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## Braves Comeback; Yanks Long Gone

**United Press International**  
The Braves are coming — and the Yankees may be gone.  
That's the trend of the pennant races today as the straining defending champions struggle to organize late-season drives. It looks like the Braves are going to make a fight of it. But there's no sign that the Yankees can snap out of the coma that now has them drifting out of the race.  
The Braves, bouncing back from a seven-game losing streak, ran their winning streak to four games Sunday when they beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-0 and 2-1. They're now only two percentage points behind second-place Los Angeles and two games behind first-place San Francisco.  
The Yankees, meanwhile, suffered a 1-0 loss to Frank Lary and the Detroit Tigers and fell one game below .500, nine games behind the Cleveland Indians, who took over first place with a 9-0 and 4-3 sweep of the Washington Senators. The Yankees' problems were further complicated by the news that first baseman Bill Skowron is lost for the season with a broken wrist.

## Slugs Down Players In Cuba Park

**United Press International**  
Pop bottles and beer cans, okay, but slightly nervous International League said today they'll take a raincheck on those flying bullets.  
Many International League players voiced a marked reluctance today about returning to Havana where two of them were shot by celebrating rebel soldiers Saturday night during a game between the Cuban Sugar Kings and Rochester Red Wings.  
Rochester infielder Frank Verdi was struck by a stray bullet above the right temple and shortstop Leonardo Cardenas of the Sugar Kings was winged on the right arm.  
"If that bullet had been two inches to the left," said the still shaken Verdi, "all the team would have had to chip in five bucks apiece for flowers."  
As a result, the Red Wings refused to take the field for a scheduled double-header with the Sugar Kings in Havana Sunday and League President Frank Shaughnessy said in Montreal that the Red Wings "acted with my permission because I could not order them to play if they thought they were in physical danger."

But the Red Wings weren't the only club in the league that was frightened.  
"I doubt if we could get our ball club down there right now," said Manager Pepper Martin of the Miami Marlins. "We have a three-game series in Havana starting Aug. 24th. That's a long way off. Things will have probably quieted down there by then. But it looks like dangerous ground to tread on right now."

Manager Steve Souchock of Richmond said he heard some of his players say "they're not interested in going back."  
"I don't blame them," he added. "I would say that it is a little bit dangerous there."

Souchock also said Toronto players had told him their entire team signed a petition saying they would not play in Havana any more this season. The next team scheduled to play in Havana is Montreal on Aug. 11.

Shortly after the shooting incident, Umpires Frank Guzzetta and Harry Schwartz ordered the game suspended with the score tied 4-4 in the 12th inning and telephoned a full report of the incident to Shaughnessy.

**MOSS WINS PRIZ**  
CLERMONT, France (UPI) — Stirling Moss of Britain won the Auvergn Grand Prix auto race Sunday in a Cooper-Borgward with an average speed of 76.631 miles per hour. Ivor Bueb of Britain suffered several broken ribs and Bruce Halford of Britain suffered a broken hip in accidents during the race.

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The Chicago Cubs scored a 7-3 victory over the Giants, the Dodgers whipped the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-2, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds, 6-3, after a 4-3 loss in other National League games.  
The Baltimore Orioles knocked the White Sox out of first place, 4-0, and the Kansas City Athletics ran their winning streak to seven games with a 5-4 decision over the Boston Red Sox in the other American League games.

Warren Spahn tossed the 47th shutout of his career and won his 13th game of the season in the first game and then Bob Buhl gained his seventh win for Milwaukee in the nightcap.  
Lary, who has beaten the Yankees four times this year and is 20-5 over them lifetime, pitched an eight-hitter and struck out seven Art Ditmar matched zeroes with the Alabama bulldog for nine innings but the Tigers won in the 10th.

**Banks Slams Homer**  
Ernie Banks hit a two-run homer and pitcher Bob Anderson singled home two runs for the Cubs who dealt San Francisco's Mike McCormick his eighth defeat.

Don Drysdale pitched a seven-hitter and hit a two-run homer as he won his 13th game for the Dodgers.  
Jerry Lynch and Willie Jones hit homers to spark an eight-run attack that brought Brooks Lawrence his sixth win but then Gene Conley pitched a seven-hitter for his ninth triumph to earn the Phillies a split.

Rookie Jim Perry pitched a two-hitter and Woodie Held hit two homers for the Indians in the 12-inning nightcap when Minnie first game and the Tribe won the Minnesota doubled and scored on Jim Baxes' single.  
Early Wynn pitched a two-hitter to run the White Sox's winning streak to five games but then Milt Pappas turned in a five-hitter that snapped the Orioles' losing streak at six games.  
Harry Chitt snapped a 4-4 tie with a homer in the eighth inning as Kansas City's Ray Herbert won his 10th game.

