Walt Dropo's Blast Enables White Sox To Regain Leadership in American Loop

By MILTON RICHMAN
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The White Sox have tried everyone at first base but the batboy, so maybe it's only poetic justice that they're back on top again because of a guy who feels he should have been given the job in the first place.

His name is Walt Dropo, and chances are you've heard of him because they were comparing him with Jimmie Fox and Hank Greenberg when he first arrived in the majors way back in 1949.

Somehow he never quite made it "big," however, and with the White Sox he was low man on the totem pole among three other first basemen this spring. But Tuesday night it was his two-run homer in the seventh inning that broke up a scoreless pitching duel between Bob Keegan and Dave Sisler and gave the White Sox a 2-1 victory over the Red Sox that enabled them to take over the American league lead again from the Yankees by half a game.

In a way, it was vindication for the 6-foot-5 Dropo, who has been forced to sit around this season while Jim Rivera, Dave Philley and Earl Torgeson were given a shot at the first base job. The home run was his ninth of the season, one more than he hit all last year.

Besox Streak Snapped

Keegan held the Red Sox to six hits in snapping their six-game winning streak.

Cleveland registered its fourth victory in a row by crushing the Yankees, 11-2. Baltimore handed Kansas City its sixth straight defeat, 5-0, and Detroit rallied for three runs in the 10th inning to defeat Washington, 7-4.

Cincinnati climbed into a virtual tie for the National league lead with the idle Cardinals by beating the Giants, 3-2; Brooklyn blanded Milwaukee, 2-0, and Chicago climbed out of the cellar with a 5-3 triumph over Pittsburgh.

Southpaw Don Mossi checked the Yankees on eight hits while his teammates collected 12, including a two-run homer by Russ Nixon and a grand slam wallop by Rocky Colavito. Mossi held the Yanks at bay in every inning but the second when Andy Carey hit a two-run homer. Tom Sturdivant was the loser.

Ex-Dodger Billy Loes came through with a brilliant three-hit effort for the Orioles, retiring the first 16 batters in order. It was Loes' eighth victory against three defeats. Bob Boyd raised his batting average to .350 with three hits for Baltimore.

Reliever Harry Byrd, just brought up from the minors, was credited with the Tigers' victory when they hammered Tru Clevenger for three runs in the 10th. Bill Tuttle drove in the tie-breaking run. Teammate Charlie Maxwell hit two homers.

Klu Spells Difference

Ted Kluszewski's pinch single off Ron Worthington with the bases full and two out in the ninth boosted the Redlegs to within five percentage points of the Cardinals. Brooks Lawrence gave up only four hits, including a homer to Danny O'Connell, in registering his eighth victory. Until the ninth, Cincinnati's only two runs off Giant starter Ray Crone were the result of home runs by Smoky Burgess in the second inning and the fourth.

Duke Snider's 15th homer in the first inning was all the margin rookie Danny McDevitt of the Dodgers needed to beat Lew Burdette. Both pitchers gave up only four hits, the Dodgers adding an insurance run in the ninth on Snider's single, Johnny Logan's error and a single by Gino Cimoli.

Jack Littrell's two-run homer in the second inning put the Cubs in front of the Pirates to stay and Dale Long and Walt Moryn followed with circuit blows for Chicago. All three homers came at the expense of Bob Friend, who suffered his seventh defeat. Reliever Dave Hillman was the winning pitcher as the Cubs took over seventh place by eight percentage points over the Pirates.

LINESCORES:

National League
Pittsburgh ..... 200 000 010—3 11 1
Chicago ..... 030 101 00x—5 10 0
Friend, King (7), Arroyo (8) and Foiles; Kaiser, Hillman (1), Lown (8) and Neeman. Winner—Hillman (1-5). Loser—Friend (4-8). HR—Littrell (1st), Long (7th), Moryn (9th).

Brooklyn ..... 100 000 001—2 4 0
Milwaukee ..... 000 000 000—0 4 2
McDevitt (2-1) and Campanella; Burdette (5-5) and Crandall. HR—Snider (15th).

New York ..... 110 000 000—2 4 0
Cincinnati ..... 010 100 001—3 10 1
Crone, Worthington (9) and Katt; Westrum (8), Lawrence (8-4) and Burgess. LP—Crone (4-2). HR—O'Connell (3rd), Burgess, 2 (4th and 5th).

American League
Kansas City ..... 000 000 000—0 3 1
Baltimore ..... 100 021 00x—5 11 0
Urban, German (6) and Smith; Loes (8-3) and Triandos. LP—Urban (1-1).

