

Cleveland Tips Yankees, 5-4

Home Run By Hegan In 9th Decides Game

Brooklyn Edges Pirates, Also In 9th, As St. Louis Loses To Boston Braves

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Is this the start of that long-awaited New York Yankee collapse?

Baseball experts, who vowed the Yankees would finish no higher than fourth this year, wore that old wise look today. A good many of them were ready to give you that "I told you so" routine.

And they may have something there. For the Bronx Bombers of late have looked like anything but the league leaders they are. In losing yesterday, 5-4 to Cleveland, the Yankees extended their losing streak to three in a row. They now have dropped four of their last five games, three of them to second division clubs. Whereas they once boasted an eight-game margin, their lead has shrunk to three and a half games over the advancing Indians.

The Tribe battery of pitcher Bob Lemon and catcher Jim Hegan was responsible for the Yankees' most recent defeat. Lemon not only whipped the Yankees for the third time this year in racking up his 11th triumph, but hammered his fourth home run, with Hegan on base. Hegan broke up the game in the last of the ninth with a home run.

The Boston Red Sox climbed back into third place, seven and a half games off the pace, defeating the Chicago White Sox, 6-4. Vern Stephens' two-run single highlighted the Red Sox three-run ninth inning that kayoed starter Marino Pleretti.

The Tigers blew a 6-0 lead behind Hal Newhouser, but bounced back to eke out a 7-6 triumph

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over the Washington Senators. Three successive eighth innings, walks plus a long fly by Johnny Lipon brought in the winning run.

Four home runs helped the St. Louis Browns sweep a twilight night doubleheader from the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-4 and 5-4. It was the Browns' fifth straight victory. Jack Graham and Sherm Lollar hit four baggers in the first game, and Gerry Priddy and Dick Kokos slammed circuit clouts in the second. Bob Dillinger was the chief gun in the brownie attack, turning in six consecutive hits—three singles and a triple in the opener.

The Dodgers picked up a full game on the Cardinals, edging out the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-3, while the Boston Braves knocked off the Redbirds, 5-2. Bruce Edwards singled with the bases loaded in the ninth to snap a 3-3 tie and give the Brooks the decision.

Southpaw Warren Spahn posted his 11th triumph, limiting the Cardinals to six hits as the Braves batted Max Lanier out of the box in the fourth. Elbie Fletcher socked a three-run homer off the Card southpaw in the third.

Scoring at least once in every inning, the New York Giants battered three Cincinnati hurlers for 20 hits including three homers to humble the Reds, 13-3. Hank Thompson, Johnny Mize and Marshall contributed home runs. Larry Jansen coasted to his 10th victory, with Howard Fox getting tagged with the defeat.

Lefty Ken Heintzelman pitched another masterpiece as the Philadelphia Phils ripped the Chicago Cubs, 1-0. Heintzelman scattered nine hits for his 12th victory against three defeats. A single by Andy Seminick scored Willie Jones from second with two out in the last of the eighth for the only run.



TOP HITTER—Hal Edgar is still high in the batting average department with a .349. In his last full game, Edgar hit three-for-four times, including a double and a triple. More recently Edgar has been playing "part time" and his batting has suffered some. The ex-Senior high ball player and student plans to attend the University of Oregon in the fall, where he expects to major in journalism and minor in physical education. He plans to turn out for baseball and football at the "U," and write sports for the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Half-Season Softball Title To Be Decided

VFW, Plywood Teams Will Clash Tonight For Coveted League Honor

A red-hot clash is on tonight's City Softball league agenda at Finlay field. Veterans of Foreign Wars, who defeated Scherner Squirts Monday night in a three-way battle to decide the first half champion, meets Umpqua Plywood.

The winner of the Plywood-VFW tussle will wear the first-half City league softball crown. In the twilight action, set for 7:30 p.m., Roseburg Elks play the Squirts. The contest is a continuation of second-half league action.

The Plywood lineup may include Garrison, left field; White, shortstop; Harris, catcher; Baughman or Forbes, pitcher; C. Long, third base; Benson, first base; Dwight, right field; M. Long, second base, and Puffinbarger, center field.