## Players Added For Second All-Star Game In LA

**BOSTON (UPI)**—Manager Casey Stengel today named three new pitchers and three more outfielders to the American League squad for the second All-Star game at Los Angeles, Aug. 3.

Stengel was allowed to raise the squad limit from 25 to 28 for the game to be played at the stadium for the second game. Under Haney, manager of the National League, squad, also will have three additional players available for the second game Under Haney's direction, the National League won 5-4 in the first All-Star game held this year at Pittsburgh July 7.

Stengel, in a statement issued by American League headquarters here, selected pitchers Cal McLish of Cleveland, Billy O'Dell of Baltimore and Camilo Pascual of Washington to replace Jim Bunning of Detroit, his own Yankee hurler Whitey Ford and Billy Pierce of Chicago.

The squad also will include four pitchers named for the first All-Star game — Bud Daley of Kansas City, Ryne Duren of New York, Hoyt Wilhelm of Baltimore and Early Wynn of Chicago.

Bob Allison of Washington, Roger Maris of Kansas City and Gene Woodling of Baltimore will join the American League outfield, which includes Ted Williams of Boston, now benched with an aching shoulder and neck. This is a recurrence of an early season ailment.

According to the rules of the second All-Star game, the managers were required to retain the same 18 non-pitchers that played in the first game, but could make any changes they chose in the pitching staff for the Los Angeles game and could add three players, regardless of position.



## GETTING READY FOR THE ANGLER

Harry Voss, left, watches Ralph Kay dip trout from a hatchery pond into tubs. The Wallowa Trout hatchery plans to plant 15,000 trout in August and 150,000 next spring. Virgil Wagner, with bucket, looks like he'd like to take a home for dinner. (Observer Photo by Joe Diehl)

## Golfer Says Ball Can't Be Hit 300 Yards But He Does Better

**MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)**—Jimmy Thomson, the first of the golf gods, was talking once about distance hitting and startled his audience by proclaiming that no man could hit a ball more than 300 yards.

It was an amazing statement from one of the most amazing sluggers of them all. Because Thomson won the 1937 North American driving championship by averaging 316 yards with 10 balls and at Jola, Kan., in 1933 wallowed a tee shot which ended just 10 yards short of the green on a 475-yard hole.

But those, as they say in the trade, were "downhill" with the wind behind them on a concrete highway.

**PGA Driving Wednesday**  
Making this of particular moment is that the Professional Golfers Assn. will hold its annual driving championship at the Minneapolis Golf Club on Wednesday, the day before the opening of its four-day championship.

This is of exceptional interest because everybody loves to knock the cover off the ball—usually to the detriment of their game—and the men who can do just that are top drawing cards. Thomson set the vogue and was followed by such as Sammy Sneed, Chick Harbert and, currently, massive George Bayer.  
Bayer, the 240-pound, six-foot, five-inch former University of Washington grid tackle, smashed the small British ball nearly 500 yards at Sydney, Australia, in 1956, but admits that he had a "tremendous following wind and the ground was like pavement," which makes it something like rolling a bowling ball down Pike's Peak.

**George Can Bust It**  
Don't think big George can't bust it. He cracked the ball 420 yards at Las Vegas, 400 yards at Tucson and drove the 380-yard first hole at Brackenridge Park Golf Club in San Antonio. However, all were favoring, baked-out surfaces.

Mike Souchock and Frank Strahan, two other big hitters, finished one-two in the Masters driving championship and it may come as something of a surprise to know that chunky Lionel Herbert is the defending champion in the PGA driving contest—the big one of the year because it attracts all the pros.

Little Lionel whacked it 307 yards, 17 inches to pick up the PGA marbles at Llanerch Country Club last year. Souchock was second with a blast of 300 yards, 24 inches. The surface was average—but there was a downhill roll at the tail end of the shot good for anything from 10 to 15 yards.

As Thomson said, on dead flat, normal turf, and in a dead calm, nobody is going to cuff it the big 300.

## Country Club Hosts Golfers, Bridge Players

The ladies of the La Grande Country Club will play host to the Pendleton and Walla Walla golfers at the local course to-morrow.  
Rolls and coffee will be served at 8:30 and there will be a tee-off on all holes following the snack.

While members of all three clubs are putting and pitching in the hot sun the weatherman has predicted, the bridge players from all three clubs will tangle — in the club house.  
Bridge matches are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

## 49ERS LOSE CURTIS

**MORAGA, Calif. (UPI)** — Offensive end Bill Curtis was believed lost to the San Francisco Forty-Niners today for the 1959 season as a result of a ruptured achilles tendon suffered when he was practicing sprints Sunday. Curtis underwent two hours of surgery at Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco.

