

Cleveland Sets Blistering Pace In Pennant Race

NEW YORK, April 21 (UP)—A four-way pennant formula which could be mighty devastating as time goes on was sweeping the Cleveland Indians along as the only undefeated team in the major leagues.

The Indians have won seven in a row and a quick check after less than a week of play revealed that they have hit more homers (9), gotten more hits (65), turned in more complete games (5), and allowed fewer runs (14) in seven games or 2 per game than any other team in the league.

That means trouble ahead for the rest of the contenders unless they can do something to stop the hot Indians pretty shortly.

Tigers Lose
Sunday, the Indians kayoed the Tigers, who have yet to win a game, 3 to 2, and 7 to 2, getting outstanding pitching in both ends of the double header from Bob Lemon and Steve Gromek. Lm on the opener, Luke Easter smashed a home run in the ninth inning to break up a tense duel between Lemon and Art Houtteman.

In the second game the Indians really flexed their muscles as Gromek won without pressure, Lemon's victory was his second and Gromek picked up his first. Al Rosen hit two homers and Pete Reiser and Ray Boone got one each.

All the while the Indians were just a shade ahead of the Red Sox at 6 to 1, who breezed to a 6 to 3 victory over Washington on the margin of Billy Goodman's three-run pinch-homer. In other American League games, the Yankees topped the Athletics, 9 to 6 in a bat battle, while the Browns blanked the White Sox, 8 to 0, on the second straight shutout by Ned Garver, then lost, 10 to 2.

In National League games the Giants finally stopped the Dodgers, 6 to 0, on Sal Maglie's two-hitter, while the Cards edged the Cubs, 2 to 1, on a six-hitter by Gerry Staley. The Reds took the Pirates over the bumpy twice, 8 to 6 and 12 to 2, while the Phillies rallied late to win from the Braves, 4 to 3, in 10 innings, then lost the second game, 2 to 1.

Two-Hitter
Garver, who pitched a six-hitter on opening day, came through with a two-hitter over the Tigers in the opener as rookies Jim Rivera and Tom Wright hit homers. Rivera's blast was inside the park. Marty Marston and Gordie Goldsberry each got three hits as did Rivera in the second game, lefty Billy Pierce held the Browns to two hits while Nellie Fox collected four hits and Eddie Stewart hit a homer for Chicago.

Steve Bilko, the big rookie first baseman for St. Louis hit a two run fifth inning homer to give pitcher Gerry Staley all the margin he needed for his second victory with a tight six-hitter.

Webfoots Edge Cougars 14-13

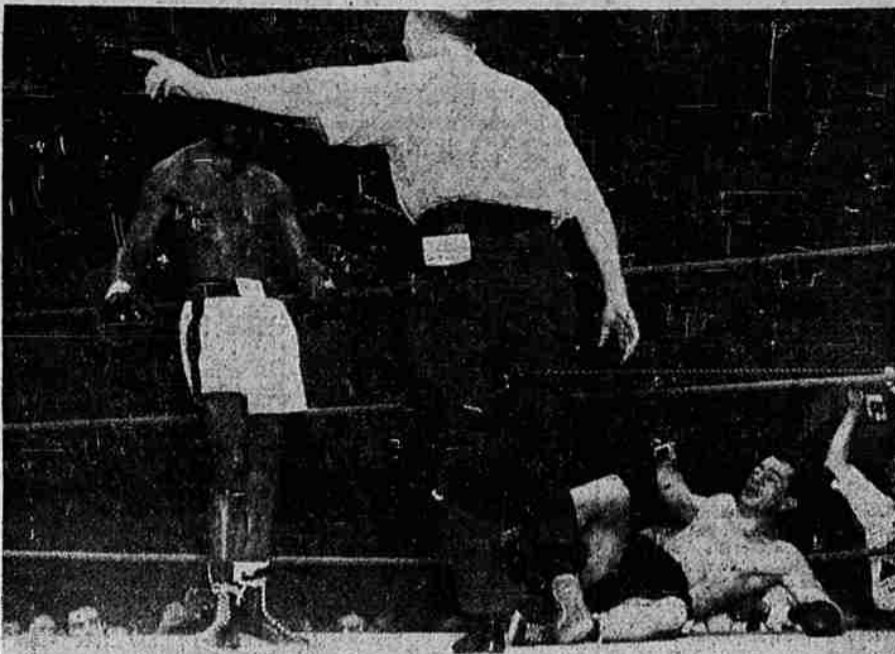
Oregon was all alone on top of the Northern Division baseball standings Monday following a sweep of its two-game series with Washington State.

The Webfoots edged the Cougars 14-13 in 13 innings Saturday, while Idaho was downing Washington 9-5 to go into a three-way tie with the Huskies and Oregon State for a second place.

