

SPORTS

DiMaggio, Again In Yankees' Lineup, Displays Top Form As Team Defeats Boston, 5 to 4

Joe Hits Homer, Single, Grabs 6 Field Chances

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Two things became clear today, Joe DiMaggio, ailing heel and all, still is the most electrifying figure in baseball and the New York Yankees are definitely the team to beat for the American League flag.

It will be a long time before the 36,228 spectators lured out to Fenway Park by the prospect of seeing Joe back in action, will forget DiMag's 1949 debut. They saw Joe cover himself with glory as the Yankees defeated their favorites, 5-4. They know now that the Boston Red Sox face a herculean task to overcome New York's six-game bulge.

DiMag, who missed the Yankees' first 65 games because of an inflamed right heel, wasted no time proving that he had lost none of his greatness. Facing 20-year-old Maurice McDermott in the second inning for his first official time at bat this year Joe lined a single. Two years later, he and Johnny Lindell scored ahead of Hank Bauer's home run to give the Yankees a 3-0 lead.

DiMag came up for his second at bat in the third. There were two outs and one on. He rifled a fast pitch into the left field screen for a home run to put his team in front, 5-0. That was the ball game, though the Red Sox came back to knock out Allie Reynolds in the ninth and come within one run of tying it up. It was Joe who caught Ted Williams' long fly with a runner on third for the final out of the game.

DiMaggio had six chances in the field and gobbled them up neatly.

The question now confronting not only the Red Sox but the other contenders as well is: If the Yankees were tough to beat without DiMaggio, how are they going to be with him?

Other Results
The runner-up Philadelphia Athletics remained four and a half games behind New York, whipping the Washington Senators, 6-1, behind the seven-hit pitching of Alex Kellner. The roogie left-hander won his 11th game to join the Yankees' Vic Raschl as the top winning pitcher in the majors.

Cleveland moved into third place by a few percentage points over the Red Sox and Detroit, defeating the Tigers, 4-2. Bob

Mathias Second In Opener, But Favored To Win

TULARE, Calif., June 29.—(AP) Nineteen—or less—athletes head into the final phases of the National Decathlon Championship tonight, with the defending titleholder and hometown idol, Bob Mathias, still favored to retain his world prestige and American laurels.

Three-time champion Irving (Moon) Mondschein led the field into the last five events on the decathlon program with a total point score of 4,025.

Eighteen-year-old Mathias, the 1948 Olympic Games winner, was second with 3,936 points after last night's opening half. In third place was Bill Albans, outstanding all-around star from the University of North Carolina, with 3,866 points and fourth was Roger Terwilliger of the Illinois Athletic Club, the 1942 winner, with 3,673.

Mathias drew backing from the fact that his score was 103 more than it was at the halfway mark of the Nation's last year while Mondschein was about 163 points down from his 1948 score.

Yoncalla, Drain Lose Ball Games

Both Douglas County teams in the Lane-Douglas League lost games Sunday.

Westfir was a 3-2 victor over Yoncalla, and Junction City pushed Drain farther into the cellar with a 7-5 win.

Westfir scored early in the game, tallying twice in the second and once in the fifth innings. Yoncalla scored one run each in the seventh and eighth innings. Yoncalla threatened to tie the score in the last of the ninth. With two away, a single and a walk put two men on, but the next batter grounded out to retire the side.

Junction City bunched its hits in the first five innings, while Drain was shut out after the second frame.

Summary:
R H E
Westfir.....020 010 000—3 7 3
Yoncalla.....000 000 110—2 5 2
Batteries: Westfir—Helms and Dunn, Yoncalla—Cox and Thompson.

R H E
Junc. City.....102 301 000—7 8 2
Drain.....230 000 000—5 6 3
Batteries: Junction City—Willis and Skirvin, Drain—Floyd, Johnson 6 and Dixon.

Ramsdell Of Stars Tops Coast League Hurlers

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—(AP)—Willard Ramsdell of the front-running Hollywood Stars was leading Pacific Coast League pitchers through games of June 26, the league statistician reported today.

Among pitchers who have appeared in 10 or more games, Ramsdell's nine won and two lost for a percentage of .818 was tops. Leading pitcher in point of games won was Seattle's Guy Fletcher with 14, against four losses, for .778.

First Half Of Season Finds 4 Clubs Tied

Myrtle Creek Drops Sole League Lead By Losing To Medford; Score 5-4

League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Roseburg	5	2	.714
Myrtle Creek	5	2	.714
Medford	5	2	.714
Ashland	5	2	.714
Central Point	4	3	.571
Crescent City	3	4	.429
Grants Pass	1	6	.143
Prospect	0	7	.000

The first half of Southern Oregon League play ended Sunday with four clubs tied for first place.

Medford Craters defeated Myrtle Creek, 5-4 Sunday at Medford, putting the up-to-then league leaders down one notch and boosting the stock of the second place Roseburg, Ashland and Medford organizations.

