

Infield Rap Enables Dodgers To Close Gap on NL Leaders; Milwaukee Braves Nipped 2-1

By FRED DOWN
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A chopped pinch single enabled the Brooklyn Dodgers to claim their biggest victory of the year today and challenge the Milwaukee Braves to "stand up under the pressure of holding first place in a late-season pennant fight."

"Now they've got to show they can do it," said Jackie Robinson after Dale Mitchell's "Baltimore chop" gave the Dodgers a 2 to 1 decision over the first-place Braves Wednesday night. "We went through it in 1951 but they haven't had the experience of fighting off a challenger in the stretch."

"When a team gets six games ahead and starts losing it's bound to start feeling the pressure," Dodger Captain Pee Wee Reese agreed. "Sometimes a team starts looking for ways to lose games when they have that experience."

The victory moved the Dodgers to within three games of the Braves and to within one game of the second-place Cincinnati Redlegs, who suffered a 3 to 1 loss to the last-place New York Giants. It was the fourth loss in five games for the Braves, who only last Sunday held a 5 1/2-game margin on first place.

The break in Wednesday night's brilliantly-played game came in the eighth inning when Mitchell—making his NL debut—batted for Clem Labine with two out and Robinson on third. Acquired from the Cleveland Indians only last Monday, Mitchell chopped a 1-2 pitch about 35 feet into the air between third base and the mound. Third-baseman Ed Mathews fielded it perfectly but his powerful throw was just too late to retire Mitchell and Robinson scooted home with the winning run.

The Dodgers had scored in the fourth inning on Duke Snider's 26th homer of the year but the Braves tied the score in the eighth when Wes Covington crossed the plate on an error by catcher Roy Campanella. The win was Labine's ninth of the year and second in two nights against Milwaukee.

Sal Maglie, also obtained from the Indians this year, held the Braves at bay for 6 1/3 innings before giving way to Labine. Ruben Gomez and Marv Grissom yielded one hit each as the Giants made it two out of three over the Redlegs. Gomez doubled and scored the run that broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh but pulled a shoulder muscle and had to be relieved by Grissom.

Robin Roberts picked up his 12th win in a relief role when Willie Jones' seventh-inning grand slam homer gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 10-8 triumph over the Chicago Cubs and Stan Musial's two-run seventh-inning triple helped the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-1, in another NL game.

In the American League, Bob Lemon came back after being kayoed Monday night to pitch a six-hitter and give the Cleveland Indians a 5-1 win over the New York Yankees. Al Smith contributed two key doubles as Lemon won his 14th game and the Indians reduced the Yankees' first-place lead to eight games.

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Whitey Herzog's double and a two-run single by Ed Fitzgerald sparked a four-run 10th inning that gave the Washington Senators and Chuck Stobbs a 6-2 win over the Chicago White Sox. Jim Wilson suffered his 10th loss for the White Sox, who have dropped 19 of their last 24 games.

The Kansas City Athletics ended a six-game losing streak when they pounded out 12 hits to beat the Baltimore Orioles, 9-4, in their NL game. Lou Kretlow, in his best showing in eight weeks, went seven innings to receive credit for his fourth win.

LINESCORES:
National League
New York 100 100 0-1 2 0
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Philadelphia 100 100 0-1 2 0
Cincinnati 100 100 0-1 2 0
Pittsburgh 100 100 0-1 2 0
St. Louis 100 100 0-1 2 0
Washington 100 100 0-1 2 0
Milwaukee 100 100 0-1 2 0
Chicago 100 100 0-1 2 0

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Philadelphia 220 000 51x-10 14 0, Chicago 100 000 100 0-2 8 2, etc.

SPORTS

LA Angels Whack SF Seals To Up Lead As Suds Lose; Mounties Subdue Twinks

By JOHN McDONALD
United Press Sports Writer
Lefty O'Doul's Vancouver Mounties are bringing up the rear in the Pacific Coast league, a hopeless 29 1/2 games off the pace, but Lefty says give him a couple more pitchers like big Ryno Duren and watch the Mounties move.

The 26-year-old right-hander set Hollywood down on four hits Wednesday night for a 6-1 Mounties victory. The pitching gem followed a two-hit shut out against Sacramento last week, giving Duren two of the finest back-to-back performances of the season.

In other games, the Los Angeles Angels increased their lead to five full games as Steve Bilko erupted for his 46th homer in a 12-2 victory over San Francisco; Seattle won after 13 innings to San Diego when the Padres pushed across two runs in the 13th to win 8-6. Sacramento at Portland was rained out and a double-header scheduled for Thursday night.

Duren struck out 13 and the only run against him was an unearned tally in the Hollywood fourth when Spook Jacobs doubled, went to third on a passed ball and scored on R. C. Stevens' sacrifice fly.

