

Essegian Stars as Indians To Yanks Twice To Gain Loop Lead

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Chuck Essegian, the chunky outfielder with the musical name, came to the Cleveland Indians for a song, and from the way he's rapping the ball of late it's the prettiest tune heard anywhere by manager Mel McGaha.

In fact, Essegian, who wasn't counted on for regular duty when the season began, is wielding such a hot bat that he is making it downright difficult for the platoon-conscious McGaha to keep him out of the starting lineup.

Chuck, a failure with five different major league clubs before the Indians got him from the Kansas City Athletics a year ago for pitcher Julius Grant, hit a key home run and single Sunday to lead Cleveland to a 6-4 and 8-5 sweep over the New York Yankees and into first place in the American League.

Essegian had five hits in eight at-bats during the long afternoon to boost his batting average to .375, his home run total to four and his runs batted in to 11 in 17 games.

Wins Sixth Game

Dick Donovan went all the way in the opener to register his sixth victory without a loss. It also was the veteran right-hander's second win of the year over the Yankees, whom the Indians now have beaten five times in seven games. The second-game victory went to Barry Latham, second of three Cleveland pitchers.

The Indians tagged Whitey Ford for nine of their 11 hits in the opener, John Romano hitting a three-run homer right at the start to make things easier for Donovan. Essegian hit his homer in the fifth after the Yankees had cut the deficit to 3-2.

Jerry Kindall's three-run homer in the second game started the Indians on a comeback after the Yankees had built up a 5-0 lead. Essegian's sixth inning single broke a 5-5 tie and Cleveland went on from there to nail down the second game and take a half-game lead in the AL.

The Minnesota Twins routed the Kansas City Athletics, 10-3; the Chicago White Sox rallied for seven runs in the eighth inning to beat the Los Angeles Angels, 15-6; the Baltimore Orioles beat the Washington Senators, 3-2, on a disputed homer, and the Detroit Tigers nipped the Boston Red Sox, 6-5, in other AL games.

Giants Win Again

In the National league, the first-place San Francisco Giants downed the Houston Astros, 7-2; the Los Angeles Dodgers took advantage of loose St. Louis play to beat

the Cardinals, 4-3; the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-4; the Milwaukee Braves nipped the New York Mets, 3-2, and the Chicago Cubs climbed out of the cellar by beating the Philadelphia Phillies twice, 8-7 and 8-5.

Vic Power drove in five runs with a grand-slam homer and a single to lead the third-place Twins to their win over Kansas City. Rookie Joe Bonkowski went the route in his first major league start. Power's blast came off Dan Pfister in the seventh, but A's starter Norm Bass, chased in the sixth, was the loser.

The White Sox sent 12 men to the plate in the eighth to break a 5-5 tie and make their win over the Angels a rout. Los Angeles used four pitchers in an effort to stop the White Sox in the eighth. Bob Botz, who finished up, also was raked for three more runs in the ninth. Floyd Robinson had four RBIs on a double and single. Dom Zanni pitched 2 1/3 of an inning and got the victory.

Hits Two Homers

Dick Brown belted two home runs and a single and Dick McAuliffe hit a three-run double to pace the Tigers as Dick Regan picked up his

third victory. Earl Robinson's ninth-inning homer, which toughed off a dispute over whether it was fair or foul, was the margin of difference in Baltimore's victory. Brooks Robinson also homered for the Orioles and Jimmy Piersall hit one for the Senators.

Jack Sanford, who had a shutout after eight innings, gave up only six Houston hits in registering his fourth victory for the Giants, who remained four games ahead of the Dodgers in the NL race. Orlando Cepeda and Jim Davenport each got three hits to pace the San Francisco attack.

The Dodgers, held to only two hits by Larry Jackson through the seventh, scored all their runs the following inning. A two-run error by the usually reliable Ken Boyer opened the way. John Roseboro's sacrifice fly accounted for the winning run and handed Jackson his fourth loss against three wins. Los Angeles used three pitchers in the last two innings to hold the lead as starter Johnny Podres picked up his third win.

