

Sports

'One-Man Bench' Said Cause Of Collapse

ST. LOUIS — Did a "one-man bench" cause the sudden and almost total collapse of the St. Louis Cardinals?

Stunned by a nine-game losing streak, fans and newsmen looking for the reason have nominated Manager Fred Hutchinson's Joe Cunningham as the "one-man bench."

Cunningham, a left-handed pitcher from New Jersey, has been just about the only man Hutch could rely on for help. Hutchinson has two catchers — Hal Smith and Ibbie Landrith, but otherwise it has been a case of Seven Iron Horses and Cunningham.

The iron horses simply have run out of gas.

Ten days ago the Cardinals led both leagues in team hitting, and more runs than any club except Cincinnati, and led the National League.

This same team has scored only 13 runs in nine games since then and only once did it come close to victory. That was in a 4-3 defeat to the seventh-place Chicago Cubs who have taken six of the nine games in the St. Louis losing streak.

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Brave Fans Breathe Easy With 8½-Game Bulge In NL

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	74	39	.655
Chicago	68	44	.607
Boston	61	52	.540
Baltimore	53	56	.485
Detroit	55	58	.487
Cleveland	54	60	.474
Kansas City	43	71	.377
Washington	42	72	.368

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	71	42	.629
St. Louis	62	50	.554
Brooklyn	63	51	.553
Cincinnati	61	52	.540
Philadelphia	59	53	.527
New York	52	63	.452
Chicago	42	69	.378
Pittsburgh	41	71	.366

Thursday's Results
New York 6, Boston 3
Cleveland 5, Chicago 4
Kansas City 6, Detroit 2
Only games scheduled.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
With 41 games to go and an 8½-game lead, Milwaukee's Braves have nothing to fear but fear itself.

And maybe, the Chicago Cubs. All the Braves have to worry about, now that they've won 10 in a row after last night's 8-1 victory at Cincinnati, is the haunting 1956 season, when they won 11 straight, had a 5½-game edge—and then blew it in the last week as Brooklyn won the pennant by one game.

And they also must be remembering the 1951 season, when even Brooklyn's old pros couldn't hold a 13½ game August lead and were beaten in a pennant playoff by the New York Giants.

The Braves are back home tonight for the first of a four-game series with the St. Louis Cardinals whose slump is every bit as surprising and sudden as Milwaukee's surge. The Cardinals lost their ninth in a row—their longest skid since 1947—with a 4-1 setback at Chicago. The seventh place Cubs now are 9½ over the Cardinals—and have beaten the Braves in 7 of 13.

Brooklyn stayed in third place, also 8½ back and within one percentage point of St. Louis, as the Dodgers twice blew leads and lost to the Giants 9-4 in the only other NL game scheduled.

In the American, the New York Yankees went 5½ ahead again, defeating Boston 6-3, although Ted Williams pushed his average to .333, while the second-place Chi-

cago White Sox gave up five unearned runs and lost to Cleveland 5-4. Kansas City whipped Detroit 7-2 in the only other game.

Hank Aaron, the NL's bat leader, hammered across five runs with a pair of homers as the Braves swung for 12 hits. Eddie Mathews, and ex-Redleg Bob Hazle also homered for Milwaukee.

Warren Spahn won his 13th with an eight-hitter, losing a shutout on an unearned run in the second. Spahn got a four-run cushion in the first that chased Hal Jeffcoat. Bob Turley won his fifth in a row for a 10-3 record, but needed Bob Grim's relief when Frank Malone's home run junked his shutout in the eighth. Loser Willard Nixon held the Yankees to three hits, one of them Elston Howard's home run, for six frames. Gil McDougald drove in three runs, and hit a two-run homer in the eighth to clinch it.

The Indians shook their six-game losing string in the sixth when southpaw Jack Harshman walked one run home, then gave up a grand slammer to Chico Carasquel that wiped out a 3-0 White Sox lead. Don Mossi went all the way to win his ninth.

Dale Long's home run and Bob Speake's two-run single nailed the Cubs ninth victory in 12 games in the second as Sam Jones lost his seventh. Rookie Moe Drabowsky won his ninth with a six-hit, three-run performance. He drove in four runs with a triple and homer for the Giants as Ramon Monzon, third of four pitchers, won his first. Three runs in the sixth, two unearned, did it. Don Drysdale, Brooklyn's top pitcher with 10, lost his seventh.

Woody Held, Billy Martin and Hal Lopez homered for the A's as Jack Urban won his second. Jim Bunning, who has won 14, lost his fifth, second to Kansas City.

