

# Five Teams Bunched For National Lead

**Brooklyn's New Negro Hurler Whiffs 11 Men In Defeating Pirates**

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This lightest of all National League pennant races has every body going around in circles.

Here it is in June, with one-third of the season almost out of the way, and a mere half game separates the first four clubs.

At the moment, Brooklyn and the New York Giants share first place. St. Louis and Boston are only a half game behind, with the Cards holding third place by .002 percentage points over the Braves.

The Dodgers took advantage of defeats by New York and Boston yesterday with a 5-1 triumph over Pittsburgh to deal triump the Giants for the top rung. Don Newcombe, recently brought up from their Montreal farm, pitched the Brooks into the tie.

The Giant Negro righthander, hurled a four-hitter against the Bucs. He struck out 11, high for the league this season. A wild pitch in the eighth cost him a shutout.

Howie Fox pitched and batted the Reds to a 4-3 victory over the Giants. He not only scattered eight hits for his second triumph over the New Yorkers, but singled in what proved to be the winning run in the sixth.

**Cardinals Still Winning**  
The high flying Cardinals made five victories in their last six road games and 12 out of their last 14 starts by thumping the Braves, 7-3. Two three-run innings—the sixth and the ninth—did the trick. Enos Slaughter's sixth home run helped. Red Munger, who needed help from Ted Wilks in the eighth, was credited with his third victory. The loss was charged to Warren Spahn.

The two scheduled games in the American League resulted in Detroit losing its undisputed possession of second place, and Cleveland moving past Chicago into sixth place.

The Tigers were nosed out, 10-9, by the Boston Red Sox, who

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# SPORTS

## Cade's No-Hit Hurling Leads Drain Legion Junior Club To Victory Over Roseburg, 3 To 1

Beautiful pitching by Drain's Cade held Roseburg's Junior Legion squad hitless in a game played at Finlay Field Saturday night. The final count saw Roseburg on the short end of a 3-1 score after a short and sweet Legion opener.

Cade struck out 15 Roseburg batters, allowing only one base on balls. Jerry Coen, the losing hurler, struck out three and walked three.

Lloyd Stumbo, first man up in the initial inning, was the only lead lad to score. He drew a base on balls, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, then scored on catcher Gordon's error. After that, it was three up and three down for Roseburg. Drain's Holderman scored the first tally for the visitors, after drawing a walk in the second. He scored when shortstop Ripperger elected to put out Cade on a throw to first. Drain's second run came in the fifth, Cade walked then scored on a throw-in after B. Cellers flew out to center.

**Cellers Swats Homer**  
Cellers redeemed himself in the seventh by banging out a home run. Two double plays by Roseburg fielders helped keep Drain's scoring to a minimum. In the sixth inning, Coen caught Holderman's pop-up. He threw to Stumbo, catching Gordon racing for third. Coen again caught a pop-up, this time by Swearingen in the seventh. He relayed the ball to Schofield covering first, putting out Simpson, who was

overcame a 5-2 deficit with hurries of three runs in the seventh and five in the eighth.

Vern Stephens' 14th home run of the season, tying him with teammate Ted Williams for the league lead, was the big blow for the winners.

**Indians Maul Athletics**  
The Indians, with Manager Lou Boudreau playing third base for the first time since his minor league days, exploded for nine runs in the eighth inning to come from behind and defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 11-5.

Mico Garcia, who pitched shutout ball after replacing starter Steve Gromek in the fifth, was credited with his fourth victory. Joe Coleman was the loser.

All other clubs were un-scheduled.

## Umpqua Chiefs Defeat Elkton Elks, 9 To 2

**Visitors Fail To Score After First Frame; Held To Only Three Bingles**

By DAN MINDOLOVICH  
It took the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs five innings to get into gear in an exhibition game with the Elkton Elks at Finlay Field last night, but once Manager Earl Sargent's crew started hitting, there was little the visitors could do to halt the march. When the final out was made, the score favored Roseburg, 9-2.

The Elkton club led the Chiefs, 2-1, for three innings before the score was tied, when Jerry Huggins, getting his second of three hits for four official times at bat, knocked in Norm West to tie the score.

Vic Lewis pitched his second superb game for the Chiefs, tying a previous record, when he pitched against Yoncalla, by allowing the Elks only three hits, all in the first inning, while striking out 10 opponents.

Don Reed pitched the final three innings for the Chiefs, striking out four batters and holding the Elks to no hits. Parks, losing Elkton pitcher, struck out five, walked one and allowed 14 hits.

