

Braves Face Final Test

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The Milwaukee Braves have eight days left to get back into the National League pennant fight. After that it will be too late.

The big tests start tonight when Philadelphia moves into County Stadium in Milwaukee for the first of three games. Then comes New York for two games and Brooklyn for four.

A sweep would make the Braves dangerous contenders. A misstep anywhere along the path could be the end.

Last week should be edged in black on Milwaukee calendars. Only seven days ago the Braves were a mere 3 1/2 games out of the lead and owned a nine-game winning streak. Then came four losses in six games and now they're 7 1/2 behind.

Although faced with a real battle to stay in first division, the Phillies have had a lot to say already about the positions of the first two teams in the pennant race. In the last week, for example, they personally added three games to the Giants' edge over Brooklyn by beating the Dodgers three games and losing three to the Giants.

Milwaukee holds a 9-8 edge over New York and a 10-6 bulge over the Dodgers so far. But against the Phillies the Braves only have been able to break even at 5-5.

The Giants and Dodgers both open 10-game swings through the West today. The Giants stop off first in Chicago. Brooklyn begins in Cincinnati. As soon as the two clubs come home they collide in a three-game series at the Polo Grounds, Sept. 3-5.

The forthcoming week in the American League includes an extended tour of the Eastern seaboard by the fast-moving Cleveland Indians, prior to their final three-game visit to New York.

The Yankees, meanwhile, will be nursing their wounds at home with two games against Baltimore, three against Detroit and a single date with Chicago.

Yesterday the Washington Senators whipped Philadelphia twice, 8-5 and 10-3. Eddie Yost and Jim Busby combined to drive in six runs in the double-header. Chuck Stobbs stayed all the way in the first game for his eighth victory. Gus Keriazakos pitched his first complete game in the majors in the twilight.

Cincinnati's game in Milwaukee was rained out.

Herald and News SPORTS

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Yankees In Vital 9-Game Series; Stengel Allows As How It's Up To Him

NEW YORK (AP)—His team 5 1/2 lengths off the phenomenal 721 pace of the Cleveland Indians, Casey Stengel today put himself on the spot with an "It's up to me" declaration as his New York Yankees opened a vital nine-game home stand.

"This is where the manager comes in," said Casey. "It's up to me to get them out of this streak."

The "Areak" Casey referred to was the loss of three games in Boston last weekend, a body blow, most observers believe, to the club's chances of winning their sixth straight American League flag.

But Stengel sees the Yankees' plight as far from hopeless. "Don't forget we still have five more games left with Cleveland," he observed. "The Yankees will get on their feet again and make a comeback."

The two top contenders are scheduled to get together in Yankee Stadium in a three-game set, Aug. 31-Sept. 2 and then wind up their season's series with a doubleheader in Cleveland on Sept. 12.

Although disappointed over his team's showing against the red-hot Red Sox, Stengel said it wasn't the lack of hustle that caused the Yankees' demise.

"I never saw a team try so hard as this one did in Boston. These guys have been putting out all season. When you lose two men like Slaughter and Woodling because they ran into walls chasing flies, you know the effort is there."

Stengel's morale received a much needed boost late yesterday when he learned that Woodling probably would return to action in two weeks. When he hurt his wrist at Fenway Park on Saturday, it was feared Gene would be lost for the rest of the campaign.

Three more of Casey's invalids will be available for tonight's game against Baltimore.

Jim McDonald has recovered from a groin injury. Hank Bauer from a pelvic ailment and Allie Reynolds' right knee is sound again.

"No, we're not helpless yet," Casey emphasized as he huddled with himself over tonight's batting order.

Batting Race Tightens Up In Top Ranks

NEW YORK (AP)—Hitting spurts by Stan Musial of the Cardinals and Mimiie Mino of the White Sox have tightened up the major league batting races Tuesday.

Musial, setting his sights on his seventh National League batting title, boosted his average to .348 and now trails Brooklyn's Duke Snider by one point. Snider, who had a 27-point bulge July 5, is hitting .349.

