

Crucial Opens In Majors As Detroit, Chicago Meet

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Call 'em critical, crucial or just plain crazy, man, but a pair of three-game series that open tonight could be the beginning of the end for New York, Boston, Cleveland or Detroit in the frenzied American League pennant race.

While first-place Chicago tries to get the suddenly not-so-hotless Kansas City Athletics back in perspective, Boston rumble into New York and Cleveland slope off at Detroit.

The Yankees are just three percentage points behind the White Sox. Third-place Cleveland is half a game back. Fourth-place Boston is 1 1/2 behind. Detroit, in fifth, is 2 1/2 short.

The schedule puts on the squeeze and something's got to give. The Yankees and Red Sox must play each other 12 times yet. The Indians and Tigers have a dozen scraps left to go. And in 10 days, while the White Sox play six games with sixth-place Kansas City, half of those 12 dates will be completed.

What's more, all four of the clubs chasing the White Sox must face the other contenders in more than half of their remaining games.

Chicago has the best spot—with 45 games to go, but only 23 against the next four clubs. Detroit is the worst off, slated to play 31 of its remaining 45 games against the first division.

After his Yankees lost series to Chicago and Cleveland and split with Detroit on their current home stand, Manager Casey Stengel to date tagged the Red Sox as "May-be the toughest yet."

In yesterday's only game, the Brooklyn Dodgers lost 1-0 to Chicago with the usually unreachably Don Newcombe shut out from what could have been his 19th victory.

It was Newk's second defeat of the season, and both have been to the Cubs. This time it was a home run by Gene Baker, who had half of Chicago's six runs, that beat the big right-hander.

Sad Sam Jones was the winner on a four-bitter, although he was in hot water with six walks. Jones, now 10-15, fanned seven while getting his first victory since July 3.

The decision gave the Cubs a sweep of the three-game series, their first over the Dodgers in Wrigley Field since 1947.

Weed Lions Club To Light Gridiron

WEED—Fluorid lights for the Weed High School football field were given a "go ahead" vote by members of the Weed Lions Club, as a club project, at the regular meeting last week. The club project will see completion this year with hopes of readiness for the first scheduled home game of the football season.

Pete Belcastro will head the committee for the fluorid lighting project, plans for which began during his term as president of the local Lions Club in 1953 and is the biggest project ever spearheaded by the Weed Club. Delay in the project has been due to inadequate funds obtained the right-of-way and installation of power lines into the area.

Setting of the eight 70 foot poles will be made this week and present plans include the connection of 32 lights at 1,500 watts each. Adequate illumination of the local sized field and final plans call for 64 lights and will be slated for future development when additional funds are available.

Cooperation of the Lang-Bell Lumber Company, the local California Oregon Power Company and the Weed High School, as well as the local Lions Club and the community support of the annual November Turkey Event sponsored by the Lions Club has made the project possible.

Committees assisting Belcastro in the fluorid lighting project are Ed Kier, local high school coach, Elwin Adams and Melvin Soletti.

Idaho, Montana Open Legion Play

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—The region 11 American Legion junior baseball tournament will get under way here Saturday with champions of Idaho and Montana meeting in the opening game.

Spokane Post 136, the Washington champion, and Sitka, winner of the Alaska tournament, will square off in the second game, to be followed by a clash between the Oregon finalist and the Idaho-Montana winner. Oregon draws a first-round bye.

Winner of the four-day double elimination tournament will enter the sectional tournament at Hastings, Neb., later this month.

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Emeralds, Salem Fall In Northwest Battles

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Durello scammed home on a wild pitch Monday night and the Seattle Mariners, launching a drive to overtake pace-setting Eugene in the Northwest Baseball League, wrapped up a 5-4 win in the opener of a crucial four-game series.

Durello, who had tied the game with a two-run homer in the seventh, crossed the plate with the winning tally when Frank Chase uncorked a wild one while trying to give an intentional pass to Phil Merivier.

The defeat cut Eugene's margin

over runnerup Lewiston to a single game and moved both Tri-City, which edged Yakima 4-3 and Wenatchee to within three games of the top.

In another contest, Spokane up-ended Salem 6-2 behind six-hit pitching by Pat Trierweiler. Lewiston was idle.

At Wenatchee, Eugene scored twice in the first inning on two errors, two singles and a walk. The Chiefs tied it in the fifth but the Emeralds came back with two more in the seventh on a walk, a sacrifice and doubles by Art Preston and Grady Gladstone.

Tri-City scored three runs in the eighth at Kennewick to put the stopper on Yakima. Three singles, an error and Tom Perez' double did the trick although Yakima came back with a single run in the ninth.

At Spokane, young Trierweiler struck out nine and walked three in posting his ninth win against seven losses. Salem went hitless until the sixth when Ronnie Kling rapped a single.