**Lewis Gets Wobbly Start**  
The first two Elkton batters, Brooks, the lead-off man, and Pribble both scored after gaining base hits in the first. Myers, third man up, socked a two-bagger bringing in Brooks. Then Pribble scored when Parks, cleanup hitter, lined one to shortstop George Sanders that should have been stopped.

Swearingen, number five man, drew a walk, then pitcher Lewis got his bearings and fanned the next three batters. After that, it was a succession of three up and three down for the Elks, with the exception of the third inning, when George Sanders miffed another grounder by Parks. Parks got to second on Lewis' wild pitch, but two outs in a row left him stranded.

The only other time Elkton looked like it might score was in the sixth, when Swearingen, who

### BASEBALL STANDINGS

(By the Associated Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W	L
New York	20	20
Brooklyn	20	20
St. Louis	24	19
Boston	25	20
Philadelphia	23	25
Cincinnati	22	24
Chicago	17	26
Pittsburgh	17	26

  

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W	L
New York	20	15
Detroit	25	21
Washington	23	21
Boston	22	24
Philadelphia	24	25
Cleveland	20	22
Chicago	17	26
St. Louis	11	35



TRICK RIDER AT RODEO—Paul St. Croix, trick rider pictured above, will appear in the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo here June 17, 18 and 19. At left, he demonstrates the thrilling Roman jump, riding two horses as they leap over a barrier. At right, in demonstration of trick roping, shows how he does the step-off-horse catch. (Pictures by Frank Dean, San Jose, Calif.)



## Fish-Tagging On Rogue River Progressing

The cooperative fish-tagging study on Rogue River with the Oregon State Game Commission and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is progressing satisfactorily, Cole Rivers, field agent in charge, reports. Tagging operations at Gold Beach were temporarily interrupted for several weeks due to loss of the trap. The trap was reconstructed and put into operation again May 26.

A number of those fish tagged in April have been spotted by the unit's personnel at Savage Rapids and Gold Beach dams. Several angler-caught fish with tags have been reported. Anglers have been very cooperative in returning tags from fish to the game commission, Rivers said.

Sportsmen are again urged to mail tags from angler-caught fish to the Oregon State Game Commission in Grants Pass. For convenience, those tags from the lower river can be turned in at the tagging station at Wedderburn. Valuable information on distribution and importance of the fishery to the Rogue basin are obtained from returned tags. Anyone returning a tag will have the tag returned for a souvenir and will be furnished with all the known information regarding his fish.

The unit expressed pleasure over the clarity with which the highly colored plastic disk tags are being spotted on the fish in the river. The disks are attached to the backs of the salmon and steelhead by means of a pin through the back under the dorsal fin.

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## Reinstated Ball Players Await Major League Bids

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—About recovered from the impact of Commissioner A. B. Chandler's "amnesty" pronouncement, organized baseball wondered today what to do with the score of players tossed back in its lap.

It seemed certain the major leagues would be able to find regular employment for no more than a half-dozen—10 at the most—of the athletes now fully forgiven for running off to the Mexican League in 1946.

The St. Louis Cardinals stand to reap the best profit here, getting back a couple of potentially first-rate pitchers in Max Lanier and Fred Martin and a capable infielder in Lou Klein.

The Brooklyn Dodgers also should gain some benefit from Mickey Owen, the 33-year-old catcher whose persistent pleading with Chandler had much to do with getting the ban lifted, and Luis Olmo, an outfielder who hit .313 in 1943.

Roberto Ortiz, 32-year-old out-

fielder, may be a welcome addition to the Washington Senators. The Giants possibly could find use for infielder George Hausmann and pitcher Harry Feldman.

But the rest of the list of reinstated talent provides a large unknown quantity, with most not figured to have a look-in today's stepped-up major league play. Many of them were wartime replacements or veterans already on the way down.

Other factors enter into the picture. How many of the banished players will make the necessary bid for reinstatement?—Chandler says they must apply formally. How sharp will they be after three years of virtual inactivity?

## Jockey Killed When Nag Stumbles, Steps On Him

BOSTON, June 7.—(AP)—Jockey Joe Molbert, 29, of New Iberia, La., was killed yesterday when his mount stumbled at the Suffolk Downs starting gate and stepped on his chest.

Molbert was dead when physician reached his side. He was substituting for Jockey George Hettenger who was laid up with a cold.

Molbert was astride Carolina Star—his 52nd mount in 32 racing days at Suffolk Downs to date. He rode 15 first and four seconds.

Officials said it was the first fatal accident on a New England strip in the 15 years horse racing has been legal in this section of the country.

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