For the Vets, the lineup may include Taylor, first base; Potter, second base; Ray Bates, third base; Seltz, catcher; Bob Bates, shortstop; Brunner, center field; Foster, left field; Goznell, pitcher and Ramp or Davidson, right field.

District Series in Offing
Only a few weeks of softball remain before district competition between Roseburg, Springfield and Reedsport starts. The winner will participate in the state tournament to be held at Eugene starting August 31. The tournament will continue through September 3.

The Roseburg team that wins the city softball crown will choose players from the other three teams and the All-Star combination will play under the name of the league winner.

Last year, Scherner Squirts and Sutherland Pastime were co-champions of the City league. Sutherland represented the city by winning the first of a three-game series with the Squirts. Due to lack of time, it was agreed that the first game winner would represent the city. Later, the Squirts and Pastime played the second game, which the Squirts won. The third game was never played and both clubs remained "champs."

Sutherland was defeated by Springfield in a close district playoff series fought at Springfield and Drain.

Springfield was defeated by Eugene in the state playoff held in eastern Oregon.

Semi-Finals In Titular Grapple Tourney Dated

The semi-finals of the double elimination tournament to determine a successor to Ben Sherman's vacated Pacific Coast light-heavyweight wrestling crown will be held Saturday night at the Roseburg armory.

Principals in the two-hour-long semi-final matches will be Tex Hager and Billy McEuin in the first set-to and the Yaqui Kid and Buck Weaver in the last match.

Last week Georges Dusette, Pierre LaBelle and Kiser were eliminated from the running.

The two winners of Saturday's semi-finals will meet in Roseburg next week for the title plus a fat \$200 purse being put up by the promoters.

The unpopular Weaver who has announced his intentions to go at any length to gain the title, needed police protection to retire from the ring last week after



BONE TWISTERS—The Yaqui Kid, at top, and Buck Weaver, lower photo, will stage the main event in the weekly wrestling show at the Roseburg armory Saturday night.

using unscrupulous methods to defeat Kiser. As Kiser had the villain down he reached from behind and patted him on the back, causing Kiser to think he had won the match, whereupon he released his hold, and Weaver went on to win.

Kiser's younger brother, Dale, was at ringside and took a poke at Weaver, with a fight ensuing.

As a result all the other three grapplers in the tourney have vowed to see that Weaver doesn't win the title.

But Weaver's chances appear fairly good in spite of the fact he's facing the sensational Kid Saturday.

The other semi-final between Hager and McEuin looms as a toss-up with perhaps a slight edge going to the rough and tough Texan, McEuin.

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Chiefs To Battle Glendale Tonight

Friday night at Finlay field, the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs face Glendale in the only exhibition game scheduled for this week.

Careful check of the scorebook reveals no previous contest with the Glendale club this season.

This is fortunate in that it is quite impossible under the circumstances to foul up the score of a non-existent "previous tilt."

Yesterday's News-Review erroneously stated that Crescent City defeated Roseburg in an earlier tussle. It was Central Point instead that handed the Chiefs a 12-6 scalping.

Crescent City lost to Roseburg. Claude Buckley did the pitching and he allowed five hits. Roseburg hit nine times, including two-for-three by Buckley and

Tennis Tournament At Yoncalla Attractive

Yoncalla residents are showing top interest in the tennis tournament, now being held in that community. Twenty women and 17 men have entered the competition, now in its second week.

Four matches of the first round have been played by the men slated to start singles play late this week. Final playoff matches will be held July 24 to determine the community's champions.

An outdoor dance was held on the tennis courts Saturday to help pay for court lights. Local talent furnished the music.

two-for-four by Norm West. The final score was Roseburg 4, Crescent City 0.

The Chiefs travel to Crescent City Sunday for a Southern Oregon League game there.

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GAINES, Pa., July 20. — (AP) — Fisherman Raymond R. Cole was so proud of catching a 28-inch brown trout with his bare hands that he mounted the catch and hung it in a local tavern.

A postcard-maker took pictures and sold photos of the fine catch.

Cole's fame as a fish catcher spread far and wide—even to the ears of Roger Stevens, Gaines Justice of the peace.

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