

Giants Dying, Braves Collapsing in NL; Pirates Whip Cubs To Retain 1st Spot

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It's beginning to look more and more like "the Giants is dead," and if the Braves don't get a move on they may wake up to find themselves in a baseball grave right alongside.

The Giants, now 8 1/2 games off the pace, dropped their ninth game in 12 starts by bowing to the Cardinals, 3-2, in 11 innings Wednesday night, while the Braves, who have tumbled from first place to fourth, suffered their sixth loss in seven starts by losing to the Dodgers 5-2.

Nothing the Giants do these days seems to work out right. Wednesday night, for example, they had a 2-1 lead until the ninth when the Cards tied the score with two out when Stan Musial doubled and Ken Boyer

singled him home. Then in the 11th, Jackie Brandt doubled to score pinch-runner Chuck Harmon and earn reliever Ellis Kinder his second triumph.

Things are going almost as badly as the collapsing Braves. Hank Aaron put them ahead with a two-run homer in the first inning but Don Newcombe shut the door in Milwaukee's face the remainder of the way to wind up with a five-hitter and his eighth victory of the year.

Conley Suffers Loss

Gene Conley, the Braves' big pitching hope, was nixed for all of Brooklyn's nine hitters, including a homer by Duke Snider, in the 7 1/3 innings he worked to a 1-3 second defeat as the Dodgers climbed into a virtual fourth-place tie with Milwaukee.

While the Giants and Braves are heading downward, the Pirates and Redlegs are surprising all the experts by staying up in the pith-hot National League race.

Pittsburgh retained its hold on first place by defeating the Cubs, 8-2, on home runs by Dale Long, Frank Thomas and Roberto Clemente. Long belted his 16th homer of the season with one man on in the first inning off Paul Minner and that put the Pirates ahead to stay. Ronnie Kline scattered six hits for his fifth victory.

Frank Robinson, bidding for rookie of the year honors in the National League, smashed his 12th homer with two on in the seventh inning to bring the Redlegs from behind and help them to a 7-3 decision over the seventh-place Phillies. Brooks Lawrence gained his seventh victory.

Yanks Trip A's

The Yankees held on to their 3 1/2 game lead in the American League race by snapping a four-game losing streak at the expense of the Athletics, 10-5. The Yanks hammered loser Tommy Lasorda for three runs in the first inning and then put the game on ice with a five-run rally in the third. The Yankees collected 12 hits, including homers by Yogi Berra and Bill Skowron.

A two-run single by Sammy White in the eighth inning broke a 2-1 tie and led the Red Sox to a 4-1 triumph over the Tigers. Detroit starter Paul Foytack had a three-hitter until he blew up in the eighth. Tom Brewer registered his eighth victory.

Art Houtteman and Ray Narleski combined in a six-hit pitching effort that paid off in a 5-1 victory for Cleveland over Bal-

timore. Houtteman, who was credited with the win, left the game because of sore shoulder in the sixth.

A six-run rally in the fifth inning helped the Senators to a 12-7 victory over the White Sox as Carlos Paula and rookie Whitey Herzog each homered for Washington.



SUFFERING from collapse resembling stroke, Rev. Henry Armstrong, 43, ex-triple-crown boxing champion, is confined to Los Angeles hospital. (International)

Youth Forgiven Girl Look at Pretty Girl

Wichita, Kan. — (U.P.) — Lloyd (Ranger) Duncan, 71-year-old cowpoke, doesn't blame a young man for looking at a pretty girl.

Duncan asked that a traffic charge be dropped against James R. White, 17, whose car sent the cowhand to the hospital. The high school senior had been arrested for failure to yield right-of-way to a pedestrian.

"He was looking at a pretty girl coming down the steps of the postoffice," said the oldest who witnesses in Wichita driving a truck and summers on Montana ranches.

Though nursing a cut, stitched lip, a sore nose and body bruises, Duncan, anyway:

"Why, any boy with any spunk at all would rather look at a pretty girl than at me."

White was given a \$5 fine which was suspended.

Revolution Occurs In Metals Industry

Chicago — (U.P.) — A revolution is taking place in the metalworking industry in the form of metal disintegration by electrical discharge, a researcher says.

V. E. Matualaitis outlined the process at the annual convention of the American Society of Tool Engineers.

Matualaitis, director of research for Elox Corporation of Michigan, predicted that "substantial changes in metalworking technology will be brought about by the application of this relatively new technique."

He said the new process is one that shapens metal cutting tools using a controlled electrical discharge, removing a thin slice from an entire face of the tool and leaving a sharp-edged cutting edge on the tool much in the same manner as a grinding wheel.

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SPORTS

TV Blamed For Shriveling Minor League Roots; Coin In Slot Could Be Answer

(Third and last in a series.)

By WILLIAM EWALD
New York — (U.P.) — You get a free seat in the ballpark when you buy a TV set.

But sometime in the future that seat may be banked out from under you. Baseball may be forced to do the yanking.

