

Milwaukee Replaces Brooklyn In NL Race

Braves Making Big Move

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Seven major days have given the Milwaukee Braves undisputed possession of first place in the National League.

Only a week ago they were sixth. Suddenly everything started coming their way. They won seven straight. And when they took the night off last night, the lowly Pittsburgh Pirates rose up and toppled Brooklyn 5-2, knocking the Dodgers down to second position.

For the Braves it was a week managers like to dream about. A rolling pitcher found himself. A rookie pitched a complete game in his first start. One game was won with five runs in the ninth, another with four in the ninth and still another in extra innings.

Chet Nichols, the young left-hander fresh from the Army who was supposed to take up the slack left by the trades of Johnny Antonelli and Max Surkont, pulled his record above the 500 mark with two good triumphs. He's now 4-3 after losing his first three.

BIG JUMP
Ray Crone, making the big jump from Jacksonville of the Class A Sally League, chalked up a 10-inning victory Sunday.

In winning a double-header Saturday the Braves scored four runs against Chicago in the final inning of the first game and five in the ninth in the second.

But the winning streak alone — longest of the season in the National League — wasn't quite enough to put the Braves on top by themselves. They were tied with Brooklyn after Sunday's twin bills. Then Pittsburgh obliged.

The Pirates' decision over Brooklyn was one of the four games played last night. In the others Chicago defeated St. Louis 5-2, the New York Giants edged the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 and the New York Yankees whipped the Philadelphia Athletics 7-3.

Pittsburgh had lost six in a row and eight out of nine to Brooklyn this season. But last night a two-run homer by Frank Thomas and a bases-empty blast by Dick Cole gave Surkont the margin he needed to win his fourth game.

RIGHT-HANDER
The veteran right-hander allowed just four hits and was in trouble only in the seventh when the Dodgers combined a bunt, a walk and a single by Don Hoak with two infield outs to score both their runs. Carl Erskine, Brooklyn's biggest winner last season, suffered his fourth loss against four victories.

Jim Davis, a rookie left-hander up from Seattle, held the Cardinals to seven scattered singles in his first big league starting assignment. Stan Musial went hitless and Ray Jablonski, the league's leading hitter, managed only one hit in four times at bat.

Vic Raschi started for the Cardinals but gave up after one inning when he was hit on the right leg by a line drive. He suffered a ruptured blood vessel, but apparently no lasting damage. He is expected back in action in a few days.

Willie Mays drove in four of the

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

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TOKYO—World flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai, 110 1/2, Japan, outpointed Leo Espinosa, 111, The Philippines, 15 (title bout).

BROOKLYN—Bob Baker, 206, Pittsburgh, outpointed Joe Bakal, 236, Kulpmont, Pa., 10.

NEW YORK—Pedro Gonzalez, 160 1/4, Hankin, Pa., outpointed Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 158 1/2, York, N.Y., 10.

NEW ORLEANS—Ralph Dupas, 137, New Orleans, outpointed Freddie (Habe) Herman, 140 1/2, Los Angeles, 10.

LOS ANGELES—Don Grant, 167, Los Angeles, outpointed Milo Savage, 166, Riverside, Calif., 10.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Willie Vaughn, 162, Los Angeles, outpointed Hank Davis, 160, Phoenix, 10.

BITTE, Mont.—Russell Tague, 126, Davenport, Iowa, outpointed Jose Luis Coto, 126, Los Angeles, 10.

CARDIFF, Wales—Dai Dower, Wales, outpointed Alex Bollaert, Belgium, 5.

SYDNEY—Marshall Clayton, 145, Washington, D.C., stopped August Argote, 141, Spain, 7.

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Tech Adds SOC To Schedule

By HARRY GRAYSON
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Southern Oregon College was added to the Oregon Tech football schedule for the 1954 season yesterday afternoon, according to OTC Athletic Director Rex Hunsaker.

The Ashland school was recently admitted to the Oregon Collegiate Conference, and according to conference rulings, every team must play each other during the season, so the game was added to the already full OTC schedule.

The addition of the game gave the Tech squad a 10 game slate, including four home games and six road contests.

The complete schedule is as follows:

September 18, Boise at Boise; September 25, Corvallis JC at Corvallis; October 2, West Contra Costa JC at Klamath; October 9, EOC at LaGrande; October 16, Seattle Ramblers at Klamath; October 23, Portland State at Klamath; October 29, Olympic JC at Bremerton.

November 6, Lassen JC at Klamath; November 13, OCE at Modesto; November 20, SOC at Ashland.

George Strimweas, American League batting champion in 1945, now is the manager of Schenectady, N.Y., in the Eastern League.

The lowest batting average ever to win a major league title was .206 by Elmer Flick of Cleveland in 1905.

Scooter's Skid Hurts Yank Chances

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NEW YORK—(NEA) — Everybody here, it seems, is worried that the slow-starting Yankees might never really open up this year and the World Series will be piped in over television lines from Chicago or Cleveland.

They talk about a Yankee collapse in bats and offices and the amateur figure fighters drag out back records to provide evidence that the law of averages always catches up with things.

But the one place where worry seems at a minimum is the small office Casey Stengel occupies under the Yankee Stadium grandstand. He still sits there and looks court for writers who care to look at his two knotted-up legs.

Casey was pressed, on this occasion, for one of those ubiquitous slants on the way his club had started off the season. Instead of howling to the heavens and baying to the moon about the way his club was going, Casey seemed in a rather confident frame of mind.

"Well," he offered, "my guys are hitting the ball just as fast as they did last year. Only they're hitting it higher in the air and the other fellows are catching it."

"The pitching has been excellent," Morgan (Tom), McDonald (Jim), Allie (Reynolds) and Ed Lopa, they've been throwin' real good."

"I think we'll be okay when the hitters begin to get movin'. We'll do all right then."

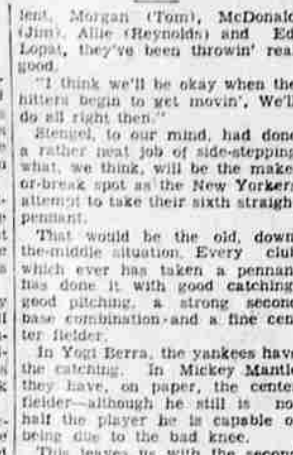
Stengel, to our mind, had done a rather neat job of side-stepping what, we think, will be the make-or-break spot as the New Yorkers attempt to take their sixth straight pennant.

That would be the old, down-the-middle situation. Every club which ever has taken a pennant has done it with good catching, good pitching, a strong second base combination and a fine center fielder.

In Yogi Berra, the Yankees have the catching. In Mickey Mantle they have, on paper, the center fielder—although he still is not half the player he is capable of being due to the bad knee.

This leaves us with the second base situation—namely, Phil Rizzuto. Stengel himself has criticized Rizzuto this year.

We still remember, Marty Marion a magnificent number six man himself, saying, a year or so back, "The shortstop is the key man on the Yankees. He's no kid any more."



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box, might be on the way out. This season, we've seen four grounders skip by his left, balls he used to eat up. Stengel himself arches his eyebrows and tells you, "Three, maybe four times this year, we got only the first man on a double play, with the batter safe at first. Used to get those guys automatically. And they weren't left-handed batters either."

Rizzuto might wind up on the bench, with Jerry Coleman, whose fielding has held up, moved over to short. Gil McDougald, under this plan, would be at second base and young Andy Carey at third.

Would this hurt the Yankees? Mister, it sure would. Phil Rizzuto has played baseball with anybody that ever lived during his career at Yankee Stadium. All the pitching in the world couldn't replace him.

The Yankees, it appears, are in

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