



Italy's Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola (upper left) watch the last play of their doubles match with Chuck McKinley (lower right) and Earl Buchholz throwing his racket into the stands—in the Davis Cup interzone finals at Perth, Australia. The Italians had just won the match on a miss by McKinley, who exploded. The Italians then went on to take the next two singles matches to win a dramatic, come-from-behind victory and the right to meet Australia for the championship.—AP Wirephoto.



WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

By FRANCIS STANN

Time and Memories Are Enemies

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Time and memories will be the twin enemies of Ed Doherty and Mickey Vernon of the Senators and Fred Haney of the Los Angeles Angels tomorrow when they draw from the 120-player list to stock the American League's two new franchises.

If the years could be peeled back—and if only one of the fledgling organizations could choose—it wouldn't be a bad deal for the Senators or Angels to pick up on the field. An almost certain pennant contender, as a matter of fact.

But it is fantasy of this sort that must be guarded against. Rookie Manager Vernon keeps reminding himself. "I knew the best known players on the list when they were good, some great," Mickey says. "You've to remember that time has taken a toll."

"There's no point in loading up on veterans because they had it once. Doherty and I intend to claim just enough older players to give us balance and pick younger prospects if possible. You know, for example, that Ted Kluszewski can't play a full season. And what good is an old ball player when he runs out of gas? You can't send him to a farm team. You want kids to stock your farms."

BUT TO INDULGE the imagination, to give free rein to the capricious, a pretty good pitching nucleus would have come out of Don Newcombe, Bobby Shantz, Ned Garver, Billy Hoert and even Don Larsen.

Roll back the years to 1956 and Newcombe was a 27-7 pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Turn back the calendar and Shantz was 24-7 for the Philadelphia Athletics in '52 and the AL's most valuable player.

Upend the hourglass and Hoert was 20-14 for the Tigers in '56 and Garver was 20-12 for the St. Louis Browns in '51. Go back to '56 and Larsen was 11-5 with the Yankees, for whom he additionally pitched the only perfect game in World Series history.

Tomorrow they will cost \$75,000 apiece if claimed and, alas, none is worth such a price. But in their peak years Newcombe, Shantz, Garver, Hoert and Larsen aggregated a fictional 102-45 record. You don't just win pennants at that pace, you breeze.

SPEAKING OF BIG KLU, there was a time when \$75,000 would only have been a down payment for Mr. Muscles. Like in 1954, when Theodore batted .326 for Cincinnati, hit 49 homers and drove across 149 runs. Oh, he was priceless over a four-year stretch with the Redlegs—1953-56—when he hit over .300, knocked in more than 100 runs each season and hit 40, 49, 47 and 35 home runs.

But Kluszewski is 36 years old now, overweight, painfully slow and with a suspect back to boot.

Ten years ago Billy Goodman, one of the few active players with a lifetime average of .300 or better, led the AL in batting with .354. He was a spray-hitting pest for the Red Sox and a handy if not brilliant infielder because he could play all four positions. But Billy is over the hill, like the rest of the "name" expendables.

Eddie Yost is on the list and he's still a nuisance with his bases on balls. But go back to 1950 and he was as good a third baseman as there was in the league with a .295 batting average, stronger arm and faster feet than he has now.

NONE OF THE AVAILABLE shortstop veterans ever threatened to make the Hall of Fame in their best days but the Joe DeMaestri of the A's in '53 could make all the plays, even if he batted only .255. And Billy Klaus was no drawback to the Red Sox in '55 when he hit .283.

In AL President Joe Cronin's office here tomorrow at last four once-formidable outfielders reportedly will be up for grabs. They aren't what they used to be, but once upon a time Gene Woodling was hitting .321 for Cleveland over a season, Hank Bauer was helping to win nine pennants for the Yankees, Bob Cerv was a .305 hitter with 38 homers and 104 RBIs for the Kansas City and Jim Rivera was batting in high 280s for the White Sox and running bases and throwing in a manner to inspire Rogers Hornsby to call him "the only ball player today I'd pay to watch."

The best known among the catchers were an ordinary lot even in their palmiest days, although four years ago Clint Courtney hit an even .300 for Washington and could throw and receive better than now. Nor was Red Wilson to be confused with Mickey Cochrane, although two years ago he hit .299 for the Tigers.

Those were years and records to remember perhaps, but to be put aside when tomorrow's moment of truth arrives. As Vernon and Doherty agree, take a few and leave a few. Especially at \$75,000 apiece.

