

Indians Move Into AL Lead; Brooklyn Increases Margin

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Al Lopez promised his Cleveland Indians would be back in first place and that exactly where they were today all because of Ralph Kiner who made a few special promises himself.

The 32-year-old Kiner, plagued by a bad back and reduced to part-time status, propelled the Indians into the American League lead by blasting a ninth-inning grand slam homer that beat the Tigers 6-4 Wednesday night. Kiner's homer was the 365th of his career and it moved the Indians two percentage points ahead of the White Sox, who slipped to second place by bowing to the Athletics, 5-4.

Kiner received his chance in the seventh inning when he came in as a pinch hitter for Gene Woodling with the bases full but Al Aber struck him out. Kiner remained in the game and got another chance with the bases full in the ninth. Aber was still pitching and Kiner slammed the ball over the left field fence for his 14th and most important homer of the year.

The blow gave the ex-National

League home run king two other distinctions. It gave him a total of 1,001 runs batted in for his career and made him the leader among active players with 13 grand-slam homers.

Until Kiner came through with his game-winning clout, the Tigers led 4-2 on Earl Torgerson's two-run homer in the seventh inning. Al Rosen and Hal Naragon also homered for the Indians.

Hector Lopez' sixth inning home run proved to be the deciding blow in Kansas City's victory over Chicago although the White Sox came within one run of tying the game in the eighth, a frame in which Bob Nieman homered. Minnie Minoso also homered off winner Alex Keller with one on in the fifth.

Andy Carey's single in the 13th inning gave the Yankees a 3-2 decision over the Red Sox and Don Larsen his third straight victory since returning from the

minors 10 days ago. By winning, the Yanks climbed to within a half game of first place, four percentage points behind the White Sox and six behind the Indians.

The Washington-Baltimore game was postponed because of rain.

Dodgers Increase Lead

In the National League, the pace-setting Dodgers hopped on Ramon Monzant for five runs on five hits in the first three innings to beat the Giants, 5-4, in a game called during the seventh inning because of rain. The victory pushed the defending world champions 18 games off the pace, in third place.

Cincinnati climbed to within 1 1/2 games of fifth place by beating Chicago twice, 7-2 and 6-3 with rookie Don Gross getting credit for the opening game victory and Art Fowler the nightcap. Ted Kluszewski slammed his 37th homer off loser Warren Hacker in the second game while Ernie Banks hit his 38th.

The Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Braves, 7-2, with the aid of three hits by Stan Musial, including his 1,000th extra base blow. Tom Poholsky hurled a six-hitter for his sixth victory.

Jerry Lynch's 10th inning single gave the Pirates a 3-2 triumph over the Phillies as Bob Friend registered his ninth victory of the year and ended a four-game Phillies' winning streak. Frank Thomas homered for Pittsburgh.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	66	44	.599
Chicago	64	44	.593
New York	66	46	.589
Boston	64	47	.577
Detroit	59	52	.532
Kansas City	47	65	.420
Washington	39	70	.354
Baltimore	36	73	.330

Wednesday's Results
New York 3, Boston 2 (13 innings)
Kansas City 5, Chicago 4 (night)
Cleveland 6, Detroit 4 (night)
Wash. at Balt., night, p.p.d., rain.

Thursday's Probable Pitchers
Boston at New York—Susce (5-5) vs. Turley (12-10)
Detroit at Cleveland—Hoeft (11-5) vs. Wynn (13-7)
Chicago at Kansas City—Johnson (4-1) vs. Raschi (4-3)
Only games scheduled.

Friday's Games
Chicago at Detroit, night
Cleveland at Kansas City, night
Washington at Boston, night
New York at Baltimore, night

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	76	36	.679
Milwaukee	61	51	.545
New York	59	55	.518
Philadelphia	58	59	.496
Chicago	57	60	.487
Cincinnati	54	60	.474
St. Louis	47	61	.435
Pittsburgh	43	73	.371

Wednesday's Results
Cincinnati 7, Chicago 2 (1st)
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3 (2nd)
Brooklyn 5, New York 4 (night, called end of 6th inning, rain)
Pitt. 3, Phila. 2 (10 innings, night)
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 2 (night)

Thursday's Probable Pitchers
Cincinnati at Chicago—Black (5-2) vs. Burdette (14-10) and White, Daley
St. Louis at Milwaukee (2 games)—Arroyo (11-6) and Hadick (8-11) vs. Buhl (9-7) and Nichols (6-5)
Only games scheduled.