Ashland defeated Crescent City, 14-2, and Central Point Stude whitewashed the Prospect Loggers, 14-0, in other Southern Oregon League games.

The only triple play believed recorded in Ashland baseball history brought the game to an end. The ball went to Jandreau, to Campbell, to Smith and to Schopf.

Four home runs, two by Campbell and one each by Gatlin and Jandreau boosted the Ashland score.

Trophies to Be Awarded
J. Q. Adams, league secretary, said in a letter to Manager Earl Sargent that arrangements are being made for the purchase of three individual trophies to be presented at the end of the season. Trophies will include the best batter, the best pitcher, and the most valuable player award.

The trophy cups will be passed around to the various clubs for inspection as time permits, Adams wrote.

He said that this year all trophies will be presented at the completion of the last Shaugnessy play off game and with ceremonies, if possible.

He added that last year some of the trophies were not presented until well after the end of the season. For this reason, Adams suggested that votes on the most valuable player be turned in before the start of the playoffs.

The playoffs are scheduled for late August or early September, depending upon the amount of time needed to make up games and work off ties in league positions.

The number one team will play number three and number two team plays number four. The winners play off for the championship and the losers play for the consolation award. The Shaugnessy trophy will be presented to the championship team.



MUSIAL HONORED—Stan Musial, Cardinals outfielder, is presented with the most valuable player plaque by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler before a recent Cardinal-Braves game at St. Louis. The award is for 1948, and makes the third time Stan has won the honor. (AP Wirephoto)

Columbia River Fish Packers Offer Price Cut

ASTORIA, Ore., June 29.—(AP)—Columbia River fish packers are proposing an 18-cent-a-pound price for salmon caught in July.

The price, substantially lower than last year, is being voted upon this week by Columbia River fishermen, who received 20 cents for spring-caught salmon.

The packers also are proposing a 15-cent price for salmon caught after July.

The spring season closed in mid-June. Commercial fishing will resume July 6.

Packers blamed a dull market for the proposed price cuts.

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Junior Legion Teams To Play At Sutherlin

Coach Barney Koch's Junior Legion baseball club travels to Sutherlin Saturday for a league game there. The game will be played in connection with Sutherlin's Timber Days Centennial.

Saturday, July 9, the local Junior Legion group ends league play at Myrtle Creek, where it will oppose Tri-City Junior Legion.

Coach Koch said an exhibition game between the Junior Legion club and the Umpqua Chiefs may be played next week or the week following. Koch said the two teams would exchange batteries. Other changes are also scheduled, to help make the game even-Stephen.

ROSEBURG GOLFERS WIN

Roseburg defeated Grants Pass, 39-36, in a golf match at the Roseburg Country Club Sunday. Bill Courcier was medalist with 75.

Hollies Lose To Oaks; Solons Tip Beavers, 9 To 1

(By The Associated Press)
Hollywood's clutch on the top spot in the Pacific Coast League baseball race has slipped a notch.

The Oakland Aorns invaded the Stars' stomping grounds for a series and opened things up last night with a 4-to-3 victory. The Hollywood lost cut the Stars' lead margin from seven to six games over second-place Seattle.

The third-place Oaks got to pitcher Jack Salvson for 12 hits. Twirler Milo Candini spaced six Hollywood blows.

The Seattle Rainiers were out-hit, 10-6, but coasted to a 3-to-1 win over San Diego in a series opener. The Padres left 12 men stranded on the bases.

At Portland Sacramento's Bob Gillespie blanked the Beavers in all but one inning to give the Solons a 9-to-1 victory.

San Francisco opened a series with Los Angeles by winning 5 to 4. Cully Rikard hit a line drive with two out in the ninth to score pitcher Con Dempsy from second and get the winning run.

Low score for Grants Pass was 79 and was won by Simco Chapman and Carl Bennett.

Elkton Easily Defeats Junction City Blues

Elkton won an easy 19-5 victory over the Junction City Blues at Junction City Sunday.

The game was slow after the first big inning, when Elkton drew three bases on balls, coupled with five hits, including two baggers by Brooks and Slovensky and a three-base hit by Swearingen.

Every Elkton player got to play. Best batter was Chase of Junction City, with three-for-four. Doug Fenley of Elkton drove the longest hit of the day.

Summary:
R H E
Elkton.....710 004 700—19 18 1
Junc. City.....001 030 001—5 9 8
Batteries: Elkton—D. Swearingen and G. Roberts, Junction City—Shollenburg and Bennett.
Umpires—M. Shollenburg, J. D. Mode, bases.

Softball Teams Will Play Thursday Night

Softball play at Finlay Field continues Thursday night starting at 7:15 o'clock.

Fred Schermer's Squirts and Roseburg Elks compete in the first game, while Veterans of Foreign Wars and Umpqua Plywood are scheduled to meet in the nightcap.

The Squirts currently are the league leaders with two wins and no losses.

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