Legion Teams Meet

Cokes Set For Opener

The Klamath American Legion baseball team will open their 1954 league season tomorrow afternoon at Recreation Park against Medford with a doubleheader starting at 1:00.

Coach John McGinnis' club is just about the same one that captured the district championship last season with the exception of the loss of Don Dexter at shortstop or third base.

Heavy hitting and tight pitching worked hand in hand for the Cokes last weekend as they pounded Bend 13-4 and 10-3 in both ends of the doubleheader.

Big Dave D'Olivo and Modesto Jimimez teamed together last Sunday to limit the Bend club to a few scattered hits in both games, while reliefer Earl Tichenor also showed promise in his two brief appearances.

Medford, on paper, will give the Cokes a lot more trouble than Bend did, being that they seem to be loaded with plenty of experienced ball players from last year's team, and a few from Crater High School, which took the co-championship of the 1954 class B high school baseball tournament.

The visiting pitching staff will be bolstered by Ken Piland, Don McLaughlin and Don Coghill, while Jim McAbee, the Crater High catching star, will probably hold down the receiving position.

Bob Kelly and Jerry Burke will probably handle all the catching assignments for the local legion team, while Bob Harshbarger, the heavy hitting first baseman of the ball club will be at the initial sack when the game time rolls around.

Orin Perkins will cover the territory around third base, while the keystone combination will probably be made up of Jack Sunitsch at second base and Butch Kimpton at shortstop.

Three more 'big sticks' of the Cokes will handle the outfield positions for McGinnis in the twin bill, as Don Taucher, Craig McCarty and Dave Leeling get the calls for the left, center and right field positions.

'Mighty Mo' Jiminez will probably start the first game for the local club, while D'Olivo will face the Medford diamond team in the nightcap. Tichenor will be held ready by McGinnis in case he needs any help on the mound.

There will be a small admission charge for the afternoon doubleheader, since the team is trying to build up a backlog of money to help defray some of their own expenses.

Kalpine Remains In Running

Kalpine stayed in the running of the Men's Softball League last night by whipping Chevron by a 14-3 score, and the Roundup pushed the Elks farther into the league cellar with a 4-2 win.

In the Kalpine-Chevron game, Bob Smith pitched the lumbermen to the victory as he limited the Chevron club to three scattered hits, as his team mates took advantage of five errors and combined them with seven hits for their run total.

The Roundup countered once in the second inning and then three more times in the third frame to give them their need victory margin. The Elks made a comeback rally in their half of the fourth inning, but fell short as they scored twice.

BOXSCORES

	R	H	E
Roundup	4	5	3
Elks	2	4	3

Himelwright and Lambertson; Favell and Hunter.

	R	H	E
Kalpine	14	7	0
Chevron	3	3	5

Smith and Eastburn; Bates, Devine, Lewis and Jones.

Percy Bassett Wins By TKO

NEW YORK (AP) — Percy Bassett is in line for an October shot at featherweight champion Sandy Saddler after his 11th round technical knockout over young Lulu Perez.

Bassett wore down the 21-year-old Brooklyn fancy dan with his heavy hooks to the body, and dropped him for an automatic eight count in the 11th Friday night in Madison Square Garden.

Bassett swarmed all over Perez, drove him against the ropes, scored with a long right to the head often and deadly hooks to the body. In a mixup near Perez' corner, it looked like a butt opened the inch and a quarter gash over Lulu's left eye that required 12 stitches.

Dr. Vincent Nardiello examined the cut eye after the eighth. It was stopped after the 11th when Perez said he couldn't go out for the last round of the 12-round elimination match.

