

# Ralph Terry, Joe Pepitone Combine Talents for Yanks

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The New York Yankees wasted no time letting American league rivals know that Ralph Terry is as good as he looked in the World Series and Joe Pepitone may be better than Joe DiMaggio predicted.

Put the two factors together and they spell calamity for long-suffering American leaguers who are hoping their majesties will lose the pennant this year. The AL's "shirtless ones" had hoped (1) Yankee pitching might be vulnerable and (2) the Yanks had under-estimated themselves by trading first baseman Bill Skowron to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But Terry and Pepitone threw plenty of cold water on those hopes Tuesday when the Yanks opened their season with an 8-2 victory over the Athletics in Kansas City. Even the fact that the Athletics were all dolled up in their new gold and green uniforms wasn't enough to make 30,976 hometown fans confuse them with royalty.



**PEPITONE HOMERS**—Elston Howard (32), New York Yankee catcher, greets Joe Pepitone, his first baseman teammate, at the plate after Pepitone hit his first homer Tuesday in NY's 8-2 victory over the Athletics at Kansas City, Mo. Pepitone hit another homer later. —(UPI)

Terry, who added two World Series victories to his 23-12 record in 1962, pitched a six-hitter and walked only one batter while Pepitone led the Yankees' 13-hit attack with two homers and a double.

Pepitone is the 22-year-old free-swinging first baseman who had a sensational homer-streak early in last season but who cooled off to .239 and was farmed to Richmond. His biggest booster is DiMaggio, who has assured Yankee brass that Pepitone will make the big time this year.

Pepitone hit the first pitch offered to him for a homer Tuesday and also homered in the eighth inning. Elston Howard got a homer and Bobby Richardson had a triple. Terry, meanwhile, breezed seven shutout innings before yielding solo homers in the eighth and ninth to Bill Bryan and Chuck Essegian.

The Chicago White Sox got an early dividend from their key winter trade in toppling the Detroit Tigers, 7-5, the Los Angeles Angels beat the Boston Red Sox, 4-1, and the Cleveland Indians shaded the Minnesota Twins, 5-4, in the other American League games.

eran relief pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm, obtained in a winter deal with the Orioles, were the stars of the White Sox' victory. Ward hit a three-run homer in the White Sox' game-winning fourth-inning seventh-inning rally and Wilhelm protected the lead with three innings of one-hit shutout relief ball. Joe Cunningham homered and Rocky Colavito had three hits for Detroit.

Ken McBride pitched a four-hitter and struck out six for the Angels, who clobbered Bill Monbouquette for all their runs in the fifth inning. Lee Thomas' three-run homer was the big blow of the frame. Carl Yastrzemski had two of the Red Sox hits, including a homered for the Sox and Gus Triandos homered and Rocky Colavito had three hits for Detroit.

Woodie Held, John Romano, Max Alvis and Fred Whitfield hit homers to produce all the Indians' runs off 1962 20-game winner Camilo Pascual. Jim Grant pitched a seven-hitter for the Indians, raising his lifetime record against the Twins to 23-7.

**Relays May Draw More Than 1,000**

Eugene — (UPI) — Officials estimated today that more than 1,000 Oregon and Southwest Washington high school athletes will compete in the 26th annual Hayward Relays here Friday and Saturday.

The meet will be run in four divisions. The B and C schools compete Friday and the Metropolitan and A schools Saturday.

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## SL Hawks Even Series

St. Louis — (UPI) — The St. Louis Hawks, behind their hangon 121-113 victory Tuesday night over the Los Angeles Lakers, forced the Western Division playoff of the National Basketball Association into a seventh final game Thursday.

With Bob Pettit scoring 36 points and injured Cliff Hagan adding 24, the Hawks were able to maintain command of the game until the final minutes, after Charlie Vaughn, Hagan and rookie Zelmo Beaty had fouled out.

The Hawks opened up a 16-point spread, behind a 13-point outburst in the third quarter, but saw that melt away to only three as the Lakers made a strong comeback attempt.

Elgin Baylor fired 39 points through the hoop and Jerry West added 28 to spearhead the attack.

## MH Girls Defeat DN

Medford high girls' tennis team defeated Del Norte 4 to 3 at Crescent City, Calif., yesterday.

Because of rain, the match was played in Kramer sets in the gymnasium.

Medford won three of the five singles matches and divided the doubles.

The local girls were slated to go to Myrtle Creek today and may make up a rained out match with St. Mary's next Saturday.

**RESULTS:**  
Singles—Helen McNamara, DN, def. Sharon Young, M, 8-3; Susie Jeppson, DN, def. Diane Paulson, M, 10-8; Kathy Smith, M, def. Marion van der Bijl, DN, 8-2; Sandra Irving, M, def. Terry Rennie, DN, 8-1; Paula Lowery, M, def. Candy Fowler, DN, 8-3.

Doubles—Rennie and McNamara def. Young and Paulson, 8-6; Irving and Lowery def. van der Bijl and Fowler, 8-1.

**REDS OPTION PLAYER**  
Cincinnati — (UPI) — Catcher-first baseman Don Pavletich was optioned to San Diego in the Pacific Coast league by the Cincinnati Reds Tuesday. The move enabled the Reds to reduce their roster to 27 players.

## Wills Consults Vegas Hypnotist

Chicago — (UPI) — Little Maury Wills consulted a Las Vegas hypnotist last winter to bolster his legs through his mind and help the Los Angeles Dodger star who holds the record for stolen bases.

Wills, whose 104 stolen bases last year set a major league mark, said today he went to hypnotist Arthur Elen to guard against any "psychological feelings" which might inhibit his running and sliding. And it paid off, Maury says.

"He put me under hypnosis and told me that I wouldn't have any trouble with my legs. I could go and slide and run as long as I wanted to and perform as I wanted to, and I wouldn't have any problems."

Wills recalled he "was concerned because I had a hemorrhage in my legs the last three weeks of the season and I didn't want any recurrence."

**HOCKEY**

**WESTERN LEAGUE**  
United Press International  
Southern Division  
(2nd Round, Best-of-seven)

Portland	W	1	GF	GA
San Francisco	L	1	8	8

Tuesday's Results  
San Francisco 5, Portland 2

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
United Press International  
(Best-of-seven Finals)

Toronto	W	1	L	0
Detroit	L	0	1	1

Tuesday's Results  
Toronto 4, Detroit 2

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