

# Carrasquel, Avila Spark Tribe To 14-2 Win Over Kansas City

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The Cleveland Indians boast the most effective keystone combination in the American League today for the first time since Lou Boudreau and Joe Gordon sparked the Tribe to the 1948 pennant.

It's a neat switch, because for at least the last six years the Indians' most glaring weakness has been at the keystone. But now Al Lopez is chortling over his fine duo of Chico Carrasquel and Bobby Avila while his three main rivals — the New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox — are wondering whether their combinations will do over the long haul.

The situation was dramatized Thursday when the Indians clobbered the Kansas City Athletics, 14-2, and the Yankees bowed to the Baltimore Orioles, 7-5 in the only games played. Carrasquel and Avila went on a slugging bee to pace the Indians while rookie shortstop Jerry Lumpe's seventh error in nine games led directly to the Yankees' defeat.

**Has Last Laugh**

All in all, it appears that Cleveland General Manager Hank Greenberg rates the last laugh at critics who said he should never have surrendered slugger Larry Doby to acquire Carrasquel from the White Sox. Doby, incidentally, is batting .231 while Jim Busby, also obtained from Chicago in the Carrasquel transaction, is "holding his own" at .223.

Carrasquel, enjoying one of his best days as a major league hitter, blasted a grand slam homer and a bases-filled double to knock in seven runs Thursday while Avila weighed in with a three-run homer and drove in four runs. Vic Wertz, Al Rosen and Gene Woodling also had two hits each as the Indians breezed to their third straight victory behind Early Wynn's four-hitter.

Cleveland pitchers now have yielded a total of 23 runs in eight games.

The Yankees, meanwhile, surrendered first place to the idle White Sox when the Orioles rallied for five runs in the sixth inning.

Pinch-runner Fred Marsh scored the run that put the Orioles in front when Lumpe threw wildly to first base. First Sacker Bill Skowron was equally at fault for making a poor throw to Lumpe on what could have been an inning-ending DP.

Jim Wilson, a 12-game winner last season, received credit for his second triumph of the year while relief pitcher Tom Morgan suffered the loss.

With those seven errors in just nine games, Lumpe is posing a serious problem for Manager Casey Stengel, who's learning for the first time how Lopez lived these last six years.

**One Error Each**

Carrasquel and Avila have

## Upstarts Collide With Veterans In North-South

Pinehurst, N. C. — (U.P.) — A couple of "upstart" youngsters square off against more experienced rivals today in the semi-final round of the 56th North and South Amateur golf championship.

One match pits 20-year-old Jake Howard of Augusta, Ga., against Bill Hyndman III of Abingdon, Pa., while the other sends 20-year-old Hillman Robins of Memphis, Tenn., against title favorite Billy Joe Patton of Morganton, N. C.

Howard sprang the major upset of Thursday's quarter-final round when he ousted veteran Frank Strafaci of Garden City, N. Y., 1-up.

In the other quarter-finals: Hyndman, runner-up in last year's National Amateur, led all the way to beat Dave Smith Jr. of Gastonia, N. C., 4 and 3; Robins, the 1954 national collegiate champion from Memphis State, rallied to oust Walker Cup Captain Bill Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., 3 and 1.

committed just one error each this season and Thursday they drove in more runs in one game than any of their three rival combinations have driven in all season.

Taking the combinations individually, here's the situation: Carrasquel and Avila are making the vital DP for the Indians. They have a composite .215 batting average for the season but have driven in a total of 14 runs and delivered four extra base hits, including two homers.

Lumpe is hitting .333 for the Yankees but all his nine hits were singles and Stengel can't go on forever conceding an error a day at shortstop. He knows he's solid at second with Billy

Martin and Gil McDougall but he's yet to find the solid man to go with the second-sacker.

White Sox Manager Marty Marion has no kicks on defense — Luis Aparicio and Nelson Fox have played errorless ball—but rookie Aparicio is hitting .143 and Fox's average is down at .095.

**LINESCORES:**

**American League**

New York	400 601 600-5	8	2
Baltimore	110 005 000-7	9	1
Byrne, Morgan (2), Grim (6), Konstanty (6) and Berra, Wilson, Zverink (7) and Smith, Triandos (6). Winning pitcher—Wilson. Losing pitcher—Morgan.			

**Chicago** 105 040 103-14 12 1  
Kansas City 010 100 000-2 4 1  
Wynn and Hegan. Kretlow, Crisman (5), LaSorda (6), Herrage (0) and Ginsberg. Losing pitcher—Kretlow.

# SPORTS

## Sport Parade

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New York — (U.P.) — Two years ago today Don Drysdale was a skinny high school senior making his debut as a pitcher.

