

### Cleveland May Let Flagpole Sitter Alight

Indians Trip Sox, 1-0; Threaten To Overtake Yankees

By The Associated Press
That Cleveland flagpole sitter had better get ready to come down.
Just seven weeks ago, one Charles Lupica climbed atop a 16-foot wooden flagpole over his drug store and vowed he would not come down until the Indians climbed to first place in the American league.

At the time the Indians were mired in seventh place and appeared to have about as much chance of displacing the front-running New York Yankees as Lupica had of replacing Lou Boudreau as Tribe manager. Indeed, it looked as if the flagpole sitter had gotten himself a permanent new home.

But what a difference the next 49 days made. The Tribe did an about face and went on to win 31 of their next 47 games, rushing past five opponents into second place.
Today the Indians are in their best spot since May 10. Following last night's 1-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox, the Redmen are only four and a half games behind the Yankees. The Yankees helped the Indians along by blowing a 4-3 decision to the White Sox in Chicago. Five weeks ago Cleveland was 10 1/2 games in back of the league leaders.

GARCIA HERO
The Tribe's latest hero is Rookie righthander Mike Garcia, who beat Mickey McDermott, the Red Sox rookie, in a brilliant hurling duel. Each struck out four and walked four, but Garcia gave up only six hits to seven for Boston's young southpaw.

The only run of the game came in the last half of the fifth, when Boudreau beat out an infield hit and scored on a long double by Catcher Jim Hegan.
A single with the bases loaded and two out in the 10th inning by George Metkovich scored Fred Hancock and Steve Souchock with the runs that gave the White Sox their victory over the Yankees.

Joe DiMaggio did his best to put the win in the Yankee locker. He collected a triple and two singles, drove in two runs and cut a potential winning Chicago run down at the plate in the ninth.
The Philadelphia Athletics wrestled third place from the Red Sox by outlasting the Detroit Tigers, 13-8, in a 10-inning struggle. The A's blew an 8-1 lead when Detroit's Johnny Groth blasted two homers, each with two mates aboard, but rallied for five runs in the 10th against Stubby Overmire and Dizzy Trout.

The Brooklyn Dodgers increased their National league margin over the St. Louis Cardinals to two and a half games, beating the Chicago Cubs, 3-2, while the New York Yankees downed the Redbirds, 7-4.
SHUT-OUT
Lefty Joe Hatten pitched the shut-out for the Dodgers, limiting the Cubs to five hits. Jackie Robinson starred for the Dodgers. He walked in the sixth, stole second, went to third on an error and swiped home for the third time this season. In the eighth he tripped to score Gene Hermanski with Brooklyn's final run.

Lefty Meints Kennedy lifted the Giants out of a three-game talpau with the help of home runs by Sid Gordon and Bobby Thomson.
The Cincinnati Reds, behind a combination three-hitter by Ewell Blackwell and Eddie Ernst, whipped the third place Boston Braves, 6-1.
Held scoreless for seven innings, the Pittsburgh Pirates erupted for seven runs in the eighth to defeat the Phillies in Philadelphia, 7-2. Four pitchers vainly tried to stem the rally, with Konstanty getting plastered with the defeat. Murry Dickson went all the way for the Pirates.

The Washington Senators and St. Louis Browns enjoyed a day off.

### Judnich Homers Seals Nip Oaks, 2-1

By The Associated Press
A first inning homer by Walt Judnich with one aboard gave San Francisco a 2 to 1 win over Oakland in the Pacific Coast league's only Monday game.

Otherwise the game was a tight pitching duel between the Seals' Con Dempsiey and Charlie Gassaway. Dempsiey allowed but four hits while the Oak's twirler gave up but seven.
The Seals' Steve Nagy (10-11) is the probable mound choice Tuesday night against the Oaks' Forrest Thompson (4-2).

The games and probable pitchers:
Los Angeles (Cal McLish, 2-4) at Hollywood (Willie Ramsdell, 11-3);
San Diego (Dick Barrett, 8-3) at Sacramento (Bob Gillespie, 9-10);
Portland (Ray Heiser) at Seattle (Guy Fletcher).

(All night games.)
Box score:
R. H. E.
San Francisco 200 000 0-2 7 1
Oakland 010 000 0-1 4 0
Dempsiey and Jarvis; Gassaway, Cecil (9) and Padgett.

