

Indians, Braves Display Pitching, Power In Starters To Live Up To Advance Raves

By FRED DOWN
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It's a bit early for Cleveland and Milwaukee fans to apply for World Series tickets but the Indians and Braves certainly wasted no time living up to their advance notices as the major league pennant favorites.

Both flashed sound pitching and dangerous long-ball punch in their openers Tuesday to start off on the right foot before huge hometown crowds. A crowd of 50,230 saw the Indians breeze to a 5-1 verdict over the Chicago White Sox while a turnout of 43,640 saw the Braves rally in the eighth inning with the aid of rookie Chuck Tanner's homer to defeat the Cincinnati Redlegs, 4-2.

In other games, the Kansas City Athletics made a successful American league debut with a 6-2 triumph over the Detroit Tigers before a crowd of 32,844 including former President Harry Truman; the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles, 7-1, behind Frank Sullivan's five-hitter and the Chicago Cubs walloped the St. Louis Cardinals, 14-4, New York at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn and Washington at New York were rained out.

Kiner Booms First
Bob Lemon, a 23-game winner last season, picked up right where he left off by pitching a five-hitter and Ralph Kiner weighed in with his first homer as an American leaguer to provide the fireworks for the Indians. Lemon struck out three and walked only three as he scored an easy victory over a team that beat him in two of three decisions last season.

Kiner, acquired in a winter deal with the Cubs, struck out on his first two trips to the plate but then walloped a solo homer in the fifth inning. Vic Wertz singled home two runs for the Indians in the first inning and Al Smith hit a two run homer in the second. All Cleveland's runs were off Virgil Trucks, a 10-game winner in 1954.

At Milwaukee, the fans were treated to even more spectacular heroics.

Ted Kluszewski threatened to wreck the opening day festivities when he blasted a two-run homer, his second round-tripper in as many games, to give the Redlegs a 2-1 lead in the eighth inning. But Tanner, a 25-year-old lefthanded hitter who batted .323 at Atlanta last season, promptly tied the score with his pinch homer—tying a major league record.

Fleet Bill Bruton then singled and scored the tie-breaking run when Hank Aaron tripled off the right center field fence. Aaron tallied on Bobby Thomson's sacrifice fly. The victory went to Warren Spahn while ex-Cardinal Gerry Staley suffered the defeat.

Pinch-Hitters Click
Kansas City made a triumphant entry into the A.L., rallying for three runs in the sixth inning to snap a 2-2 deadlock. Elmer Valo, pinch-hitting for winning pitcher Alex Kellner, drew a walk with the bases filled to force in the tie-breaking run and two more tallies followed on pinch-hitter Don Bollweg's single. Ewell Blackwell hurled the last three innings for the Athletics and was aided by three double plays. Ned Garver was the loser.

Ted Lepcio, who hit only eight homers all last season, hit two and drove in three runs as the Red Sox handed the Orioles their second straight defeat. Sullivan, a 15-game winner last season, did the rest for the Red Sox, limiting Baltimore to five hits and striking out four batters.

