

Braves Move Up Into Contention, Whip SL Cardinals With 13 Hits

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The Milwaukee Braves are ignoring those pseudo-contenders cluttering up the first division because they quietly moved into a position where they soon can take command of the National league race.

The Braves are pretty much on their 1957 pennant-winning schedule after wallowing the St. Louis Cardinals, 12-8, Tuesday night with a 13-hit assault on seven pitchers.

They're only a half game out of first place and their 11-7 record compares favorably with their 13-5 getaway last season.

But the real key to the Braves' start is that they are within easy striking distance of the lead whereas three of the other four so-called contenders—Los Angeles, Philadelphia and St. Louis—are holding up the rest of the league in sixth, seventh and eighth places.

The front-running Chicago Cubs dealt Cincinnati its seventh defeat in 15 games when Glen Hobbie's four-hitter throttled the Redlegs, 4-0; the San Francisco Giants whipped the Pittsburgh Pirates, 7-0, and the Los Angeles Dodgers edged out the Phillies, 7-6, in 14 innings in the other National league games. The Boston Red Sox beat the stumbling Chicago White Sox, 7-5, in the only American league game.

Frank Torre and Bob Hazle, two of the key fill-ins last season, drove in three runs each for the Braves, who piled up a seven-run lead in the first two innings and then clinched the game with a five run burst in the ninth after the Cardinals drew to within one run. Bob Buhl received credit for his fourth win although Don McMahon and Gene Conley finished up.

The loss was the sixth in a row and 13th in 16 games for the Cardinals who are now 7½ games off the pace in last place. Stan Musial stretched his hitting streak to 16 games with two hits but even so his average dropped a point to .516.

Hobbie, acquired in a much-criticized deal with Milwaukee for Bob Rush, struck out seven Redlegs as he won his second decision for the Cubs. Bobby Thomson hammered a three-run first-inning homer off Joe Nuxhall to provide the big blow for the Cubs.

Mike McCormick, \$65,000 bonus lefty, yielded only three infield hits to win his second game of the season for the Giants. Rookie catcher Bob Schmidt capped a five run San Francisco rally in the first with a bases-filled double and rookie first baseman Orlando Cepeda banged out his eighth homer. McCormick, only 19, struck out four and walked one.

Dodgers Last Longer

The Dodgers outlasted the Phillies in a four hour and six minute struggle that ended when Charlie Neal scored on a long single off the left field fence by Carl Furillo. Neal had walked after receiving a "life" when catcher Stan Lopata dropped his foul pop up with two out. Don Drysdale, who had lost five straight decisions, picked up his first win in relief while Dick Farrell, ace Philadelphia reliever, suffered his first defeat since last June 5. The Phillies took the lead with a six-run sixth-inning rally but the Dodgers tied the score in the ninth when Duke Snider collected the third of his four hits.

Dick Gernert and Frank Malone hit back to back homers in the first inning for the Red Sox, who have won three straight and six of their last eight. Billy Pierce, who won 20 games last season, was kayoed in the first inning but Ray Moore was charged with the defeat. The White Sox have lost nine of their last 11 games.

SPORTS

Shoulder Injury Benches Lohrke

Portland—Jack Lohrke was ordered sidelined by Portland Beaver baseball club doctors Tuesday and said he would be out of action for at least two weeks, and possibly a month, with a dislocated right shoulder.

Lohrke, versatile utility player for the Bevos, suffered the dislocation in Monday night's game with Spokane here. The accident occurred during a double play.

