

# Ruth's Record in Jeopardy Say Fans as Mantle Hits 16th

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New York Yankee fans are all hepped up about Mickey Mantle's chances of breaking Babe Ruth's home run record but seven American League clubs just wish he'd quit breaking their backs.

Mantle, who blasted his 16th homer to provide the decisive run in New York's 8-5 triumph over the Athletics Monday at Kansas City, now is 11 games and 10 days ahead of the Babe's pace when he set an all-time big league record of 60 homers in 1927.

And the switch-hitting Yankee center fielder, far and away the top early-season candidate for the American League's "most valuable player" award, isn't playing any favorites, either.

Of his 16 homers, he has hit four apiece against the Athletics and Cleveland Indians, three against the Boston Red Sox, two apiece against the Chicago White Sox and Washington Senators and one against the Detroit Tigers. Only the Baltimore Orioles have escaped his homer barrage, and Mantle figures to rectify that oversight before the season gets much older.

Would Give "A Million"  
Mantle leads both major leagues in four batting departments—homers 16, batting average .408, runs scored 36, and hits 49 and is second only to teammate Yogi Berra in runs batted in, 34 to 33. Any wonder that White Sox Manager Marty Marion said recently "I'd gladly give a million dollars for Mantle, if I had it."

In the only other major league game scheduled, Wilmer Vinegar Bend Mizell's four-hit pitching, plus homers by Rip Repulski and Bill Sarni, enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to defeat the Giants at New York, 4-1.

The victory put the Cardinals in second place in the National League. St. Louis has an 18-12 record, actually a half-game better than Milwaukee's 13-8 mark. However, the Braves hold first place with a .619 percentage against .600 for the Cardinals.

ler homered with two out in the seventh for New York's run. The first-place Yankees scored their sixth straight triumph although their starting pitcher failed to last for the fourth straight time. Don Sturdivant, who replaced Don Larsen in the second was the winner. Tom Morgan pitched the ninth for the Yankees.

Gil McDougald hit a three-run homer during New York's five-five-run first inning but the Athletics actually collected more homers than the winners with Harry Simpson hitting two and Gus Zernial and Hector Lopez one each.

But Mantle provided the win-

ning run with his fifth inning homer and it was a hum-dinger. The drive cleared two fences in right field, the second a 40-foot high barrier more than 400 feet from the plate. It was only the sixth ball hit over that fence in 33 years.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
St. Louis 4 8 0  
New York 1 4 1  
Kansas City 5 8 1  
Cincinnati 3 7 1  
Philadelphia 3 7 2  
Pittsburgh 15 12 556  
New York 13 16 448  
Detroit 17 414 7  
Chicago 7 18 280 8

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
New York 8 8 0  
Boston 11 11 372  
Cleveland 16 12 571 4  
Chicago 12 13 480 6 1/2  
Baltimore 15 17 467  
Detroit 17 414 7  
Washington 12 18 400 9  
Kansas City 10 19 345 10 1/2

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Rainiers Take League Lead; Then Lose it in 2nd Game

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — The Seattle Rainiers bobbed to the top of the Pacific Coast league Monday, but got pulled back under by the Vancouver Mounties before they had a chance to take a deep breath.

In the only game scheduled in the loop, the Rainiers trimmed the Mounties, 7-4, in the opening contest of a doubleheader, but came out on the short end of a 3-1 score in the second game.

Seattle did the damage in the final innings of the first game after the Mounties had broken a 1-1 tie with three runs in the sixth inning.

The Rainiers came back with one run in the seventh, three in the eighth and tapered off with two more in the ninth.

The loss went to Ryne Duren, who had struck out eight and allowed only five hits when he ran into trouble in the eighth. Seattle reliever Ernie Atkins got the victory.

In the second game, Vancouver hurler Al Curtis made his first PCL start a winning one by holding Seattle to five hits. The Vancouver team gave Curtis all the runs he needed in the second inning on singles by Jim Westlake and Angelo Dages and an intentional walk to Bruce Edwards. Curtis then spoiled the Seattle strategy by singling home two runs.

The Rainiers got their lone run in the top of the third when Bobby Balena hit a 340-foot

home run over the left field wall, but the Mounties neutralized that with a single tally in the third.

Vancouver scored all its runs off Howie Judson, who took his second loss to two wins. Although the loss in the second game knocked the Rainiers out of the number one spot, they were still in reaching distance. They trail the league leading Los Angeles Angels by mere .010 percentage point.

