

Puzzling Indians Lead Junior Loop

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Nobody seems to have the slightest idea what the Cleveland Indians are doing around first place in the American League at this stage of the race, any more than they can understand what's holding up the Detroit Tigers. But there they are, and word comes that recently embittered Cleveland fans are beginning to get old feeling again.

In some respects, the case of the Indians is even more curious than that of the Tigers. The latter team merely is taking a flyer with a group of rookies because it had no other choice, and it is doubtful that even the most rabid Detroit rooter expects the honeymoon to last much longer. Cleveland, on the other hand, has virtually ripped apart a veteran club that figured to be a contender and looks better for having finally taken the big step.

If you haven't kept tab on the Tribe since spring training ended and play began for keeps, you probably are not fully aware of the changes that have come about in the team which for the past five seasons has come close to breaking its supporters' hearts in its futile chase of the Yanks.

Large Luke Easter has gone back to the minors, and so has Rocky Nelson, who was to have cured the Indians' first-base ills. In their place is Al Rosen, who had never played a lick of first base before, and in Al's spot, at third is Rudy Regalado, a kid so fresh out of school that he still worries about his homework.

In left field is Al Smith, a semi-rookie who came up from Indianapolis last season, and on the bench is Dale Mitchell, long an established .300-plus hitter. Playing right field in place of Wally Westlake, Suitcase Simpson and a half dozen others is Dave Philley, whom the Philadelphia A's no longer wanted.

In fact, when the Indians finished winning an important game the other day with a rousing late-inning rally, the only "old faces" in their lineup were those of Bobby Avila at second, George Strickland at short, Larry Doby in center field and Rosen at first. Hal Naragon, a rookie back from the service, was catching, and Hal Newhouser, the veteran from Detroit, was scoring his 201st pitching victory.

Of the Indians' Big Three pitchers, only Bob Lemon has pitched up to his normal form. While Mike Garcia and Early Wynn were being unpredictable, important help has come from a pair of rookie relievers, Don Mossi and Ray Narfski.

Jablonski, Avila Pace Hit Derby

NEW YORK (AP)—Infielders Ray Jablonski of the St. Louis Cardinals and Bobby Avila of the Cleveland Indians are the current pace-setters in the major league batting derbies.

Jablonski tops the National League with a .379 average, while Avila is the American League leader with a .378 mark. Figures include games through Monday.

Jablonski boosted his average 26 points during the week by going 14-for-30. Avila went 13-for-27 and gained 32 points.

Granny Hamner of the Phils is runnerup in the National League hitting race with .368, followed by Brooklyn's Duke Snider at .361. Cass Michaels of the White Sox trails Avila with .362 and Cleveland's Al Rosen is next at .359.

WI League Pitchers Generous

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western International League pitchers are generous with the home run ball this season.

Only three games were played Monday night but nine home runs were listed in the total of 68 safe hits counted in ball parks at Calgary, Tri-City and Salem.

Four were in the short-fenced park at Calgary, where the Edmonton Eskimos trounced the hometown Stampede 10-8. Gus Stathos, first man up for Calgary, lifted one out of the park and Andy Skurki and Larry Manier of Edmonton and Dan Lundberg of the Stampede matched the feat.

At Kennewick, Mary Williams and Dick Greco homered for Vancouver in the first inning to set the Capilano on the way to an eventual 9-8 victory. Len Tran contributed a four-master for Tri-City in the eighth.

Joe Joshua and Tom Perez found the range at Salem as Victoria racked up a 12-3 triumph over the Senators.

Bill Franks of Vancouver turned in one of the evening's best pitching efforts. Franks, sent in to relieve Rod McKay in the eighth, loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth with only one out. Then he fanned Cliff Coggin and got Terry Carroll on a grounder.

Victoria won the game at Salem early. The Tyres scored five runs in the second inning and never were threatened. Four Salem errors helped the Victoria cause.

The schedule for Tuesday night sends Lewiston to Spokane, Yakima to Calgary and Wenatchee to Edmonton. Victoria and Vancouver play again at Salem and Tri-City.

BOXING
SAN FRANCISCO — Carl (Bob) Olson signed for the second defense of his world middleweight title against Rocky Castellani in August in a nationally televised 15-round scrap.

RACING
BALTIMORE — Correlation (45.60) came from last place in the final three-eighths of a mile to beat out Hasty Road in a photo finish of the Preakness Prep at Pimlico.

CHICAGO — Jockey Herbert Cavalier 19, was left paralyzed and near death by a spectacular three-horse spill during the fourth race at Sportsman's Park.

Red Kelly of the Detroit Red Wings is a tobacco farmer during the off-season. But he doesn't smoke.



THIS WAY... With the United Nations building in the background, Roger Bannister crouches in a starting position with little Eileen McGann and Dicky Gibbs.