LINESCORES:
American League
Chicago 011 201 000-5 10 0
Boston 310 000 000-7 11 2
Pittsburgh 000 000 000-0 3 0
Cleveland 000 000 000-0 3 0
Detroit 000 000 000-0 3 0
Kansas City 000 000 000-0 3 0
Los Angeles 000 000 000-0 3 0
Milwaukee 000 000 000-0 3 0
New York 000 000 000-0 3 0
Philadelphia 000 000 000-0 3 0
St. Louis 000 000 000-0 3 0
Washington 000 000 000-0 3 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
Chicago 12 7 .632
Milwaukee 11 7 .611 1/2
Pittsburgh 11 8 .573 1
San Francisco 10 7 .588 1
Cincinnati 8 7 .533 2
St. Louis 8 7 .533 2
Philadelphia 8 11 .421 4
Los Angeles 3 13 .187 7 1/2

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Portland	9	7	.563	
Salt Lake City	11	5	.688	1 1/2
Spokane	10	6	.625	2
Vancouver	10	10	.500	6
Phoenix	11	12	.476	7 1/2
Seattle	8	10	.444	10

Tuesday's Results
Phoenix 7, Portland 4
Salt Lake City 7, Spokane 3
Seattle 3, Vancouver 2

How The Series Stand
Portland 2, Spokane 0
Salt Lake City 1, Phoenix 0
Seattle 1, Vancouver 0

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Portland (Jim Hardison, 1-0) at Salt Lake City (Mel Held, 1-0) at 1:00 p.m.
Spokane (Tom Palmquist, 0-1) at Portland (Ted Edmunds, 0-1) at 1:00 p.m.
Seattle (Carl Greene, 1-2) at Sacramento (Carl Greene, 1-2) at 1:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
New York 10 4 .714
Washington 8 7 .533 1 1/2
Kansas City 8 7 .533 2 1/2
Baltimore 8 7 .533 3
Cleveland 8 7 .533 3
Boston 9 11 .450 4
Detroit 8 10 .444 4
Chicago 8 11 .267 6 1/2

Tuesday's Results
Boston 7, Chicago 5
Cleveland 7, New York (ppd., rain)
Detroit at Washington (night, ppd., rain)
Kansas City at Baltimore (night, ppd., rain)

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Detroit at Washington (2, twilight)—Bunning (1-3) and Larry (1-2) vs. Pascual (1-1) and Griggs (0-1)
Kansas City at Baltimore (night)—Garver (3-0) vs. Portocarrero (0-1)

Thursday's Games
Detroit at Washington (Only game scheduled)
Cleveland at New York

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Tuesday's Results
Chicago 4, Cincinnati 0
Milwaukee 12, St. Louis 8 (night)
Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 6 (night, 14 innings)
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 0 (night)

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers
Milwaukee at St. Louis (night)—Burdette (2-2) vs. Wehmeier (0-0)
Cincinnati at Chicago (Only game scheduled)

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati at Chicago (Only game scheduled)

LEAGUE LEADERS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player & Club G. AB R. H. Pct.
Musial, St. L. 16 84 14 33 .516
Sauer, Giants 8; Thomas, Pirates 8; Cepeda, Giants 8; Matthews, Braves 7.
American League—Cerv, Athletics 8; Jensen, Red Sox 4; Brown, Indians 4; Williams, Red Sox; Lollar, White Sox; Martin, Indians; Minoso, Indians; Sievers, Senators; Triandos, Orioles; Skowron, Yanks, 3.

Runs Batted In
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American league—Cerv, Athletics 24; Carrasquel, Indians 14; Skowron, Yanks 13; Vernon, Indians; Minoso, Indians; Jensen, Red Sox, all 12.

Pitching
National league—Podres, Dodgers; Euston, Cubs; Spahn, Braves; Friend, Pirates, all 4-0; Purkey, Redlegs, 3-0.
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Hofmeister Leader At Halfway Point Of Oregon Golf Tilt

Portland — Bud Hofmeister, Hayden Lake, Idaho, pro, held a one-stroke lead today in the 24th annual Oregon Open golf tournament at Riverside Country club here. His second-round total was 136, after carding a 68 both days.

The final 36 holes were played today.

Dick Yost, Portland amateur, was right behind him with 137 after shooting a dazzling six-under-par 66. Yost's card equalled a 66 shot in the first day of play by pro Sid

Harman of Yakima, Wash., who dropped to fourth beside Chuck Congdon, veteran pro from Tacoma, Wash. Harmon and Congdon tied at 140.

Greer Third

Joe Greer of Yakima was third with a 72-67-139.

