

Laws, Skinner Spark Pirates In 3-2 Verdict Over Phillies

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
Go no further than Vern Law's 1.00 earned run average and Bob Skinner's .390 batting average if you're looking for reasons why the Pittsburgh Pirates look like the comeback kids of 1960.

One of the biggest disappointments of 1959, the Pirates lead the National League by one game today and their six-game winning streak equals the best they put together all last season. In fact, it is only one game short of the longest streak any NL team achieved last season.

And there's no doubt that Law, a 30-year-old, 200-pound righthander, and Skinner, a gangling 190-pound outfielder, have been the key reasons for the turnaround.

Third Complete Game
Law turned in his third straight complete-game victory of the season and Skinner drove in two runs with a 2-for-2 performance Wednesday night when the Pirates shaded the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2, to one full game ahead of the idle San Francisco Giants.

The Milwaukee Braves swept a two-game series from their favorite cousins when they whipped the Cincinnati Reds, 8-5, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs, 9-4, in the other NL games. In the American League, the Kansas City Athletics dealt the Detroit Tigers a second straight loss, 3-1, the Washington Senators defeated the New York Yankees, 5-4, and the Baltimore Orioles scored an 8-3 win over the Boston Red Sox.

Hank Aaron drove in two runs with a homer and three singles and also contributed a spectacular rally-killing catch in the outfield to pace the Braves' triumph. Carlton Willey received credit for the win.

Moon Sparks Dodgers
Wally Moon had a triple, double and single and stole a base to lead the Dodgers' late-inning assault on reliever Don Elston, who was rapped for seven runs and seven hits in the final three sessions.

Ray Herbert supplied the pitching and Bob Cerv the muscle for the Athletics, who handed Hank Aguirre his first defeat. Herbert won winning his second game while Cerv singled a run in the fourth inning and homered in the eighth.

Jim Lemon's three-run homer capped a four-run "flash rally" that enabled the Senators to come from behind in the eighth inning and present Jim Kaat with his first win.

Arnold Portocarrero, who pitched only one complete game in 1959, hurled a six-hitter as the Orioles won their third straight game.

LINESCORES:
National League
Los Angeles 001 010 322-8 10 0
Philadelphia 001 000 010-2 7 2
Chicago 001 001 003-4 4 1
Cincinnati 001 000 000-0 0 0
Pittsburgh 001 110 000-2 11 0
Milwaukee 001 000 000-0 0 0
St. Louis 001 000 000-0 0 0
San Francisco 000 000 000-0 0 0
Washington 000 000 000-0 0 0
New York 000 000 000-0 0 0
Boston 000 000 000-0 0 0
Detroit 000 000 000-0 0 0
Cleveland 000 000 000-0 0 0

STANDINGS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
Pittsburgh 9 3 .750 0
San Francisco 8 4 .667 1
Los Angeles 7 5 .583 2
Milwaukee 6 5 .545 2 1/2
St. Louis 6 5 .545 3 1/2
Philadelphia 5 7 .417 4
Cincinnati 4 9 .308 5 1/2
Chicago 3 8 .273 5 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 4
Philadelphia 2 (night)
Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 5 (night)

Thursday's Probable Pitchers
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (night)
Friend (2-0) and Owens (1-1)
San Francisco at Los Angeles (night)
Santford (1-0) and O'Dell (0-2) vs. Sherry (1-2) or Williams (0-0)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
Detroit 5 2 .714 0
New York 5 3 .609 1 1/2
Washington 5 3 .609 1 1/2
Kansas City 4 3 .556 2 1/2
Baltimore 4 3 .556 2 1/2
Chicago 4 4 .444 3 1/2
Cleveland 2 4 .333 4 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Washington 5, New York 4
Baltimore 6, Boston 3 (night)
Kansas City 3, Detroit 1 (night)

Thursday's Probable Pitchers
Cleveland at Chicago (night)
Bell (1-0) vs. Pierce (0-1)
Detroit at Kansas City (night)
Moosi (0-0) vs. Hall (0-0)
Boston at Baltimore (night)
Monbouquette (1-0) vs. Barber (0-0)

