

Stretch-Driving St. Louis Cards Soar To National League Peak

STIRRING SURGE PLACES REDBIRDS GAME UP ON BUMS

St. Louis Splits With Phillies While Reds Take Twin Bill From Brooklyn.

New York, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The National league pennant race at a glance:

	To	W	L	GB	Play
St. Louis	95	47	—	12	
Brooklyn	94	48	1	12	

By Paul Scheffels
United Press Correspondent
New York, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The wildest dream in baseball

was just 12 games away from realization for the St. Louis Cardinals today.

Proud possessors of the top spot in the National league by one full game over the tottering Brooklyn Dodgers after the most magnificent stretch drive in baseball history, the Cards have just an even dozen contests to play. They must match the Flatbushers—who also have only 12 to go—victory for victory to enter the world series in October.

Classification of the Cards' cyclonic drive, which resulted in 30 victories in their last 36 games, as the most stirring in diamond annals isn't too far-fetched. Only comparative performance with as much dramatic ginger was the drive of the 1914 Boston Braves from last place in July to first place.

Victory in the nightcap of their doubleheader with the Phils, 3-2, gave the Cards first place as the Dodgers dropped a twin-bill to the Reds, 6-3 and

4-1. The Phils shaded the Cards, 2-1, in the first game.

Moore Homers
St. Louis fumbled away the first game, allowing the Phils two runs in the ninth, but Terry Moore's homer in the fifth with the score tied at 2-all won the nightcap.

Pace-setters since April 20, the Dodgers garnered only 11 hits in 18 innings while losing to the Reds. Bucky Walters held them to six hits in the opener and helped with his own game by doubling with loaded bases in the fourth.

Ray Starr limited the Dodgers to five hits in the nightcap as the Brooklyn defense collapsed. Lew Riggs made three errors with two out in the fifth to allow the Reds to take a lead they never lost.

In other senior league games, the New York Giants defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-0, and 5-3, as the Chicago Cubs split with the Boston Braves, winning the nightcap 12-8 in eight in-

nings after losing the opener, 11-6.

Yanks Near Flag
Almost forgotten in the excitement over the National league pennant race, the New York Yankees moved to within a single game of their 13th American league flag by beating the Cleveland Indians, 9-1 and 4-1. Only the Boston Red Sox' twin victories, 6-1 and 5-0, over the White Sox at Chicago prevented the New Yorkers from clinching the flag.

Washington split with the Detroit Tigers. Early Wynn allowed eight hits as the Senators won the opener, 5-2, but Hal White gave up only four blows as Detroit took the nightcap, 8-0.

Yesterday's star—Relief Pitcher Bill Beckman and Terry Moore of the Cards. Beckman, former Athletics hurler, blanked the Phils for the last five innings while allowing only three hits after coming in with none out in the fourth. Moore

banged out his sixth homer to provide the Cards with the win- edge in the second game, 3-2.

EAGLES, CARDS COP PRO GAMES

By United Press
Only two league games marked the opening of the National Professional league yesterday but three more contests are carded for next Sunday and before the end of the following week, all 10 teams will have gone into action.

The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Steelers, 24-14, at Pittsburgh and the Chicago Cardinals clipped the Cleveland Rams, 7-0, at Buffalo, N. Y. in exhibition contests, the champion Chicago Bears walloped the Redskins, 38-14, at Washington and the Green Bay Packers pummeled the Western Army All-Stars, 36-21, at Milwaukee.

Angels Near Coast League Flag; Bevos Drop Two To Padres

By United Press
The Los Angeles Angels held a two-game lead today as Pacific Coast league baseball teams headed into the final week of the regular season.

Winning two games from Hollywood, 7-3 and 6-1, the Angels stretched their lead over Sacramento's Solons who dropped both ends of a doubleheader, to Seattle, 3-1 and 4-2.

The Angels meet Sacramento in this week's series and must win only three games to clinch the title.

San Diego took over fourth place by winning two games from the Portland Beavers, 9-3 and 4-2, while San Francisco lost twice to the Oakland Acorns, 6-1 and 6-1.

San Diego 9 16 2
Portland 5 11 2
Olsen and Salkeld; Orrell and

Leovich.
San Diego 4 7 1
Portland 2 8 1
Poffenberger and Detore; Os-
borne and Mayer.

Birth Of Son Causes Infielding Miseries

Boston, Sept. 14—(U.P.)—The birth of a 7½ pound son early Sunday morning to Mrs. Len Merullo had a disastrous effect on the fielding of the Chicago Cubs shortstop.

Merullo gained the dubious distinction of setting a new record for errors for a major league shortstop in a single inning when he was charged with four mis- plays in the second frame of the

nightcap between the Braves and Cubs yesterday.

The rivers and streams of the Province of Quebec abound in black bass, speckled trout, grey trout, cuananiche, and northern pike. Probably the most prized fish of all is the Atlantic salmon.

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