THE LINESCORES:  
First Game  
Seattle 7 9 1  
Vancouver 4 10 1  
Schallock, Atkins (7) and Ortel; Duren, Beamon (8) and Neal.  
Second Game  
Seattle 3 5 0  
Vancouver 1 3 4  
Judson, Atkins (5) and Ortel; Lohrke (4) Robertson (5); Curtis and Edwards.

### Ducks Down Washington

Seattle — (U.P.) — The Oregon Ducks picked up their eighth Northern division victory yesterday afternoon by dumping cellar-dwelling Washington 6-2.

The Ducks were trailing 2-0 at the end of five but erupted for four big runs in the sixth to clinch the game. Oregon added two insurance tallies in the ninth.

Jack Henkle pitched the distance for Oregon, giving up seven hits, fanning seven and walking only two.

### Medford 9th In State Diamond Play

Portland — (U.P.) — The Dalles continued today to rank as the state's number one prep baseball team in the Oregonian's final weekly poll.

- The rankings:  
1. The Dalles  
2. Lincoln  
3. North Salem  
4. Eugene  
5. Central Catholic  
6. Seaside  
7. Grant  
8. Vale  
9. Medford  
10. Junction City  
Others: McMinnville, Albany, Oregon City, Springfield.

### STANDINGS

By United Press  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
W. L. Pct. GB  
Milwaukee 11 11 500 0  
St. Louis 18 12 600 3 1/2  
Brooklyn 16 11 593  
Cincinnati 17 14 556 1 1/2  
Pittsburgh 15 12 556 1 1/2  
New York 13 16 448 4  
Philadelphia 9 23 253 7  
Chicago 7 18 280 8

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
W. L. Pct. GB  
New York 22 10 688 2 1/2  
Cleveland 18 11 619 3 1/2  
Boston 16 12 571 4  
Chicago 12 13 480 6 1/2  
Baltimore 15 17 467  
Detroit 17 414 7 1/2  
Washington 12 18 400 9  
Kansas City 10 19 345 10 1/2

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE  
W. L. Pct. GB  
Los Angeles 26 17 605 3  
Seattle 26 17 605 3  
Sacramento 20 17 541 3  
San Diego 20 18 523 4 1/2  
San Francisco 20 21 488 5  
Portland 18 22 450 6 1/2  
Vancouver 15 27 357 10 1/2

### League Leaders

By United States  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Player & Club G. AB R H Pct.  
Berra, N.Y. 32 120 26 404  
Long, Pitts. 29 108 21 43 398  
Bruton, Milw. 18 66 15 26 394  
Bryant, Wash. 27 121 47 61 384  
Boyer, St. L. 30 118 24 43 364

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Mantle, N.Y. 32 120 36 49 408  
Maxwell, Det. 24 74 17 29 392  
Vernon, Bos. 27 114 28 39 389  
Boyd, Balt. 28 70 10 25 357  
Berra, N.Y. 30 116 22 41 353

Home Runs—Mantle, Yankees 16; Berra, Yankees 12; Post, Redlegs 11; Long, Pirates; Boyer, Cardinals; Jablonski, Redlegs all 9.

Runs Batted In—Berra, Yankees 34; Mantle, Yankees 33; Long, Pirates 29; Boyer, Cardinals 25; Jablonski, Redlegs 27.

Runs—Mantle, Yankees 36; Lopez, Athletics 24; Berra, Yankees 24; Bauer, Yankees 24; Yost, Senators; Lopez, Athletics, Moon, Cardinals, all 23.

Hits—Mantle, Yankees 49; Boyer, Cardinals 43; Long, Pirates 43; Berra, Yankees 42; Lemmon, Indiana 6-1; Pierce, White Sox; Wynn, Indians; Wilson, White Sox; Brewer, Red Sox, all 4-1.

### Walt's, SO Victors In Softball

Walt's Lithia Motors and Southern Oregon Equipment initiated the Jackson County Softball association season yesterday with decisive victories on the Medford High school football field.

SO Equipment crushed DeMolay in their opener 32-3. SO Equipment sluggers began early by blasting starter Bruce Thompson of DeMolay with homers by Ken Gentry, Norm Loop and Tommy Rodgers. Larue Smith banged four triples for the winners.

Ken Gentry was the winning pitcher. He fanned four and walked three. Bruce Thompson was the loser. John Harvey relieved him and quieted the SO Equipment hitters. Neither DeMolay pitcher had a strikeout and permitted seven walks between them.

Gerald Fanger and John Harvey hit singles for the loser.