Pinson Paces Reds

Vada Pinson, with a homer (his 11th) and triple, and Frank Robinson, with a two-run homer, paced the Reds, who beat the Pirates for the third straight time. Bob Purkey went all the way to gain his sixth victory without a loss. Jim Marshall's three-run third inning homer was the big Pittsburgh blow.

Frank Bolling's two-run homer in the eighth, a "wrong field" blow that traveled only 257 feet, and an equally short homer by Roy McMillan accounted for all the Milwaukee runs against the Mets. Before the game began, manager Birdie Tebbets read the riot act to the Braves, who had dropped a twin-bill to the Mets on Saturday.

The Cubs hit six home runs — three in each game — to move past the Mets into ninth place. Both victories went to reliever Barney Schultz, the Cub knuckler who now has appeared in eight straight games, one short of the NL record. He came on in the ninth inning of the opener with the Cubs trailing by a run and in the second inning of the nightcap with the Cubs behind again by a run and pitched 3 1/3 innings. George Altman paced Cub hitters with two home runs, driving in three runs in the first game and two in the second.

Crater High Victor

Comets were Dave Burns in the shot put, George Jannusch in the javelin, Paul Bransom in the broad jump, Dwight James in high jump, Sperm Kiger in the 100-yard dash, Darrell Badger in the mile, Vern Swanson in the 440, Joe McCalvey in the half-mile and Greg Faulkner, who tied with Thorne of Klamath in the pole vault.

Bob Dearing won the shot put for Klamath and Grover Dahn the 220. The Pelicans also took the relay.

In the freshman meet Klamath beat Crater 99-2/3 to 22-1/3. Charles Taylor won the broad jump and Frank Armstrong the high hurdles for the Comets.

RESULTS:

Shot put—Dearing, KF; Molloy, C; Mills, KF. 48-5/8.
Javelin—Jannusch, C; Muller, C; Smith, K. 181-0.
Broad jump—Bransom, C; Rogers, KF; Eccles, KF. 20-3/4.
High jump—James, C; tie second, Eccles, Kelly and Scott, all KF. 5-10 1/2.
100—Kiger, C; Dahn, KF; McCalvey, C. 10.5.
1/2 mile—Badger, C; Lawrence, KF; Hixon, C. 4:33.3.
440—Swanson, C; Walker, C; George, KF. 51.2.
Low hurdles—Champ, C; English, C; Bransom, C. 20.6.
500—Dahn, KF; Noel, KF; Kiger, C. 22.9.
880—McCalvey, C; Piper, KF; Foster, KF. 2:05.3.
Relay—Klamath (Noel, McClure, English, Dahn). 1:35.5.

MUSICAL HITLESS

St. Louis — (UPI) — Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals ran his hitless streak to 13 Sunday against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Musial remains one hit short of Hans Wagner's National league record of 3,430 hits.

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Seattle 8-1, Portland 2-3
Linfield 10, Whitman 1
Lewis and Clark 13, College of Idaho 7
Willamette 17, Pacific 6
Eastern Oregon 2-0, Northwest Nazarene 1-7

Baseball

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Mel McGaha Says Tribe Has Chance

Cleveland, Ohio — (UPI) — Manager Mel McGaha of the Cleveland Indians remained cautious today but conceded the Tribe could win the pennant this season.

"I'd have to say we have a chance at it if the New York pitching staff remains shaky," McGaha said after the Indians took another twin bill from the Yankees Sunday. The victories moved the Indians into first place by one-half game.

"The Yankees, of course, still are the club to beat," McGaha added.

Giants Teach Colts Humility

San Francisco — (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants returned home today after teaching the Houston Colts a little humility — and that's quite an accomplishment when dealing with Texans.

The Houston team proved it was plenty fast on the draw Friday when it handed the San Francisco powerhouse its first whitewash of the year, 7-0. But the Giants proved that it takes more than a fast draw in the lengthy battle for National league honors.

