

Boston Red Sox Streak Hottest Thing in Majors

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Joe Cronin's critics must be hard up for ammunition today with the Boston Red Sox winging away to an 11-game winning streak and topping the American League by three lengths.

Cronin's gang is the hottest thing in baseball this springtime season with the sluggers beating out a 316 team average during the victory spree and 10 of 11 straight pitchers going the route. Hughson, Ferriss and Harris were supposed to carry the pitching load but an ex-GI named Joe Dobson, generally overlooked in the early calculations, has been taking the bows with Harris on a perfect 4-0 win record.

It was Dobson who handed Newhouse his first loss of the season last week and it was the same 29-year-old right-hander, who kept the win streak alive by winning yesterday's 5-2 second game from St. Louis after Ferris had taken the opener, 7-5.

Leftfielder Ted Williams has been living up to all expectations with a .411 mark (.481 during the win streak), and Shortstop Pesky leads the league with a gaudy .430. Center Fielder Dominic DiMaggio and Catcher Wagner add their slugging to give Boston the first four hitters in the circuit.

The 11-game string is the longest since 1939, when Cronin's gang reeled off 12 in a row.

Yanks Lose to Chicago
Boston gained a full game and a half on the New York Yankees who fell before Chicago's Thornton Lee, 2-1. Lee, a 35-year-old lefthander, came up with his first decision of the year on an eight-hit effort against Stevens, winning his own game with a two-run single.

Steve O'Neill of Detroit could find encouraging signs in Trucks' sixth hit, 3-1 decision against Philadelphia.

Masterson's relief chucking enabled Washington to make it two straight over Cleveland, 7-4.

No games were scheduled in the National League.

Team Standings
Team W L Pct.
Boston 17 3 .850
New York 14 6 .700
Detroit 9 10 .474
St. Louis 8 10 .444
Chicago 7 9 .438
Washington 7 9 .438
Cleveland 5 11 .313
Philadelphia 5 14 .263

Umpqua Chiefs to Play Yoncalla Nine

The Umpqua Chiefs of Roseburg will meet Yoncalla Sunday in another pre-season opener for the local baseball team, said H. W. Gray, president of the Southern Oregon League, today.

The Yoncalla club is made up largely of returned veterans, Gray said, but the Chiefs have been strengthened with the addition of Dutch Mills, who batting average is .660, Jay Shinn, with a batting average even higher, .666, and an extra strong pitching staff.

Others lined up for play Sunday are: Dick DeBernardi, George and Virgil Sanders, Elmer Hill, L. and E. Baker, J. Huggins, John Sulter, Stanley and Ray Long, Leroy Ingram, and Don Witcher.

"We may even put Mel Ingram in the game," said Gray.

Grade School Pitchers Slated for Contest
Hey kids! Roseburg Recreation will have a baseball pitching contest this week at all of the city's grade schools, and the winners at each school get to play off at the Roseburg-Yoncalla baseball game Sunday afternoon.

H. W. Gray, city recreation director, said he would arrange a schedule, beginning Wednesday, which will include the city's four grade schools—Rome, Fullerton, Benson, Edenhower. The contests will be played at 4 o'clock, and a grand prize will be awarded the boy who pitches the most strikes.

To pitch a strike, contestants will have to pitch the ball through a frame three and a half feet

high, 18 inches wide. Finals of the contest will be held just before the Southern Oregon League ball game, Sunday afternoon, at Finlay Field.

Purpose of the contest, Gray said, is to develop the school boys of today into the baseball players of tomorrow.

Britain Offers to Withdraw Armed Units From Egypt
CAIRO, May 7.—(AP)—Great Britain proposed today to withdraw all her armed forces from Egyptian territory and entrust to the armies of King Farouk the defense of a strategic area on the lifeline of the empire which British troops have occupied since 1882.

The British embassy, announcing the offer to take all military, Naval and Air Forces from Egypt, said the move was preliminary to negotiations for revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty of alliance.

The announcement said arrangements are to be made by the Egyptian government to make possible in time of war or imminent threat of war mutual assistance in accord with the treaty.

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