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
Spokane 8 4 .667 0
Sacramento 6 5 .545 1 1/2
San Diego 6 5 .545 1 1/2
Portland 6 5 .545 1 1/2
Seattle 6 7 .461 2 1/2
Salt Lake 5 6 .454 2 1/2
Tacoma 4 5 .444 2 1/2
Vancouver 3 8 .375 3 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Seattle at Sacramento (ppd., rain)
Vancouver at San Diego (ppd., rain)
Salt Lake 12, Portland 9
Spokane 13, Tacoma 5

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
W. L. Pct. GB
Lewiston 2 0 1.000 0
Eugene 1 0 1.000 1/2
Yakima 1 1 .500 1
Tri-City 1 1 .500 1
Salem 0 1 .000 1 1/2
Wenatchee 0 2 .000 2

Wednesday's Results
Tri-City 9, Yakima 5
Lewiston 9, Wenatchee 8
Eugene at Salem (ppd., rain)

SPORTS

11 Changes Occur in ND Leaders

University of Oregon, Eugene-Dyrol Burleson, the Oregon sophomore who ran 3:58.6 last Saturday in his brilliant win over Ernie Cunliffe of Stanford to set a new American citizen's mile record, topped the list of 11 changes in the best Northern Division track and field performances during competition last week end.

Burleson, the second American ever to crack the four minute mile, led four Oregon Ducks into first places in the division. Jerry Stubbfield took the lead in the discus away from OSC's Doug Martin and pole vaulter Phil Paquin tied WSU's Wayne Wilson and Sig Ohlemann moved into a tie with Washington's Rick Harder in the 440.

Oregon now leads, or holds a tie, in eight events while Oregon State is tops in five, Washington State in three and Washington one. This week the Webfoots are at home against Washington State, Oregon State travels to meet California, Washington enters UCLA at Seattle and Idaho meets Eastern Washington College.

Burleson's great mile run not only set a new American citizen's record, breaking the old mark set by California's Don Bowden (3:58.7), but also stamps him as one of the fine milers in the history of track and field in the world.

Seven Have Beat 3:58.6
Seven runners have bettered the 3:58.6 and two have equalled it in previous races. The world record holder is Herb Elliott of Australia with a clocking of 3:54.5 and in order the others are Merv Lincoln of Australia (3:55.9), Derek Ibbotson of England (3:57.2), Ron Delaney of Ireland (3:57.5), John Landy of Australia (3:57.9) and Dan Wearn of Sweden (3:58.5). Jim Bailey, the ex-Duck star from Australia, and Albert Thomas of Australia were the two who had 3:58.6 clockings before.

Interestingly enough Elliott, Lincoln, Halberg, Delaney and Thomas all ran their times in the greatest mile race of all time, run at Dublin, Ireland on August 6, 1958.

Burleson has run against Elliott, Lincoln, Bowden and Wearn before in his brief career. He lost to Elliott, Lincoln and Bowden in a heat at the national AAU in Bakersfield in 1958 as Elliott ran 3:57.9 to set the American record and then defeated Wearn at Los Angeles this year in an indoor meet. At the time of his Bakersfield loss Burleson was only two weeks out of high school.

The best Northern Division performances through April 23 follow:

100—Amos Marsh, OSC, 9.6; Jim Puckett, O, 9.7; Don May, WSU, and Jerry Stubbfield, O, 9.8; Larry Harder, W, 9.8; Dick Miller, O, 9.9; 220—Marsh, OSC, 21.4; Jim Puckett, O, 21.6; Ron Bach, OSC, 21.7; 440—Sig Ohlemann, O, and Rick Harder, W, 48.4; Bach, OSC, 48.6; 880—Dyrol Burleson, O, 1:50; Norm Hoffman, OSC, 1:52.6; Ohlemann, O, 1:53.3; Mile—Burleson, O, 3:58.6; Hoffman, OSC, 4:11.2; Jack Larson, W, 4:11.3; High Hurdles—Dave Edstrom, O, 14.1; Spike Art, WSU, 14.3; Barney Olberg, W, 14.8; Low Hurdles—Edstrom, O, 23.8; Art, WSU, 24.0; Darrell Horn, OSC, 24.1; Two-mile—Dick Miller, O, 9:59.3; of New Zealand, O, 9:59.3; George Larson, O, 9:21.0; Pole vault—Phil Paquin, O, and Wayne Wilson, WSU, 14.8; Earl McAllister, O, Jack Fanning, WSU, Don Fallis, W, and Doug Hallee, OSC, 13.6; Javelin—Gary Stenlund, OSC, 226.6; D. C. Mills, O, 223.6; John Douglas, W, 221.9; High jump—Hank Wyborne, WSU, 6-11; John Hunter, OSC, 6-4; Murray Newton, O, 6-3; Broad jump—Horn, OSC, 24-31; Jerry Close, O, 23-11.4; Edstrom, O, 23-6.4; Shot put—Neil Plumley, OSC, 52-2; Shot put—Neil Plumley, OSC, 52-2; Tony Angell, W, 52-5; Jack Sicombe, O, 52-3.3; Discus—Jerry Stubbfield, O, 167.4; Doug Martin, OSC, 167-1.1; Joe Davis, I, 157-10; Mile relay—WSU, 3:16.2; Oregon, 3:17.2; Washington, 3:19.3; Cornick, Giants 2-0; American League—Casale, Red Sox 2-0; Cooney, Yankees 2-0; Morgan, Tigers 2-0; Herbert, Athletics 2-0.

