

Red Hot Bosox Cooling Down

By The Associated Press
Next to the legality of the reserve clause in the players' contracts, baseball's most puzzling question today is what has happened to Boston's power-laden Red Sox.
Held to only three hits by Jack Kramer in last night's 3-0 defeat by the St. Louis Browns, the receding Red Sox stumbled through their fifth consecutive contest in which they failed to produce more than four safeties.
In the last five games, of which they've dropped three to reduce their first place American league lead to five games, the Red Sox have made a total of 15 hits in 147 times at bat for a puny team batting average of .102. Compare this with their .297 compiled in their first 24 games, and it is almost unbelievable.
Individually the players' averages have shrunk alarmingly. Only brilliant pitching by Mickey Harris and Dave Ferras has prevented the Sox from losing all five games.
Classy Hurling
In handing the Sox their third shutout of the season, Kramer faced only 31 batters last night and did not allow a runner to reach third until the ninth inning. The Browns' right-hander set the Red Sox down in order in five innings.
In a parade of players including nine pitchers, the St. Louis Cardinals edged out the Boston Braves 9-8 in another airtight contest to solidify their position at the head of the National league.
Every punch the Cardinals treated Mort Cooper, a bridegroom of a few hours, most harshly by clubbing him for a pair of homers, each with a man on base, but the Braves came back to tie in the sixth 5-5. St. Louis went ahead again with three runs in the seventh, but the Tribe counted twice in the eighth and once in the ninth to force the game into extra innings.
The victory gave the Red Sox a half game advantage over the second place Brooklyn Dodgers.
Rain washed out the rest of the major league schedule.

Bruce Will Need More'n Love Tonight

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Love conquers all, they say. Bruce Woodcock, heavyweight champion of the British empire, may be counting on that tonight when he makes his American debut at Madison Square Gardens in a non-title 10-rounder against New York's popular Tami Mauriello.
Before he crossed the Atlantic, Woodcock announced he would hurry back to his Doncaster, Yorkshire, home after the fight to marry his sweetheart, Nora Speight, a lass he courted on 16-mile training walks over the Derbyshire moors.
Every punch the British champion throws at Tami, therefore, will carry the power of love behind it as well as a bid to redeem Britain's pugilistic fortunes and bring fame to his working class father, mother and three younger brothers.
A packed house of around 18,000 is expected to pay more than \$100,000 at \$20 tops to watch this international bout, including the Marquis of Queensbury, grandson of the originator of boxing's rules and possibly champion Joe Louis and challenger Billy Conn.

Bambino's Trip South A Puzzle

MEXICO CITY, May 17 (AP)—Babe Ruth, former home run king now visiting in Mexico, had baseball fans in both Mexico and the United States asking questions today.
Ruth, who reached Mexico City yesterday as the guest of the Pasquel brothers, spoke to the 19,000 fans at the Vera Cruz-Tampico game shortly after his arrival and closed his address with "I'll see you later." Ruth has been mentioned frequently as a possible officer of the south-of-the-border loop.
The sultan of swat did not elaborate on his closing sentence. Jorge Pasquel, his host and president of the loop which has lured numerous U. S. players this spring, said he would not confer with Ruth "for the next four days."

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

CHICAGO—O'Dell Kelly, 100, Detroit, knocked out Stormy Williams, 219½, Detroit.
PHILADELPHIA—Al Mohr, 147, Newark, outpointed Lennox Dingle, 148, Philadelphia.



STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	15	8	.652
Brooklyn	15	9	.625
Chicago	12	10	.545
Cincinnati	12	10	.545
New York	11	11	.545
Boston	9	13	.409
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409
Philadelphia	5	17	.227

Yesterday's Result
St. Louis 9, Boston 8 (10 innings). Only game played.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	23	6	.793
New York	22	7	.759
Detroit	25	12	.676
Washington	12	12	.500
St. Louis	12	12	.500
Cleveland	10	13	.435
Chicago	8	15	.347
Philadelphia	7	20	.259

Yesterday's Result
St. Louis 9, Boston 8 (10 innings). Only game played.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	31	17	.646
Los Angeles	28	17	.621
Oakland	30	18	.625
Hollywood	22	24	.479
San Diego	21	21	.500
Sacramento	20	28	.417
Seattle	19	20	.484
Portland	16	30	.348

Yesterday's Results
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Sacramento 6, San Diego 3.
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 5.
Oakland 5, Hollywood 4.