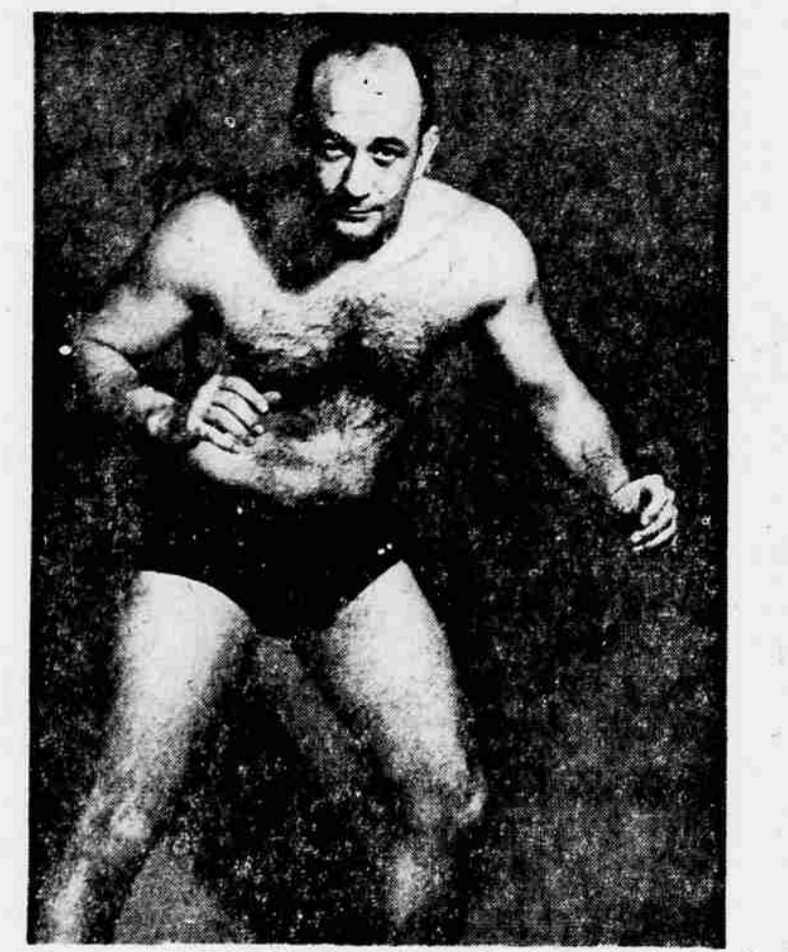
Dee Fondy drove in five runs with a double and a single and Ransom Jackson homered as the Cubs virtually duplicated a 13-4 opening day rout of the Cardinals last year. Paul Minner, winning pitcher in last year's triumph, scattered nine hits Tuesday and also collected three hits. Rookie Ken Boyer homered for the Cardinals.

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American League
Detroit 000 110 000-2 8 1
Kansas City 011 002 01x-6 9 0
Garver, Fletcher (7), and R. Wilson, Kellner, Blackwell (7), and Astoroth. Winning pitcher—Kellner (1-0). Losing pitcher—Garver (0-1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 000 000 020-2 7 1
Milwaukee 100 000 02x-4 8 0
Staley, Collum (8), Lane (8) and Dalley, Spahn, Jolly (9) and Crandall. Winning pitcher—Spahn (1-0). Losing pitcher—Staley (0-1).

DONS NICK CHIEFS
Petaluma, Calif. — (U.P.) — A University of San Francisco nine won an 8-7 victory over Wenatchee of the Western International league yesterday for the Dons' fourth straight road victory.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



REFEREE TO WRESTLE—Larry Pressnell of the Portland police department, shown above, will trade his referee's togs for wrestling tight Saturday night when he meets Johnny "Cyclone" Cobb in one of the three matches at Merrick's arena. Pressnell, who was injured while refereeing last week, telephoned Promoter Mack Lillard yesterday saying his ankle had responded to treatment and that he would like to have a match. Lillard obliged by digging up just about the best opponent who has been around here in a long time. Other matches send Yoggi Hussane against Man Mountain Dean Jr., and Shirley Winters against Gerry Hunter. Both are return engagements.

Minor League President Finds Renewed Interest, Confidence For Big Year Throughout Loops

By GEORGE M. TRAUTMAN
(Minor League President)
Written for United Press
Columbus, Ohio — (U.P.) — In looking over the baseball prospects for the 1955 season in our

Jansen To Pitch For Seattle Nine

New York — (U.P.) — Thirty-four-year-old Larry Jansen, for eight years a star pitcher on the New York Giants, is heading back to his native Pacific Northwest to pitch for the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

Major Loop First Day Crowds Average Bigger Than Those Last Year

Rain forced the postponement of three major league games Tuesday but the per-game average for the five other opening games played was greater than it was a year ago.

