

Yankees Spilt With Chicago To Gain Lead by Half-Game; Tribe Drops Pair to Solons

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The American League pennant race has turned into a "losing" proposition and the faltering Yankees seem quite content to back into the World Series since no one else shows any signs of heading them off.

The Yankees were in first place by a half game today but they got there more or less by default. Cleveland paved the way by dropping a doubleheader to Washington Sunday while the buckling Bronx Bombers, who have dropped three of their last four games, split a twin bill with the White Sox.

It's a toss-up which club is playing the worst ball, league-leading New York, second-place Chicago or third-place Cleveland. The White Sox, who had a chance to take over first place Sunday, have dropped five of their last eight while the Indians, now one game off the pace, have lost four of their last seven.

At the current pace, the league could come up with its weakest World Series representative since the Tigers won the 1945 pennant with a meager total of 88 victories.

Kennedy Wins Nightcap
Home runs by Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra helped Whitey Ford to his 15th victory as the Yankees won the opener, 6-1. But a three-run homer by Bob Kennedy in the first inning stood up all the way to give the White Sox a 3-2 triumph in the nightcap.

The Senators chased Art Houtteman to win the opener, 8-2, behind a brilliant one-hit relief job by southpaw Chuck Stobbs over the last 6 1/3 innings, and pounded out 15 hits, including four by Eddie Yost, to cop the nightcap, 13-4. Washington broke a 1-all tie and routed Mike Garcia with an eight-run burst in the seventh.

Eddie Joost poled two home runs and Grady Hatton and Ted Williams one each as the Red Sox mauled the Athletics, 14-2. Hatton's homer came with the bases loaded in the first inning and big Frank Sullivan coasted to his 16th victory after that.

The scheduled game between the Orioles and Tigers was postponed because of rain.

The Dodgers gained a game and a half, increasing their National League lead to 1 1/2 games, by beating the Cardinals, 6-1, while the second-place Braves bowed twice to the last-place Pirates, 5-3 and 2-0.

Cards Eliminated
Karl Spooner pitched his first complete game of the season for the Dodgers while eliminating the Cards from any mathematical chance of winning the pennant. Spooner struck out nine and gave up six hits, including a homer by Rip Repulski. Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella homered for the Dodgers.

Despite homers by Eddie Mathews and Bobby Thomson, the Pirates rallied for four runs in the eighth inning to overcome a 3-0 Milwaukee lead in the first game of their doubleheader while Vern Law hurled a four-hitter to out-pitch veteran Warren Spahn and rack up his 10th win in the nightcap.

The sizzling Phillies climbed to within 3 1/2 games of second place by licking the Redlegs twice, 7-6 and 8-3, with reliever Bob Miller winning the opener and rookie Ron Negray going all the way in the nightcap.

Bob Rush of the Cubs shut out the Giants for the third time this season, defeating them 3-0 on a six-hitter. Ernie Banks led Chicago's nine-hit offensive with a pair of triples that figured in the last two runs.

LINESCORES: National League (First Game)
Milwaukee.....000 120 000—3 7 0
Pittsburgh.....000 000 14x—5 8 0
Crosby, Nichols 8, Johnson 8 and Rise, Hall, Kling 9 and Atwell. Winning pitcher—Hall 5-3. Losing pitcher—Crosby 8-8.

(Second Game)
Milwaukee.....000 000 000—0 4 0
Pittsburgh.....100 010 00x—2 7 0
Spahn, Jolly 8 and Crandall, Law 10-8 and Shepard. Losing pitcher—Spahn 13-13.

(First Game)
Cincinnati.....012 020 010—6 13 0
Philadelphia.....221 110 00x—7 8 1
Nuxhall, Podbielan 2, Klippstein 6, Freeman 8 and Burgess, Wehmer, Miller 5, Meyer 9 and Semnick. Winning pitcher—Miller 7-4. Losing pitcher—Nuxhall 14-10.

(Second Game)
Cincinnati.....000 111 000—3 9 2
Philadelphia.....000 003 01x—3 11 1
Collum, Minarcin 1 and Landrith, Negray 4-3 and Semnick. Losing pitcher—Collum 9-8.

(First Game)
St. Louis.....000 000 100—1 6 3
Brooklyn.....001 001 22x—6 11 0
Jackson, Gettel 8 and Burbrink, Spooner 6-3 and Campanella. Losing pitcher—Jackson 6-12.

(Second Game)
Chicago.....010 100 010—3 9 1
New York.....000 000 000—2 9 1
Rush 11-9 and Chiti, Monzant, Wilhelm 4, Grissom 9 and Hofman, Katt 8. Losing pitcher—Monzant 2-7.

American League (First Game)
Washington.....000 233 000—8 9 0
Cleveland.....002 000 000—2 5 0
Stone, Strobs 3 and Courtney, Houtteman, Maglie 5, Feller 8 and Hegan. Winning pitcher—Stobbs 3-11. Losing pitcher—Houtteman 9-7.

(Second Game)
Washington.....000 001 840—13 15 1
Cleveland.....000 001 021—4 6 1
McDermott 8-8 and Courtney, Houtteman, Maglie 5, Feller 8 and Hegan. Losing pitcher—Houtteman 9-7.



