

Yankees Tumble Into Eighth Place For First Time In Nineteen Years

American League	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Cleveland	21	11	.656	—
Chicago	22	13	.629	1/2
Baltimore	20	15	.571	2 1/2
Kansas City	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Washington	17	20	.459	6 1/2
Boston	13	19	.406	8
Detroit	13	20	.394	8 1/2
New York	12	19	.387	8 1/2

had won four consecutive World Series, and had swept the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati in four straight in 1938 and 1939.

Yet that New York Yankee club too was last. By Aug. 9 it still was only a 500 team (51-51), and while it was to make a brief stand in first place, it finished

third — missing a fifth consecutive pennant by three games. Detroit was the champion, by one game over Cleveland and three games over New York.

Enos Remains

Of the 16 players Manager Casey Stengel used as Detroit plunked the Yankees into the cellar with a 13-6 crash Wednesday, only Enos Slaughter was in organized ball in 1940. He was the 24-year-old country boy playing out-field for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Stengel Keeps Calm During Stormy Season

NEW YORK (AP) — The world champion New York Yankees are in last place in the American League.

Fans give varied opinions as to the causes of the strange situation. The ideas range from the opinion that the club has had it, to the hopeful — among its followers — suggestion that it is just a temporary slump that got out of hand.

The last time the Yankees were in the basement at an equivalent stage of the race was May 25, 1940. The last of the two times the club finished in the cellar was in 1912, and the last time it spent the season in the second division was in 1925.

The calmest (outwardly) man in all of the confusion is Manager Casey Stengel, who maintained his aplomb even after the Detroit Tigers dumped the world champions into the cellar Wednesday by whumping them 13-6.

Used To Role

Perhaps it is because such a position is no novelty to the grizzled skipper. Before he hit the jackpot with the Yankees he hung his hat regularly in the second division. And in 1940, the year the Yankees were in much the same situation as they are today, he also had a club — the Boston Braves — in last place as late as Aug. 30, although he managed to rally it to finish seventh.

Quietly, and without bitterness, the man who has won nine pennants and seven world championships in his 10 seasons with the team discussed its problems.

The nearest he came to a threat was the comment: "I expect those pitchers of ours realize that they will have to do better than that (what they did Wednesday) or they can't stay around."

He had previously pointed to lack of timely hitting as the basis for the troubles. He reckoned the hitting Wednesday wasn't too bad.

"That he has confidence the team is better than its record might indicate was hinted by his statement that 'I think three or four clubs will pay for those runs before the season is over.'"

How'd I Get ...



CASEY STENGEL ... way down here?

Yankee Trades Sighted

BALTIMORE (AP) — Lee MacPhail, last year a top hand in the Yankee front office and now general manager of the Baltimore Orioles, expects the New Yorkers to start talking trade in earnest.

"Unless they go on a long winning streak right away, I expect them to make a major trade before the June 15 deadline," MacPhail said.

The Yankees, now in last place, open a four-game weekend series here Friday and the prospect of a Baltimore-New York trade was on nearly everybody's mind at Memorial Stadium.

BEAVER BASEBALL SEATTLE TONIGHT KRNR

Kegler Loops For Women In Prospect

The summer bowling leagues for women will start next week at the Roseburg Bowl. Any woman interested in competing in these leagues may contact the bowling alley for further details.

A Monday night low-average league will begin play next Monday night. A league meeting will precede the action. Bowling will start at 7 p.m.

All women, beginners or advanced, are invited to join any of all of these leagues.

A meeting for a Tuesday morning league will be held May 26 at 9:30 a.m., with the bowling to begin at 10 a.m. The third league is slated for Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. A meeting for the formation of this league will start at 9:30 a.m. May 28.

Competitors from Roseburg, Douglas, Glendale, and Drain will vie for top finishes and points in this year's state meet.

