

Crippled Joe Still Yankee Drawing Card

New York Knocks Off Bostonians To Fatten Lead

By The Associated Press

Two things became clear today, Joe DiMaggio, ailing heel and all, still is the most electrifying figure in baseball and the New York Yankees are definitely the team to beat for the American league flag.

It will be a long time before the 36,228 spectators lined out to Fenway park by the prospect of seeing Joe back in action, will forget DiMaggio's 1949 debut. They saw Joe cover himself with glory as the Yankees defeated their favorites, 5-4. They know now that the Red Sox face a Herculean task to overcome New York's six-game bulge.

DiMaggio, who missed the Yankees' first 65 games because of an inflamed right heel, wasted no time proving that he had lost none of his greatness. Facing 30-year-old Maurice McDermott in the second inning. For his first official time at bat this year, Joe lined a single to left center. Two outs later, he and Johnny Lindell scored ahead of Hank Bauer's home run to give the Yankees a 3-0 lead.

HIS HOME RUN

DiMaggio came up for his second time at bat in the third. There were two outs and one on. He rifled a fast pitch into the left field screen for a home run to put his team in front, 5-0. That was the ball game, though the Red Sox came back to knock out Allie Reynolds in the ninth and come within one run of tying it up. It was Joe who caught Ted Williams' long fly with a runner on third for the final out of the game.

DiMaggio had six chances in the field and gobbled them up neatly. The question now confronting not only the Red Sox but the other contenders as well is: If the Yankees were tough to beat without DiMaggio, how are they going to be beaten with him?

The runner-up Philadelphia Athletics remained four and a half games behind New York, whipping the Washington Senators, 6-1, behind the seven-hit pitching of Alex Kellner. The rookie left-hander won his 11th game to join the Yankees' Vic Raschi as the top winning pitcher in the majors.

Cleveland moved into third place by a few percentage points over the Red Sox and Detroit, defeating the Tigers, 4-2. Bob Lemon bested Virgil Trucks, helping his own cause with a double to score the run that broke a 2-2 tie.

OVERTIME WIN

Johnny Sullivan's double and Gerry Priddy's single gave the St. Louis Browns a 12th inning run that beat the Chicago White Sox, 7-6.

Brooklyn retained its one game lead over St. Louis in the National League. The Dodgers defeated the Phils at Philadelphia, 5-3, while the Cards shut out the Chicago Cubs in St. Louis 5-0. The New York Giants shaded the Boston Braves, 2-1. Pittsburgh and Cincinnati were rained out.

Duke Snider's three-run homer off Robin Roberts in the seventh broke a 2-2 deadlock to give the Dodgers' Preacher Roe his seventh victory.

CWC Schedules Nine Grid Tilts

ELLENSBURG, June 29 (AP)—Central Washington college footballers will play a nine-game slate next fall, Athletic Director Leo Nicholson said today.

The season will open Sept. 17 against Portland university at Portland and close Nov. 11 against St.

No Tears For Cooper

Catcher Charges Lip With Riding Players

PITTSBURGH, June 29 (AP)—Walker Cooper's shedding no tears for the manager he left behind—Lippy Leo Durocher.

The 34-year-old Cincinnati catcher is convinced the scrappy New York Giant manager wanted to be rid of him. He indicates the feeling was mutual.

"We never had words," Cooper said today, "but I always felt he never wanted me around and it was just a question of time when he would get rid of me."

Cooper was traded to the Reds June 13 in a straight player deal for Catcher Ray Mueller. A few days later, the Giants sold Catcher Mickey Livingston to the Boston Braves.

"I thought Livingston was a better catcher than the two fellows (Mueller and Wes Westrum) that Durocher has now," Cooper continued. "I don't know why he got rid of him."

He added with a twinkle in his eye: "Somebody said it was because Livingston went around with me. I just wasn't very popular with Leo."

Of Durocher's managerial methods, the big catcher said: "I don't think he uses five right tactics in handling players. You can get on some fellows and help them. You get on others and you hurt them. Durocher jumps on everyone."

The Giants are currently in fifth place and the Reds in sixth. Last his criticism sound like sour grapes. Cooper wants it made plain he's plenty happy with the Reds—and with Manager Bucky Walters.

"You can do a better job for someone like Walters who has confidence in you," Cooper explained.

Triple Knot In Soft Loop

At the end of three games all around, a three-way tie has developed at the top of the Eagles boys' softball league, but two of the three will be matched against each other in Thursday night's games.

Mills and Fairhaven, both undefeated with three victories, are scheduled to meet. The Academy team, likewise unbeaten in three starts, will play twice-beaten Center.

The remainder of the Thursday night schedule places Fairview against Homedale, Altamont against Shasta in a cellar special and Summers against Roosevelt.

Leading Hurler

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29 (AP)—Willard Ramsdell of the front-running Hollywood Stars was leading Pacific Coast league pitchers through games of June 25, the league statistician reported today.

Among pitchers who have appeared in 10 or more games, Ramsdell's nine wins and two lost for a percentage of .518 was tops. Leading pitcher in point of games won was Seattle's Guy Fiecher with 14, against four losses, for .778.

