

Stafford Looks Like Successor To Ford As Yank Hill Ace; Cubs, Pirates Subdue Giants, Dodgers

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Bill Stafford is a young man in a hurry... a young man after the Yankee dollar... and a young man who looks like the successor to Whitey Ford as the ace of the New York staff.

Ralph Houk, manager, likes to compare him with Alie Reynolds for two good reasons: (1) Stafford is a purposeful fellow who likes to get the job done in a hurry and (2) he knocks down contenders like tenpins.

The 23-year-old Stafford, a native of Catskill, N.Y., demonstrated his "Reynolds-like" ability again Thursday night when he pitched the Yankees to a 4-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians to maintain their one-game lead over the Minnesota Twins in the American league race. Bill yielded two hits, didn't walk a man and sent everybody home in 1:59—a time it takes most young pitchers these days to work four innings.

Maris Homers
Jim Perry shut out the Yankees for three innings but in the fourth Roger Maris exploded his 10th homer of the season and the Yankees added three runs in the eighth with the aid of a double by Bill Skowron and a single by Clete Boyer. It was Stafford's fifth win against three losses.

League Leaders

Player	Team	AB	R	H	Per.
Harmon Killebrew	MINN.	48	10	21	.550
A. Smith	CHIC.	41	19	22	.537
Rollins	MINN.	34	11	21	.529
Bunneke	BOS.	48	18	25	.521
Kaline	DET.	36	14	32	.514
Escobar	CIV.	38	12	26	.511
Robman	CHI.	50	19	29	.510
Batley	MIN.	44	16	17	.509
Siebert	K.C.	34	20	42	.509
O'Connell	WASH.	37	13	18	.500

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Williams	CHIC.	33	20	44	.73
Alou	S.F.	31	20	38	.68
Munoz	ST. L.	31	13	21	.68
T. Davis	L.A.	36	22	42	.67
Devonport	S.F.	31	18	35	.67
Cepeda	S.F.	31	23	42	.67
W. Davis	L.A.	33	19	37	.65
Flood	PHIL.	32	21	37	.65
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Gonzalez	PHIL.	44	16	21	.62

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Washington	3	32	.095

The current two-team race in the National league remained unchanged when both the first-place San Francisco Giants and the second-place Los Angeles Dodgers lost. The Chicago Cubs defeated the Giants, 4-3, and the Pittsburgh Pirates topped the Dodgers, 3-2.

The Baltimore Orioles whipped the Washington Senators, 12-5, the Minnesota Twins downed the Kansas City Athletics, 5-2, the Chicago White Sox defeated the Los Angeles Angels, 8-4, and the Boston Red Sox edged out the Detroit Tigers, 5-4, in other American league games.

The St. Louis Cardinals completed a sweep of a three-game series with the Cincinnati Reds with an 8-2 victory and the Houston Colts topped the Milwaukee Braves, 3-2, in the other National league games.

Rodgers Paces Cubs
Andre Rodgers drove in three runs with a two-run single and a homer to help the Cubs' Don Cardwell to his second victory. Billy Pierce, who had won eight straight games

A double by Dick Williams and singles by Johnny Temple and Brooks Robinson were the big blows of a four-run second-inning rally by the Orioles. Billy Hoelt, who worked the last 6 2/3 innings, gained his second win while Pete Burnside suffered his fifth loss.

Rich Rollins drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as the Twins snapped Kansas City pitcher Dave Wicksham's six-game winning streak. Joe Bonkowski went the route to win his fifth game. The victory moved the Twins past Cleveland into second place in the AL.

His Five Singles
Al Smith's five straight singles, including two in a seven-run second-inning outburst, and three hits by Mike Hershberger led the White Sox' 14-hit attack on five Los Angeles pitchers. Eli Grba, rocked for five runs in 1 1/3 innings, suffered his third loss.

Bob Tillman's triple and Carroll Hardy's single in the eighth inning gave the Red Sox their victory over the Tigers and brought Ron Kline his first win. Earl Wilson, Jake Wood, Rocky Colavito and Gary Geiger all hit homers and Frank Malone, Ed Bressoud and Norm Cash hit doubles.

Sore-arm Ernie Broglio went the distance for the first time this season with a seventh-inning and Curt Flood and Julio Gotay had three hits each for the Cardinals, while Billy Goodman's ninth-inning single capped the Colts' two-run ninth-inning rally and dealt Warren Spahn his sixth defeat of the year.