The victory was Duren's seventh against eight losses, but he's won six of his last eight decisions with the tailenders after a shaky early season start.

John Romano's two-run homer in the fourth and a pair of doubles by Kal Segrist led the Mounties' eight-hit attack.

Bilko's 46th homer came in the eighth frame with a man on as the Angels dealt the Seals their worst beating of the year. The swat left Big Steve 14 behind Tony Lazzari's PCL record of 60 set during a 200-game season. Bilko has 49 games remaining to play.

LINESCORES:
San Francisco 000 110 000-2 8 2
Los Angeles 008 130 02x-12 11 0
Seattle 100 000 000-1 4 0
Vancouver 100 200 00x-6 8 0
Wade Sawyer (8) and Kravitz, Hall (8); Duren & Romano.

Ray Mencke Chairman Of 50 Links Tourney

Ray Mencke, vice president of Moore Steel Service company in charge of the Medford branch, has been named general chairman of the 1956 Southern Oregon Golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Bill Thornidge, president of Medford Blow Pipe company, will serve as co-chairman. The annual links classic is scheduled Aug. 29 through Sept. 3.

Other committeemen or committee heads have been named by Mencke. They include Mrs. Ray Frisbie and Mrs. Fred Conrad and members of the women's golf association, registration; Ray Johnson, Jim Dunlevy, Mrs. Moore Hamilton and Dick Jewett.

Ben Trowbridge will head the hospitality committee and Mencke, Thornidge, George Haring.

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New York 100 100 0-1 2 0
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St. Louis 100 100 0-1 2 0
Washington 100 100 0-1 2 0
Milwaukee 100 100 0-1 2 0
Chicago 100 100 0-1 2 0

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (By United Press)
Los Angeles 76 47 398 5
Seattle 70 47 398 5
Hollywood 60 55 322 14
San Francisco 55 61 474 2 1/2
Portland 54 61 470 20
Sacramento 52 62 461 21
San Diego 50 63 455 22
Vancouver 45 71 388 29 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Los Angeles 12, San Francisco 2
San Diego 6, Seattle 6 (13 innings)
Vancouver 6, Hollywood 1
Sacramento at Portland, p.p.d., rain.

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

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee 77 48 386 2
Cincinnati 76 47 386 2
Brooklyn 76 47 386 2
Philadelphia 76 47 386 2
Pittsburgh 76 47 386 2
New York 76 47 386 2

Wednesday's Results
New York 3, Cincinnati 1
Brooklyn 2, Milwaukee 1 (night)
Philadelphia 10, Chicago 8 (night)
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1 (night)

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

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 87 52 977
Cleveland 87 52 977
Boston 87 52 977
Chicago 87 52 977
Detroit 87 52 977
Washington 87 52 977
Kansas City 87 52 977

Wednesday's Results
Washington 3, Chicago 2 (10 innings)
Boston 5, Detroit 4
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 4 (night)
Cleveland 3, New York 1 (night)

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

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
Yakima 16 10 840
Spokane 13 10 565 2
Tri-City 14 12 538 2 1/2
Tacoma 12 12 560 10
Eugene 7 18 280 9

Wednesday's Results
Yakima 3, Eugene 1
Eugene at Lewiston, postponed, rain.

Studs Battle 'Jacks Here This Week End

Medford Cheney Studs take on their closest rival in the Southern Oregon Baseball league this week end and objectives will be both to bolster their league leadership and provide sufficient padding to avoid challenge the following week when they draw a bye in the circuit.

Foes of the Studs will be the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks, back in league contention this season after a couple of years of independent ball and now 1 1/2 games behind the Cheney crew. Schedule of the tangles will follow the usual pattern of games 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at the fairgrounds diamond here.

Appearance of the Lumberjacks at the local park will bring to Medford the league's leading pitcher, a couple of other players who were among the league's top 10 hitters at the last compila-

tion of official statistics and an entire club which is a serious contender for the SOL honors. Bartow Stars

Some of the big names which have been in the 'Jack line-up in the past are missing but CB-NB still has a capable crew under the helm of Manager Curly Leininger. It's league's winningest pitcher is Jerry Bartow, from Washington State college's Pacific Coast conference champions. His status for this week, however, is somewhat doubtful. The Coos Bay Times reported that the twirler severely sprained his left ankle sliding into a base in the House of David game this week.

Only time would tell, the report said, whether Bartow would be able to throw against the Studs. The Cheney management is inclined to think he'll be ready and is so preparing. Bartow hurled the CB-NB win when Medford took a first half series from the 'Jacks two games to one.

