

# St. Louis Cuts Cincinnati National League Lead to 3 1-2 Games

## Cards Beat Reds In Double Bill

### Yankees Keep Pace in American Loop Race

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Man the pumps, mates, the gas house is on fire.

Those bells ringing in St. Louis may have sounded like a false alarm to some fans, but the 7-1 and 7-5 victories the Cardinals captured from the Cincinnati Reds Sunday made everybody know this is a real four-alarm.

The new gas house gang has won 19 and tied one of its last 22 games, and burned the Reds' National league lead down to 3 1/2 games.

### Pirates Set Loop Record

The Cubs and Pirates divided their double bill, Chicago winning the opener, 9-5, to extend the Pirates' losing streak to 12 games and a new league record for the season. Mox Butcher pitched Pittsburgh to a two-hit 5-0 shut-out in the second session.

The New York Giants and Philadelphia Phillies also split their bargain program, with Prince Hal Schumacher leading the Terrymen to an 8-4 triumph in the first game. Gil Brick's double with the bases loaded gave the Phils the nightcap, 3-2.

The Boston Bees and Brooklyn Dodgers were rained out.

### Home Runs by Dick Siebert and Bob Johnson gave the Philadelphia Athletics a 5-4 victory in their first game with the New York Yankees, but Steve Sundra's five-hit pitching won the second for the champions, 5-1.

### Buck Newsom Day Spoiled

Boston's second-place Red Sox were unable to take advantage of this opening and lost their first game with the Washington Senators, 2-0. Too late, they got their hitting going to win the nightcap, 10-5.

The lovely St. Louis Browns spoiled "Buck Newsom Day" for Newsom at St. Louis by beating the Detroit Tigers, 6-2, behind Vernon Kennedy's five-hit hurling.

Chicago's courageous White Sox chalked up their seventh consecutive triumph in a 10-inning 6-5 struggle against the Cleveland Indians. A single by Eric McNair scored two runs in the 10th to overtake the tribe.

### Baseball Unusual—Unassisted Triple Play Completed by Busher

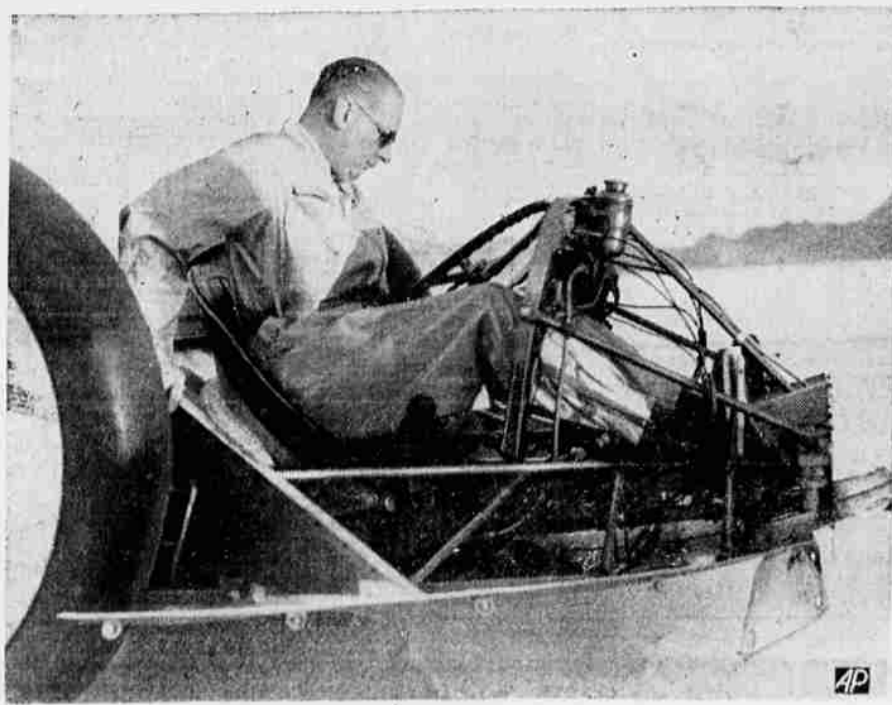
MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 21—(AP)—One of baseball's rarest feats—an unassisted triple play—was made in an amateur game here Sunday.