Yoncalla Ladies Team Wins First League Tilt

TIMBERETTES LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	5	1	.833
Drain	4	1	.800
Myrtle Creek	1	3	.250
Green	1	3	.250
Yoncalla	1	4	.200

Yoncalla's Hits and Mrs. softball squad ended a winning drought Thursday in the Timberettes Softball League by dropping Myrtle Creek in a 7-5 tilt on the Yoncalla diamond.

The winners stowed the game away with a pair of three-run innings and a singleton in the fifth, after having trailed by a 4-0 count from the first frame.

Yoncalla's starting pitcher, Shirley Roberts, was shelled from the box in the four-run first by Myrtle Creek. With two outs, Yoncalla's Hubbell came on to put out the fire to save the swing.

A last-ditch Myrtle Creek effort to overtake in the seventh fell short as Burnett hit for the circuit for the losers' final run.

Leading hitters in the game were Burnett and Ellenburger for Myrtle Creek with 2-4 each and Rita Turner with 2-3 for Yoncalla.

Yoncalla embarks on a two-game barnstorming tour Saturday by meeting Oakland in a morning game and Green in an afternoon engagement.

Myrtle Creek 400 000 1-5 5 4
Yoncalla 000 513 x-7 7 4
Rone, Warren (6) and Paul; Roberts, Hubbell (1) and Campbell.
SP: Hubbell, LP: Rone.
HR: Burnett, Myrtle Creek.

TOURNEY STARTS
MEDFORD — Qualifying play for the 29th annual Southern Oregon Golf Tournament begins in Medford Saturday.
Match play will run from Aug. 29 through Sept. 2.

Giants Decision On Major Shift Expected Monday

NEW YORK — The West Coast very likely finally will have a major league baseball franchise within the next 72 hours, with San Francisco claiming the New York Giants.

The question of whether the Giants should flee New York and shift to California will be put before the club's board of directors Monday by President Horace Stoneham, who will recommend acceptance.

The board appears to be the last hurdle in San Francisco's bid to win the Giants. Stoneham already is sold. So is the National League, which approved such a switch May 28.

One or two members of the board, reportedly are against a shift to San Francisco, but there apparently is little doubt that Stoneham can win them over.

San Francisco's offer was received in official form by Stoneham last week, and starting with a 45,000-capacity city-built stadium, meets Stoneham's earlier demand for a "satisfactory proposition."

Stoneham probably will place a contract proposition for closed-circuit televising of Giant games in San Francisco before the board Monday. The contract reportedly carries a minimum guarantee of a million dollars annually, and Stoneham already has advised his stockholders, "I can sign the contract the minute we're ready to move."

Such a deal would double the club's present radio-television income, Stoneham said.

It's this prospective wealth from TV, plus an indicated golden gate at the Golden Gate, which has made Stoneham, despite family ties with New York, a believer in San Francisco.

Eugene Emeralds Gain Half Game On Leaders

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Wenatchee	32	15	.681
Eugene	28	19	.596
Salem	26	21	.553
X-Yakima	20	25	.444
Lewiston	19	29	.396
Tri-City	15	31	.326

(X-Record does not include Aug. 8 game called because of curfew with teams tied 5-5)

Thursday's Results
Eugene 3-7, Lewiston 2-12
Yakima 8, Salem 3
Tri-City 4, Wenatchee 3 (11 innings)

Friday's Schedule
Eugene at Lewiston
Salem at Yakima
Wenatchee at Tri-City

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Beaten 4-3 by the Tri-City Braves in 11 innings, the Wenatchee Chiefs Thursday night missed a golden chance to increase their Northwest League lead.

Even though they split with the Lewiston Brones, the second-place Eugene Emeralds picked a half game on the Chiefs. The Emeralds are now four games out. They beat the Brones 3-2 and then lost 12-7 in a twin bill.

Third-place Salem also lost, dropping an 8-3 decision to the Yakima Bears. The Senators are six games behind the Chiefs.

The Braves beat the Chiefs in the shortscore:
First game:
Eugene 000 012 0-3 8 0
Lewiston 000 002 0-2 7 2
Brem and Gauthier; Kipper and Carlson.
Second game:
Eugene 000 007 0-7 7 2
Lewiston 163 110 x-12 10 1
Tanner, White (2), Krause (3) and Gauthier; Jacobs, McQuade (6) and Carlson.
Salem 000 300 000-3 7 1
Yakima 120 000 50x-8 15 0
Kindsfather and Koepf; Orweiler and Gonzola.

