

Three Clubs Fight For First In NL

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 Funny thing if that tight National League pennant race wound up in a three-team tie, wouldn't it? Well, that's not so far-fetched, bud. It almost happened 51 years ago, y'know. And the way the Milwaukee Braves, San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers are hanging in there, it could happen in 1959.

What's more, if the Pittsburgh Pirates remain in contention, this could be the closest four-club race in baseball history.

As the teams take the mid-season break for Tuesday's All-Star game, the Braves lead the Giants by three percentage points and the Dodgers trail both by a half-game. The Pirates, in fourth place, are only 3 1/2 games off the lead.

How close can it get? In 1908, the Chicago Cubs, under Frank Chance, beat out the deadlocked John McGraw Giants and the Fred Clarke-led Pirates by one game.

Cincinnati Reds, 7-5, and 3-2 in 11 innings.

In the American League, the Cleveland Indians retained a two-game lead over the Chicago White Sox, while the champion New York Yankees fell further back. Cleveland edged the Detroit Tigers, 5-4, and Chicago beat the Kansas City Athletics, 4-3, both in 10 innings. The Washington Senators blanked the Yankees, 7-0, and the Boston Red Sox won a doubleheader for new manager Billy Jurges, beating the Baltimore Orioles, 9-0 and 6-3.

Joe Adcock and Ed Mathews each drove in two runs for the Braves to ease Willey's path to victory over Philadelphia.

Bill White, a reserve All-Star Star outfielder, hit the first grand slam homer of his major league career for the Cards to sink his former Giant teammates in the opener. A two-run first-inning homer by Willie Mays staked Sam Jones to an early lead in the nightcap.

Stellar Relief Pitching

Stellar relief pitching by Danny McDevitt in the opener and by Sandy Koufax and Johnny Klippstein in the nightcap helped the Dodgers win a pair from the Cubs.

Don Hoak's homer touched off a three-run, six-inning rally that gave Harvey Haddix and the Pirates an opening-game triumph over Cincinnati. In the nightcap, after Gus Bell's two-run ninth-inning homer had sent the game into extra innings, Bill Mazeroski delivered a two-out, 11th-inning single that clinched the victory for Ron Kline.

Cleveland preserved its American League lead by pushing across an unearned run in the 10th inning on George Strickland's double and Detroit first baseman Larry Osborne's error on Vic Power's grounder. Gary Bell gained the victory in relief.

Luis Aparicio singled, stole second and came home on Nellie Fox' 10th-inning hit to make White Sox reliever Turk Lown the winner over the A's.

Little League Sets Practice Game Slate

Game schedule:
 Wednesday: Graham's vs. VF; W. Farnam's vs. Jr. Old Timers, Tigers vs. Dodgers.

Thursday: Bohnenkamp's vs. Glass Ford, Jr. Old Timers vs. Van Petton's, Dodgers vs. Cardinals.

Friday: Gems vs. Eldridge's, Hand Ford vs. Jr. Old Timers.

Practice schedule:
 Wednesday: 9: Trotter's, Eldridge's, Falk's; 10: Hi-Way Cafe, Hand Ford, Van Petton's; 11: Cardinals.

Thursday: 9: Gems, Falks, VF; W: 10: Farnam's, Hand Ford.

Friday: 9: Graham's, Bohnenkamp's, Glass; 10: Dodgers, Tigers, Cardinals.



LA GRANDE'S FINEST

Loren Fihn, left, Bob Lyman, Elgin, and Murf Karns with the trophies they won as runnersup in the Oregon Junior Golf Championships. Fihn was second in the 18th flight, boys; Lyman second in the Junior division, and Karns in the 16 of the boys. Over 200 boys participated in the tourney. (Observer Photo)

La Grande To Host Blue Mt. Team Trophy Play

The ladies of the La Grande Country club will play host to the Walla Walla Country club, the Pendleton Country club and the Memorial club of Baker in Blue Mountain Team Trophy play at the local course tomorrow.