Last Monday night, now 19 and a solid six feet, five and three-quarter inches, he looked like a veteran as he hurled the Brooklyn Dodgers to a 6-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

It has to stand as one of the most phenomenal rises in major league history.

Back there, two years ago, big Don was known as "Porky." He hadn't started his rapid growth — one which has added an inch and three-quarters to his frame since the end of last season. And up to then he had been content to play the outfield as well as quarter-back his high school football team in Van Nuys, Calif.

Then his dad told him it was about time for him to get going.

**Starts In Earnest**

"Up until that time, dad cautioned me against pitching on the theory that my arm wasn't strong and I might hurt it," he recalled. "But when he thought I was ready, during my senior year, we really went to work."

The elder Drysdale, a former pitcher in the Texas and Pacific Coast leagues, gave young Don "the steady backyard routine."

"He caught me every day," Don says. "First we worked on warming up real good and concentrating on control. After that we began to open up with the fast ball and only then did he let me start throwing curves."

There were times when Don preferred to go hunting or fishing or listen to his large collection of popular records. His dad never pushed him, but instead, told him "Don't come around sometime saying I wouldn't help you." Usually, Don picked up the gloves and headed for the back yard.

He came so fast that, by the time he graduated, the Dodgers signed him and sent him to Bakersfield. There he posted an 8-5 mark and in 1955 was sent to Montreal, where he had an 11-11 record.

"Deep down inside I thought I could pitch in the majors when Brooklyn took me to camp this spring," Don says with quiet confidence. "Particularly after pitching coach Joe Becker took me in hand and taught me to throw with an overhand and three-quarter delivery as well as sidearm."

**Harder To Stay**

When they signed him to a contract, Vice-President Buzz Bavasi told him:

"It's easier to get up here than it is to stay."

Don has taken that to heart. Plus natural confidence, he has great determination and a will

to work. So when he received the call for his starting assignment against the Phillies, he wasn't nervous.

"Dad keeps writing me all the time to 'warm up good and stride out on my curve ball,'" he grinned. "It was a terrific thrill waiting to start the game, but once I threw the ball I was okay."

So "okay" that he struck out the side in the first inning, scattered nine hits and fanned as many in going the distance for his first major league triumph.

Admitting that he has to work on his change-up, Don feels that he still has "a long way to go." But, off the way he started, the Dodgers feel he's a cinch to do just that.

## STANDINGS

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**  
By United Press

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Seattle	10	6	.625	
Los Angeles	8	6	.500	1 1/2
Sacramento	8	6	.571	1 1/2
San Diego	9	7	.563	1 1/2
San Francisco	8	8	.500	2
Hollywood	6	8	.429	3
Portland	6	10	.375	4
Vancouver	5	10	.333	4 1/2

**Thursday's Results**  
Seattle 6, San Francisco 1  
Vancouver at Hollywood, postponed, rain.  
Los Angeles at Sacramento, postponed, rain.  
Portland at San Diego, played former date.

**How Series Ended:**  
San Francisco 2, Seattle 2  
San Diego 2, Portland 1  
Los Angeles 1, Sacramento 0  
Vancouver 1, Hollywood 1

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	4	1	.800	
New York	7	2	.778	
Cleveland	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Washington	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Detroit	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Boston	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Kansas City	3	5	.375	2 1/2
Baltimore	3	6	.333	3

**Thursday's Results**  
Baltimore 7, New York 5  
Cleveland 14, Kansas City 2  
Washington at Boston, ppd., rain (Only games scheduled.)

**Friday's Probable Pitchers**  
Baltimore at Washington (night) — Besana (1-0) vs. Brodowski (0-1).

**Saturday's Games**  
Kansas City at Chicago  
Cleveland at Detroit  
Baltimore at Washington  
New York at Boston

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	5	2	.714	
Milwaukee	4	2	.687	1 1/2
St. Louis	5	3	.625	1 1/2
Chicago	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	2
New York	3	4	.429	2
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429	2
Cincinnati	1	6	.167	3 1/2

**Thursday's Results**  
Brooklyn at New York, ppd., rain. (Only game scheduled.)

**Friday's Probable Pitchers**  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (night) — Kline (1-0) vs. Craig (1-0).  
Philadelphia at New York (night) — Roberts (2-0) vs. Worthington (0-1) or Antonelli (1-1).  
St. Louis at Milwaukee (night) — Polesky (0-0) vs. Spahn (0-0).  
Chicago at Cincinnati (night) — Meyer (0-0) vs. Klippstein (0-1).

