

Cleveland, Yanks Meet Second Division Clubs

By ED CORRIGAN

The hapless, hitless and practically helpless Baltimore Orioles invade Yankee Stadium and the Philadelphia A's, equally futile, entertain the Cleveland Indians in what you might call the openers of the "new" American League pennant race.

Prof. Casey Stengel's Yankees, who spent the first half of the season flopping and floundering, have a nine-game winning streak going and are now just half a game behind the Indians, whose latest work included dropping four games to the Chicago White Sox.

The consensus around the league is that the Yanks have the upper hand now with one big "if." He is Allie Reynolds, who missed the All-Star Game because of a muscle pull in his left hip.

The ailment is a chronic one, but if it bothers him too much he may be forced back to the bullpen. Stengel has no abundance of pitchers so that could spell the difference between first and second place.

"My back, left leg and left hip pain when I try to pitch," said Allie. "I've had it since June 20 when I felt it in Chicago. It's bothered me ever since. That's the reason I've had trouble holding those big leaguers to throw a fast ball, but the main goes through the leg and the ball doesn't go very fast. Lately, it's been coming back much faster."

Trainer Gus Mauch of the Bombers also is somewhat puzzled. "I don't think there's any cure but rest," he opined. "That's nature's way. If he doesn't try to pitch or run for a week, it may get better."

Cleveland Manager Al Lopez, says he is not particularly worried over the events of the past week. He has one point — namely, the Indians are not the kind of club that will be held to five runs in four games as they were against the White Sox last weekend.

"Al Rosen and Bob Avila have been in batting slumps since their injuries," he said. "They're just in slumps that every player has to fight his way out of sometimes. They'll snap out of it and we'll be more dangerous than ever."

The White Sox, for their part, are three games off the pace and the way their pitching has come around, could make things uncomfortable for all concerned. Manager Paul Richards will send Ben Keegan against the Washington Senators tonight.

In the National League, the New York Giants start a Western trip with a five-game bulge over the Brooklyn Dodgers, who whipped the Milwaukee Braves 2-1 in 12 innings last night in the only major league game played.

The Brooklyn victory came the hard way before a crowd of 35,470, which boosted the Milwaukee attendance over the million mark.

Duke Snider batted in the runs in the first and final innings on sacrifice flies. Jim Hughes, who took over for Russ Meyer in the ninth, was the winner.

The lobby of Madison Square Garden told the story of last night's two-round TKO victory for the Cuban giant on the automatic three-knockdown rule. Valdez, ambled through a crowd of happy spectators, pausing to sign autographs and greet handshakers with a wide grin.

Outside, in the pouring rain, Jackson walked with head down, mumbling to himself. His family trailed behind, trying to convince him to go back to the hotel.

"I won't fight anybody else until I fight him," Jackson had said in his dressing room. He made a stormy scene in the ring, tearing the referee's scorecard in two, before police ushered him to his dressing room.

"He had nothing," said Valdez, through an interpreter. "He clown fighter. Everybody expect us to go to body, we go to head in second round." About Marciano? "I knock him out in four rounds."

Harry Markson, managing director of the International Boxing Club, said "Valdez rates the next shot at Marciano after the rematch with Ezzard Charles that we hope to run in September."

Valdez, an 11-5 underdog, overwhelmed the listless Hurricane, who showed only one brief flash of the fiery newcomer who stopped Rex Layne, beat Clarence Henry and knocked out Dan Bucceroni in his exciting rise from prelude boy to No. 5 contender.

In the first round, the Cuban thumped at Jackson's body with both hands. Shifting to the head when the jiggling Jackson came out for the second, Valdez drove his man half through the ropes with a solid right. Although the timekeeper counted four, Referee Al Berl ruled no knockdown.

Another right sent Jackson to the floor for an automatic-eight-count. Actually he was up at two. Another flurry and a bull rush drove Jackson to his knees. He was up at one but the count again went to the automatic eight.

The third knockdown that ended the bout, under New York rules that require a referee to halt a fight when one man has been down three times in one round, was disputed by many in the crowd of 4,465. It looked as though a push, following a blow to the neck, sent Jackson down. No matter what it was, Berl ruled "knockdown" and the fight was over at 2:35 of the second.

Eldorado Travels For Alturas Game

OREGON-CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Bend	6	0	1.000
Klamath Falls	3	4	.429
Lakeview	2	3	.400
Alturas	1	5	.167

The Eldorado Lumberjacks lost ground, but not second place of the Oregon California League last Sunday, and will be trying to make it up this weekend against Alturas on the Brava home field.

Lakeview edged the Lumberjacks in ten innings last Sunday at Recreation Park on a single, a passed ball and then another one base safety to give the Gems the 6-5 win.

Manager Hi Hatfield will probably send either Fran Miller or Jo Jo George to the mound against Alturas this Sunday afternoon.

In the two previous meetings the two clubs have split, with Alturas winning the first one 15-5 while the Lumberjacks turned in a 9-7 win in the second encounter, behind the pitching of Ron Wright the Oregon Tech southpaw, who is not with the Eldorado club any longer.