No. Roseburg Loses Key Church Game

YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Church of God	10	3	.769
North Roseburg	10	4	.714
Winston-Dillard	8	5	.615
Lookingglass	8	6	.571
Nazarene	3	10	.250
First Christian	2	11	.154
Faith Lutheran	1	11	.091

North Roseburg's bid for clinching a tie for the YMCA Church League softball title received a severe setback Thursday evening when Winston-Dillard Christian Church reached up from third place to hand the league leaders a 9-2 lacing.

The loss dropped North Roseburg into a first place tie with Church of God, at 10 wins and three losses apiece. This sets the stage for a championship showdown clash between the two teams Friday evening at Finlay Field at 6 p.m.

Leading the winning Winston-Dillard team Thursday was pitcher George Spees who turned in a four-hit behind errorless outpour.

Harvey Kostad and Johnson hit 1-1 for the losers, while Don Line on had 2-3 and Gilbert Carlson 2-4 for the winners.

WP: Spees. LP: Minkler.

Peewee Teams Split Pair At Sutherlin

Several hundred persons sat in on a pair of top peewee baseball engagements on the Sutherlin field Thursday evening which saw the host teams split a pair of games with visiting Roseburg peewees.

The ball clubs were composed of the top players from the teams representing each community in the concluded Douglas County peewee leagues this summer.

Sutherlin got off to a winning start in the opener, of what proved to be a pitchers' night, by taking a 1-0 decision over the Roseburg team in a 13-year-old game. Both winning pitcher Dennis Arana and loser Mike Brundage for Roseburg, pitched scoreless ball until three errors in the bottom of the fourth frame cost Roseburg the game.

Gordon Avery, Sutherlin shortstop, scored the winning run on a passed ball.

The brilliant hill battle saw Brundage pitch no-hit ball and strike out 10, while Arana allowed one hit and fanned 13.

In the second five-inning encounter, this one between 15-year-olds, the Roseburg All-Stars won by a 3-1 count.

Two-hit pitching by Roseburg's Mike Stone accounted for the win, while Dave Mansfield hurled three-hit ball for Sutherlin.

Money raised from admission to the games will be used to benefit the summer recreation program at Sutherlin. The peewee team members there have scheduled a two-day holiday to Loon Lake this weekend.

TRACK MEET SET
The Portland All-Corners Championship track and field meet is scheduled for Saturday at the Jefferson High School track. Junior and girls' divisions will begin competition at 3 p.m. The high school and open divisions will begin at 6 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE
Tickets for the Bobo Olson-Pat McMurty heavyweight fight, to be held in Portland Saturday evening, may be purchased in Roseburg at the J. C. Sporting Goods Store.

FIGHT SET
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Sixth-ranked Baby Vasquez of Mexico City takes on No. 8 Pauli Rossi in a 10-round nationally televised lightweight fight Friday night.

Sutherlin, Riddle Teams End Peewee Season

DOUGLAS COUNTY PEWEE LEAGUES			
	W	L	Pct.
Sutherlin No. 2	10	1	.909
Roseburg No. 1	9	3	.750
Riddle	8	4	.667
Green	6	6	.500
Glide	5	7	.417
Roseburg No. 2	3	8	.273
Sutherlin No. 1	1	11	.083

(13-and-under)

(15-and-under)

Play in the Douglas County peewee baseball leagues came to a close Thursday evening with Sutherlin and Riddle splitting a pair of afternoon contests at Sutherlin.

The Riddle 13-year-olds finished in third place with a final 8-4 record after taking a three-inning abbreviated 17-1 contest over the Sutherlin No. 1 team. The latter team finished in the cellar while the Sutherlin No. 2 team won the title.

Sutherlin's 15-year-old team came in for a share of second place with Riddle by edging the visitors 8-7 in the final contest at Sutherlin. Glide won the 15-year-old title earlier in the season.

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Alonzo Stagg Celebrates 95th Birthday Friday

STOCKTON, Calif. — Looking as if he'll live as long as the game he's grown up with, football's Alonzo Stagg celebrated his 95th birthday Friday.

Stagg, hale and hearty after 55 years of coaching, has no plans for retirement. He has served as an advisory coach at Stockton College the past two seasons and hopes to be invited back this fall.

Even at home Stagg has refused to slow down. Recently a group of friends, fearing that his lawn mowing work was too difficult with the old-fashioned cutter he was using, sent him a power machine.

He sent it back, saying simply, "I need the exercise."

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