Yankees Lose, Braves Split

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Cokes Face Busy Weekend

Mathews' Homer Cuts Milwaukee Loss Skein

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AP Sportswriter

The Milwaukee Braves and the Brooklyn Dodgers stole most of the headlines but the surprising Philadelphia Phillies played the best baseball in the National League in June.

A lot of the experts wrote off the Phils' pennant chances when Curt Simmons ran his toe through a lawn mower early in the month. The star left-hander appeared in only one game in June and he was beaten in that one.

Despite this gaping hole in their slim pitching staff, the Phils won 17 out of 30 games in June for a .567 pace, a notch ahead of Brooklyn's 15-12 record. Cincinnati had the second best won-and-lost record, 18-14.

The Phils opened the month in fourth place, 3½ games behind the league - leading Dodgers. Today they're still in fourth place, three games behind, but with the good news that Simmons hopes to be back in action within a week.

SAME

The whole first division in the National League looks like almost a carbon copy of a month ago. At that time Brooklyn topped Milwaukee by half a game with St. Louis 3½ games away in third place. Exactly the same situation exists today. Only the Phils have improved.

In the American League the Yankees, who ended the month with an eight-game losing streak which still is unbroken, had the best over-al lrecord. They won 19 games, 18 of them in a row, and lost 10. But second-place Cleveland was almost as good, winning 19 while losing 11. On June 1 the Indians were 4½ behind. Today they're five back.

The Yankees lost their eighth straight last night at Boston, 5-4, when Sammy White blasted a home run into the left-field screen with a man on base and two out in the ninth inning. The longest Yankee losing streak of recent times is nine games in 1945. The club record is 13.

S. AP LOSSES

The Braves snapped their losing string at eight games as Eddie Mathews homered in the 10th inning of the second game of a twilight-night double-header at Cincinnati. The Braves won, 6-4. They dropped the first game, 6-3.

At Brooklyn the Phillies needed 10 innings to edge the Dodgers, 10-9. Chicago beat the Cardinals, 10-3, and Pittsburgh whipped the New York Giants, 3-1.

In other American League action Cleveland defeated Detroit, 6-4, in a game cut to five innings by a cloudburst; St. Louis nipped the Chicago White Sox, 4-2, and Washington beat Philadelphia, 3-0.

The Yankees led twice at Boston and after Yogi Berra homered in the top of the ninth it looked for sure if their bad luck had run out. But Hoot Evers opened the Boston ninth with a single and after two outs White blasted Allie Reynolds' first pitch to him all the way.

The double bill at Cincinnati turned into a home run hitting contest. In the first game Andy Semnick, Jim Greengrass and Bob Borkowski hit them for Cincinnati while Joe Adcock homered for the Braves.

START FAST

The Redlegs started fast in the second game when Gus Bell connected with a runner on base in the first inning. Milwaukee caught up in the eighth as Mathews slammed one with a mate aboard and Sid Gordon followed him with a bases-empty clout. Mathews finished it in the 10th.

The Dodgers-Phillies contest was a typical Brooklyn affair with 34 players—10 of them pitchers—seeing action. Five hurlers toiled for each side with Jim Konstanty gaining the victory over Joe Black, who threw to only two men.

Black was sent in at the start of the 10th after the Dodgers had rallied to tie with two runs in the ninth. He was nicked for a single and a walk and was hurriedly replaced by Bob Milliken, who walked Bill Nicholson on purpose and then gave up a bases-loaded single to bonus rookie Ted Kazanski. Nicholson was squeezed home on a bunt and a Dodger rally fell a run short in the last of the 10th.

HAUNT JOB

Art Houtteman, who broke into the majors in Detroit, came back wearing a Cleveland uniform to haunt his home town folks last night. The Tigers got to him for four runs, including a three - run homer by Johnny Pesky, but they weren't enough to stop the determined Indians, who hammered Ned Garver for pairs of runs in the second, third and fourth innings.

The White Sox, with a chance to gain another full game on the stumbling Yankees, ran afoul of a 12-hit St. Louis attack which saddened the 35,825 fans who had come out to welcome home their stalwarts, who won 11 out of 13 in the East.

Bob Porterfield was the whole show at Philadelphia. He scattered seven hits and insured his ninth victory with a two-run homer in the ninth inning for Washington.