Norv Ritchey doubled home three runs for Oregon to tie the game in the ninth and then scored the winning run in the 13th. Idaho committed 10 errors against Washington, but pounced out 13 hits off three Husky hurlers to win out and even their two-game Seattle series.

TOO MANY ACES
RALEIGH, N.C. April 21 (UP)—Detectives who flushed a poker party here but failed to catch the gamblers think they probably saved the undertaker some work. They found 65 cents and a deck containing five aces.

Metal stitching has wider applications than welding; it can join plywood, rubber, plastics, leather, or asbestos to metal.



WELL, IT DIDN'T LAST LONG—Referee Tommy Gilmore motions Sugar Ray Robinson to a neutral corner before beginning his count over the fallen Rocky Graziano in the battle at Chicago for the middleweight crown. The knockout was scored in 1:53 of the third round as Robinson retained his title.

Penn, Drake Relays to Test America's Olympic Hopes

The Penn Relays at Philadelphia and the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend are the next stops for America's Olympic-minded track and field stars.

The two big relay carnivals, both featuring some special races along with the baton-passing events, figure to draw stand-out fields as U. S. runners put their training into high gear for the Olympics coming up this summer.

American track and field athletes blew hot and cold during a busy weekend just concluded.

On the "hot" side, there was a 57 foot 4 1/2 inch shot put by former Yale star Jim Fuchs of the New York AC—the best anywhere in the world this year.

On the "cold" side, there was the dismal showing in the famed Boston marathon—won for the seventh straight year by a foreigner as Doroteo Flores of Guatemala beat Vic Dyrwald of New York by more than a half-mile.

Fred Wilt, two-mile star who claims the U. S. "doesn't have much chance" in Olympic long-distance racing, won a special 5,000 meter run in the Seton Hall Relays in 15:00.5.

Records Set
There were plenty of meet records set at the Seton Hall games in Newark, N. J., the Ohio Relays at Columbus, Ohio, and the Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan. These seemed to indicate that U. S. runners are rounding into top form.

Manhattan College reeled off a new meet record of 1:26.2 for the 880-yard relay at Seton Hall, and Georgetown's four-mile relay set another with a 17:43.8 clocking.

Kansas made the Georgetown clocking look weak, the Jayhawkers setting a new meet record of 17:18.3 at Lawrence. That was only 2.2 seconds off the American record set by Indiana 15 years ago. Highlight of the Kansas team's win was a 4:11.6 anchor leg by Wes Santee.

Also in the Kansas Relays, Oklahoma set a new record of 3:14.8 for the mile relay; Jim Gerhart of Texas posted 47 feet, 2 inches in the hop, step and jump. Leo Xoder of Arkansas clocked 52.5 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles; and Texas equalled the 880-yard record of 1:25.2.

Darrow Hooper of Texas A & M accomplished the second leg in his attempt to repeat a sweep of shot put and discus events at the Texas, Kansas, and Drake games. He took the Kansas events with a 53-foot, 9 inch shot put and a 152 feet, 8 1/2 discus throw.

The Ohio Relays, revived for the first time since 1932, saw nine records set for the Ohio State stadium.

Most impressive of these was a new world record of 9:56.3 for the two-and-a-half mile medley relay by the University of Michigan, erasing by 3.1 seconds a mark set by North Texas State 14 years ago. Jack Carroll raced the quarter mile in 46.1 seconds. Aaron Gordon stepped a half-mile in 1:54.2, John Ross, flashed three-quarters of a mile in 3:04.8, and Don McEwen raced a mile in 4:11.3.

As far as Uncle Sam is concerned, there was a "joker" in the Michigan triumph—Carroll, Ross, and McEwen are all Canadians. Right now they rank as strong contenders for Canada's Olympic team.

Oregon Favored To Capture Title

Oregon's Ducks were a heavy favorite Monday to win the Northern Division dual meet track and field title.

The Ducks edged Washington State 67 1/2 to 63 1/4 Saturday at Eugene for their second close victory in as many Saturdays over Evergreen state foes. Oregon still has Oregon State and Idaho left, but will be heavily favored over both of them.

Idaho's surprising Vandals downed Oregon State 74-16 to 56-16 at Corvallis. Bruce Sweeney of the Vandals won both hurdles and the broad jump besides finishing in a three-way second place tie in the high jump.

Don McClure's broad jump of 22 feet 1 1/2 inches cinched Oregon's win over WSC after the Cougars had come from far behind. Pete Mullins of WSC won both the hurdles events and Bill Fell of Oregon took the 100 and 220.

Sutton, Ex-Bear, Sets New Mark

Ralph Sutton, ex-Lava Bear and now a member of the Oregon State College track team, pitched the javelin 201 feet 8 inches in the Idaho-OSC track and field competition Saturday in Corvallis to set a new meet record for the event.