The Standings
FAR WEST LEAGUE
W L Pct.
Pittsburg 51 29 .638
Klamath Falls 47 35 .572
Willows 44 35 .557
Redding 41 38 .519
Santa Rosa 39 38 .506
Marysville 36 41 .468
Vallejo 32 48 .400
Medford 23 56 .291

Yesterday's Results
Marysville 7, Klamath Falls 6.
Pittsburg 9, Willows 6.
Medford 8, Santa Rosa 2.
Redding 10, Vallejo 9.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Hollywood 69 46 .600
Sacramento 59 52 .527
San Diego 59 55 .518
Seattle 58 57 .504
Oakland 57 57 .500
Portland 55 57 .491
San Francisco 51 63 .442
Los Angeles 46 67 .407

Yesterday's Results
San Francisco 2, Oakland 1.
(Only game scheduled.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 51 32 .614
St. Louis 49 35 .583
Boston 46 39 .541
Philadelphia 43 41 .512
New York 40 41 .494
Pittsburg 39 43 .475
Cincinnati 34 48 .415
Chicago 31 54 .365

Yesterday's Results
Pittsburg 7, Philadelphia 2.
New York 7, St. Louis 4.
Cincinnati 6, Boston 1.
Brooklyn 3, Chicago 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 53 30 .639
Cleveland 48 34 .585
Philadelphia 46 39 .541
Boston 45 39 .536
Detroit 44 42 .512
Chicago 37 49 .430
Washington 34 46 .425
St. Louis 27 55 .329

Yesterday's Results
Philadelphia 13, Detroit 8.
Cleveland 1, Boston 0.
Chicago 6, New York 5.
Only games scheduled.

### Gems Stumble Into Second On 7-6 Defeat

Pittsburg Ahead; Locals Open With Santa Rosa Here

Pittsburg's rampaging Diamonds, riding the crest of a seven-game winning streak, hold a game and a half lead in the Far West baseball league as of today and the Klamath Gems, dethroned after 10 days in the saddle, come back to the friendly surroundings of Gems stadium to recuperate.

Last night the Gems were edged by the hot Marysville Braves 7-6 and Pittsburg lashed Willows 9-6. The Gems won in three and lost the same number on their road trip south, and now play seven games here against the same clubs.

Tonight's game at Gems stadium opens a series with the Santa Rosa Cats. Pittsburg goes up against the Redding Browns.

Billy Ashley, Marysville first sacker, was the hero of last night's close game. Ashley scampared home in the last of the ninth with the winning run on a single by Braves' Manager Rex Carr. Ashley earlier had driven in a pair of runs with a triple.

Marysville started Lee Kast on the hill but derrickd him in the third after the Gems had piled up a 5-0 lead. Ben Jeffrey, an outfielder, came in to pitch and gave up only five hits and one run thereafter. He was the winner.

GILSON'S LOSS
The defeat went to Stan Gilson, his second of the season. He gave up 12 hits.
Lou Bronzan, on the mound for Pittsburg, also gave up 12 hits but bore down in the clutches to notch his fourth victory of the season against no losses.

The cellar-dwelling Medford Nuggets came up with an ace pitcher in Southpaw John McMillan, recently acquired by the club. McMillan gave up only six hits and struck out 13 as Medford salvaged the final game of its Santa Rosa series 8-2. Dick Bartle and Milt Lindberg homered for Medford.

At Redding the Brownies defeated Vallejo 10-9 in a free-swinging contest which saw a total of 25 hits. Don Masterson homered for the Browns with none on in the fifth.

Shortscores:
R H E
Willows 200 030 100 - 6 12 3
Pittsburg 104 110 20x - 9 9 2
Freeze, Schmidt (8) and Graves; Bronzan and Martin.

Klam. Falls. 041 010 000 - 6 12 3
Marysville .002 021 001 - 7 12 2
Gilson and Mohler; Kast, Jeffrey (3) and Casey.

Medford .500 000 201 - 8 12 0
Santa Rosa .000 200 000 - 2 6 0
McMillan and Buono; DeBarnardo, Blengino (7) and Lewis.



BIG IMPROVEMENT—Charley Lupica, who promised to sit on top a pole until the Indians were back in first place in the American league, is still perched over his Cleveland drug store. Lupica has improved conditions on the tiny wooden platform which now boasts a private telephone, television set, radio and huge red and white beach umbrella.

### Major League Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING — Robinson, Brooklyn, .363; Kiner, Pittsburgh, .331.
RUNS BATTED IN — Robinson, Brooklyn, 69; Hodges, Brooklyn, 66.
HOME RUNS — Kiner, Pittsburgh, 24; Gordon, New York, 18.
PITCHING — Sewell, Pittsburgh, 5-0, 1.000; Roe, Brooklyn, 8-2, .800.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING — DiMaggio, Boston, .343; Kell, Detroit, .338.
RUNS BATTED IN — Stephens, Boston, 93; Williams, Boston, 89.
HOME RUNS — Stephens, Boston, 23; Williams, Boston, 21.
PITCHING — Reynolds, New York, 10-1, .909; Wynn, Cleveland, 7-1, .875.

