



Circuit Blasts Win Pair For Brooks; Athletics Nip Yanks

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"Just look at those Bums. Tink where we'd be if we had some pitchin'. Even without pitchin' we win it easy."

That's a Brooklyn fan's view of the National League pennant race and while it's a little early to say that anybody is going to "win it easy," he's not far wrong on the pitching. It has been pretty poor. To hide this defect the Dodgers have unlimbered their home run artillery. They hit for the circuit six times in winning a pair from Pittsburgh yesterday, 5-4 and 9-5, and set a National League record of blasting at least one out of the park in 21 consecutive games.

In neither contest did the starting Brooklyn pitcher stay the distance. They usually don't. In 76 outings the Dodger mound staff has turned in only 23 complete games.

TWO WINS

The twin triumphs edged the Dodgers 2½ games ahead of the second-place Milwaukee Braves, who won a single encounter from Chicago, 4-1. The St. Louis Cardinals outlasted Cincinnati, 7-6, and the suddenly improved New York Giants won twice from Philadelphia, 5-3 and 9-1.

The Philadelphia Athletics broke an eight-game losing streak with a two-run ninth inning rally that brought a 5-4 decision over the New York Yankees.

The Yankees' two nearest pursuers both profited. Second-place Cleveland moved to within 5½ games by handing the St. Louis Browns their 20th straight home defeat, a major league record. The score was 6-3 with the Browns making

five errors in the last two innings. Chicago used a pair of Detroit misuses to score in the ninth and beat the Tigers, 3-2.

SHUTOUT

Skinny Brown of the Boston Red Sox pitched the day's only shutout with the Washington Senators as his four-hit victims, 2-0. Jerry Lane, making his major league debut, allowed just one run in eight innings before being lifted for a pinch hitter.

Tonight marks the end of the first half of the season for Brooklyn, and the Dodgers are just a shade off their pennant-winning pace of a year ago. In the past month they've gained five games on the pesky Braves, their most persistent rivals, moving from 2½ games out of first place into a 2½-game lead.

Gil Hodges, Duke Snider and Jackie Robinson hit home runs in the first game at Pittsburgh but Carl Erskine left under fire when Preston Ward made it close in the ninth with a grand slam home run for the Pirates.

ROE HOMERS

In the second game Prescher Roe, one of the weakest hitting pitchers ever to lift a bat in the majors, hit the first home run of his long career in organized baseball. Before it was over Billy Cox hit a pair. Pittsburgh again narrowed the gap with a ninth-inning rally that produced five runs and disposed of Roe.

A record Milwaukee crowd of 37,113 saw Johnny Antonelli, who has been sick with his first game in a month with the help of home runs by Eddie Mathews and Joe Adcock.

The Cardinals got only seven hits at Cincinnati but three of them were home runs—one by Enos Slaughter with two on and two by Rip Repulski—and one was a bases-loaded double by Repulski.

The Giants ran their winning streak to four with the help of excellent pitching from Mervyn Grissom, a castoff from the American League, and Al Corwin. Grissom worked six innings of the first game to register his first National League victory since moving over from the Red Sox. Corwin contributed a home run and a triple to the Giants' 14-hit attack against Thornton Kipper, Kent Peterson and Andy Hansen in the second game.

SINGLE

An infield single by Gus Zernial and a long fly by Pete Suder drove in the winning runs for Philadelphia against the Yankees. With the bases loaded and one out in the ninth Zernial bounced a fast hopper at pitcher Alie Reynolds. It looked like a double play but the ball hit Reynolds on the left arm and bounced away, permitting Ed McGhee to score from third. Suder followed with his drive to the outfield that brought home the deciding tally.

A walk, a single and two errors by Bobby Young gave Cleveland its tie-breaking run in the eighth inning at St. Louis after Johnny Groh had knotted the count in the seventh with a three-run homer. Cleveland scored two more in the ninth.

A throw by Detroit catcher Matt Batts that hit Nellie Fox and rolled into the outfield allowed Chicago Carrasquel to score from second base with the run that gave Chicago its decision over Detroit in the ninth inning.

Stengel, Dressen Nominate Pitchers For Star Contest

NEW YORK (U)—The National League goes after its fourth straight All-Star victory on Tuesday in Cincinnati with a pitching staff which at least on paper appears to overshadow its American League opposition.

Manager Charlie Dressen conveniently overlooked his own makeshift Brooklyn hurling corps and came up with a mound staff of seven which owns a combined season record of 64 victories and 33 defeats.

This compares with cagey Casey Stengel's six-man staff which so far this year has a 47-30 record. That's a winning average of .660 for the National League and .610 for the American.

Dressen chose four righthanders headed by the majors' winningest pitcher, Robin Roberts of Philadelphia, and three lefthanders to face Stengel's assortment of one southpaw and five righthanders.