Beavers Bill Home Openers; Lose 12-5 To Salt Lake Bees

Portland (AP)—The weather held the key today to the success or failure of opening day, 1960, for the Portland Beaver baseball team.

Portland's day-night home opener against Tacoma could draw up to 30,000 fans if the weather is good. Assistant General Manager Bill Sayles said.

Game times Friday are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Gov. Mark Hatfield is scheduled to toss out the first ball and Mayor Terry Schruk will welcome Tacoma to the PCL.

Portland again is playing its games in Multnomah Stadium this year.

BY PETE COLEMAN
United Press International
Defending champion Salt Lake City might have started out slow in this season's Pacific Coast league race, but the Bees are buzzing now.

They rolled to their fourth straight win last night, stinging Portland 12-5 with a heavy hitting attack featured by three home runs.

The victory moved the Bees in sixth place and kept them within two and a half games of the pace-setting Spokane Indians, who whacked Tacoma, 13-9, in Wednesday's only other action.

The Seattle at Sacramento

Laker Shift To LA Has Okeh, "If"

New York (AP)—The Minneapolis Lakers, who couldn't draw fans to their games in recent years, hope to strike it rich in California.

The board of governors of the National Basketball Association Wednesday approved by a unanimous vote the transfer of the Lakers' franchise to Los Angeles "if a satisfactory schedule can be drawn" for the 1960-61 season.

The owners will meet again in New York May 9 and May 16 to wrestle with a new coast-to-coast schedule. Following those two meetings, the league is expected to officially approve the Los Angeles franchise.

Both Robert Short, president of the Lakers, and NBA Prexy Maurice Podoloff are confident that a suitable schedule will be worked out and approved at next month's meetings.

Don Fraley had a triple and two singles to lead the Beavers at bat.

LINESCORES:
Portland 000 300 200-8 10 2
Salt Lake 001 002 008-12 15 3
Johnston, Alexander (1), Mesa (4), Griffin (6), McMinn (7) and Westfield; Hardson, Pepper (7) and Cobos.

Spokane 031 200 133-13 18 2
Tacoma 001 040 310-9 14 3
Young, Nelson (5), Palmquist (5), Churn (6) and Pagliaroni; Benfro, Navarro (4), Jones (5), Zanni (8), Duffalo (8), Fisher (8) and Haller, Riviera (8).

Short flew to Los Angeles earlier this week and sewed up the new Memorial Sports Arena as the next home base for his team. He also was given some dates for games in the Los Angeles State college gymnasium.

The Lakers' president then caught an overnight flight to New York and made a personal plea to the owners Wednesday, presenting them with more than 70 dates from which 36 Los Angeles home games can be selected for next season.

RELAYS START
Des Moines, Iowa (AP)—More than 2,000 athletes, with over 800 of them in the university and college division, will begin competition Friday in the 51st Drake Relays with record performances rated as possible in nearly every event.

Picnic Trial Slated Sunday

Fourth picnic trial of the season of Rogue Valley Retriever club will be conducted on Sunday at Hoover lakes.

Competition will start around 7:30 a.m.

Club members are running their dogs in rivalry for RVRC trophies. The open reportedly already is settled with Dr. Charles Versteeg's Velvet having cinched the honors.

