

Cincinnati Reds Serious Threat To Win National League Pennant

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It's about time that the Cincinnati Reds should be taken seriously as a threat to win their second straight National League pennant.

They're still eight games behind the front-running Los Angeles Dodgers but they're the hottest team in the league with nine straight wins. And a team that flourished in the early months of the season is beginning to "jell" for manager Fred Hutchinson.

The Reds rolled to their ninth straight victory Thursday night when they beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-3, with the aid of two-run homers by Jerry Lynch and Gordie Coleman. The triumph gave the Reds a sweep of their four-game series with the Pirates.

Braves Whip Mets

The Milwaukee Braves whipped the New York Mets, 6-1, in the only other National League game while the New York Yankees slaughtered the Boston Red Sox, 13-3, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Washington Senators, 7-1, in the only American League game.

Bob Skinner homered for the Pirates in the first inning but the Reds came back with Lynch's two-run homer and Coleman's solo shot to take a lead they never lost. Johnny Klippstein went 7-13 in the eighth and ninth to win his second game of the season while Vern Law suffered his sixth loss.

Neal Ellis, BF, Leads County Softball Hitting

Neal Ellis of Butte Falls, in the minor league of the Jackson County Softball association, is the circuit's leading hitter in games through July 17, according to statistics released by Harry Chipman, league president.

In 13 games Ellis has collected an average of 4.29 collected in 35 times at the plate in which he has hit safely 15 times.

Willie Barnum of Sam Jennings is second with 13 hits from 36 times at bat for a .361 average. Topping their individual teams, among those at bat at least 26 times, are Ray Chapman, Mail Tribune, with eight hits in 28 attempts for a .286 average; Dick Smith, International Harvester, six hits in 33 tries for .182; and Jim Singler, CWA, seven hits in 28 at bats for .250.

Bowerman Tells Why Tarr Quit

Eugene—UPI—University of Oregon track coach Bill Bowerman today swung a punch at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) over hurdler Jerry Tarr's decision to sign a professional football contract.

Tarr, one of the world's best hurdlers, signed a contract with the Denver Broncos of the American Football league Wednesday.

Bowerman said Tarr signed the contract because he needed the money. He did not blame either the Broncos or Tarr, but he did blame the AAU.

"It couldn't be pointed out more clearly what a decadent system has come," Bowerman charged. He said Tarr's only income while a member of the U.S. track team which defeated Russia and Poland was two dollars a day for "incidental expenses."

Strong Pitching Rules PCL Play

By United Press International

Strong pitching is the rule in the Pacific Coast league today — if you don't look too closely.

The glaring exception is the packet of 20 runs and 28 hits produced by the Portland Beavers and the Hawaii Islanders Thursday night at Honolulu. Portland downed Hawaii, 11-9, collecting 15 hits.

Veteran Gerry Staley of the Beavers pitched three and one-third innings of no-hit ball in relief — in spite of the hitting barrage.

Gaylord Perry of the Tacoma Giants took pitching honors with a four-hit game and a 6-2 win against the Salt Lake City Bees. Perry also came through with a two-run homer for a touch of versatility.

Ron Hubbard of Spokane gave up seven hits as the Indians downed Vancouver, 5-1, and three Seattle pitchers held the San Diego Padres to seven hits in a 5-2 Rainier win.

Today the Medford netters were to travel to Klamath Falls for matches there.

Results of yesterday's play are as follows:

Girls Singles:
Sue Naumes, M. def. Gloria Scott, GP, 6-0; Paula Lowery, M. def. Ginger Spatz, GP, 6-1; 6-0; Ingrid Bergstrom, M. def. Mary Walker, GP, 6-0; 2-0; Jeanne Rossi, M. def. Peggy Palmer, GP, 6-3; 4-6; 6-2; Stephanie Holm, M. def. Cheryl Shepherd, GP, 6-0; 6-2.

Girls Doubles:
Naumes and Pam Monroe, M. def. Spatz and Shepherd, GP, 6-2; 6-0; Lowery and Holm, M. def. Scott and Palmer, GP, 6-1; 6-0.

Boys Singles:
Ken Myers, M. def. Steve Newman, GP, 6-1; 6-3; Ron Grimes, M. def. Roger Ramsey, GP, 6-2; 6-4; A. T. Highland, M. def. Bill GP, def. Terry Rasmussen, M, 6-3; 6-4; Don Sprinkle, GP, def. Tom Clonning, M, 4-6; 6-1; 6-1; Dana Christianson, GP, def. Gary Bredon, M, 6-2; 6-4.

Salem Girl Wins Third in Bowling

Washington—UPI—Charlene Brown of Salem captured third place in the girls' handicap division in the National Junior Bowling tournament here Thursday.

Miss Brown, 15, collected a \$500 college scholarship for her third place finish. She ended up with a Peterson point total of 25.11.

Robbie Norton, 15, Salem, picked up fifth place in the boys' handicap division with a 23.42 point total.



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Stew Schroeder In Semi-Finals

Astoria—UPI—Defending champion Ralph Dichter of Astoria and Stew Schroeder of Medford led the way into the semi-finals in the men's division of the Oregon Coast golf tournament here Thursday.

Dichter defeated Dr. N. M. Wilson of Medford 3 and 2 and Schroeder won over John Kennedy of Ilaho Hills on the 19th hole.