BOWLING SCORES

MOOSE MA'S LEAGUE FINAL

	W	L
Schneider	85	50
Bold and Sons	83	61
Bing's Cafe	81	61
Louie's Flower	79	65
Klamath Flower	79	75
Oregon Woolen	69	75
Little Sweden	68	76
Joneses	68	76
Southern Oregon Music	51	91
Stoner's Signal	49	93

Last night's results:
Schneider 4, Klamath Flower 6
Bing's 4, Stoner's 6
Bold and Sons 3, Joneses 1
Little Sweden 3, Oregon Woolen 0
Louie's 3, Southern Oregon Music 1

Schneider used a late season drive to win the Moose Ma's League championship, and in closing out their season won four straight games from Klamath Flower last night to keep Bold and Sons in second place.

The varsity team also took last night's team scoring in both the game and series events, with a line score of 910, and a series of 2685 pins.

Oregon Woolen had second high game with 895, and Bing's rolled the number two series with a 2565 total.

Individual action was led by Scotty Bray in the game column and Lucy Nancarrow in series. Bray had a 222 and Nancarrow a 523-three line total.

Nancarrow and Vi Keneston had runnerup spots in game scoring with their 209 and 200 totals. In series Mary Ellen Hankins and Bray were second and third with 522 and 521 pin totals.

Splits were picked up by Hankins, Agnes Vasak, Doris Ryser, Audrey Thomas and Jean Robinson all with the 5-7. Suzy Booth picked up the 5-10 and 4-7-9 combination and Sally Hitchcock combined the 5-10 pair.

Old Pros Meet In Vital Tilt

CHICAGO (AP)—Two of the game's oldest and most respected pros, Virgil Trucks and Eddie Lopat, take key positions tonight as further proof in assembled, one way or the other, on the question: Are the Yankees through?

Trucks, the 35-year-old fireballer, will pitch for the Chicago White Sox and Lopat the 36-year-old soft stuff expert, for the five-time champion New Yorkers.

Manager Paul Richards and General Manager Frank Lane of the Sox are on record to the effect the Yanks have had it and that this is the year they will lose the pennant.

They also have mentioned that the team representing the American League in the 1954 World Series will be the Chicago White Sox.

Casey Stengel, the Yank manager, dismisses this theory as imaginative at best.

But whether or not the Yankees are through, and tonight's game—Wednesday's—may throw some light on the subject, it is apparent that Mr. Lopat is not. Nor, for that matter, is Trucks. Lefty Lopat is undefeated in five pitching decisions this season and Trucks, a 29-game winner in 1953, has won four of seven.

The Sox go into the Comiskey Park night game in a virtual tie with Cleveland for the league lead—on an even-up basis in games won and lost but trailing the Indians 10 percentage points. The Yanks are just one game back of both of them.

Roger Bannister Quizzed By American Followers

By JIMMY BRESLIN

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NEW YORK — (NEA) — At a little playground alongside the towering United Nations building, a group of New York guys were leaning over an iron railing, Roger Bannister, the Englishman who shaved the four-minute mile, was approaching them.

"Leaning over the rail like this reminds me of being at the race track," one of them said.

"Yeah, and Bannister is leading at the half," another cracked, pointing to the little knot of people trailing the fast-walking young man.

It was a dark afternoon, with a good chance for rain. One of the railbirds, looking up, commented, "I'll show Bannister some real fancy running if it starts to rain."

The party went into the park and the photographers began to load their cameras and start looking around for the best place to start shooting.

Bannister, who had made world news with his 3:59.4 at Oxford, stood alone, waiting to be told what to do.

He is a tall, gangling man of 25, with an unruly crop of sandy hair which waved with the breeze coming in off the East River. He was dressed in a gray double-breasted suit. The suit needed a pressing. He could have used a haircut, too.

For the runner of the ages, he looked unimpressive.

Here he was, anyway, the first human to run the "impossible" race — breaking the four-minute barrier.

He kept a constant smile under what Americans would call an "eagle beak" nose.

"Over here," a photographer called and Bannister walked to a spot at one end of the little playground. He walks with a bouncy step and his left shoulder sags.

Then they had him pose with a couple of kids and he trotted a bit with them.

"My stride," he said in answer to a question, "is, well, I don't

exactly know how to describe it, dealing with whole batches of seconds."

Bannister didn't seem shy, nor was he cocky, despite all the attention being paid him. He was here for a one-day tour sponsored by the British and as you talked with him, you got the impression he was an extra nice, young medical student, which is just what he is.

You ask Bannister to show his stride.

"Well, I can't very well sprint here, you know, not on this pavement, but come along, we'll jog a

bit." Bannister begins to trot and he automatically shifts into that same bouncing step all guys who run on tracks seem to have.

He sure does have the long stride. He outpaces the average guy one for two. His elbows are kept close to his sides and his hands extended loosely in front of him, are pulled into loose fists. His hair bounces as he jogs. Running next to him, you get the feeling he could take off and leave you a block behind just by stretching his legs a little more.

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