

Five Teams Remain In World Series Running

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By now only five teams have serious ideas about reaching the World Series this fall but a whole host of others in both leagues are still scrapping to see who will help cut up the award.

Players on the first four teams in each league share in the World Series receipts.

It's generally conceded among all but the diehards that either the New York Giants or Brooklyn will be the National League representative against Cleveland, the New York Yankees, or the Chicago White Sox.

But a check of the standings shows dog fights in both circuits immediately below these private pennant races.

In the National League four teams are bunched a game and a half apart from third through sixth place. Philadelphia holds third by a percentage point over Cincinnati and Milwaukee with St. Louis still a big factor.

The American league is running with a five-team "second division." Fourth place Detroit is a fat 22 lengths out of the lead and 17 1/2 behind the third place White Sox. But the Tigers hold only a single game edge over Boston and Washington and just eight games separate them from the tallend Baltimore Orioles.

In the upper brackets yesterday Cleveland took a half game lead over New York when the Yanks crumbled before Chicago 15-3 while the Indians were playing their second straight tie in Boston. Rain halted the 77 contest in the top of the ninth inning.

The Giants maintained their seven game advantage over Brooklyn with a 2-1 triumph at Chicago. The Dodgers tripped Cincinnati 5-1. St. Louis outscored Pittsburgh 13-12. Philadelphia defeated Milwaukee 6-1 and Washington shaded Baltimore 6-5 in other action.

Brooklyn's Carl Erskine turned in the outstanding pitching performance, retiring the last 23 Cincinnati batters in order after Bob Borkowski homered in the second inning. He got plenty of support for a change with Carl Furillo's five-hit spurge leading the 15 hit attack. Erskine gave up two hits and struck out 10.

A pinch single by Bill Taylor drove in the winning Giant run in the ninth inning at Chicago. He scored Hank Thompson who had singled and moved around on a sacrifice and an infield out. Sal Maglie checked the Cubs on four hits.

The White Sox scored early and often against the Yankees, opening with five runs in the first and closing out with five in the ninth. Minnie Minoso and Johnny Groth collected four hits each. Virgil Trucks stayed long enough to become the first American League pitcher to win 13 games but he wilted from the heat in the seventh and needed help from Morrie Marin and Harry Dorish.

Home runs by Jim Hegan, Al Rosen and Larry Doby lifted Cleveland from a 6-0 deficit into a 7-6 lead at Boston but the Red Sox pushed across the tying run in the sixth and kept it that way until rain intervened. The same two teams played a 17 inning tie Tuesday night.

Only five Milwaukee batters got on base against Robin Roberts and the only run off the Phils' ace was Eddie Mathews' 32nd home run, hit with two out and the bases empty in the ninth.

Pitchers wore out the grass between the bullpens and the mound in Busch Stadium during the Cardinals-Philis' 31 hit duel. St. Louis used eight, equalling the National League record. Pittsburgh used five hurlers.

The Athletics' victory over Detroit broke a 10-game losing streak. Sonny Dixon tamed the Tigers and Joe DeMaestri, Lou Limmer and Jim Pineson hit home runs for the winners.

Washington wasted an early lead against Baltimore, then won in the ninth when an easy roller dribbled through Jim Bridewaters' legs with the bases loaded and one out. The loss was another heartbreaker for Don Larsen, who now has lost a dozen games.

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at Conger Field
7:00 Merrill vs. Sons of Norway
Malin vs. Tulelake

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at Kwonis Park
6:30 Silanis vs. Exchange Club
Sandmeyer vs. Dalton's

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STINGY . . . Virgil Trucks, left, of the Chicago White Sox and the Philadelphia Phillies' Robin Roberts, right, pitched one hit games this season. Jim McDonald of the New York Yankees disposed of the Boston Red Sox the same way. Mike Garcia, Ray Narleski and Early Wynn of Cleveland combined to treat the White Sox in similar fashion.

Giants Double Team Foes With Fine Relief Pitchers

NEW YORK (NEA)—The biggest physical improvement in the Giants, as Garry Schumacher points out, is the phenomenal play of Willie Mays and the pitching of left-handed Johnny Antonelli.

The happy-go-lucky Mays has been an infectious force, restoring team spirit and the feel of winning again. Someone always picks up the slack in the games' crisis. There is a hero a day or night. It's the 1951 drive all over again, but launched much earlier.

The secret of the New York Nationals' success, however, has been the double teaming of two air tight relief pitchers who complement one another perfectly. They are, of course, Marv Grissom and Hoyt Wilhelm.

Grissom has been in 18 winning games, Wilhelm 14. Although the 36-year-old Grissom twice stopped the Dodgers in three days, the weather-beaten Californian prefers two days rest even after a short stint.

The rubber-armed Wilhelm can pitch every day, but with Grissom taking his turn, the North Carolinian is rested and his knuckle ball is made all the more effective. Not even Wilhelm knows where his butterfly ball is going. It breaks in all directions including up. It requires Wes Westrum to use a special glove. Even with that the catcher frequently is hit.

Grissom gets them out with a fast one, an excellent curve and a screwball which he has been fooling with for years. The veteran perfected the pitch last fall in Japan, where with nothing at stake he could experiment with complete freedom. He returned with a 7 and 0 record and Leo Durocher was talking about his screwball which breaks away from a left-hand batter.

In Phoenix last spring, Manager Durocher predicted that he had a sleeper.

Grissom has a funny record. In six years in the minors, he had only one outstanding campaign. He is an old man with a young man's arm, for he did not pitch as a kid, was 23 when he broke into organized ball and spent four years in military service.

