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Cubs Need Four Wins To Clinch Pennant

CHICAGO, Sept. 27 (UP)—League-leading Cubs, defended by the noise of crashing Cardinals bats, expected to find a cure for their "St. Louis Blues" at Cincinnati today by sweeping a doubleheader from their "cousins" the Reds.

The Cubs, who set a new league record this year for winning "two-a-day" games, have whipped the Reds 19 out of 20 games this season. And a sweep of today's twin bill would save a lot of wounds and bolster a shaken team.

Cause Fades

The Cubs were glad to leave town after the 11 to 5 mauling they received from St. Louis yesterday, cutting their lead to one and a half games.

But despite that, the Cardinals cause is a fading one. Provided the Cubs lose two of their remaining five games, Manager Billy Southworth's scrappy crew has to win all of its remaining four games, starting with tonight's tilt at Pittsburgh, to gain a tie.

No Chance

Roiled by taunts from the Cub dugout, angered by jeers from the capacity crowd of 42,208 fans, the Cardinals exploded with all the fury of the old "gas-house gang" yesterday to climb right back on the Cubs' heels.

The 1945 edition of the "gas-housers" know they're a "thousand-to-one" shot to win their fourth consecutive championship. But no team ever met the challenge more eagerly.

The league leaders could have practically run up the pennant on the Wrigley field flag pole yesterday with a victory, but the Cardinals slugged seven Chicago pitchers for 18 hits, climaxing their thundering offensive with a six-hit, five-run explosion in the seventh inning against four Cub pitchers.

Ken Burkhardt, who relieved Barrett, received credit for the Cubs' starter, who was trying for his 18th victory, suffered his ninth defeat instead.

Elsewhere, the Brooklyn Dodgers, behind the four-hit hurling of Ralph Branca, defeated the Giants 8 to 1, as Jack Brewer suffered his sixth setback. A paying crowd of 7,667 brought the Polo grounds' attendance to 1,038,195, the Giants' first "million gate" year.

The Pirates split a doubleheader with the Reds. Cincinnati took the opener, 5 to 2, and the Pirates the second, 2 to 1, giving the Bucs a 12 to 18 edge on the year's play.

Sugar Robinson Wins in Twelfth

CHICAGO, Sept. 27 (UP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, New York leading welterweight contender, staged a terrific 12th round rally here last night and gained a narrow split-decision over Jolting Jake La Motta. The 14,755 customers poured nearly \$80,000 into Promoter Jack Kearns' coffers.

Robinson gave away nine pounds to the chunky, New York middleweight but he kept his sharp left in La Motta's face the entire evening to keep Jake off-balance where his weight was of little advantage.

With only a minute to go of the scheduled 12-round bout and the decision in the balance, Robinson started a two-fisted attack that drove his fellow New Yorker against the ropes, almost sending him to the canvas.

Grabner Retires From White Sox

CHICAGO, Sept. 26 (UP)—Harry Grabner, who rose from a baseball program vendor to "unofficial" president of the Chicago White Sox, announced today he will resign Dec. 15 in case of illness.

Mrs. Grace Comiskey, owner of the Sox baseball club, said she would name his successor in the near future.

"Yes, it's somebody from outside of our organization," she added. Grabner, 54, said physicians had ordered him to "take a rest." He has been a White Sox employee for 41 years.

STRESS DEFENSE

CORVALLIS, Sept. 27 (UP)—Oregon State's inexperienced squad today was again to stress defensive measures in its daily scrimmage practice. The team opens Saturday with the Camp Bend eleven who are said to have a strong running and passing attack.

Tigers Must Win One of Last Two Or Tie Senators

By ALLEN V. DOWLING
DETROIT, Sept. 27 (UP)—There were a few new characters but the script was the same today for the Detroit Tigers at the last stage of the 1944 American league race. The last two days tell the tale.

This time the setting is in St. Louis and the battered Bengals have two days of rest before the final act. They are a little better off in one respect—they already have clinched a pennant tie and need only one more victory in their two remaining games with the Browns to clinch the hunting undisputedly.

Took Four

But it looked like a cinch in 1944, too. They were a game ahead of the Browns and were finishing out with the luckless Senators, whom they had beaten 15 out of 18 times during the season. The Browns were arrayed in a four game set with the Yankees. So what happened? The Tigers got only an even split with the Senators and lost out in the pennant scramble on the last day while St. Louis took four in a row.

Now the Tigers are geared to see it won't happen again. They have been almost as successful this year against the third place Browns as they were a year ago with the last place Senators with 14 wins in 20 tries to date. They have those two big days of rest before resuming play Saturday when it is highly possible their "money pitcher" Hal Newhouser will be back.

