YES, IT CAN BE DONE IN '61

Richards sees Birds 'good enough' to win

"You pick the team to beat us. I can't predict that we will win the 9161 American League pennant, but I can and do say we are good enough to win it."

This was the view of manager Paul Richards on the eve of opening the major league baseball season with his Baltimore Orioles.

"I am not one for slogans but the fact that I believe our club is good enough seems to justify the fans' confidence that 'It can be done in '61.'"

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THE BIRD pidot, rated by many as one of the most astute men in baseball, would only go so far as to categorize the ten teams in the AL.

He bracketed his own club with the New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians as the four most logical contenders.

He then placed the Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins in a second group, and wrapped it up with a 3-team section that embraced the new Washington Senators and Los Angeles Angels and the Kansas City Athletics.

"This club has speed, youth and desire. I expect the year's experience of playing together and learning the opposition to be beneficial.

"We had a good chance last year. We have an excellent chance this time.

"With eight additional games to play, I'm sure the young blood we have will stand up better through the grind of late August and September."

Sam Lacy still rates Orioles as third place

By SAM LACY

This writer is on record as predicting a third place finish for the Baltimore Orioles in 1961.

As I pointed out in previous stories, the New York Yankees and Minnesota Twins appear to be strong enough to be first and second, respectively, in the American League pennant race.

Manager Paul Richards must get another good year out of each of several key men in order to prove a factor in the race.

Much as Baltimore fans would like to see them do so, I fear fellows like Jim Gentile, Ron Hansen, Marv Breeding and Chuck Estrada may have trouble putting two fine seasons back to back.

The sophomore jinx, which all brave young players try to discredit, yet frequently succumb to, nevertheless, has to be reckoned with in this forecast.

Williams

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The team that wins the most games in the American League will win the pennant.

I base this bold prediction on careful deliberations, aided no end by a slide rule, several baseball record books, an adding machine and a Ouija board.

If Manager Paul Richards put nine men on the field for each game, the Orioles can't possibly finish any lower than tenth, unless of course they add some more teams to the league.

If the pitching gets better, if the fielding holds up, if the hitters start hitting and nobody drops an atomic bomb, the Orioles have a golden opportunity to win the title.

Some cynical soul may say that this holds true for the other nine teams in the league, but who's going to say such a thing in Baltimore . . . Certainly not me . . . I like the Orioles.

SAMUEL McNAIR, 701 Small St., seemed interested and hopeful though Angels held big lead over the Birds going into late innings of Tuesday afternoon tilt.

37,352 ORIOLE FANS met the 1961 team in Memorial Stadium Tuesday as the Birds started their quest of the American League championship. After surprising second - place finish in 1960 fans hope to help Birds into first place this year by strong support all the way. It's a 162-game schedule this year.

ENTHUSIASTIC FANS were all smiles as they arrived at Memorial Stadium Tuesday night to see Orioles in "It can be done in '61" debut. Birds dropped opener 7 to 2 to Los Angeles Angels. From left in front two rows are Mrs. Lillie Trayham, 2734 Ellicott Dr.; Walter Winder, Mrs. Thelma Thompson, 2426 Reisterstown Rd.; Miss Leatrice Hubbard, 2800 block Federal St., and Mrs. Walzetter Fisher, 804 Chauncey Ave.

CLEMETTE RHODES of 1004 Preston St. listens to radio as he watches action in Memorial Stadium in Bird opener.

GRID STAR PULLS FOR BIRDS—Baltimore Colts star tackle Jim Parker and his family were among the Oriole fans who turned out Monday to watch Birds pass in parade. With Mr. and Mrs. Parker are their children Pamela, 4; Sheri, 3, and Jim Jr. (held by Jim Sr.).

Bird games at home

Here is the games-at-home schedule of the 1961 Birds. Clip it and slide it in your hatband for quick reference:

