

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP)—Tempus fugit or, as it is loosely translated, time's a wastin' for a lot of the old baseball heroes for whom 1955 may be the last time around under the big top.

A harried handful already have come to the end of the competitive road since last season. They are Allie Reynolds of the Yankees, Cass Michaels of the White Sox, Preacher Roe of Brooklyn, Connie Marrero of Washington and Alpha Brazle, just released by the White Sox.

There are a dozen others who possibly could call it quits, by choice or demand, after one more spin of the wheel.

YANKEES COUNT FOUR

The club with the major claim to "Darling, I Am Growing Older" as a theme song is the New York Yankees. Action beyond this year is risky by varying degrees for such as Johnny Sain, Country Slaughter, Ed Lopat and Phil Rizzuto.

Slaughter, who now allegedly is 38 after having been 39 last year, played in only 69 games last season. Sain was kept in action two straight seasons as the Yanks made a deal with his auto agency. The tiny Rizzuto reached the majors in the first place primarily because of his fire and speed, but at 36 there are clinkers in the furnace and a grinding in the speedometer. Lopat may go on forever, but you never know.

Ellis Kinder of the Red Sox will be 41 in July, which is on the far side of the hill. Maybe you don't cheer his 8-8 relief record last season but you have to admire his honesty.

Then there are two ex-managers Phil Cavaretta of the Cubs and Eddie Joost of the A's, who are trying to come back with the White Sox and Red Sox, respectively.

ROBIE SLOWING DOWN

Over in the National League, Jackie Robinson at 36 is waiting for his legs to tell him whether this will be the end of the road.

What happens to his teammate, Pee Wee Reese, depends on how the Dodgers go this year. If they win the pennant, Pee Wee figures to keep playing. If they lose, Walt Alston may have had it as manager. Reese would be the obvious choice to succeed him.

A year-to-year risk is Sal Maglie of the Giants. The Barber long has had an ailing back and confesses that each pitch might be his last. At 28, he's getting close to that time anyhow. Two others on the trembling brink are 40-year-old Walker Cooper of the Cubs, who caught only 71 games last year with the Pirates and Cubs, and Murry Dickson of the Phils. He's 38 and if he unluckily

duplicates the 10-20 mark he had last season, it might be all she wrote.

Richards Rebuilding The Baltimore Orioles

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Paul Richards is rebuilding the Baltimore Orioles from the bottom up with a mass turnover of players, and he hopes to finish in the first division. It appears he may be among too high although he declares confidently that "we'll finish in the middle of the pack."

He is going to out-platoon Casey Stengel of the Yankees this season, using two different players at every position except right field and catcher. The veteran Gene Woodling will play right field against all comers. Otherwise, the opposing pitcher will decide Richards' lineup.

When left-handers go against the Orioles, it will be Gus Triandos at first; Billy Cox, the former star third baseman of the Dodgers, at second; Willie Miranda, a switch-hitter at short; and one of two veterans, Vern Stephens or Bob Kennedy at third.

CASTOFFS GLITTER LINEUP
Against right-handers, Eddie Waitkus will take over at first; Bobby Young at second; Cox at short and either the veteran Johnny Pesky or rookie Don Leppert at third.

In the outfield it will be Hoot Evers and Gil Coan alternating in left and Cal Abrams and Chuck Diering in center. All four are major league castoffs. Evers and Diering will go against southpaw pitching. Coan and Abrams, who hit .293 for the Orioles last season after they picked him up from the Pirates, against righties.

Hal Smith will be the No. 1 catcher, with two veterans, Matt Batts and Les Moss, in reserve. Smith hit .350 at Columbus last season and has a chance to become one of the outstanding catchers in the league.

KUZAVA IN RELIEF
Three pitchers obtained from the Yankees — Jim McDonald 4-1, Harry Byrd 9-7 and Bill Miller 0-1 — figure to be starters, along with holdovers Duane Pillette 10-

14, Joe Coleman 13-17, and Erv Fallica, the ex-Dodger.

Three rookies — Bob Alexander, Don Ferrarese and Ron Duren — have a chance to stick.

For relief, Richards is banking on southpaw Bob Kuzava, another ex-Yankee and right-hander Don Johnson, an eight game winner with the White Sox. Saul Rogovin, who was shipped to the minors after having one good season under Richards with the White Sox, and Ray Moore, an eight-game winner with St. Paul, are other pitching possibilities.

SPORTS SHORTS

NEW YORK (AP)—Dick Ricketts, Maurice Stokes and Tom Celea — three Pennsylvanians — led the East to an easy 83-68 victory over an outclassed West team tonight in the annual All-Star college basketball game before 18,135 fans at Madison Square Garden. Michigan State went after another victory over an Atlantic Coast Conference team today as the touring Spartans met the Demon Deacons at Wake Forest.

MONTREAL (AP)—The crippled Boston Bruins, just a game away from elimination in the Stanley Cup semi-finals, won't be looking



HAVIN' FUN—But Boston Manager Pinky Higgins doesn't figure to have the time—or temperament—to pose for photographers this way all season. (NEA)

for any miracles when they meet the Montreal Canadiens here tonight, just another "terrific" hockey game like Tuesday's battle.

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Young boxer Bryan Thompson remained in a "critical" condition and still unconscious in St. Francis Hospital today more than a day after being knocked out in his first professional bout.

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves' front-line pitchers

Movie Oscars

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her name was called she dropped her horn-rimmed glasses at the 27th annual Oscar event.

More than 2,800 movie celebrities and fans filled the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood and another crowd jammed New York's Century Theatre. A potential audience of 56-million "attended" the two-city telecast over NBC TV and radio stations.

Miss Saint, an expectant mother, kissed her Oscar on the stage of the New York theater and gasped, "I may have the baby right here."

BOSTON (AP)—Tony DeMarco disclosed today he will rely heavily on a "punishing body attack" to win the welterweight boxing championship of the world when he meets titleholder Johnny Saktou Friday night at Boston Garden.

She Kazan for "On The Waterfront." The best song Oscar was won by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne for "Three Coins In The Fountain."

"On The Waterfront" also win for best art direction, automatically giving it a set decoration plaque, technically its ninth award. But the film, shot entirely on location, had no sets so academy officials were uncertain as to who should receive the plaque.

GARBO GETS AWARD
Bob Hope, master of ceremonies for the event, kept the crowd roaring with his quips, such as, "This is Hollywood's biggest give-away program. The secret word tonight is 'shucks!'"

"The losers get monogrammed do-it-yourself suicide kits," Hope promised.

An unusual special award was voted by the Academy's board of directors to Greta Garbo for "her unforgettable" performances. Danny Kaye for his united nations Dassy Kaye for his united nations film, "Assignment Children," and to Jon Whitley and Vincent Winter, as best juvenile actors in "The Little Kidnappers" English.

Miss Garbo never received an Oscar during her long and illustrious career and the Academy decided to correct the oversight. "Gate of Hell," a Japanese film, was voted the best foreign language movie of the year.

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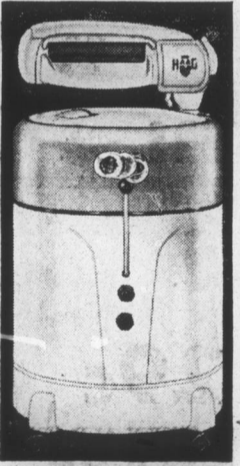
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