

HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

★ No wonder Joe Gordon is sticking around town. The scout-instructor for the Los Angeles Angels will have an opportunity to see eight of his young Angels playing for the Tri-Cities Braves against the Emeralds at Bethel Park Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Tri-Cities must be the most unusual operation in professional baseball.

The Braves, operated by sports followers in Kennewick, Pasco and Richland, Wash., weren't sure they would have a team in the Northwest League this season until offered a major-league "player pool" agreement comparable to the other five full working agreements with major league clubs — the Eugene Emeralds with the San Francisco Giants, the Salem Dodgers with the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Lewiston Broncos with the Kansas City Athletics, the Yakima Bears with the Milwaukee Braves, and the Wenatchee Chiefs with the Chicago Cubs.

In addition to the eight Angels, the Braves have four players from the Chicago White Sox, three from the Baltimore Orioles, two from the San Francisco Giants, and one each from the Pittsburgh Pirates, Cleveland Indians and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Before the start of the season baseball brass felt sorry for manager Tommy Heath, former pilot of the Portland Beavers, mostly because he would not see his players more than a week before the scheduled opening of the season. He made requests, by positions, from the seven major-league organizations, but wasn't sure of the caliber of personnel.

Apparently the caliber of play is adequate in view of the Braves' first-place position in the class B league. He told Charlie Van Sickle, sports editor of the Tri-City Herald and greatly responsible for baseball in the area, that he is pleased with everything but the pitching. That may be because of cold weather throughout the Northwest.

★ Because the league officials figured the Braves would be handicapped in the matter of talent, the veteran rule does not apply to Tri-Cities. . . . Regardless of criticism from some league cities that the Braves are taking advantage of the rule, Van Sickle says this is not true.

Only eight are in the veteran classification and the only certain one with five years of experience is Al Suarez, utility outfielder and reserve catcher from the Indians. Possibly center fielder Chico Telleria from the Pirates or first baseman Gary Johnson of the White Sox are in that classification, but no more.

Van Sickle classes the Tri-Cities outfield as a match for the fleet-footed Emeralds of 1960 when Jerry Robinson, Jose Tartabull and Felix Maldonado were the Eugene "gardeners." Besides Telleria, the other regular outfielders for the Braves are Neil Martin in right and Eddie Crawford in left, "and they could all do a good job in center," Charlie says.

Despite the bad weather the Braves have been averaging 775 spectators a game, "and there is more interest in baseball in this area now than since 1955," Van Sickle reports. The two Giants with the Braves are Gary Snyder, regular shortstop, and Dick Young, reserve second baseman and utility infielder. Four of the Angels and three of the Orioles are members of the nine-man pitching staff.

Manager Bud Byerly's Emeralds are faced with a real challenge in attempting to take the measure of the Braves here this week.

★ A rundown of the former Northwest League players now in the big leagues shows that Chuck Essegian (ex-Salem) is hitting .333 with three home runs and 12 runs batted in for Cleveland. . . . Wimpy Osteen (ex-Wenatchee) has a 0-3 win-loss and 11.70 earned-run record for Washington.

In the National League, Chuck Hiller (ex-Ems) is hitting .311 with four doubles, 12 RBIs and one stolen base for the Giants; Merritt Ranew (ex-Wenatchee) hitting .280 for Houston; Ken Hubbs (ex-Wenatchee) hitting .260 for the Cubs, including seven doubles and two stolen bases; and Dennis Menke (ex-Yakima) is hitting .194 for Milwaukee. . . . There are a few other ex-Northwest League players who have not appeared in sufficient games to be listed in the official averages, like pitcher Bob Bolin (ex-Ems) who has worked only 5½ innings with a 0-0 win-loss record, a 5.06 ERA with eight strikeouts and only one base on balls.

★ The sportscasting team of Bob LaBonte and Mike Guldager from KERG will broadcast the entire collegiate part of the California Relays "live" from Modesto, Calif. May 26. . . . KERG will also handle a state-wide network on the United States-Russian two-day dual track-and-field meet from Stanford University Saturday and Sunday July 21-22 originated by CBS. . . . Sports followers planning on making the trip will not have the extra dividend of watching the San Francisco Giants at nearby Candlestick Park. The Giants will be on the road from July 9 through August 1.

First track writer to apply for reservations outside the Pacific coast area, planning to cover the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) track-and-field championships here June 15-16, is Sam Blair of The Dallas (Texas) Morning News, who also covers the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. . . . Another is Joe Sheehan of the New York Times, who also plans to remain on the Pacific Coast for the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and the USA-USSR meets. . . . Jack Clouser of the Cleveland Press will also come here. . . . Sports Illustrated will have a four-man staff, headed by writer Tex Maule and two photographers.

