

WHO IS BEST? ROBERTS OR ATHLETIC'S SHANZ?

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AP Sports Writer

Who is the best pitcher in baseball today?

The folks of little Pottstown, Pa., point to their own Bobby Shantz, the pint-sized southpaw of the Athletics as the game's top hurler. On the other hand, the good citizens of Springfield, Ill., contend that their Robin Roberts, the pride of the Phillies, is the best in the business.

At any rate, one thing is certain. The Philadelphia clubs own the only 20-game winners in the major leagues today. Shantz was the first to reach the charmed circle, notching his 20th triumph Aug. 5. Roberts, who joined him yesterday, became the first National League pitcher to reach that total.

Roberts coasted to his 22nd complete game in 28 starts last night as the Phils outslugged Pittsburgh, 10-5. The Pirates scored four times in the last two innings after the Phils had built up a 9-1 lead. It marked the third straight year that the 25-year-old right hander has reached the 20-win mark.

The Athletics didn't need the services of Shantz as they swept a doubleheader from the lowly Detroit Tigers, 4-3 and 6-5, to climb into a fifth-place tie with Chicago and advance within nine games of the pace-setting New York Yankees.

Although beaten by the White Sox, 3-1, the Yankees managed to retain their two-game advantage

over the runner-up Cleveland Indians, who dropped a heart-breaking 6-5 decision to the Red Sox in Boston.

Washington clung to fourth place edging out the St. Louis Browns 2-1.

The National League race tightened up appreciably as the Cincinnati Reds held the front-running Brooklyn Dodgers to a split in their doubleheader while the New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Phillies all won.

The Reds won their first game of the year from Brooklyn in Cincinnati as they snapped a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning to take a 5-3 nightcap victory. The Browns won the opener, 3-0. Ted Kluszewski's two-out triple with two runners on base, provided the winning runs for Cincinnati. Preacher Roe's fifth pitching in the opener featured Brooklyn's ninth straight at Crosley Field.

The purseless New York Giants sliced Brooklyn's lead by 6 1/2 games, sweeping a pair from the Cubs in Chicago, 5-0 and 3-1. Sal (The Barber) Maglie was his old razor sharp again, twirling an

eight-hit shutout in the opener as he went the distance for the first time since June 26.

The third-place Cardinals moved to within 8 1/2 games of the top, defeating the Boston Braves, 7-5, on the strength of two-run homers by rookie Vern Benson and Red Schoendienst.

An infield roller by rookie catcher Sammy White with one out and the bases loaded in the ninth drove in the winning Red Sox run but it fell by Cleveland outfielder Harry Simpson with two out in the seventh that enabled two Boston runners to cross the plate with the tying runs. Dick Gernert hit the fly and Billy Goodman and Maurice McDermott scored on the winning run. Goodman also scored the winning run.

Scoring all their runs in the first inning, the White Sox sent starter Johnny Schmitz to the showers in a hurry as a walk, singles by Nellie Fox, Minnie Miñoso and Eddie Robinson and a lone fly by Sam Mele produced three runs. That's all Marvin Grissom needed as he stifled the Yankees with seven safes for his ninth victory.

A ninth-inning single by Gus Zernial in the first game and a seventh-inning triple by Ferris Fui followed by Elmer Valo's fly gave the Athletics their pair of "squeakers" over the Tigers.

Con Marrero pitched and baited the Senators to their slim win over the Browns. The crafty Cuban permitted 12 hits but stranded 15 as he notched his 10th triumph against five losses. Marrero also drove in one of the two Washington runs in the fourth inning with a single off losing pitcher Duane Pillette.

The Giants double win was noteworthy because it was achieved while manager Durocher was sitting in the grandstand in civilian clothes sweating out his five-day suspension period. The club was run by the coaching trio of Fred Fitzsimmons, Herman Franks and Frank Shellenback.



By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	70	50	.588
Cleveland	67	50	.573
Boston	62	52	.544
Washington	62	56	.525
Chicago	61	58	.513
Philadelphia	59	56	.513
St. Louis	50	70	.417
Detroit	39	79	.331

Tuesday's Results
Boston 6, Cleveland 5
Philadelphia 4-6, Detroit 1-3
Chicago 3, New York 1
Washington 2, St. Louis 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	74	38	.661
New York	68	45	.602
St. Louis	68	49	.581
Philadelphia	62	53	.539
Chicago	58	60	.492
Pittsburgh	49	65	.430
Cincinnati	50	68	.424
Pittsburgh	35	86	.289

Tuesday's Results
New York 5-3, Chicago 0-1
Brooklyn 3-3, Cincinnati 0-5
Philadelphia 10, Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis 7, Boston 5