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Sons Meet Dunsmuir In Sunday Tilt

KFLW Will Broadcast All Road And Home Games Rest Of Season
Radio station KFLW has completed arrangements to broadcast all the Northern California league baseball games played by the Klamath Sons for the rest of the season, starting with the game at Dunsmuir next Sunday.
Broadcast time will be from 2 until 3:30 each Sunday afternoon, or until the game is ended. Sportscenter Don Neal will travel with the team to bring these play-by-play accounts.
To arrange for the baseball broadcasts, KFLW has managed to clear a line to Dunsmuir, Redding, McCloud, Mount Shasta and Weed, and install a remote control system at Recreation park. There will be six more road games in the regular season, and eight games played in Klamath Falls.
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Dale Graham, an infielder, and Ernie Bishop, also an infielder, have been added to the team roster this week and Bishop may see action at second base against Dunsmuir.
Jim Bocci, who took over first base for several innings last Sunday, will not make the trip to Dunsmuir, and the outfielder H. L. Smith is still out of town.
The Sons' chartered bus will have to leave a little early to get to Dunsmuir so 8:30 Sunday morning is set as the time of departure from the bus depot.
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Spokane Edges Behind Salem

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At the expense of the out-clashed, outplayed, cellar-dwelling Athletics, the Spokane Indians have climbed the standings ladder until they are now just one rung below the league leading Salem Senators.
While the rest of the Western International league teams teeter-totter up and down the win-loss list, Victoria seems to be the outstanding member in the constant loser department. Again last night the Athletics fell under a mountain of hit balls and home runs pounded out by the fast moving Indians, until final score was 23 to 1.
Salem, while still on top, fell by the wayside on home dirt again, losing to the Yakima Stars, 7-6.
At Vancouver, B. C., the Weathsee Chiefs and the Capitanos are dividing games evenly. The Chiefs took the tilt last night, 5-1, to make it two-for in the current series.
The Bremerton Bluejackets hammered out an 8-2 win over the Tacoma Tigers at Tacoma, to take a 2-1 lead in the series there.

Unknown Paces Money Linkmen

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 17 (AP)—George Schneider of Ogden, Utah, comparatively an upstart in PGA touring golf, boasted a competitive course record of 67, \$250 for doing it and promise of a lot more as he led the way today into the second round of the \$15,000 Colonial National Invitation tournament.
The 32-year-old westerner, making his first full trip with the top play-for-cash boys, shot a three-under-par yesterday over the tough 8952 yard Colonial Country club lay-out while the heralded stars floundered.
Only Schneider and little Toney Penna, the wise-cracking pro from Cincinnati, were able to better par Penna's 69 giving him second place by two strokes.

Washington High Players Scratched

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—Seven players, 5 first-stringers, have been crossed off the Washington high baseball squad list for playing in a semi-pro game Wednesday night, Coach Jerry Exley said today.
He said the players had been warned that city and state prep regulations do not permit play on a non-school team. Two Benson Tech players were also ordered to turn in their suits.
Mrs. M. N. Williger, who sponsored the team on which the boys played, said the "game" was a three-inning exhibition.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Mex Questions Baseball Contracts

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Legality of the player contract, the cornerstone of organized baseball, has been questioned in New York state supreme court by the Mexican league in a surprising counterattack against what it termed an "American monopoly."
Charging that the American player contracts were "monopolistic, unconscionable, illegal and against public policy," Jerome Hess, counsel for President Jorge Pasquel and the Mexican league, yesterday insisted that players are held in "peonage for life."
As a result of this new approach by the Mexicans, Justice Julian Miller reserved decision on the New York Yankees' request for a permanent injunction, restraining the Pasquels and their agents from tampering with Yankee players.
The court also reserved decision on the Mexican charge but strongly indicated it thought the whole thing should come up for trial, probably May 27 when the Yankees said they would be ready. Hess said the date would suit his clients fine.