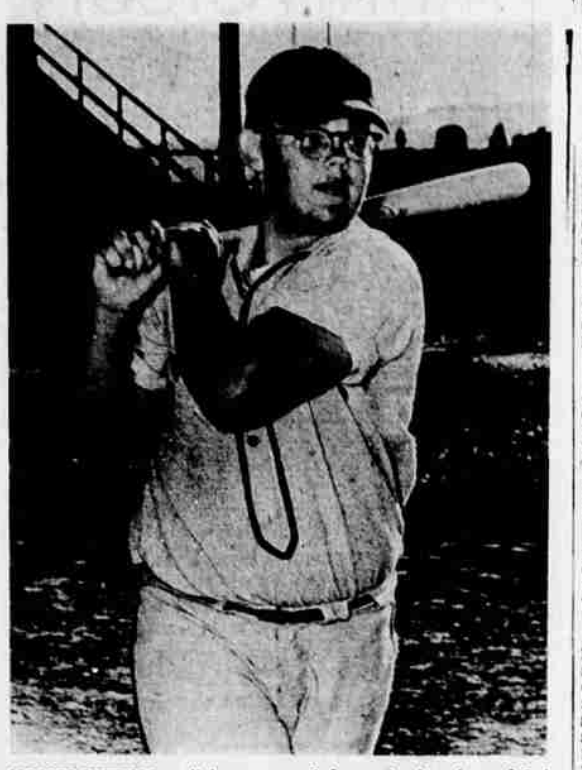
Bassett, a Philadelphian, weighed 126 ¾, Perez 125 ½.

Yesterday's Stars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITCHING — Allie Reynolds, New York Yankees, won his ninth straight game, handing the Cleveland Indians their first shutout of the season 11-0.

BATTING — Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati Redlegs, batted in four runs with two home runs as the Reds defeated Pittsburgh, 8-4.



HEAVY HITTING will be expected from the big bat of Bob Harshbarger, when the Cokes meet Medford tomorrow afternoon at Recreation Park in the local legion club's first league game. Big Bob will not only help the Cokes at the plate, but will also hold down the first base position against the visiting Medford diamond crew. Game time is 1:00.

Lumberjacks In Bend For Game

Oregon-California Border League

	W	L	PCT
Bend	3	0	1.000
Klamath Falls	3	2	.600
Alturas	1	2	.333
Lakeview	0	3	.000

Manager Hi Hatfield and the Eldorado Lumberjacks will travel to Bend tomorrow for a very important Oregon - California Border League ball game.

Still hampered by the lack of ball players, due to the fact that the National Guard Summer Camp claimed four of his diamond squad, Hatfield is facing a tough task in trying to cut the loggers lead down to a one half game margin.

The Eldorado club will probably start Fran Miller or Irv Whitt on the mound against the home standing Loggers, while Bend will undoubtedly start Paul Gerhrman, the ex-major league and Pacific Coast League star against the Klamath semi-pros.

In the last meeting of the two ball clubs, the Lumberjacks found Gehrman's offings to their likings and sent the 'old pro' to the showers early in the game, but Bend led by a few OSC diamond stars, came back in the last two innings to take the win.

Hatfield will probably be wearing the catching gear in tomorrow's league game, while heavy hitting Art Raymond will hold down his first base position for the Eldorado team.

Don Sunitsch, who helped the Lumberjacks whip Lakeview last week with his four for five day at the plate, will be at the second base slot, and Leroy Coleman will fill out the double play combination at short stop.

If Miller pitches, Whitt will get Hatfield's call for third base to complete the infield for the visiting 'Jacks.

In the Eldorado outfield, Gary Dawes will hold down the center field position, while Dick Pepple and Lowell Schuck will flank Dawes in right and left field respectively.

In the other league action, Lakeview plays host to the Alturas semi-pro ball club in the other afternoon game.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — Avila, Cleveland, .369; Rosen, Cleveland, .344; Fox, Chicago, .336; Busby, Washington, .319; Minoso, Chicago and Tuttle, Detroit, .317.

RUNS BATTED IN — Minoso, Chicago, 60; Rosen, Cleveland, 54; Fain, Chicago, 51; Doby, Cleveland and Berra, New York, 50.

HOME RUNS — Rosen, Cleveland, 14; Boone, Detroit, 13; 14; Boone, Detroit, 13; Mantle, New York, Zernial, Philadelphia and Vernon, Washington, 12.

PITCHING — Reynolds, New York, 9-1, .900; Stone, Washington, 6-1, .857; Keegan, Chicago, 11-2, .846;; Morgan, New York, 5-1, .833; Consuegra Chicago, 9-2, .818.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — Snider, Brooklyn, .372; Hamner, Philadelphia, .361; Mueller, New York, .360; Robinson, .347; Musial, St. Louis, .344.