Grissom is with the Polo Ground.



MARV GRISSOM
... veteran reliever

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Stronger Rules To Be Imposed On Army Athletes

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Army spokesman and Rep. Hess (R.-Ohio) agreed Thursday that some military regulations are going to see stiffer enforcement because of a congressional probe of reported coddling of athletes in the Army.

But Brig. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, deputy director of Army Personnel, disputed a finding by the House Armed Services subcommittee Hess heads that sports favoritism existed "upon a widespread basis."

"There were a few cases of overzealous commanders who made mistakes," Powell said, "but corrective measures were taken in each case."

The Hess committee report, based on the House group's hearings last May, was made public Wednesday and listed types of "abuse" it said had been made of army regulations. But it pointed the finger of blame at field commanders rather than at the big-name athletes in uniform.

In Orange Juice

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team will tour the Far East in August and September if financial and schedule problems can be worked out.

Leo Harris, Oregon athletic director, said Wednesday the Pacific Coast Conference has approved the tour and efforts are being made to remove the last obstacles.

Under the program, seniors from last year's Oregon varsity would play a 29-game schedule against all-star teams in Japan, South Korea and the Philippines.

The STANDINGS

WEDNESDAY'S BASEBALL By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct.
New York	42	30 .574
Brooklyn	55	37 .598
Philadelphia	44	43 .506
Cincinnati	47	46 .505
Milwaukee	46	45 .503
St. Louis	44	46 .489
Chicago	35	53 .398
Pittsburgh	29	62 .319

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	61	28 .685
New York	62	30 .674
Chicago	58	34 .630
Detroit	39	50 .438
Boston	37	50 .425
Washington	37	50 .425
Philadelphia	31	56 .358
Baltimore	32	59 .352

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 15, New York 3
Cleveland 7, Boston 7 (8 innings, tie, rain)
Washington 6, Baltimore 5
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 1

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct.
Hollywood	72	41 .637
San Diego	65	45 .591
San Francisco	58	55 .513
Oakland	56	55 .505
Seattle	50	58 .463
Sacramento	48	63 .432
Portland	46	61 .430
Los Angeles	45	63 .422

Wednesday's Results
Seattle 4-2, San Diego 3-3
Portland 4, Sacramento 2
Hollywood 5, San Francisco 2
Oakland 3, Los Angeles 2

Western International League		
W	L	Pct.
Lewiston	12	6 .667
Salem	8	6 .571
Yakima	8	7 .533
Victoria	5	5 .500
Edmonton	7	7 .500
Tri-City	8	8 .500
Vancouver	5	6 .455
Wenatchee	4	12 .250

Wednesday's Results
Yakima 3, Tri-City 1
Vancouver 6, Edmonton 3
Salem 10, Victoria 2
Wenatchee 7, Lewiston 7 (tie game called in 11th, curfew)

NEEDS FISH-CHASING LICENSE
CLINTON, Iowa — You've got a license to chase fish as well as catch them in Iowa.

Owen Moorehead and Herb Ivey were each fined \$10 and costs in Municipal Court here. They had been arrested by Conservation Officer Howard Lovrien while they were with a party spearing fish in the Mississippi River.

The two men argued that they weren't trying to catch fish themselves, but were only driving the fish toward the spear holders.

The judge ruled that the men's actions constituted illegal "pursuit" of fish, since they had no fishing licenses.

Inevitable Time Arrives For Slumping Flatbushers

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—It was inevitable that the time would come when the owners of the Brooklyn Dodgers would be reminded that they had fired a pennant winning manager, Charlie Dressen, and installed in his place a big, quiet fellow named Walter Alton who never had before directed a big league club.

The time is now. As the once proud leaders suffer through an extended slump and fall further behind the flying Giants in a National League race that threatens to develop into a runaway, the abrupt change of pilots that shocked the baseball world last fall again has become a burning topic of conversation and conjecture.

Would the Dodgers still be on top if the scrappy, alert Dressen were at the helm? Or was the likeable Alton presented with a ball club that, because of age and recurring injuries to key men, was ready to fade before the onslaught of the first determined rival? Did Dressen foresee what was coming and demand a two-year contract for his own protection?

If you think you know any of the answers, consider yourself a member of the debating club. The only club we have to offer comes from a former big league star, later a manager, who has had an

opportunity to study the methods of both Dressen and Alton.

"They're both good managers," he said, "but of an entirely different type. Alton still looks a little bewildered to me though, maybe a bit overwhelmed by what's happened to him. I don't doubt that he's a sound baseball man, but I've seen him make some mistakes that Charlie never would have made."

"I don't believe he thinks quite as fast as the little guy did. It wasn't the bunk about Charlie stealing your signals. He could hurt you, and I'm convinced he helped some of his batters by calling pitches for them. He had the horses, sure, but he helped them win a lot of close games."

Whether Dressen suspected that worse times were coming, and so precipitated the row that wound up with him managing Oakland instead of sounding his shrill whistle in the big show, one can only guess.

As for Alton, he isn't saying much of anything. No particular inference is to be drawn from this, though, as he had very little to say before the roof began caving in upon him. They say that he, like his players, only looks a little more stunned day by day as misfortune dogs the team.

Only once, apparently, has the rookie pilot permitted his temper to show through. That was when, after a recent loss to the Giants, he ordered the entire club, pitchers and all, to engage in special batting practice until dark. No member of the team could recall this having happened before.

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