The pitching averages of the top 10 plus Seattle and Portland:

Name	W	L	SO	Pct.
McDaniels, L. A.	3	0	17	1.000
Melton, S. F.	2	0	8	1.000
Hoffman, Sea.	1	0	11	1.000
Emmerich, L. A.	1	0	6	1.000
Ramsdell, Holly.	9	2	54	.818
Kayel, Sea.	8	2	36	.800
Diehl, Port.	4	1	18	.800
Maltzberger, Holly.	11	3	22	.786
Fletcher, Sea.	14	4	79	.778
Flores, S. D.	10	3	58	.769
Schantz, Sea.	13	6	89	.684
Heiser, Port.	9	5	64	.643
Saltzman, Port.	9	5	56	.643

Martin's at Olympia. In addition to Evergreen conference opponents, Central will tangle with Willamette and the University of British Columbia.

Mathias Favored

TULARE, Calif., June 29 (AP)—Nineteen—or less—athletes head into the final phases of the national decathlon championship tonight, with the defending titleholder and hometown idol, Bob Mathias, still favored to retain his world prestige and American laurels.

Three-time Champion Irving (Moon) Mondschien led the field into the last five events on the decathlon program with a total point score of 4025.

Eighteen-year-old Mathias, the 1948 Olympics games winner, was second with 3936 points after last night's opening half. In third place was Bill Albans, outstanding all-around star from the University of North Carolina, with 3866 points and fourth was Roger Twillinger of the Illinois Athletic club, the 1942 winner, with 3671.

Mathias drew backing off the fact that his score was 163 more than it was at the halfway mark of the nationals last year while Mondschien was about 163 points down from his 1948 score.

Golfers Qualify

PORTLAND, June 29 (AP)—Three Portlanders and a youth from Redmond will represent Oregon in the national junior golf tournament in Houston, Texas, August 2-7.

They won their places here yesterday as 30 Oregon youngsters played a 36-hole qualifying round on the Riverside golf course.

Bob Atkinson, Portland, led the group with a 71-72-143, one under par. Don Krieger, Redmond, and Bill Eggers, Portland, had 147. Gil Frey, Portland, had 148.

The winner of the recent state junior championship, Roy Strand, Corvallis, son of President A. L. Strand of Oregon State college, picked up after shooting an 83 on the first round.

Others picking up after a poor start were Bob Gasper, Cottage Grove; Al Mundle, Eugene; Jon Roth and Fred Duncan, both Corvallis.

Oaks Squeeze Out 4-3 Win Over Twinks

Hollywood Lead Slips; Sacs Bop Beavers In Rain

By The Associated Press

Hollywood's clutch on the top spot in the Pacific Coast league baseball race has slipped a notch.

The Oakland Aorns invaded the Stars' stomping grounds for a series and opened things up last night with a 4 to 3 victory. The Hollywood loss cut the Stars' lead margin from seven to six games over second-place Seattle.

The third-place Oaks got to Pitcher Jack Salveson for 12 hits. Oakland's important blows were in the eighth when Gordon Goldsberry homered for one run and Jack Jensen drove in Mel Duceabou for another. Twirler Mito Candini spaced six Hollywood blows.

The Seattle Rainiers were outlitt 10-6 but coasted to a 3 to 1 win over San Diego in a series opener. The Padres left 12 men stranded on the bases.

At Portland Sacramento's Bob Gillespie blanked the Beavers in all but one inning to give the Solons a 9 to 1 victory. Rain interrupted the game twice and there was a 53-minute intermission after the first inning. This seemed to refresh the Solons who came back in the second and pounded four tallies off Vince Di Biasi. Ralph Hodgins, Walter Drogo and Bill Wilson racked up homers for the winners.

San Francisco opened a series with Los Angeles by winning 5 to 4. Cully Rikard hit a line drive to the left field fence with two out in the ninth to score pitcher Con Dempsey from second and get the winning run.

The Angels went into an early lead when Johnny Ostrowski hit a home run over the left field fence in the first inning and Eddie Malone singled Clarence Maddern home to make it 2 to 0. But the Seals did a quick comeback in their half, thanks to the wildness of Pitchers Gordon Van Dyke and Alan Hyde. San Francisco scored four runs in this frame on five bases on balls and Frank Shofner's two-run single.

The third Los Angeles pitcher, Bill Emmerich, finally got the side out.

Tonight's games: Oakland (Frank Nelson) at Hollywood (Art Schallcock).

Sacramento (Orval Grove and Ken Holcomb) at Portland (Red Lynn and George Diehl) (double-header).

San Diego (Dick Barrett) at Seattle (Charley Schanz).

Los Angeles at San Francisco.

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2-YEAR-OLD NOMINATED

NEW YORK—A handsome young colt named Androcles promises to prove that not all good looking horses are studs. The Greentree Stable 2-year-old by Amphitheatre out of Court Manners, by Equipoise, has been nominated for most of the season's important juvenile stakes.

Androcles "ran off and hid" from the other 2-year-olds during the spring trials at Aiken, S. C., and won his first two starts impressively.

"He's a better horse than I thought," says Trainer John Gaver who saddled Capot to victory in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

Androcles has a long tail similar to the one carried by Whirlaway. The colt is a chestnut, but his body coat is a dark, almost chocolate brown, reminiscent of his maternal grandaite, Equipoise.

"Most people like a chestnut to be a regular color," explains Gaver. "This horse looked almost like a saddle horse type. Good looking, yes, but not for a race horse. He's turned out to be a pleasant surprise."

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