

Pirates Win Two Big Games; Three AL Teams Battle For League Lead

By MILTON RICHMAN

Maybe the National League race is over, but the American League race apparently is only starting and could conceivably wind up in an unprecedented three-team photo-finish.

The Pirates look like they have clear sailing with a more than comfortable six-game lead in the National League. They took their biggest step of the season toward their first pennant since 1927 by sweeping a twin-bill from the Cardinals, 9-4 and 3-2 in 11 innings Sunday.

But there is no margin for comfort among the top three teams in the American League where the White Sox and Orioles are tied for first place and the third-place Yankees are only one percentage point behind.

That all came about when the White Sox took two games from the Athletics, 9-3 and 7-2, Sunday; the Red Sox snapped an eight-game Orioles' winning streak, 3-2, and the Senators captured both ends of a doubleheader from the Yankees, 5-4 and 6-3 in 15 innings.

Milwaukee blanked San Francisco, 3-0; the Cubs climbed out of the NL cellar with a 2-1 and 7-3 sweep over the Phillies, and the Dodgers beat the Reds, 9-5, in the nightcap after dropping the opener, 2-0. Indians Drop Two

In the AL Detroit won two games from Cleveland, 6-1 and 3-2, thereby enabling the Senators to climb into a fourth-place tie with the skidding Indians.

Backed by a 13-hit attack, right-hander Vern Law of the Pirates won his 17th game by defeating the Cards in the opener and Don Hoak gave Pittsburgh the "rubber game" of the five-game series with St. Louis by singling home Bob Skinner with the winning run in the 11th inning of the nightcap. Hoak's blow came off ace reliever Lindy McDaniel, who suffered his fourth loss against 10 victories. Fred Green, Pittsburgh's fourth pitcher, was the winner.

Billy Pierce and Early Wynn pitched the White Sox to their

two victories over the A's. Pierce hurled a six-hitter for his 12th win in the opener and Roy Sievers drove in three runs with four hits. Wynn scattered nine hits and contributed a homer in gaining his eighth victory in the nightcap.

Mike Fornieles was the winner for Boston over Baltimore. Ron Hansen hit his 15th homer with one to tie the score in the sixth but the Red Sox pushed across the winning run in the seventh on a walk. Willie Tasby's single and Ted Williams' infield out.

Bad Day for Yankees

It was a bad day all around for the Yankees. Pitcher Camilo Pascual's first major league homer, a grand slam with two out in the sixth off Bob Turley won the opener for Washington. Then, in the 15th inning of the nightcap, loser Ralph Terry walked Billy Conso with the bases

full and yielded a two-run single to Lennie Green. Rookie Rudy Hernandez was the winner.

To make matters worse, Yankee slugger Roger Maris had to leave the nightcap when he suffered bruised ribs sliding into second base and Casey Stengel angrily yanked Mickey Mantle after he failed to run out a sixth-inning grounder in the finale.

Eddie Mathews' three-run homer in the first inning and Lew Burdette's five-hit pitching gave the Braves their victory over the Giants. Sam Jones allowed only three hits in seven innings but suffered his 13th loss. The victory was Burdette's 13th.

Cubs Desert Basement

Southpaw Dick Ellsworth helped the Cubs desert the basement for the first time since July 3 by holding the Phils to four hits in the opener. Rookie Ron Santo homered off loser Gene Conley and then hit a grand-slam off nightcap Dallas Green in the eighth. Ernie Banks hit his 33rd homer in the second game. Moe Drabowsky was the winner.

Cal McLish scattered nine Dodger hits in winning his fourth game for the Reds in the opener. The Reds scored both their runs in the first inning off Stan Williams, who had to depart before the inning was over due to a sore shoulder.

In the nightcap, Larry Sherry stopped the Reds on two hits over the last six innings to gain his 10th victory. Tom Davis paced the Dodgers, 14-hit attack with three hits. Frank Robinson hit his 22nd and 23rd homers for Cincy.

Mantle Yanked From Game By Yankee Coach

New York — (UPI) — Manager Casey Stengel explained today that he publicly disciplined Mickey Mantle because repeated warnings failed to make the New York Yankee slugger run out routine grounders.

Stengel took the unusual action in the sixth inning of Sunday's nightcap with the Washington Senators when he pulled Mantle from the lineup. Stengel, Yankee brass and Mantle himself refused to say whether there also was a fine.

"I took him out because he didn't run," growled Stengel. "I've spoken to him about it four or five times. Who does he think he is, a millionaire or something? I'm tired of seeing him not run on those things. If he can't run, then he should tell me."