With Roberts (13-5), the National League has Gerry Staley (12-3) and Harvey Haddix (10-3) of the St. Louis Cardinals, Warren Spahn (10-3) of the Milwaukee Braves, Curt Simmons (7-5) of the Phillies, Murry Dickson (7-9) of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Hoyt Wilhelm (5-4) of the New York Giants.

Stengel braved the wrath of Boston and Washington by limning his staff to Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago and his own Yankees.

Stengel chose Billy Pierce (10-4) of the White Sox as his only lefthander and added Mike Garcia (10-5) and Bob Lemon (11-7) of the Indians, Johnny Sain (8-4) and Alie Reynolds (7-5) of the Yankees and old Satch Paige (1-5) of the Browns.

Exchange Club Leads League

Exchange Club has no company now in the top spot of the Midget Softball League.

The Exchangers walloped erstwhile unbeaten Farmer's Lumber, 11-2, last night to take over league leadership with a 5-0 record.

The defeat knocked the lumber team down into a tie for second with Basin Builders, 15-1 winners ever Moose.

In other games, Superior Troy whipped Kaiser's Ambulance, 10-2, and VFW forfeited to Joe's Sport Shop.

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Burkemo Captures PGA Title

TORZA LOSES 2 AND 1

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (U)—Wally Burkemo, the new Professional Golfers Association champion, is a 34-year-old ex-sergeant whose most noticeable characteristics are a shock of unruly blond hair and an upright swing.

He has, in addition, a temperamental approach to the game that is ideal for the PGA match play tournament. And this week he had a burning desire to win a place on the Ryder Cup team after PGA officials decided the 1953 winner would qualify automatically for the trip.

"The Ryder Cup was my ultimate aim. I think all golfers desire to play on that team more than anything else," Burkemo said only a few minutes after he had struggled to a 2 to 1 final victory over Felice Torza, the little "Tiger" from St. Charles, Ill., who became a golf personality instead of just another unknown pro during the past week.

BOLD

"Bold" is the word his fellow golf pros use most often in talking about Burkemo's game. He's a decisive hitter who picks the right club for the distance he has to go and wallops with a full swing. That's what helps him when he gets behind. He really bears down then and gets the most out of every shot.

That frequently-mentioned boldness cropped up at just the right time in yesterday's 36-hole final match, just as it had all through the week. Torza, the stubborn "chickadee" who had cooled off one "hot" golfer after another, matched him almost stroke for stroke during the morning round over the 6,465-yard, par 36-35-71 Birmingham Country Club course.

Wally was content to stay close to par then as a strong, gusty wind proved troublesome on many holes. "I figured the way that wind was blowing, I wouldn't be badly off around par and I might be a couple up."

CUT LOOSE

But at the start of the afternoon 18, Burkemo cut loose. He shot birdies on the first two holes, going for the pins with his approaches and rolling his putts into the cups. He won the third straight by chipping stiff for his par on the third.

Both he and Torza agreed those holes just about settled it, although the "Tiger" said he didn't yield until the 35th hole. The other decisive blow, Torza said, came on the 26th hole. There Torza was right in front of the green in two shots and Burkemo, in trouble off the tee, was 100 yards farther back. Wally fired an iron shot so close to the pin that the putt for a birdie 4 was a formality.

"I thought I had it won and would have been only one down. Instead I lost it," Felice said.

Even so, the \$3,000 he collected for taking second place was the biggest prize he ever collected. That was true, too, of Burkemo's \$5,000 first prize—the biggest jackpot ever awarded by the PGA.

Walls To Eighth On NBA List

WASHINGTON (U)—The National Boxing Association, which contends television is doing the fight game no good, pointed proudly Wednesday to the fact that two of the ranking boxers in its summer ratings have never appeared before TV cameras.

Fred Saddy, chairman of the NBA's Rating Committee, singled out Earl Walls, a heavyweight from Canada, and Pappy Gault, a bantamweight from Spartanburg, S.C., and said "neither has ever appeared on TV but both loom as possible title timber."

CLIMB

Walls made a rapid climb into eighth place among the heavyweights while Gault held down the No. 3 position among the bantams.

Walls made his big jump on the strength of a surprising one-round knockout of Rex Layne, who had been rated near the top of the big boys.

Gault, recognized North American bantam champ, is bidding now for a title go against champion Jimmy Carruthers of Australia.

There were no major surprises in the NBA ratings.

CONTENDER

Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati, the former heavyweight champ, was listed as the only logical contender for Rocky Marciano's title. Roland LaStarza, who is expected to get a shot at the crown in September, was rated third, the best of three "outstanding boxers."

The others were Dan Bucceroni of Pennsylvania and Bob Satterfield of Illinois. The 10 honorable mentions were headed by Tommy Harrison of California, Coley Wallace of New York, Walls, Harry (Kid) Matthews, the former lightweight contender, and Heinz Neuhaus of Germany.