Mino, swinging in at a .334 clip, also moved to within one point of the American League leader, Irv Noren of the Yankees. Noren, currently batting .335, enjoyed a 40-point advantage July 27.

While Snider lost four points, Musial was gaining nine last week. The Dodger outfielder went 7-for-21 and Musial 13-for-23. Figures include Monday's games.

Don Mueller of the Giants remains in contention at .315, third best in the senior circuit. Mueller's average failed to change as he had nine hits in 26 at bats.

Noren, with 6-for-27 saw his average dwindle 10 points. Meanwhile, Mino collected 12 hits in 26 trips for an eight-point increase.

Cleveland's Bobby Avila, the early season pace-setter, is back in a challenging position with a .327 mark. The third-ranking Avila going 10-for-27, picked up three points.

Harry Elliott In Top Batting Spot With .352 Record

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Harry Elliott, San Diego center fielder, tops the ranks of the Pacific Coast League batters with an average of .352.

He has had 191 hits—including 13 home runs—in 543 times up.

Artie Wilson, Seattle shortstop, leads the league in hits, with 196 in 573 times at bat, and he is pressing Elliott in percentage points, with .342.

Jim Marshall, Oakland first baseman, is the league leader in home runs with 26, and in runs batted in, with 106.

Lopez Cages Over Indians' Chance In League Race

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Al Lopez still isn't climbing out on any limbs about the American League pennant chances of his Cleveland Indians.

Relaxing in the quiet of his hotel room, the ex-major league catcher says quietly of the Indians' 5 1/2-game league lead:

"We're still playing each game as it comes along. We're letting tomorrow take care of itself while we concentrate on today."

"That's been the philosophy of the soft-spoken Lopez ever since the Indians went into first place early in the summer and clung there tenaciously despite a dogged drive by the five-time world champion New York Yankees.

Lopez thought awhile when asked about the physical condition of the club and then replied:

"We're in fine shape except for George Strickland, who still has his jaw wired up. He's been throwing a little and joggling and taking some batting practice and it won't be too long before he'll be ready to play a few innings." Strickland suffered a broken jaw when struck by a thrown ball in the last series the Indians played at Yankee Stadium.

How about mentally, Al?

"Well, the boys have been convinced all along they had a good chance. They still feel that way."

The STANDINGS

TUESDAY'S BASEBALL BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	88	34	.721	
New York	83	40	.675	5 1/2
Chicago	80	45	.640	9 1/2
Detroit	54	68	.443	34
Boston	53	67	.442	34
Washington	51	69	.426	36
Philadelphia	40	81	.331	47 1/2
Baltimore	39	84	.317	49 1/2

Monday's Results

Washington 8-10, Philadelphia 5-3
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	76	44	.633	
Brooklyn	73	49	.598	4
Milwaukee	68	51	.571	7 1/2
Philadelphia	58	61	.487	17 1/2
Cincinnati	59	64	.480	18 1/2
St. Louis	58	63	.478	18 1/2
Chicago	48	74	.393	29
Pittsburgh	44	78	.361	33

Monday's Results

Cincinnati at Milwaukee, postponed, rain.
Only game scheduled

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hollywood	87	58	.600	
San Diego	86	59	.593	1
Oakland	76	66	.528	10 1/2
San Francisco	75	70	.517	12
Seattle	69	71	.493	15 1/2
Sacramento	63	81	.438	23 1/2
Los Angeles	61	81	.430	24 1/2
Portland	37	86	.309	29

Monday's Results

San Diego 5, Sacramento 2
Only game scheduled

Western International League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lewiston	33	22	.600	
Salem	27	19	.587	1 1/2
Yakima	31	22	.585	1
Vancouver	26	19	.578	2
Edmonton	26	24	.520	4 1/2
Tri-City	19	31	.380	11 1/2
Wenatchee	18	25	.414	14

Monday's Results

Yakima 8, Lewiston 4
Vancouver 4, Edmonton 2
Only games played

Tuesday's Schedule

Edmonton at Vancouver
Salem at Tri-City
Yakima at Lewiston

ARC TONIGHT

PORTLAND (AP)—The scheduled American Baseball Congress doubleheader, rained out Monday night, will be played Tuesday.