Bob Duden, Oswego, held fifth place with 142 and Ralph Dichter, Astoria, was sixth with 144.

Harman slipped to a 74 Tuesday while Congdon, the 1947 champion, had a 71.

Several golfers were knotted at 145, including Bob Kendrick of Oswego, Don Krieger of Portland, Jim Chenoweth of The Dalles, Dick Stearns of Portland and Tom Liljeholm of Portland.

Duck Nine Blasts Out ND Victory

Eugene — The Oregon Webfoots turned 13 walks and a hit batter into eight runs Tuesday as they went through a quartet of wild Washington hurlers to record an 11-4 Northern Division baseball victory here.

The win gave the Ducks a tie for first place in the loop with Oregon State. Both have 5-1 records. It also gave them revenge for the 8-3 drubbing by the Huskies Monday.

In another game Tuesday Washington State defeated Idaho 4-1.

Gene Bates Hit Leader

Pullman, Wash. — Gene Bates, Oregon State's big first baseman, led Northern Division batters through games of May 5 with a hefty percentage of 500.

Official statistics released here showed Bates hit safely eight times in 16 trips to the plate. He also handled 16 fielding chances without an error. Bates was followed in hitting by Oregon's Wimp Hastings and Len Read, both with 429 averages.

Gary Moore, Oregon State's sophomore southpaw, topped division pitchers with two wins and no defeats and an earned-run average of 1.50 in 18 innings. Southpaw Don Lane of Oregon also had two wins and no losses and gave up only three earned runs in 16 2/3 innings. Daryl Burke of Washington had the most strikeouts, 19.

Lane Squelches Speculation on Indian Shift

New York — General Manager Frank Lane of the Indians today knocked down speculation that the club may be transferred to Minneapolis with the assertion that "baseball is still a sport in Cleveland."

"It's not strictly business," Lane maintained. "The men who own this club have a great deal of pride. I have no doubt that Hank Greenberg (Lane's predecessor) would like to move the club. But the men in control have no desire to do so."

The volume Lane made his remarks in reply to reports that if the Indians' attendance declined drastically this season, the team would likely be shifted to Minneapolis, which has a ready-made major league ball park awaiting.

Rifle Club Has Session Tonight

VFW Rifle and Pistol Club of Medford will install officers this evening at its regular meeting in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 42 North Front st.

The session is slated for 7:30 p.m. Members were reminded by club officials that important business is on the agenda. All persons interested are invited to the meeting.

The club will have a small bore rifle shoot on Friday evening, May 9, in the armory. A big bore shoot is billed for Sunday, May 11, at the Camp White range.

Pirates Send Smith To Cubs

San Francisco — The Pittsburgh Pirates, here for a series with the Giants, Tuesday sent utility man Paul Smith to the Chicago Cubs for the \$20,000 waiver price.

Smith appeared in 81 games for the Pirates last year after a two-year hitch in the Army and batted .253.

Barclay to Hurl Against Beavers

Portland — Curt Barclay, one-time basketball star at the University of Oregon, has been named to pitch for the San Francisco Giants here Thursday night when they meet the Portland Beavers in an exhibition baseball game.

Manager Bill Rigney of San Francisco said Barclay would see some action and possibly start the game.

Pacific Nicks Willamette 5-4

Salem — Pacific solidified its hold on second place in the Northwest Conference by shading Willamette 5-4 in a baseball game Tuesday. Pacific scored three runs in the ninth inning to win.

The Badgers now are 6-4 in the standings, while College of Idaho is well ahead with a 9-2 mark.

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CP Sportsmen Have Meeting

Central Point — Central Point Sportsmen's club officials have issued a reminder concerning their meeting this evening. The organization will discuss the possibility of taking over operation of Ramsay lake as a fishing area. John Day, Medford rancher and sportsman, will show Alaskan films. The meeting will be at 8 p.m.

ENGINEER DIES

Port Washington, L. I. — Josiah Turner Newcomb, 54, assistant vice president of Gibbs & Hill, consulting engineers in New York, died at Nassau hospital in Mineola, L. I., Tuesday.

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