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	84	58	.592
Hollywood	74	58	.562
San Diego	73	63	.533
Portland	73	69	.514
Seattle	70	69	.514
Los Angeles	67	78	.469
San Francisco	58	84	.409
Sacramento	53	90	.371

Tuesday's Results
Oakland 4, Seattle 3
Portland 3, Los Angeles 0
Sacramento 4, San Francisco 3
Hollywood 4, San Diego 0 (10 innings)

Western International League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Victoria	80	40	.667
Spokane	71	55	.563
Vancouver	60	58	.517
San Diego	59	63	.484
Yakima	57	67	.460
Lewiston	57	67	.460
Tri-City	52	68	.433
Wenatchee	50	72	.410

Tuesday's Results
Victoria 4, Tri-City 3 (10 innings)
Yakima 2, Spokane 0
Wenatchee 3, Vancouver 0-1
Salmon 5-3, Lewiston 3-0

ROOKIE WITH DRIVE

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Lion rookie halfback Laverne Boykin is the lad who set a national collegiate scoring record in the 1950 game against Mississippi State. Playing for Mississippi he scored six touchdowns, all by running through the center of State's line. Ole Mis won by 49-7.

Wanted: checker players. A newcomer to the Klamath Falls area is L. L. Cromer, formerly of Ada, Okla., who says he is a former checker champion of the state of Oklahoma, and he wants to stir up some competition.

He'll play, Cromer says, for money, marbles or chalk — or for fun.

Anyone interested can contact him at Route 1 Box 610, out on the Merrill highway.

Fan Clubs for Grapplers Are Sprouting

By HARRY GRAYSON
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NEW YORK (NEA)—Movies may be on the decline in more ways than one.

Anyway the gals are finding a new channel for their adoration. This may be disquieting, but the Wrestling Fan Clubs Association of America has been formed. Parent bodies and chapters are springing up from here to Podunk for the glorification of this or that mat monster.

Television is responsible, of course. The rousing muscles and grunts and grimaces of TV pullers and tuggers have been too much for teen-agers and grown-ups, too. Farley Granger was never like this. This newest and daffiest craze to sweep across the nation gives boys and girls a lot more an opportunity to squeal in delight as they watch the video screen. They

no longer swoon to a croon but a goon. They moan with the groans. Each hammer-lock and half nelson becomes an ecstatic experience. It's the next thing to having 250 pounds of flying sorcerer land in your lap.

There are testimonial dinners, any poor working girl or lovely even a good dinner occasionally. How wonderful to have a real honest-to-goodness rassing star as the guest of honor, especially when screen luminaries are so hard to get.

There are more than 200 clubs in the United States, and units and branches are mushrooming rapidly.

Giving you a smooth idea, the Stanlee brothers have the most chapters and 30,000 members in this country and Canada. Each brother has his own mob, too. Mr. American Gene Stanlee is the big noise, but a Steve Stanlee Fan Club just started in Toronto with 1000 members.

Ray Gunckel's following has 11 chapters. The Roy sire stru Club has nine. They gave their tuger a dinner and a silver medalion in Dayton, O. Billy Darnell's Darnell Darlings whoop it up in Baltimore. Dr. Lee Grable's Grableties emote in San Diego. Leo Garibaldi's Leo's Lovettes love in Long Beach, Calif.

Lou Thees, the now generally recognized heavyweight champion, seems to be too straight to gain

fan club stature, but there's a group for practically every other saudy grunter — Antonino Rocca, Lord Carlton, the Smith Brothers, Papa Gino Garibaldi, Verne Gagne, Stribad the Sailor Lou Kim, Yukon Eric and on down the line. Not are the lady limb-twisters neglected. Cora Combs and other have strong regimentations.

Wrestling Fan Clubs Association of America membership certificate are in process. In the way of a business note, all clubs will be listed with National Wrestling Alliance members and affiliates. Promoters will set aside sections of their arenas for club members, so they may go nuts together.

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Squeeze On Field

SEATTLE (AP) — The double squeeze hits the field in the Men's National Amateur Golf Championship today but such standard challenges as Frank Stranahan, Harvie Ward Jr., and Charlie Coe are expected to survive to a select 16.

Sixty-four players remained in the field this morning, awaiting the day's double round.

By nightfall at the Seattle Country Club, they will have whittled each other down to a select 16.

Stranahan, Toledo's two-time, British amateur winner, who got past a tough one when he beat Chuck Kocsis, Royal Oak, Mich., yesterday, 3 and 2, faced Del Walker of Long Beach, runner-up for the Southern California title last year.

Ward, the Tarheel from Tarboro, N. C., and the reigning British amateur champion, teed off against Seattle's collier, Evy Parent. He beat Tim Holland, New York, 4 and 3 yesterday.

Coe, the 1949 U. S. champion, from Oklahoma City, met John Levinson of Niles, Mich. Coe belted out a fellow townsman, Russell Brown, 5 and 4.

