

Yanks Within Four Wins of Breaking All-Time Record

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One of the American League's most majestic marks — the 19 consecutive victories by the Chicago White Sox, famous hitless wonders of 1906 — was being seriously threatened today by the New York Yankees.

The crushing Bronx Bombers now boast 16 straight wins, and need only four more to shatter

the record which has stood for the past 40 years.

The old Yankees of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Tony Lazzeri back in 1906 reached 16 but were stopped the next day. The 1912 Washington Senators and 1931 Philadelphia Athletics went them one better, winning 17 straight each, but got no further. The major league record of 26 straight by the New York Giants of 1916 still is too far off to be given any serious thought.

Bob Feller Defeated

In winning both ends of a two-light night doubleheader from the Indians in Cleveland before a huge turnout of 62,355 paid fans yesterday, 9-4 and 2-1, the Yankees not only had the satis-

faction of prolonging their streak but got their 16th win at the expense of the great Bob Feller.

After the Yanks had won the opener easily behind the 10-hit hurling of ex-Indian Allie Reynolds, the Indians went all out to halt the Yankees by leading with their strongest weapon — Feller. For eight innings the majors' strikeout king held the New Yorkers and Pitcher Floyd (Bill) Bevens even 1-1. But in the ninth, Joe DiMaggio reached base and with two out carried the all-important run over the plate when Billy Johnson rapped a triple. Bevens was the victim of Feller's no-hit masterpiece against the Yankees last year.

Blackwell Wins 14th

Another consecutive win streak, perhaps more remarkable if not as spectacular as the Yankees' skien, belongs to Ewell Blackwell, Cincinnati's sensational string-bean righthander. Blackwell pitched his 14th straight victory last night as the Reds hit the 500 mark with a 5-4 win over the Phillies in Philadelphia. Al Jurisich was the loser.

Pittsburgh's last place Pirates handed National League leading Brooklyn a double setback, 12-4 and 9-3, in their twin bill at Ebbets field. Led by Rookie Outfielder Wally Westlake, who drove in seven runs with a base-clearing double and grand slam homer, the Bucs walloped four Dodger hurlers for 10 hits in the opener.

Giants Blank Cubs

With Dave Koslo pitching five-hit ball, the Giants shut out the Chicago Cubs at the Polo Grounds, 4-0, to move within three and a half games of the

Szasz, Hager Dated On Next Bill; Parks Takes on Savoldi

Al Szasz, the dynamic little Hungarian wrestling ace, has reissued his challenge to Herb Parks for a defense of his Pacific Coast junior heavyweight championship, but the best the Roseburg wrestling commission can do is to offer him a test tilt against Tex Hager here at the Armory arena Saturday night.

Matchmaker Don Owen announced here today that the commission has approved the Szasz-Hager match, the winner to get a title tilt against Parks here the following Saturday night.

An outstanding supporting match has been signed to give the program an all-star status. Parks will be on hand to see his prospective challenger in action—and will be meeting a formidable foe of his own, Lou Savoldi.

Szasz will have his hands full in his title test. Hager, the so-called "Crescent Cyclone" was extremely impressive in his "homecoming" match here last week-end, defeating Leo "Mad Russian" Karlinko in stride.

Both Szasz and Hager, a native Oregonian, are scientific matmen of considerable ability. Although the Hungarian grappler has never won a major title, he is one of the most capable performers in the light-heavyweight division. Hager is highly rated in the division and two years ago advanced to such a high rating that he wrestled for the world light-heavy title in Mexico City, losing a split decision to Gorilla Ramus, then titleholder.

The card, one of the most attractive of the summer season, is expected to attract a near-capacity crowd and Douglas County followers are warned to make

lead and only one game behind the second place Boston Braves.

Scoring four runs in each of the sixth and eighth innings after being held hitless for five frames by Rookie Walt Lanfranconi, the St. Louis Cardinals whipped the Braves, 8-2. In Boston to solidify their fourth place position, four and a half games behind the Brooks.

The Tigers, playing to their smallest twilight game crowd of the season — 11,378 paid fans — scored four runs in the sixth inning to overcome a 5-4 Washington lead and went on to win 11-6.

Scoring four runs in the seventh inning, the Chicago White Sox downed Tex Hughson and the Boston Red Sox, 5-1, in Chicago to move past Washington into sixth place.