Mantle, who is hitting a disappointing .273 this season, turned aside all questions with a shrug of his shoulders. He did not say whether his chronically ailing knees were bothering him.

Bevos Split With Bees

United Press International

Rookie Spokane shortstop, Charlie Smith, whose birthday is one month from today, gave himself an early present Sunday night in Pacific Coast League play.

The 22-year-old South Carolinian blasted two homers for the Indians, one in each ball game of the doubleheader against Tacoma.

The first opened the first game scoring and was what proved to be the winning run. The second was a 11th inning grand slammer, with Smith scoring the winning run once more and proved to be the first inside-the-park homer ever hit in the Tacoma Giants' new stadium.

Spokane took the first game 3-0, as Ray Semproch notched his seventh win against no losses, and won the second contest, 11-1, when a total of 11 pitchers took the mound—five for the Indians and six for Tacoma.

In other action, Salt Lake and Portland beat each other by the same score, 3-0. Seattle and Sacramento split with the Rainiers winning the first, 3-2, and the Solons the second, 3-1. San Diego nipped Vancouver in a single game, 5-4.

Salt Lake took its first game win by scoring three tallies in the top of the ninth frame on two singles, a double and two intentional walks. Winning hurler Tom Parsons and loser Harry Byrd each allowed seven hits.

The night cap Portland victory was a combination of three-hit hurling by Vito Valentinetti and home runs by Daryl Westerfeld and Don Taussing. Westerfeld's hit came in the second when one man on and Taussing homered in the fourth with the sacks empty.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	63	47	57.0
St. Louis	63	49	56.3
Milwaukee	60	47	56.1
Los Angeles	57	45	55.8
San Francisco	52	53	49.1
Cincinnati	50	51	49.0
Chicago	49	52	48.5
Philadelphia	43	68	38.7

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	65	47	58.0
Chicago	65	47	58.0
New York	62	45	57.1
Cleveland	53	54	49.5
Washington	55	56	49.5
Detroit	49	59	45.1
Boston	47	61	43.5
Kansas City	41	68	37.6

League Leaders

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Player	Team	Rate
Larker, Los. A.	89	277 35 94 339
Mays, San F.	107	413 82 138 334
Bronck, Pitt.	111	470 68 149 317
Clemente, Pitt.	101	394 60 122 310
Ashburn, Chi.	108	401 77 124 309
White, St. L.	112	439 70 135 308
Harrera, Phil.	104	374 47 114 305
Willie, Los. A.	104	374 47 114 305
Cepeda, San F.	104	401 51 119 297
Taylor, Phila.	105	424 58 125 295

Player	Team	Rate
Smith, Chi.	111	422 67 137 325
Sievers, Chi.	52	320 69 102 319
Skowron, N.Y.	101	385 45 122 317
Minnico, Chi.	112	434 69 136 313
Power, Cleve.	101	395 47 121 306
Rumada, N.Y.	102	392 58 119 303
Robinson, Balt.	112	432 52 131 303
Aspinwall, Cleve.	78	277 40 84 303
Wade, N.Y.	100	378 54 112 298
Maris, N.Y.	104	380 61 114 295

Out of State Cars Cop Top Honors At SOTA Dragster Meet

Two sleek and powerful acceleration machines, known in racing circles as "dragsters," took top honors in final competition runs Sunday at the "Big Gasser" drag meet held at the White City drag strip by Southern Oregon Timing association.

Saturday saw the "Glass Slipper" from Sacramento, Calif., set a new strip record and set a new elapsed time mark. Sunday the Slipper crew of Cortopassi and Butler came back and eclipsed their Saturday best with a blazing 155.17 miles per hour effort in but 9.82 seconds. This effort withstood the onslaught of all other competition and now stands as the official strip gas record.

Early Sunday morning the team of Blanchard and Skeans from Portland, and Vancouver, Wash., began running and made several runs in excess of 145 mph but seemed to lack the little "extra" it would take to better the Slipper's time.

The crowd of some 2,000 spectators watched both machines flash off the starting line at the drop of flagman Dale Carters' green standard. The Blanchard machine built up an early lead when the Slipper lost traction for just a fraction of a second. This early lead proved important because at the finish line the Slipper was pulling up fast on the winner but failed to get ahead before crossing the end-of-race mark.

