Berra Makes Key Catch for Yanks; Giants Win Pair

By FRED DOWN

Move over Tris Speaker, Joe DiMaggio and Willie Mays . . . the Yankees have come up with a new ball hawk in their outfield!

He's a squat, 36-year-old little guy named Yogi Berra and the glittering, key catch he made Tuesday night came as almost as much of a surprise to him as it did to Manager Bob Scheffing and the Detroit Tigers.

"Beat that for Yankee Luck," wailed Scheffing in the wake of the 2-1 Yankee victory that extended the Tigers' losing streak to five games. "We know he can beat us with the bat but to have him come up with a great catch in left field in too much!"

The erstwhile Yankee catcher made his brilliant, tumbling catch of a 410-foot bid for a triple or homer by Jake Wood in the fifth inning of Bill Stafford's six-hit triumph. It came with Dick Brown on base and preserved Stafford's 2-0 lead through the Detroit fifth inning. Stafford went on to shut out the Tigers until singles by Rocky Colavito, Vic Wertz and Chico Fernandez produced a run in the ninth and ended his string of 25 consecutive scoreless frames.

Catch Surprises Berra

Berra made his catch in deeper left field than Al Gionfriddo's famed World Series robbery of DiMaggio in 1947. He admitted he didn't think he could make it when the ball was hit.

"I thought it was gone over my head," Yogi said. "But I kept running, stuck out my glove and there it was."

Roger Maris' 11th homer of the season was the big blow of the seven-hit Yankee attack that earned Stafford his sixth win and dealt Frank Lary his fourth loss. The win snapped the Yankees' three-game losing streak, and boosted them back into first place in the American league when the Los Angeles Angels beat the Minnesota Twins, 7-5.

The Boston Red Sox shaded the Baltimore Orioles, 4-3, and the Kansas City Athletics edged out the Chicago White Sox, 2-1, in other AL games.

The San Francisco Giants broke out of their six-game losing skein with 2-1 and 7-5 victories over the Cincinnati Reds; the Milwaukee Braves crushed the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers, 15-2, the St. Louis Cardinals topped the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2, the Houston Colts defeated the New York Mets, 3-2, and the Pittsburgh Pirates downed the Chicago Cubs, 4-3, in National league games.

Twins Drop to Second

Lee Thomas homered in the third and seventh innings to help Don Lee score his second straight victory for the Angels and drop the Twins into second place. Lenny Green hit a two-run homer for Minnesota in the ninth.

Frank Malzone drove in three runs with a homer and a single and Pete Runnels had three hits for the Red Sox as Ike Delock won his first game while Dave Wickersham pitched a three-hitter against the White Sox enabling the Athletics to end their six-game losing streak.

Juan Marichal pitched a seven-hitter and singled home the winning run in the seventh inning of San Francisco's opener and Orlando Cepeda drove in four runs with his 16th and 17th homers of the season in the nightcap. Mike McCormick went 7⅔ innings for the second-game win although he needed help from both Stu Miller and Don Larsen to close out the game. Jim O'Toole and Moe Drabowsky were the losing pitchers for the Reds.

The Braves hammered out 17 hits, including homers by Gus Bell, Eddie Mathews, Hank and Tommie Aaron and Frank Bolling, to tag Johnny Podres with his fifth defeat. Lew Burdette yielded nine hits but struck out eight to square his record at 4-4.

Fred Whitfield's two-run eight-inning homer enabled the Cardinals to pull out their victory over the Phillies and give Don Ferrarese his first win; Joe Amalfitano climaxed a two-run last-of-the-ninth Houston rally to sink the Mets' Craig Anderson, and Harvey Haddix went 7⅓ innings for his fifth win for the Pirates, who dealt Chicago's Glen Hobbie his eighth defeat against one triumph.