(10 innings)
Detroit ..... 000 200 101 3—7 10 0
Washington ..... 202 000 000 0—4 11 1
Lary, Gromek (3), Byrd (8), Sleater (1), Foytack (10) and Wilson; Ramos, Clevenger (10) and Courtney. Winner—Byrd (1-0). Loser—Clevenger (5-1). HR—Maxwell, 2 (13th and 14th).

Chicago ..... 000 000 200—2 8 0
Boston ..... 000 000 100—1 6 1
Keegan (3-3) and Moss; Sisler, Delock (8) and White. Looser—Sisler (5-4). HR—Dropo (10th).

Cleveland ..... 003 100 004—11 12 0
New York ..... 020 000 000—2 8 1
Mossi (3-1) and Nixon; Sturdivant, Ditmar (3), Cicotte (4) and Berra; Johnson (8). Loser—Sturdivant (6-4). HR—Nixon (1st), Carey (6th), Colavito (11th).

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	44	31	.587	
Vancouver	42	31	.575	1
Hollywood	42	34	.553	2½
San Diego	41	35	.539	3½
Los Angeles	39	34	.534	4
Seattle	41	37	.526	4½
Portland	27	42	.391	14
Sacramento	20	52	.278	22½

Tuesday's Results
Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 5
San Diego 6, Sacramento 0
Hollywood 3, Seattle 2
Vancouver 7, Portland 2

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

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Sacramento—Roger Bowman (0-0) at San Diego—Pete Mesa (4-4).
San Francisco—Tom Hurd (2-3) at Los Angeles—Tom Lasorda (3-0).
Hollywood—Curt Raydon (6-6) at Seattle—Duane Pillette (7-3).
Vancouver—Don Ferrarese (3-1) at Portland—Bob Thorpe (3-4).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	39	23	.629	
New York	35	28	.556	4½
Cleveland	35	28	.556	4½
Detroit	34	31	.523	6½
Boston	33	32	.508	7½
Baltimore	30	34	.469	10
Kansas City	25	39	.391	15
Washington	22	46	.324	20

Tuesday's Results
Detroit 7, Washington 4 (night, 10 innings)
Baltimore 5, Kansas City 0 (night)
Cleveland 11, New York 2 (night)
Chicago 2, Boston 1 (night)

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Detroit at Washington (night)—Bunning (7-2) vs. Pascual (4-8).
Kansas City at Baltimore (night)—Portocarrero (3-2) vs. Johnson (5-6).

Thursday's Games
Detroit at Washington
Cleveland at New York
Chicago at Boston (2)
(Only games scheduled)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	36	26	.581	
Cincinnati	38	28	.576	
Philadelphia	35	28	.556	1½
Milwaukee	36	29	.554	1½
Brooklyn	35	29	.547	2
New York	30	33	.462	7½
Chicago	21	37	.362	13
Pittsburgh	23	42	.334	14½

Tuesday's Results
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 3, New York 2 (night)
Brooklyn 2, Milwaukee 0 (night)
Only games scheduled.

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
New York at Cincinati (night)—Gomez (9-5) vs. Nuxhall (2-4).
Brooklyn at Milwaukee (night)—Newcombe (7-6) vs. Trowbridge (2-1).
Philadelphia at St. Louis (night)—Simmons (6-3) vs. L. McDaniel (7-3).

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

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Eugene	33	25	.570	
Yakima	35	27	.564	
Wenatchee	31	30	.508	3½
Salem	30	30	.500	4
Tri-City	27	34	.443	7½
Lewiston	23	33	.411	9

Tuesday's Results
Tri-City 6, Yakima 2
Salem 8, Lewiston 3
Eugene 8, Wenatchee 2

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Toronto 3, Columbus 0
Buffalo 6-4, Miami 5-2
Rochester 4-4, Havana 3-8

League Leaders

(By United Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player & Club	G.	AB	R.	H.	Pct.
Musial, St. L.	62	248	39	89	.359
Fondy, Pitts.	53	208	25	73	.351
Hodges, Bkn.	60	230	33	78	.339
Aaron, Milw.	66	279	50	93	.333
Robinson, Cinci.	43	264	50	88	.333

American League

Player & Club	G.	AB	R.	H.	Pct.
Mantle, N.Y.	63	216	60	83	.384
Williams, Boston	59	205	47	74	.361
Boyd, Baltimore	62	203	35	71	.350
Fox, Chicago	63	246	39	82	.333
Cerv, K. City	52	162	16	53	.327

Home Runs
National league—Aaron, Braves 19; Musial, Cards 16; Snider, Dodgers 15; Moon, Cards 14; Banks, Cubs, Robinson, Redlegs, Crowe, Redlegs, all 13.
American league—Mantle Yanks 21; Williams, Red Sox 19; Sievers, Senators 15; Zernial, Athletics 15; Maxwell, Tigers 14.

