1 "sudden death" victory over Detroit Sunday night—both for his goal tending and for an injury which caused a near-riot on the ice.

Butter Available For Distribution To Needy

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—About 400,000 pounds of butter "will be available to township trustees for distribution to needy people in April," State School Supt. Wilbur

Young announced Sunday. Young said "the order will supply approximately 1½ pounds per person per month and is the first distribution of butter in more than a year to township trustees for needy people."

Archie Dees Repeats As Most Valuable

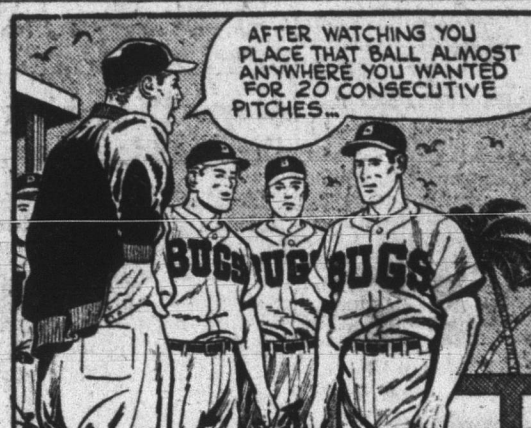
CHICAGO (UP)—Archie Dees, 6-8 bulwark of Indiana's Big Ten champions, has been voted the conference's silver basketball trophy as the most valuable player. It was the second straight year Dees won the award; the first time that ever happened since the trophy was inaugurated in 1946.

Dees, of Mount Carmel, Ill., topped Big Ten scorers the past two seasons.

Plymouth Store Is Robbed By Couple

PLYMOUTH, N. H.—A young couple walked into Sandford's Grocery & Market Saturday night, held three persons at gunpoint and drove away with \$300 to \$400.

Authorities said the bandits were a "bushy haired man of about 25 and a blonde of about 20." While the man held a gun on the cashier the woman kept her hands in the pockets of her coat and told two women shoppers to "stay where you are."





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