

# Overlooked Pitcher Leads National League Flingers

## Major Standings

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |       |      |              |
|-----------------|-------|------|--------------|
| Team            | W. L. | Pct. | Games Behind |
| Brooklyn        | 43 31 | .582 | 0            |
| St. Louis       | 47 33 | .588 | 0            |
| Boston          | 43 37 | .538 | 1 1/2        |
| Philadelphia    | 42 38 | .525 | 2 1/2        |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE |       |      |              |
|-----------------|-------|------|--------------|
| Team            | W. L. | Pct. | Games Behind |
| New York        | 51 27 | .654 | 0            |
| Cleveland       | 48 27 | .639 | 0            |
| Philadelphia    | 44 35 | .556 | 1 1/2        |
| Boston          | 33 39 | .457 | 5 1/2        |

## Bobo Suspended For Refusal to Take Choo Choo

Washington, July 15 (AP)—Washington Senators President Clark Griffith today blasted Bobo Newsum's minor league walk-out as "the same old story" and vowed the pious pitcher had thrown away his last chance to return to the big time.

Newsum, the wandering minstrel of the ball yards, claimed there wasn't any future in minor league ball despite his 10 Southern Association victories this season. He refused to board a train with his Chattanooga teammates yesterday, and was promptly suspended indefinitely by the Senator farm club.

Griffith, long a friend and patron of the veteran hurler, said, "I've washed my hands of him. I don't want any part of Bobo after the way he did."

"It was the same old story. He did the same thing to Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics."

Actually, Griffith said, Bobo tossed away his chance for a possible return to major leagues in the near future. The Senators had been thinking only a week ago of pulling Newsum up. "But that's out now," Griffith insisted.

## Attendance Is Up At Calgary Rodeo

Calgary, Alta., July 15 (AP)—Attendance marks continued to topple as the Calgary stamper entered its fourth day with cool-headed Canadian cowboys leading the dangerous steer decorating event.

For the third straight day yesterday, huge crowds jamming their way into Calgary's Victoria park set a new attendance mark. Official attendance yesterday was announced as 72,307, an increase of 8,732 over the same date last year.

Attendance figures now are 32,160 ahead of the same time last year.

A trio of daring Canadian cowboys smashed the stranglehold of United States rodeo stars on major cowboy events by making a clean sweep of the steer decorating competition, rated one of the most dangerous of all rodeo activities.

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## By JOE REICHLER (Associated Press Sports Writer)

Boston's Billy Southworth couldn't see Ken Heintzelman when he selected his all-star pitchers. Southworth has nothing on the batters. They can't see him either.

The 33-year-old southpaw, who is making a contender of the once feeble Philadelphia Phillies, is pitching the best ball in the National league.

He is tied for most victories with 11. He has lost only three. Manager Eddie Sawyer hates to think where his fourth place Phils would be without him.

Heintzelman further embarrassed Southworth last night when he pitched the Phils to a 1-0 victory over Max Lanier and the Cardinals for his third shut-out.

His 11th victory, which incidentally tied his best previous winning total, resulted when Outfielder Del Ennis crashed his 13th home run with one out in the last half of the ninth. The victory advanced the Phils to within one game of the Braves, who were beaten by the Cubs, 3-2.

The defeat dropped the Redbirds a game and a half behind the Dodgers, who nosed out the Cincinnati Reds, 6-5, in a 10-inning struggle after tying the score in the ninth with two runs. A single by Marv Rackley and a double by Billy Cox, both off Relief Pitcher Ewell Blackwell, gave the Dodgers their seventh straight triumph over the Reds at Ebbets field.

Dutch Leonard, the Cubs' hard-luck knuckleballer, finally won a close one. At that, he had to bat in the winning run himself with a single in the eighth. The blow scored Frank Gustine and broke a 2-2 tie. Vern Bickford, trying for his 12th victory for the Braves, was charged with his fifth defeat.

Johnny Mize clouted his 14th home run with one on in the first inning to lead the New York Giants to a 4-3 triumph

## OVERCOMES BURNS

perlight through. Smoke damage to his lungs proved the greatest threat to recovery, and Dr. V. C. Fabian, the Raceway's veterinarian, pumped heavy doses of penicillin into the horse, to ward off pneumonia.