Almost certain to be here are Jesse Abrams of New York, Jay Simon from the Oklahoma City Oklahoman and writers from Philadelphia, and Chicago. . . . Six are coming from the Los Angeles area and four from the San Francisco area. The NCAA meet will not only attract hundreds of writers, but more spectators than the estimated 15,000 that watched the NCAA at Franklin Field, Philadelphia last June.

★ Jack Schwarz, executive-secretary of the San Francisco farm system, reports that Dick Denton, former Emerald pitcher who was injured in an auto accident just before we departed from Casa Grande, Ariz., is still hospitalized. "He sounded all right over the phone, but toward the end of the conversation seemed to be falling asleep. I think he is recovering physically very well, but I think there may still be some question about damage to his head. He talked perfectly clearly to me, though," Schwarz said.

Dave Edstrom, the greatest deathblow man in Oregon track history, has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force officer training program and will leave Wednesday for Medina Air Force Base, San Antonio. . . . He will be joined by his wife, Susan Blackstone Edstrom, following her graduation from the University of Oregon. She is an education major, Dave will be preparing himself for duties in the personnel field with the Air Force.



CHUCK ESSEGAN
Hitting .333 for Cleveland

Giants Stop Houston, 11-0

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	23	8	.742	—
St. Louis	17	10	.630	4
Los Angeles	19	12	.613	4
Cincinnati	15	13	.538	6½
Philadelphia	13	12	.520	7
Pittsburgh	14	13	.519	7
Milwaukee	13	16	.448	9
Houston	11	17	.393	10½
New York	7	17	.292	12½
Chicago	7	21	.250	14½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York 3-8, Milwaukee 2-7
Chicago 9, Philadelphia 8
Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 11, Houston 0
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 3 (15 Inn.)

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The National League leading San Francisco Giants combined lusty hitting, some uncertain Houston play and Juan Marichal's four-hit pitching for a whopping 11-0 triumph over the new Colts Saturday night.

San Francisco, shut out for the first time this season by the same Colts Friday night, jammed in four runs in the second inning and put it far out of reach with six more in the fourth. Two of the second inning runs were unearned, and a couple of Colt errors in the fourth helped run it up.

Marichal, meanwhile, had little trouble in keeping the Colts at bay. The 24-year-old right-hander, staked to the huge early lead, was never in serious trouble.

He allowed only one runner, Bob Lillis, to advance as far as second base as he became the first major leaguer to win six games this season. He has lost two.

Giants	ab	r	h	bi	Colts	ab	r	h	bi
Mota	5	1	0	0	Lillis	4	0	1	0
Hiller	3	4	1	1	Amadio	3	0	0	0
May	4	0	0	0	Ruddick	4	0	0	0
McCoy	1	0	1	0	Mejias	4	0	1	0
Ceneda	4	2	1	1	Larker	3	0	0	0
F. Alou	3	3	2	1	Bryant	4	0	0	0
Davenport	4	2	1	1	Warwick	4	0	0	0
Pagan	5	1	2	1	Ranew	4	0	0	0
Bailey	5	1	1	1	Asprometa	2	0	0	0
Marichal	4	0	2	1	Wade	4	0	0	0
					Golden	1	0	0	0
					a-Smith	1	0	0	0
					Anderson	0	0	0	0
					b-Weekly	1	0	0	0
					McMahon	0	0	0	0

Totals 41 11 13 10 Totals 31 0 4 0

a-Popped out for Golden in 5th; b-Flied out for Anderson in 7th.

San Francisco . . . 040 000 10-11
Houston . . . 000 000 00-0

E—Ranew, Browne, Warwick, Amadio (10), POA—San Francisco 27, Houston 27-12, LOB—San Francisco 6, Houston 7, 2B—Pagan, HR—Davenport.

	ip	r	e	r	bb	so
Marichal	9	0	0	0	2	3
Wade	1 2/3	1	0	0	2	2
Golden	3 1/3	4	1	0	1	0
Anderson	2	2	1	1	0	1
McMahon	2	2	0	0	0	0

PR—Ranew, U—Jackowski, Sudel, Forman, Gorman, T—2-21, A—26,11.

NWL Scores	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tri-Cities	11	5	.688	—
Yakima	8	5	.615	1½
Wenatchee	8	9	.471	2½
Eugene	6	8	.429	4
Lewiston	6	8	.429	4
Salem	4	7	.364	4½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Eugene 15, Wenatchee 7
Yakima 3, Tri-Cities 2
Salem 4, Lewiston 3

	ip	r	e	r	bb	so
Salem	300 010 000-4	7	2	—	—	—
Lewiston	000 100 002-3	7	1	—	—	—
Staah & Kelson	Toplin & Vidulich					
W. Staah	(1-0), L—Toplin (0-1)					
HR: Salem, Stankey.						

