

New Teams Nab Spotlight in Spring Training

How Strong Are Angels, Nats? Drills Could Offer Clues

13 Clubs Based in Florida— Four Pitch Camp in Arizona

All Outfits to Have Full Squads on Hand by March 1—
Cross-Country Hops to Mark Grapefruit Loop Schedule

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Something new has been injected into the majors' spring training picture this year—two additional clubs.

Unless a team conditions outside the U. S., plans an overseas junket or hires a hypnotist to help its players overcome their complexes, the routine of getting a squad of major league athletes into shape for the pennant chases varies little from year to year. But the American League's experiment of operating with ten clubs will create added interest in this year's vernal drills.

Just how much, if any, did the A. L. teams weaken themselves while stocking the two new clubs? How well did the infant Angels and Senators fare in the league's player distribution? These are two questions which are

uppermost in the minds of club officials and fans alike. Not only are American League bigwigs concerned on both scores, but so are National League moguls, since they must decide within the next six or seven months on the course they will follow in helping their new teams for '62.

Spring exhibitions are unlikely to provide a clearcut answer to either question, yet the results could be indicative.

The American League's two neophytes—the Angels and Senators—are the only major clubs which will be training at new sites this year. Gene Autry's Los Angeles entry is set to condition at Palm Springs, Calif., where Pacific Coast League clubs frequently drilled in the past. Pete Quesada has chosen Pompano Beach, Fla., as the training base for the new Washington club. Appropriately enough, the former Federal Aviation chairman will house his athletes in the Space Satellite Hotel.

Twins Train at Orlando

Each of the 16 holdover clubs is returning to the same training camp it occupied last year, including the Minnesota Twins. Cal Griffith's transplanted Washington crew again will go through its paces at Orlando, Fla.

With the new Senators also setting up shop in Florida, the Sunshine State now can boast of having 13 Big-Time clubs training within its boundaries. Arizona still has only four—the Red Sox, Indians, Cubs and Giants—although the Angels are in nearby California.

Five teams have gone through spring exercises at their current bases ever since 1946, when the wartime ban on training below the so-called Landis-Eastman line was lifted. They are the Reds (Tampa), Cardinals (St. Petersburg), Tigers (Lakeland), Athletics (West Palm Beach) and Griffith's Senators-turned-Twins (Orlando).

Several clubs have had batterymen and selected players working out for a week or ten days, and all 18 teams expect to have their full squad on hand by March 1.

Exhibitions Begin March 10

The curtain will be lifted on the exhibition schedule on Friday, March 10. Under an agreement with the players, no games may be played prior to that date. Only two contests have been set up for March 10, with the other clubs apparently preferring to stage their usual Saturday exhibition openers.

Each club is going to play between 25 and 30 exhibitions, not counting "B" squad games. Because they were late entries, the Senators were forced to settle for largely "B" team opposition, while the Angels have included a number of contests against Coast loop teams in their schedules.

The most extended series of the spring campaign involves the Cubs and Red Sox. They will hook up ten times all told. The two other Arizona-based teams, the Indians and Giants, are booked to meet on nine occasions. The Cub-Red Sox series includes a two-game visit to San Diego, March 18-19, and stops at Albuquerque, N.

Failure to Play at Daytona Will Cost Injuns 5 Grand

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Two games the Cleveland Indians have not scheduled this spring will cost the American League club \$5,000.

Cleveland signed a new lease with the city of Daytona Beach last year for use of the municipally-owned former Naval Air Base here as a spring camp for its farm clubs.

The lease included a stipulation that the Cleveland club play two spring exhibition games here against major league opposition—or forfeit \$5,000 if the games were cancelled.

Last spring, Cleveland left its Tucson, Ariz., training camp and swung south, including two games here with Washington and Boston. But the 26-game Cleveland exhibition schedule for 1961 does not bring the Indians to Florida this season. BERNARD KAHN.

Mex., San Antonio and Houston on successive days, April 5-7, while the Indian-Giant setos will be climaxed by two games at Salt Lake City, April 8-9.

Last year's champions, the Pirates and Yankees, are slated to meet just twice. They will clash at Fort Myers, March 28, and then again three days later at St. Petersburg.

Long barnstorming jaunts are a thing of the past. Most clubs won't break camp until April 4-7, and then will make just two or three stops en route to their home city or the site of their league opener.

Angels to Play in Atlanta

The coast-to-coast lineup of the two circuits, however, will require several teams to make cross-country jumps to close out spring training. The Angels, for instance, will wind up with games in Atlanta against the local Southern Association club, April 8-9, while the Dodgers are going to play the Pacific Coast League Padres in San Diego on the same dates.