Ike Williams Tells Probe of Bribe Offers

By GEORGE HUBER

Ike Williams, former lightweight boxing champion, today told Senate investigators that his manager, Blinky Palermo, twice withheld "every nickel" from his championship fight purses and twice relayed to him big offers of bribes to throw fights.

Palermo is a convicted Philadelphia racketeer whose name frequently has cropped up in the hearings that started last week before the subcommittee headed by Senator Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee.

Waiting to follow Williams to the witness chair was Sonny Liston, leading heavyweight contender. Testimony last week connected Liston's management with racket figures.

\$100,000 Offer

Williams told the subcommittee that Palermo relayed bribe offers to him of \$30,000 to throw a fight against Freddie Dawson in 1949, and \$100,000 to throw a fight against Kid Gavilan, also in 1949. According to Williams, Palermo did not identify the party or parties making the original bribe offers.

Williams said that in both instances Palermo advised him not to accept the bribes.

"Actually I'm sorry I didn't take it," Williams said in reference to the \$100,000 offer before the Gavilan fight. He lost the fight anyway, he told the subcommittee, and he needed the money for taxes and other expenses.

Williams earlier told the subcommittee that "not to this day" has seen his share of two 1948 championship fight purses. He never received his cut of \$32,500 for beating Jesse Flores or his \$32,400 for fighting Beau Jack, he said.

Palermo Spent Purse

Williams, who now works for the New Jersey Conservation Dept., with a take-home pay of \$46 a week, said that the purse money was given to Palermo, as is the custom. But Palermo did not give Williams his two-thirds share. Blinky explained that he had "run up against tough times and spent it," Williams said.

Questioned by Senator Kefauver, Williams said that he even had paid income tax on the money he never received from Palermo.

On another occasion, Williams said, he gave Palermo somewhere between \$750 and \$800 for training expenses before the Gil Turner fight in 1951. Later "I got sued" for those expenses and had to pay them a second time, he said.

When he asked Palermo about the money on that occasion, Williams said, "I got no answer."

AFL STANDINGS

By the Associated Press									
EASTERN DIVISION									
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pls.		W	L	T
xHouston	7	6	0	.538	330	St. Louis	7	6	0
New York	7	6	0	.538	330	New York	7	6	0
Buffalo	5	7	1	.417	269	Baltimore	5	7	1
Boston	5	8	0	.385	265	Boston	5	8	0
WESTERN DIVISION									
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pls.		W	L	T
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	323	Los Angeles	9	4	0
Oakland	5	8	0	.385	271	Dallas	7	6	0
Denver	4	8	1	.333	269	Oakland	5	8	0
x Clinched division titles									
Results Saturday									
Los Angeles, 41; Denver, 33.									
Results Yesterday									
Dallas, 34; Boston, 0.									
Houston, 31; Buffalo, 23.									
New York, 31; Oakland, 28.									
This Week's Games									
Saturday									
Denver at Oakland.									
Sunday									
Boston at Houston.									
Buffalo at Dallas.									
New York at Los Angeles.									

Italians Gain Davis Cup Finals, U. S. Fails First Time Since '36

Packers Can Take West Title Sunday

By the Associated Press

The Green Bay Packers have clinched a tie for their first National Football League Western Division title since 1944, apparently ending the Baltimore Colts' two-year reign as kingpin.

And the Packers seem to have gotten one of their biggest assists from a former Vanderbilt star, Billy Wade, who engineered the Los Angeles Rams to a 10-3 victory over the Colts yesterday.

Wade ran 66 yards for the deciding touchdown as the Rams prevented the defending world champions from tying the Packers for first place in the West. Green Bay broke a three-way tie Saturday, sloshing to a 13-0 victory over San Francisco in the mud of Kezar Stadium as Paul Hornung scored all the Packers' points.

Three Tied for Second

However, the Colts' loss, and a 23-14 Detroit victory over Dallas, has created another three-way tie—this time for second place—in the division. Baltimore, San Francisco and the Lions, all 6-5, trail Green Bay by a full game. The Packers are 7-4, with the regular season coming to a close this week end.

Then, Los Angeles will try to play spoiler twice in a row, meeting Green Bay, while the Colts play San Francisco. Detroit meets the Chicago Bears, creating the possibility of a three-way tie if the Packers lose and two of the other three win. A Green Bay victory clinches the title.