Linescores:
American League
New York 000 010 010—2 8 0
Minnesota 000 000 100—3 9 0
Cleveland 000 000 000—0 0 0
Los Angeles 000 000 000—0 0 0
Chicago 000 000 000—0 0 0
Baltimore 000 000 000—0 0 0
Kansas City 000 000 000—0 0 0
Boston 000 000 000—0 0 0
Washington 000 000 000—0 0 0

National League
San Francisco 000 000 000—0 0 0
Los Angeles 000 000 000—0 0 0
San Diego 000 000 000—0 0 0
Pittsburgh 000 000 000—0 0 0
St. Louis 000 000 000—0 0 0
Houston 000 000 000—0 0 0
Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 0 0
Chicago 000 000 000—0 0 0
New York 000 000 000—0 0 0

Thursday's Results
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 2
Boston 3, Cleveland 0 (night)
Baltimore 12, Washington 3 (night)

Friday's Probable Pitchers
Baltimore at New York (night)—Estrada (3-7) vs. Ford (3-4)
Cleveland at Boston (night)—Donovan (8-2) vs. DeLoach (0-0)
Chicago at Minnesota (night)—Wickham (1-1) vs. Kline (1-2)
Kansas City at Los Angeles (night)—Bakow (4-3) vs. Lee (3-3)
New York at Washington (night)—Foytack (4-1) and Moss (6-4) vs. Hamilton (1-2) and Stenhouse (3-1)

Saturday's Games
Baltimore at New York
Cleveland at Boston
Chicago at Minnesota
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Detroit at Washington

National League
San Francisco 40 17 202
Los Angeles 40 18 890
San Diego 29 23 538
Pittsburgh 29 23 538
St. Louis 27 24 329
Houston 25 29 483
Philadelphia 21 31 404
Chicago 20 33 349
New York 12 36 203

Thursday's Results
Chicago 4, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 2 (night)
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 2 (night)
Houston 3, Milwaukee 2 (night)

Friday's Probable Pitchers
Philadelphia at Cincinnati (night)—Bennett (1-1) vs. Klippstein (1-0)
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (night)—McBean (3-2) vs. Shaw (6-2)
San Francisco at St. Louis (night)—Marichal (8-3) vs. Gibson (6-4)
Los Angeles at Houston (night)—Kousser (8-2) vs. Johnson (4-4)

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee
New York at Chicago
San Francisco at St. Louis
Los Angeles at Houston

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
Wenatchee 24 17 385
Salem 24 18 371
Tacoma 21 19 325
Tri-City 20 22 426
Leviston 18 23 439
Eugene 16 24 400

Thursday's Results
Leviston 4, Eugene 3 (12 innings)
Tri-City 7, Wenatchee 4
Yakima 12, Salem 0

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Salt Lake 31 17 846
Seattle 30 20 680
San Diego 29 20 592
Tacoma 24 24 490
Portland 25 29 483
Hawaii 22 27 449
Vancouver 20 29 435
Spokane 14 31 311

Thursday's Results
Spokane 3, San Diego 2
Vancouver 3, Seattle 0
Portland 3, Tacoma 0
Salt Lake City 9, Hawaii 7

Yank Eyes Pro Career As Bowler

By MILTON RICHMAN
New York—UPI—This will come as a big jolt to Ralph Houk, but Bill Stafford revealed today he's thinking of turning professional bowler.

Houk can relax a bit though, and so can the New York Yankees because if Stafford does go through with his plan—and it certainly looks as if he means to—he will do all his bowling between baseball seasons.

Stafford's inclination toward a professional career on the alleys came to light following his superlative two-hit 4-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians Thursday night.

Somehow the talk swung around to bowling. "What was the best game you ever rolled?" someone asked.

"Two-ninety-eight," Stafford replied, matter-of-factly. Under further questioning, the 23-year-old Yankee right-hander totaled 727 for three games recently, was supposed to be a partner of pro bowler Don Carter during a charity exhibition at Auburn, N.Y., last winter and has "given quite a bit of thought" to bowling professionally.

"But I don't bowl during the baseball season," he pointed out. "You use a different motion bowling than you do pitching and I wouldn't want to take any chances on doing them both together."

Still breathing heavily in the clubhouse although he had used only 93 pitches to blank the Indians, Stafford said "it wasn't an easy game" when the conversation finally returned to baseball.

"I had only a one-run lead until the eighth and I had to keep bearing down," he said. Stafford struck out only three batters but far more important to him was the fact he didn't walk a batter for the second straight game in which he has pitched.

"As long as I don't walk any, I don't care how few hitters I strike out," he said. "I don't consider myself a strikeout pitcher."

Ray Sadecki Reinstated

St. Louis—UPI—Things are back to normal today with the St. Louis Cardinals following peace talks Thursday night between pitcher Ray Sadecki, manager Johnny Keane and general manager Bev Devine.

Sadecki bowed to the Red-bird organization and accepted his \$250 fine imposed as a result of his showing in Tuesday night's contest with the Cincinnati Reds.