Everett McGraw's Judy in the derby and Mrs. Pam Perkins' Hope in the qualifying are reported leading in their stakes with victories this Sunday by either just about settling the issue. A close race is reported in the puppy event.

Judges this Sunday will be Mrs. Perkins and Bill Bryant, puppy stake; Jack Boettcher and Paul Skinner, derby; McGraw and Versteeg, qualifying; and Kenneth Denman and Mrs. Harley Nelson, open.

Trial chairmen are Charles Stelle and Dr. E. V. Meyerding.

Most of the activity is expected to be at the third lake east of the lakes entrance off Corey rd. Entry of some 50 dogs is anticipated.

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Chuckers Taking Aim At Giants

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco (AP)—The way things are going with the San Francisco Giants, they are going to need the strongest bench in history this season — just to survive the "shooting war" in the National League.

With the campaign only two weeks old, the Giants are starting to look like sitting ducks. The pitchers are taking dead aim on the San Francisco sluggers.

Casualty List
Admittedly, it's hard to tell a "brush-back" pitch from one aimed at the head, but here's the casualty list for the Giants after the first 12 games:

Orlando Cepeda—hit squarely on the head by a high, hard one from Don Drysdale of the Dodgers, but saved from possible serious injury by his helmet.

Willie Mays—hit by another fast ball thrown by Drysdale. Jim Davenport—hit on the shoulder by Larry Jackson of the Cards.

On numerous occasions, Cepeda and Mays, the big guns in the Giants' attack, have had to hit the dirt to keep from being drilled by the high fast one.

McCovey Spared
Surprisingly, Willie McCovey, who stands 6-4 and is twice as big a target, hasn't even been knocked down. But Willie has a .220 batting average.

Naturally, the Giant pitchers have retaliated with some beanball tosses.

So far, the umpires haven't been too interested in the whole proceedings. But the pitchers are going to get into trouble if they aren't more careful in their aim. In fact, they should take a tip from some of the old-time hurlers — who got the job done without hurting anybody.

"In my day," says Walter Mails, the old lefty, "if we wanted to loosen up a batter, we did not throw at his head."

"We threw at his feet. It's a lot more fun to see a batter do a dance in the box than it is to just knock him down. Besides, if you throw at his feet, he's never gonna get set for that big swing."

League Leaders

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player G A R H Pct.
Mays, S.F. 12 48 11 22 436
Skinner, Pgh. 12 31 12 16 390
Clemente, Pgh. 12 45 10 19 388
White, St. L. 11 44 9 16 364
Wording, Balt. 23 19 8 360
Runnels, Bsn. 9 24 6 12 353
Conley, Wash. 10 32 7 11 344
Buddin, Bsn. 9 25 8 12 343
Power, Cleve. 6 30 3 10 333
Gentile, Balt. 9 27 5 9 333
Runs Batted In
National League—Skinner, Pirates 15; McCovey, Giants 13; Aaron, Braves 13; Boyer, Cards 13; Robinson, Reds 13.
American League—Allison, Senators 14; Gentile, Orioles 14; Minoso, White Sox 10; Skowron, Yankees 10; Batty, Senators 9.
Home Runs
National League—Boyer, Cards 6; McMillan, Reds 3; Robinson, Reds 4; McCovey, Giants 4; Aaron, Reds 4; Skinner, Pirates 4.
American League—Colavito, Tigers 3; Batty, Senators 3; Lemon, Senators 3; Minoso, White Sox 3; Skowron, Yankees 3.
Pitching
National League—L. v. Pirates 3-0; Friend, Pirates 2-0; Gibbon, Pirates 2-0; Willey, Braves 2-0; Mc-

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ROOSEVELT RETAINS UNBLEMISHED RECORD

Roosevelt was still unmarred in the National League of Medford district elementary school baseball after bouncing Jackson 15 to 0 yesterday. Eleven runs crossed the plate in the third inning. Roosevelt reportedly had a makeup game with Washington this afternoon to finish its loop campaign. Jackson finished in the circuit with a 2-4 mark.

LINESCORE:
Roosevelt 04(11)-15 7 0
Jackson 000-0 1 3
Dames and Koblitz; Forbes, Beach (3), Custance (2) and Owens.

CLARK WINNER
Vancouver, Wash. (AP)—Clark Junior College scored a 3-2 victory over the University of Portland Pilots in a college baseball game here Wednesday.

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