## Beavers Drop Pair; Miss Chance At 1st 3rd League May Be Told Today

**By United Press International**  
The Portland Beavers missed a chance to go into a first place tie in the Pacific Coast League Sunday by dropping a pair of games to San Diego, 6-3 and 6-5.  
Portland is now two games off the pace with Vancouver and Sacramento in a deadlock for the top spot.

George Freese, slugging Portland third sacker, regained his home-run hitting eye and smacked three out of the park Sunday, one in the first game and two in the second. That gives him 16 for the season.  
Jim Greengrass also homered for Portland in the first game, his 17th of the season.

**Jansen Effective**  
The Portland losing pitchers were Tom Gorman in the opener and Glen McMin in the second game. Larry Jansen relieved Gorman in the first game and pitched scoreless ball for six innings. Steve Jankowski, who homered in the first game, drove in the winning run in the second.  
Despite injuries all season, Vancouver was back in a first-place tie with Sacramento after downing Salt Lake City 3-2 and 5-4 Sunday. Sacramento split with Seattle, losing 9-1 and winning 2-0. The Spokane Phoenix game was rained out.

**Pagliaroni Joins Injured**  
The Mounties played Sunday without regular catcher Joe Pagliaroni, the newest member of Vancouver's ailing corps. The Mounties lost Joe Durham for the season last week when he was injured in an outfield collision. Earlier, Charlie White, a 291 hitting catcher last year, was also lost for the season. And outfielders Len Tucker and Joe Frazier have had long term injuries.

Barry Shetrone hammered a pair of homers while Wes Stock pitched a three-hitter to give the Mounties their 3-2 win over Salt Lake in the opening game. Shetrone's blows came in the first and third innings off loser Dick Hanlon.

**Palica Notches 10th**  
Erv Palica picked up his 10th victory of the season in the second game after being staked to a five run lead in the first inning. The Bees scored three times in the seventh and Jim Baumer led off the ninth with a homer but the Bees could not close the gap.

Bob Mabe pitched a three-hitter for Seattle in the opener against the Solons. Lou Skias belted a two-run homer in the first and the Rainiers coasted in from there while collecting 12 hits in all off three Solon hurlers. Joe Stanka, Sacramento's ace, was charged with the loss. He's now 12-7.

Carl Greene gave the Solons their first place tie with a four-hit shutout in the second tilt. Bob Roselli homered for the Sacs in the third and the Solons added another run in the fourth. Dave Stenhouse was the loser, though he and two other Rainier hurlers gave up only two hits in the seven inning contest.

## Four Men Win Honors In Better Nine

Everett Reynolds, Harmon Wolfe, George Udy and Del Conrad walked off with top honors in men's better nine competition at the La Grande Country Club last Saturday.

Reynolds captured top honors in the 1st Division with a 33½. Bob Howard was runnerup in the division with a net 35½. Dave Baum and Bob Fallows finished third and fourth in the class. Baum fired a net 37 and Fallows was one stroke back with a net 38.

The first place honors in the second division went to Harmon Wolfe and George Udy, both with net 34½. Earl Thebeau finished only ½ stroke back with a net 34½. Claude Hand finished fourth with a net 35½.

Del Conrad bested the third division golfers with a net 35 and Jerry Trumble was second with a net 37.

## GIANTS OBTAIN BYERLY

**SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)** — Eldred "Bud" Byerly, 28-year-old relief pitcher who formerly ap-

peared in the majors with the Cards, Reds and Senators, was obtained by the San Francisco Giants Sunday from Minneapolis.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The formation of a third major league is expected to be announced today at a special press conference called by William A. Shea, chairman of Mayor Robert Wagner's baseball committee.

Shea had said earlier that he would announce the make-up of the new circuit sometime this month and reiterated his belief that it would be ready to operate by 1961.

Five areas, in addition to New York, are virtually certain to be included in the new league on which Shea estimates 100 million dollars will be spent. Those areas are Toronto, Houston, Denver, Dallas-Fort Worth and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Other cities known to be under consideration are Atlanta, Seattle, Montreal, San Diego, Buffalo and Miami.

According to Shea, Flushing Meadows in Queens, N.Y., would be the home of New York's new franchise. The city is prepared to build a 12-million-dollar stadium there with a seating capacity of 52,000. Samuel LeFrak, largest multiple dwelling builder in the city, also has said he is ready to build a stadium at cost "to fill the void left by the departure of the Giants and Dodgers."

Officials of the third league are expected to meet with a joint committee of the American and National leagues on Aug. 8 in either New York or Boston to discuss a formula for working together.

## MEXICAN WINS SINGLES

**GSTAAD, Switzerland (UPI)** — Yolanda Ramirez of Mexico won the women's singles title in the Gstaad International Tennis tournament Sunday by defeating Mary Reitano of Australia, 7-5, 6-1, and Luis Ayala of Chile defeated Jan Erik Lundquist of Sweden in the men's final, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

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