

Today's Sports Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY
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NEW YORK (U) — He ruined the Dodgers once so you can't blame Bobby Thomson today if he is dreaming of doing it again.

The time may be ripe. For as the hero of the New York Giant pennant playoff in 1951 goes to the Milwaukee Braves, this is a club improved even over the sensational second place outfit of last season.

Stranger things have happened in baseball than the Braves coming out to win in 1954 — and the flying Scot could be a deciding factor once more.

Greener Pastures

Greener pastures frequently have made stars out of players thought to be robots of mediocrity. Allie Reynolds the upper chief of the Yankees, was considered a front runner at Cleveland. Dixie Walker was obscure with several teams before winning the batting title at Brooklyn.

Hank Sauer, a distressed player at Cincinnati, became the league's most valuable performer with the Cubs. And little Nelson Fox, a zero with the A's, became an all-star with the White Sox.

There are many of them, and Thomson could be another.

Certainly the 30-year-old outfielder and side-saddle third baseman has the physical attributes. A fleet-footed six foot, two inch athlete, he is built for power production.

Paid Off

To date it paid off once, in that final playoff game of 1951 against the Dodgers when his home run won the pennant for the Giants. Yet Thomson never has lived up to expectations since. He hit .300 only once, with a .309 mark in 1949, and led the league in triples with 14 in 1952.

Last season he batted .288 and hit 26 home runs.

That, observers tell you, is far below his probable capacity. It was expected that his famous blow of 1951 might touch off the fuse to his latent talents. When it didn't there is a feeling, the Giants permitted their lost faith to show.

Bobby reacted as any human being could be expected to react.

Touchy And Quick

He was touchy and quick to resent criticism. There was little question, at the end of last season, but that he was a marked man. Once there had been a flareup with Leo Durocher after a fly ball carried over Bobby's head. The subsequent interpretation was that Durocher questioned him about his "loping" and Thomson understood the manager to speculate on his "loafing."

Without danger of misinterpretation, it can be said that Thomson committed seven errors, a goodly number.

But now he goes to Milwaukee, where winning became a general infection. The club bounced all the way from seventh to second its first year there and, as the team most improved by trading, could go all the way against a Dodger team which apparently is more concerned over the outcome of the 1954 World Series than the 1954 pennant which must be won first.

If that Milwaukee fervor needles Thomson, as it did Ed Mathews et al, he could be a tremendous cog in a winning machine. It might even be 1951 all over again for the man who ruined the Dodgers once before.

Carolina League Sked Is Adopted

DURHAM (U) — Baseball returned to the North Carolina sports scene today as the Class B Carolina League announced its plans for the coming season.

At a meeting here the league adopted its 1954 schedule, picked

sites for holiday games and discussed radio broadcasting policy.

The schedule presented by league President Ted Mann calls for the 140-game season to open April 21 and end Sept. 6. Each club will play 70 games on the road and 70 at home.

There will be 10 Sunday games for seven of the eight teams. Reidsville, which does not play Sunday games, drew two Sunday dates and sites for these games will be decided at a later date.

On opening day, Reidsville will

SPORTS SHORTS

BY UNITED PRESS

The Philadelphia Athletics, concerned at Dave Philley's rejection of a \$6,000 raise, dropped a broad hint today that the 13-year-old outfielder might be available in a trade. "I wouldn't want to see him come to spring training in his present frame of mind," said Earl Mack, general manager of the Athletics. Mack revealed that Philley, the A's top average hitter last season, had turned down three offers for a 1954 contract and that his last rejection was accompanied by a "very nasty letter." Mack did not reveal how much Philley was demanding but said, "He's asking a lot of money."

The New York Rangers, defying both the law of average and the hockey axiom that "you can't win on the road," crept to within a single point of the Boston Bruins in their battle for fourth place today on the strength of a 10th victory in 14 games. The streaking Rangers gained two points on Boston when they defeated the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-2, Thursday night while Terry Sawchuk scored his ninth shutout as the league-leading Detroit Red Wings routed the Bruins, 5-0, at Olympia.

PITTSBURGH (U) — The Pittsburgh Steelers rounded out Thursday what figures to be the most potential pair of rookies in the National Football League next season by signing UCLA's sensational halfback Paul Cameron. Steelers President Art Rooney said Thursday night Cameron had added his name to that of Notre Dame's Johnny Lattner to play with the Pittsburgh club in 1954. Lattner signed a contract after talking with Steelers Coach Joe Bach in South Bend, Ind., late Wednesday night.