Doug LeMear of Portland and Tom Bearman of Willapa Harbor, Wash., also gained the semifinals. LeMear stopped Bill Wilcox of Astoria 4 and 1 and Bearman defeated Frank Maize of Astoria 4 and 2.

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SPORTS

GP Defeats Schulz In Softball Thursday

Grants Pass downed Keith Schulz 14 to 7 and Sam Jennings fought a hard game with the Mail Tribune before defeating them 19 to 18 in Jackson County softball action last night.

In the major league game, Grants Pass had 14 runs off five hits for 28 times at bat. LeRoy Sargent paced the scoring with four runs, followed by Leonard Button and Claude Curran, each three. Glenn Reese collected two runs and Les Saffer and Don Reese made single scores.

Make Hits

In the hitting department, Saffer, Bill Ferguson, Reese, Curran and John Browns each contributed. Curran's was a double.

For Keith Schulz, there were seven runs from 11 hits for 30 times at bat. Clyde Smith had two triples, Steve Isaacs had one triple and Don Sanford had a single and a double. Single base hits were also made by Mort McIntyre, Jack Burns, Dale Matleny, Homer Sullivan (two) and Don Cain.

Pine Quits Forty Niners

San Francisco—UPI—Last winter a young fellow from Reno, Nev., Ed Pine, was bubbling over with happiness.

He had been chosen as the No. 2 draft selection of the San Francisco Forty Niners. "It's a childhood ambition," said Pine at the time. "All my life I've wanted to play for the Forty Niners."

Today Pine, who was a great linebacker at the University of Utah, is all through with professional football after less than a week of activity at the Forty Niner camp in Moraga. He decided, after all, that he couldn't give his all to the pro game as he had in college.

The fact that Pine is in love and about to be married to a Reno heiress had nothing to do with his leaving the club—he claims.

"I just decided, after a hitch in the Army, that I should get more education," he said. "That's why I left the Forty Niners."

To coach Red Hickey of the San Francisco club it was a big blow. Pine, a 230-pounder with fine agility, had been counted on as a top prospect in the season's plans.

League Leaders

By United Press International

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	Club	G	AB	R	H	Per.
Thurman	Bos.	36	356	56	121	.340
Jensen	K.C.	34	344	36	116	.337
Rhodes	Chi.	36	376	35	119	.316
Robinson	Cin.	39	328	37	121	.313
Rollins	Min.	33	306	37	121	.313
Power	Min.	33	341	46	100	.311
Cunha	Chi.	33	322	61	99	.307
Siebert	K.C.	30	276	69	114	.303
Smith	Chi.	30	309	49	93	.300
Torres	LA	72	255	26	78	.298
Lumpe	K.C.	37	397	69	118	.297

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	Club	G	AB	R	H	Per.
Stuart	S.F.	38	350	58	129	.368
T. Davis	LA	101	412	77	143	.347
Robinson	Cin.	39	328	75	127	.338
Clemente	P.R.	35	338	68	119	.332
Altman	Chi.	34	342	44	112	.327
M. Aaron	Min.	100	393	79	125	.326
F. Alou	SF	33	351	57	114	.325
Skinner	Pitt	34	329	61	100	.323
Davenport	SF	38	354	66	112	.318
Mejias	Hous.	34	372	56	115	.309

HOME RUNS

American League: Wagner, Angels 72; Cash, Tigers 27; Killbrew, Twins 23; Gentile, Orioles 24; Maria, Yanks 24.

National League: Mays, Giants 31; H. Aaron, Braves 27; Banks, Cubs 26; Mejias, Colts 21; Cepeda, Giants 21.

BASEBALL

By United Press International (At Philadelphia)

Minors (A)—001 030 010—3 10 6
Phillies, 100 400 010—6 12 1
Bonikowski, Merritt (2), Fosnow (6) and Batley, Zimmerman, Booser and Dairymple, Oldis (5). Loser—Fosnow, HR—Goryl.

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Umpires Blame Pitchers For Long, Drawn Out Games

By MILTON RICHMAN
New York—UPI—Who's to blame for all these 10-0-g, drawn out ball games?

The pitchers, beyond any question of a doubt.

So say the umpires, who tend to agree that three-hour ball games are rapidly causing fans to leave the ball park long before the final out.

"There is no question that the pitchers are primarily responsible for the games that drag and drag until all hours," said veteran American league umpire Joe Paparella.

"Next time you go out to the ball game, make it a point to watch the pitchers out there on the mound. They dig around in the dirt, scratch themselves and seem to take forever trying to make the perfect pitch."

Hank Soar, another AL umpire, agreed completely with Paparella.

"The pitchers are more to blame than anyone else," Soar said.

Changes Take Time

Pitching changes take a lot of time, until the manager goes out to talk with the pitcher, takes the ball from him and summons in his replacement. Then the reliever has to walk in from the bullpen, takes his warm-up pitches, fix the mound a bit, check the signs with his catcher and maybe even wind his wrist watch.

There is a rule that says a pitcher must deliver the ball within 20 seconds when the bases are empty.

"But a pitcher can take all the time in the world when someone's on base, and most of them do," Paparella said. There must be some solu-

tion but the umpires insist it's going to be hard to find as long as the pitchers keep fooling around with palm balls, forkballs, knuckle-curves, slip pitches, screwballs and what not.

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