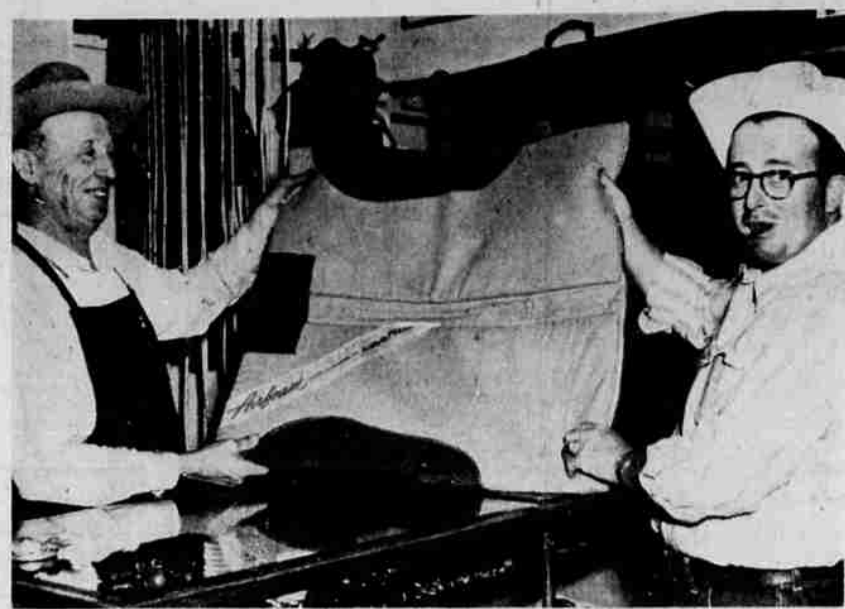
Oregon City, the defending champion, will meet Drain at 6 p. m. in the losers' bracket and two undefeated Portland teams, Heales' Babes and Norgan's Beavers, both unbeaten, will clash in the nightcap.

SECTIONAL BEAUTY UNIONTOWN, Pa.

Five years ago pretty Anna Marie Gerber created a mild furor in a beauty contest at Daytona Beach, Fla. The judges said she couldn't compete because she was not a southerner.

Finally, the judges relented just a little and awarded her the title "Miss Yankee."

"Miss Yankee" came back north and this summer became the bride of A. D. Gruesser. Just to show there were no hard feelings, the Gruessers chose Florida for their honeymoon.



DISCUSSING THE MERITS of using rubber saddle pads for the horseback ride to the Lakeview Roundup are members of the Sheriff's Posse, left, Charlie Read and Keith Rice. The riders will leave here Wednesday, September 1 and arrive in Lakeview the following Sunday.

McNeece Tops Panter With No Trouble

NEW YORK (AP)—"Fighting is fun," says Wildcat Billy McNeece, a 32-year-old former paratrooper who may make a lot of money doing what comes naturally.

The big, reddish-blond middleweight from Central Islip, N.Y., added to his prestige with a decisive 10-round triumph over seasoned Garth Panter of Salt Lake City in a lively scrap at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena last night.

McNeece, a 1-2 favorite, outweighted Panter, 165 1/4 to 161.

One good win deserves another so today matchmaker Teddy Brenner and Manager Irving Cohen began negotiating with France's Pierre Langlois for an Oct. 11 date with Wildcat Billy at the Parkway Oct. 11. If they can't get Pierre, the two hope to corral either Joey Giardello or Rocky Castellani.

McNeece, whose record now is 11-2, won't be able to go before Oct. 11 because of cuts over both eyes requiring 10 stitches. The cuts were inflicted early in the bout with Panter but it didn't bother the bullish youngster a bit.

In the other television bout of the night, at St. Nicholas Arena, Chico Varona, sixth-ranking welterweight contender from Cuba, won a split 10-round decision over 35-year-old Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu.

PICNIC

The summer picnic for all summer recreational softball and baseball teams sponsored by the city recreation department will be held tonight at 6:30 at Moore Park.