Walt's Lithia Motors had equal ease in pouncing the 20-30 club behind the one-hit pitching of winning pitcher Holcom. Holcom fanned 11 and walked two. Loren Soderlund took the loss for the 20-30 club. He whiffed two and walked two.

Leading the attack for the winners were Krench, McGinty and Hale, who all hit a homer and a single apiece.

John Niles got the only hit for the losers, a double.

### SCHEDULE:

May 23—Courtesy Chevrolet and Chris Drugs, YMCA Ysmen and Bill's 99 Chevron station. May 24—Medford Auto Upholstery and National Guard, Walt's Lithia Motors and Southern Oregon Equipment company.  
May 25—Chris Drugs vs. 20-30, DeMolay vs. Bill's Chevron. May 30—Courtesy Chevrolet vs. National Guard, Ysmen vs. Auto Upholstery.  
May 31—Lithia Motors vs. Chris Drugs, Bill's Chevron vs. 30 Equipment.  
June 4—20-30 vs. National Guard, DeMolay vs. Auto Upholstery. June 6—Courtesy Chevrolet vs. Ysmen, Lithia Motors vs. Bill's Chevron. June 7—Chris Drugs vs. National Guard, SO Equipment vs. Auto Upholstery.  
June 11—DeMolay vs. Courtesy Chevrolet, Lithia Motors vs. National Guard. June 13—20-30 vs. Ysmen, Bill's Chevron vs. Auto Upholstery.  
June 14—Chris Drugs vs. Ysmen, SO Equipment vs. Courtesy Chevrolet.  
June 18—20-30 vs. DeMolay, Lithia Motors vs. Auto Upholstery. June 20—Bill's Chevron vs. Courtesy Chevrolet. June 21—Chris Drugs vs. DeMolay, SO Equipment vs. 20-30.  
June 25—Lithia Motors vs. Ysmen. June 27—Auto Upholstery vs. Courtesy Chevrolet, Bill's Chevron vs. 20-30. June 28—Lithia Motors vs. Courtesy Chevrolet, Ysmen vs. DeMolay.  
July 2—Auto Upholstery vs. 20-30, Bill's Chevron vs. Chris Drugs. July 4—National Guard vs. SO Equipment, Lithia Motors vs. DeMolay. July 5—Courtesy Chevrolet vs. 20-30, Ysmen vs. SO Equipment.  
July 9—Auto Upholstery vs. Chris Drugs, National Guard vs. Bill's Chevron. July 11—SO Equipment vs. Chris Drugs, National Guard vs. Medford DeMolay.

### Talent District 5B Titlist in Baseball

For the third straight season Talent high school is the District 5B baseball champ.

The Bulldogs, champions of Jackson county, subdued Merrill, winner in Klamath county, 14 to 9 yesterday in the play-off contest at the fairgrounds ball park here.

The tussle was a wild one and the Bulldogs reached its peak in the fifth inning. Merrill got six runs in that canto to take an 8 to 6 lead. Talent came back for eight markers in the bottom of the frame to head on the scoreboard at 14 to 9.

Merrill opened the scoring in the first inning with a counter on a walk to Terry Shegill, a sacrifice by John Honnicutt, a groundout by Butch Johnson and a single by Herb Schlecht.

In the same stanza Talent got three scores. Fred Helm doubled, Ron Weinhold got on base on an error, Gordy Thoreson walked. Ray Weinhold singled in two runs and Thoreson tallied on a wild pitch.

Donosky Doubles  
The Klamath county crew got one run in the second inning on a double by ill Donosky and successive groundouts by John Haskins and Steve Hobson.

In the fourth panel Merrill "napped" on a play at first base and by the time the Talent base runners were through galloping the Bulldogs had three more runs. Skip Walls got a single and went to second on an error. Ron Weinhold was hit by a pitch and Thoreson walked to load the bags.

Ray Weinhold bounced the ball to pitcher Honnicutt whose throw pulled first baseman Donosky off the bag. The Huskies, however, thought they had Ray out which would retire the side. Talent runners kept going. When the Merrill club realized the situation a peg home was wild and the third run came home. Ray was all the way to third base.

Bases-Loaded Triple  
Four hits off Talent starting pitcher Bob Hoffman and two off reliever Fred Helm and a walk enabled Merrill to pile up its count in the fifth frame. Haskins and Perry Laney doubled and John Reed, Honnicutt, Johnson and Donosky singled.

Just three raps, one a bases-loaded triple by Ray Weinhold, figured in Talent's big inning. Kip Walls and Hoffman singled.

