

Cleveland's AL Future Looks Rosy

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Rarely has the future looked so rosy for the Cleveland Indians.

The club has a three-game lead on first place. And the next eight games, all at home, are against second-division teams.

The Indians ran their current winning streak to seven last night with a 5-1 victory over Washington that marked the return to partial action of Bobby Avila, the league's leading hitter.

Al Rosen made his first appearance in almost two weeks the night before. He's last year's Most Valuable Player in the American League and is running second to Avila in hitting.

Avila, on the bench with a chipped thumb, came in as a runner and stayed around to bat once. He delivered a two-run single.

Rosen drove in three runs as a pinch hitter Tuesday night and singled once in two tries last night.

Even in the eight games that both Rosen and Avila missed, the Indians moved forward at a rapid pace, winning six.

The other two teams in the three-team American League race also won Wednesday. Second place Chicago beat Philadelphia 11-6 and the New York Yankees edged Baltimore 2-0. Last place Boston broke an eight-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory at Detroit.

The New York Giants stayed atop the National League with a 4-0 verdict over Cincinnati. Brooklyn remained a game behind the Giants by whipping Milwaukee 8-2. St. Louis at Philadelphia and Chicago at Pittsburgh were rained out.

Home runs by Lou Limmer and Bill Renna helped the Athletics build a 6-4 lead in Chicago but the White Sox wiped it out with a seven-run seventh as Ferris Fain hit an inside-the-park home run with the bases loaded. The loss was the first for Philadelphia in six games.

Hits were scarce in Baltimore, with each side getting only three. But the Yankees bunched theirs in the fifth inning for the only runs. Whitey Ford ran his string of scoreless innings to 20 in winning his fifth game, a double by Gene Woodling, a single by Irv Noren and a force-out produced the runs off Duane Pilette.

Three errors contributed to the Tigers' downfall against the Red Sox. Willard Nixon picked up his fifth victory and became the first Boston pitcher to last nine innings since June 7.

Jim Hearn of the Giants, who hadn't pitched a complete game since last August, stopped the Redlegs on four hits — all singles. New York scored three runs in the second inning against Joe Nuxhall on doubles by Whitey Lockman and Davey Williams, a pair of singles and a sacrifice fly by Ray Katt. Katt added the fourth run with a homer in the sixth.

The Dodgers beat the Braves into submission with home runs. They hit five, equaling the club's all-time high for one game. Duke Snider started the parade in the first inning and Gil Hodges, Don Hoak, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella joined in the fun.

Campanella's homer was his first hit in 21 times at bat. His average has dropped to a mere .168.

Questions Arise On Open

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Although we might not have been paying strict attention, having been busy getting a couple of prizefighters ready for a meeting tonight, it still seems here that several questions remain to be answered in connection with the National Open Golf tournament starting today at Baltusrol over in Springfield, N.J.

The first: Are Ben Hogan and Sam Snead the only entrants? The answer to that one, we learn, is no. The course will be alive with other players, many of them good. It's just that the advance stories have been almost entirely concerned with whether Hogan, who has won four opens, will beat Snead, who has made a career of almost winning the big one.

Second, there must be many fans who are as honestly confused as this writer is concerning the physical infirmities of the two principal antagonists. Because of the conflicting claims, it appears impossible to say which of them is in worse shape, and it might be necessary to go the full 72 holes to settle the issue.

This much is certain—Hogan got sick first. When he landed here more than a week ago the Bantam said he felt so terrible he might not be able to play at all, and that if he did somehow manage to stagger to the first tee he probably "would louse up the course."

He had a virus that was something awful.

To this, Snead responded within a few days that he was suffering with aches and pains through his back and across his shoulders that made it an agony to swing a golf club at all. He said that he, too, might be forced to withdraw.

At the last report we saw, that was substantially the way things stood as the two 40-plus and creaking warriors prepared to tee off today. Some observers thought that Hogan weakened his clinical report by getting out of bed and shooting a 64 in a practice round last Saturday.

This latter feat, incidentally, did much toward muddying up the third major question which has caused tempers to flare in advance of today's opening round. Is Baltusrol a regular torture chamber of a golf course, diabolically lenthened and toughened to the point that it is unfair, or is it actually an old ladies' layout waiting to be taken apart?

The earliest arrivals, including Snead, played a round or two a fortnight ago and yelled in anguish at the narrow fairways and the high rough. They predicted that four rounds of par 72 would be plenty good enough to win — providing anyone got lucky enough to shoot that good.

Then Hogan dropped in on his shaky pins, surveyed the premises and said that if he ever saw a pitch-and-putt course, this was it. He freely predicted that his own open record of 278 strokes would be smashed to pieces. Then he went out and speared his 64 on National Golf Day.