### Yesterday's Stars

BATTING
George Metkovich, White Sox—strung with two out and the bases loaded to drive in two runs to give the White Sox a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees in 10 innings.

PITCHING
Mike Garcia, Indians—won a brilliant hurling duel from Dickey McDermott as the Indians noosed out the Boston Red Sox 1-0. The rookie righthander allowed six hits and fanned four.

Biggest field ever to start in the Belmont Stakes was 14 in 1875.

he still plans to give Brisse that extra day of rest, pitching him every fifth day even though Lou is always ready to save a game.

Connie Mack is to be commended for his handling of Brisse. The robust-looking pitcher would work every other day if he had his way. Connie needs pitching help now yet

### City Tennis Elimination Rounds Set For Sunday

Activity Director Loren Hughes is expecting in the neighborhood of 25 tennis hopefuls to sign up for the men's city tennis tourney before the Saturday afternoon deadline.
The week-long elimination rounds will start Sunday with the finals scheduled for a week from Sunday, July 31.

In addition to men's and women's single and doubles play, there will be competition in the junior division, boys and girls between 15 and 19, and also rounds for the small fry, boys and girls between 12 and 14. Mixed doubles has also been added to the tourney agenda, Hughes said.

Entry fees are 50 cents for the boys and girls and \$1 for the juniors, men and women.
Trophies will go to the champion men and women racket wielders, and medals will be awarded first and second-place winners in the youngsters and junior play.

Pre-tourney favorites are Ken Karns, co-captain of the city tennis team, and 20-year-old Bill Crawford, also a member of the city net squad.

Applicants must sign with Hughes at Moore park. Finals in the men's division will be decided by the best three out of five sets, while the other divisions will be on the two-out-of-three basis.

### Dom Snips Kell For Bat Lead

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—Boston's Dom DiMaggio, taking advantage of George Kell's hitting slump, has wheeled into the American league batting lead with .342 for a six point edge over the Detroit third sacker.

DiMaggio overtook his rival with a climb of four percentage points while Kell skidded nine. Kell had held the lead since early season and at one time had a 40 point buige on the field.

Boston's Ted Williams was third with .329 followed by Dale Mitchell, Cleveland, .321; Roy Stevens, St. Louis, .312; Cass Michaels, Chicago, .311; Johnny Pesky, Boston, .309; Jerry Priddy, St. Louis, and Eddie Robinson, Washington, .307 apiece, and Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, .304.

All averages are computed up to and including Sunday's games.
In the specialized department, Boston's Vern Stephenson was the only double leader. He added three homers to boost his production to 23 and drove in seven runs for 33 RBIs.

Eddie Joost of Philadelphia continued on top in runs scored with 61. Pesky had the most hits, 105. Williams and Philadelphia's Hank Majewski were in a dead heat with 24 doubles apiece while Mitchell was ahead in triples with 12. Dillinger maintained base-stealing honors with nine.

### Orchids For The Ladies Ought To Lure Femmes Into Stadium

It'll be orchids for the ladies next Friday night at Gems stadium as Dick Maguire, business manager of the Gems, takes a page from the book on baseball promotion penned by Cleveland's Bill Veck.

Maguire is having 500 orchids flown from Hawaii and will present one to each of the first 500 women passing through the gate for the Friday night game between the Gems and Marysville.
Thursday night, another feature is planned for the Klamath Falls-Santa Rosa game. The House brothers quartet of Bonanza will do a couple of numbers before game-time and also will warble the seventh-

inning stretch "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" hit.

The quartet will receive part of the gate proceeds to apply on expenses of a trip the House brothers are taking back to Detroit.

A switch has been made in the ball club's schedule to move a series with the Vallejo Chiefs here July 26-27-28. The series was scheduled at Vallejo but the Chiefs have had to pull out of their home city because of park troubles and non-attendance.

Since the Pioneers have contracted to use Gems stadium the night of July 27 for a game with Dunsmuir in the Northern California league, the Gems probably will

train a doubleheader into one of the other nights Vallejo is here.
A twin bill is being arranged for next Sunday, one game in the afternoon and one at night, with Marysville Braves to make up a game rained out earlier.

The Gems have protested the outcome of a game last Saturday at Marysville, won by the Braves 10-9 in 10 innings.