Starting times and pairings:
 8:20 Mrs. Claude Hand, La Grande; Shirley Cline, Memorial; Mrs. Earl Thibeau, La Grande; Mrs. Cal Stokes, Baker.
 8:30 Mrs. Ralph Moberly, La Grande; Mrs. Mike Folsom, Pendleton; Mrs. Arloen Frandsen, Baker; Mrs. Jack Morrison, Walla Walla.
 8:37 Mrs. George Decker, La Grande; Mrs. Pat Elgin, Pendleton; Mrs. Hermann Timm, Walla Walla; Lempie Smith, Baker.
 8:42 Mrs. Bob Howard, La Grande; Marge Hertel, Baker; Mrs. John Ralston, Walla Walla; Mrs. Sprague Carter, Jr., Pendleton.
 8:49 Mrs. George Thompson, La Grande; Mrs. Paul Meyer, Walla Walla; Mrs. Ray Meyersick, Pendleton; Aloise Kinsfarth, Baker.
 8:56 Mrs. Frank DeVaney, La Grande; Mrs. Harold King, Pendleton; Mrs. Fred Niemi, Walla Walla; Mrs. Vi Jewell, Baker.
 9:03 Audrie McCause, La Grande; Mrs. O. Whitman, Pendleton; Mrs. Mike Hees, Walla Walla; Betty Hastings, Baker.
 9:10 Mrs. Rollie King, La Grande; Mrs. Bill Frank, Pendleton; Mrs. Lillian McKinney, Baker; Mrs. Ed Spurlender, Walla Walla.
 9:17 Mrs. Warren Laird, La Grande; Mrs. John Adams, Pendleton; Mrs. Robert Franklin, Walla Walla; Nita Carpenter, Baker.
 9:24 Mrs. Clark Keefer, La Grande; Mrs. Reeves Malcolm, Walla Walla; Mrs. Roy Temple, Pendleton; Mrs. Elva McFadden, Baker.
 9:31 Mrs. Don Schriver, La Grande; Mrs. Pete Hodgen, Pendleton; Mrs. Jack McLaughlin, Walla Walla; Ellen Hamma, Baker.
 9:38 Mrs. John Gregory, La Grande; Mrs. J. Cook, Pendleton; Carolyn Hirsch, Baker.
 9:45 Mrs. Raley Peterson, Pendleton; Mrs. William McLaughlin, Walla Walla; Ione Tomlin, Baker.
 9:52 Mrs. Charles Reynolds, La Grande.

Pitchers Set For All-Star Test Tuesday

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Don Drysdale, Los Angeles' fireballing righthander, and Early Wynn, veteran Chicago White Sox workhorse, today were named starting pitchers in Tuesday's 26th annual All-Star game.

The selections were announced at a news conference this morning by Fred Haney of the Milwaukee Braves and American League pilot Casey Stengel of the Yankees.

Haney said Milwaukee's Lou Burdette, hero of the 1957 World Series would be the National League's second pitcher, "depending on how things go."

Odds-makers have installed the National League an early 13-10 favorite to score its 11th victory in the classic which started in 1933.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon will throw out the first ball. It will be Drysdale's first All-Star game appearance. The 22-year-old hurler, who leads the senior loop in strikeouts with 122, has an 8-6 record this season and an earned run average of 3.31.

Last Year's Winner
 Wynn, 38, a right-hander, has appeared in four All-Star classics and was the winner of last year's game. He leads the American League in victories with an 11-5 mark, and has an earned run average of 3.33.

Before the announcements, there was speculation that Baltimore's Hoyt Wilhelm, a National League castoff, possibly would start against Burdette.

But Stengel bypassed Wilhelm, who has won nine games against four losses, because the knuckleballer had pitched six innings Sunday in losing to the Red Sox, 6-3.

Haney and Stengel announced the following batting orders:
 National League—John Temple, 2b; Ed Mathews, 3b; Hank Aaron, rf; Willie Mays, cf; Ernie Banks, ss; Orlando Cepeda, lb; Wally Moon, lf; Del Crandall, c, and Drysdale, p.

American League—Minnie Mino, ss; Nellie Fox, 2b; Al Kaline, cf; Bill Skowron, lf; Rocky Colavito, rf; Gus Triandos, c; Harmon Killebrew, 3b; Luis Aparacio, ss, and Wynn, p.

WISER BACK IN LOUISVILLE

MILWAUKEE (UPI)—The Milwaukee Braves, who recently recalled Casey Wise from Louisville, have returned the second baseman to the same American Assn. club on option. Wise collected only 13 hits in 75 at bats for an anemic .173 average during his latest stay with the Braves.

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Beavers Score Five Runs In 9th; Win

By United Press International
 The Portland Beavers scored five runs in the last of the ninth inning here Sunday to score an 11-10 Pacific Coast League win over the Vancouver Mounties.

A pinch hit single by Len Neal in the last of the ninth with the bases loaded and two out drove in the tying and winning Portland runs.

The win gave Portland a sweep of the two-game series with the Mounties, and third place in the standings.

Winning his first game of the season against one loss was Tom Gorman and loser was Dick Luebke, who is now 2-3. The loss for Luebke was his second in two days to the Beavers.

The Mounties held an 8-2 lead going into the bottom of the sixth when Jack Littrell blasted a pinch hit grand-slam home run to put Portland within two runs.

