

Dodgers Cut Cardinals' Lead

Pennant Race Gap Narrowed To 1 1/2 Games

Two Leaders Slated For Crucial Series; Yankees Boost Lead In American

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Brooklyn's "B" twins—Ralph Branca and Rex Barney—have hit their old stride again and the Dodgers' pitching staff appears at peak strength for the stretch run in the tight National League pennant race.

This is disconcerting news for the St. Louis Cardinals, who saw their lead chopped to a game and a half last night and who have a three-game series with the pursuing Dodgers coming up tomorrow.

Branca and Barney, the erratic roommates who fell short of the 20-game victory marks predicted for them in the spring, may play a big role in the important St. Louis stand.

Both fashioned notable conquests the last two days over the Chicago Cubs. Manager Jurt Shotton, who has used them spasmodically, indicates they can expect regular work here on out.

Barney turned in one of the best pitched games of the season yesterday in shutting out the Chicago Cubs on one hit, 4-0. He faced only 28 men, none reached second and the only blow off him was Phil Cavarretta's single opening the eighth.

It was his eighth victory against eight defeats but a vital one for the Dodgers.

A few hours later the Cardinals ran afoul a couple of Philadelphia rookies and lost to the Phillies, 4-3, to have their advantage whittled to 1 1/2 games.

This adds new pressure to the Dodger-Cardinal series opening with a doubleheader in St. Louis tomorrow.

Shotton announced he wouldn't use big Don Newcombe in two of the games as originally planned. Newcombe will pitch the first one, he said, followed by Preacher Roe and Branca or Barney as starters in the other two.

Yankees Increase Lead
While the National League was growing tighter, the American began to loosen up a bit. The New York Yankees increased their lead to three full games over the idle Boston Red Sox by trimming Cleveland, 6-0.

It was the fourth straight triumph over first division foes for the Yankees and their ninth victory in the last ten games.

Lefty Ed Lopat pitched a five-hitter in shutting out the Indians, recording his 15th victory of the season. Bob Feller was Cleveland's losing hurler.

Rookies John Thompson and Ed Sanicki were the Phillies who

SPORTS

Player-Coach Experience Of Ray Brown In Various Sports Spans Period Of 15 Years



RAY BROWN

Versatile in Sports Activities

Ray Brown's coaching duties embrace both Junior and Senior high schools. He is the only Roseburg coach who heads a sport at both schools.

Coming here in 1947, Brown was assistant football and basketball coach and head boxing instructor at Junior high school.

Last year, his duties extended to coaching the Indians varsity line and heading boxing classes at both Junior and Senior high schools. He also assists in Senior high track, specializing in the shot put department.

The versatile high school mentor is well-qualified to teach the "art of manly defense," having won the All-Border heavyweight boxing championship in 1938-39, while a student at Arizona State Teachers college at Flagstaff.

Brown started his college career at University of Southern California in 1934-35. He was captain of the freshman football team, before breaking his hand in 1935.

Transferring to Citrus Junior college in California, Brown again captained the freshman football team in 1936. At Citrus, Brown was elected All-Southern California first string tackle for junior colleges the same year.

Still suffering from the traveling bug, Brown again transferred, this time to Arizona State Teachers college, where he was graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

After Brown sweated out a year at ASTC as freshman football coach, he was ineligible to participate in sports due to a ruling requiring a year's wait after transferring from another college.

Honors Augmented
He was allowed to play football again in 1938-39, at which time he was elected All-Border conference tackle. In the same year he was voted outstanding conference boxer.

Sheepskin packed away, Brown settled down to three years high school coaching in Arizona, at McNary and later at Miami high schools. While basketball coach at Miami, Brown relates enjoying the best season ever in that sport.

His teams won 23 out of 26 games played. His greatest entered the state tournament and was beaten out in the semi-finals.

A two year hitch in the Navy, where he engaged in some extracurricular football activity at the "Amphib" base at Coronado, Calif., took up his time in 1944-46, after which he accepted a position as line coach at Globe, Ariz. In 1946, his charges tied for the conference championship that year.

In addition to coaching, Brown has engaged in some semi-pro basketball. His team won the league championship twice in the YMCA league at Miami.

In Roseburg, in addition to coaching, Brown was manager of the Roseburg swimming pool its first year in operation and instructed life saving and swimming classes, under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

Hollies Appear Certain Of Coast League Pennant

By The Associated Press
As the Pacific Coast League pennant race heads for the wire, the story reads more and more like a pulp thriller—you know what the ending will be, but you wait in breathless anticipation anyway.

The Hollywood Stars, four games ahead of runner-up Oakland, have merely to take four games in their series of seven with fourth place Seattle to win the flag outright.

In other words, nothing short of a minor miracle can bring the pennant to Oakland. Of course, it could happen.

In last night's only league activity, last place Los Angeles and next-to-last place Portland participated in an inconsequential replay of a doubleheader rained out earlier at Portland.

The Angels won both games, 9 to 1 and 2 to 1, thereby eliminating Portland's chances of taking over sixth place from San Francisco.

