

Bombers Back On Top . . .

Yankees Recapture AL Lead

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
The sluggers have stolen the spotlight in the tense American League battle and knocked the old axiom that pitching pays off in a tight pennant race into a cocked hat.

It used to be that the experts singled out the contender with the strongest pitching staff and confidently predicted it would win out. And more often than not, they proved correct.

But it's the boys "with the big bang" who are turning out to be the key men in the current four-team struggle.

The New York Yankees, for example, recaptured first place by a half game for the first time since July 27 Monday when they downed the last-place Baltimore Orioles, 5-4 and 13-6.

At Boston, meanwhile, a pretty fair county hitter named Ted Williams hammered out the 13th grand slam homer of his career to lead the Boston Red Sox to an 8-4 triumph over the Washington Senators.

Pitching? Both Yankee starters failed to last through the sixth inning and Mel Parnell, Boston's starter, was knocked out in a four-run third inning after being presented with a 6-2 lead.

Even the supposedly pitcher-rich Cleveland Indians have been relying on their sluggers. They've received only two complete efforts in 13 games this month.

The third-place Chicago White Sox have had better luck with their pitchers but even they have had only three complete games in 11 contests this month.

Bauer, who hit two homers in Sunday's sweep of the Orioles, connected for his 13th against Bill Wright to give rookie Johnny Kucks his eighth win in relief.

The Yankees had given starter Bob Wiesler a 4-0 margin but he was kayoed when Baltimore tied the score in the fifth frame.

In the nightcap, Mantle hit a three-run fourth-inning homer but Yankees left-handed and then blasted a solo round-tripper batting right-handed in the sixth.

Rookie Rip Coleman got credit for his first big league triumph but he was routed in the sixth and Bob Grim, returning from the disabled list, pitched the last 2-3 innings.

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'Big League Fever' Swallows Twin Cities

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP) — A king-size brochure deposited upon this desk by a perspiring postman leaves no doubt that big league fever is burning bright in the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Entitled "Midway Stadium—the Finest Municipal Stadium in America" and an invitation to Major League Baseball, the handsome arrival details the many alluring qualities of a modern plant being built halfway between the business centers of the adjoining cities.

To begin with the new stadium will seat only 12,500, but it is being so designed and constructed that its capacity could be boosted to 35,000 almost overnight.

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TIME OUT



"Why that lousy bum! Bags loaded, and now he's going to strike out on three pitches!"

Tony Trabert Returns With Good Showing

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (UP)—U.S. Davis Cup Captain Billy Talbot, encouraged by the performance of team captain Tony Trabert in opening play of the National tennis doubles, served notice on Australia today that the U.S. meant to keep the Cup.

"We have a good team," Talbot said, "and I'm fully confident that we'll beat them (the Australians). The team is playing well and it's just a matter of getting them keyed up."

Trabert wiped away virtually all the anxiety about his ability to rebound with his performance in his first test Monday. The Cincinnati, Ohio, player had been sidelined three weeks with a sprained shoulder.

He and teammate Vic Seixas, the two top American tennis players and defending champions in the tourney, made quick work of Talbot and Junior Davis Cupper Maxwell Brown, downing them 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

"I feel fine," Trabert said afterwards. "The shoulder hasn't been bothering me at all."

Otherwise, Monday's play in the first day of the 75th annual National doubles championship at Longwood Cricket Club was singularly un spectacular.

Notably absent were the top foreign teams, the Australians and Italians, still battling in Davis Cup interzone finals at Germantown, Pa. Leading American and British women were playing at the Wightman Cup matches in Rye, N.Y.

All but two of the foreign players were expected here today.

Seixas and Trabert, who won six seeded tandems last week Monday, all won "form" victories.

Yakima '9' Bounces TC; Salem Loses
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Bullet Joe Orrell scored eight hits over 10 innings and paced the winning run as Yakima shaded Tri-City 3-2 in Northwest League baseball Monday night.

Orrell singled in the bottom of the 10th and moved up on Sam Mitchell's safe blow. Dick Green, who also had gone the distance for the Braves, lost control, walking the next two batters to force in Orrell.

Yakima went ahead on Art Maye's one-on homer in the fourth but Tri-City tied it in the sixth on Rick Herrera's double, a two-base error and Milt Martin's single.