Cards Ride Win Streak

National League	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Milwaukee	21	11	.656	—
San Francisco	19	16	.543	3 1/2
Chicago	20	17	.541	3 1/2
Los Angeles	20	18	.526	4
Cincinnati	18	17	.514	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	18	.455	6 1/2
St. Louis	14	20	.412	8
Philadelphia	11	21	.344	10

Two for Yost

Eddie Yost had three of Detroit's 19 hits and drove in six runs with two homers, one a grand slam. That was after Charlie Maxwell singled home two runs for a tie in the fifth against loser Bobby Shantz (6-2) and Gail Harris then broke the deadlock with a homer that opened a three-run sixth.

Rocky Colavito and Vic Power each drove in a pair of runs for the Indians. Herb Score (4-2) beat the Senators on six hits.

Dick Donovan (2-2) gained his first complete game for the White Sox with a four-hitter. The Sox, who twice came from behind, won it in the fifth on singles by Luis Aparicio and Nellie Fox and Sherm Lollar's sacrifice fly that made it 3-2.

A two-run single by Frank House gave the A's a 3-1 lead in the fourth. Roger Maris drove in three runs, two with his 10th homer.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Cardinals finally have made a move to see how the other half lives in that National League pennant chase.

They're still seventh, just five days shy of the cellar and eight games free of first place, but Redbirds are on their first real winning streak of the season after whipping Pittsburgh and winless Bob Friend 11-1 Wednesday night.

It was the Cards' fourth straight success and they did it on the six-hit pitching of Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell and the second successive three-RBI game by Bill White, who has six hits in eight trips for two nights.

That put St. Louis within four games of the first division after Los Angeles slipped to fourth by splitting a two-night double-header with Cincinnati. The fifth-place Reds beat the Dodgers 7-5 after an opening 4-4 defeat.

The San Francisco Giants retained second, ending Milwaukee's winning streak at six games, 6-3. Chicago's persistent Cubs remained in third with a 7-5 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Mizell (5-1) walked two, struck out four and shut out the Pirates on four hits over the last eight innings. The Cards had a six-run second inning.

Young Mike McCormick (2-2) tamed the Braves, with ninth-inning relief from Sam Jones and three RBIs from Felipe Alou. The outfielder belted a two-run homer in the fourth off loser Bob Buhl, then doubled home a tying run and scored the clincher on Daryl Spencer's double in a two-run sixth.

Joe Pignatano belted a three-run homer as the Dodgers wrapped up the opener with six runs in the seventh inning after Roy McMillan missed second base on what would have been an inning-ending double play. Danny McDevitt (3-2) gave up 10 hits, after holding the Reds hitless for five innings, while beating Brooks Lawrence (3-4).

Don Newcombe, now 2-2 against his old mates, won the nightcap for the Reds with a six-hitter. Ernie Banks' 10th homer, a three-run drive in the eighth, won for the Cubs and Moe Drabowsky (2-3), who needed relief after Harry Hanebrink's pinch two-run homer in the seventh.

Yesterday's Stars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hitting — Eddie Yost, Tigers, drove in six runs with a single and two homers, one a grand slam, in 13-4 victory over the Yankees that dropped the world champions into last place.

Pitching — Wilmer Mizell, Cardinals, gained his fifth victory with a six-hitter, shutting out the Pirates on four hits over the last eight innings for 11-1 win.

TENNIS

PARIS — Janet Hopps, Karol Fageros and Mimi Arnold advanced in the French championships, but two other U.S. players, Patricia Stewart and Jack Frost, were eliminated.

County Cindermen Travel North

By BILL GOULD
News-Review Sports Writer

Eight Douglas County cindermen join the exodus of prep trackmen from their home grounds this week for the state track meet Friday at Corvallis.

Both A-1 and A-2 schools will compete for individual wins and team points at Oregon State College.

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Mighty Midgets On Mat At Fairgrounds Saturday

Douglas County wrestling fans will see the midgets in action Saturday night at the Community Building at the fairgrounds in Roseburg.

The little guys will appear in a tag team match, with Tiny Tim and Farmer McGregor meeting Pee Wee James and The Mighty Schultz.

The mighty mites of the mat would take their lumps and never fail to wow the crowds.

In the main event, Tony Bourne will return to meet Nick Kozak. In the opening match, Nelson Royal will meet Tony Ferrazza.

