

Chicago Wins By Whisker; Title May Be Close Shave

United Press International
If the American League race is going to wind up in one of those close shaves, look for the White Sox to win it by a whisker. That's how they've been winning all along.

There's an old baseball adage which says the team that wins the one-run games usually wins the pennant. And if that's the case, get ready to mail those

ticket orders in care of Comiskey Park.

Al Lopez' crew scored their 22nd one-run victory of the season by shading the Baltimore Orioles, 2-1, Friday night to remain in first place by half a game over the second-place Cleveland Indians.

Knuckleballer Hoyt Wilhelm held the White Sox to three hits until the eighth when rookie Jim

McNany drew a walk and came home on Nellie Fox's triple. That tied the score at 1-1 and the White Sox won it in the ninth when Al Smith hit a home run with one out. The loss was Wilhelm's sixth against 10 victories.

Cleveland licked Washington, 5-2; Detroit beat New York, 4-2; and Kansas City won its fifth straight game by defeating Boston, 5-1.

In the National League, the Giants increased their lead to 2½ games by beating the Cubs, 6-5, in 10 innings; the Cardinals nipped the Dodgers, 2-1; the Braves blanked the Pirates, 8-0, and the Phillies edged the Reds, 3-1.

Gary Bell hurled a six-hitter for the Indians, who snapped Camilo Pascual's seven-game winning streak in beating the Senators.

Southpaw Don Mossi of the Tigers beat the Yankees for the fifth straight time while dropping the world champions below the 500 mark again, eight games off the pace.

Johnny Kucks scattered nine hits in stopping the Red Sox and pitching the A's to their ninth victory in 11 games.

Jim Davenport singled home Hubie Laidrich in the 19th inning to give the Giants their victory over the Cubs. Victim of Davenport's hit was Don Elston, who suffered his third loss.

Johnny Podres of the Dodgers was sailing along with a 1-0 lead when the Cardinals chased him and won the game with two runs in the eighth. Singles by Don Blasingame, Alex Grammas, Bill White and Gino Cimeli combined to hand Podres his seventh loss.

Southpaw Juan Pizarro struck out 12 Pittsburgh batters and pitched a four-hitter in leading Milwaukee to victory. Joe Adcock belted a two-run homer off loser Harvey Haddix in the first inning, then drove in another run in a four-run fifth inning rally.

A two-run pinch homer by Carl Sawatski in the ninth brought the Phillies their victory over the Reds.

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Hitters 'Hoyt' Wilhelm By Slapping Knuckler

NEW YORK (UPI) — Fearless Frayley's facts and figures: If you wondered what happened to Hoyt Wilhelm, the Baltimore pitcher who was sailing along with nine straight victories and then lost five of his next six games, the answer is that opposing hitters smartened up and began "slapping" at his knuckle ball instead of taking a free swing.

Nine out of every 10 pitches he was throwing were knucklers and the hitters began timing and cuffing his slow stuff. To get him to throw more fast balls, he's hoping that more of a mixture will get Wilhelm in a winning groove once again.

Sonny Lestan, who battles Nino Valdes at Chicago on Aug 5 in a televised bout, talks more like the number one challenger instead of a man who stands fourth in a not-too-impressive line. Lestan saw a theater showing of the bout in which Ingemar Johansson

knocked Floyd Patterson for the title and has harsh words for both of them.

SPOKEN LIKE A TIGER

"Now I know for sure why that manager of Patterson's is so choosy about opponents," he asserted. "Patterson didn't show nothing and couldn't take a punch, either. Johansson's got nothing in his jab and all he did was get in one lucky punch." spoken like a true tiger.

The slugging power of the Washington Senators has drawn raves this season on the home run efforts of Killer Killebrew, Bob Allison, Jim Lemon and Roy Sievers. But Al Lopez, Chicago White Sox manager, also praises their pitching with the accent on Camilo Pascual. He claims Pascual has the best curve ball in the league and a good fast ball to go with it.

Which proves that the senior is an appreciative man. The White Sox won one and lost one against Pascual. But in his winning effort he lasted only six innings and when Chicago beat him they rattled him for nine hits. Lopez obviously would like to see more of Camilo's curves.

Nashua Was Favorite

Trainer Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, who celebrated his 85th birthday this week, finally hinted in the long cavalcade of thoroughbreds he handled his favorite was Nashua. He admitted that his greatest thrill was Nashua's match race victory over Swaps and pointed out that Nashua's first year will reach the races next year, meaning "bring money" to the Kennel and Saratoga sales.

What with such former fist-cuffers as Rocky Graziano, Abe Simson, Lou Nova and Tony Galento hammering it up in the entertainment world, it figured that former middleweight champion Jake Lamotta would make a determined bid. He's currently appearing as "Big Julie" in "Guys and Dolls" at the Hudson Theater-in-the-Park—and it's a sad commentary that Lloyd Bridges knocked him out with one shot.

The Yankees announce that he "played briefly as a Dodger in 1949." ... very briefly, might be added. He appeared in one game and hit .000.