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Chicago at Cincinnati  
St. Louis at Milwaukee

**Bill Bradford Optioned To Minneapolis Team**

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Right handed pitcher Bill Bradford of the Kansas City Athletics has been optioned to Minneapolis of the American association. He worked only two innings for the A's, giving up two hits against Detroit Tuesday.

New Mexico has an estimated 50,000 Indians.

## Oregon State Trips Idaho In Slugfest

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Oregon State defeated University of Idaho 16-13 in a slugfest North-ern division baseball game that lasted three hours and 20 minutes here yesterday.

Each team used four pitchers, with Dick Wilson getting credit for the Oregon State win and Gordy Tiegs taking the loss for Idaho.

Jerry Bettendorf, Oregon State first baseman, homered his first two times at bat, added two singles and finished with six runs batted in. Second baseman Jack Bowen got four hits including a double and a triple and batted in three runs.

**Clifford Blankenship, Ex-Major Looper Dies**

Oakland — (U.P.) — Clifford D. Blankenship, former major league catcher and the scout credited with signing Walter (Big Train) Johnson, died yesterday at the age of 76.

Blankenship caught for Cincinnati in 1905 and for Washington in 1907 and 1909. He also played for Seattle in the Pacific

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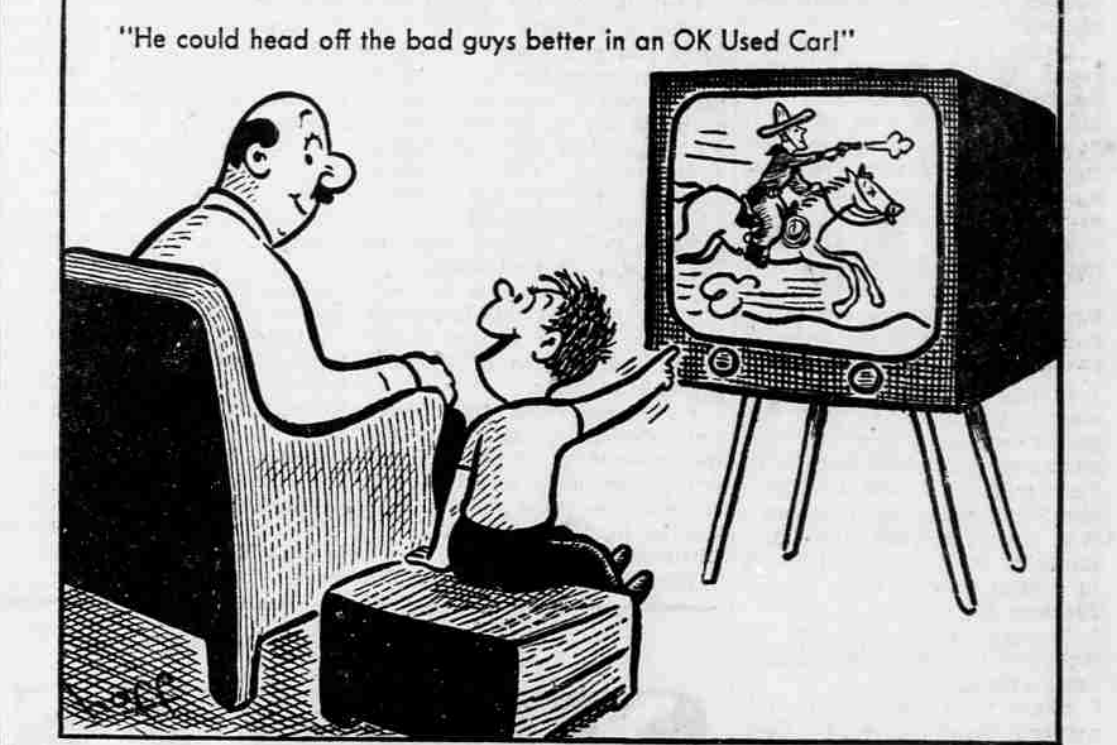
**BEARS INK MAHIN**  
Chicago — (U.P.) — The Chicago Bears of the National Football League and managed Salt Lake in 1915.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and a daughter, Mrs. W. E. McMeans, both of Oakland. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

**VIKINGS TOP LINFIELD**  
Portland — (U.P.) — Portland State's tennis team defeated Linfield 5-2 here yesterday.

League today announced the signing of Tom Mahin, a 260-pound tackle from Tampa university. Mahin is a native of Yopngstown, Ohio.

**Pilots Wallop Pioneers 16-4**  
Portland — (U.P.) — Portland University's baseball team walloped Lewis and Clark 16-4 yesterday as the Pilots scored seven times in the first inning, including a three-run homer by Warren Williams.



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