Runs Batted In
National league—Aaron, Braves 55; Musial, Cards 54; Hoak, Redlegs 47; Moryn, Cubs 42; Ennis, Cards 41.
American league—Sievers, Senators 53; Mantle, Yanks 51; Skowron, Yanks 50; Wertz, Indians 47; Colavito, Indians 42.

Pitching
Shantz, Yanks 9-1; Sanford, Phils 9-1; Schmidt, Cards 6-1; Trucks, Athletics 6-1; Buhl, Braves 8-2.

New Device May Make Powerful Racer of Jet-Powered Speedboat

By ELDON BARRETT
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Seattle, Wash. — (UP) — Ted Jones, Seattle's ace hydroplane designer, revealed today he had "discovered" a new piece of mechanical equipment that would make his projected jet-powered speedboat a terrific racing craft.

"This new device," he said, will make the jet 100 per cent more efficient. She will be a terrific competition boat."

Jones said work on the jet hydroplane had been "extremely slow." He had planned to have her operating by the end of this summer, but now said he hoped to have the craft in the water by the end of this year or early next year.

300 mph Possible

Jones said the boat might reach speeds of 300 miles an hour and the man he has picked to drive this waterbug is, naturally, Col. Russ Schleeh, the jet pilot from Castle Air Force Base near Merced, Calif.

Jones' jet will be 34 feet long and 13 feet at the beam. She will be a three-point type, touching the water only in three places at high speed, but the sponsors will ride on outriggers away from the hull.

The driver probably will sit forward of the engine in a plastic bubble about 10 feet aft of the bow. The jet engine will be 14 feet in length and present plans call for a 6,200-pound thrust.

Jones declined to elaborate on the new equipment which he said would make the jet hydroplane a feasible racing boat.

Tigers, CP Winners in Junior Tiffs

Central Point nicked the Medford Wildcats 2 to 0 in a humdinger of a battle and the Medford Tigers crushed Ashland 21 to 3 yesterday afternoon in opening southern division Pee Wee games of the Southern Oregon Junior Baseball league.

Pitcher Louis Alvarez of Central Point hurled a four-hitter against the Wildcats, struck out 12 batters, walked not a one and set the stage for his team's two runs. Mike Gaines of the 'Cats gave up only one hit over the four-inning route. He walked five and fanned 10.

A walk and a fielder's option put men on base for CP in the third inning. Alvarez advanced them with a fine bunt down the first base line. Harold Allen doubled for the only Central Point safety to bring in both runners.

Wildcats Threaten

The Wildcats threatened in the fourth, getting men on third and second bases with Bob Schoeder's single and Gline's double with none out. Alvarez then fanned two batters and another popped out.

Schoeder socked another single for Medford and Pete Naumes collected the other safety.

Mike Barnes of the Medford Tigers heaved two-hit ball against Ashland. He whiffed batters 11 times and issued three bases on balls.

Buck Weaver paced Medford batting with three hits. Getting two safe blows each were Couch, Barnes, Dames and Neathamer.

Pee Wee games at 2 p.m. Thursday are Tigers at Central Point and Eagle Point at Ashland.

Cub loop play opened this afternoon with Medford at Central Point and Lone Pine at Ashland.

LINESCORES:
Medford 'Cats ..... 000 00—0 4 1
Central Point ..... 002 0x—2 1 0
Gilines and Naumes, Alvarez and Jeff Anhorn.

Ashland ..... 000 21— 3 2 3
Medford Tigers ..... 606 9x—21 15 5

Bout Offer Made To Archie Moore

Chicago —(UP)— Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore can receive a $100,000 guarantee to defend his title in Milwaukee in late August or early September against German Hans Stretz, promoter Irving Schoenwald said today.

Schoenwald said he and co-promoter Phil Valley of Milwaukee would stage the show, either in Milwaukee County stadium of the Milwaukee arena, with the guarantee furnished by a group of Milwaukee businessmen.

Moyer Proposes Patterson Bout With Ed Machen

Portland — (UP) — Promoter Tommy Moyer said today he had offered Heavyweight Champ Floyd Patterson a $250,000 guarantee to fight Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif., for the crown here September 12.