Largest at Cleveland

The largest crowd of the day—50,230—saw the Indians and White Sox in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, topping last year's biggest opening day crowd of 46,994 at Detroit for the Tigers—Orioles debut.

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Medford high junior varsity survived a seventh inning Redskin rally yesterday to down the Jacksonville varsity baseball nine 6 to 4 at Jacksonville.

Portlander Heads Singles Tourney

Kelcy Allen, Portland has rolled into the lead of the Western Singles Handicap tournament at Medford Bowling lanes. He carded a scratch score of 1280, bowling games of 181, 213, 206, 235, 232 and 213.

Tallest Boxing Bout In World

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Swede Halbrook, seven-foot-three, and Phil Shadoin, seven-feet, both members of Coach Slat's basketball team, will box in a special event at the varsity 'O' smelter here April 20, it was announced today.

Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	5	2	.750
San Diego	6	3	.667
Portland	5	3	.625
Seattle	4	4	.500
Los Angeles	3	5	.375
Oakland	3	5	.375
Hollywood	3	5	.375
San Francisco	3	6	.333

More Than 1,000 Entries Expected In Hayward Tiff

Eugene — (U.P.) — The 18th annual Hayward relays set for this Friday and Saturday at the University of Oregon will see more than 1,000 athletes from 76 schools taking part, according to director Ray Hendrickson.

NIGHT EDITOR DIES

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Melbourne Told Olympic Games Could Be Moved

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Avery Brundage left Australia for Japan today with a warning echoing behind him that the 1956 Olympic Games could be taken away from Melbourne unless the organizing committee "wakes up" by June 10.

Waltonians Rap House Bill on Water Resources

Jackson County Chapter of the Izak Walton League Monday selected Richard Connolly, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Connolly, 523 South Newtown st., as the one to be in charge of the Izak Walton League float to be entered in the Rogue Valley Blossom Festival on April 23.

Finale Tonight For Hockey Cup

Montreal — (U.P.) — The Stanley Cup series was reduced to a single, sudden death game today after the scrappy Montreal Canadiens battled back Tuesday night to win the sixth game from Detroit and even the series at three games each.

Bobo Olson Favored Over Maxim Tonight

By SCOTT BAILLIE
San Francisco — (U.P.) — World middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson and ancient Joey Maxim meet tonight in a 10-round, nationally-televised non-title bout at the Cow Palace with King Bobo favored to pound out his 21st straight triumph at the expense of the former light-heavyweight ruler.

Waltonians Rap House Bill on Water Resources

Members gave their support to House Bill 462 which provides for salmon fishing license for one day for one dollar. They said they felt this will result in many of the tourists along our coast who never intended to try to catch a salmon to try their luck at it. Passage of the measure also should increase the number of people who are interested in the maintenance of salmon runs, they stated.

Finale Tonight For Hockey Cup

The chapter voiced its objections to the provisions of the water resources bill, HB 25, which, if maintained, would virtually ignore the future of salmon and steelhead in our streams. As the bill now reads after passing the house, the fish commission would have no right to disapprove of the building of a dam where plans do not provide for the passage of salmon and steelhead, they declared.

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The chapter said it supports the basic legislation in this bill. However, it wants the proper recognition given the fishery resource.

GAME CHANGED
Prospect — Prospect high school's Jackson County B league baseball game with Rogue River will be played here Thursday afternoon. It was originally set for the following day but Rogue River asked the change in order to be able to take a full crew to the Hayward relays on Friday.

OSC GOLFERS WIN
Corvallis — (U.P.) — Oregon State's golf team defeated Willamette 25-2 yesterday with Jerry Cloninger of the Beavers medalist at 71.

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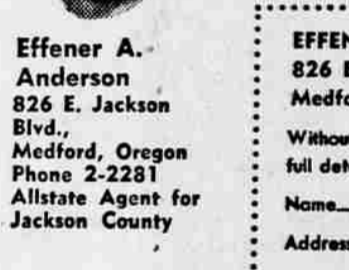
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