

# Mantle's rap hints Yanks may explode

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Are M&M back in business? And, if they are, how long will it be before some of those American League "contenders" are out of business?

The questions are enough to give the New York Yankees' rivals the jitters today because it could mean that Ralph Houk's world champions are ready for their long-awaited big push.

Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris have been awfully quiet for \$172,000-worth of home run hitters this season and it's no coincidence that the Yankees have made several false starts while other teams shuttled in and out of the AL lead. But Mantle's big bat exploded Tuesday night and the thunder was so loud it apparently managed to wake up Maris, too.

Mantle, the MVP of the 1962 season, who started Tuesday night's game with six homers and a .292 batting average, hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run homer in the fifth in the Yankees' 7-4 victory over the Kansas City Athletics.

## Has Respectable Totals

The outburst gave Mantle respectable season totals of eight homers, 20 runs batted in and a .303 average. And then, lo and behold, the long-slumbering Maris woke up with a homer of his own. Sir Roger's season totals still show only five homers, 10 runs batted in and a .239 average but his history is that he follows Mantle off on a "tear."

Jim Bouton went 5-2-3 innings before turning over a 7-3 lead to Steve Hamilton and received credit for his fifth win. The Yankees remained one game behind the Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles, who are tied for first place in the AL.

The White Sox scored their third straight victory when they shaded the Washington Senators, 4-3, the Orioles beat the Detroit Tigers, 4-2, and the Minnesota Twins whipped the Boston Red Sox, 8-2, in other AL games. Los Angeles at Cleveland was rained out.

## Strikes Out Sixteen

In the National League, Jim Maloney struck out 16 batters including a record-equalling eight in a row as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Milwaukee Braves, 2-0, the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Houston Colts, 6-5, the Los Angeles Dodgers topped the New York Mets, 4-2, and St. Louis edged out the Chicago Cubs, 5-4, and the San Francisco Giants defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2.

Mike Hershberger singled home the White Sox' first run and contributed a single to a three-run sixth-inning rally that also included singles by Floyd Robinson and Ron Hansen and a double by Joe Cunningham. Relief pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm preserved Johnny Buzhardt's fourth win despite being tagged for a two-run homer by Don Lock.

## Gaines Paces Orioles

Dick Hall struck out Bill Freehan and Dick McAuliffe to end an eighth-inning Tiger threat and enable the Orioles to score their seventh victory in their last eight games. Joe Gaines homered in the second inning and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to lead Baltimore's seven-hit attack. The win raised Chuck Estrada's record to 3-1.

The Twins routed rookie Dave Morehead with seven runs in the third inning and breezed behind the eight-hit pitching of Jim Perry, who won his second game of the season. Lu Clinton and Dick Stuart homered to produce the Red Sox runs.

# Freese off injury list; Pads tougher than ever

By Michael Hudson  
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Those league-leading San Diego Padres are tougher than ever now that big Gene Freese is back in town.

Freese played a big part in bringing the 1960 National League pennant to Cincinnati, but neither the Reds nor he ever really bounced back after he broke his leg in spring training of 1961.

Now the Reds have sent him down to regain his batting eye and in his first game for the Padres Tuesday night he crashed a pair of homers and a double.

## Easy Win

He got plenty of help from his mates as the Padres rapped five homers and 20 hits on the way to a 12-1 romp over Portland.

Elsewhere, Dallas - Ft. Worth stayed within a game and a half of the Pads in the southern division with a 6-4 win over Oklahoma City. Tacoma pulled the same distance ahead of Seattle in the northern loop with a 5-3 win; Spokane parlayed a trio of homers into a 7-3 win over Hawaii, and the Salt Lake - Denver game was postponed by cold weather.

Freese's heavy hitting accounted for four San Diego runs at Portland, while Rogelio Alvarez drove in five more with round-trippers in the third and eighth innings. Mel Queen's three-run blast in the seventh took care of the rest of the tallies.

Homers accounted for most of the damage at Fort Worth, too. Sandy Valdespino whacked one with two out in the ninth and two aboard to decide it after Cesar Tovar hit a solo shot for the Rangers in the sixth.

## Guisti Loses

Don Williams got the win in relief while Dave Guisti, who spaced six hits over the first eight innings, found himself the loser after Valdespino connected.

Tacoma was out - hit 10-7 by Seattle, but cashed in on four Rainier errors and a nice relief job from John Pregreger. Jim Hart of the Giants and Dalton Jones of the losers each collected three hits.

A pair of round-trippers by Johnny Werhas and one by Neil Brumley were the difference in Honolulu. After Werhas hit a bases-empty blast in the first, both men thumped three-run four-

masters in an unusual six-run fourth inning.

Hawaii roared back with three in the seventh and then loaded the bases with none out in the eighth. But Don Rowe came out of the bullpen and quelled the uprising without a murmur from Hawaii bats, but with plenty of vocalizing from the Island team.

Carlos Bernier took a third strike and then he and manager Irv Noren protested vehemently. They got the thumb and Rowe proceeded to go on about his business.