Major league baseball can not live without its roots, the minor leagues. And its roots are shriveling. There are only 27 minor league teams left, the lowest number since 1945, a war year.

Many observers blame TV.

The minors say that the telecasts of major league games are driving their territory and invading their fans away. Major league games are supposed to be limited to a 50-mile broadcast area, but this is difficult to enforce.

Then, too, there is CBS-TV "Game of the Week." Seven major league teams are cooperating on this series which is beamed over 175 stations.

All of this baseball in the living room, say the critics, is keeping fans out of the parks.

However, baseball is trapped in a tricky situation—the club owners can not meet together to iron out the problem and come up with an enforceable solution. Baseball lives in fear of the big stick of the anti-trust division of the Justice Department.

What's the answer?

Well, some say the only course left is pay-as-you-go TV. Under this plan, the fan might drop, say, 50 cents into a box on his TV set. A recent survey taken by a public relations firm employed by organized baseball showed that "a majority" of fans in 13 eastern states would support such a plan.

Fights Have Paid

The fight game already has proved that the rewards from closed circuit TV in theatres can be substantial. In the Rocky Marciano-Don Cockell fight, for example, pooled in \$325,000 in a 58-city network. And that fight

was a lukewarm attraction.

The Marciano-Archie Moore bout of last September did considerably better. It was witnessed in 92 cities by fans who shelled out some \$1,250,000.

Figure analysts of baseball calculate that the national pastime should draw an average of 100,000 customers per pay-as-you-see game. At 50 cents a head, that figures out to a cool \$3,850,000 per 77 home games each season.

The profits from all this, say the advocates of toll TV, would not only benefit the majors, but the minors as well. Some of the shekels could be siphoned off to bolster the sagging bush loops.

It might also benefit the players. As things stand now, the players' pension fund will be made up of 60 per cent of the radio and TV receipts from the World Series and All-Star games after 1956, but the fund draws nothing from regularly scheduled games. The increased loot from toll TV might go toward fattening that fund.

However, there is considerable opposition to TV on the pay-as-you-see plan.

It's quite possible that many fans would free out a pretty fair bellow if let TV baseball were taken away. In some homes, for example, two TV sets have been installed just so the man of the house can watch his fights and baseball in peace.

And the stations that now telecast baseball would object pretty loudly, too. Baseball provides a good share of the revenue for some stations, many of them independent. They are prime sponsor bait — night games and Sunday afternoon games cut into network audiences.

One Tuesday night Dodger-Giant game last year here pulled a 41.8 share of the audience compared to 25.3 for CBS and 21.2 for NBS, according to a pulse survey. The only network show that beat it while it was on the air "The \$64,000 Question."

The networks have an investment in TV, too. CBS with its "Game of the Week" and NBC with its annual telecasts of the World Series and All-Star games. It was last World Series, you may remember, that NBC invested a considerable sum in experimenting with baseball in color.

"The day is rapidly approaching," said Johnson, "when the American public will be confronted with one of two choices—either to pay for the viewing of major sporting events or go without viewing such events in the convenience of their homes."

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (By United Press)			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	39	19	.672
Seattle	37	24	.607
Sacramento	30	26	.536
Portland	31	27	.534
San Diego	28	28	.500
San Francisco	27	32	.458
Hollywood	24	32	.429
Vancouver	18	42	.300

Wednesday's Results
Seattle 3-3, San Francisco 2-4
Los Angeles 17-5, Sacramento 7-0
Portland 3, San Diego 2
Hollywood 4, Vancouver 1

How Series Stand
Los Angeles 3, Sacramento 1
Hollywood 3, San Diego 0
Portland 3, Vancouver 0
Seattle 2, San Francisco 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	25	17	.595
Cincinnati	26	18	.591
St. Louis	27	19	.587
Milwaukee	20	14	.556
Brooklyn	23	19	.548
New York	17	26	.395
Philadelphia	15	26	.366
Chicago	14	26	.350

Wednesday's Results
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 3
St. Louis 3, New York 2 (11, night)
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 3 (night)
Brooklyn 5, Milwaukee 2 (night)

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

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	30	17	.638
Cleveland	25	19	.568
Chicago	21	18	.538
Detroit	22	22	.500
Boston	22	22	.500
Baltimore	20	26	.435
Washington	20	26	.435
Kansas City	18	26	.409

Wednesday's Results
New York 10, Kansas City 5
Boston 3, Detroit 4
Cleveland 5, Baltimore 1 (night)
Washington 12, Chicago 7 (night)

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

NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Yakima	24	10	.705
Lewiston	19	12	.612
Eugene	18	13	.580
Tri-City	19	14	.575
Spokane	12	24	.333
Wenatchee	14	24	.368
Salem	11	23	.323

Wednesday's Results
Yakima 2-12, Salem 1-4
Wenatchee 4-9, Lewiston 2-10
Tri-City at Spokane, postponed, rain.

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