

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 for 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 Cervi and Bob Martin 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.



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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 Smoky Burgess away from the Cincinnati Redlegs, 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 porters 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 10th major league team. He had a 23 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 Woyea 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 Korchek.

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.

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 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.

Bowling Scores

G. E. CLUB ALLEYS

G. E. Fraternal League

	W	L
Peterson Elevator	20	10
West End Restaurant	18	12
Kelly Cleaners	18	12
Teepie Truck Lines	71	13
Monroeville Lumber Co.	17	13
K. of C.	12	8
G. E. Club	10	20
Red Men	8	22
Peterson Elevator	won 3	
Red Men, K. of C.	won 2	
Kelly Cleaners, Monroeville Lumber Co.	won 2	
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