RUNS BATTED IN — Musial, St. Louis, 72; Campanella, Brooklyn 61; Hodges, Brooklyn, 57; Kluszewski, Cincinnati and Jablonski, St. Louis, 56.

HOME RUNS — Mays, New York, 24; Musial, St. Louis, 23; Sauer, Chicago, 22; Kluszewski, Cincinnati, 19; Hodges and Snider, Brooklyn, 18.

PITCHING—Antonelli, New York, 9-2, .818; Haddix, St. Louis, 12-3, .800; Collum, Cincinnati, 4-1, .800; Grissom, New York, 7-2, .778;; Meyer, Brooklyn, 6-2, .750.

HOUSTON — Cecil Calhoun upset his Louisiana State teammate, Eddie Merrins, 1 up, to enter finals of NCAA tournament.

Home Run Helps In Bevo Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It took a Homeric homer by leftfielder Fletcher Robbe to lift Portland to victory over Oakland Friday night, and the blow, coming in the sixth inning with Eddie Basinski on base, broke up a pretty fair pitching duel.

It was the best of the night's games in the Pacific Coast League, Bob Alexander for Portland and the veteran Al Gettel for Oakland locked in a tight battle, each giving six hits.

The victory brought the Beavers to within a half game of Los Angeles, which is wallowing in seventh place.

First place Hollywood took a 3-2 lead in its series with Seattle by beating the Rainiers, 7-2. Mel Queen, going after his 14th win of the season, had to give way to Forest Main in the fourth, but Main shut out Seattle the rest of the way.

Queen, a fireball as he pitched his way through 12 straight victories, developed a pinched nerve in his throwing arm.

Al Widmar, who went seven innings for Seattle, was the loser. The Stars pecked away at him for a 4-2 lead and then came up with three in the eighth.

Los Angeles whacked again by Sacramento, 10-5. The Solons collected 17 hits off five Angel pitchers, and among the blows were homers by Nippy Jones and Joe Brovia.

San Diego made it four straight over San Francisco, 12-1. Tony Ponce was driven off the mound in the sixth and the Padres continued the assault on Bob Muncrief and Bill Bradford. San Diego got 16 hits while Lloyd Dickey of the pads gave the Seals only four. It was the seventh straight win for Lefty O'Doul's club, which stayed 4 ½ games behind Hollywood.

Sacramento's 11-game winner, Marino Pieretti, may be lost for several days because of a sprained ankle, suffered while chasing flies before Thursday's game in Los Angeles. Pieretti was scheduled to work in Sunday's doubleheader against the Angels.

The linescores:

Hollywood	011 101 030—7	13	1
Seattle	000 200 000—2	6	0

Queen, Main (4) and Malone; Widmar, Myers (8) and Orteig.

Portland	000 002 000—2	6	2
Oakland	000 001 000—1	6	3

Alexander and Rossi; Gettel and Neal.

San Francisco	010 000 000—1	4	1
San Deigo	000 204 24X—12	16	0

Ponce, Moncrief (6), Bradford (8) and Tiesera, Tornay (8); Dickey and Pocekay.

Sacramento	012 010 240—10	17	2
Los Angeles	010 112 000— 5	6	2

Cicotte, Candini (6) and Sheely; Spicer, Simpton (7), Pyecha (8), Gumpert (9) and Pramesa.

PIONEER LEAGUE

Boise 6, Great Falls 0
Billings 9, Magic Valley 7
Idaho Falls 23, Ogden 7
Salt Lake City 5, Pocatello 4

The STANDINGS

FRIDAY'S BASEBALL
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
New York	43	23	.652	
Brooklyn	42	24	.636	1
Milwaukee	33	30	.524	8 ½
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	9
St. Louis	32	33	.492	10 ½
Cincinnati	32	33	.491	2 0½
Chicago	23	40	.365	19 ½
Pittsburgh	21	45	.318	22

Friday's Results

Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 1
New York 6, Chicago 2
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 7, Philadelphia 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Cleveland	45	21	.682	
Chicago	44	22	.667	1
New York	43	25	.632	3
Detroit	28	35	.444	15 ½
Washington	28	37	.431	16 ½
Philadelphia	26	38	.406	18
Baltimore	24	42	.354	21
Boston	22	40	.355	21