St. Moritz, Switzerland (U) — If practice runs hold any weight then the United States should be favored in the Palace Cup bobsled open which begins today. Two U. S. two-man teams recorded the day's best times Thursday in trial runs down the one-mile corkscrew course. Dick Servino and James Stearns were clocked in 1:28.7, while a second U. S. team made it in 1:29.4.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (U) — It's official now — Harvey Robinson is the head football coach of the University of Tennessee and assistant athletic director for 1954. The school's athletic board made the announcement Thursday, thus clearing all doubts of Robinson's status. Robinson served on a tentative basis during 1953 while ex-Coach Robert Neyland was on

leave of absence. Neyland vacated the post a year ago but remained as athletic director.

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Some Notes About The Big Leagues

BY MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (U) — Heard over a hot stove:

Paul Big Poison Wauer will go south with the Milwaukee Braves for the purpose of teaching outfielder Bill Bruton to hit "like another Richie Ashburn." Yankee Coach Jim Turner predicts a big comeback this year for Vic Raschi, who slipped to 13 victories last season. Turner sees Raschi converting to a "stuff pitcher" while spotting his fading fastball just frequently enough to be more effective.

Satchel Paige, recently released by Baltimore, says if he pitches with any team in organized baseball this year it will be with Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League. That's because Bill Veck is associated with the club.

Optometry note: Nine rookies coming up for big league trials this spring wear eye glasses on the field.

Catcher Sam Calderone, who went to Milwaukee in the six-player deal, feels Leo Durocher didn't use him often enough. "I got three hits in five times up, including a double with the bases full, against Cincinnati one day," Calderone retorted, "but the next day I was back on the bench."

Philadelphia Athletic players say shortstop Joe Demaestri talks "as

if he has marbles in his mouth," so they have dubbed him "Troggy." Fletcher Hershey Freeman of the Red Sox dabbles in oils—but not the same kind Casey Stengel does. Freeman's off-season art work has impressed several critics.

If nothing else, Milwaukee will boast the hottest team in the majors this year. The Braves average 6-foot, 8-inches. Only men under 6 feet on the club are roomies Johnny Logan and Sibby Sisti each 6-11.

Senator players like to kid first baseman Mickey Vernon by telling him he is set in Washington until at least 1956 because President Eisenhower has named him his favorite player.

And speaking of favorites, Mickey McDermott, the Senator southpaw who also croons in night spots during the off-season, is the favorite of singer Eddie Fisher. "Even though he steals a lot of my songs," Eddie laughs.

The Braves are confident that 18-year-old Joey Jay, 225-pound fastballer from Rockfall, Conn., will take up the slack left by Johnny Antonelli's departure.

It happened in the minors last summer. A batter who was hit by a pitch lay silent and motionless for five minutes. When he was finally revived, his first words were:

"Who's got my wallet?"

There's No Label On Eisenhower Yet

BY MERRIMAN SMITH
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WASHINGTON (U) — Bookstairs at the White House: President Eisenhower's "liberal-conservative" description of his administration recently pointed out the fact that actually, the Eisenhower administration has no popularized label or tag except that of the President's name.

The public and the administration has hit on no specific label such as the New Deal as the previous Democratic administrations were tagged.

When and if a short-easy-to-remember tagline is developed, it probably will come from one of Mr. Eisenhower's speeches. During the 1952 campaign he referred to GOP plans for the nation as "a crusade." But this label is not used frequently today in a descriptive sense.

Many people forget that the late President Franklin Roosevelt tried to abandon the New Deal label in 1944. A visiting editor remained after one of Mr. Roosevelt's press conferences for a chat and F. D. R. told him he was tired of New Deal and thought it was an outmoded phrase.

After the story of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude came out, Washington re-

porters questioned the President at length at his next conference. He said he thought it was time for "Old Doctor New Deal" to bow out and make way for "Young Doctor Win-the-War." Further, F. D. R. wanted his party to be known by that name—"Win-the-War."

He was never able to sell the idea, however, and people went right ahead saying New Deal. It probably will be the same way with the current administration-people will go on calling it the Eisenhower administration until some catchy label shows up.

From casual observation it might appear that an interpreter is suffering hunger pains at a White House state dinner. If the honor guest seated at the President's right speaks no English, then the interpreter must stand throughout the meal behind their chairs to translate their table conversation.