April 11, 12* — Los Angeles.
April 14*, 15, 16 (2)—Minnesota
April 18*, 19* — Kansas City.
April 21*, 22 (DN); 23 — New York.
April 24*, 25*, 26* — Cleveland.
May 15*, 16*, 17* — Detroit.
May 18, 19*, 20 — Washington.
May 23*, 24 (TN), 25* —Chicago.
May 26*, 27*, 28 — Boston.
June 5*, 6 (TN), 7* —Los Angeles.
June 8*, 9*, 10 — Minnesota.
June 11 (2), 12* — Chicago.
June 13*, 14*, 15* — Washington.
June 30*, July 1, 2 — Detroit.
July 3*, 4* — Cleveland.
July 7*, 8*, 9 —Kansas City.
July 14, 17* — New York.
July 18*, 20*, 21* — Boston.
August 2*, 3* — Minnesota.
August 4*, 5* 6 — Los Angeles.
August 7*, 8*, 9*, 10 — Kansas City.
August 11, 12, 13 — Boston.
September 1* 2* (DN), 3 — Cleveland.
September 4 (TN) 5 — Detroit.
September 6*, 9*, 10 — Washington.
September 15*, 16 17* — New York.
September 22*, 23 — Chicago.
* Night game. (DN) Twi-night (DN) Day and night game.

Birds' record in past years

Herewith is the seven-year record of the Orioles since returning to the majors in 1954:

Note: G.B. (games behind leader); Stdg. (standing at close of season).

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.	G.B.	Stdg.
1954	54	100	.351	57	7th
1955	57	97	.370	39	7th
1956	69	85	.448	38	6th
1957	76	76	.500	21	5th
1958	74	79	.484	17½	6th
1959	74	80	.481	20	6th
1960	79	75	.374	8	3rd

NOTE: G.B. (games behind leader); Stdg. (standing at close of season).

NOT TOO MUCH to cheer about was the situation Ray Mattison, 2203 Hennerman Ave., found as the first Oriole game moved along.

CLIFTON STANCEL of 2625 Taylor Ave. sells hot dog to Mrs. Elaine Thompson, 108 N. Caroline St., during Birds' opening fray with Los Angeles Angels.

BIRD GREETERS during Monday parade were Mrs. Larraine Jackson, 428 Manse Ct., and her son, Rodney, 2.

Orioles must watch Yankees

The Baltimtre Orioles have as good a chance of winning the American League Pennant as does every other team in contention.

Their downfall last year was an inability to beat the Yankees when it really counted—they dropped four big ones to the Bombers, coming down the home stretch.

If they can beat the Yankees when it really counts—of course every one of their remaining 161 games count—they should be in a good position come late September.

Collie Sanders still scoring

Collie Saunders, former cage star with the Douglass Ducks and the South Baltimore Playground, was top scorer with a 17-point average in the 2nd Marine Division Basketball Tournament.

Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saunders of 2311 Reisterstown Rd., plays with the champion 3rd Bn. Tenth Marines. They will play the Camp Lejuene In against teams from MCAF, Marine Corps Base and Air Force personnel.

EYES RIGHT, in hopes Orioles will be "right" this season are Andrew Weaver, and Adolphus Arvin, 2205 Koko Lane, and his sons, Terry, 4, and Wayne, 9. High-perched Bird fan at right is unidentified. They were all at Monday parade.

The Birds flew high 27 days last season

For 27 days last year, the beloved Birds were in sole possession of first place in the American League pennant race. On three other days, they were tied for the lead.

Although 1960 performances are as cold today as yesterday's mashed potatoes, Oriole fans may derive some pleasure and inspiration from the following:

After doing no better than tying for first place on April 19 for one day, and returning (to a tie) on May 15, following an excursion into the second division, the Birds grabbed the lead on May 16, again for one day.

On May 24, Baltimore was first and she remained there through the 48 hours into May 26, when she was bopped into second place.

BUT THE NEXT day, May 27, manager Paul Richards and-his youngsters took over for a 12-day tour of the elements. On June 8, the Birds fell into second place, were back for a one-day reign on June 11, then took over on June 16 for two days.

June 26 marked another one-day visit to the top, from which they declined to as low as fourth. On August 14, they got back up to tie for the lead, and on Sept. 3, they were out in front of the pack once more.

But after a week of this, the Oriole balloon was pricked in Yankee Stadium, and the Birds fell from their perch for good — singing their tune: "It can be done . . . in '61."

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80 colored players open '61 big league campaign

A total of 80 tan athletes were on the rosters of the 18 baseball teams as they opened the 1961 major league season this week.

This exceeds by 12 the previous high for April in the American and National leagues.

The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates, the San Francisco Giants and Cincinnati Redlegs top all clubs in the number of colored hirelings. Each boasts eight.

Baltimore and Kansas City are lowest on the ladder, with one tan player apiece.