A quartet of Cardinal pitchers starting with young Stu Miller proved no puzzle to the Chicago Cubs, who banged out 18 hits, including Ralph Kiner's 16th home run.

Ruben Gomez, rookie pitching star of the Giants' successful Western trip, gave up an inside-the-park home run to Pittsburgh leadoff man Cal Abrams in the first inning and his mates could never get him even. Murry Dickson scattered six New York hits in posting his seventh triumph.

Stengel Steams

BOSTON (AP) — Ole Case Stengel may have complaints about his slumping New York Yankees—but he's not making them to any outsider.

"I'm certainly not going to rap a ball club that wins 18 games in a row," he said after his world champions lost their eighth straight to the Boston Red Sox, 5-4.

"The same people that was saying we had the pennant won a week ago now say we're a lot of bums," he said with a defiant glare.

"Some of the guys criticizing us haven't been near the ball club," Stengel continued. "When we were winning all those games we were the greatest team in baseball and Brooklyn was bums. Now Brooklyn's the team of the year."

Stengel did indicate, however, that he thought his players have been making too many radio and television appearances lately.

"That's all right with me as long as they go home and go to bed right after such shows," Stengel explained. "But, I did tell them they ought to ask for more money for making personal appearances. Then they'd be on fewer shows."

Musial Leads Kiner in Vote

CHICAGO (AP) — Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals is a strong choice over the Chicago Cubs' Ralph Kiner for the National League left field post as the annual All-Star baseball poll nears its end.

Wednesday's compilation showed Musial has received 523,417 votes so far, Kiner 504,226.

The poll, which began June 12, ends at midnight Friday. Winners will be on the starting American and National League lineups for the 20th inter-league game at Cincinnati July 14.

STEADY — Bob Kelly has caught every game for the Klamath Cokes. In addition the American Legion Junior Baseball catcher is hitting a respectable .400. Kelly, voted Klamath high school's "most improved player" by the Toketee Lions, has three games to work Saturday and Sunday at Recreation Park when the Coca Colas face Albany and Bend.

Klamath Nine to Host Albany, Bend Legions

The Fourth of July weekend is no holiday for the Klamath Cokes, the team that currently holds a share of the League 4 lead in American Legion Junior Baseball circles.

The Cokes have three home king's X games on the docket.

They'll face Albany Saturday, 2 p.m. at Recreation Park, in one nine-inning game.

Sunday a twin bil is scheduled, against Albany again at 1 p.m. and against Bend in the afterpiece. Both are seven-inning contests.

Klamath Coach Jack Kemnitzer said today he was considering some changes to inject more hitting power in the line-up.

David D'Olivo, when he isn't on the mound, will play first base. D'Olivo has been hitting the ball and works well at the initial sack. When the big right-hander is handling the pitching chore, Bob Harshbarger will be at first base.

Craig McCarty has virtually nailed down a regular outfield position.

Gene Metler and Rod Wright will be alternated at second base with Metler at shortstop when Don Dexter is on the hill.

Klamath's early - season game at Albany was rained out, but the Cokes were dumped twice by Bend Sunday.

D'Olivo will probably get Saturday's pitching call; Kemnitzer has elected Dexter for Sunday's opener against Albany, Modesto Jiminez for the Bend game.

Bob Kelly will work all three games behind the plate.

Batting averages:

	AB	H	R	E	Pct.
Don Dexter	32	17	11	7	.531
Gary Hackley	23	4	4	1	.174
Bob Harshbarger	14	3	2	5	.214
Modesto Jiminez	27	11	7	3	.407
Bob Kelly	25	10	6	3	.400
David Leeling	17	3	5	4	.176
Gene Metler	22	0	0	8	.000
Craig McCarty	8	0	1	0	.000
Elvis Mitchelll	3	0	1	0	.000
Orin Perkins	27	8	6	5	.296
Don Taucher	28	9	6	2	.321
Rod Wright	33	7	6	4	.205
Charles Guptill	5	0	0	0	.000
Warren Cody	2	0	1	0	.000
Richard Detroit	2	0	0	2	.000
David D'Olivo	9	3	2	0	.333

Decathlon Billed At Plainfield

PLAINFIELD, N. J. (AP) — A 19-year-old high school boy hopes to become the new king of the decathlon this week-end, and most of his neighbors in this North Jersey city of 46,366 will be cheering him on.