Two major upsets were registered late yesterday.

The first came when Robert W. Kunis of Larchmont, N. Y., former Yale captain and U. S. Marine, eliminated Joe Gallardi of Marquette, N. Y., runner-up for the crown at Bethlehem, Pa., last year. Kunis won 1 up.

The second came when Billy Jo Patton of Morantown, N. C., ended the one-day joy of 18-year-old Ira Gruber, Duke University star from Pottstown, Pa. Gruber made the headlines in the first round when he defeated the defending champion, Billy Jo Maxwell, on the 21st hole. Gruber bowed to Patton, however, 3 and 2.

Tyees Drive For Pennant

By The Associated Press

Victoria continued to set the pace in the Western International League Tuesday night, shading the Tri-City Braves 4-3 in 10 innings.

The win, and Spokane's 2-0 loss to Yakima, stretched the Tyees' lead to 12 full games.

Victoria manager Cecil Garriott crossed the plate with the winning run in the top of the 10th at Kennewick. He was singled home by Granny Gladstone who tied the game with a one-on homer in the eighth.

At Spokane, Frank Chase and Yakima's Tom DelSarto hooked up in a pitching duel. Yakima won the game in the ninth scoring twice on a pair of walks, a hit batter, an error and one of the four hits given up by Chase. DelSarto, the winning hurler, also pitched a four-hitter.

Doubleheaders were on tap at Salem and Lewiston.

Salem's Senators swept the twin bill with Vancouver 2-0 and 3-1 but Lewiston and Wenatchee split. Wenatchee won the first game 5-3 and dropped the nightcap 3-0.

Masters Situation

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Robin Roberts, the Philadelphia Phillies righthander, took a big bite out of a sandwich, gulped a glass of milk and said:

"Sure, I've won 20 games but I'm not predicting how many more I'll win this season—I'm just looking to win No. 21 whenever it comes."

Roberts made the statement—a long one for him—shortly after he had pitched the Phillies to a 10-5 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates last night. It was his 20th victory of the season but his ninth win in a row. He gave up 12 hits but he was master of the situation when the chips were down.

The victory marked the third consecutive year that Roberts has won 20 or more games. In 1951 he had a 21-15 mark and the year before 20-11.

In last night's game he loaded the bases in the first inning on three hits but the Buc scored only one run off him. After getting Ralph Kiner on a foul he struck out Gus Bell and was nearly out of the jam when one of his pitches nicked George Meikovich, forcing in a run. Roberts calmly settled down and got Joe Garagiola on a foul.

"That pitching demonstrates what kind of a hurler Robin is," said Manager Steve O'Neill after the game. "When the going gets rough Roberts has the speed to overpower the batter. And he's got a swell curve and great slider."

O'Neill, who came to the Phillies a few weeks ago after spending many years managing and coaching in the American League, said Roberts compares very favorably with Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians when he was in his heyday.

The 25-year-old Roberts came to the Phils in mid-season of 1948 after chalking up a 9-1 record with Wilmington of the Interstate League. With the Phils he wound up winning seven while losing nine. In 1949 he won 15, losing the same number.

Caddies Vie For Laurels

COLUMBUS, O. (AP) — Sixty-four lads who want to carve out an education with a set of sharp golf clubs lined up Wednesday for the first round of the 1952 PGA-National Caddie Golf Tournament.

They'll be shooting for \$5,000 in college scholarships in five rounds of match play over the rolling, water-cut fairways of Ohio State University's Scarlet course.

The lucky 64, representing 18 states and Canada, play two 18-hole matches Wednesday and two Thursday. The four fortunate ones left for the semifinals Friday battle over 36 holes for the right to play in the climax, the 36-hole final match Saturday.

If there is a solid favorite to cop the first prize of \$1,500 four-year scholarship, it's harpurring Fred Dawson of Tulsa, Okla., who paced the qualifying field Tuesday with a neat 71-77-148.

Hard Top Races Sat. Night

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Title to Torres

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a sharp upset, Oscar Torres, 116, El Paso, Tex., won the California Bantamweight title Tuesday night with a decision over Tommy Umeda of Honolulu, 117.

Umeda was a 5-1 favorite, but Torres scored knockdowns in the second and final rounds of the 12-round main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

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VICTORIA, B. C. (AP)—American silver coins are being discounted here at about seven per cent on the dollar, bank officials said Tuesday.

The bank officers said the larger coins are being marked down to cover the cost of packing and shipping them to Seattle.

U. S. paper money is being discounted at about four per cent, however.

Grid Clinic Set Thursday

A football clinic is to be held Thursday night at Room 300, Klamath Union High school, sponsored by the Oregon Scholastic Activities Association.

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