				R	H	E
Tri-Cities	000 020 000	8—	2	10	0	
Yakima	100 001 000	1—	3	9	0	
Sprout, Nottle (10) & O'Shields;						
Roy & Catty.						

WILLY, Cloninger (1), Curtis (5), Nottbart (7), Fischer (9) & Torre; Moorhead, Miller (6), Mackenzie (7), Hillman (8), Mize (9), Anderson (2-1), L—Spahn (3-4), HR—Milwaukee: Crandall (3); New York: Landrith (1).

Second Game
Milwaukee . . . 000 140 020-7
New York . . . 110 002 011-8 12 2

Willy, Cloninger (1), Curtis (5), Nottbart (7), Fischer (9) & Torre; Moorhead, Miller (6), Mackenzie (7), Hillman (8), Mize (9), Anderson (2-1), L—Spahn (3-4), HR—Milwaukee: Crandall (3); New York: Landrith (1).

Chicago, 9-8
CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Cubs scored an unearned run in the eighth inning Saturday

with the help of throwing errors by Roy Sievers and Billy Klaus to defeat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-8.

The Cubs, breaking a three-game losing streak, started the decisive run when Lou Brock led off with a single. Ken Hubbs, attempting to sacrifice, grounded to first baseman Sievers, whose low throw to second permitted Brock to be safe.

Then shortstop Klaus threw past first base trying to get Hubbs, Brock racing to third. Billy Williams' sacrifice fly scored Brock.

Philadelphia . . . 400 000 005-8 12 3
Chicago . . . 023 000 31x-9 13 0

McLish, Sullivan (3), Bennett (4), Baldschun (7) & Dalrymple; Koonce, Anderson (4), Schultz (15), Elston (4) & Barragan, W—Kidon (2-0), L—Baldschun (1-2), HR—Philadelphia: Callison (2).

St. Louis, 6-5
ST. LOUIS (AP)—Julian Javier's two-out run-scoring single in the 15th inning Saturday night lifted the St. Louis Cardinals past Los Angeles 6-5, in a four-hour 58-minute marathon.

Javier hit a 3-and-2 pitch by big Dodger right-hander Don Drysdale, the seventh Dodger pitcher. Bob Gibson pitched three-hit shutout ball through the last five innings in relief to get his fourth victory against two defeats.

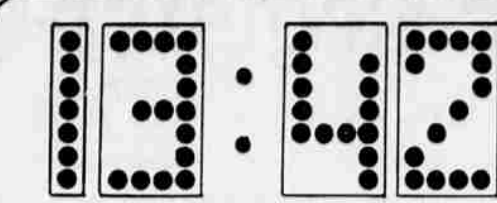
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Koutlas, L. Sherry (7), Perranoski (9), Roebuck (10), Richert (11), Moeller (13), Drysdale (15) & Roseboro; Broglin, Stantz (6), Gibson (11) & Oliver, Schaffer (9), W—Gibson (4-2), L—Drysdale (5-2), HR—Los Angeles: T. Davis 2 (8), Burritt (2).

Cincinnati, 9-2
CINCINNATI (AP)—Both of the Cincinnati Reds top 1962 power hitters—Vada Pinson and Wally Post—let go with long home runs Saturday night as the surging Reds clobbered the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-2, and moved into fourth place in the National League.

Pittsburgh . . . 100 000 001-2 8 1
Cincinnati . . . 201 000 00x-9 9 1

Law, Sturdivant (6), Hadlitz (7), Oliver (8), Neenan; O'Toole & Edwards, W—O'Toole (3-4), L—Law (0-1), HR—Cincinnati: Pinson (10), Post (8), Edwards (2).



New Timer

This new timer, to be in use at both the Far West track championships on Hayward Field Saturday and the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) meet in June, is designed to keep fans informed on the race times and laps. It fits on the regular football scoreboard and is 18 feet long and three feet tall with numbers two feet high. The figures at the left

record the time in minutes, seconds and tenths of seconds and can handle any event from the 100-yard dash up. The figure at the right represents the number of laps remaining in the race. The timer will be run from the finish line in the same manner as a regular hand clock.

Tresh Sparks Yankees Past Indians

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	8	.667	—
Cleveland	15	10	.600	1½
Minnesota	16	13	.552	2½
Chicago	16	14	.533	3
Los Angeles	13	12	.520	3½
Baltimore	13	13	.500	4
Detroit	12	13	.480	4½
Boston	12	13	.480	4½
Kansas City	13	17	.433	6
Washington	6	19	.240	10½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York 9, Cleveland 6
Boston 5, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4
Baltimore 3, Washington 2
Chicago 7, Los Angeles 6

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tom Tresh hit a two-run home run and

drove in three runs as the league-leading New York Yankees defeated the Cleveland Indians 9-6 Saturday.

