

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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NEW YORK, April 19—It was opening day, with the flags whipping in a stiff breeze and mammoth Yankee Stadium filling rapidly and Mickey Mantle had the hitters.

Hailed as the most precocious juvenile to hit the Big Leagues since Mel Ott, Mantle didn't feel like a prodigy as he contemplated his swift journey from obscurity.

A few short months earlier had been a nonentity in the tiny lead-mining town of Commerce, Okla., a brawny youngster with a year and a half of Class C Baseball behind him.

Now he stood behind the batting cage at Yankee Stadium, wearing those famed Yankee flannels. In a few minutes he would be sent out there into right field, and already he could feel the weight of critical eyes judging the man labeled as Joe DiMaggio's successor.

The spikes on his restless feet crunched a big "M" into the brown dirt back of the batter's box. It probably stood for "Mantle," but from the tenor of his conversation it could have meant "minor" league.

Right Attitude
"I haven't even made the ball club, yet," he asserted in a low, tense voice. "I don't think I'm a big leaguer."

Mickey stole a quick look at the vastness of the filling stadium and added, as he looked down at the dirt again:

"I think I belong in the minors. I don't want the same treatment Ott had—sitting on the bench."

Mantle almost sounded convinced that he had come too far, too fast. Two years ago he graduated from high school and walked hopefully into the Joplin club of the Yankee farm system to ask for a tryout. He was a shortstop, and not a very polished one at that. But, despite his errors, they grabbed him when they saw him belt the ball.

He finished 1949 hitting .313 for Independence and last year won the Western Association Batting Crown by hitting .383 for the Joplin club. This spring the 190 pound, six footer went to spring training with the Yankees, expecting another trip back to the minors. But he batted .402 in 27 spring games and blasted NINE home runs.

So here he was, on opening day, expected to start in right field. Mickey, a solemn 19-year-old, hadn't had long to make his conversion from shortstop. And he was worried.

Timid Pose
He could manage only a weak smile when photographers asked him to pose with DiMaggio and Ted Williams of the rival Red Sox. And he was the first to duck his head and bolt away when they were through. Grabbing a bat, he jumped into the cage and, after taking his licks, almost walked into the fungo bat Coach Bill Dickey was welding on the sidelines.

Then they took their places and the kid from Commerce jogged in to right field. It was a spot which, one short month ago, he said: "I can't make this year."

The figures of that 5 to 0 Yankee victory proved he did just fine. He handled three chances flaw-

PITTSBURG PIRATES 1951 PLAYER ROSTER

(Before cutting)

PITCHERS	HOMETOWN	1951 CLUB
Lombardi, Viv	Bakersfield, Calif.	Pittsburgh
MacDonald, Bill	Alameda, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Muir, Joe	Oriole, Md.	Indianapolis
Bempsy, Con	San Francisco, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Chesney, Bob	Sacramento, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Chambers, Cliff	Bellingham, Wash.	Pittsburgh
Quinn, Mel	Woodbridge, Calif.	Indianapolis-Pitts.
Pietro, Bill	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Pittsburgh
Law, Vernon	Meridan, Ohio	Waco-Indianapolis
Friend, Bob	Lafayette, Ind.	Pittsburgh
Werle, Bill	San Francisco, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Walsh, Jim	Dickson City, Pa.	Pittsburgh
Fisher, Harry	Wardville, Ontario	New Orleans
Dickson, Murry	Leavenworth, Kan.	Pittsburgh
Gregg, Hal	Anaheim, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Petit, Paul	Lomita, Calif.	New Orleans

CATCHERS

McCullough, Clyde	Stellton, Va.	New York (NL)-Pitts.
FitzFerald, Eddie	Norfolk, Pa.	Pittsburgh
Mueller, Ray	Sacramento, Calif.	Pittsburgh-Indianap.

INFIELDERS

Basgall, Monty	Bison, Kan.	Pittsburgh-Ind
Strickland, George	New Orleans, La.	Pittsburgh
Schenz, Hank	Aurora, Ind.	Pittsburgh
Merson, John	Elk Ridge, Md.	New Orleans
Castiglione, Pete	Greenwich, Conn.	Pittsburgh
Murtaugh, Danny	Chester, Pa.	Pittsburgh
Coogan, Dale	Los Angeles, Calif.	Indianapolis-Pitts.
Grunwald, Al	Los Angeles, Calif.	Indianapolis-New Or.
Rojeck, Stan	N. Tonawanda, N. Y.	Pittsburgh
Dillinger, Bob	Montrose, Calif.	Phil. (AL)-Pitts.
Phillips, Jack	Merilla, N. Y.	Pittsburgh

OUTFIELDERS

Kiner, Ralph	Alhambra, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Bell, Gus	Louisville, Ky.	Indianapolis-Pitts.
Reiser, Pete	St. Louis, Mo.	Boston (NL)
Westlake, Wally	Sacramento, Calif.	Pittsburgh
Saffell, Tom	Etowah, Tenn.	Pittsburgh
Beard, Ted	Woodsboro, Md.	Indianapolis-Pitts.
Metkovich, George	Angel's Camp, Calif.	Oakland
Restell, Dino	San Francisco, Calif.	Pittsburgh-Ind.