After edging the Cortopassi and Butler machine for honors in the "A" class dragster division, Blanchard returned and copped the four-foot-tall top eliminator trophy along with the \$100 cash by beating the Cole-Wilkinson "B" class dragster in the last big race of the day. The Cole-Wilkinson entry from Stockton was a top performer in its class, put on a terrific show for the crowd, but simply wasn't fast enough to get to the finish line ahead of the Skeans & Blanchard champion.

Top honors in "B" class dragster went to Cole & Wilkinson and they also copped

Cubs' Star To Get Checkup

Chicago — (UPI) — Slugger Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs will be examined in Wesley Memorial hospital today because of chest pains that brought about his withdrawal from the second game of Sunday's doubleheader with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Banks, who hit his 33rd homer of the season in the first inning of the nightcap and has played in 607 consecutive games, complained of pains high in his left chest in the sixth inning. Cub officials said they did not believe there was anything seriously wrong with him.

Medford Girl Wins Four Events at GP Swim Meet

Grants Pass — (UPI) — Tualatin Hills Swim club of Beaver-ton took home the team trophies for both Boys and Girls division in the two-day invitational swimming meet held here Saturday and Sunday.

The Tualatin Hills boys swimmers won first place honors with 148 points while the girls compiled 131½ points.

Northeast Y of Portland was second in both divisions scoring 104½ for girls and 85 for boys in the meet sponsored by the Grants Pass Jaycees and sanctioned by the AAU.

Trophies were also presented to the top individual scores in each classification. Girls took all but one of the individual trophies. Individual winners were: P. Aleskus, Northeast Y in the under 10-year-old classification; Linda Kurtz, Redding, Calif., in 11-12 year-old classification; Erma Indahl, Tualatin Hills, 13-14; Linda Hess, Medford, 15-16, and the senior division trophy Jericho, N. Y. — (UPI) — Bob Gardner of New York City beat Howell Ven Gerbig Jr. of Meadow Brook, L. I., 9 and 8, Sunday to win the Metropolitan Amateur golf championship. Gardner won with a two-over-par 73 on the 7, 12-yard Meadow Brook club course.

Out of State Cars Cop Top Honors At SOTA Dragster Meet

The trophy for most beautiful car entered in the meet. In the final results the meets top honors were almost equally divided between the Slipper from California, and the Skeans-Blanchard entry from Portland.

Middle eliminator gold went to the Sands-Gegner A-Competition coupe from Central Point and Little Eliminator was Mike Grimm from the Slo-Poks racing club in Vancouver, Wash.

Medford area winners included Chuck Gilchrist in B-altered, Barney Metcalf in C-stock, Douglas Pruitt in Super Stock automatic, Marvin Aerex in G-sports, Beldon Webber in A-stock, and Sands-Gegner in A-Competition.

Following are the complete results. Given is Class, Speed in mph, elapsed time, winner and winner's car, in that order.

Johnson Victor

Portland — (UPI) — Bill Johnson of Riverside of Portland shot a nine-under-par 137 to win the Oregon Assistant Pro's golf tournament here Friday.

Both were off the green on their approaches to 34, Holmes below and Odell above

Ralph Odell Links Champion at RVCC

Dr. Ralph Odell shook off his adversary's strong comeback on the home stretch Sunday afternoon and captured the men's club championship in match play golf at Rogue Valley Country club.

He trimmed Alan Holmes 3 and 2 in the finals of a tournament which has been contested over a period of several weeks. Odell dunked a 12-foot putt for a par on the 34th hole of a scheduled 36-hole tussle to garner the title.

Holmes staged a four-out-of-five hole winning streak on the back stretch of the afternoon round but Odell held built a margin he could not overcome. The physician and surgeon, who was even par for the battle, was three under standard over 27 holes and ran up a 6 up spread in that time. His lawyer foe was four over for the 27 and the match. Rally Starts

The rally by Holmes was started on the 28th hole of the match. No. 11 on the RVCC layout. He took a par when Odell hit his second shot over the green and bogied. The lawyer then got the 30th with a par and was just 4 down. On 31 Holmes downed a 30-foot putt for a bird to win the green. Then he won the 32nd with a par when Odell dropped a high tee shot over on an adjacent fairway. Odell's lead was cut to 2 up.

On the 33rd (No. 15 hole of the course) Holmes parked his tee shot on the green and Odell was to the right of the carpet. Odell chipped close for an easy putt and, when Holmes' long putt stopped on the green, the two halved the hole.

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Match Card

Match	Score
Par out	544 344 544-37
Odell out	443 334 544-35
Holmes out	544 354 544-39
Par in	444 443 435-35
Odell in	444 443 445-36-37-71
Holmes in	440 542 543-37-39-78

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