Following herewith is the complete big league registry with teams and uniform numbers as of opening day:

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—(14) Earl Robinson, outfielder:

BOSTON RED SOX — (10) Billy Harrell, (12) Pumpsie Green, infielders; (26) Earl Wilson, pitcher:

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — (3) Floyd Robinson, (9) Minnie Minoso, (16) Al Smith, outfielders; (32) Juan Pizarro, pitcher:

CLEVELAND INDIANS—(8) Willie Kirkland, (12) Walt Bond, outfielders; (15) Valmy Thomas, catcher; (33) Jim Grant, pitcher; (10) Vic Power, infielder:

DETROIT TIGERS — (2) Jake Wood, (4) Ozzie Virgil, (9) Chico Fernandez, infielders; (38) Billy Bruton, outfielder:

KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS —(10) Bob Boyd, infielder;

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—(10) Julio Becquer, infielder; (24) Lou Johnson, outfielder.

MINNESOTA TWINS—(2) Zorro Versalles, (5) Jose Valdivielso, infielders; (7) Lenny Green, outfielder; (10) Earl Battey, catcher:

NEW YORK YANKEES—(11) Hector Lopez, outfielder; (25) Jesse Gonder, (32) Elston Howard, catchers:

WASHINGTON SENATORS—(1) Willie Tasby, outfielder; (2) R. C. Stevens, outfielder; (21) Bennie Daniels, pitcher.

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CHICAGO CUBS — (14) Ernie Banks, (19) Andre Rodgers, infielders; (21) George Altman, (26) Billy Williams, outfielders:

CINCINNATI REDS —(11) Rogelio Alvarez, (16) Chico Cardenas, (17) Elio Chacon, infielders; (20) Frank Robinson, (29) Joe Gaines, (28) Vada Pinson, outfielders; (34) Marshall Bridges, (43) Orlando Pena, pitchers;

LOS ANGELES DODGERS —(3) Willie Davis, (12) Tommy Davis, outfielders; (6) John Roseboro, catcher; (19) Jim Gilliam, (30) Maury Wills, (43) Charlie Neal, infielders:

MILWAUKEE BRAVES—(18) Felix Mantilla, infielder; (24) Lee Maye, (43) Wes Covington, (44) Hank Aaron, outfielders:

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—(7) Tony Curry, (22) Roman Mejias, (17) Henry (8) Jose Martinez, Gene Baker, infielders; (15) Ro-Tony Gonzalez, outfielders; (8) Tony Taylor, (18) Frank Herrera, (20) Ruben Amaro, infielders; (35)Ruben Gomez, pitcher:

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Gene Baker, infielders; (15) Mitchell, (21) Roberto Clemente, (23) Joe Christopher, outfielders; (27) Earl Francis, (36) Alvin Jackson, pitchers;

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—(12) Bill White, (17) Ed Oliver, (18) George Crowe, (27) Julio Gotay, infielders; (21) Curt Flood, outfielder; (36) Bob Miller, pitcher:

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (15) Jose Pagan, (44) Willie McCovey, infielders; (23) Felipe Alou, (24) Willie Mays, (30) Orlando Cepeda, (41) Marty Alou, outfielders; (19) Sam Jones, (27) Juan Marichal, pitchers.

PART OF THE nation's past-time is the off-field color, part of which is captured here by AFRO Photographer Henry Phillips. Mrs. Martha Garrett, 436 Oxford Ct., helps daughter, Sheila, 4, select a balloon.

Pimlico completes spring stakes list

PIMLICO, Md. — Pimlico's spring stakes program for its 12 - day meeting opening May 6 was completed this week with the scheduling of the Riggs Handicap over the grass course on opening day.

The Riggs will be the first of four features run during the 144th meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club. On Saturday, May 13, the Preakness Prep will afford Preakness candidates an opportunity to prepare for their big engagement.

The $20,000 added Black-Eyed Susan Stakes for three-year - old fillies will be renewed on Friday, May 19, and the meeting is climaxed by the running of the $150,000 added Preakness, the world's richest race for three-year-olds, the following day.

Boxing

FIGHT THIS WEEK

—Saturday

Bob Tiger vs Sidor Webb at New York St. Nicks (TV); Freddy Mack vs. Mauro Mina at Lima, Peru.

—Monday

Joey Archer vs. Willie Greene at New York St. Nicks.

—RESULTS LAST WEEK—

CHICAGO — Billy Breeze, Milwaukee, D. (8); Art Wilburn, Gulfport, Miss.