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, night
Pittsburgh at New York, night
Cincinnati at St. Louis, night
Milwaukee at Chicago

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	76	58	.567
Hollywood	74	60	.552
Portland	74	62	.544
San Diego	67	64	.511
Los Angeles	67	67	.500
Sacramento	61	74	.452
Oakland	60	76	.441
San Francisco	59	77	.434

Wednesday's Results
1st game, San Diego 3, Oakland 0
2nd game, Oakland 5, San Diego 0
San Francisco 5, Seattle 3 (1st game)
San Francisco 13, Seattle 5 (2nd game)
Los Angeles 4, Sacramento 2 (1st game)
Sacramento 7, Los Angeles 2 (2nd game)
Hollywood 10, Portland 3

How Series Stand
Hollywood 3, Portland 1
San Francisco 3, Seattle 1
Oakland 3, San Diego 1
Sacramento 2, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Probable Pitchers
San Diego (Eddie Erault 13-8) at Oakland (Al Gettel 11-13)
Hollywood (Ben Wade 7-3) at Portland (Dick Wabel 8-6)
San Francisco (Tony Ponce 6-10) at Seattle (Ewell Blackwell 3-3)
Sacramento (Bud Daley 16-12) at Los Angeles (By Cohen 4-9)

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Eugene	22	14	.611
Lewiston	20	14	.588
Tri-City	19	15	.559
Wenatchee	19	17	.527
Salem	17	17	.500
Spokane	16	23	.410
Yakima	13	26	.330

Wednesday's Results
Wenatchee 9, Eugene 8
Salem 10, Spokane 1
Tri-City 9, Yakima 1

Connie Forces Re-Scheduling Of Net Matches

Newport, R.I. — (U.P.) — Hurricane Connie was an unlisted contestant today as three of the top five American and foreign entries squared off for the quarter-final singles matches of the 74th Invitational tennis tournament at the Newport Casino.

All four instead of two quarter-finals were re-scheduled for today to avoid conflict with the storm which threatens to strike in this area before the tournament is over.

Two Americans and two foreign players were defeated in the round-of-eight competition Wednesday, leaving top-seeded Hamilton Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., to face fifth-seeded Straight Clark of Philadelphia in the most promising singles match today.

Denmark's Kurt Nielsen, the No. 1 foreign seed, was paired with fourth domestic seed Herb Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Malcolm Anderson of Australia faced Japan's Atsushi Miyagi; and unseeded Cliff Mayne of Berkeley, Calif., was paired with unrated Bob Wilson of England in the other two hurricane-hurried singles.

Six NFL Play Games Saturday

By UNITED PRESS

Six National Football League teams made final preparations today for Saturday night exhibition games.

The New York Giants were on their way to Spokane, Wash., where they will meet the Green Bay Packers in the first tune-up game of the training period for each club. The Packers, in training at Stevens Point, Wis., leave for Spokane Friday following a brief workout today.

At Moraga, Calif., Coach Red Strader announced that halfback Hugh McElhenney, who has been hampered by injuries, will be in the starting lineup Saturday when the San Francisco Forty-Niners play their second exhibition game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. San Francisco defeated Washington, 7-6, last Sunday with McElhenney seeing very little action.

The Baltimore Colts will finish up their preliminary training grind today and then will move on to Hershey, Pa., for a Saturday night exhibition game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Kicking specialist Ben Agajanian and halfback Buford Long checked in at the Giants camp in Salem, Ore., late Wednesday. Agajanian, the NFL's leading scorer last year with 74 points, has been busy cleaning up business ties while Long was given permission by the club to report late.

Basilio Is Easy Victor

New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight champion Carmen Basilio, disappointed with his lopsided, non-title victory over Italo Scorticchini, said today, "I thought the crowd was booing me, so I shot the works and got tired in the late rounds."

He was chastened because it was his first appearance as champion.

In his non-title fight with Gil Turner next month there'll be no repetition of the all-out aggressiveness that featured his decision victory over Scorticchini of Italy in their third fight Wednesday night at Madison Square garden, he assured.