The Cardinals lifted Sadecki's suspension after one day, which came as a result of his failing to appear for Wednesday night's contest. Sadecki was in uniform for the game Thursday night which the Redbirds took from Cincinnati, 8-2.

Sadecki was handed the fine, along with a tongue-lashing, by Keane for his "lousy and sloppy performance" Tuesday night.

Dick Stuart LA Spoiler

Houston—UPI—The Los Angeles Dodgers, still one-half game out of first place in the National league after nearly taking the lead Thursday night, tonight make their second appearance in Texas against the Houston Colts.

Strikeout ace Sandy Koufax (8-2) meets Ken Johnson (3-8) of Houston on the mound. Thursday night's spoiler was first baseman Dick Stuart, who homered with two men on in the ninth inning to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 3-2 victory over the Dodgers.

The game seemed to be well settled for starter Johnny Podres, who had a four-hit, 2-0, shutout going into the ninth for his apparent fourth victory.

Podres was relieved by Larry Sherry after giving up back-to-back singles to Dick Groat and Roberto Clemente. The big blow came off Sherry and soared 406 feet over the left field wall and marked Stuart's seventh homer of the season.

Dick Smith Thrills Omaha Dodger Fans

By MEL BAILEY
Omaha, Neb.—Dick Smith, from Medford, Ore., leads the American association in the speed department and is tied for honors in two power categories.

In addition, Dick has provided Omaha Dodgers' fans with some thrills that they haven't seen the likes of before.

For example, he has scored from first base on a single to short right field. He also scored from first on a stolen base. When the throw went in to short centerfield, Dick picked himself up, headed for third and got the green light from manager Danny Ozark.

The ex-Glide, Ore., high ace made it easily. Through June 3, Smith led the Triple-A league with 11 stolen bases. He was tied for league leadership in homers with nine, including a grand slam against Denver, and in triples with seven.

He carried a .311 batting mark and was tied for fourth in runs batted in with 31.

Fresco Thompson, vice president in charge of Dodger player personnel, says Dick is the fastest man in the Los Angeles chain. "You'd never guess it, seeing him run flat-footed down that base line. We clocked him in 6.4 for 60 yards at Vero Beach this spring. That's faster than Willie Davis or Maury Wills."

Dick is due to be married in about three weeks to Miss Betty Ekmanian, secretary to Thompson. The wedding will be in Omaha.

SF Giant Grins Fade

St. Louis—UPI—They smile when former Giant Andre Rodgers trots out to shortstop for the Chicago Cubs—but the San Francisco grins faded Thursday when he stepped to the plate.

Rodgers, who fumbled a ball Tuesday which may have given him the first unassisted triple play in 25 years, drove in three runs Thursday to put the Giants' league lead in jeopardy and ruin Billy Pierce's unblemished pitching record.

Lefty Pierce, who took an 8-0 record into the game, couldn't cope with Rodgers, who hit a bases-loaded single for two runs and powered the homer which gave Chicago the final 4-3 edge.

It was San Francisco's second consecutive loss to the lowly Cubs by the same score. And the defeats came at the expense of the Giants' former American leaguers, Pierce and Don Larsen, who went into the Chicago series with a combined record of 11 victories and no losses.

IRA SELECTED
San Francisco—UPI—Oregon State pitcher Cecil Ira has been named to the NCAA basketball 11 all-star baseball team. Ira, a junior left-hander, posted an 11-3 record for the Beavers during the past season. He was the only Pacific Northwest player honored.



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SPORERS

11 Safeties, 6 Walks, No Runs for Tacomans Against Portland Team

By RAYMOND L. ANDREWS
United Press International
John Reed (Tacoma manager) must be busy with pencil and paper today. He's trying to figure out how 11 hits and 6 walks add up to zero.

That's what his Giants collected in Thursday night's Pacific Coast League play. They also collected a big zero on the scoreboard and bowed graciously to Portland, 5-0.

Vancouver blanked Seattle by the same 5-0 score, Spokane took San Diego 5-2 and Salt Lake City topped Hawaii 9-7 in other games.

Bob Colligan and Dan Oskiniski teamed up for Portland in the 11-hit shutout over Tacoma. Colligan gave up 10 of the bingles and was in hot water all the way but the Giants couldn't put over a run. They have, in fact, scored but one run in their last 27 innings of play.

Portland got one marker in the first on three successive singles and then added two more in the fifth and two in the eighth.

Howie Reed of Spokane chopped off a five-game San Diego winning streak when he paced nine Padre bingles. Spokane scored five runs in the second in a rally which included a Padre error and five hits, among them a solo homer by John Werhas.

Lefty Bill Pleis of Vancouver stopped Seattle cold on four singles to pin the loss on

STANDINGS

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