No Chances

Manager Steve O'Neill, knowing two defeats will end the race with the Tigers and the well-rested Senators in an exact tie, can take no chances on a playoff game with Washington Monday. Neither team would be in top condition for their series Wednesday and O'Neill is short of pitching strength.

The Browns will have their best pitching talent, probably Nelson Potter and Bob Murrin, ready to go against Detroit. Potter beat them with a two-hit shutout last Sunday and probably will start Saturday.

Benton Loses

There were few post-mortems on yesterday's split with the Indians before 41,899 fans in the last two home games for the Tigers. Newhouser was the toast of the town for his masterful 11 to 0 shutout in which he struck out 10 batters to run his season's total to 206, tops for both leagues.

The 3 to 2 loser of the second game, Alton Benton, had no excuses. Timely hitting had given him a 2 to 0 lead when his own fielding miscue, a failure to catch an easy toss from Rudy York on a first base covering play, got him in hot water in the sixth. That put two men ahead and set the stage for Les Fleming to hit a game-tying double. George Caster came on to yield a single to pay Seeray who scored Fleming with the Marginal run.

WILSON CAPTAIN

EUGENE, Sept. 27 (UP)—Elmer Wilson, two-year letterman and marine veteran, today was named to captain University of Oregon against Washington in Seattle Saturday. The squad still is awaiting the arrival of Jake Leight, halfback.



DOG DAYS OVER—A happy doggie, Doodle, eight-year-old fox terrier who lived more than two months without food or water in abandoned Chicago ice house, is home and has tummy full of milk and hamburger. Doodle became separated from his mistress, Mrs. John H. Ramsden, Marysville, Calif., while she was changing trains in Chicago. After rescue in Chicago, he was nursed back to health, returned home by train.

Portland Takes Second Cup Win

PORTLAND, Sept. 27 (UP)—The Portland Beavers today held their second victory over the Seattle Rainiers in the Pacific coast league governor's cup playoffs after staging a surprise eighth inning rally last night to win a 4-3 victory.

The Rainiers held a three-run lead well into the eighth inning. In that frame, however, the Beavers' Bill DeMare singled and came home on Manager Marv Owen's double.

Ted Gullic then singled to score Owen. Danny Jacobar's homer over center field fence brought in Gullic for the third tally. Jacobar himself supplying the final run.

Bill Demoran of the Suds and Ad Liska of the Beavers each yielded 10 hits.

Square Containers Save Storage Space

Wherever storage space is limited, the housewife will do well to remember square containers save space because they fit together closely and round containers waste space, says Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent.

The square refrigerator dishes—not pottery, glass or enamelware—save more space on refrigerator shelves than the bowls, jars, and bottles generally used, Miss McWhorter says. In home freezing units and lockers, space is much too valuable to waste. Wherever possible, Miss McWhorter urges, pack fruits and vegetables in square or rectangular containers. Some estimates indicate as much as a third of the locker space may be left empty when round cartons are used.

Reformed Outlaw Sues Lone Ranger

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 27 (UP)—Al Jennings, 32-year-old reformed Oklahoma outlaw, today pressed a \$100,000 defamation of character action against the Don Lee Broadcasting system and the sponsors of the Lone Ranger radio serial.

Jennings, whose forty-four pistol was one of the smokingest in Oklahoma in the 20's and 30's, said "they made me mad because they had this Lone Ranger shooting a gun out of my hand—and me an expert!" Jennings also objected in court yesterday to the alleged use of the term "burglar" to describe him.

Victor Ragain Honored Guest at Birthday Party

GRANGE HALL, Sept. 27 (Special)—Mrs. Victor Ragain entertained a group of relatives Sunday at a 1 o'clock dinner complimenting Mr. Ragain on his birthday which was Sept. 25. Present besides the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ragain, Mrs. Lena Gekeler and the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood of La Grande were evening visitors.

Blue Mt. grangers attending the Pomona grange meeting with Wolf Creek grange Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jasper, Frank Wright, Charley Hamann, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bates and sons, Edward and Ehemar and daughter, Annabelle.

Lt. Robert Spencer left Tuesday for Fort Lewis for reassignment after spending a 60-day convalescent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer.

Visitors at the Frank Jasper home from Friday till Monday were Mrs. Jasper's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dugertals of San Francisco. They were guests of the Jaspers at the Pomona grange meeting Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson and daughter, Alice left Tuesday morning on a 10-day trip which will take them to Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland to visit relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Spence and daughter, Mrs. Jack Ricker and Elaine took the stage Monday evening for Mustang, Ida. to attend the funeral of the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moats, who died of pneumonia Monday morning. The Moats and Spence families are former neighbors and close friends.

Blue Mt. Grange will observe Booster night Saturday evening with a supper and program at the hall. Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, lecturer, is general chairman of the affair.

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