Slowly but noticeably, Copperlight summoned back his strength, eating lightly at first and then with considerable vigor. Trainer Aubrey Rodney began to jog him easily when he appeared strong enough, finding the horse's wind surprisingly good.

Under the careful, patient grooming of George Leggett and Martin Gibbons, Copperlight's burns were healed and only the scar on his flank, actually a badge of rare courage, remains as a stark reminder of the fire.

At first, it was decided that Copperlight would be raced this season at the Saratoga oval. Later, when Copperlight displayed such promise in training, it was decided not to take a chance on hampering his future. Thus, Copperlight has been moved to his owner's farm where he can romp to his heart's content for a year and absorb more strength.

When he finally races for the first time, he will have a considerable following. His backers feel that a horse with a sire named Torchlight and a heart that conquered death cannot be anything but outstanding.

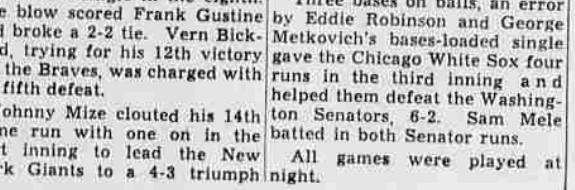
## Pacer Wins First Race After Fire

By RALPH D. HALL

Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (AP)—Although unraced, Copperlight, a three-year-old pacer with a heart of steel, already has scored one of the greatest triumphs possible... a winning fight against death.

Nearly six months ago the pacer owned by Miss Herta Sonnenberg of Stonington, Conn., somehow managed to free himself from his stall and escape from a Saratoga raceway barn in a \$150,000 blaze that trapped 23 horses in one of harness racing's worst disasters.

Copperlight was the sole survivor but so near death that many horsemen thought it best that he be destroyed. His hips and flanks were burned, his head and ears singed, his right



Scarred Winner Copperlight, with caretaker Martin Gibbons, stands near the scene of last January's Saratoga raceway fire which destroyed 23 horses. The pacer, left with scars on his left flank, was the only horse to escape the blaze.



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## Baby Battery

Statistics are thumbing back box scores these days to find a teen-age battery that compares with southpaw pitcher Johnny Antonelli and catcher Del Crandall of the Boston Braves. Both 19-year-olds have looked impressive. Antonelli, the \$75,000 bonus kid from Rochester, N. Y., turned in two brilliant wins in June. He blanked the Cubs on June 12 with four hits, 2-0, and seven days later turned back the Reds, 3-2, on eight hits. Crandall, a 175-pound six-foot-one redhead, drove out nine hits in his first seven games to hit .333. Crandall was brought up from Evansville, Ind., in the Three I league where he was leading the class B team in home runs and runs batted in.

## Changes Startle Writers

By FRANK ECK

Portland, July 15 (AP)—The state high school baseball tournament will be held in Albany for the first time next year.

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Branch Rickey has been blamed for a lot of things in Brooklyn but when it comes to shaking up a team Durocher is in a class by himself.

In the Giants' first 65 games this season, Lippy has used 37 lineup combinations. Only Sid Gordon and Bob Thomson have played in every game. All the others have been benched for light hitting at one time or another.

Despite the fact that the Giants were only seven games out of first place at the end of June, Durocher had employed 14 different double play combinations. Half the season is gone and nobody seems to know from day to day what players will handle the important shortstop and second base positions. The writers with the team just shake their heads as new double play combinations attempt to get acquainted.

Buddy Kerr, a good shortstop but often in Durocher's dog house, has played beside five different second basemen. Other Giant shortstops have been Bill Rigney, Jack Lohrke—who also plays second base or third base—and Dick Culler. Each of them has teamed with three different second sackers.

It's a good thing Frankie Frisch left the Giant coaching lines to become Chicago Cub manager. If he were still a Giant he might be Leo's shortstop tomorrow.

## Blame It on Leo

New York (AP)—Long before the Dodgers set up training camp at Vero Beach, Fla., last spring, writers covering the team's activity picked Brooklyn to win the National League pennant. As the season reached the half-way mark the scribes had only one worry.