Two more safe blows in that inning brought in Salem's two runs and tied the Senators with the Indians who scored twice in the second on Dick Hogan's homer followed by three straight singles.

Spokane broke the tie and won the game in the eighth on four hits, two walks and a double steal by Nap Guly and John Bellone.

In other league developments, the community-owned Spokane club made another \$15,000 payment on its baseball park. Curt Hagerty, Indians' president, said the payment was made just before the 3 p.m. Monday deadline set by former owner Roy Hotchkiss. Hagerty said the club still owes Hotchkiss \$140,000 for the park and the franchise taken over when Hotchkiss pulled out of baseball last season but the next payment is not due until next year.

The line scores: Eugene 500 000 200-4 9 3; Wenatchee 000 020 201-5 12 2; Chase and Dapper; Hayden and Rossi.

Yakima 000 010 011-3 9 1; Tri-City 000 001 038-4 8 3; Orrell and Mitchell; Kindsfater and Martin.

Salem 000 002 000-2 6 0; Spokane 020 000 043-6 11 0; Cowdell, Dials (8) and King; Trierweiler and Sheets.

Yesterday's Stars

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PITCHING — Sam Jones, Cubs — four-hit the Dodgers for a 1-0 decision, his first success since July 3; struck out seven, walked six and left nine stranded.

HITTING — Gene Baker, Cubs — Had half of six hits allowed by Dodgers' Don Newcombe and a smacked a home run in 1-0 victory.



"Oh, call it yourselves, I quit! I just can't take close plays in a Giant-Dodger game any more!"



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	74	36	.682	
Milwaukee	69	50	.584	14
New York	59	53	.527	16
Philadelphia	57	54	.509	19 1/2
Chicago	56	58	.491	20
Cincinnati	52	59	.468	22 1/2
St. Louis	46	50	.426	26
Pittsburgh	42	72	.368	34

Monday's Results

Chicago 1, Brooklyn 0
Only game scheduled

American League standings unchanged. No games Monday.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	75	56	.573	
San Diego	73	59	.553	2 1/2
Hollywood	72	59	.550	3
Portland	69	62	.516	7 1/2
Los Angeles	66	65	.504	9
Sacramento	59	73	.447	16 1/2
Oakland	57	75	.432	18 1/2
San Francisco	57	76	.429	19

Monday's Results

San Francisco 4, Seattle 3
Hollywood 4, Portland 1
Only games scheduled

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene	21	13	.618	
Lewiston	20	14	.588	1
Tri-City	17	15	.531	3
Wenatchee	18	16	.529	3
Salem	15	17	.469	5
Spokane	16	21	.432	6 1/2
Yakima	13	24	.351	9 1/2

Monday's Results

Wenatchee 5, Eugene 4
Tri-City 4, Yakima 3
Spokane 6, Salem 2

Slow Poke Wins Tacoma Dog Trial

TACOMA—Field trial champion Slow Poke Smokey owned and handled by A. A. Jones took top honors in the Tacoma Retriever Trial held over the past weekend by capturing first place in the Open All Age stake.

Among other winners in the largest trial ever held by the Tacoma Retriever Club were Yakima Valley which was handled by Roy Gonley in the Derby Stake and Ace's Winaway owned and handled by James Kennam of Seattle.

Massy Sassy Basset, former winner of the Shasta Cascade Retriever Trials placed second behind Smokey in the Open. Gonley was the handler.

MONDAY'S FIGHTS

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NEW YORK — Virgil Akins, 146, St. Louis, outpointed Isaac Logart, 144 1/2, Havana, Cuba, 10.

SAN FRANCISCO — Eddie Machen, 198, Redlands, Calif., stopped Shamus Jones, 180, Los Angeles, 2.

Gold Cup Bonus To Continue

SEATTLE (AP)—The "bonus point" system, which gave the Gale V of Detroit its surprise victory in the 48th running of the Gold Cup speedboat classic here Sunday will stay in the rules book, owners and drivers decided Monday night.

Mel Crook, chairman of the Gold Cup contest board, said after a closed-door meeting the rule was more controversial among the public than to the men actually involved.

Under the rule, the Gale V was declared winner over Miss Thrift-way of Seattle despite the fact the latter boat won two heats Sunday and placed third once while the Detroit boat placed second in two heats and third in the other. The Gale V picked up winning points for making the fastest time around the 90-mile course.

Crook said owners and drivers discussed the point system "fully for 10 minutes. After that I asked if there was any motion for changes. There were none."

Crook said Gold Cup drivers praised the rule, saying it keeps drivers who may win early heats from "losing in the final one."

Rule changes adopted by the board included one which would make the first Gold Cup heat an "elimination heat." Under the rule, if more than eight boats are entered, they will be split into two sections. Each section will race in separate first heats and the fastest eight boats in the two sections would be entered in the second and third heats.