The first match is slated to start at 8:30 p.m. with the doors to open at 7 p.m.



TINY TIM ... in tag match

Major Loop TV Changes Under Study

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Major league baseball executives probably will do some serious talking today about an idea that's been kicked around for some time: creation of a third major league.

But as Charles A. Comiskey II of the Chicago White Sox explained:

"I think mainly it will be just to stop all the loose talk and individual statements about such a league."

Another topic up for discussion by the convening major league brass is whether to curtail televised games.

One American League club owner, who asked that his name not be used, said:

"One thing I believe we will discuss Thursday will be the possibility of doing away with the Saturday and Sunday 'game of the day' and televising only one night a week."

He said under such a plan it would likely be a Monday night game and that the minor leagues would make all Mondays open dates on their schedules.

Another major league official, also speaking anonymously said: "Actually the honeymoon is over as far as our plush television contracts are concerned. Only a half dozen clubs are still making a financial killing in that field."

Commissioner Ford Frick called the meeting of the 16 major league clubs here following a special major-league committee meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in the troublesome radio-TV problem.

The committee also had been called into session by Frick, at the suggestion of the minors, to consider what to do about signing gate receipts at minor league ball parks. The minors blame it on saturation of the airwaves with broadcasts of major league contests.

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Sports Calendar

THURSDAY
BOWLING: Women's Major Classic, 7:15 p.m.; Crazy Eights League, 8:15 p.m.; at Roseburg Bowl.

FRIDAY
TRACK: State Meet, Corvallis.

ARCHERY: Oak - Rose Archers, Oakland Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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Robinson-Basilio Battle Rages, In Star Chambers

NEW YORK (AP) — Round and round the Ray Robinson - Carmen Basilio debate goes. Where it will stop nobody knows.

The New York State Athletic Commission, which appears about ready to strip Robinson of his title, has recessed its hearing until Friday afternoon. Basilio sweated it out Wednesday while lawyers objected and took exceptions to a stream of questions.

At one stage, he was almost ready to take a punch at one of Robinson's lawyers, who had been accusing his attorney, State Sen. Lawrence Rulison, of "coaching the witness."

When the going got hot, Martin Machat, Robinson's lawyer, had this to say to Chairman Melvin Krulwitch of the commission:

"If you are going to vacate the title, we are going to the Appellate Division and stop you."

Krulwitch bristled and replied: "This commission does not threaten easily. You already have gone to court twice."

The issue resolved on Robinson's compliance or failure to comply with an April 30 order by the State Supreme Court and the commission to "enter into articles of agreement to defend against Basilio in 15 days (May 15) or risk vacating the title."

Robinson claims he has entered into an agreement to fight Basilio in Philadelphia Sept. 31 for promoter Sam Rose. Part of the contract was filed with the commission Monday. The rest was to have been produced Wednesday. It didn't show.

The commission ruled it was evident the Pennsylvania contract was invalid because it was not between two licensees.

When the session was all over, the chances of a Robinson-Basilio fight seemed less than ever.



CARMEN BASILIO relaxes ... here

Jefferson Gathers Fourth City Title

PORTLAND (AP) — Jefferson added the Portland high school league baseball championship Wednesday to city titles previously won in track, basketball and football.

The Democrats clinched the baseball crown by downing Grant, 5-2, behind the light pitching of all-around athlete Terry Baker.

He was the star quarterback on the state championship football team and high scorer for the city championship basketball squad.

Franklin wound up in second place, one game back of Jefferson, after edging Benson, 7-5. Cecil Ira, Franklin ace pitcher in relief, was credited with his 10th victory in 11 decisions.

Jefferson will go to WyEast south of Hood River for the first game of the state championship playoffs Saturday afternoon.

CUTS FINGERS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pittsburgh's ace relief pitcher, Elroy Face, cut two fingers on his pitching hand in an accident Wednesday.

Face dropped a glass of water in his hotel room. He started to pick up the broken glass and cut himself on the top of the last two fingers on his right hand.

The Pirates said Face should be able to pitch in four days or so.

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