LOOK OUT BELOW!—Middleweight Champ Bobo Olson (left) almost drops Joey Giambra in the laps of cameramen following a hard fight in the eighth round on a non-title fight in San Francisco's Cow Palace. Photographer at right appears more concerned than Joey about the strength of that rope. Olson won but the crowd booted the decision.

Pairings Listed for RVCC Men's Qualifying Play on Wednesday

Pairings were announced today for Rogue Valley Country club men who will try for the championship flight in Southern Oregon Golf tournament qualifying play.

The local men aiming for the top flight must play their 18-hole qualifying rounds on Wednesday, August 31. That is the deadline also for all other Rogue Valley men to qualify for the tourney.

Medford women must play their advance rounds by tomorrow, except for those aiming for the championship flight. The latter qualify on Thursday, September 1, regular opening day of the meet, along with out-of-town participants.

A total of 41 men and women of RVCC had qualified through Sunday. Others practiced during the week end.

Men's matches start on Friday and women's on Saturday. Finals are on Monday, Labor day.

Wendell Wissler had low gross with a two-under-par 70 in Saturday sweepstakes. Justin Smith Jr. and Larry Butler had 71s.

Tom Hamlin Ashland City Golf Winner

Ashland — Tom Hamlin, Medford, won the Ashland city golf championship Sunday by trimming Ken Lusk, Ashland, 4 and 3, at Oak Knoll course.

Carl Schmidt, Gary Harrington and Bob Gaines were other Medford winners in the tourney.

Schmidt turned back Phil Austin 5 and 4 in championship flight consolation finals and Harrington won the first flight 4 and 3 over Marvin Woods. Bob Gaines took the second flight 4 and 3 over Dave Woods.

In first flight consolation finals John Gray defeated Bob Weaver 1 up. Ivor Erwin beat Bill Keeman 1 up in the second flight consolation ender.

MEET DATE CHANGED
San Francisco (U.P.)—The Pacific Coast League has postponed a directors' meeting from Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and moved the site from this city to Los Angeles.

SPORTS

QT's Divide Doubleheader On Sunday

Rogue Valley QT's girls' softball team, went halvers with California opposition at the fairgrounds ball park Sunday.

The valley gang completely outclassed Durham in an easy 26 to 0 victory but were victims of two bad early innings in suffering an 8 to 4 loss to the Orland Eagles.

In the lopsided opener the QT's took advantage of 25 hits, including home runs by Doris Hickson and Bernice Bigham, and nine Durham miscues. The Oregonians ran their opposition errorlessly and got three-hit pitching from Hickson. She struck out three and walked one.

Orland took advantage of wildness on the part of Rogue Valley starting pitcher Pat Barron, a couple of errors to gain command 7 to 1 in the first three innings of the second game. Hickson took over on the hill with one out in the third cant and scattered only three hits the rest of the way, but the damage had been done. One of the raps was a homer by Sharron Wilson.

Four In Fifth
Rogue Valley set the trend in the first inning of the starter with four runs on three hits and two errors. One hit was a triple by Joy Ingle. Hickson homered with two on base for three runs in the second frame. Five runs crossed home in the third inning on seven hits, including a three bagger by Diane Tuttle. There were two errors. Bigham led a nine-hit parade with her homer in the fifth inning as the QT's tallied 10 runs. Four runs in the sixth capped off the tussle. They came on two hits, three errors and two walks.

Hitting leaders in the mix for the locals were Hickson with five for six, Tuttle and Bigham with four for six each and Ellen Callaghan with three for three. In the concluding tangle Orland got two first inning runs on a walk, fielder's option, two wild pitches and an error. Five runs crossed for the Californians in the third panel on four hits, two walks, three wild pitches, a passed ball and an error.

The QT's got one run in the second inning on two hits and a sacrifice, two in the third on a hit, walk, passed ball and an error, and one in the fifth on a hit, error, and two fielder's choices.

LINESCORES:
Durham.....000 000 0—0 3 9
Rogue Valley.....435 010 4x—26 25 0
Hickson and Barron; Beers, Henniman (3) and B. Bradshaw, L. Bradshaw (3).

LITTLE NABS LABATT OPEN
Montreal (U.P.)—Gene (One Patt) Littler was the No. 1 tournament winner today following his fourth major victory Sunday in the \$26,800 Labatt Open Golf tournament in a sudden-death playoff at Summerlea.

The crew-cut youngster from Palm Springs, Calif., faltered briefly on the final nine when he bogied two holes and veteran Canadian Stan Leonard, 43, Vancouver, B.C., caught him to force a play-off.

The victory meant a \$5,000 payoff in Canada's richest golf attraction and vaulted Littler into third place ahead of Mike Souchak, Grossinger, N.Y., among the leading money winners on golf's "gold trail."

Wind Up Even
Littler and Leonard wound up all even at 272, eight strokes under par, after 72 holes. The youngster and the crowd of 13,000 to one of the most stirring duels ever witnessed on Canadian links.