BOWLING SCORES

MEN'S TRIO LEAGUE			
Specialized Service	W	L	
Lucky Trio	11	1	
Gutter Sweepers	6	5	
Devils Trio	6	5	
C-M-C	2	8	
A and N Paint	2	8	
Alley Hogs	2	8	
Short Circuit	2	8	
Three Angels	2	8	
Tom Cats	2	8	

Specialized Service went into the Men's Trio League lead with an 11-1 record after last night's action at Lucky Lanes.

The Lucky Trio won the team high series competition last night with their 1685 pin score and the C-M-C team walked off with the team high game honors with a 627 total.

The Three Devils had the runner-up score in series with a 1621, and the Lucky Trio also managed to roll the runner-up spot in high game action with a 590.

Individual action was led by Mel Robinson in both the single scoring events with a 580 series and a 203 game total. Al Conforti also had a 203 game score to tie with Robinson for the evening's honors. Don Fuller had the second highest individual series score.



SPRING HANDICAP

Women of Reames will continue the Spring Handicap Tournament this Friday morning with the following pairings being used:

8:30, O'Neill vs. Larkin; 8:37, Nerath vs. Sprout; 8:44, Mosher vs. Morgan; 8:51, Anderson vs. Meade; 8:58, Raymond vs. M. Drew; 9:05, Soukup vs. Egge; 9:12, Bechen vs. Miller; 9:19, Fereber vs. Adams.

Maskell, Robertson, Hall and Reeder drew byes for this round of play.

The nine hole players will also continue their play with Brostehous, Shive, Hancock and Macartney making up their own games.

FATHER'S DAY TOURNEY

The Father's Day tournament at Reames will be a mixed Two-Ball tourney with the junior ages being divided.

All of the sons or daughters from 5-12 will be one class and the one from 13-17 will be in the other according to the club's pro Earl Schreier.

The young golfers will play partners with their mother or father in the Sunday afternoon round which starts at 1:30, with a dinner to follow at the club.

Any of the young duellers can pick another member of the club to be a partner in case their parents are unable to play with them.

TWO BALL MATCH

In last Sunday's interclub match between Klamath and Medford, Ted Bingham and Al Williams won the Two-Ball tournament over a field of 20 or more teams.

GOLF

WAUKESHA, Ill. — Medalist Patty Berg of Minneapolis defeated Fay Crocker from Montevideo, Uruguay, 1-up and reached the quarter-final round of the Women's Western Open.

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BATTING—Ferris Fain, Chicago White Sox—Drove in four runs with an inside the park grand slam home run as Chicago defeated Philadelphia 11-6.

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BASEBALL
OM:HA — Missouri won NCAA title 1-0 beating Rollins 4-1.

RACING
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Jet Lady (58.30) captured feature at Hollywood.

San Diego On Winning Streak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Diego Padres, abetted by the Seattle Rainiers, are building an impressive winning streak in Pacific Coast League baseball.

The Padres registered their six-night, by shading Seattle 4-3. It was the second straight over the Rainiers.

Chief Fanning, the Padres' starting pitcher, weakened in the ninth inning and gave up two runs. Fanning was relieved by Lloyd Dickey and Eddie Erault, the ace of the San Diego staff, then was pressed into service to get the Rainiers out as they threatened again.

It was a top notch ball game for six full innings, but Seattle tied it at one-all in the seventh and San Diego then pushed over three runs.

The victory put San Diego only five games behind pace setting Hollywood, with San Francisco only a half game behind the Padres.

Al Cicotte, regarded as one of the most promising of the younger pitchers in the PCL, returned to winning form as he pitched Sacramento to a 3-1 win over Portland. Cicotte, who is the property of the New York Yankees, had lost four in a row, but Wednesday night he gave only four hits to notch his sixth win of the season against 10 losses. It was the second in a row for the Sacs.

The Hollywood Stars are beginning to feel that perhaps Branch Rickey has brought his baseball luck with him from Pittsburgh.

Hollywood blew its second straight game to San Francisco while Rickey watched. The score was 8-5. The Seals scored five runs in the seventh, when Hollywood starter Bob Hall lost his control completely. The Seals manufactured their runs in this inning on two hits, six walks and a balk.

Los Angeles made it two straight over Oakland as Bubba Church, over Oakland's Bubba Church, former Philadelphia "Whiz Kid", (9) and Pockay.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION N
Minneapolis 8, Charleston 2
Kansas City 3-3, Toledo 4-14
Indianapolis 13, Louisville 6
St. Paul at Columbus, postponed.

Other teams were Oregon and Arizona.

The most valuable player award went to catcher Tom Yewick of Michigan State, considered a prospect by several major league scouts.

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