Los Angeles battered Ray McNulty and George Diehl for 11 blows in the first game, including a round tripper by Carmen Mauro. Homers by Cece Gariotti and Rube Novotney accounted for all the Seraph scoring in the finale.

Lee Thomas' home run in the opener robbed Angel pitcher Booker McDaniels of a possible shutout.

Bowling Scores

Team	Won	Lost
Umpqua Chiefs Flour	6	0
Roseburg Jewelers	5	1
Kennedy's Dutch Mill	4	2
Gilkeason Station	3	3
Olympia Supply Co.	2	4
K. J. Quick Lunch	2	4
Roseburg Lumber Co.	1	5

Games Monday Night
Roseburg Jewelers, Gilkeason Station
2. Umpqua Chiefs Flour, K. J. Quick Lunch
2. Olympia Supply Co., Roseburg Lumber Co., Active Club, Kennedy's Dutch Mill 1.

High individual game score: Floyd Baughman, 232. High individual series score: Floyd Baughman, 613.

Umpqua Chiefs Flour	W	L
H. Heiler	167	173-313
R. Brown	145	149-304
G. Weiman	106	171-406
A. Jackson	127	165-416
G. Spakousky	170	168-314
Hdcp.	89	89-207

Totals	Active Club	W	L
C. Chitwood	132	104	138-374
H. Benson	154	177	181-402
R. Brown	168	182	190-408
G. Jones	162	184	185-411
A. Jackson	167	176	184-411
Hdcp.	47	47	47-141

J & K Quick Lunch	W	L
C. Miller	130	165
H. Benson	168	182
R. Brown	168	182
G. Jones	162	184
A. Jackson	167	176
Hdcp.	119	119

Kennedy's Dutch Mill	W	L
J. Spencer	221	141
H. Aullman	148	173
R. Brown	168	182
H. Halstead	150	170
S. Warren	184	180
Hdcp.	45	45

Roseburg Jewelers	W	L
C. Short	167	198
H. Benson	168	182
F. Hatake	180	183
S. Hilliard	180	183
F. Hatake	180	183
Hdcp.	82	82

Olympia Supply	W	L
E. Fingert	178	182
C. Beach	138	203
F. Fingert	148	225
M. Hall	161	208
D. Mentzer	142	188
Hdcp.	78	78

Gilkeason Station	W	L
Mix	173	205
Shugart	182	198
Rushey	146	190
S. Short	121	178
Hdcp.	99	99

Roseburg Lumber Co.	W	L
Sargent	255	191
Strickland	207	215
Jones	255	191
Barker	162	183
Freadman	181	190
Hdcp.	86	86

Pep Favored To Defeat Compo In Tonight's Bout

WATERBURY, Conn., Sept. 20.—(AP)—A late rush for seats promised to make a financial success of the Willie Pep-Eddie Compo World Featherweight Title bout here tonight.

Twice postponed in July, and spoken about only in whispers, the 15-round fight apparently caught on over the weekend.

For Pep, the 1 to 4 favorite, the bout—his first since he recaptured the 126-pound title from Sandy Saddler last February has double significance. Today is his 27th birthday.

Compo, who has appeared in 80 fights, most of them in New England and New York, has lost but once.



CHARGED WITH KEEPING FANS IN "HASSLE"—The demonstrative trio in the above picture show free-lance photographer Rod Newland how they will lead Roseburg Indians football fans in cheering at games during the present football season. Friday night they will travel to Coquille with the squad, where the Indians will play their first league game this year. Above left to right are Jackie Daniels, Willa Wilshire and Yell Queen Pat Mears.—(Rod Newland Picture.)

Ted Williams Tops League Batters In Six Play Divisions

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Boston's Ted Williams is tightening his monopoly on American league batting marks, taking the lead in six divisions of play.

He topped five brackets a week ago and now has added a sixth—most runs batted in. In statistics through Sunday's games, Williams is ahead in batting with .351; scored the most runs, 143; slammed the most hits, 188; most doubles, 39; and homers 40; and has hammered across 153 runs.

Dale Mitchell of Cleveland was tops in three-baggers with 23 and St. Louis Bob Dillinger continued in the base-stealing lead with 18. Second to Williams in batting was George Kell of Detroit with 341. He was followed by Dillinger with 316; Dom DiMaggio, Boston, 313; Mitchell, 312; Cass Michaels, Chicago, 307; Johnny Pesky, Boston, 306; Bobby Doerr, Boston, 305; Hoot Evers, Detroit, 301; and Vic Wertz, Detroit, 298.