Four walks, a hit batter and two errors were helps along with three pilfered bases.

Merrill got a final run in the sixth inning on a base on balls, an error and a ground out by Johnson.

Ray Weinhold was the heavy hitter of the game with three

for four. Walls and Johnson each socked two for four.

Talent is awaiting word on the team it will play from District 6 which includes central Oregon.

### Frick Keeps All-Star Poll

New York — (U.P.) — Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick has decided to continue the All-Star poll through which fans select the starting teams, exclusive of pitchers, for the annual game between the American and National leagues.

Frick announced that the poll would be continued after approximately 500 newspaper, radio and television stations signified their willingness to conduct the poll in their localities.

The commissioner's office, rather than the Chicago Tribune, will act as the clearing house for all the returns. Previously, the Tribune acted as the clearing house but that newspaper advised Frick two weeks ago that it no longer was interested in conducting the poll.

To sound out sentiment on whether the poll should be continued, Frick, through the three U.S. news agencies—the United Press, International News Service and the Associated Press—asked newspapers, radio and TV stations if they would be interested in participating in the poll.

"The response was so terrific we have decided to go ahead on the usual basis," Frick explained.

### Bowling

Ross Lumber Co. took championship honors over Lamports and Crater Electric. Bob Forrest of Ross Lumber took high game with a 215 and High Team game went to Ross Lumber with a 906.

Trophies High Series for year went to Charles Snedden with 712, High Game Paul Dimick with 295, High Average went to Jim Farrar 176, and Lee Bex on Dec. 8, 1955 had the misfortune of rolling a 446 to take the Low Series trophy.

Ross Lbr. Lamports  
G. Culy 893 B. Coy 742  
A. Schatz 797 B. Meyers 889  
D. Culy 717 S. Van Dyke 868  
F. Martin 875 L. Schneider 832  
B. Forrest 871 J. Farrar 750  
Handicap 640 Handicap 410  
4793 4511

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

### Roster Lists Cheney Colt Baseballers

Roster for the Cheney Colts semi-pro baseball aggregation has been announced by Business Manager Bill Askwith.

The Colts, a new entry in the Rogue Valley League bow into action next Sunday when they take on Glendale. Game time will be 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds ball park here.

Askwith said that the catcher for the opener will be picked from among Gerald Darland and Laval Meunier, from St. Mary's high, and Howard Morris, Linfield college and ex-Crater player. Members of the pitching staff are Eldon Davidson, ex-Grants Pass high; Kay Kelley, Linfield and ex-Crater, and Duane Sides, from Medford high.

Sides will be available this week end only if Medford should lose in the state A-1 prep quarter-finals.

Colt infielders are Harvey Tonn, Southern Oregon college and ex-Crater, first base; Maurice Churchman, Southern Oregon college and ex-Sutherlin; Eldon Francis, from Medford high, third base; Ray Oakes, ex-Seaside high, shortstop, and Ron Pruitt, reserve.

30 Practice Sunday  
Outfielders are Vern Parent, ex-Crater; Charles Retzman, ex-Ashland high; Ray Dahl, from Phoenix high; Clyde Smith, from Jacksonville high, Ed Reinking, from Medford high, Bob Serak, from Chicago, and Bud McGuire. Possibility of Reinking's services depends on Medford high's fortunes this week.

The Colts are a farm team for the Medford Cheney Studs of the Southern Oregon League.

About 30 aspirants were on hand yesterday for the combined Studs and Colts workout. The Studs first see action here on June 6 in non-league play with Yreka, Calif. Bend will come for non-loop play on June 9 and 10. The Washington Cheney Studs will come on July 7 and 8 and Beaverton will play the Studs on August 11 and 12.

Askwith is negotiating with a Bellingham, Wash., semi-pro crew for August 2 and 3 dates. Bellingham will be en route south at the time and the series is almost certain.

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### Jefferson Tops Lincoln

Jefferson Grade school moved into a tie for third place yesterday on their own field pouncing Lincoln 7-2.

Pacing the Jefferson attack was Mike Watkins and Jim Burke with a pair of hits, each hitting a double and a single. Gary Olson also hit a double for the winners and David Guches drove in two runs with a bases loaded single.

Mike Barnes got credit for the win, striking out nine and walking two. Larry Pierce was the loser. He fanned six and walked four.

DePlace got the only hit for Lincoln and drove in a run.

Roosevelt took sole position of winners second place yesterday as they tipped Washington on the visitor's field, 8-6. Washington is now tied with Jefferson for third place. They will meet Thursday in a playoff.

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