Casey Stengel Yankee Manager

Casey Stengel is beginning his third year as manager of the World Series Champions, the New York Yankees. As a baseball team manager, Stengel has won two straight pennants for the Yanks and a pennant for Oakland of the P.C.L. the year before coming to the \$24 island to give him three in a row.

Charles Dillon Stengel is from Kansas City and received his nickname through his home town name K. C., so Casey. Stengel began his baseball career in 1912 when he came to the Brooklyn Dodgers straight from Dental school to take a worn spot in right field. He stayed in the National League until 1925, and he was connected with Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston during this time.

In 1925 Stengel became a manager, and his first club was Worcester of the Eastern League. After his first job, he went to Toledo where he remained as field director for six years.

Casey Stengel hit the big time with the Dodgers in 1934 and stayed there through '36. In '38, he took charge of the Boston Bees which later became the Braves as he remained through 1943.

During his first ten years, Stengel had no team to go higher than fifth place; however, he has made up for that in the past three, that is, as much as he and the Yanks are concerned.

Kiner Plays Capital Set First Base - That's All

CINCINNATI, O., April 17. — (UP)—Ralph Kiner's debut as a Big League First Baseman, was a lukewarm success. The former (and maybe future) Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder played his first regular game as a first baseman yesterday in an experimental lineup switch. He handled 10 putout chances without a flaw. But he was charged with one fielding error. He fielded a ground smash and threw badly to Pitcher Cliff Chambers, who covered first. Kiner got one single in three tries as the Pirates beat the Cincinnati Reds, 4-3.

lessly, one of them a tough try. He came through with a slashing single which scored the third Yankee run—and he was grinning when it was over. The youngster from Class C baseball was on his big league way!

FOR MAYOR

This is to announce my candidacy for Mayor of our town, subject to your wishes as voters in our coming municipal primary.

For the past two years I have served you as commissioner for Ward Number 2. I pledge to continue to serve to the best of my ability.

Your support and vote will be appreciated.

Thank you,
EARL G. VANN

F. S. Remondet you must register this week in order to vote in primary on Monday, April 23rd. Books are open every day this week at J. N. Creel's Livery Stable, on the Commercial Street. We would register after this week.

The general election that one yesterday. Before the San Francisco throng he said he would not seek political office.

"The only politics I have," he said, "is contained in a simple phrase known to all of us—God Bless America."

Lillington High Baseball Team Overpowers AC High

The Lillington high baseball team really went on a rampage on last Tuesday afternoon as they walloped Anderson Creek high 20 to 9.

This win gives Lillington two convincing wins as compared to one loss which was a close decision in which the losers out hit their opponent.

Diminutive Joe P. Smith climbed onto the mound for Lillington high for the first time, and he went the full distance to win his first game as a pitcher. West and Hickman did the hurling for A. C.

Newly found hitting power has been a pleasant surprise for Coach Hal Bradley. Some of the first-year boys are punching out hits that he hadn't expected. One of the finest surprises is the batting eye that first baseman Neil Fuquay has found since last season. At times last season, Neil couldn't have hit the ball with a tennis racket, but this year it has been different. Neil has been right out front with the team leaders.

Leading hitters in last Tuesday's victory were Fuquay and Billy Johnson with 3 for 5, Doug Coats and Rudy Brown with 2 for 4, and Bobby Sessoms with 1 for 3.

Bobby Darden was the top batter for the game with 3 for 4. Other Anderson Creek leaders at the plate were Charles Williams and Bryant Hickman; Hickman got 2 for 3 and Williams 2 for 4.

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British Navy

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with sonar equipment, which bounces sound waves to the ocean floor and quickly records any sudden rise or fall in the elevation. But search vessels took soundings across the channel bottom throughout yesterday without finding a trace of the Affray. There has been no clue to the fate of the submarine since faint tapping signals ceased at 2 A. M. yesterday (8 P. M. Tuesday EST) before a definite fix could be taken on its position.

The 1,620-ton Affray sank after submerging in a practice dive at 9:15 P. M. (3:15 P. M. EST) Monday. It carried five ship's officers, 20 training officers, 46 enlisted men and four marines—16 more persons than its usual complement. If no survivors are found, it will be Britain's second worst peacetime disaster—exceeded only by the loss of 59 men in the Thetis in Liverpool Bay in 1939.

Last Day

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means that everybody has to register again, Creel said. "I'm afraid a lot of people are going to be disappointed and some of them will no doubt get mad when they go to vote on April 30 and find that they aren't registered," pointed out Mr. Creel today.

Citizens are requested to report to his office at Creel's Stables and place their names on the new books. He is there each day from 8 a.m. until 6 p. m.

City Clerk Charles Storey also had a reminder today for those who might be interested in running for office. Saturday at noon is the deadline for filing.

PAGEANT SLATED
A pageant on "World Peace" will be presented Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Bule's Creek school auditorium. The script was written by members of the school faculty and the pageant depicts the history of our country and culminates in the story of the United Nations. Colorful costumes, songs, choral reading and folk dances will highlight the pageant.

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