

Mantle Belts Two Homers as Yanks Nab 12th in Row

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It was a heart-warming windup by Ted Williams but those closing drives by Mickey Mantle and the New York Yankees could prove a bit bone-chilling for Pittsburgh. Williams went out like grand opera, as Casey Stengel would say. The 42-year-old Boston slugger rocketed the 521st homer of his career in the eighth inning and then announced he was finished for good moments after the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles, 5-4.

Ted may have taken his last turn at bat, but that certainly doesn't apply to either Mantle or the Yankees. Mantle belted his 39th and 40th home runs Wednesday night to take over the American league leadership from teammate Roger Maris. The two blows, off southpaw Chuck Stobbs, souped the red-hot Yankees to their 12th straight victory, a 6-3 decision over the Washington Senators.

With only three more regular season games remaining, the Yankees now are in a perfect position to record the fastest baseball finish since the Chicago Cubs set a spectacular 21-game September winning streak in 1935. Whitey Ford, who will start one of the World Series games against the Pirates, pitched five innings Wednesday night and that was enough to earn him his 12th victory. He gave up two runs, including Bob Allison's 15th homer. Cletis Beyer also homered, giving the Yankees 190 for the season, a total that ties their

SPORTS

Pirates Have Clear Edge On Yankees in Pitching

(The following is the second of three dispatches by UPI baseball writers comparing the World Series rivals, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees. Today's dispatch deals with the pitching staffs.)

By FRED DROWN
New York—UPI—The Pittsburgh Pirates will have a clear and perhaps decisive edge over the New York Yankees in World Series pitching. The way some experts see it, the Pirates won the National league pennant because of their pitching while the Yankees won the American league pennant despite their pitching.

Granting a possible oversimplification in that analysis, the fact is that Pittsburgh manager Danny Murtaugh has a classic World Series type staff, equally balanced with left-handers and right-handers and complete with fast-ballers and curveballers while New York pitcher Casey Stengel has been forced to tinker all season with a staff that lacked durability and consistency.

One important factor, not to be overlooked, is that the two days of travel time allotted during the Series will make Stengel's job easier. They won't make much difference either way to Murtaugh but they will tend to help Stengel equalize the two staffs.

The Pirate staff is led by two big, durable right-handers—20-game winner Vern Law and 17-game winner Bob Friend. Each has demonstrated, both in National League and in All-Star competition, that he can pitch in the fastest company. Each could start two games and relieve in one during the Series without physical strain.

Backing them up are left-handers Vinegar Bend Mizell and Harvey Haddix, top quality pitchers accustomed to working nine innings. Mizell, acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals, blossomed in 1959 year into a 13-game winner and the type of hard-throwing left-hander the experts had always predicted he would be. Haddix, who deals mostly in low breaking curves, figures to be effective against a free-swinging team like the Yankees.

Murtaugh's bullpen is occupied by one of the best—Elroy Face. Although only 155 pounds, Face is effective from day to day in the late-inning emergency saves and is equally effective against left-handers and right-handers. Law and Friend are almost certain to start the first two games in Pittsburgh with Mizell and Haddix going in games No. 3 and 4 at the Stadium where it is necessary

LA Cinches 4th Place

Los Angeles—UPI—The National league batting crown for first baseman Norm Larker was the final goal of the Los Angeles Dodgers today after the club clinched fourth place in the standings.

Larker still was a fraction of a percentage point behind Dick Groat of the pennant-winning Pittsburgh Pirates. The chunky Dodger, after Wednesday night's 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, was batting .32476 while Groat had an even .325 to lead the league.

By defeating the Cardinals while the San Francisco Giants were losing to Chicago, the Dodgers eliminated any mathematical chance of being overtaken for fourth place. Larker got one hit in three official times at bat, making a fourth appearance to drive in a run with a sacrifice fly. "I'm going to let Larker call his own shots from now on," manager Walt Alton said. "About the only thing left for us this season is to help Larker win the batting championship."

UMC Links Tournament Saturday

Golfers of the valley will play for prizes and for a cause Saturday at Rogue Valley Country club.

The occasion will be the third annual United Medford Crusade tournament. There will be no greens charges but entry fee of \$2 for RVCC members and \$3 for non-members will be charged. Proceeds will go to UMC in its annual fund drive.

The tourney is open to all golfers interested. Women can play in the morning and men all day. Prizes will be for low and high gross, low net, long drives and closest to the pin. Medford Active 20-30 club is co-sponsor of the meet with RVCC.

Fall Handicap Golf To Start

Play for the men's fall handicap golf championship at Rogue Valley Country club will begin Saturday, Oct. 1. Championship will be based on a 54-hole total, three 18-hole rounds, which are to be completed by Sunday, Nov. 13.

Entrants are to contend with fall handicaps. Lee Fank won the title in 1959 but will not be an entry this year. He has moved to Pocatello, Idaho. Pointers are descended from Spanish dogs imported to England in the 18th century.



SLUGGER BIDS GOODBYE—Joe Cronin, right, president of the American league, and a former Boston Red Sox manager of Ted Williams, left, bids the slugger goodbye in the Sox dugout on his last day of active baseball in Boston. Williams announced his retirement from active play. —(UPI Telephoto)

Bosox' Ted Appears in Last Game

By BOB SALMON
United Press International
Boston—UPI—Ted Williams, the incomparable master of drama, is gone but not forgotten.