SAN FRANCISCO — Hank Casey, San Francisco, 4; Eddie Andrews, Las Vegas.

BUFFALO — Jackie Donnelly, Buffalo, 6; Tommy Tibbs, Boston.

CHICAGO — Willie Washbook, Chicago, D. 8; F. J. Jones, Chicago.

NEW YORK — Obdulio Nunez, Puerto Rico, ko-4 Phil Moyer, Portland, Ore., (4).

CAMDEN, N.J. — Lee Matthews, Philadelphia, d. Eddie Armstrong, Camden.

LOS ANGELES — Tony Herrera, Los Angeles, kos' Pepino Morales, Los Angeles (7).

MIDDLEWEIGHT newcomer Mel Collins of Trenton, N.J., gets his first big shot in a ten-round feature event with Washington's Holly Mims, Monday night at the Baltimore Coliseum.

Morgan golfers defeat Lincoln

LANCASTER, Pa. — The golf team of Morgan State College defeated Lincoln University in a match at the Overlook Golf Course here on Tuesday.

The score was Morgan 11, Lincoln 1.

Emory Coleman led the Bears from Baltimore, capturing medalist honors with a card of 86, and winning from Lincoln's Charles Morris.

In other matches, Hall of Morgan, defeated Jefferson; Lincoln; Carter, Morgan, defeated Beaman, Lincoln; Williams, Morgan, downed Wright, Lincoln.

As points were tabulated, Coleman netted four, Hall two, Carter three, and Williams two. Wright tallied the only point for the Lions.

Golf precedent

Sifford's 68 leads in Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Charlie Sifford, competing in the Greensboro Open golf tournament for a historic precedent, Thursday, set the pace over the first 18 holes with a 3-under par 68.

Sifford's 68 led the big field including such big guns as Sammy Snead for first round of the 4-day, 72-hole tournament.

In Wednesday's Pro-Am pre - tournament competition, Sifford picked up $163 prize money to keep him among the first 25 money winners over the current professional golf season.

Sifford's participation in the Greensboro Open marked the first time a colored golfer has played in a Professional Golfers Association tourney in the South. He has been playing in other PGA tournaments in the West and North and steadily showing progress in the major meets.

Earlier this season Sifford finished well up in the San Francisco Open and the Tucson (Ariz.) Open, and has placed in the money in six of seven PGA sponsored tournaments this season.

The 36 - year - old Philadelphian drew a big crowd during his tour of the Greensboro course Thursday, and was a popular figure riding around the area in a new Cadillac provided for his stay in Greensboro by the local Cadillac - Oldsmobile dealer.

Horse Racing

AT LAUREL

MELROSE LOU— Trials good
STAFF PARTY —Toss out last
BE SATISFIED — Going good
TOODIE —Just missed
MODEST COUNT—May not sio
EARFUL — May repeat
FRANKINCENSE — Good now
BONUS —Well prepped
MONEGAN —Better than rated

AT GULFSTREAM

TREASURER GOLD — Fit
MY LIEBSCHEN —Could surprise
PEACE FOR ALL — Good now
POSTLE — May be best
SAILOR MAN —Gentz good
ALHAMBRA CIRCLE — Well prepped
EROZIE S —Good racer
BERU PRINCE — At least
GARCHEN —May surprise
BATTLE NECK — Will up last

AT AQUEDUCT

BULLYE KIN — Going good
LEVEL STREAK — May surprise
THAT GAL SAL —Going good
TRBAT MAN — May win
ANNA'S CHARLOTTE — Fit
BEN — Good now
SURE WIN — Trials good
WRITER — Disappointed
TALISIN — Good racer
BIMBNIE — Class here
OL. KEL — Good now
GREE KRAGE — Up close last

Lucky Eddie

PIMLICO, Md. — Jockey Eddie Arcaro has won more money in the Preakness at Pimlico than in any other race in which he has competed. Arcaro's six victories, two seconds and four thirds have resulted in purses of $465,737.

Baseball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

April 15

Ellic City at Bayetteville
Yorktown at Morris Byron
Md. State at Morehouse
Towson at Wm. & Mary
Gettysburg at Navy

April 17

Howard at Hampton
Shaw at Fayetteville
Morgan at Md. State
Towson at Morris Byron
Navy at Gettysburg

April 18

Navy at Lehigh
Rutgers at Lafayette
Hampton at Howard
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