After all, they say here, if Bob Mathias could win the National AAU decathlon when it was held in his home town of Tulare, Calif., in 1949, why can't Plainfield's own, Milt Campbell, do the same thing this year?

Campbell finished second to Mathias in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki—and Mathias won't be competing here.

With the California strong boy out of it, Campbell's main threat in the grind to be held Friday evening and Saturday afternoon figured to be the Rev. Bob Richards. The Laverne, Calif., pole vaulting star won the AAU decathlon in 1951, when Mathias didn't compete, but AAU officials aren't sure whether Richards will compete here this week-end.

George Widenfelt, who finished sixth for Sweden in the 1952 Olympic decathlon, now is a student at the University of Washington and will be one of the favorites in the field of about 20 all-around athletes.

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Is Hopman System To Blame for Twin Loss?

NEW YORK (AP)—Noting that Australia's two young tennis automatons, Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad, were knocked out in the quarter-finals of the current Wimbledon tournament, we can't help wondering if the captive, or Harry Hopman system of molding future champions is about to catch up with the nation of its origin.

Dispatches from Wimbledon said that Rosewall appealed to be listless and dead tired as Kurt Nielsen, an unseeded Dane, ran through him 6-0, 6-2, in the final stages of their five-setter. Hoad, the other 18-year-old, double-faulted on match point against Vic Seixas of Philadelphia. This has been known to reflect a what-the-hell attitude.

PICTURE CHANGES

These are the two wordless, machine-tooled kiddies who have spent all their short lives preparing to defend the Davis Cup against this country—in all probability—next winter at Melbourne. Up to now we had considered that they had better than an even chance of making good, but this seems to put a different complexion on things.

It is only speculation, of course, but there is at least a possibility that the deadly monotony of playing tennis day in and day out and living under the strict training regimen laid down by Hopman, the Aussie cup captain, has at last taken its toll. A violin can be wound only so tight.

We've watched the two youngsters for going on two years now, and, while marveling at their ability to play tennis, have at times felt something close to sadness after being in their company. They appear to be frightened of conversation, like most of the Australian players. They seem old and serious beyond their years.

TIPOFF

Come to think of it, we might have had a tipoff about impending events in a recent letter from a friend in London. This fellow, close to the Aussie tennis squad, told me of the virtual police state being operated by Hopman, how his players almost had to ask permission to leave the room.

"What makes it worse," he wrote, "is that the Australian test cricket team is here too, and from wha I hear they're out trying to take the town apart every night. I think some of the tennis boys are beginning to wonder if they didn't take up the wrong sport."

SPORTS in BRIEF

By The Associated Press

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England — Maureen Connolly, Doris Hart, Shirley Fry and Dorothy Head Knode gained the semi-finals in the all-England Women's Lawn Tennis Tournament.

CINCINNATI — Tony Trabert of Cincinnati and Hamilton Richardson breezed through their opponents in the Tri-State Tournament.

RACING

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Ria Rica ($34.00) captured the $15,000 Wilshire Stakes at Hollywood Park.

BOWLING

MIXED DOUBLES
(Second Shift)

	W	L
T. C. & B. Griggs	15	5
C. & J. Shaw	11	5
L. Glinkman & S. Booth	13	7
G. & A. Thomas	11	9
B. Zinkgraf & L. Truax	11	9
P. & A. Green	10	10
W. & J. Mixco	10	10
J. & H. Floyd	9	11
A. & M. Nordquist	9	11
L. & E. Griggs	7	13
H. & J. Cadwell	6	14
E. & B. Blind	5	15

T. C. and Beth Griggs whipped Laron and Erma Griggs in a "family bowling feud" last night to keep the lead in the second shift of mixed doubles play at Lucky Lanes. The score was 3-1.

The winning Griggs rolled the high series, 1206, with T. C. notching the second-high series, 524, on games of 206, 136 and 182.

The top series score went to Pete Green with a 561 on lines of 168, 190 and 203. Bob Zinkgraf's 208 was the high line.

Beth Griggs was high for the women with a 508 series.

MIXED DOUBLES
(First Shift)

	W	L
C. & J. Baxter	17	3
F. & C. Beard	13½	6½
C. Booth & M. Cassidy	13	7
R. Beard & L. Harris	12	8
B. Nancarrow & J. Kestersson	10	10
E. & V. Kenaston	10	10
L. & B. Bergmann	6	6
L. & J. Pastega	9	11
V. & R. Hawley	8	12
J. & M. Wachter	7½	12½
O. & B. Evans	6	14
W. & I. Myers	5	15

Cliff and June Baxter whipped their closest rivals, Frank and Clara Beard, 3-1 in the first shift of the Mixed Doubles League last night to take a three and a half point lead in the Tuesday night race at Lucky Lanes.