Boston's Ellis Kinder took over the top pitching percentage record with 21.3 for 808. Boston's Mel Parnell had the most complete games, 25, and the most wins, 23. Virgil Trucks of Detroit maintained the strikeout pace with 141.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

(By The Associated Press)
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hollywood	104	75	.578
Oakland	100	80	.556
Seattle	85	95	.472
Sacramento	83	97	.457
San Diego	82	98	.451
Portland	82	98	.451
Los Angeles	79	110	.416

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	89	59	.600
Boston	88	60	.595
Detroit	88	62	.588
Cleveland	82	61	.573
Philadelphia	77	68	.529
Chicago	68	75	.477
Washington	45	98	.315

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	91	52	.636
Brooklyn	80	54	.595
Philadelphia	77	68	.529
Boston	70	74	.486
New York	68	75	.477
Washington	63	80	.441
Cincinnati	58	85	.406
Chicago	57	87	.396

after that. Keith Parry went over for two touchdowns, Johnny Knight, Buzz Gerding and Jim Kay each got one. Howe accounted for the extra points and a second touchdown.

Coach Cece Sherwood will spend most of this week trying to plug the holes in the Roseburg line. After last Friday's debacle, in which Medford's Jack Morris punched his way through what passes as Roseburg's "defense," more work for the linemen is seen as a need by Sherwood.

Indians' Drills Toughened For Coquille Battle

The local sports scene is quiet after a big weekend of football and Roseburg high school Indians are presently recharging their batteries in preparation for Friday night's league opener at Coquille.

The Red Devils of Coquille opened their football season last weekend in a convincing fashion, trouncing Ashland, 45-19, in a non-league game.

On the first play from scrimmage, Coquille fullback Eddie Howe cracked the line and went 60 yards for a touchdown. Coquille kept the ball rolling

Yoncalla School Has New Coach; Prospects Good

Yoncalla high school launches its football program this year with a new coach at the helm. He is Richard Strail, who is introducing a new system of football to the boys.

For the past two years, Yoncalla has won both the Douglas county and district football championships. Yoncalla gridder's reached the quarter finals of the "state playoffs" last year and were defeated by Mohawk high school, who went on to win the state B-school championship.

Principal Lee Roy Hanson reports several good men, lost through graduation, will be sorely missed.

Twelve lettermen returned. Hanson reports the team may not be quite as tough as that of last year, but with any luck, Yoncalla should give the opponents some trouble.

The Yoncalla Eagles play their first game against the high school graduates Friday, Sept. 23. The regular Purple and Gold schedule follows: Yoncalla at Glendale, Sept. 30; Oakland at Yoncalla, Oct. 7; Elkton at Yoncalla, Oct. 14; Yoncalla at Glendale, Oct. 21; Riddle at Yoncalla, Oct. 28; Yoncalla at Canyonville, Nov. 4.

The roster, including age, class, weight, height, and letters earned, follows:

Dan McDonald, 18, 184, 5 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Dick McDonald, 18, 190, 6 ft.; Si Wain, 18, 170, 5 ft. 11 in.; Bill Gordon, 18, 165, 5 ft. 6 in.; 2. Richard Walker, 17, 160, 5 ft. 10 in.; 2. Charles Hughes, 17, 165, 5 ft. 8 in.; 3. Wilfred Ray, 15, 176, 6 ft. 1; Erby Wain, 17, 155, 5 ft. 10 in.; 1. John West, 15, 115, 5 ft. 5 in.; 6. Jack Metz, 16, 116, 5 ft. 8 in.; 6. Jim Metz, 15, 146, 5 ft. 8 in.; 6. Bill Pace, 14, 142, 5 ft. 8 in.; 9. Bob Means, 14, 125, 5 ft. 7 in.; 0.

Kiner Hits 50th Homer To Excel Record Pace

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner hit his 50th home run last night to go ahead of the pace set by Hack Wilson when he established the National league record of 56 in 1930.

Kiner, however, is still behind the Major league record pace of Babe Ruth, who pored 60 homers in 1927 for the New York Yankees.

Kiner's home run against the New York Giants was made in his 143rd game with 11 to play. Wilson hit No. 50 on Sept. 15 in his 145th game. Ruth's 50th came in his 138th game on Sept. 11.

When the Cards came east on their first trip last spring, Slaughter was riding the bench for weak hitting. Now he's smashing the ball at a .341 clip, close behind Robinson's leading .344. Averages include Sunday's games, with only two weeks to go.

Stan Musial of the Cards, usually a factor in any batting race, is an outsider in this one. He could win it but he's third at .332 and trails Robinson by 12 points. After the first three, it's strictly a race for fourth position. Only nine points separate Bobby Thomson of New York, fourth at .310, and Red Schoendienst of St. Louis, tenth at .301.

LEAGUE LEADERS

(By The Associated Press)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Batting—Robinson, Brooklyn, .346; Slaughter, St. Louis, .340; Musial, St. Louis, .332; Home runs—Kiner, Pittsburgh, 50; Mitchell, St. Louis, 32; Pitching—Wills, St. Louis, 11-3, .706; Branca and Roe, Brooklyn, 13-3, .722.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Batting—Williams, Boston, .331; Kell, Detroit, .311; Runz batted in—Williams, Boston, 153; Stephens, Boston, 150; Home runs—Williams, Boston, 40; Stephens, Boston, 39; Pitching—Kinder, Boston, 21-5, .808; Parnell, Boston, 23-7, .767.

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