League Leaders

United Press International

NATIONAL LEAGUE Player & Club	G.	AB	R.	H.	Pct.
F. Alou, S.F.	56	215	39	74	.344
Musial, St.L.	46	130	25	51	.340
Williams, Chi.	60	235	48	79	.336
Davnprt, SF.	59	204	39	68	.333
Altman, Chi.	56	215	29	70	.326
T. Davis, LA.	61	252	46	82	.325
Great, Pitts.	58	242	26	78	.322
Callison, Phil.	55	218	43	70	.321
W. Davis, LA.	58	212	43	70	.321
Cepeda, S.F.	63	255	49	81	.318
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
Jimnez, K.C.	53	180	22	63	.350
Rollins, Min.	59	229	30	80	.349
Runnels, Bos.	55	212	29	72	.340
Kaline, Det.	36	146	32	49	.336
Robnsn, Chi.	55	216	32	71	.329
Battey, Min.	48	175	19	57	.326
Essegian, Clv.	41	144	29	47	.326
A. Smith, Chi.	46	167	22	53	.317
Siebern, K.C.	59	226	43	67	.305
O'Conl., Wash.	39	141	18	43	.305

Rome Runs

National League: Mays, Giants 21; Cepeda, Giants 17; Mejias, Colts 16; Banks, Cubs 15; Pinson, Reds 13; Thomas, Mets 13.

American League—Gentile, Orioles 16; Cash, Tigers 15; Wagner, Angels 15; Kaline, Tigers 13; Essegian, Indians 12; Killebrew, Twins 12.

Runs Batted In

National League: T. Davis, Dodgers 64; Cepeda, Giants 59; Mays, Giants 54; White, Cards 47; F. Alou, Giants 43.

American League: Wagner, Angels 45; Robinson, White Sox 44; Siebern, Athletics 43; Rollins, Twins 42; Gentile, Orioles 41.

Pitching

National League: Purkey, Reds 10-1; Pierce, Giants 8-1; McLish, Phils 5-1; Koufax, Dodgers 8-2; Face, Pirates 4-1; Koonce, Cubs 4-1; Bruce, Colts 4-1.

American League: Donovan, Indians 8-2; Foytack, Tigers 4-1; Stenhouse, Senators 4-1; Wickersham, Athletics 7-2; Belinsky, Angels 6-2.

Jay Allen, CP Victors In Softball

Central Point Merchants pulled into a tie for third spot and Jay Allen company strengthened grip on fifth position in the standings with Jackson County Softball association victories last night.

The Merchants won 10 to 8 from International Harvester and Jay Allen whipped Communication Workers of America 12 to 3.

Central Point goes up against the league leading Grants Pass team at 6:45 o'clock at Cheney field this evening. Tru-Mix, tied in the standings with Central Point, is to meet Butte Falls in the second game.

John Payne, Chuck Hoyt and John Cantrall each had two hits for Jay Allen Cars out of a total of nine safe blows. Bill Reinholtz chucked a four-hitter for the Carmen, walking five and striking out four.

National League

Pittsburgh	220	000	000—4	8	1
Chicago	000	200	010—3	11	2

Haddix, Face (8) and Burgess. Hobbie, Schultz (8), Elston (9) and Tappe, Thacker (9). Winner—Haddix (5-2). Loser—Hobbie (1-8).

Philadelphia	000	001	100—2	8	0
St. Louis	001	000	02x—3	5	1

Brown, Baldschun (8) and Dalrymple. Broglio, McDaniel 7), Ferrarese (8) and Sawatski, Schaffer (9). Winner—Ferrarese (2-1). Loser—Brown (0-5). HR—Whitfield.

Los Angeles	100	000	010—	2	6	0
Milwaukee	533	200	02x—15	17	1

Podres, Ortega (2), Roebuck (8) and Roseboro, Camilli (6), Burdette (4-4) and Crandall. Loser—Podres (3-5). HR—Bell, Mathews, H. Aaron, Bolling T. Aaron.

New York	000	001	100—2	5	2
Houston	010	000	002—3	6	2

Miller, C. Anderson (6) and Taylor, Johnson (4-6) and Ranew. Loser—C. Anderson (3-6).

(1st game)

S. Francisco	000	000	200—2	11	1
Cincinnati	000	100	000—1	7	0

Marichal (9-4) and Bailey. O'Toole (4-7) and Edwards. HR—Coleman.

(2nd game)

S. Francisco	320	010	001—7	8	1
Cincinnati	000	020	012—5	8	3

McCormick, Miller (8), Larsen (9) and Bailey. Drabowsky, Klippstein (4), Sisler (6), Wills (8) and Foiles. Winner—McCormick (3-2). Loser—Drabowsky (1-4). HR—Cepeda 2, Foiles.

American League

Chicago	010	000	000—1	3	0
Kansas City	000	000	02x—2	8	0

Pizarro (3-5) and Carreon. Wickersham (7-2) and Axcue.

