

National League Underdogs Kick Up Fuss In Opening Day Scuffles

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The "new look" 1958 season is only 48 hours old but the situation is normal in both leagues: the underdogs are kicking up a fuss in the National and the Yankees are off and running in the American.

That's the sum-up of big league baseball's first day of coast-to-coast activity—a day on which:

—Reuben Gomez stole the big show in San Francisco by pitching the Giants to an 8-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

—Two rookie pitchers scored victories on splendid relief efforts and seven other rookies figured in the headlines.

—The world champion Milwaukee Braves lost the longest opener the National League had seen in 35 years.

—And Stan Musial tied Mel Ott's National League record of 5,041 total bases for his career.

But most of all it was a day on which upstart National League teams upset "contenders" and the mighty Yankees got off to a typical start by winning while two of their chief rivals lost.

Second Over First

In the National, four second division teams of 1957 beat four first division teams of last season. In the American, the Yankees "did it themselves," 3-0, over the Red Sox and the Tigers helped out the New Yorkers by beating the White Sox, 4-3.

Gomez, a temperamental right-hander from San Turce, P.R., ushered San Francisco into the majors by pitching a six-hitter and contributing two important singles to an

11-hit Giant attack. A crowd of 23,448 at Seals stadium saw three rookies—Jimmy Davenport, Orlando Cepeda and Willie Kirkland—come up with a total of four hits and drive in a run apiece.

Rookie first-baseman R. C. Stevens and rookie pitcher, Ron Blackburn were the heroes as the Pirates beat the Braves, 4-3, in 14 innings. Stevens, who replaced hitless Ted Kluszewski in the ninth, hit two straight singles and the second with two out in the 14th inning drove in Dick Groat with the winning run.

Blackburn, appearing in his first major league game, limited the world champions to one hit in the last three innings for the victory. Ed Mathews hit two early homers for the Braves who dropped their first opener since going to Milwaukee.

Rookie Roman Semproch tossed three innings of one-hit relief to gain credit for the Phillies' 5-4 decision over the Redlegs and rookie Tony Taylor started two rallies as the Cubs defeated the Cardinals, 4-0, on a combined pitching effort of no less than four hurlers.

Tebbetts to Protest

Semproch got the run he needed in the eighth inning when rookie Chuck Essegian walked and ex-Redleg Wally Post and Ted Kazanski followed with singles. Cincinnati manager Birdie Tebbetts announced he will protest the game after a seventh-inning dispute over whether a fan interfered with a double hit by Granny Hamner. The umpires permitted Richie Ashburn to score the Phillies' tying run from first base. Taylor doubled and scored

the Cubs' first run in the first inning and then touched off their two-run third inning rally with a walk in the new season's first night game. Jim Brosnan and Don Elston throttled the Cardinals on six hits with Dolan Nichols and Ed Mayer seeing brief action during a seventh-inning jam. Musial singled in the seventh inning to tie Ott for the National total base mark.

Don Larson, the perfect-game pitcher, got the Yankees off to a perfect start with a four-hit shutout of the Ted Williams-less Red Sox, who dropped their second straight game. Yogie Berra's two-run homer and doubles by Bill Skowron and Andy Carey accounted for all the Yankees' runs against "jinx-pitcher" Willard Nixon in the seventh inning.

Billy Pierce Outpitched

Jim Bunning out-pitched Billy Pierce in a battle of the AL's only 20-game winners of 1957 as the Tigers spoiled the White Sox' home getaway. Bunning scored the winning run himself in the seventh inning when he doubled and scored on Billy Martin's single. An error by Lou Skizas made the White Sox' three third-inning runs unearned.

Ned Garver, who won only six games last season, pitched a seven-hitter to spoil Herb Score's comeback and give the Athletics a 5-0 win over the Indians and Billy O'Dell's four and a third inning of hitless relief ball enabled the Orioles to beat the Senators, 6-1, in other openers.

Bob Cerv's two-run double was the big blow for the Athletics as they ran up a three-inning, 3-0 lead on Score, who made his first competitive appearance since his tragic eye injury last May 7. Score struck out six in three innings but walked four and committed a wild pitch.

O'Dell faced only 13 batters over the last 4 1/3 innings after taking over in a jam from Connie Johnson. Gus Triandos knocked in two Baltimore runs with a homer and two singles and Brooks Robinson had a perfect day with a triple and two singles.

LINE SCORES:

American League
Washington 001 000 000—1 5 0
Baltimore 021 120 000—6 12 0
Pascual, Clevenger 3, Wisler 5.
Hyde 8 and Berberet, Johnson, O'Dell 5 and Triandos, Winner—O'Dell 1-0, Loser—Pascual 0-1, HR—Triandos.

New York 000 000 200—3 5 0
Boston 000 000 000—0 4 1
Larsen 1-0 and Berra, Nixon, Fornels 9 and Daley, White 9.
Loser—Nixon 0-1, HR—Berra.

Kansas City 102 001 100—5 11 0
Cleveland 000 000 000—0 7 1
Garver 1-0 and Chitt, Score, Rizik 4, Miller 6, Churn 3 and Nixon, Loser—Score 0-1.