The New York City Department of Public Events will present Ingemar Johansson with a perpetual heavyweight champion trophy Sept. 9 and will attempt to have all former heavyweights kings on hand for the ceremony. An unusual bit is that 13 former champs still are around, going all the way back to Jess Willard. Patterson is the 13th.

Did you hear the baseball story about the umpire who came home, cuffed his son, released and asked the lad to sit on his lap and was amazed when the kid refused?

The moral of the story is: The son never sits on the british umpire.

Standings

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National League	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
San Francisco	55	41	.573	
Los Angeles	54	45	.548	2½
Milwaukee	48	43	.527	4½
Pittsburgh	49	46	.516	5½
Chicago	47	48	.495	7½
St. Louis	46	49	.484	8½
Cincinnati	42	52	.447	12
Philadelphia	38	55	.409	15½

Friday Night's Results
Philadelphia 2 Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee 2 Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 2 Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 6 Chicago 5 (10 inn)

American League

W.	L.	Pct.	GB.	
Chicago	54	39	.581	
Cleveland	53	39	.576	½
Baltimore	48	47	.505	7
New York	47	48	.495	8
Detroit	47	50	.485	9
Kansas City	44	49	.473	10
Washington	43	51	.457	11½
Boston	40	53	.430	14

Friday Night's Results
Cleveland 5 Washington 2
Chicago 2 Baltimore 1
Detroit 4 New York 2
Kansas City 3 Boston 1

Pacific Coast League

W.	L.	Pct.	GB.	
Sacramento	54	46	.540	
Vancouver	53	47	.530	1
Portland	50	46	.521	2
Salt Lake	52	48	.520	2
Phoenix	50	52	.490	5
San Diego	47	55	.461	8
Seattle	45	56	.446	9½

Friday's Results
Seattle 3 Salt Lake 1
Vancouver 5 Sacramento 3
Portland 11 Phoenix 2
Spokane 3 San Diego 1

Northwest League Standings

W.	L.	Pct.	GB.	
Yakima	14	10	.583	
Wenatchee	13	10	.565	½
Lewiston	12	10	.545	1
Salem	11	11	.500	2
Tri-City	9	13	.409	4
Eugene	9	14	.391	4½

Friday's Results
Yakima 9 Tri-City 3
Salem 6 Eugene 1
Lewiston 2 Wenatchee 0



CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Evan Larsen, left, and Brownie Brimm were La Grande's top bowlers in this week's league action. Larsen rolled a 804 scratch series in Wednesday's Couple league. Brownie bowled a 541 series in Thursday's Women's league. June Forry topped the Wednesday Afternoon's bowlers with a 452 and Dorothy Hammerstead's 442 was tops in Wednesday's Couples league.

Little Leaguers Take Advantage Of Big First Innings For Wins

Friday's Results
Van Petten's 7 Hand Ford 2
Graham's 8 Trotter's 4

Van Petten's continued to dominate their opposition and Graham's moved right along in last night's little league action.

The Lumberjacks measured Hand Ford 7-2 with two home runs in the first inning providing the winning margin. Graham's took advantage of four runs in the first to down Trotter's 8-4.

Steve Wendel opened the game for Van Petten's with a home run. Before losing pitcher John Piper got settled, Dave Cash bounced a single into the outfield. Larry Masters then provided the clincher with a home run.

Hand Ford came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning for their only runs of the night. Dave Shrum walked and stole second. Shrum went to third on a passed ball before Terry Beichel drew a walk and stole second. Hal Carman unloaded a single to score both runners.

The Lumberjacks picked up one run in the top of the second. Jeff Malanado walked and stole second. John Bartron also walked. Cash then smacked a ground ball that the second baseman couldn't handle and Malanado raced home from second.

Van Petten's opened the fourth with a triple by Cash. He scored when Masters was safe at first on an error. Bill DeLashmunt singled to drive in one run and Thomas' single scored the final run.

Cash picked up the win with a home run by Bill White-11 strikeouts and John Piper had nine in his losing effort.

More was the big blow for Grammas as they picked up four runs in the first. Mike Kline was safe on an error and moved to third on Larry Graham's single. Whittemore then unloaded his home run for a 3-0 advantage. John Huntsman scored following his

double when the first baseman dropped John Skyles' ground ball.

Trotter's picked up two runs in the second in an attempt to even the contest up. Dan Gray and John Knight singled. One run scored as John Groupe was safe on an error at second and Knight scored when John Bluhm's fly ball was bobbled by the center fielder.

Graham's packed another four runs into the third. Louie Caval-

in and Bob Spears both singled. Kline drew a walk to load the bases. Graham then spanked a double to score two runs. Two more runs came across the plate on Whittemore's single, for an 8-2 margin.

Trotter's scored single runs in the third with Gary Hayden scoring.

Special Race Request OK'd For Boaters

SEATTLE (UPI) — A request for a special unlimited hydroplane exhibition race on Lake Washington Aug. 3 was approved Wednesday by the American Power Boat Association.

Don Amick, Gold Cup race chairman, made the request and said the fact that it was granted would insure a larger field in the 1959 Gold Cup race here Aug. 9.