The triumph increased New York's margin to 1½ games over the second-place Indians in the American League.

Righthander Bill Stafford (3-2) was the winner but needed help near the end. Stafford worked 8½ innings, allowed three runs and held the Indians to five singles. He struck out four but walked six.

New York survived a seventh

inning scare as the Indians exploded for three runs and made it 8-6. Cleveland once trailed 5-0.

The Yanks got their runs off four different Cleveland pitchers. They scored three in the first off loser Sam McDowell (2-2).

Tresh paced the Yanks' 12-hit attack with the homer and two singles to drive in three runs. Mickey Mantle slammed a home run, double and a single and Roger Maris banged two singles.

Yanks	ab	r	h	bi	Indians	ab	r	h	bi
R'dson	2	3	1	0	Cline	4	0	0	0
Boyer	3	0	1	0	Dillard	3	1	1	0
Maris	4	2	2	0	Freeman	3	0	1	0
Mantle	3	3	3	1	Kirk	4	0	1	0
Howard	4	0	0	0	Roman	4	1	2	0
Skon	3	1	0	0	Heid	3	1	1	0
Lopez	3	1	2	0	Phillips	3	0	1	0
Reed	3	0	0	0	Kindall	2	0	1	0
Tresh	4	1	3	3	McDowell	0	0	0	0
Stafford	4	0	1	1	Funk	1	0	0	0
Bridges	0	0	0	0	a-Luplow	1	0	0	0
Coates	0	0	0	0	Taylor	0	0	0	0
					a-Monte	0	1	0	0
					Allen	0	0	0	0
					cD'L'Hor	1	0	0	0
					Latman	0	0	0	0

Totals 25 9 12 8 Totals 33 6 7 6

a—Grounded out for Funk in 4th; b—Walked for Taylor in 7th; c—Grounded out for Allen in 8th.

New York . . . 300 230 001-9
Cleveland . . . 000 300 300-6

E—Kindall, POA—New York 27-5, Cleveland 27-13, DP—Kindall and

Stafford, (W 3-2) 6½ 5 6 6 6 4
x-Bridges 0 2 0 0 0 0
Coates 2 0 1 1 Funk 1 0 0 0
McDowell (L 2-2) 4 3 3 2 4 0
Funk 3 3 3 2 2 2
Taylor 3 7 3 3 2 1
Allen 1 0 0 0 0 0
Latman 1 1 1 1 0 0

x—Pitched in 2 batters in 7th. JPB—By McDowell (Maris). U—NAPF, Umon, Drummond, McKinley, T—2-54, A—8,694.

Boston, 5-1
DETROIT (AP)—Starting pitcher Gene Conley and reliever Dick Radatz were a real 1-2 punch for the Boston Red Sox Saturday as they pitched and batted their way to a 5-1 verdict over the Detroit Tigers.

Conley (4-2) knocked in two runs and scored another himself in helping the Red Sox to a 3-0 lead through six innings. He ran into a jam in the seventh and got a helping hand on the mound and at bat from Radatz.

Radatz drove in the Bostonians' final two runs in an eighth inning rally. He came in in the seventh with the bases jammed, struck out pinchhitter Vic Wertz for the second out and then walked pinchhitter Larry Osborne to force in Detroit's only run. With the bases still loaded, he struck out Jake Wood for the final out.

Boston . . . 020 000 120-5 9 1
Detroit . . . 000 000 100-1 4 1

Conley, Radatz (7) & Pagliaroni; Moss, Jones (7), Nischwitz (8) & Brown, Roark (8), W—Conley (4-2), L—Moss (2-4).

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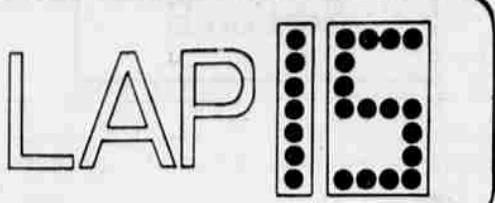
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Baltimore, 3-2

BALTIMORE (AP)—Jim Gentile, who was picked off base by a Baltimore Orioles rally in the sixth inning, hit a homer in the eighth for the winning run in a 3-2 Baltimore victory over the Washington Senators.

The leadoff homer by Gentile, his seventh of the season, came on the first pitch from losing hurler Pete Burnside.

Baltimore's Steve Barber, on a weekend pass from Ft. Bragg, N.C., continued his amazing success as a once-a-week pitcher. He went the route for the third time as he upped his record to 4-1.

Washington . . . 000 002 000-2 6 1
Baltimore . . . 001 001 01x-3 5 3

(Night)
Burnside & Schmidt; Barber & Triandou, W—Barber (4-1), L—Burnside (2-3), HR—Baltimore: Gentile (7).