Fans in only two major league cities will receive previews of their '61 teams. The White Sox and Cubs are reviving the Chicago city series with a pair of games. They have carded a Saturday contest at Wrigley Field, April 9, and will finish up with a Sunday encounter at Comiskey Park.

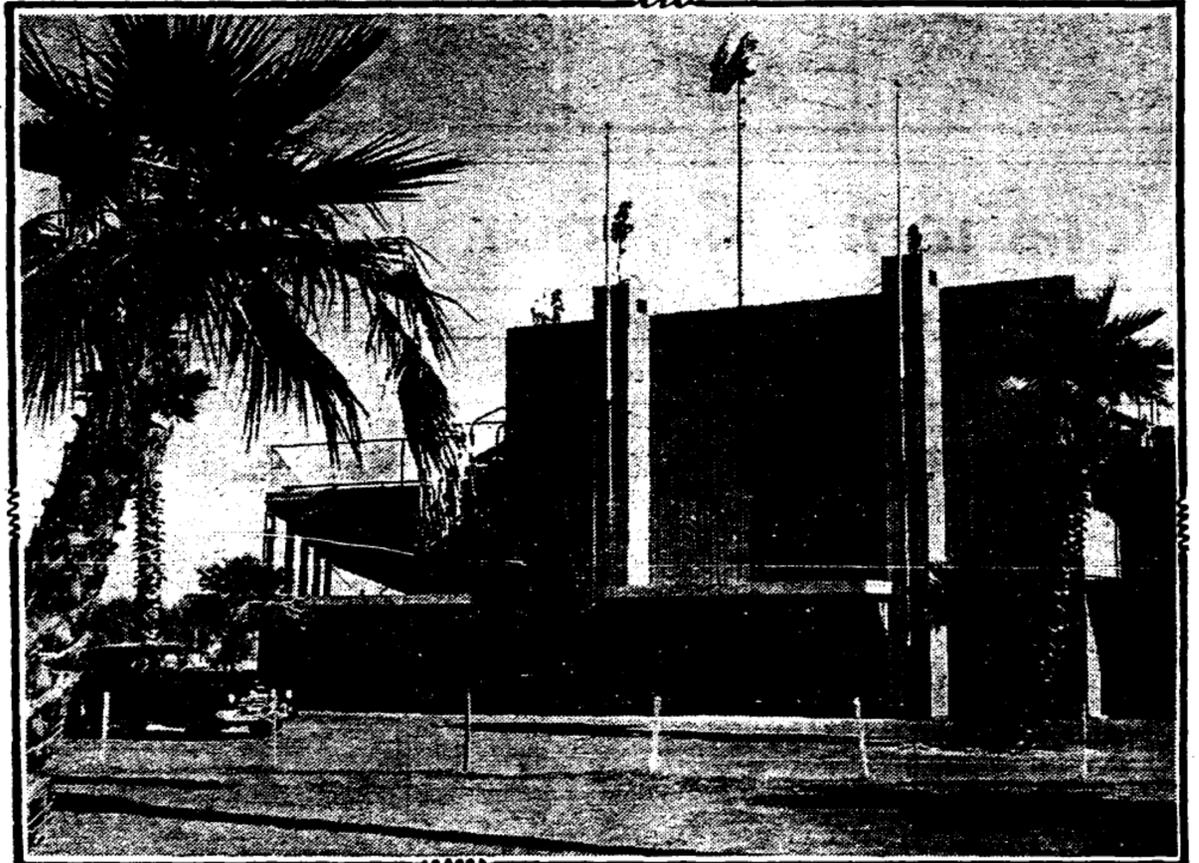
The other Big-Time city slated for a preview is St. Louis. The Cardinals will entertain their St. Petersburg companions, the Yankees, in a three-game series at Busch Stadium, April 7-8-9.

Grapefruit Schedule

Friday, March 10—Tigers vs. White Sox at Sarasota, Fla.; Reds vs. Pirates at Fort Myers, Fla.

Saturday, March 11—Pirates vs. Orioles at Miami, Fla.; Reds vs. White Sox at Sarasota, Fla.; Giants vs. Indians at Tucson, Ariz.; Tigers vs. Twins at Orlando, Fla.; Athletics vs. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla.; Cardinals vs. Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Red Sox vs. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz.; Braves vs. Phillies at Clearwater, Fla.; Athletics "B" team vs. Senators at Pompano Beach, Fla.; Cubs "B" team vs. Angels at Palm Springs, Calif.; Pirates "B" team vs. Orioles "B" team at Miami, Fla.