The rainy, night crowd of about 2,500 began booing the TV-radio fight in the fifth round because it was so one-sided. Scorticchini had been much more effective in their two previous bouts. He held Carmen to a draw at Miami Beach on Jan. 16, 1954, and lost a close decision four months later at Syracuse, N.Y.

Wednesday night's affair was a pursuit in which the back-peddling speedster from Fabriano, Italy, engaged in but few exchanges and missed many punches when he did exchange. The champion was favored at 3-1, and that certainly was no "overday."

Portland Could Be Site For Big Time Boxing

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland will be in line for its share of big-time boxing matches should a big crowd attend the Bobo Olson-Jimmy Martinez middleweight match at Multnomah Stadium Saturday night, a top trainer said today.

Ray Arcel, who is helping Tommy Moyer promote the fight, said eastern fighters knew how Joe Kahut and Kid Matthews drew in Portland. "If the middleweight champ packs 'em in, then make way for a parade of champs. They'll be beating down Moyer's door to sign them up, too."

Braves Beat Yakima, 9-1

By UNITED PRESS

Early or late, the Tri-City Braves of the Northwest League keep piling up victories.

After winning several recent games with late inning rallies, the Braves reversed the script last night and scored early and often to sink Yakima 9-1.

Tri-City got one run in the first and added four in the second on a grand-slam homer by Milt Martin. It proved enough for Ralph Burns who scattered seven Yakima hits to chalk up his 13th victory. Yakima's only run came on a solo homer by Herm Lewis in the fifth.

Wenatchee took over the late inning dramatics with a four-run rally in the ninth to edge Eugene 9-8. Herb Anderson's single to left sent Phil Marvier across with the decider.

Tom Agosta carried a big bat for Salem, driving in five runs in the Senators' 10-3 victory over Spokane. His single in the sixth was good for two runs and his ninth inning triple sent two more markers across.

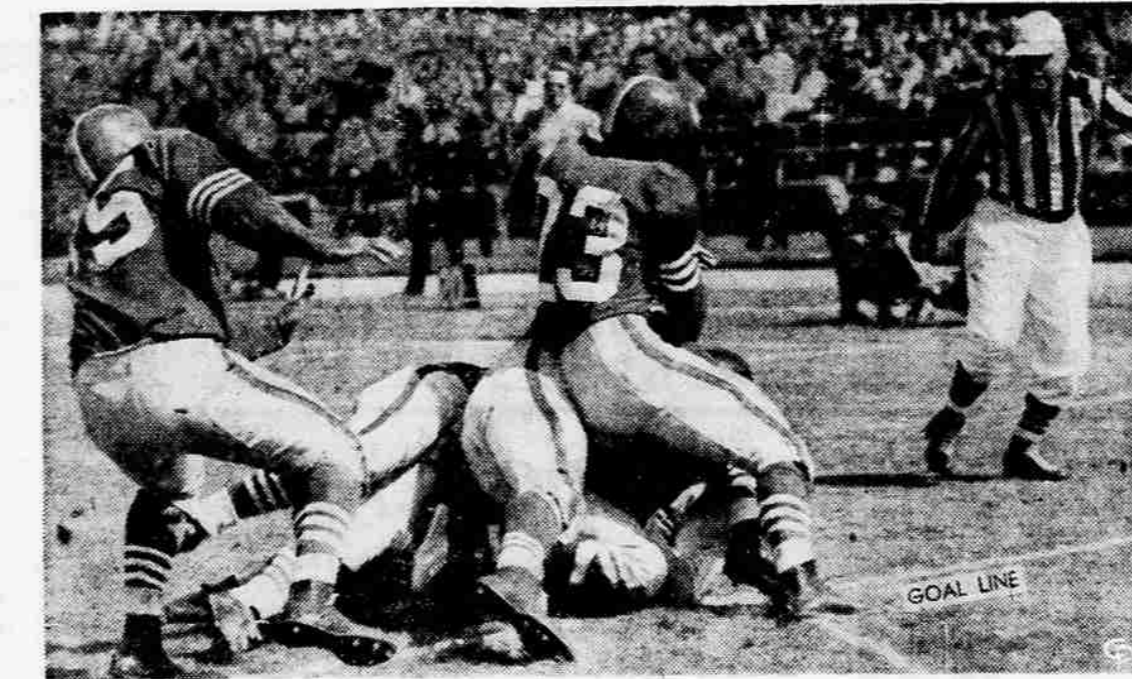
Bud Francis went all the way for the winners to bring his mark to 7-5.