Friday's Results

New York 11, Cleveland 0
Chicago 6, Boston 4
Baltimore 5, Philadelphia 1
Washington 4, Detroit 3

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Hollywood	51	31	.622	
San Diego	46	35	.568	4 ½
Oakland	44	39	.530	7 ½
San Francisco	40	42	.488	11
Seattle	37	42	.468	12 ½
Sacramento	39	43	.476	12
Los Angeles	34	46	.425	16
Portland	33	46	.418	16 ½

Friday Night's Results

San Diego 12, San Francisco 1
Portland 2, Oakland 1
Sacramento 10, Los Angeles 5
Hollywood 7, Seattle 2.

Western International League

	W		Pct.	G.B.
Vancouver	37	19	.661	
Yakima	32	27	.542	6 ½
Edmonton	26	23	.531	7 ½
Lewiston	28	31	.475	10 ½
Wenatchee	28	32	.467	11
Salem	28	33	.459	11 ½
Victoria	25	30	.455	11 ½
Tri-City	27	33	.450	12

Friday's Results

Vancouver 6-4, Lewiston 2-3 (2nd game 10 innings)
Edmonton 5, Yakima 4
Victoria 9, Wenatchee 3
Tri-City 3, Salem 1

BOWLING SCORES

MOOSE MIXED DOUBLES
first shift

	W	L
M. & C. Brown	9	3
L. Harris & R. Claugh	8	4
C. & F. Beard	7	5
V. & B. Greena	7	5
B. Dixon & C. Hooper	6	6
J. & L. Beem	6	6
L. Truax & S. Moss	5	7
J. & L. Pastega	4	8
V. & E. Kenaston	4	8
L. & M. Douglas	4	8

Margaret and Carl Brown remained in the lead of the first shift of the Moose Mixed Doubles League after last night's action at Lucky Lanes.

The Browns also captured both team scoring events, for the evening with a 488 game score and a 1239 pin score series. Clara and Frank Beard were runner-ups in single game tallies with a 425, and the second position in series action in series action was taken by LaRayne Harris and Ralph Claugh with a 1193.

Bev Evans, a substitute for the first shift, rolled a high single game score for the women with a 223, while Mel Douglas had men's high game honors with a 211.

Series action in individual bowling was won by Vi Kenaston for the women with her 543, and the men's taken by Carl Brown as he rolled a high series of 546.

MOOSE MIXED DOUBLES
second shift

	W	L
A. & G. Thomas	10	2
Y. Rosterolla & C. Booth	9	3
J. & M. Douglas	7	5
E. Pickerill & F. Victorine	6	6
M. & P. Sheehy	6	6
L. & E. Carr	6	6
J. & T. Bingham	5	7
F. & A. Hakenwerth	5	7
B. & O. Evans	3	9
B. & B. Victorine	3	9

Yolando Rosterolla and Charlie Booth led the team scoring parade in the second shift of the Moose Mixed Doubles League last night.

The Rosterolla and Booth combination rolled a high game total of 425 pins, and the team of Jean and Mel Robinson had the number two game score with a 415.

The Robinson's had the high series score of the evening with a 1122 and the league leading team of George and Audrey Thomas were runner-ups in series action with a 1120.

Elaine Pickerill led the women keglers with a high game score of 167, and Charlie Booth had the men's high game with a 2464 pin score.

Audrey Thomas led the women in series action with a 437, and the high men's series score was compiled by Booth as he had a three line total of 620 for the evenings action.

FRIDAY'S FIGHTS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York (Madison Square Garden) — Percy Basset, 126 ¾, Philadelphia, stopped Lulu Perez, 125 ½ Brooklyn, 11.

LOUISVILLE — Sid Peaks, 216, Charlestown, Ind., outpointed Ponce Deleon, 218, Salt Lake City, 10.

SAN DIEGO, Calif—Charlie Powell, 215, San Diego, knocked out Al Spaulding, 230, Oakland, Calif., 2.