Proving Grounds for Autry's Angels



THIS IS THE ENTRANCE to the Polo Grounds at Palm Springs, Calif., where the new Los Angeles Angels will conduct their training routine under Manager Bill Rigney.

Where Big Timers Tone Muscles

A complete list of the eight National League clubs and the ten American League clubs, together with their training sites, parks, hotel headquarters and reporting dates for both batterymen and regulars, follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago—Mesa, Ariz. (Rendezvous Park), Maricopa Inn. Batterymen, February 12; others, February 26.

Cincinnati—Tampa, Fla. (Al Lopez Field), Florida Hotel. Batterymen, February 22; others, February 27.

Los Angeles—Vero Beach, Fla. (Holman Stadium), Dodgertown. Full squad, February 19.

Milwaukee—Bradenton, Fla. (Braves Field), Bradenton Cabana Motor Hotel. Batterymen, February 23; others, February 28.

Philadelphia—Clearwater, Fla. (Jack Russell Stadium), Jack Tar Harrison Hotel. Batterymen, February 23; others, February 28.

Pittsburgh—Fort Myers, Fla. (Terry Park), Bradford Hotel. Batterymen, February 21; others, February 25.

St. Louis—St. Petersburg, Fla. (Al Lang Field), Vinoy Park Hotel. Full squad, February 28.

San Francisco—Phoenix, Ariz. (Municipal Stadium), Adams Hotel. Batterymen, February 22; others, February 27.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore—Miami, Fla. (Miami Stadium), McAllister Hotel. Batterymen, February 21; others, March 1.

Boston—Scottsdale, Ariz. (Scottsdale Stadium), Safari Hotel. Batterymen, February 25; others, March 2.

Chicago—Sarasota, Fla. (Payne Park), Sarasota Terrace Hotel. Full squad, February 26.

Cleveland—Tucson, Ariz. (Hi Corbett Field), Hiway House Motor Hotel. Batterymen, February 21; others, February 26.

Detroit—Lakeland, Fla. (Henley Field), New Florida Hotel. Full squad, February 28.

Kansas City—West Palm Beach, Fla. (Connie Mack Field), George Washington Hotel. Batterymen, February 20; others, February 27.

Los Angeles—Palm Springs, Calif. (Polo Grounds), Desert Inn. Full squad, February 24.

Minnesota—Orlando, Fla. (Tinker Field), Cherry Plaza Hotel. Batterymen, February 21; others, March 1.

New York—St. Petersburg, Fla. (Miller Huggins Field—games at Al Lang Field), Soreno Hotel. Batterymen, February 19; others, February 28.

Washington—Pompano Beach, Fla. (Municipal Field), Space Satellite Hotel. Batterymen, February 22; others, March 1.

Tigers' School Nets Five Prospects

LAKELAND, Fla.—Four pitchers and an outfielder were given contracts in the Detroit farm system at the conclusion of the fourth annual Tiger Instructional School here.

The youngsters, who took part in the two-week course with 143 others from 24 states and two Canadian provinces, were refunded their tuition fee, amounting to \$98,

after they were notified that they had made the grade.

Those signed were Lefthanders Kenneth Magown, Wakefield, Mass., and Norman Adase, Elizabeth, N. J., Righthanders Rodney Schiffla, Lancaster, N. Y., and Richard Cummings, Williston Park, N. Y., and Outfielder Neal Lindale from Muskegon Heights, Mich. JACK SLAYTON.

dians at Tucson, Ariz.; Tigers vs. Cardinals at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Yankees vs. Phillies at Clearwater, Fla.; Cubs vs. Giants at Phoenix, Ariz.; Braves vs. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla.; Twins vs. Pirates at Fort Myers, Fla.

Thursday, March 16—Orioles vs. Athletics at West Palm Beach, Fla.; White Sox vs. Phillies at Clearwater, Fla.; Angels vs. Indians at Tucson, Ariz.; Cardinals vs. Tigers at Lakeland, Fla.; Dodgers vs. Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Twins vs. Reds at Tampa, Fla.; Pirates vs. Braves at Bradenton, Fla.; Red Sox vs. Giants at Phoenix, Ariz.; Orioles "B" team vs. Athletics "B" team at West Palm Beach, Fla.; Braves "B" team vs. Senators at Pompano Beach, Fla.

Friday, March 17—Athletics vs. Orioles at Miami, Fla. (night); White Sox vs. Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dodgers vs. Tigers at Lakeland, Fla.; Angels vs.

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