The old record, set in 1938 by Johnson of Idaho, was 194 feet 10 1/2 inches.

The OSC squad won the Saturday meeting 74 1/6 to 56 5/6.

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4 Die, 50 Hurt As Racer Slams Into Grandstand

DAYTON, Ohio, April 21 (UP)—Eye-witnesses said Monday that a race car driver apparently misjudged his speed on a turn before he hurtled into a crowded grandstand, killing four persons and injuring 50.

Charles E. Sarver, one of the injured spectators in the accident at Dayton Speedway Sunday, said the red and white racer driven by Gordon Reid, 29, Burbank, Calif., zoomed over his head like "an artillery shell."

Reid, a father of four, and Mrs. Ruby Ellen Shaffer, 43, a spectator from Springfield, Ohio, were decapitated. Police said the other dead were Gene Lawson, 19, and Robert Thatcher, 22, both of Dayton.

Policeman Killed
Thatcher, a special policeman at the track, desperately tried to push away a woman spectator from a guard rail when he was killed, other policemen said.

Reid, favored to win Sunday's race, was in second place when his "Engle-Stanke Special" rounded a turn and went into a spin. Some 10,000 spectators jumped to their feet as the racer struck a drum of gray paint and crashed into the grandstand.

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Sports Parade

By Oscar Fraley (United Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, April 21 (UP)—The little fellow would like it understood that he is Davey Williams and not "another Eddie Stanky." Taking over at second base for the New York Giants as a replacement for the fiery Stanky has been an ordeal for the 23-year-old from Dallas. He isn't one given much to oratory but he gives you the idea in very few words.

"I can't understand all this comparison business," Davey comments with a frown on his boyish-looking face. "I'm not trying to be another Stanky. All I want to be is Williams, doing my job my own way."

Stanky, who couldn't hit and couldn't run but always seemed to be on base, was the spirit last season of a never-say-die Giant team which came from nowhere to win the National League flag in dramatic fashion.

Put on Spot
When he was traded away so he could become manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, Williams was put squarely on the spot.

"I expected to get the job sometime," Davey admits, "but maybe not so quickly."

Williams sat on the bench most of last season, absorbing major league lore. He played in only 30 games and made one pinch-hit appearance in the World Series. The long-haul theory was that he would gradually take over from the faded grandstander.

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Memorial Race Won by Student

CARPENTER FLAT, Calif., April 21 (UP)—Jan Onstut, 25-year-old Norwegian exchange student of the University of Oregon, won the 26-mile Donner Trail memorial marathon cross country ski race Saturday in 3 hours, 36 minutes and 33 seconds over a rugged 26-mile course.

The young Norwegian, carrying the colors of the Tri-Pass club of Eugene, crossed the finish line only 34 seconds ahead of Ottavio Genoni, a Swiss import representing the Alpiners of San Francisco who had made the race a nip and tuck affair all the way.

Shapely Sharon Gardner, 19-year-old University of Oregon coed who also was representing the Tri-Pass club, won the shorter 12 mile women's race in 2:26:08.

SALEM WINS

SILVERTON, Ore. April 21 (UP)—Salem's Senators of the Western International league downed the Silverton semi-pro team, 10 to 5, here Sunday before 1400 fans. It was the Senators' first start since breaking training camp at Callisto, Cal.

Biologists agree that the elephant is the longest lived mammal, excluding man.

Bend Takes Fifth Place In Relays

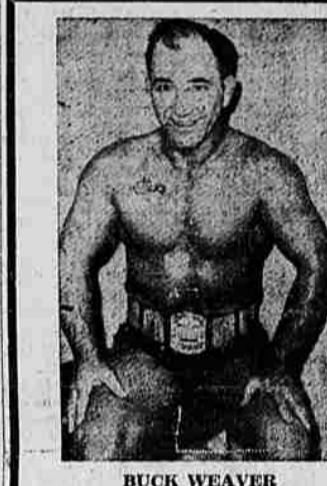
Although they were entered in only eight events in the Hayward Relays at Eugene Saturday, Bend's Lava Bear thinclads gathered in 16 points and sixth place in Oregon high school competition. Coach Bud Robertson was well pleased with the showing of his athletes, considering the fact that he took only a small group with him to the university city.

The Bruins copped one first place. This was the shuttle hurdle in which Dean Benson, Vern Sampels and Gary Monical competed as a team.

Other point winners for the Lava Bears were Melvin Loy, who won fifth place in the discus event; the team of Vern Sampels, Bill Rosbuck and Millard Marsh, which took sixth in the broad jump relay; and the team of Frank Ellis, Dick Laursen and Ernie Martin, which won fourth place in the shot put relay.

Medford high school's Black Tort (Continued on Page 10)

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