Marysville had runners on second and third with two out in the last of the 10th, and Pitcher Niles Jordan had two strikes on the batter. On the next pitch the runner started moving, with Jack Sherratt heading for home from third base. The batter, according to the Klamath version, tried to bunt and missed the ball for what should have been his third strike and would have retired the side.

According to the Marysville version the pitch was a ball and Sherratt stole home with the winning run. League President Jerry Donovan has been asked for a ruling.

Bill Reese and Bob Cassell have moved into a tie for batting leadership among Gems players, according to unofficial averages figured through last Sunday's game at Marysville. Both were hitting at a .379 clip. Gordon Hernandez was in third place with .358. Niles Jordan's record of 10 wins against seven losses kept him in the vanguard among pitchers, although Johnny Lopenan has been credited with 12 victories.

The unofficial hitting and pitching records:

### Veterans, Newcomers Join Ryder Cup Squad Led By Slamming Sammy

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 19 (AP)—Five members of the 1947 Ryder cup golf team which walloped the British professionals by an 11-1 count at Portland, Ore., and five newcomers will make up the 1949 United States Ryder cup squad.

Led by slamming Sammy Sneed, winner of the Dapper Dan open yesterday and of the rather more important master and national PGA titles earlier this year, the veterans will include Lloyd Mangrum, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret and Dutch Harrison.

Of these, Sneed is the only one who has appeared more than once in the international competition. He helped trim the British pros in 1937 and won both in singles and foursomes 10 years later when the international competition was resumed after the war.

Newcomers to these tussles are three North Carolinians, Johnny Palmer, of Badin, Skip Alexander, of Lexington and Clayton Heafner, of Charlotte, and Chick Harbet, of Detroit and Bob Hamilton, of Landover, Md.

In addition to the Ryder cup matches, the team named yesterday will face a "challengers" squad selected by Byron Nelson at Boston, August 27-28 and the players have been invited to play in several British tournaments after the international tussle in mid-September.

### Bills Sock Finnigan

With "Blackie" Blackwell whiffing 16 batters and Bob Perkins hitting three singles for four times at bat, the Merrill Billiards hung on to their joint leadership of the county softball league last night with a 6-0 whitewash win over Finnigan's Games were played at Merrill.

The loss dropped the Finnigan-men to fourth spot, behind Calhoun's. The sporting goods men got Blackwell for only two hits, while the Bills were raking Hank Schortgen for six bingles.

The Knights of Columbus lifted themselves into the 500 bracket with a 10 to 2 win over the basement Stewart-Lennox nine.

Ken Carrier socked three singles for the KCs.
Wednesday night's games will show Calhoun's against Reclamation in the opener while the high-flying Eagles will pick on the down-trodden Stewart-Lennoxers in the nightcap.

Short scores:
R H E
Merrill Billiards 6 5 2
Finnigan's 0 2 4
Merrill; Blackwell and Eastburn.
Finnigan; Schortgen and Cads.

### Joe Wears Lucky Shoe

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Joe DiMaggio continues to amaze everyone. He was elated over his showing in the recent All-Star game in which his double and single drove in three runs to help the American league win an 11-7 setback on the Nationals.

"Well," he said, "you can say now that you saw a guy play in the All-Star game for the first time without a spike on one heel."

DiMaggio, who missed the first 65 American league games this season because of his troublesome right heel, had a special shoe made for his right foot but has yet to wear it.

"They made me a shoe without a spike in the right heel but when it arrived in Washington it didn't fit properly," he said. "I told them to put more cushion in the heel. However, I'm going along with the shoe without the spike."

Jetting Joe considers it his lucky shoe. He wore it in Boston when he played his first championship game of the campaign on June 28. He practically wrecked the Red Sox, hitting four home runs in the sweep of the three-game series which even today is being considered as a personal triumph for DiMaggio.

Not only have his homers been paring the Yankee attack but on one of them Ted Williams of the Sox was so anxious to make a catch in the July 4th twin bill at Yankee stadium that Ted fractured a rib when he ran into the left field railing.

### Splash Titles Up

PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—Swimming and diving titles of the Oregon AAU will be at stake tomorrow and Thursday in the annual meet at Janzen beach pool.

Junior boys and senior women will start the competition tomorrow night. The junior girls and senior men compete Thursday.

Schlaflle Hurls Five-Hit Win
PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—Williamette, Philomath and Odell topped first round victories last night in the continuing play of the semi-pro state baseball tournament.

Lefty Walt Schlaflle hurled five-hit ball in giving Williamette a 6-0 shut-out over Cornelius. Philomath needed only five innings to oust Amity, 8-1, under the rule that play ends if one team has a seven or more run edge when the game has passed the fifth inning.

Odell surprised the Portland Meem Lunch to win 7-4.

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