Baxter and Charlie Booth ended with identical series scores, 588. Baxter had the high game, 210, and added 200 and 178 Booth's 202 was second high; he tacked on 197 and 189.

Martha Cassidy, who has taken Opal McDonald's place with Booth, had the top women's series, 539 on lines of 186, 176 and 177. June Baxter's 195 was the top game.

Joe and Mable Wachter rolled the high doubles series, 1216.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Auburn Copeland, 125 ½, Flint, Mich., stopped Oscar Torres, 123 Los Angeles 6.

WILKES-Barre Pa. — Lester Felton, 151, Detroit, outpointed Bobby Lloyd, 152, Wilkes-Barre 10.

BROOKLYN (Ridgewood Grove) — Johnny Cesario 146, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Ted Murray, 149, New York 10.

VALENCIA Spain — Francisco Romagbera, 116 ¾, Valencia, outpointed Felix Mendez, 117 ½, Madrid 12. (For Spanish bantamweight title).

Fred Friedel In Airborne

Fred Friedel, who finished his high school baseball career with the Pelicans this year, is now in basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky., wih the 11th Airborne.

Friedel renewed friendship with Ron Dimmick, ex-Pelican pitcher, who is also stationed at Fort Campbell. After basic training, Friedel will play ball, his father told the Herald and News this morning.

Luke Back; Tribe Hot

DETROIT (AP) — "Luke is back and that's the big difference," said Cleveland Manager Al Lopez Wednesday as his Indians continued to close ground on the fading New York Yankees.

The Indians had just defeated the Detroit Tigers, 6-4, in a game halted in the top of the sixth inning because of rain. It was their sixth straight win and cut the Yankees lead—once 12 full games—to a mere five.

Lopez, needless to say, was feeling fine.

"With Easter back in there we're a new team," he said. "He's given baseman, missed 53 games this all the boys a big lift."

Easter, Cleveland's giant first season due to a foot injury. But now he's back and the Indians are closing ground on the Yankees like a Native Dancer in the stretch. There is a strong feeling too, that they'll overtake the Yanks, who have lost eight games in a row.

"I said that it was anybody's race when we were 12 games behind," Lopez said. "I say the same thing now. There's still some 80 games to play and anything can happen in that time."

Yesterday's STARS

By The Associated Press

BATTING — Eddie Mathews, Milwaukee Braves, got five hits in five tries, including two homers as Milwaukee broke its eight-game losing streak against Cincinnati, 6-4. Mathews' second home run in the 10th inning broke up the contest.

PITCHING — Bob Porterfield, Washington Senators, scattered seven hits and homered for two runs in beating Philadelphia, 3-0.

Everett Anderson, candidate for the center position on the Duke football team, is the son of eye specialist Dr. Banks Anderson of the Duke Hospital staff.

Scores

WESTERN LEAGUE
Wichita 8, Sioux City 4
Denver 9, Pueblo 2
Omaha 8, Des Moines 4
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TEXAS LEAGUE
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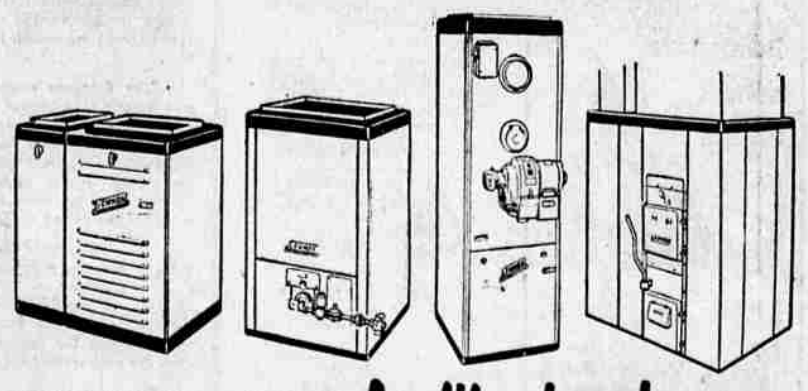

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