All members of the players' family are invited to attend the potluck dinner. Ice cream will be furnished by the city. Awards will be made during the evening.

State Softballers Play Monday, Bend Bows To Eugene

BEND (AP)—Eugene, Oregon City and Corvallis posted victories Monday night in the double elimination state softball tournament.

Eugene, the only undefeated squad left in the tourney, whipped Bend 4-2. Corvallis blanked Sheridan 2-0 in 13 innings and Oregon City eliminated Salem 9-1.

Tuesday's schedule pits Oregon City against Corvallis and the winner against Bend.

Scores:

Oregon City 0-1 300 1-9 8 1
Salem 0-0 0-1-1 4 6
Marshall and Sanatel; Collins, Nixon (4), Knight (8) and Bennett, Carey (4).

Corvallis 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-2-10 0
Sheridan 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0-4 2
Craft and Stagg; Hopkins and Littlejohn.

Eugene 0-0 2-0 0-4 5 0
Bend 0-0 0-1 0-2 5 5
Willoughby and Walker; Lane and Kiel.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Chico Varona, 147, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Frankie Fernandez, 142 1/2, Honolulu, 10.

BROOKLYN — Billy McNeece, 165 1/4, Central Islip, N. Y., outpointed Garth Panter, 161, Salt Lake City, 10.

BOSTON — Jimmy Beau, 160, New Canaan, Conn., outpointed Eddie Andrews, 155, Lowell, Mass., 12.

LOS ANGELES — Charley Green, 160 1/2, Los Angeles, stopped Sal Flores, 162 1/2, Anaheim, Calif., 6.

Minor League Baseball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Montreal 5-6, Havana 2-7
Richmond 5, Ottawa 3
Buffalo 5, Rochester 2
Toronto 2-5, Syracuse 1-3

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Columbus 7, Kansas City 3
Charleston 7, Indianapolis 1
Minneapolis 6, Toledo 5
Louisville 10, St. Paul 5

TEXAS LEAGUE
Oklahoma City 1-2, Dallas 0-1
Fort Worth 2, Tulsa 1
Houston 2, San Antonio 2
Beaumont 3, Shreveport 4 (14 innings)

PIONEER LEAGUE
Salt Lake City 8, Billings 7
Idaho Falls 5, Boise 3
Magic Valley 11, Pocatello 10
Ogden 5, Great Falls 3

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in BRIEF

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DETROIT — Four former champions—Sam Uzzetta, Charlie Coe, Ted Bishop and Chick Evans—were eliminated in the first round of the National Amateur championship at Billy Joe Patton of Morganton, S.C., led the advance of other favorites.

TRAP SHOOTING
VANDALIA, Ohio — Bill Nelson, 16-year-old Brady, Neb., high school sophomore, and Iva Penbridge, Phillipsburg, Kans., school teacher, won the opening events in the Grand American Trapshoot.

RACING
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. — Gandharva (\$6.70) easily won the \$59,050 Spinaway Stakes for 2-year-old fillies.

CHICAGO — Sun David (\$12.40) and Good Call (\$5.00) won the two divisions of the Roman Soldier purse at Washington Park.

DEL MAR, Calif. — Gullion Mader (\$4.00) won the inaugural running of the \$10,000 added California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association stakes at Del Mar.

Western Stars

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BATTING — Jim Busby, Washington Senators, collected four hits and drove in four runs in Washington's victories over Philadelphia, 8-5 and 10-3.

FITCHING — Gus Keriazakos, Washington Senators, pitched his first complete game in the majors, giving up eight hits, eight walks and striking out eight in Washington's 10-3 second game victory over Philadelphia.

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Retriever Trial Winners Chosen

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—First place in the open all-age stake of the American Retriever Assn. trials was awarded here Sunday to Mase's Sassy Boots, owned by William T. Kline of Chicago.

The dog, a Labrador retriever, was handled by Roy Gonia.

Hals Spie-Wise Zeke, owned and handled by Harold Shidler, Klamath Falls, Ore., was second, and Floyd's Mr. Bang, owned and handled by R. M. Sauer of Sherwood, Ore., was third.

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