We'll win the pennant for sure, they said, unless Branch Rickey starts making attempts to improve the team. The Dodger president always one to look to make improvements, has made few changes since the season started.

Burt Shotton is picking his own lineup, something that was in doubt in 1947 when Shotton hurriedly accepted the job as interim manager after Leo Durocher was suspended by Commissioner A. B. Chandler. Shotton was unfamiliar with the league and its personnel. He had to rely on his coaches and Rickey's uncanny knack for spotting the minute flaws in the Dodger team.

In 1948 when Durocher was reinstated and returned to manage Brooklyn there still was some doubt about whether Leo or Branch ran the day-to-day controls. Leo, of course, was giving the hit and run and steal signals but some writers had the suspicion that Rickey was picking the lineups and sometimes the pitchers.

When Durocher left Brooklyn last July to become manager of the Giants the suspicion that Rickey was running things in Ebbets Field still remained.

But now with Durocher solidly planted as manager of the Giants under a new three-year contract running through 1951, the baseball experts are beginning to notice that it must have been Lippy who was running the Dodgers all the time.

The changes he has made in the Giant team are reminiscent of the alterations he used to make with the Dodgers.

When you go to the Polo Grounds these days you really must depend on the scorecard seller's axiom "You can't tell the players without a scorecard."

Leo has used so many different lineups this year

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## Junior Softie Tournery Planned For Valley Towns

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The games will be played either in Albany or Lebanon with a traveling trophy awarded to the winners in each division. Trophies are being donated by a merchant from each city at a nominal cost. The sponsor's name will be engraved on each trophy and it will become a permanent possession of any team winning it for three consecutive years.

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## Old Birds Take Rest as Young Pigeons Take Wing

The old birds will be given a rest for the balance of the season as racing pigeon fanciers conduct a training course for the younger ones beginning this week with a test flight from Maupin, Ore., to Arlington, Walla Walla and another point or two.

The latest flight for the older birds was a 305 mile journey from Lewiston, Idaho back to the home coots. Of the six pigeons entered, five of them got home the same day they were liberated and the sixth returned the next.

One of Doug Chambers' birds finished first and one owned by Al Brown came in second. Their respective speeds were 719.705 and 707.984 yards per minute.

As a result of the spring and early summer flights one of Chambers' homers was awarded the "bird of the year" title, with an accumulation of 862.75 points picked up as the result of flights from Arlington, Heppner, Pendleton, Walla Walla and Lewiston.

The course from eastern Oregon and Washington points to the Willamette valley is considered one of the most difficult in the country due to the varied nature of the country.

## Coaching Staff Inked by Pilots

Portland, Ore., July 15—The signing of two assistant football coaches and a trainer by University of Portland's athletic committee this week put Head Coach Harry Wright's staff full strength for the opening of the Pilot grid campaign next September.

New assistant coaches Floyd Simmons, former Notre Dame fullback and professional star, who will instruct backfield men and Joe Tedeschi, ex-Penn State guard, will serve as free man football coach. New full time trainer will be August P. Lino, who starred for Niagara university and served as trainer at Aquinas Institute, Rochester, N.Y. when Wright was head coach there from 1946 to 1948.

The Brooklyn Dodgers were victorious in 20 of their first 25 starts at home this season, a .625 percentage.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Windy Sure "Stopped The Show"!**

The other night a bunch of us were over at Judge Cunningham's watching a swell vaudeville program on his new television set. It came in fine, but just once, the screen got a little streaky.

Before the Judge could touch the knob to bring it into focus, old Windy Taylor starts fooling around with the antenna connection. "I can fix that!" he says.

Windy fixed it all right. He "stopped the show" for us, and Buzz Ellis had to come over and do a \$20 repair job. I understand

Windy feels so bad, that he's paying the bill and has apologized to the Judge for acting so smart.

From where I sit, it pays to practice a little restraint whenever we get the urge to meddle. Whether it's television or a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of sparkling beer now and then—let's get a good clear "picture" of the real situation before we cause more harm than good.

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