Bruce Compton, 22-year-old second-baseman, caught a line drive over second, stepped on the sack to double off the runner and then raced to third before the player, who had started home, could get back. Compton's team won 8-1.

### Varoff, Yankee Track Team Defeat France

PARIS, Aug. 21—(AP)—The touring United States track and field team continued its winning ways here Sunday, clinching a two-day international meet with France by taking 11 of 13 events before 12,000 spectators.

George Varoff of the University of Oregon won the pole vault, despite a twisted ankle, at 12 feet, 11 1/2 inches. Clyde Jerry of Stanford won the 100 and 200 meter dashes in 16.6 and 21.4, respectively. The Americans were outclassed in both distance events, Blaine Rifeout losing the 1,500-meter and Ralph Schwarzkopf losing the two-mile.



JOHN COBB, British speed driver, is shown testing the brakes on his "Fallon Red Lion" preliminary to his test run at the Bonneville Salt Beds where he made 352.24 miles per hour. Cobb is to attempt to better the world's automobile speed mark of 357.5 miles per hour.

## State Softball Meet Opened Monday

SALEM, Aug. 21—(AP)—The 1939 Oregon state softball tournament opens here today with three women's games in the afternoon and four men's contests at night.

State champions and runners-up from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will play a double elimination tournament next Aug. 1-10 to determine the area's two representatives in the national meet.

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## Brooks to Stage 8-Team Pacific Northwest Semi-Pro Playoff

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 21—(AP)—Ray Brooks of Portland, Oregon was named commissioner of semi-pro baseball today in the Pacific Northwest by George Sisler, high commissioner of the sport.

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## Silverton Blanks Wichita, 6 to 0

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 21—(AP)—Two undefeated nines, Duncan, Okla., and Worcester, Mass., will meet tonight with a common ambition—to catch up with the fast-stepping Texans from Mt. Pleasant, four-time winners who Sunday roped and branded the defending Semi-pro baseball champions from Buford, Ga., 1 to 0.

Golden, Colo., and the Wichita Civics will play tonight's second game, the defeated team to leave the tournament a two-time loser.

Duncan has topped Silverton, Ore., 6-0, the Wichita All-Stars 11-1, and Rome, Ga., 9-1.

The Silverton team Sunday walloped the Wichita All-Stars, 6 to 0, behind the five-hit hurling of Don Heist. The Red Sox played errorless ball behind Heist. No. 2 Silverton chucker who fanned five and walked two.

Despite nine Wichita errors, the game was close until a pair of hits and an error gave Silverton a 1-0 lead in the sixth. Paced by Dick Whitman's two-run single, Silverton led the game in the eighth with a four run rally. Heist also led the eight-hit Silverton attack with a double and single.

Score:

Silverton	000-001-041-6-8-0
Wichita	000-000-000-0-2-9

Heist and Ezzell, Daniels and Doble.

## Omaha Wins Legion Baseball Pennant

STOCKTON, Calif., Aug. 21—(AP)—The west's representative in the National American Legion Junior baseball tournament is the McDevitt post team of Omaha, Neb., which beat out the Sunrise post of Los Angeles in the 13th inning yesterday in the western sectional playoff final.

Victor over the Los Angeles club by a 6 to 4 score, the McDevitts will meet the eastern sectional winner in the "little world series" in Omaha later this month.

## Armstrong Favored Over Lou Ambers

NEW YORK, Aug. 21—(AP)—The usual pre-fight rumors of "hustlers" drifted along back boulevard today on the eve of Henry Armstrong's lightweight title defense against Lou Ambers, but even the betting men weren't the slightest bit interested.