Although he lost his shutout in the ninth inning when Vern Stephens tripled and scored on Phil Marchildon gained his 10th victory when he pitched the Philadelphia Athletics to an 8-1 triumph over the Browns in St. Louis.

ringside reservations at an early date.

Joe Louis Not To Defend Title in '47

NEW YORK, July 16.—(AP)—Joe Louis will not defend his heavyweight boxing title during 1947, it was decided yesterday at a meeting in which the champion, his manager, Marshall Miles of Buffalo, and Sol Strauss, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting Club participated.

Instead of the previously scheduled title defense on Sept. 19 in New York Yankee Stadium, Louis will participate in two 10-round non-title affairs in Madison Square Garden during the fall and winter.

Strauss, acting for the ailing Mike Jacobs, said Louis might be matched against the winner of the Ezzard Charles-Elmer (Violent) Ray bout of July 25 in the

first of these matches on Nov. 14. Olle Tandberg, Swedish heavyweight champion whose victory over Joe Bakal made necessary

the change in plans, may be the Louis foe in the other, currently scheduled for mid-March next year.

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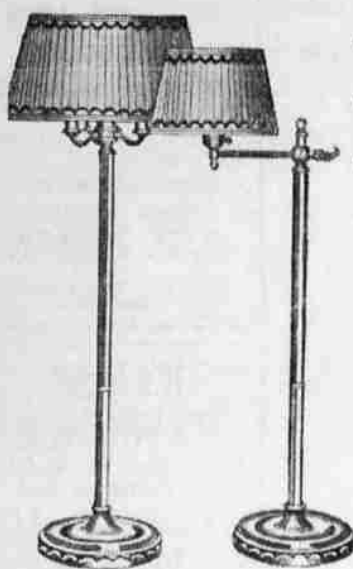


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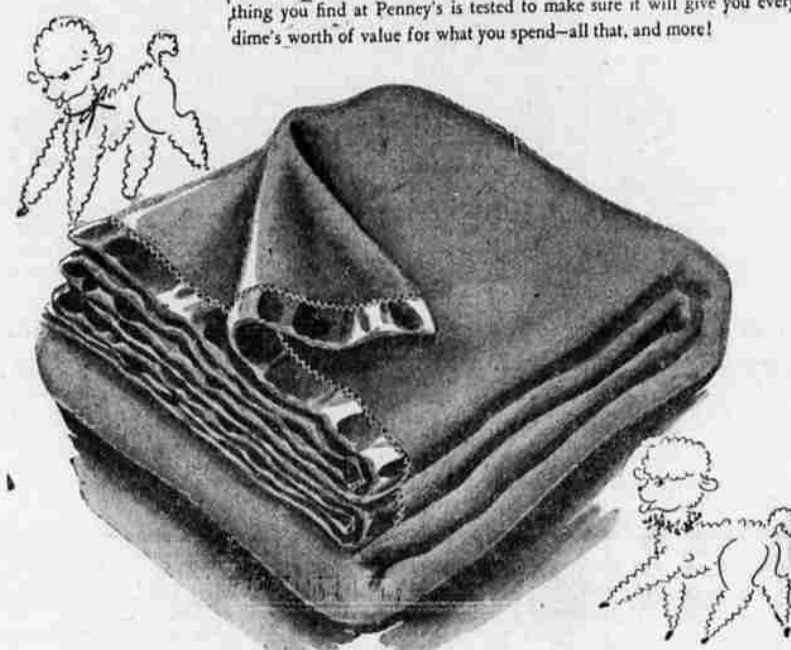
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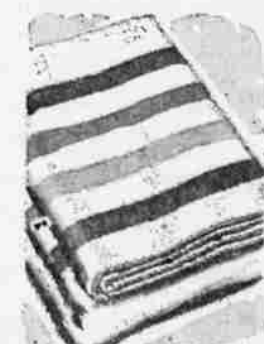
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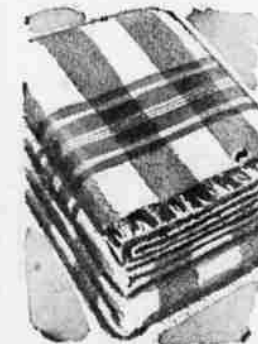
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