Detroit 010 011 100—4 14 1
Chicago 003 000 000—3 7 1
Bunning 1-0 and Hegan, Pierce, Moore and Lollar, Loser—Pierce 0-1, HRs—Boone Lollar, Kuenn.

National League
Philadelphia 001 101 110—5 13 0
Cincinnati 000 004 000—4 8 0
Roberts, Farrell 6, Semproch 7 and Lopata, Lawrence, Wright 7.
Kelly 6 and Bailey, Winner—Semproch 1-0, Loser—Wright 0-1.

(14 Innings)
Pitts. 100 000 011 000 01—4 16 0
Mil 101 000 001 000 00—3 12 0
Friend, Gross 7, Face 8, Blackburn 11, Raydon 14 and Folles, Spahn, McMahon 10, Conley 12 and Crandall, Winner—Blackburn 1-0, Loser—Conley 0-1, HR—Mathews 2.

Los Angeles 000 000 000—0 6 1
San Francisco 002 410 010—8 11 1
Drysdale, Bessent 4, Negray 7 and Walker, Roseboro 7, Gomez 1-0 and Thomas, Loser—Drysdale 0-1, HRs—Spencer, Cepeda.

Chicago 102 000 001—4 10 0
St. Louis 000 000 000—0 7 0
Brosnan Nichols 7, Meyer 6, Elston 7 and Neeman, Mizell, Jackson 4, Martin 8, Clark 7, Flanagan 9 and Landrith, Winner—Brosnan 1-0, Loser—Mizell 0-1, HR—Neeman 1st.

FIGHTS

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Hartford Conn.—Harold Johnson, 180, Philadelphia, stopped Oliver Wilson, 191 1/2, Hartford, Conn. 2.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Ludwig Lightburn, 135 1/2, British Honduras, and Steve Ward, 139 1/4, Hartford, Conn. drew, 10.

Ducks Beat OCE in Two

Eugene — The Oregon Webfoots extended their baseball victory string to eight against two losses Tuesday by crushing Oregon College of Education, 12-1, in a non-conference game here.

Ellis Olson clouted two homers and two doubles and drove in five runs for the Ducks. George Simpson homered in the third inning and Wimp Hastings hit 3 for 4, including a double.

Winning hurler Ron Dodge whiffed nine in seven innings and allowed five hits.

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Barry Adams had two of OCE's five hits and drove in their one run with a double.

In an earlier game, the Oregon Frosh overwhelmed the Oregon College junior varsity 18-0.

The Ducks, Northern division baseball defending champions, open the season Friday against Oregon State at Eugene.

Neuberger Raps Harbors Veto

Washington — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), said today the veto by President Eisenhower of the rivers and harbors bill Tuesday was "particularly discouraging" because it is the second time authorization of the \$19,800,000 Yaquina bay authorization for the Siuslaw river project which would cost \$1,693,100.

Neuberger said he twice found nearly unanimous support in the Senate Public Works committee for including Yaquina bay in the omnibus bill. He said he had urged the leadership of the Senate to try to override the veto of the bill.

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BATTER UPI — As far as Stevie Gorman, 3, of Mill Valley, Calif., is concerned, the San Francisco Giants just HAVE to win, and he is ready and willing to do his share.

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	1	0	1.000	
Portland	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Sacramento	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Spokane	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Seattle	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Vancouver	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Salt Lake	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Results
San Diego 10 Phoenix 9
Sacramento 4 Portland p.p.d.
Spokane at Seattle p.p.d. rain.
Salt Lake at Vancouver p.p.d. rain.

How Series Stand:
San Diego 3 Phoenix 0
Sacramento 0 Portland 0
Spokane 0 Seattle 0
Salt Lake 0 Vancouver 0

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Salt Lake City (Olf Nelson) at Vancouver (Joe Hatton) night.
Spokane (Ralph Mauriello) and Dick Hamilton at Seattle (John Oldman and Marion Ericano) night.
Sacramento (Joe Stanka) at Portland (Elmer Singleton). Second game pitchers unannounced, night.
San Diego (Dick Stigman) at Phoenix (Gordon Jones) night.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	1	0	1.000	
Detroit	1	0	1.000	
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	
Washington	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Chicago	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Boston	0	2	.000	1 1/2

Tuesday's Results
New York 3 Boston 0
Baltimore 6 Washington 1
Detroit 4 Chicago 3
Kansas City 3 Cleveland 0

Games Thursday
Kansas City at Cleveland
New York at Boston
Detroit at Chicago
Washington at Baltimore (night)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	
Chicago	1	0	1.000	
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Results
Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 3 (14 Innings)
San Francisco 8 Los Angeles 0
Chicago 3 St. Louis 0 (night)

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
(1957 records in parentheses)
Los Angeles at San Francisco night—Podres (12-0) vs. Mossant (3-2).
Only game scheduled.

Games Thursday
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Los Angeles at San Francisco
Chicago at St. Louis (night)

MITEFF-BESMANOFF OUT
Washington — Friday's scheduled 10-round heavyweight bout between Alex Miteff of Argentina and Willi Besmanoff of Germany has been called off because Miteff has developed a severe body rash. Lightweights Lahouri Godhi of Algeria and Larry Baker of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., have been matched as a replacement.

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