Jay Ragni Suspended

WENATCHEE (U)—The Wenatchee Cubs have suspended pitcher Jay Ragni, acquired two months ago from Oakland in the Pacific Coast League in a \$2,500 deal.

Frank Dasso, general manager of the Wenatchee Western International League Club, announcing the suspension Tuesday, said Ragni is now playing for North Bend in an Oregon semi-pro "lumber league."

Dasso said Ragni suffered a leg injury after pitching two games for Wenatchee in April. Ragni went home to Portland to recuperate. Dasso said, and the next word from the pitcher was that he had taken a job at North Bend.

Defending Champ Reaches Seattle

SEATTLE (U)—Defending champion Pete Bogan, Montebello, Calif., arrived Tuesday for five days of practice rounds before the National Public Links tournament opens July 13 for a six-day run at the West Seattle municipal golf course.

Bogan began his tuneup with 27 holes at about standard figures. A steady stream of qualifiers making up the tourney field of 200 began checking in at the start of the week. The vanguard was an eight-man team from Hawaii.

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The Cokes, perfect hosts to Albany Saturday and Sunday, hope the Cummings Movers return the compliment in a doubleheader Thursday.

The Klamath American Legion Junior baseball team lost two close one-run decisions—8-7 in 10 innings and 4-3 in seven frames—to Albany here over the holiday weekend.

They'll try to get even Thursday in two seven-inning games that start 6:30 p.m. on the Albany field.

Coch Jack Kemnitzer indicated today he would use Rod Wright and Don Taucher for the mound jobs, saving his two front-line pitchers, David D'Olive and Modesto Jimines, for Sunday's League 4 games in Grants Pass.

Attempts are being made to line up a Friday date with Eugene, Corvallis, or some other Willamette Valley Legion team.

City Net Tourney Scheduled

The Klamath Falls City Tennis Tournament opens Saturday morning at Moore Park for a full week's run.

Entry blanks must be turned in immediately to Tourney Directors Rich Munroe and Ron Lowell at Moore Park or to Earl Brooks at Basin Motors.

Brooks is the defending singles champion and doubles champ with Lowell.

Six divisions—possibly seven—will be run off. Certain are men's singles and doubles and consolation singles, women's singles, junior men's singles and mixed doubles. If enough are entered, junior women's singles will be run off.

Moose Lodge is sponsoring the week-long annual tournament.

Canadian Golf Meet Opens

TORONTO (U)—What some of the American pros called a "nice little course" invited an international field of 188 to do their darndest Wednesday in the opening round of the Canadian Open Golf championship.

There was no consistency at all in guessing the winner. Johnny Palmer, who took the 1952 title at Winnipeg, St. Charles with a Canadian Open record of 263, is back. So are three former champions, big Jim Ferrier, the transplanted Australian from San Francisco, who won in 1950 and 1951; E. J. (Dutch) Harrison from Ardmore, Okla., winner in 1940, and the veteran Lawson Little of Pebble Beach, Calif., winner in 1936.

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Klamaths Idle, Go To Top

The Klamath Cokes are ahead in American Legion Junior Baseball's League 4 after Medford split with Central Point last night.

Medford won the first game, 3-2; Central Point came back to capture the second, 12-4.

Medford scored the winning run in the first game on a hit, two walks and an error in the seventh inning.

In the second game Central Point pitcher Kay Kelly pitched two-hit, shutout ball over six innings. Medford touched him for three hits and four runs in the seventh but it was too late to catch up.

The two games were moved up from the scheduled July 12 date, were played at Medford.

Line scores:

First game:
C. Point 200 000 0-2 6 7
Medford 010 001 1-3 5 3
Caldwell and Morris; McCulloch and McCabe.

Second game:
C. Point 101 002 5-12 6 7
Medford 000 000 4-4 5 11
Kelly, Christian 7 and Morris; Piland and McCabe.

Merrill Keeps Clean Slate In Junior Loop

There were three unbeaten teams in the Junior Baseball League yesterday. After last night's action, just two are left, one by forfeit.

Merrill has two wins against no setbacks after turning back erstwhile-unbeaten Malin, 16-7.

Metler Brothers (formerly Altamont) whipped Tulelake, 6-1, to knock another team off the unbeaten list.

Sons of Norway blanked Poole's, 4-0, in the other contest at Conger Field. Sessiers, a newcomer to the league, won by forfeit over Chuck Wagon.

Sons of Norway pitcher Cheney knocked a double with the bases loaded in the second inning.

A pitcher also came through for Merrill when Dale McCulloch collected the longest blow of the game, a triple in the fourth inning.

Tulelake's Clough also hammered a triple the first time out, but in his first baseball game.

Line scores:

Poole's 000 0-0 5
Sons of Norway 031 2-4 7
Rose, Bean and Shearer; Cheney and Munson.

Tulelake 000 10-1 2 4
Metlers 210 3x-6 2 1
Rush and Tippetts; Peterson, Moore, Asher and Wilson.

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Merrill 117 34-16 11
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