The Bears were eliminated yesterday by Cleveland, 42-0, with the latter retaining a half-game edge for second place in the Eastern Division over the New York Giants. The Giants, plagued by five inches of snow in Washington, beat the Redskins, 17-3, to set up a showdown for runnerup in the East Sunday with the Browns. The teams meet in New York, with the winner playing the

eventual second-place team in the West in a post-season game January 7 in Miami's Orange Bowl. The Browns are 7-3-1, the Giants 6-3-2.

Steelers Upset Eagles

The Eastern champion Philadelphia Eagles suffered their first loss since opening day as Pittsburgh held on for a 27-21 upset.

The games in San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Washington were played under miserable conditions. It was so muddy Saturday in San Francisco that after a few minutes it was almost impossible to tell the players by their numbers. Several inches of snow blanketed Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. And in Washington, they never got the tarpaulin off the gridiron as it became weighted down with snow, which continued throughout the game.

The Rams (3-6-1) completely humiliated Baltimore's offensive laden Colts, snapping Johnny Unitas' touchdown-a-game streak at 47 while handing the reeling champions their third straight setback.

Baltimore, failing to score a touchdown for the first time since a 1956 loss to Detroit, took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on Steve Myhra's 9-yard field goal. It stood up until Wade electrified the crowd of 75,461 in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Unitas Breaks Record

Unitas steered the Colts goalward in the closing minutes after Danny Villanueva's 32-yard field goal had built the Rams' lead to 10-3, but with time running out, Alex Hawkins fumbled on the 19. George Strugar recovered and Baltimore was finished.

Although he failed to connect for a TD, Unitas gained 182 yards through the air and broke the NFL one-season record for yards gained passing with 2,939. That eclipsed Sam

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Redskin Boots Keep Giants in Runnerup Race

By LEWIS F. ATCHISON

Star Staff Writer

The New York Giants' second-place hopes are still alive today, thanks to the obliging Redskins, who fumbled away a 17-3 decision yesterday in snow-piled Griffith Stadium before 14,077 chilled but not thrilled faithful.

Victimized by their own gambit, the dethroned Eastern champions were rescued by a couple of Redskin bobbles that

STATISTICS

	Giants	Redskins
First downs	11	6
Rushing yardage	109	109
Passing yardage	11	7-6
Passes	11-35	6-40
Punts	6-35.6	6-40.0
Fumbles lost	5	30
Yards penalized	5	30

paved the way to victory in the second half. Thus, the Giants' battle with the Cleveland Browns for a spot opposite the Western Division runnerup at Miami next month goes down to a head-to-head meeting in the season's finale next week in New York.

The Browns indicated their readiness by handing the Chicago Bears a 42-0 thumping that snuffed out the latter's already faint Western title hopes.

Bosseler Gains 73

The statistics tell a story not reflected in the score, for the Redskins outgained the Giants on the ground and, except for 39-year-old Charlie Conerly's one touchdown pass to Joe Morrison, contained them through the air.

Don Bosseler, making one of his best showings of a mediocre season, not only led both teams' runners with a remarkable 73 yards, but cracked off the day's longest gain of 29 yards. It planted the ball on the Giants' 4-yard line in the first period, paving the way for Bob Khayat's 15-yard field goal after Dick Modzelewski, Rosey Grier and Sam Huff threw up a roadblock at that point.

The rest of the time both teams had to be satisfied with a rag-picking offense of a yard or two here, and three and four there. It was that sort of day.

Eagle Day posted a better

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Pietrangeli, Sirola Down American Aces in Singles

By WILL GRIMSLEY

Associated Press Sports Writer

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 12.—Italy's veteran combination of Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola rose to tennis heights today and abruptly ended the United States' bid for the Davis Cup with surprise victories in the final two single matches of the interzone final.

As Pietrangeli defeated 20-year-old Earl (Butch) Buchholz of St. Louis, 6-1, 6-2, 6-8, 3-6, 6-4, and the towering Sirola soundly whipped 25-year-old Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, 9-7, 6-3, 8-6, the United States failed to reach the challenge round for the first time since 1936.

For Pietrangeli and Sirola it capped 10 years of cup play and gave Italy the right to challenge for the coveted international trophy for the first time in history. They meet Australia at Sydney December 26-28.

Italians Come Back

Down 2-0 after Buchholz had beaten Sirola and MacKay had taken a heartbreaker from Pietrangeli in the opening singles, the Italians came back and won the doubles yesterday after a tense five-set struggle with the United States schoolboy combination of Buchholz and Chuck McKinley.

