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Victory Over Athletics Would Give Stengelmen Four Straight

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This is flag day for the New York Yankees.

A victory over the Athletics at Philadelphia tonight will give Casey Stengel's men their fourth straight American League pennant.

To try to wrap up the pennant and earn the right to meet the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series opening next Wednesday at Ebbets Field, Stengel will send the junkman of his pitching staff, southpaw Eddie Lopat, against young Harry Byrd of the A's.

Lopat, back in the groove after suffering back miseries during the summer, has won his last five starts for a 10-5 record. Byrd, beaten 1-0 by the Yanks last Sunday, carried a 15-14 mark into the game.

There is nothing the runner-up Cleveland Indians can do about the situation today. They are idle until tomorrow, when they open a two-game final series in Detroit.

Trailing by 2½ games, the Tribe can only hope for a complete collapse by the champions and two triumphs by themselves over the Tigers. Such an outcome would throw the race in a tie and force a one-game play-off in Cleveland Monday.

CINCH TIE
Allie Reynolds, the strong-

armed right hander, assured the Yankees of a tie yesterday as he joined Hal Newhouse, another veteran moundsman, in producing the outstanding performances of the day.

Reynolds' 3-2 conquest of the Boston Red Sox was not only an artistic but a financial success since it went a long way toward making each of the Yankee players some five or six thousand dollars richer.

Newhouse, in the twilight of his 14-year career with the Detroit Tigers, can look for no such financial gain, however, but his 3-2 triumph over the St. Louis Browns was the 200th of his major league career and placed him in a select group with 54 other pitchers.

WINNING HIT
It was a great day for Reynolds, who a year ago this week pitched a no-hitter against the same Red Sox to clinch the Yanks' 1951 championship. The pitching of the quarter-blooded Creek Indian was not of that variety yesterday, but he drove in the winning run with a ninth-inning single to rack up his 20th win of the season.

Only 569 fans — smallest crowd in Briggs Stadium's history — saw the 31-year-old Newhouseer strike out eight, walk only one and pitch out of two bad spots in joining the comparatively small group of pitchers who have won 200 games.

Only two other active pitchers — Bob Feller and Bob Newson — are in the group.

CINCH SECOND
The only day game in the Na-

tional League saw the New York Giants clinch second place with a two-run ninth inning rally that brought a 3-2 victory over the Boston Braves.

Relief ace Hoyt Wilhelm, taking over in the ninth from Jim Hearn, was credited with his 15th pitching triumph of the year and his second in as many days. Rookie catcher Ray Katt singled home the decisive run.

The only night game, like those played in the twilight, was decided in the ninth inning when the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 4-3. Billy Johnson's double and Solly Hemus' single accounted for the winning tally as the Cards scored their 33rd one-run victory of the season.



BASEBALL
Boston — The New York Yankees assured themselves of a tie for the American League pennant by defeating Boston, 3-2.

GENERAL
London — Pancho Gonzales and Pancho Segura won the doubles title of the Indoor Professional Tennis tournament by defeating Jack Kramer and Don Budge, 6-4, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

RACING
San Mateo, Calif. — Patronage (\$13.50) won the Chas Serrano purse at Bay Meadows.

BATTING: Allie Reynolds, Yankees — His ninth inning single scored Irv Noren with the run that defeated the Red Sox, 3-2.

PITCHING: Hal Newhouse, Tigers — Pitched his 200th major league victory as he scattered six hits for a 3-2 victory over the Browns.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	85	56	.602
New York	91	60	.603
St. Louis	87	64	.576
Philadelphia	85	66	.563
Chicago	79	76	.497
Cincinnati	67	84	.444
Boston	63	88	.417
Pittsburgh	41	110	.272

Thursday's Results
St. Louis 4 Cincinnati 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	91	58	.610
Cleveland	91	61	.599
Chicago	79	72	.523
Philadelphia	78	73	.517
Washington	76	75	.503
Boston	75	76	.497
St. Louis	63	89	.417
Detroit	50	102	.329

Thursday's Results
New York 3 Boston 2
Detroit 3 St. Louis 2

Bowl Rash Hits Early
SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — The football season's barely under way, but it's almost time to go bowling.

The Lettuce Bowl game is scheduled here Oct. 3. It will feature California's 1951 All-American linebacker, Les Richter, and his Camp Cooke, Calif., squad against the Independent Broncos of San Francisco.

Minor League Results

By The Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Rochester 3 Montreal 2 (Rochester wins best-of-7 series, 4-2)
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
Memphis 6 Mobile 3 (Memphis leads best-of-7 series, 3-2)

Cagey Casey Refuses To Count Bombers In

By JOE REICHLER

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The New York Yankees were within a whisker of winning their fourth successive American League pennant today but Manager Casey Stengel refused to admit his world champions were in.

"We still got to win another game," the cagey old pilot declared, "and the last one might prove to be the toughest of all. No, I won't say we're in until those other guys (Cleveland) are mathematically eliminated."

Reminded the Yankees needed to win only one of their final three games with the Philadelphia Athletics to clinch the flag, Casey retorted:

"We haven't won it yet, have we? And don't forget, Jimmy Dykes (Philadelphia manager) is going to shoot the works against us. I hear he's mad at me, too. They tell me he's going to throw that young phenom of his Harry Byrd, against us tonight and Sunday. Yep, those A's are going to be rough as long as they have a chance to finish third."