Moyer sent the offer to Cus 'd Amato, Patterson's manager.

The heavyweight champ has agreed to an August title shot against Pete Rademacher in Seattle. Rademacher is the Olympic champion who hasn't yet fought a professional bout. At least one member of the Washing Athletic commission has called that bout a mismatch.

Moyer said that if he should land a Patterson-Machen bout he would scale prices at Multnomah stadium from $40 to $5 and forecast the Northwest's largest fight gate.

YMCA Women Play Butte Falls

On Thursday evening, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. on McLoughlin Junior High school field there will be a softball game between the YMCA women's team and the Butte Falls women's team.

Everyone interested in watching is invited to attend. Admission is free.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Roseburg Junior Legion Faces Medford Here Friday

Medford American Legion junior baseball nine steps out of district contention this week to play the club which last year took third place in national Legion play-offs.

Roseburg will encounter the Medford team at 8 p.m. Friday at the fairgrounds diamond here.

Personnel of Roseburg squad has changed somewhat from last year with a number of the stars gone, but several of last years players are back and the team looms as a strong contender for honors again this season.

Success of last year's team has generated high interest in Legion baseball in the Umpqua valley metropolis and Coach Bill Harper has a strong second team as well as his first crew. Both clubs have sizable rosters.

Could Be Preview

The game here Friday could give a preview of action later in the season since both clubs loom strong in their respective districts.

Just whom Coach John Kovenz will call upon to hurl for Medford on Friday depended much on recovery of pitchers from arm ailments. Hurlers Dennis Barr, Tom Laurence and Wayne Allen all nursed sore arms yesterday.

The Medford squad has lost the services of one player, Dick Barlow, who has moved back to Idaho. He is the son of Rampton Barlow, who was vocal music instructor at Hedrick Junior High school during the past school year.

Medford has a bye in the three-team district this week since Klamath Falls and Lakeview are rivals in a Sunday twinbill.

Friday's game will be the first action for the locals.

Camp White Nine Drills Tonight

Keith Johnson, manager of the Camp White team in the Rogue Valley baseball league, has called a practice session at Ricker Field for 6:30 o'clock tonight. He requested all players to be on hand.

UMP SIDELINED

New York —(UP)— Umpire Jim Honochick was forced to retire from last Tuesday night's game between the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians because of severe pains believed caused by a kidney condition. Honochick will be sidelined for an undetermined period.

Wiffi Smith Given Role Of Favorite

Mamaroneck, N.Y. — (UP) — Wiffi Smith, labeled by the immortal Tommy Armour as "potentially greater than Babe Didriksen," was established the favorite today on the eve of the 12th annual U.S. Women's Open golf championship.

The 20-year-old redhead from St. Clair, Mich., leads 98 women into the first round of the open over Winged Foot's east course Thursday, and off Armour's rating it's the little tintype of Patty Berg against the field.

Yet, while Armour gave chunky Wiffi the big buildup as the field played final practice rounds over the sun-baked course, there was strong support for such former champions as Miss Berg, Louise Suggs, Betsy Rawls and defender Kathy Cornelius along with Marlene Bauer and Mary Lena Faulk.

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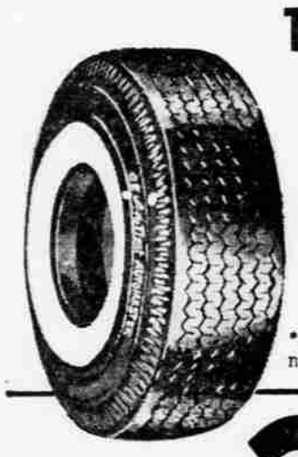
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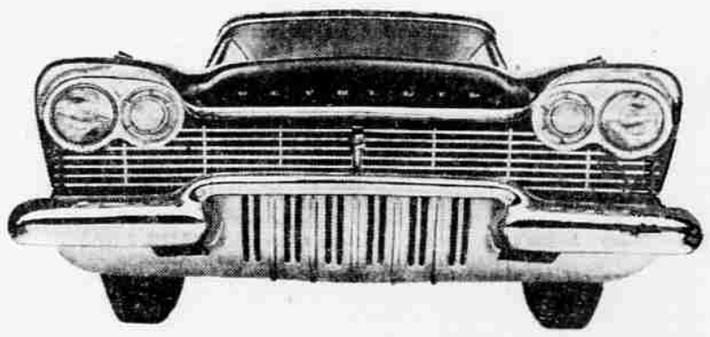

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