The top hitters in the circuit for the coast club are Jim Pifer, shortstop, and Joe Trembley, first baseman and outfielder. Pifer has a .360 batting mark and

McMurtry Billed Against Pastrano
Tacoma — (U.P.) — Irish Pat McMurtry will meet one of the heavyweight division's elite top ten Aug. 24 when he battles Willie Pastrano in an outdoor 10-rounder at the Lincoln bowl here.

Paavo Ketonen, Seattle and Tacoma promoter, announced the signing of the match yesterday.

Pastrano, of New Orleans, fifth-ranked contender with 37 victories and 5 draws in 46 pro bouts, will be the second name fighter to battle the ex-marine from Tacoma in as many months.

Scattergunners Practice Sunday
Medford Gun club will try out some clay targets Sunday at the practice shoot. Members are asked to turn out and test their sights against the new color.

There will be skeet and 16-yard practice. A handicap event is planned. Traps will open at 8:30 a.m. The shoot will be among three this month with which scattergunners may sharpen their aim for the forthcoming dove and pigeon season.

Carter Halts Satterfield
Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Eager young heavyweight Harold Carter said today his technical knockout of highly-touted Bob Satterfield clears the way for the fight to win next week a return with Johnny Summerlin.

Satterfield is tough and he's one of my biggest obstacles," said the 23-year old Carter said after he mauled Satterfield through five rounds and three knock-downs before their televised scheduled 10 rounder was stopped Wednesday night.

Referee Ted Martin stopped the fight at 2:58 of the fifth, as 32-year old Satterfield slumped to the canvas in a neutral corner for the third time in that round. Judge Paul Cummins and Dick Fazio agreed with Martin that Carter had won all five rounds. The United Press scored it four for Carter and one for Satterfield.

Dragon Bite
New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — The Blue Cross reported paying the hospital bills of a man bitten by a dragon. G. Wuman Carroll explained that while on assignment in the Dutch East Indies he tangled with a 200-pound dragon lizard.

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Lithia, Guard Clash In Softball Tourney; Chris, Walt's Win

Walt's Lithia Motors of Ashland and Medford Company A of the National Guard lock in a desperate encounter at Hawthorne park this evening to stay in the fight for the Jackson County Softball association championship.

Winner of the skirmish will go against Chris Drugs of Jacksonville in a Monday game which could determine the titleholder. In scuffles last night the Drugists nabbed the coveted bye spot by handing National Guard its first setback in the play-offs. Lithia ousted McCulloch Chain saw from the tourney to keep its hopes alive. McCulloch suffered its second loss in the double elimination play.

Chris rallied for four runs on four hits in the final seventh inning to spill National Guard 11 to 10 in a ruckus that ended just as darkness closed in and a shower descended. E. C. Brittain pitched a six-hitter, slammed a homerun to help his cause and had substantial fielding support as Lithia downed the Chain Saw club 7 to 1.

Fine Clutch Fielding
Chris Drugs got some fine fielding in the clutch as well in other spots through the game and misuses at crucial times hurt the Guardsmen, who outbatted the Jacksonville team 14 to 10. Singles by Roby Isaacs, Ray Singer, Francis Guidry and Ken Knapp were utilized, along with an error and a fielder's option in the Drugists' final inning rally. Guidry drove over the tying marker and Knapp's swat brought home what proved to be the winning counter.

National Guard had a 10 to 5 bulge after four innings and a couple of tallies in the sixth inning cut down the gap for the Chris crew. A base on balls, an error and a hit batter loaded the bags. Clyde Smith singled home two of the runners.

Chris got a lone run in the first inning on a walk, a passed ball, a wild pitch and Dale Thompson's safety. National Guard went on top with two counters on hits by Ted Yarnell, Ned Landers, Jack Burns and Bill Matejka, a base on balls and a fielder's choice.

Don Sanford walked and Jerry Montgomery homered into centerfield in the third for a 3 to 2 Drugist lead. But National Guard roared back in retaliation with five runs in the same panel. Denny Burns doubled and Ted Ned Landers, Matejka, Don Vessey and Yarnell socked one-basers in the frame. A couple of Chris errors helped.

Two Guard misuses and a hit by Don Sanford enabled the Drugists to cut their deficit to two runs at 7 to 5 in the fourth but the Guardsmen collected three scores in the same canto for the 10 to 5 margin. They used a single by Matejka, a double by Dick Phillips, an error, a hit batter and a wild pitch.

For Chris, Don Wendt, playing in left field, made an "impos-

LINESCORES:
Chris Drugs — 102 202 4-11 10 4
National Guard 205 300 0-10 14 6
Wheeler, Ray Singler 4 and Montgomery, D. Vessey and R. Phillips.

McCulloch — 100 000 0-1 8 5
Lithia Motors — 211 000 8-7 5 2
Sanders and Niles; Brittain and Hale.

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