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Reynolds Throttles Tribe

HARDTOP RACING will again be in the spotlight of the sport fans tomorrow night as the local drivers and visiting hardtoppers from California, Redmond and the Medford-Ashland-Grants Pass circuit take to the Gem Speedway track for the seventh program of the season. Shown here is Murrell Betsch stranded sideways in the track as Jim Kaler in K-2 and another hardtop move around him.

Added Feature Highlights Evening Hardtop Program

Another good turnout of hardtops is expected to hit the Gem Speedway tomorrow night for the weekly racing program, and the track fans will get an added attraction besides.

The Klamath Falls American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will give a demonstration of the formations and routines that they went through to win the 1953 state championship.

Along with the added feature of the Legion's Drum and Bugle Corps and a nine or 10 event program, local hardtop enthusiasts are in for an evening of excitement, fun, and pleasure.

Bob Crawley the high point man so far this season will be out to raise his point total and also be the first driver to win the main event twice this year.

As of this racing program none of the A-main winners won more than one main event, and six drivers are gunning to be the first to do so.

Of the local drivers, who are battling for the season's honors, Crawley, and Dale Hankins in K-66 and K-1 respectively seem to have the best opportunity, while K-16 driven by Wes Owens is also capable of pulling the first double win.

Rusty Philips, last week's A-main winner, from Yreka, and two Medford drivers, Bernie Miller and Cecil James round out the other 25 lap event winners.

Besides the main event, the track officials have slated four heat races, which will circle the track ten times apiece, the trophy dash of four laps with the four winners of the heat races, and the first three places of the heat races will be in final heat race.

Depending upon the number of cars that will be entered in the evening show, the program could have one or two C-races. If their are too many hardtops to handle in one C-race then the officials will probably have two smaller events.

The Semi-Main event, of B-Main will be scheduled for 25 laps of the quarter mile clay track, and the final race of the evening, the A-main, will follow.

Word from Yreka, indicates that George Mercier, the regualr Speedway referee, who was hurt very seriously, a few weeks ago in a car accident on his way home from the local hardtop show, is quite a bit better, and is home from the hospital. Mark Dunn also in the accident was cut bad and shaken up, but returned to his job of been to every race since then, scoring the next week, and has

Time trials will start at 6:45 and the first of the nine event racing card will get underway at 7:15 or 7:30.

SPORTS IN BRIEF
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TENNIS

SEATTLE — Bob Perry of UCLA and Ham Richardson of Tulane advanced to finals of NCAA championships.

GOLF

WETHERSFIELD Conn.,—Tommy Bolt shot a 11-under par 60, equalling the PGA competitive record, and took the halfway lead with a 131 in the Insurance City Open.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Defending champion Pat Lesser of Seattle eliminated Barbara McIntire of Toledo 4 and 3 to reach finals of Women's National Collegiate tournament.

RACING

SALEM, N.H. — Tony DeSpirito brought home four winners including Cable Jacke ($11.80) in Jackson Purse at Rockingham Park.

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Fans' Description Of Rock Irritates Scribe

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a matter of opinion, but we can't avoid a small feeling of irritation every time we see Rocky Marciano referred to as awkward. Surely someone will think of a better word to describe the heavyweight champion.

Rocky isn't exactly graceful, granted. He doesn't dance about on his toes and make picture moves. He's too busy and impatient to waste any time posing and posturing. But we stubbornly insist he isn't awkward and will bet that Ezzard Charles would be the first to agree.

The only awkward heavyweight champion we ever saw was Primo Carnera.

But Primo's success in reaching the top does not necessarily disprove our theory that an awkward fellow cannot fight his way to the championship.

No man who can hit such a cagey and experienced dude as Charles the way Marciano did the other night can be awkward. Neither can he be clumsy to any marked degree. He might look so to the audience at times, but the boxer who is so unfortunate as to be in the ring with him knows better in a hurry.

Those who called Rocky awkward off his last fight pointed mainly to the many wild swings he missed after he got Charles in serious trouble in the sixth round and was trying desperately to score a knockout. What they overlooked was the fact that Ezzard, though badly hurt, still had a clear head and knew how to make himself a very elusive target.

Under the circumstances, we thought Rocky was rather restrained, if anything. He did not go windmilling in and let Charles tie him up. He stalked Ez carefully and threw his looping right only as he appeared to have a clear target. That more of them did not land solidly on Ez's jaw and perhaps end the fight right there was more a testimonial to the challenger's great defensive skill than proof of the champion's awkwardness.