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SWARMING OVER REDSKIN, Washington fullback Rob Goode, San Francisco 49ers stop scoring their one foot from goal line with but minute left in game. Goode's knee is just beyond three foot line. Seconds later Redskin Vic Janowicz's field goal was blocked by rookie George Maderos, ex-Chico Cal State player, giving 49ers 7-6 victory at San Francisco. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Golf's Richest Tourney Opens With 105 Men Pros

Chicago — (U.P.) — Golf's richest tournament, the \$157,200 "World" championship at Tam-o-Shanter, opened today with 105 men pros in pursuit of the top prize of \$106,000.

Chasing for lesser awards were 23 women pros, aiming for the major prize of \$5,000 out of a \$12,000 purse, 15 men amateurs and 12 women amateurs, with the top award for the winner in each division to be \$150 in merchandise from a total kitty of \$1,150.

Interest centered, however, in the men's professional division, which will play the low scorer after 72 holes over this 6,915-yard course — \$50,000 in cash, \$50,000 in a contract for 50 exhibitions, and \$1,000 for caddy fees.

Though presumably each of the 105 contenders has a chance to win, speculation centered on Doug Ford, the PGA champion who last week shot a 11-under-par 277 for the same number of

holes on the same course, to win the "All American." Leo Biagetti, runnerup to Ford; Peter Thomson, the top ranking foreign player; and Ted Kroll were rated major challengers.

Also in the field were top ranking money winners for 1955. Cary Middlecoff, Mike Souchak, Gene Littler, Bob Rosburg, Tommy Bolt, Billy Maxwell and Jerry Barber.

Sixteen of the contenders warmed up Wednesday with matches involving the eight top American pros in the "All American" against the eight top foreign players in the second annual "International Cup Match."

The event was won by the Americans for the second straight year, 8 1/2 to 3 1/2, compared to their 1954 triumph by a 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 tally.

Savage To Use Skill, Not Tricks

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — Muscular Milo Savage, who claims one of boxing's oldest tricks cost him a win in his last match with Holly Mims, pledged just before tonight's return bout with Mims to use skill and not trickery in an effort to even the score with the Baltimore battler.

Mims, now the second ranking middleweight of the world, faces Salt Lake City's Savage over the 10-round route, starting at 8:30 p.m., (MST) in the Utah capital city's Derks field.

In their previous meeting last winter at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena, Mims won an unpopular split decision from the unranked Utah fighter, "Shoelace Trick."

It was in the Brooklyn battle that Savage pulled the "shoelace trick" by pointing to Mims' shoe laces to distract him and following up with a barrage that nearly kayoed the easterner.

Savage figures the trick met with disapproval of the judges, who handed Mims the verdict. Sixteen sports writers at ringside reportedly scored the fight in favor of the Salt Lake fighter.

While Savage promised no trickery, the hard hitting Baltimore boxer vowed that he will not fall "sucker" to any more of Savage's tactics. Pre-fight odds favor Mims in the 10-rounder which is expected to draw 5000 fans. Latest figures rate the visitor an 8-5 choice to score his second win over the local lad.

QTs Leave For State Tourney

The Rogue Valley QTs, girls' softball team with headquarters at Eagle Point, left today for Klamath Falls where they will play in the state tournament. The QTs face Salem in their first game at 8:30 p.m. today and play two games tomorrow.

Teams from all over the state are entered in the tourney and the winner enters the regional playoffs at Boise late this month.

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Little League Regional Playoffs Start Today

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Four games were scheduled for today in the opening round of the Region Eight Little League baseball playoffs to determine the region's representative in the "Little World Series" at Williamsport, Pa., late this month.

Today Cedar City, Utah, meets Visalia, Calif.; Stockton, Calif., plays Vancouver, B. C.; Colton, Calif., clashes with San Diego; and Torrance, Calif., encounters Kirkland, Wash.

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