Detroit	000	000	001—1	6	1
New York	101	000	00x—2	7	2

Lary, Nischwitz (8) and Brown. Stafford (6-3) and Howard. Loser—Lary (1-4). HR—Maris.

Baltimore	000	002	010—3	10	0
Boston	103	000	00x—4	12	0

Fisher, Hall (3), Stock (7) and Landrith; Delock, Radatz (7), Earley (9) and Tillman. Winner—Delock (1-1). Loser—Fisher (1-2). HR—Malzone (7th).

Minnesota	020	001	002—5	7	1
Los Angeles	102	003	10x—7	5	1

Bonikowski, Sadowski (6), Stange (7) and Battey, Lee. Fowler (7), Spring (9) and Rodgers. Winner—Lee (5-3). Loser—Bonikowski (5-5). HR—Thomas 2, Green.

Palmer, Player Disagree On Fairness of Course

By LEO H. PETERSEN
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Oakmont, Pa. – (UPI) – Arnold Palmer, the favorite, and Gary Player, the leading foreign threat, disagreed today over the fairness of the rugged Oakmont Country club course on which the U. S. Open golf championship will be decided starting Thursday.

"It's the best course I've played in five years," said Palmer, feeling fine after a practice round 69,two under par.

"It's unfair and artificial," insisted Player, the South African who fired a par 71.

Player was especially critical of the sand traps – of which there are 208 on the 6,894-yard par 35-36-71 layout – and of the sloping fairways.

He singled out the first, 10th, 11th and 12th holes as "very unfair."

"You can drive the ball in the middle of the fairway on the 12th and not have a shot," the 1960 Masters winner complained. "You can be on the down slope there and the green slopes so badly away from you it's very hard to stop the ball."

Greens Finest

Palmer agreed that the first, 10th and 12th holes are tough ones, "but if the greens hold, I don't see where anyone has cause for complaint."

"These are the finest greens I've played on in years," Palmer continued. "They are true. Of course, if the greens don't hold, it's another story. But I think this is one of the greatest courses in the world, as good as they come."

The only thing Palmer and Player agreed on was "it's the same for all of us."

Defending champion Gene Littler, who tested the course for the first time Tuesday, found it did not play as long as he expected it would.

"This is a course where driving is the biggest factor," Littler said. "You've got to keep the ball on the fairway. If you keep spraying into the rough, you can forget it."

REDS SIGN HELD

Portland – (UPI) – George Held, 21-year-old righthanded pitcher, has been signed by the Cincinnati Reds of the National league. He leaves tonight for the Reds' farm club in the Class D Florida State league.

CHANGE FIGHT DATE

London – (UPI) – The fight between Sugar Ray Robinson and Terry Downes, originally scheduled for June 26, has now been set for Sept. 25, it was announced by promoter Harry Levene. Downes had asked for a postponement of the original date when he injured his left hand. He has just had the plaster removed from his hand and can start light training.

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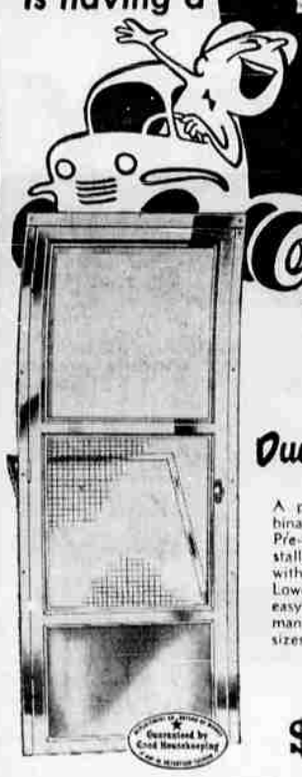

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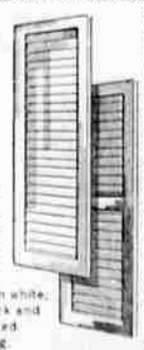

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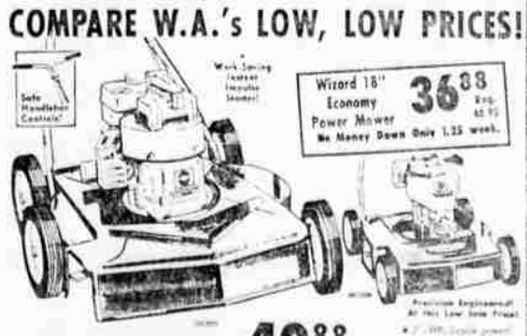

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