The board will reduce the lap course to 2 1/2 miles from the present 3 1/4 miles for the 1956 running on the Detroit River.

Oak Fielder Tops Hitters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Veteran George Metkovich of Oakland whacked out 18 hits last week to move to the top of the Pacific Coast League batting parade with a .333 average.

Both Metkovich and Curtis Roberts, Hollywood infielder with a .328 average, moved in front of slipping Dick Whitman, Portland outfielder, who had been setting the pace. Whitman fell to .324.

Steve Bilko of Los Angeles collected nine hits, including a homer to lead in homers (30) and hits (150).

San Diego's Earl Rapp was still way out in front for runs batted in with 112, although he drove in only one last week.

Drake, LA 8 3 9 1 375
Metkovich, OA 41 137 13 61 333
Marque, Pd 228 76 6 31 333
Roberts, Hd 225 97 5 31 329
Whitman, Pd 380 123 7 42 324
Mlwev, Sac 93 30 1 12 323
Baxes, SF 349 112 5 44 321
Bright, Sac 303 97 7 52 320
Bilko, La 473 150 30 87 317
Stephens, Se 123 39 7 27 317

Shrine Players Visit Hospital

PORTLAND (AP)—Players and coaches of the State and Metropolitan football all-star teams took time off from practice Tuesday to visit the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children here. The hospital will receive proceeds from the annual Shrine benefit game Aug. 20 in Multnomah Stadium.

Both squads started two weeks of drills Monday, and were pronounced in good shape by Coaches Lee Gustafson of the state team and Tom DeSylvia of Portland.

The University of Richmond has no field house. The Spiders play all of their home basketball games in the new Richmond arena.



GOING OVER OPPOSING LINEUPS with Coach Fred Taylor, center, are Freddie McKee, left, and Arlene Johnson, right. Taylor's young, but surprising, team from the south end of the Basin drew the tough Eugene McCulloch Chain Saw team as their first-round foe in the second game Thursday evening when the Women's Softball Tournament opens here. McKee will be handling outfield chores and pitching duties for Merrill during the playoffs, while Johnson gets Taylor's call at third base. See story to find where the tournament tickets are on sale.

KF Basin-ettes Face Big Job As State Tourney Time Nears

Uncertainty grows as the Klamath

Basin-ettes and 10 other top women's softball teams wait for the opening of the annual Oregon State Women's Softball Tournament to be held here starting Thursday evening August 11.

Conger Field, Recreation Field and Gem Stadium will be the sites of the 20-game tournament over the four day period, but even on their home ground few give the Basinettes a very big chance of retaining their state crown.

Last year in Portland the Basinettes displayed a power packed team from one end of the batting order to the other and breezed through the playoffs to snare the state championship. So far this year the Klamaths have only been able to pick up two victories, which is way off a champion's beaten path.

The 1953 champions, Lake Oswego, are reportedly poised and ready to return the coveted award to their showcase after the action here this weekend, and well they might. With all-state pitcher Jackie Rice, talented four time all-state shortstop Wilma Monique, former all-American Thelma Parrish Carlson in the outfield and also carrying some of the pitching chores, along with five other all-stars, the Mermaid's picture might well be classified as "rosy."

Besides the '54 and '53 champions, Klamath and Oswego, expected team strength is reportedly forming in Eugene as the McCulloch Chain Saw team prepares for tournament play. The Chain Saw softballers have been a hot and cold team so far this year, but have displayed some top diamond performances. In their single game with the former World Champion Erv Lind Florists, the score was knotted 0-0 after seven full innings before the Florists were able to push across seven runs in the extra frame for the triumph.

Forest Grove Medallars are said to possess a strong hitting club which could break any game wide open at any time. Albany and Salem also have tough teams which could, with a few breaks, go all the way to the championship.

Other teams entered in the 11 club playoffs that may very well be "sleepers" and produce a Cinderella team for tournament followers to pull for include the Basin's own representative, Merrill.

Rogue River, Roseburg, Oakridge, Westfir, and the Oregonia Valley winner, which was just decided over the weekend, the Gales Creek Diamond Darlings.

The advance ticket sale seems to be in the rush stage with members of the Basinettes and Merrill teams both selling season tickets like "wildfire." Monday and today team members of the defending state champs were on the streets making sales to Klamath Falls sport fans.

SEASON TICKETS
The season ticket sells for \$2, which includes all 20 scheduled games and possibly a 21st tilt which would be a sudden death championship game. This individual game tickets are selling for 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Anyone that has not yet obtained their 20-game-\$2 tickets should do so at once. These tickets can be obtained from any member of the Basinettes or at Rickys Town and Country, Hal's Sport Shop, Gahones, Model Shoe Store, Beach's Jewelers and the city recreation office at the city hall. In Merrill, tickets can be gotten from

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