

22 Homers in Six Major Loop Games; Cleveland Lone Leader

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Those poor long-suffering pitchers considered one of two courses today—either flying the white flag of surrender or tying it around the throat of that practical joker who keeps putting more and more rabbit into the baseballs.

Statistics generally put ball players to sleep. Here are a few though, guaranteed to keep most pitchers awake.

The total of 22 homers in the six major league games played Tuesday was only five shy of the all-time record for a seven-game slate.

Nine home runs, only one short of the National League mark, were hit in one game alone. That was the one in which the Milwaukee Braves outlasted the Chicago Cubs, 11-9, despite three homers and a double by Ernie Banks.

Seven more homers were belted during the game in which the Detroit Tigers pounded the Baltimore Orioles, 12-4.

The worst may be yet to come, as far as the pitchers are concerned. There are 18 games on tap for today's Memorial Day card. And it was exactly six years ago that the majors set an all-time one-day record of 50 homers, with 26 in the National and 24 in the American.

The Cleveland Indians were idle Tuesday, but still took over sole possession of the AL lead when the Kansas City A's nipped the New York Yankees, 2-1.

Jimmy Piersall's 10th inning homer gave the Washington Senators a 7-6 victory over the Los Angeles Angels and the Boston Red Sox hammered four homers in an 8-3 triumph over the Minnesota Twins.

In the only other game played, Pittsburgh took over fourth place from St. Louis in the NL by clipping the Cardinals, 7-6, with a two-run rally in the ninth inning at Pittsburgh.

Banks produced most of Tuesday's fireworks even though he was back in the Cubs' lineup for the first time since being beamed last Friday and was tormented by a

headache through most of the game.

Ernie doubled his first time up off Milwaukee starter Bob Hendley and then hit three successive homers off Hendley, Don Nottebart and Lew Burdette to raise his season total to 14. It marked the third time in his career that he had three homers in one game.

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STANDINGS

United Press International NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	33	14	.702
Los Angeles	31	15	.674
Cincinnati	25	16	.610
Houston	24	17	.585
St. Louis	24	19	.558
Milwaukee	20	25	.444
Pittsburgh	19	27	.411
Philadelphia	16	28	.361
Chicago	13	30	.300
New York	12	27	.308

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