As you know, this betting feverishly takes very good care not to catch cold in its pocketbook. The odds-layers came right out in meeting and continued to lay 7-to-5 that Armstrong would be "winnah and still champion" when the tea party is over in Yankee stadium tomorrow night.

The two will cut out the papers and get down to serious seeking for 15 rounds or less. The fight itself figures to be the "natural" of the year. Their last tussle was a honey. As a result, Promoter Mike Jacobs still is hoping for a gate somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

## Big Ten Player Award Goes To Wildcat Star

EVANSTON, Ill.—Bill SYLVE, Northwestern right-hander, has been awarded the Big Ten most-valuable player trophy for 1939 by a vote of conference coaches.

Sylve, who signed a contract with the Giants at the close of the year, pitched and won five of the Wildcats' seven victories. His peak performance was a no-hit, no-run game against Chicago. He gave only 29 hits in 51 innings.

## Baseball

NATIONAL	W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	39	41	.487
St. Louis	45	35	.562
Chicago	52	34	.604
New York	52	34	.604
Brooklyn	54	32	.625
Pittsburgh	50	38	.568
Boston	47	41	.532
Philadelphia	47	41	.532
St. Louis 1-7, Cincinnati 1-5.			
Chicago 6-9, Pittsburgh 2-5.			
New York 4-2, Philadelphia 4-3.			
Boston 6-Boston, 10-0.			

## Joe Gordon . . .

WHAT HE DID SUNDAY

AB	RBI	H	PO	A	E
10	2	2	2	0	0

SEASON'S RECORD

AB	RBI	H	Pct.
421	85	125	.297
1938	78	118	.291
368	52	104	.282

## Athletics Win 2 From Portland

### Eugene Beats Marine Electric, 16-1, 13-4

Eugene's Athletics broke out in a base-hit rash at the dusty fairgrounds Sunday afternoon.

They mugged Marine Electric of Portland in both halves of a lopsided State league double-header, 16 to 1 and 13 to 4. Both games were prize examples of baseball slaughter, pillage and utter devastation.

The first massacre counted in the second half standings and enabled the Athletics to climb into a tie with the Electricians for seventh place. The nightcap went into the books as Eugene's third first half victory.

Bob Wiltshire and Pete Igoe each turned in lousy five-hit pitching jobs, but the day's real news centered around the Athletics' mass batting rampage.

## The Murderers' Row

The once powerless A's bit and bit and then hit some more. To wit:

Mr. William Carney continued his slugging spree by pounding out five straight hits at the start of the first game. He wound up with five for six in the opener, one for four in the second shift and a grand total of six blows, one a double, in 10 at-bats.

Mr. John Dunn rapped off four singles in five plate appearances in the first game, then picked up two more in the afterpiece, to fashion for himself a six-for-nine afternoon.

Mr. Burke "Clutch" Austin hammered out two singles and a long home run in the first bombardment, then added a double and single in the nightcap to wind up with five for eight. Mr. Austin's home run was his second in as many State league contests.

Mr. Lloyd Mattison poled out a home run and a triple in the first walkaway and a double and single in the second gash-awful massacre, making four for nine.

## Everybody Smacks Apple

Messrs. Carney, Dunn, Austin and Mattison were undeniably the big four in Eugene's "murderers' row" and therefore were the only sluggers to earn the title of "Mister," but all the rest of the boys chipped in with base hits. Those who batted less than .300 for the four-hour session are in danger of being expelled from the league by President Wilhelm. It is rumored.

All credit for the abundance of base knocks may not, from a panoramic point of view, be due to the Athletics. Even the most rabid "look-at-'em-clout" supporter had to admit that Marine Electric didn't field much of a ball club. And it seems entirely safe to venture that none of the Marine pitchers will be donning major league uniforms in the near future.