Manager Alvin Dark's troops roared back to wallop the Colts, 11-0, behind the four-hit pitching of Juan Marchal, Saturday and then trimmed them 7-2 Sunday as Jack Sanford held the Houston team scoreless until the ninth inning.

The Giants got a bit of rest today in preparation for Tuesday night's opened against the rugged St. Louis Cardinals. After three games with the Cards, San Francisco will host Houston in a four-game set that winds up with a double-header Sunday at Candlestick park.

Minoso Wrist, Skull Fractured

St. Louis — (UPI) — The condition of Minnie Minoso, seriously injured St. Louis Cardinals outfielder, was complicated today by the discovery he has a broken wrist in addition to a skull fracture.

Minoso sustained the injuries Friday night when he crashed into the concrete left-field wall while chasing a triple by Duke Snider in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Busch stadium.

Dodgers Swap For Windhorn

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Crater High Victor Over Pels in Track

Central Point — Crater high, dominating the first places, subdued Klamath Union high 68 to 54 in a Saturday track meet at Klamath Falls.

The Comets of Crater had winners in 10 events and a tie for first in another. John Champ, with victories in the high and low hurdles, was the afternoon's only double victor. Taking firsts also for the

UO Ducks Down SOC Raiders 9-1

Eugene — University of Oregon bounced Southern Oregon college 9 to 1 in a Saturday baseball game here.

Southern Oregon finished its season with the contest. It was 14-11 for its slate.

The Raiders of Ashland gained their only run in the first inning on singles by Dave Hughes, Jess Munyon and Paul Blinks.

Cal Dean had a three-bagger and single for Oregon and Dave Moore a triple among three hits. Blinks and Joe Funderburg each had two safeties for the Raiders.

Marty Vogler had the longest pitching stint for SOC. He allowed four hits and no walks and struck out six. He entered the fracas in the first inning and was relieved by Frank Burwell in the fifth.

Wes Davidson, the Raider starter, was tagged for three runs on three hits and a walk in the first third of the first inning.

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4000	23.62	26.88	40.20	73.92	96.00	115.20	134.40	153.60	172.80
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CATCHES FOR KING—Mike Mellicke, above, is catcher for the King and His Court, four-man softball team, which will play at Memorial field, White City, at 8 o'clock this evening. The famed barnstormers will encounter John Wheeler Logging of Medford, last year's district champions. Mellicke is one of the original members of the Court but was not with the team during a couple of recent seasons. He resided at Ashland and played ball for Wheeler. Mike is the Court's home run artist. He hit 86 in one 146-game season. Mellicke possesses one of the strongest throwing arms in the game.

Softball Wizards Play at White City

A traveling team, the fabulous King and His Court, join in the inauguration of 1982 men's softball in this area this evening when they play at 8 p.m. at Memorial field, White City.

This amazing four-man team will take on John Wheeler Logging of Medford, the 1981 champs of this district. It will be a repeat performance for the two aggregations. The softball royalty and Wheelers met here last fall.

Heading the barnstorming delegation is Eddie Feigner, recognized as the foremost pitcher in softball and a magician with the 12-inch ball. His supporting cast includes Mike Mellicke, catcher; Al Jackson, first baseman; and Jerry Jones, shortstop.

All the Pitching

Feigner does all the pitching for the Court, which plays without substitution. The King and His Court have traveled for 16 years. Feigner and Mellicke were members of the first team which was formed in 1946 as the result of a wager and won its first game at Pendleton. The softball wizards were organized

Omaha Dodgers Slice Indianapolis Margin

Indianapolis had its American Association league lead cut to one game when it was defeated last night, 7-5, by runner-up Omaha.

Omaha, trailing 4-1 going into the last half of the seventh inning, scored six runs.

The Denver Bears collected 11 hits to gain a 4-1 triumph over the Oklahoma City 89ers.

Dallas-Fort Worth took both sides of a doubleheader from Louisville 14-2 and 3-1.

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