Meantime, the President and his guest-his most recent one was the president of Turkey-go about consuming their luxurious under-stand each other.

The interpreter really doesn't suffer as the circumstances might indicate. He eats before he comes to dinner.

Farm Leader Can Still Milk A Cow

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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WASHINGTON (U) — I am happy to report that the leader of two and a half million farm women still knows how to milk a cow.

And if there is any challenge from out there in the cow country, Mrs. Charles De Shazo swears she will prove it on TV.

The lady from Paul's Cross Roads, Essex County, Va., heads the lady farmers of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

As such, she tells gals around the country how to get more milk out of the milk-part of a cow, how to gather eggs in an apron without busting them, and how to play hands across the sea.

"The last part is what I would like to talk about," she told me.

"We would like to exchange ideas with women of foreign countries about how to produce more to feed more people. We could tell them how to get more vegetable gardeners growing. How to pep up their soil. And how to make their dairy herds produce more. And maybe the girl farmers of other countries could help us, too."

WENT THROUGH WORKS

Mrs. De Shazo said she went through the "works" when she learned to milk a cow.

"I have been kicked off a milk stool. Once I grabbed the wrong faucet at the wrong time. I learned what I learned the hard way."

she look up riding "but not saddle. I rode the geldings straight like a man." She studied writing and editing and now does some free-lancing and some radio programs.

Mrs. De Shazo, not an old lady by any shakes, has seen the change of the times.

"When I was a little girl we pulled our water up in a bucket out of the well. We oiled the lamps. We fed the pot-bellied stove. We kicked up a heel at the barn dances on a Saturday night.

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Spruill On Sports

By FRANK SPRUILL, JR.
Record Sports Writer

SPRUILL ON SPORTS — Reuben the Dunn High Greenwaves will take a rest tonight—or at least they won't be playing basketball. Tonight is the last open date on the Dunn schedule and it is one that the girls need sorely to regain some of their composure before tackling leading Benhaven here Tuesday night.

In their last effort the Waves fell very ungloriously to Coats by fourteen points in a contest played at Coats. This furnished the Coats girls with ample revenge for an earlier two point loss to Dunn in the Armory here in December, and also terminated a six game winning streak of Dunn's.

All of the county games scheduled for February 19 have been cancelled because the tournament, which actually decides the championship, will start on the 18th. So now every team in the conference will play only 17 conference games instead of 18 as originally scheduled, except Bule's Creek and Coats, who have open dates on the 19th. Of course the games could be worked in elsewhere in the schedule if time could be found without conflicts.

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with Anderson Creek isn't made up—and it probably won't be—the Dunn girls will be at a disadvantage in their attempt to secure the second seeded spot in the tournament. (They still have a mathematical chance of first, but mathematical is all. Since Coats will have played one more game than the Waves the girls from Coats are likely to find themselves a half game ahead of the Dummies, and then only if the Greenwaves triumph over Benhaven and Boone Trail who have already beaten Dunn this year.

Coats has games left with Anderson Creek, Lillington, and Erwin at Coats and with LaFayette at LaFayette. Erwin beat Coats in a game at Erwin earlier this year, but the same thing will probably happen to the Skins that happened to the Waves.

Benhaven would have to lose at least two games to fall into second place with only three left on the schedule—Anderson Creek, Lillington, and Dunn. And then Coats would have to win four to get in first by a half game or Dunn would have to win three to gain a tie.

As things stand now in the boys' race Lillington has the first position sewed up. If they lose the rest of their games—and they certainly should win at least one—they would be no worse off than tied with Dunn for first—if the Greenwaves win the rest of theirs.

The way those two teams have been going against county competition both should win the rest of their games—until they meet in the tournament.

What happens then will be anybody's guess. Lillington won the first game by 12 points in early season and in the second meeting of the two the Greenwaves had an eight point lead in the last quarter only to throw the game in the final minute taking unnecessary shots. They finally lost by five, 61-56.

RESULTS
Boys — Meadow 80, Benson 57, Plain View 45, Westbrook 42.
Girls — Meadow 78, Benson 61, Westbrook 34, Plainview 28.
Games in Harnett County Conference tonight.

Erwin at Lillington, Anderson Creek at Coats, Benhaven at Bule's Creek, Andier at Boone Trail, Dunn open, LaFayette open.

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