## Major leagues

By United Press International

### American League

|             | W. | L. | Pct. | GB    |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Chicago     | 23 | 15 | .605 | ..... |
| Baltimore   | 23 | 15 | .605 | ..... |
| New York    | 19 | 13 | .594 | 1     |
| Boston      | 19 | 15 | .559 | 2     |
| Kansas City | 20 | 16 | .556 | 2     |
| Cleveland   | 16 | 16 | .500 | 4     |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 23 | .439 | 6 1/2 |
| Minnesota   | 16 | 21 | .432 | 6 1/2 |
| Detroit     | 14 | 22 | .389 | 8     |
| Washington  | 14 | 26 | .350 | 10    |

### Tuesday's Results

Los Angeles at Cleveland, night, ppd. rain  
New York 7 K. City 4, night  
Chicago 4 Washington 3, night  
Minnesota 8 Boston 2, night  
Baltimore 4 Detroit 2, night

### National League

|               | W. | L. | Pct. | GB    |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| San Francisco | 25 | 15 | .625 | ..... |
| Los Angeles   | 24 | 16 | .600 | 1     |
| St. Louis     | 21 | 19 | .525 | 4     |
| Chicago       | 19 | 19 | .500 | 5     |
| Cincinnati    | 18 | 18 | .500 | 5     |
| Pittsburgh    | 18 | 19 | .486 | 5 1/2 |
| Milwaukee     | 19 | 21 | .475 | 6     |
| Philadelphia  | 17 | 21 | .447 | 7     |
| Houston       | 18 | 23 | .439 | 7 1/2 |
| New York      | 16 | 24 | .400 | 9     |

### Tuesday's Results

St. Louis 5 Chicago 4, night  
Cincinnati 2 Milwaukee 0, night  
Pittsburgh 6 Houston 5, night  
Los Angeles 4 N. York 2, night  
S. Francisco 3 Phila 2, night

### SIGNS WITH WARRIORS

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Nate Thurmond of Bowling Green, the No. 1 draft choice of the San Francisco Warriors, has signed a two-year contract with the National Basketball Association team.

# Ed Cecil ready for playoffs with Wildcats

Special to The Bulletin

McMINNVILLE — Linfield College, winner of five consecutive Northwest Conference baseball crowns, will attempt to reverse a costly upset of last year when the Wildcats tangle with Portland State in a best-of-three NAIA District 2 baseball playoff at Salem Friday.

Linfield and PSC square-off at 2:30 p.m., on the Willamette University diamond.

Ed Cecil, a Linfield pitcher from Bend, has won one and lost none in conference play.

## BILLS SIGN THREE

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — The Buffalo Bills of the American Football League have announced the signings of end Glenn Bass, full-back Willie Jones and linebacker Joe Schaffer.

# Huskie bobble puts OSU 'in'

SEATTLE (UPI) — Defending champion Oregon State increased its Northern Division baseball lead to a full game by edging Washington 5-4 in 13 innings Tuesday.

The win gave the Beavers a 9-2 record to 8-3 for Oregon.

Oregon State won the game in the top of the 13th inning with the aid of two Washington errors. Frank Peters reached base on an error. He scored when Veeder South singled and outfielder Dick Evans bled the ball.

The Beavers and Ducks settle the division race with regular season-ending doubleheaders at Eugene Friday and Corvallis Saturday.

Ore. State 001-012-000-000-1-5-14-4 Wash. 000-001-003-000-0-4-11-4 Straub, Olson (6), Hayward (9) and Cray; Mueller, Johnson (6), Gray (7) and McAllister.

# Sutton back on track

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI) — Len Sutton's car, which he lost in the southwest turn of the Speedway while practicing for 500-mile race qualifications, was expected back on the track today, despite hitting the wall twice Tuesday.

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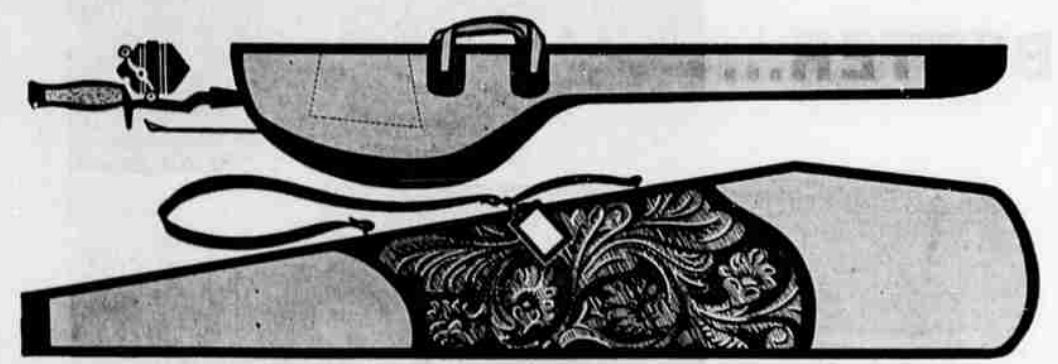
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