NO FAITH

Stengel has no faith in the tail-end Detroit Tigers, who could assure the Yankees the flag by knocking off the Indians in one of their

two remaining games with Cleveland.

"I can't depend on them," he said. "We got to do it ourselves. And I won't feel easy until we win one. I can't afford to let up one bit. I'm going with my best pitchers—Eddie Lopat tonight, Vic Raschi tomorrow night and Allie Reynolds Sunday."

"You know, we can still lose it. All we have to do is drop the next four—three to Philadelphia and one to Cleveland in playoff. It can happen, you know."

Stengel, naturally, was joyful over the three-game sweep in Boston which assured the Yankees of no worse than a first place tie during the regular playing season.

He was especially pleased with the pitching of Reynolds in yesterday's 3-2 triumph over the Red Sox and the hitting of Mickey Mantle.

20 WINS

Reynolds hurled an eight-hitter yesterday to reach the 20-victory total for the first time in his 10-year career in the majors. It was Allie's ninth inning single with two out and Irv Noren on third base that snapped a 2-2 tie and broke up the mound duel with Sad Hudson.

Mantle put on a batting show that Boston fans will remember for a long time. The 20-year-old sophomore star smashed a home run, two triples, two doubles and a single, driving in six runs and scoring four in the three-game sweep.

"The kid (Mantle) has developed into a great player for me," Casey said. "He's been playing his best ball down the stretch during the past two weeks. . . ."

A-2 TEAMS IN PREP SPOTLIGHT

By The Associated Press

The smaller schools in class 2, take the spotlight in Oregon high school football play this week end.

Most of the larger, class 1 powers are expected to run up routine victories over weaker opponents, but the class 2 teams offer these tight, district games:

Columbia Prep of Portland vs. Hood River in a game that may determine the winner of the eastern sub-district in District 1.

Strong Toledo meet traditional rival Newport in District 2.

UNSCRAMBLE

The scrambled District 3 race may clear up as Central of Monmouth-Independence meets undefeated Willamina, and North Marion tackles Sheridan.

District 4 and 5 also offer a full slate of district games that will narrow the field.

Meanwhile the class 1 teams will offer several key attractions themselves. One is expected to be the Salem-Albany tangle at Albany.

The winner will emerge as the chief challenger to a favored Bend team in District 8. Bend meanwhile will play Sweet Home.

6 NT KILLERS

Prineville, a class 2 power, will try its luck again against a class 1 team, Prineville earlier humbled Pendleton, 31-12. This time Prineville will try The Dalles, one of the powers in District 7 of class 1.

Baker, another of the District 7 favorites, will play up-and-coming Hermiston in a district game.

There also will be these district games in class 1:

Astoria vs. Milwaukie and Tillamook vs. Gresham in District 2; Cottage Grove vs. Eugene and Springfield vs. North Bend in District 5. A full schedule of four games in District 4, where Hillsboro is favored.

In addition Medford will meet Marshfield, Myrtle Point will play Roseburg, Ashland will tackle Grants Pass and Klamath Falls will face Redding, Calif., in non-district games.



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New Heavyweight Ring Champ 13½ Pounds at First Weigh-In

(This is the second in a series of three articles on Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano)

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK (AP) — Like most boxing champions, Rocky Marciano, better known as Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion, comes from a humble home.

Born on Sept. 1, 1924, Rocky is the eldest son of an Italian immigrant who migrated to the bustling shoe manufacturing town of Brockton, Mass. Rocky has two brothers, Louis and Peter, and three sisters, Alice, Concetta and Betty.

His 38-year-old father, Perrino Marchegiano, was raised during the first world war while serving overseas with the AEF. His mother, Pasqualena, is a short, stout, black-haired woman whose eyes fill with tears when she talks about Rocky.

Rocky was destined to be a champion. Shortly after he let loose his first boller as a 13½-pound baby, his father received a congratulatory card with the imprint of a pair of boxing gloves on it. The card: "Hall to the champ."

AGAINST IT

His mother didn't like the idea of Rocky being a fighter. She never has seen him fight.

A bruising football center and a

baseball catcher in his pre-fight days, Rocky likes tough contact sports. He likes the attention he gets although he is very modest about it. He never has disappointed an autograph seeker.

"I like to fight, I hope to go on fighting for a long time," said Rocky following his knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott to win the heavyweight title after less than five years as a pro fighter.

The dollar still is a big thing with Rocky although he soon may be a millionaire. He never had much spending money when he was a kid.

LIKES IT

Now that he can have anything his heart desires, he still delights in ordering meals sent up to his hotel suite. He urges others to do it.

"I get a kick out of watching the waiter bring it in," Rocky met his wife, Barbara, daughter of a retired police sergeant, at a dance in Brockton.

"I told her, 'I can't dance much,' she said okay. We hit it off right away."

His wife watches all of his fights. Although she expects a child next month, she went to Philadelphia last Tuesday to see him win the championship.

The champ and his wife are now celebrating his victory in New York.

CUTS NAME

When Rocky started out as a pro boxer, Manager Al Weill told him it would be better to cut down the long Marchegiano handle to something more simple. He had fought once as Rocky Mack and that name was suggested along with Rocky Marsh.

"No," Rocky said, "Let's make it Marciano. At least that sounds Italian."

The champ left high school in

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