Vancouver had scored five runs in the fifth, seemingly to put the game on ice. In the Vancouver fifth Ron Hansen and Len Tucker homered to account for the five runs. The home run for Hansen was his second of the day as he hit an earlier round tripper in the third inning when Vancouver scored three runs.

Vancouver then added a pair of runs in the seventh to take a 10-6 lead and set the stage for the Portland uprising in the ninth.

The San Francisco Giants, who already have baseball's finest hitting first baseman in Orlando Cepeda, are going to have to solve a tough problem next spring.

That's what to do with Willie McCovey, the 21-year-old slugger who is currently blasting the ball with big league finesse for the Phoenix Giants.

McCovey, 6' 4" tall, 196 pounds, socked his 19th homer of the campaign Sunday night to give Phoenix a 10th-inning conquest of league-leading Sacramento, 7-6.

Last season McCovey hit .319

for the Giants. He's hitting around .345 now. His home run output was 14 last year and he shows signs of maturing. By next spring he should definitely be ready for the big show, but the question is, just what can the Giants do with him?

In other PCL games Sunday, San Diego split a doubleheader with Salt Lake, winning the first, 5-3, losing the second, 6-2. Seattle took Spokane 2-1 in the first game of their twin bill and lost the second, 4-0. Portland outslugged Vancouver 11-10 in a single game.

Osenbaugh Tagged
 McCovey's blow came off reliever Roger Osenbaugh, the fourth Sacramento hurler. Bobby Prescott hit his 12th four bagger for the Giants in the third inning. Reliever Marcelino Solis got credit for the win.

Phil Ortega pitched a two hitter for Spokane to enable the Indians to gain a split with Seattle. All four Spokane runs were unearned and came in the seventh-inning of the nightcap.

Errors Ruin Osteen
 Norm Sherry tripled home three of the runs after a pair of errors had set up Claude Osteen's unfortunate pitching downfall.

Seattle took the opener, a tight mound duel between ex-fighter Chuck Churn and Bob Mabe. Hal Bevan lifted a towering two run double in the bottom of the ninth for last place Seattle's margin of victory. The win was credited to Darrell Martin who pitched the final inning after Mabe was lifted for a pinchhitter in the eighth.

The home run ball played the paramount role in San Diego's split with Salt Lake. In the first game, Mitch June ledted a three run homer to give the Padres their 5-3 win and Jim Baumer banged a three run clot in the second game that gave the Bees their 6-2 decision.

Veteran Bill Werle, working in relief, got the win for the Padres, while Don Howe was tagged with the loss.

SECOND IN JUMP EVENT
 AACHEN, Germany (UPI)—George Morris of New Canaan, Conn., finished second behind European champion Piero Dinezio of Italy Sunday in the Grand Prix of Aachen jumping event which wound up the local horse show.

Golf Cup Won By Reynolds

The La Grande Country Club held its annual men's tournament for the President's Cup over the Country club course Saturday and Sunday. Thirty nine players entered competition for the trophy donated by this year's club president by Dave Baum.

Everett Reynolds, who fired a net 137 for the 36 holes of medal play, walked off with this year's trophy. The cup was won last year by Ken Flanery.

Runnerup to Reynolds was Luther Hall who had a net 141 for the two days of action. In third spot with a net 143 was Dwight Mahoney. Saturday's weather was ideal for the golfers but Sunday's wind and rain added an additional handicap to play over the local course.

Fourth place went to George Udy with a net 144 and there was a tie for fifth place. Joe Fredrick and Earl Thibeau both finished with a net 145.

The women also got in their ticks on the Fourth of July weekend. An 18-hole sweepstakes tourney was held for merchant prizes. Miriam King walked off with top honors in women's play with a net 72.

Eleanor Trumble was one stroke back with a net 73 for second place and Frances Karns captured the third spot with a net 75.

In the Junior sweepstakes play the winners were Susan Schriver, who recently competed in the Oregon Junior Golf Championships, with a net 68.

Second spot went to Murf Karns, who also competed in the Portland meet, with a net 71. Patsy Karns finished one stroke back with a net 72 to capture third spot.

A breakfast was held Sunday morning before the day's action got underway with members, children and guests attending. In the evening a potluck dinner clinaxed the golfers' weekend action.

BLUTH LEADS BOWLING
 BROOKLYN, N.Y. (UPI)—Ray Bluth of St. Louis, Mo., held the weekly "major league bowling" television show today with only two programs remaining. Bluth defeated Lou Detorris of Richmond Hill, N.Y., 722-628, Saturday night to better a 708 series rolled by Tom Hennessey of St. Louis four weeks ago.

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