Dusette Batters Two-Fall Victory Over Tony Ross

Last night's main event rattle between Tough Tony Ross and Georges Dusette got off to a flying start in the armory arena with Ross' uneven temper going to pieces first at Referee Wally Moss, then at Dusette, the audience, his own wife and an anonymous peanut vendor, in that order.
The first canto was an exchange of hammerlocks, arm bars, toe holds, leg locks and bare-mitt pounding. By the time the second frame ended, Dusette had Tony in the hemp, pouring on the good licks like a Missouri teamster.
Ross copped a fall in the third by demonstrating to Dusette the effectiveness of a couple of back-breakers, but from then on the tussle was the French-Canadian's. Dusette concentrated on kidney punches in the fourth until he slapped a rolling full nelson on Ross, and that was that. Tony measured his length on the canvas and declined to come back for any more.
Joe Lynam and Mad Mike Nazarian struggled fairly even terms through their first round, then Lynam applied a grapevine in the second for a tumble. The Redmond boy tried it again in the third but got tied up in the ropes. He then launched a dropkick, missed and crashed heavily on the mat.
Nazarian grabbed a succession of knee locks, fell into a sitting leg stretch and wound up with a Boston crab for the fall. The fourth round and the match went to Nazarian in short order on a series of leg locks.
The opener last night was a draw between Bob Keneston and Paavo Katonen. Katonen's fall came in the second by virtue of a reverse arm bar, following several drop kicks, dirty work on the ropes, arm bars and a bounding hammerlock.
Keneston used his celebrated Gold Hill clutch for his fall in the fourth.

Braves Hold Ball School At Medford

MEDFORD, May 17 (Special)—A tryout camp in which two talent scouts hope to sign players who will ultimately work up to major league baseball players will open at the Fairgrounds park here Saturday and continue through Tuesday.
The school is sponsored by the Boston Braves and will operate Saturday from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., Sunday from 9:30 a. m. till noon and Monday and Tuesday from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.
Johnny Moore, west coast chief scout, and his aide, Earl Hamilton, both former big league ball players, will be on hand not only to look over candidates who believe they are ready for the big time, but also will give pointers to up-and-coming youngsters.
The most eligible age span for signing into the Boston club or its farm system is from 19 to 22 years, Hamilton said. He added that the club is adhering to all rules that scouts must strictly lay off signing boys still in school.
He stressed that they like to know where all young talent is, though, in order to keep tab on it through the years and sign it when available.

13-Day Strike Ends At Redmond Mill

REDMOND, May 17 (AP)—A modified union shop agreement has settled the 13-day strike which closed the Tite Knot pine mill, and CIO loggers who struck in sympathy also have resumed work.
The settlement, which will not affect former non-union employees, requires new workers to join the union after a 20-day trial period, CIO officials reported.

Joe Kahut Favored To Whip Nestell

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—In a scrap billed for the Pacific coast heavyweight championship, Joe Kahut, Woodburn heavy, meets Bob Nestell of Los Angeles here tonight, with the odds favoring Kahut to win the match.
The scheduled 15-round fight at the auditorium will climax two six and two four-round preliminaries.
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Angels Close Gap To Game Fraction

By The Associated Press
Los Angeles' challenging Angels pressed the panicky feeling on the leading San Francisco Seals from half a game behind today in their struggle for first place in the Pacific Coast Baseball league.
The Angels pounded three Seal pitchers last night for their second series victory, 8 to 5, in three games.
Pulling up on the outside further to threaten San Francisco's all-season dominance were the Oakland A's, who for the third consecutive time turned down the Hollywood Stars in lucky eighth innings. The A's 5-4 victory left them in third place but only a game behind San Francisco.

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Cornell Accepts Regatta Invitation

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17 (AP)—Three schools have accepted the invitation to compete in the 2000 meter crew race on Lake Washington June 22. Cornell university yesterday telegraphed they would fly a crew here for the race.
Wisconsin and British Columbia have previously accepted. Yale alumni here have reported their alma mater is "giving the bid every consideration."

Louis Swaps Punches With Sparring Mates

POMPTON LAKES, N.Y., May 17 (AP)—Joe Louis boxed six rounds yesterday in training for the defense of his world heavyweight title against Billy Conn at Yankee stadium June 19.
The champion went two rounds each with Jimmy Bell and George Fitch and one each with Al Hootman and Perk Daniels. Louis discarded his head guard in the final round and slugged it out with Fitch bareheaded.

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