The fabulous, 42-year-old slugging star of the Boston Red Sox did it again Wednesday—twice. His next-to-last "Williamsque" touch was a mighty home run in what was to be his last appearance as an active player in Fenway Park, where he's thrilled millions for the past 22 years.

But the 420-foot smash—the 521st of his career and his 29th of the season—turned out to be Ted's bon voyage to baseball. Williams stunned everyone minutes later by announcing he'd played his last game. He was retiring as of then, he said, and would not bother to play in Boston's last three games of the season at New York this week end.

The retirement had been announced last Sunday as effective after the Yankee series. Williams will serve as a batting coach for the Red Sox in spring training next year and will stay in a capacity "suited to his great talents," according to the Sunday announcement.

But if the Red Sox were losing an outfielder they were gaining one, too. Williams' retirement came about three hours after former Boston slugger Jackie Jensen decided to retire from retirement and rejoin the team for which he hit 157 home runs over six seasons. Jensen, nine years younger than Ted at 33, announced he was "coming back to play again" after a one-season retirement brought on by what he himself termed "immaturity."

Ashland, Crater Collide on Friday

Central Point—There's a realization among the Crater High football Comets that they'll really have to work to beat the Ashland Grizzlies. And, drills have been rugged in preparation for the Bruins. The two aggregations clash at 8 p.m. Friday at Central Point. Both schools are members of the A-1 Southern Oregon conference but this league will not count in the standings. It is the first of two brushes between the two this season.

A lot of contact work has been a part of Comet practices, both tackling and blocking. This has resulted in a number of minor bumps and bruises physically but Coach Leonard Warren reports his squad's attitude is good, perking up from a "not too serious mental state" last week when the Crater gang knotted with Coquelle.

Warren indicated only one possible change from the usual offensive starting lineup. He said Dave Burns likely will open at tackle in place of Bryson LaCasse. The latter, as of yesterday, had missed two days of practice and Warren hadn't heard from him. Defensively, the coach said he may alternate Dave Burns and John Harris. A 195-pound sophomore, Harris has looked particularly good in drills.

Rivalry Renewed
End Harold Twedell was reported getting over a groin muscle injury which occurred in practice last week. The game will renew rivalry for Warren and Ashland Coach Stan Smith. Smith formerly coached three years at Eagle Point which has been a longtime Crater foe. The new Ashland tutor has yet to beat a Warren team. About his Ashland Grizzlies,

Smith remarked, "I'm concerned about a little complacency." He allowed, however, that his players "might have found themselves." The coach referred to the Ashland victory over Klamath Falls last week. This win gained Ashland No. 10 rating in the Portland, Oregonian poll. Klamath, ranked No. 3 in poll last week, tumbled completely out.

Smith said that the Bruins were working on defense pretty much this week, particularly pass defense, and brushing up on punt returns. He, however, felt much better about pass defense after last week's triumph. The Ashland squad was reported in good shape with the exception of fullback and linebacker Bob Georgianna who still has a "gimpy" knee from the Roseburg ruckus.

Bowling Green On Top in Poll

New York—UPI—The first weekly United Press International small college football ratings of the 1960 season (first place votes in parentheses):

- 1. Bowling Green (Ohio) (4) 142
- 2. Louisiana Tech (4) 113
- 3. Ohio University (2) 99
- 4. Lemore (N.C.) (3) 96
- 5. Chattanooga (1) 74
- 6. Miami (Ohio) (1) 71
- 7. Lehigh (2) 69
- 8. Butler (1) 58
- 9. Idaho State (1) 50
- 10. Northern Illinois (1) 43
- 11. Fresno State, 40; 12. East Texas State, 37; 13. Kent State (1), 29; 14. Southern Illinois (1), 28; 15. Delaware, 25; 16. Montana State, 24; 17. Western Illinois, 22; 18. (tie), Hillsdale and Northern Michigan, 21 each; 20. (tie), Lamar Tech, Texas A&I and West Chester, Pa. Teachers, 20 each.

FIGHTS

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Chicago—UPI—Eddie Perkins, 140, Chicago, outpointed Gene Gresham, 137½, Detroit (10).

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Al Lopez Inks Pact

Chicago—UPI—Al Lopez believes his 1960 Chicago White Sox should have won the American league pennant, but he doesn't want to stand pat with them for the 1961 season.

Lopez signed his 1961 contract Wednesday, even though his team may finish worse than second for the first time in his 13 years as a manager. He did not get a raise, and Sox president Bill Veeck said that showed "you get as much for losing as for winning." Still it was estimated Lopez will make about \$55,000 for the 1961 campaign, his fifth as pilot of the Sox. "We had a better club than what it showed this year," he said, "and I still think we should have won it. But the breaks went against us."

"We're going to try to improve wherever we can, mostly pitching and catching. We need someone in the bullpen who can really fire that ball."

Louisville Wins Series Opener

Toronto—UPI—Relief pitcher Ken McKenzie, hero of Louisville's opening game victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs, is justifying the view of some experts who tabbed him as one of the Colonels' key men in their bid to capture the Little World Series.

Louisville won the first game of the best-of-seven series, 4-1, Wednesday night as McKenzie struck out two men in the ninth inning to cut a Leaf rally short. The relief ace came on in the final inning with two on and none out. He struck out Jim King and got Joe Hannah on a fly to center, but then hit Herb Plews on the wrist to load the bases.

Many historians believe the Viking spent the winter of 999-1,000 somewhere along the Maine coast.

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