Wiltshire would have achieved a shutout in the opener save for some one too clever fielding behind him in the sixth inning. It didn't matter much, for the A's blasted out two runs in the first, two more in the fourth, six more in the fifth and a final six in the seventh.

## Aftermath Same Story

Manager Jim Turner of the Electricians asked for quarter after the eighth had begun and, quarter granted, he hastened to reconnoiter his wounded forces for the second slaughter.

In the closing installment of the perfect day Igoe not only duplicated Wiltshire's five-hit feat but struck out seven. The Electricians grabbed a four-run lead in the first and second innings, but Eugene blasted Pitcher Paddock for four runs in the third and finished up with a great big nine in the fourth, on seven hits and six errors.

## Hills Creek Loses 7-2 Verdict To Strong Bend Elks Sunday

### Seattle Takes Nine-Game Lead

Seattle State league contest and kept Bend in a threatening position for the second-half pennant.

The Hillbillies opened with a two-run blast in the first inning and kept the lead until Bend went ahead 3-2 in the fifth. The Elks scored their first run in the second.

In the seventh Bend tallied four and sent Bun Kelsay to the showers. Ray Gardner replaced Kelsay with two aboard and the ex-Cascade league star held the Elks hitless the remainder of the game.

Norval Libby, subbing as catcher for Grover Kelsay who was injured, led the hitting with three hits. Howard Parks, top Hillbiller slugger went hitless while Bill Hatch, Bend leader, was held to one hit in five trips to the plate.

Toledo ran up eight runs in the first two innings against the Albany Alco-Oaks, who scored twice in the ninth on Leptich's homer in a State League game Sunday.

## Box Scores

Marine Electric	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
George, ss	3	0	0	1	2	0
Turner, 2-b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Dunn, c	3	0	2	6	0	0
Fleskes, c	3	0	2	6	0	0
Putman, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Yeager, 1	3	0	1	7	0	1
Cranna, 1c-2	3	0	1	2	0	0
Waltz, 3	3	0	0	2	2	2
Paddock, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Yackey, p	2	0	1	1	0	0
McGinnis, p-RF	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	5	31	7	1

Eugene	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Carney, 1f	6	4	5	2	0	0
Phillips, ss	3	1	0	2	4	1
Dunn, 1f	3	1	4	2	0	0
Igoe, rf	3	1	4	6	0	0
Mattison, c	4	2	2	4	1	0
Hathaway, 1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Waltz, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Austin, 2	3	3	1	3	0	0
Wiltshire, p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Taylor, 1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kooser, c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	10	18	21	12	2

Marine Electric	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
George, ss	3	2	2	1	2	2
Turner, 2	3	0	0	1	2	1
Fleskes, c	3	0	0	1	0	1
Putman, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Yeager, 1	3	0	1	8	0	0
Cranna, 1f	3	0	0	2	0	0
Drake, 3	3	1	1	3	1	0
Yackey, rf-p	3	0	2	0	0	0
McGinnis, 1f	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	21	3	6	18	8	3

Eugene	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Carney, 1f	4	2	1	0	0	0
Phillips, ss	3	1	0	2	0	0
Dunn, 1f	3	1	1	0	0	0
Mattison, cf	5	2	2	0	0	0
Waltz, 3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wiltshire, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fassett, 2	5	1	0	0	1	1
Waltz, 1f-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Igoe, p	3	1	0	4	0	0
Hathaway, rf	2	1	1	2	0	0
Totals	33	15	12	21	8	2

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George, ss	3	0	0	0	4	0
Eugene	004-000-0-0-13					

Innings pitched—by	Yackey 4 plus	McGinnis 1	Turner 2-3	At bat—Yackey 20	McGinnis 6	Turner 12	Hits	Runs	Errors
Yackey 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Turner 6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yackey 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner 48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yackey 49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGinnis 50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Drake, 3	3	1	1	3	1	0