

# Win Over Redbirds Keeps Skein Alive

### Gems Capture Ninth Straight On Eighth-Inning Five-Run Outburst

Manager Hub Kittle added batting to his chores for the Gems last night, slamming a home run over the left field fence at Gems stadium to give Klamath Falls an 8-6 victory over the Willows Cardinals in the first game of their series.

His home run was the high point of a five-run eighth inning and enabled the Gems to keep intact their winning streak, which now totals nine games in a row.

Kittle came in as a relief pitcher to replace Chuck Schildmeyer in the seventh, after the Cardinals had mounted a four-run lead, 6-2. He got the side out that inning and in the bottom of the seventh got a double to the centerfield wall that was converted to a run when Morris Nordell followed up with a double.

The Gems went into the last of the eighth trailing 6-3. Consecutive singles by Pinky Hesse, Bill Reese and Bob Cassell got one run across, Gordy Hernandez forced Reese on a sacrifice try to leave two on base. Butch Falter then rifled a double to center to tie the count at 6-6. A moment later Kittle slapped his homer and scored back of Falter with the winning run.

The always-tough Cardinals played good ball and were coasting behind Pitcher Kurt Schmidt until the eighth. Billy Jack Rice hit a homer over the left field boards with none on in the fourth. Schildmeyer pulled out of a couple of bad holes without much damage before he was touched for three runs in the seventh. Errors helped that outburst. In the sixth a great stop of a baseline grounder by Ken Jensen with two out and the bases loaded saved a couple of runs.

The victory and Medford's 8-0 defeat of Redding gave the Gems a clear-cut hold on second place, a game behind the leading Pittsburg Diamonds. Pitcher Sed Dykes, released by Klamath Falls, hooked on with the Nuggets and limited Redding to just two hits. Pittsburg won over Santa Rosa 8-0.

Tonight at 7:45 the Gems meet the Cards again and the third game of the series will be played Saturday afternoon at 2:15, a ladies' matinee.

The box:

WILLOWS	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Painter, ss	4	0	1	1	1	2
Kinnard, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Davis, 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Mittel, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Boonem, 1b	3	1	2	0	0	1
Brown, 3b	3	1	2	1	0	0
Rice, lf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Ashby, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Schmidt, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freese, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	8	14	27	11	3
Klamath Falls	32	10	30	36	8	4
WILLOWS	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Nordell, ss	5	2	2	0	1	2
Jensen, cf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Hesse, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Reese, 1b	3	2	3	2	0	0
Cassell, p	4	1	2	0	0	0
Hernandez, lf	4	1	2	0	0	1
Falter, 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Mohler, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schildmeyer, p	2	0	2	1	0	0
Kittle, p	2	2	2	1	0	0
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Runs batted in—Robinson, Brooklyn, 60; Frank, Philadelphia, and Hodges, Brooklyn, 54.  
Home runs—Kiner, Pittsburgh, 19; Musial, St. Louis, 14.  
Pitching—Branca, Brooklyn, 10-1, .500; Newcombe, Brooklyn, 5-1, .333.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Batting—Kell, Detroit, .353; DiMaggio, Boston, .332.  
Runs batted in—Williams, Boston, 75.  
Home runs—Williams, Boston, 19; Stephens, Boston, 17.  
Pitching—Reynolds, New York, 6-1, .500; Raschi, New York, 12-2, .537.

**YESTERDAY'S STARS**  
By The Associated Press  
Pitching—Bill Voiselle, Braves—blanked old New York Giant mates with four hits, 3-0.  
Batting—Hank Edwards, Chicago Cubs, hit two home runs and a

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# Casaba Merger

CHICAGO, July 1 (AP)—Officials of the National Basketball Association and the rival Basketball Association of America were slated to hold separate meetings here today amid rumors that the two might merge.

The Duffey, NBL president, said in Indianapolis last night, the merger of the cage leagues was "within the realm of possibility."

In Washington last week it was reported after a meeting of BAA owners that they were ready to abandon the loop after next season if they continue to lose money. Later, however, some of the league owners said they had not heard of any plans for abandonment.

Two persons who attended last week's annual BAA owners and coaches meeting in New York told a reporter that most of the owners of the 12 member teams agreed the circuit "must show an overall profit this coming season (1949-50), or else." The meeting was a closed one.

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# Softball May Switch

Grading has been completed on Conger Field and the new lights are due for installation next week. City Recreation Director Sam Smith said today that he has hopes of switching county softball play to the remodeled field by July 18.

The ten teams in the county loop are now playing on the Merrill field.

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# Knox, Eden Win

SPOKANE, July 1 (AP)—Clyde Knox of Portland and "Righty" Eden of Seattle each bowled over two opponents yesterday to win semi-final berths in singles play in the Inland Empire tennis championships. Knox is seeded No. 1.



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# Jolting Joe Blasts Another Homer

By The Associated Press  
Better check those all-star votes. The name Joe DiMaggio seems to be missing.

If there is any legitimate 100 per cent all-star in the baseball business today, Joe is it. What matter that he missed the first 65 games? Off his showing in three ball games, he belongs on the team.

Ask the folks up around Fenway park, where he led the New York Yankees to three stunning victories over the Red Sox. He'd be elected by acclamation.

Since DiMag moved into the majors from San Francisco in 1936, he has been named to 10 all-star teams, missing only 1943-44-45 when he was in service. He didn't play in 1948 although he was on the squad and last year at St. Louis he was injured and appeared only as a pinch-hitter.

Jolting Joe did it again yesterday, crashing a three-run homer in the seventh inning to provide the winning 6-3 margin over the dazed Red Sox. He proved he is human by hitting into a double play, and popping out as well. Also he walked once and was hit by a pitched ball.

His first hit after returning to action was a single, but the last four have been homers to tie Johnny Mize of the New York Giants for

the most homers by an active player. Each has hit 307.

Yle Raschi, once a "cousin" for Boston, earned his second victory of the year over a team he never had beaten until this season. He gave up a dozen hits in a route-going job for his 12th victory.

Washington gave the Yanks a little more breathing room by knocking off Philadelphia, 8-6, in the only night game. The loss left the second place A's 5 1/2 games behind New York.

Detroit cut loose with a 17-hit attack on Early Wynn and three other Cleveland pitchers for a 12-6 triumph that moved them into third place ahead of the Tribe.

Brooklyn and St. Louis both lost in the National, leaving the Dodgers out front by a full game. The Phils

veteran lefty, Ken Heintzelman, lamed the Dodgers, 4-2, and the Chicago Cubs bombed the Cardinals, 12-5, with Hank Edwards hitting two homers, scoring five runs and driving in four.

Bill Voiselle and Glenn Elliott hurled the Boston Braves to a double victory over the Giants, 3-0 and 6-2. Elbie Fletcher's three-run homer off Hank Behrman did the trick for Voiselle who allowed four hits.

Pittsburgh bunched three of its four hits off Howie Fox in the sixth inning to shade Cincinnati, 2-1. Fox retired the first 13 Pirate batters until Wally Westlake tripled in the fifth.

New York (Queensboro arena) — Jimmy Flood, 161, New York, out-pitched Herbie Kronowitz, 155, Brooklyn, 8.

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