Even then they were not given much chance of beating the youth-inspired American team. But Pietrangeli squared the series by whipping Buchholz in a thrilling five-setter. Still, the Americans were favored, even though MacKay had lost to Sirola the last time they met in the 1959 French championships.

Sirola, however, was far from

awed at the American's big game. He stood MacKay off until he pulled out the deuced first set, whipped through the second with two breaks of the American's service and then wrapped it up in a hard-fought third set.

The lanky Italian played inspired, phenomenal tennis. So tall he can stand in the center of the court and pivot to make a shot in almost any corner, Sirola returned MacKay's shots with deadly accuracy. At the same time he gave Barry very little chance on his service.

Battle of Services

The 6-foot-7 Sirola and the 6-foot-4 MacKay engaged in a battle of services through the first eight games of their opening set. MacKay had a good chance to break through in the second, which went to 18 points, but each time the towering Sirola cut loose with a service which was almost unreturnable. And that is the way they continued until Sirola wrapped it up in the 16th game.

American hopes grew dark when Sirola broke MacKay in the third game of the second set and went into a 3-1 lead by holding his own. Two terrific returns of service and perfect lob in the wind gave the Italian a second breakthrough and the second set.

Big services boomed in the third set and there was no chance for either to break service through the first 10 games. At this point, Sirola had not dropped his service in 17 games. MacKay, however, couldn't stand the pace and one break of service gave Sirola the set, match and series.

Sad Scene for Americans

MacKay double-faulted at match-point. Then pandemonium broke loose on the staid Royal Kings Park courts. The Italians lofted Sirola to their shoulders and carried him to the dressing room. Pietrangeli broke into tears.

So did MacKay, but they were tears of sadness rather

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Angels Likely to Name Rigney as Pilot Today

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12 (AP).—The reincarnated Los Angeles Angels name their new field manager today—and Bill Rigney reportedly has the inside track with the new American League club.

But whether it's the silver-haired ex-skipper of the Giants or someone else, the new pilot will be stepping into a job where most angels, non-baseball variety, would fear to tread.

The Angels were to announce their choice this afternoon at a news conference in the Wilshire Field—old home of the defunct Angels of the Pacific Coast League.

One indication that Rigney might get the job was a report that the veteran manager was flying to Los Angeles, just in time for the press conference. The other leading possibility in the speculation was Bob Elliott, former Kansas City manager. Like Rigney, he's a Californian and in his early 40s.

Other names tossed about included Casey Stengel (who wasn't interested), Leo Du-

rocher (who said he apparently was eliminated) and Bill Jurges (a distinct darkhorse).

Most observers feel the new manager will be getting what is laughingly termed a challenge. The Angels will be stocked with veterans and rejects from other major league clubs (at a cost of \$75,000 apiece).

They'll be confined in 1961 to tiny Wrigley Field—seating capacity about 22,000, if you use a shoehorn, and parking space nearly nonexistent.

With spring training just a few weeks away, they haven't acquired a single player.

They'll be competing against the established Dodgers for the baseball sports buck.

Rigney, one-time journeyman shortstop with the old New York Giants, succeeded Durocher as the Giants' pilot in 1956. He was fired early last season when the Giants were only four games behind the front-running Pirates. The team, under his successor, Tom Sheehan, finished fifth.

Senators and Angels Make Final Plans for Selections

By a Star Staff Writer

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Officials of the new Washington and Los Angeles baseball clubs gathered in separate huddles today for last-minute preparations for tomorrow's session of choosing up sides.

Memories of many an observer have traveled back to the empty-ritual whereby the fellow with the last grip of the bat was given first choice of the available players.

A toss of a coin, with American League President Joe Cronin as referee, will decide which team gets first choice in tomorrow's unprecedented pick-up.

Then the two clubs each will pick 28 players on an alternating basis from a prepared list of 120 players made available by the already-existent eight teams. The established price tag is \$75,000 a player, which means an outlay by each of

the two newcomers of 2.1 million.

The Senators won their franchise earlier than Los Angeles and thus have a head start in nuclear personnel. They increased their working force by two over the week end, hiring Jack Sheehan, former White Sox farm director, as chief scout, and Joe Mooney as groundskeeper.

The 65-year-old Sheehan is considered a very knowledgeable baseball man. He played third base for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the early 20s, and has been in the game ever since.

Mooney is only 29 but has a lot of experience in his line, having worked at Scranton, Minneapolis and Louisville. The Louisville club of the American Association reluctantly permitted Mooney to accept the job with Washington.

Ed Doherty, Washington's

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