Alturas will be led by Bob Foot, Paul Art and Gordie Robertson, who were the heavy guns used

against the 'Jacks in the past games.

Foot and Art will lead the Alturas hitters while Robertson, who can also hit very well, will undoubtedly get the call for the pitching duties against the Klamath semi-pros.

If Miller starts for the Lumberjacks, Hatfield will probably go into the catcher's position and heavy hitting Art Raymond will be holding down the first base job.

The keystone combination at second base will be made of Don Sunitsch at second and Ron Owings, who has been moved from catcher to shortstop, covering the hole between third and second.

What the club's cleanup hitter will be working the third base sack when the game gets underway.

The Eldorado outfield will be taken care of by Willie Dunster in left, Dick Lundsten in center and Art Westhouse in right field. Another Lumberjack who could see outfield duty is George, if he is not used on the mound.

In last week's games, Bend strengthened their hold on first place with a double win over Alturas. On Saturday night the loggers took a 9-3 win and then whipped the Braves 4-2 in Sunday afternoon's contest.

San Diego Advances Up PCL Ladder

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San Diego moved up a notch in the Pacific Coast Baseball League Wednesday night by trouncing Los Angeles while front-running Hollywood and Portland were dividing a pair. The Padres blanked the Angels, 4-0, and moved within three games of the Stars.

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The STANDINGS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
New York	57	27	.679	
Brooklyn	52	32	.619	5
Philadelphia	40	37	.519	15 1/2
Milwaukee	41	42	.494	15 1/2
Cincinnati	41	42	.494	15 1/2
St. Louis	40	42	.488	16
Chicago	29	50	.367	25 1/2
Pittsburgh	27	53	.339	29

Wednesday's Results

Brooklyn 2, Milwaukee 1 (12 innings)

(Only game scheduled)

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Hollywood	64	40	.615	
San Diego	60	42	.588	3
Oakland	55	48	.534	8 1/2
San Francisco	53	51	.510	11
Seattle	45	55	.450	17
Sacramento	46	58	.442	17 1/2
Portland	43	57	.430	19
Los Angeles	43	58	.426	19

Wednesday's Results

Oakland 3-2, Seattle 2-0

Portland 3-1, Hollywood 0-2

San Diego 4, Los Angeles 0

Sacramento 4-0, San Francisco 3-3 (first game 12 innings)

Western International League

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Victoria	4	1	.800	
Lewiston	6	3	.667	
Tri-City	5	3	.625	1/2
Yakima	4	3	.571	1
Edmonton	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Salem	3	3	.429	2
Vancouver	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Wenatchee	1	8	.111	5

Wednesday's Results

Vancouver 7, Wenatchee 1

Victoria 7, Lewiston 4

Edmonton 10, Yakima 6

Salem 6, Tri-City 3

No American League games yesterday. Standings unchanged.

Minor League Baseball

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Baseball

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Syracuse 5-5, Buffalo 4-11

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Rochester 6, Richmond 5 (19 innings)
Ottawa 21, Montreal 7
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St. Paul 3, Kansas City 2
Toledo 7, Columbus 6

TEXAS LEAGUE

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Oklahoma City 8-12, Dallas 5-9
Houston 11, San Antonio 1
Shreveport 3, Beaumont 1
Fort Worth 2, Tulsa 0

PIONEER LEAGUE

Great Falls 9, Ogden 4
Boise 11, Pocatello 5

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Tribute Paid To Granny By Scribe

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (U-P)—One of the funniest, most lovable men it has been our privilege to know, Granddaddy Rice, will not be seen around the big sports events again, and the great sadness lies today over those of us who have for all these years worked and laughed in the company of the one we called "Granny."

The great sports historian, who could write enduring poetry in the confusion of a cold press box, will be buried tomorrow amid the mourning of his friends, than whom few men have possessed more. If there was an enemy we never heard his name.

For going on 25 years, in every part of the country, we have been asked hundreds of times if we knew Granddaddy Rice. There has been a certain pride in saying yes, and then in trying to tell his readers something of the sort of man he was. There is no expectation that we will see Granny's like again.

He was like this. At the height of his fame, when he was the poet laureate of the incredible 20s and his name almost a household word, he met a rookie reporter up from Texas and made him feel that he was a very important addition to the sports-writing community. He still was doing this wonderful service for other young newcomers to the day of his death, and there never was once a trace of condescension.

Granny's daily column was a true mirror of his own character. He liked everyone he met, athletes and nonathletes alike, and that was the way he wrote through 50 years or more. If he felt that a sports figure deserved a going-over he did not hesitate to say so, privately, but it simply was not in his nature to castigate a man in public.

We have heard it suggested by men who did not know Granny personally that he was perhaps overgenerous in this respect and that he might do better to join the current "get tough" school of sports writing. The answer to that one was that he appeared to have done pretty well over a long span, and that he had made nothing, except friends, which was desirable.

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