Ford wound up in a three-way tie for third place with Sam Snead, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and Ed (Porky) Oliver, Lemont, Ill. Each had 275s.

Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
Seattle	85	69	.552	
Hollywood	85	70	.548	1 1/2
San Diego	81	74	.523	4 1/2
Portland	78	74	.513	6
Los Angeles	79	76	.510	6 1/2
Sacramento	72	84	.462	14 1/2
San Francisco	70	86	.449	16
Hollywood	69	88	.445	16 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
Brooklyn	82	45	.646	
Milwaukee	82	46	.642	1 1/2
Philadelphia	69	62	.527	15
New York	65	62	.512	17
Cincinnati	64	68	.485	20 1/2
Chicago	62	71	.466	23
St. Louis	54	73	.425	28
Pittsburgh	50	79	.388	33

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
New York	78	51	.605	
Chicago	77	51	.602	1/2
Cleveland	72	52	.579	2 1/2
Boston	74	54	.578	3 1/2
Detroit	65	63	.508	12 1/2
Kansas City	53	75	.414	24
Washington	46	79	.368	30 1/2
Baltimore	39	84	.317	36

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Eugene	34	18	.653
Wenatchee	28	23	.549
Tri-City	27	27	.500
Salem	25	28	.471
Yakima	25	32	.448
Lewiston	24	30	.444
Spokane	24	32	.428

Nashua Has School Today

Chicago (U.P.)—William Woodward Jr.'s Nashua goes to school today to get ready for his \$100,000 winner-take-all match race next Wednesday with Kentucky Derby winner Swaps.

The big three-year-old, fresh from an impressive workout yesterday will be brought onto the turf course at Washington park after tomorrow's second race.

Veteran trainers and horsemen might be reluctant about picking the winner of this one, will line the rail as Nashua is walking around the clubhouse turn to a stand on the grass at the finish line, where both colts will be saddled publicly Wednesday.

Swaps has already received two schooling lessons in preparation for the unusual saddling procedure.

Wednesday's match race—the first big match race since Armed beat Assault for \$100,000 in Washington park in 1947—will be nationally televised.

League Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Player & Club	G.	AB	R. H. Pct.	
Kaline, Det.	127	501	107	.250
Simpson, K.City	90	301	27	.090
Power, K.City	123	503	75	.149
Kuenn, Det.	119	508	82	.163
Philly, Balt.	95	393	48	.122

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Player & Club	G.	AB	R. H. Pct.	
Ashburn, Phil.	117	447	75	.168
Banks, Ekn.	105	385	71	.184
Kluski, Cinti.	131	522	97	.186
Post, Cinti.	132	520	98	.188
Aaron, Milw.	129	508	99	.195

Studs Halve Series Against Lumberjacks

Medford Cheney Studs made it a "break even" semi-pro baseball season by dividing a week end non-league doublebill with the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks at North Bend.

The Studs pushed over four runs in the ninth inning Saturday night to win 8 to 4. On Sunday afternoon the 'Jacks broke a 4-all deadlock with two scores in the eighth canto for a 6 to 4 verdict.

This week end's action wound up the 1955 campaign for Medford. The Studs had a record for the year of 21 wins, 21 losses and one tie. Ten victories and 14 losses were in the Southern Oregon league.

Five hits, by Jack Cooney, Terry Maddox, Derald Wooton, Bob Selsor and Jim Kelly, a walk and one error produced the runs for Medford's winning margin in the final inning on Saturday. Medford did all its scoring in the last three innings. Raps by Ed McCullough, Jack Fassett, Dick Wooton and Kelly and a sacrifice fly by Maddox got three markers in the seventh. One run crossed in the eighth on singles by McCullough, and Dick Wooton and a double by Selsor.

McCullough 3 for 3
McCullough hit three for five in the mix and Selsor, Dick Wooton and Kelly two for five. Each of the Studs got at least one hit. Kelly, pitching nine-hit ball, fanned seven batters and walked three.

Medford got a three run jump in the first frame yesterday when McCullough and Fassett walked, Cooney tripled and Maddox two-baggered. The 'Jacks went on top in the fourth 4 to 3 when Medford hurler Maddox

gave up two hits and then four walks in a row.
In the eighth the Studs knotted the game with a singleton. Derald Wooton safetied and went to third on Bill McLean's single. Selsor batted Wooton home. Two hits and one error gave Coos Bay-North Bend its winning runs.

Maddox, McLean and Selsor swatted two for four and Cooney two for five.

LINESCORES:
(Saturday)
Medford.....000 000 314—8 14 3
CB - NB.....101 000 200—4 9 2
Kelly and Dick Wooton; Rocky and Allison.

(Sunday)
Medford.....300 000 010—4 9 1
CB - NB.....000 400 02x—6 7 0
Maddox and Dick Wooton; Henkel, Webb (8) and Allison.

COLGATE LINE LEAN
Hamilton, N.Y. (U.P.)—Coach Hal Lahar said his Colgate football squad will be "long on backs but lean in the line" when it reports Sept. 1 to begin practice for the 1955 season. The chief problem facing the coaching staff is the lack of experienced linemen.

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