Al Lopez Not Worried Over Drubbing

CLEVELAND (AP)—What does a baseball manager say after the rival he wants to beat most gives his club the worst licking it's had all season while the biggest crowd of home fans so far this year looks on?

The baseball manager would be Al Lopez of the Cleveland Indians; the rival, the world champion New York Yankees he considers the team to beat.

The worst licking would be the 11-0 drubbing the Tribe took here last night for its first shutout in 60 games. And the home crowd of 49,808 was nearly 10,000 more than the previous high gate recorded at the April home opener.

"I'd rather lose a game 11-0 than 11-10," was Lopez's post mortem.

"Honestly, a beating like that doesn't hurt as much as a close one. A close one eats your heart out playing it over and over. This ball game happened a million year ago. You forget it and start fresh tomorrow."

"We've a better club, regardless of whether we lost," he protests. "This is the first time in late June since I've been manager that we are in first place and the Yanks are chasing us."

But there is no denying that the Yanks' triumph in the opener of the three-game series greatly increases the pressure on the Indians to win tonight and tomorrow afternoon. From July 2 to July 11 the Tribe has eight games with the Chicago White Sox, now only one game back. New York seems a cinch to improve its position during those clashes of its current rivals.

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ChiSox Move On Indians

By BEN PHLEGAR
AP Sports Writer

Allie Reynolds' reluctant decision to abandon his role as an oil tycoon with an aching back in favor of one more season of pitching looks more and more like the key move in the New York Yankees' drive for their sixth straight pennant.

The Big Chief from Oklahoma has been magnificent.

When he beat the first place Cleveland Indians 11-0 last night it marked his ninth straight victory after losing his first decision. The third place Yankees moved within three games of the Indians and the second place Chicago White Sox, who defeated Boston 6-4, climbed within one.

Reynolds, who had the backache often in the closing stages of 1953, was ready to stay on his reservation with his oil wells unless the Yanks met his asking price of $40,000.

That looked pretty steep for a 36-year-old pitcher in questionable physical condition, even to a well-heeled organization like the Yankees. They put him on the waiver list and one spring report, never confirmed nor denied, said Reynolds, like Vic Raschi, would have been peddled to the St. Louis Cardinals if the other American League clubs had allowed it.

Such a deal was blocked and the Yanks capitulated on the money. But as late as opening day Allie was tabbed as a bullpen man. This lasted until May 2. Since then he's started 11 times, pitched four complete games and three shutouts. His earned run average of 2.46 is one of the best.

He's the first pitcher this season to blank the Indians, who got nine hits but couldn't bunch them. A fireball pitcher throughout his career Reynolds says he's switching more and more to a sidearm delivery.

Bob Keegan of the White Sox became the first American League pitcher to win 11 games as he tamed Boston on eight hits. One of the hits was a pinch home run by Ted Williams with a man aboard in the ninth.

Dean Stone and Camilio Pascual, a pair of rookies, pitched Washington to within a game of first division by beating fourth-place Detroit. The Senators got only six hits but bunched them in the first and eighth innings. Eddie Yost homered and Pete Runnels drove in a pair with a double and a triple.

Baltimore scored four runs in the first inning against the Athletics, who had won 9 of their last 12. Duane Pillette, won his fifth game, a six-hitter, while the Birds battered three Philadelphia pitchers for 13 hits.

Willie Mays put the Giants on the victory train against the Cubs with a two-run inside-the-park homer in the second inning. It was his sixth home run in the last five games and his 24th of the year. Jim Hearn won his fifth straight.

Stan Musial came out of his slump with a home run and a single but it wasn't enough to beat Carl Erskine and the Dodgers. Roy Campanella singled home two runs off Vic Raschi in the first inning for Brooklyn. A third scored on a sacrifice fly by Pee Wee Reese in the second.

Philadelphia managed only five hits off Lew Burdette and relinquished third place to Milwaukee. Bill bruton drove in three rns. Eddie Mathews homered for the Braves.

Ted Kluszewski hit his 18th and 19th home runs in Cincinnati's victory over the last place Pirates.

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