Amick said George Trumper, chairman of the Unlimited Racing Commission, had held up approval until a ruling on the legality of the procedure could be made in Detroit by William A. Smith, chief counsel. Smith's affirmative ruling triggered official sanction of the race.

Amick said the special request was made to help those hydroplanes which had not previously made the eligibility list for the 1959 Gold Cup due to the current rule that an unlimited boat must have completed one heat of competition within 15 months prior to race day.

Gil Hodges Pulls Muscle Sliding Into Second Base

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A badly-pulled leg muscle will sideline star Dodger first baseman Gil Hodges for at least a week, but his teammates and manager Walt Alston joined him in agreeing today it could have been worse.

In fact, for an hour Thursday night it looked as if the 35-year-old Hodges, one of baseball's finest fielding first basemen, would be lost for the remainder of the season with a broken right leg. A preliminary examination after the limb gave way under him while sliding into second base indicated a break two inches above the fibula.

But X-rays at Daniel Freeman Hospital showed Hodges had pulled the leg muscle, with no break resulting.

Bevos Club Phoenix; Solon's Lead Cut

United Press International
Veteran Jim Greengrass hit a pair of home runs to lead the Portland Beavers to an 11-2 Pacific Coast League victory over the Phoenix Giants Friday night. The win put Portland back in third place, one percentage point ahead of Salt Lake and only 2 games out of the lead.

Portland made it two out of three to hand Phoenix its first home series defeat since early June. The Beavers have won six of 11 from Phoenix after losing 11 games to the Giants in Phoenix last year.

Greengrass, former Cincinnati star, also had a single and drove in a total of four runs to continue his feast on Phoenix pitching. He has 17 hits in 29 times at bat against Giant hurlers.

While he was leading a 15-hit assault, righthander Ken Johnson was limiting Phoenix to eight hits. One of those was the 26th homer of the year for Wille McCovey, Phoenix first baseman, the PCL leader in that department.

The loser was starter Curt Barclay, who lasted until the fourth. The major damage was recorded against Julio Navarro, who gave up seven runs in the last two frames.

Greengrass hit one homer in the seventh off Don Schult with none on and the second off Navarro in the eighth with one on.

There's about as much elbow room in the Pacific Coast League's first division as there is in the first row of a Brigitte Bardot movie.

And for the uninitiated, that ain't much. Only two games separate first place Sacramento and fourth place Salt Lake.

The Solons had their league lead cut to one game Friday night as they were dropped by the second place Vancouver Mounties, 5-3. Portland displaced Salt Lake in third place with an 11-2 victory over Phoenix. Seattle beat Salt Lake, 3-1, and Spokane moved to within five games of the lead in sixth place with a 3-1 win over San Diego.

Vancouver hitters wrapped up the game in the first inning when they got to Solon starter Roger Osenbaugh for four runs on five hits.

TV Winner Ready For Alex Miteff

LOUISVILLE (UPI) — Alonzo Johnson, a young man from Pennsylvania who cut his eye teeth on a ring rope, today was ready to take on Argentine heavyweight Alex Miteff after spilling Willie Pastrano's comeback hopes by winning a unanimous decision.

Subbing for Miteff, the former barber from Braddock, Pa., stalked the Miami, Fla., boxer for most of the 10 rounds Friday night and rang up an impressive, if close, decision by shrugging off Pastrano's fast punching.

Neither fighter was ever down in the nationally televised bout.

The win by the better-conditioned Johnson, ranked seventh by the NBA, was his 13th straight and ran his record to 18-1. For Pastrano, now ranked eighth by Ring Magazine, it was another disappointment in his comeback attempt.

Johnson, a fixture in gyms at the tender age of 12 but who didn't get serious about swapping leather until his early teens, will meet Miteff in New York's Madison Square Garden, Aug. 14. He gave away three and a half pounds to Pastrano, who went into the ring at 187, and has been idle since last February.

Pastrano's trainer, Angelo Dundee, who was running the show for his manager brother, Chris, said: "We want to fight Johnson again—next week or any time."

The 24-year-old Johnson said that Pastrano was faster than Nino Valdes whom he defeated in Madison Square Garden, May 29. "Willie didn't hurt me any and I'm ready for Miteff," Johnson said.

Miteff was prevented from meeting Pastrano by a kidney infection.

Water Ballet Performs At Pendleton Meet

A feature of the dual swimming meet Tuesday night between Pendleton and La Grande Swim Clubs was the exhibition of water ballet by the La Grande girl's group led by Marilee Meppen and Dot Ann Anson before an enthusiastic Pendleton audience.

Members of the group who performed Tuesday night were: Joy Haun, Nancy Gray, Michele Mousel, Donna Dodge, Sharon Beckel, Randi Johnson, Pat Fisk, Marlee Meppen and Dot Anson.

Hydro Driver Improves

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (UPI) — Hydroplane driver Jack Regas, seriously injured in the Diamond Cup races on Lake Coeur d'Alene Sunday, came out of his coma briefly Friday.

Regas, suffering from broken ribs and a skull fracture, came to for the first time shortly after noon.

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