Spokane thumped Salem 4-2 in the league's only other scheduled game. Eugene beat Portland of the Pacific Coast League, 7-5 in an exhibition game. Lewiston and Wenatchee had the night off.

At Salem, the visiting Indians scored in the first inning on Eddie Murphy's single and two Salem errors, added another in the fifth and two in the eighth. Salem didn't score until the ninth when Ron King homered with Tommy Agosta aboard.

The linescores:
Spokane 100 010 020-4 12 0
Salem 000 000 002-2 8 2
Tri-City 000 002 000 0-2 8 1
Yakima 000 200 000 1-3 7 1
Green and Martin; Orrell and Mitchell.

Erv Lind Florists Meet K.F. Basin-ettes Tonight

The colorful Erv Lind Florists of Portland and the Klamath Basin-ettes tangle tonight at Gem Stadium as women's softball returns after the outstanding state tournament held here last weekend.

Game time is 8 o'clock for the Lind-Basin-ette game. Suburban and VFW, the two top teams in the Klamath Men's League will vie in a preliminary game.

An can be expected of the traveling softballers from Portland, and their likeable sponsor Erv Lind top diamond talent will be presented to the local sport fans.

Last year the Florists handed the local girl's team an 8-4 beating at Conner Field and displayed some of the sharpest softball ever seen in the Basin. The Lind club is known for their hustle and color, both on and off the field.

The two-time World Women's Softball Champions will have the nationally known Betty Evans Grayson with them tonight. Betty recorded her first perfect pitching performance last month in Portland as she twirled a no-hit, no-run fray without allowing an opposing player to reach first base.

Grayson, a former star performer with the professional Chicago Queens and several times an All-American selection for her pitching talents, will probably open on the mound against the Basin-ettes. Lind will also find action for Pearl Pinlon and Marion Kosad, two other first rate moundmen.

The Florists will have two All-American catchers in Lois Williams and Bev Wadsworth, just who will start remains to be seen. Whatever the case, the Basin-ettes will probably be facing an All-American battery for the first few innings.

For the Basin-ettes, who finished fourth in this year's Oregon playoffs and won the Crown in 1954, either Pat Barron or Mickey Haysman will open on the mound against the invading personalities from Portland.

Coach Ken Carrier and Manager Bob Mathis have a fire-ball behind their malts in catcher Teddy Walker. Walker was selected as the Most Valuable Player and the Oregon state MVP of the state tournament, just concluded here Sunday evening. During the tournament Walker hit at a .750 clip and helped keep the locals in the race until Saturday evening's 2-1 loss to Oakridge.

REMAINDER
The remainder of the starting lineup for the Klamath team will probably find Bev Lloyd at first, either Pat Barron or Nancy Chase at second, Sandy Barron at shortstop and Sherry Larson at third. In the outfield, Ruth Hagelstein, Darlene Gordon Ferry, Maxine Johnson and Joy Adrean are all in line for starting positions.

But due to the lack of time between the state playoffs and tonight's game, the local softball commission decided to cut the admission price to a standard 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. There will be no reserved seats and it will be first come first serve. Doors and the ticket office at Gem Stadium will open at 6 o'clock.



U.S. Wightman Cup Netters Keep Trophy

RYE, N. Y. (UP)—The United States put the Wightman Cup back on the shelf today for the 11th straight time, but Britain's battered tennis girls found two big reasons for hoping that some day they'll break the string.

The blond Miss Brough, bidding at 32 to regain the top spot among the world's feminine net stars, was the big show for the U.S. team as she backed up two singles wins and shared in a doubles triumph. The Beverly Hills, Calif., star won the Cup-clinching match Monday by downing Miss Mortimer, the British ace, easily, 6-0, 6-2.

Dorothy Head Knode, 30, of New York, added a singles victory over Angela Buxton, 6-3, 6-3; Miss Hart 30, of Coral Gables, Fla., defeated Shirley Bloomer, 7-5, 6-3; then Miss Hart teamed with 6-3, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.

"We'll be trying again next year," declared Mrs. Mary Hallford, Britain's non-playing captain. "And we hope to be much stronger when we return to the United States in two years."

Tennis experts watching the rain-delayed series, in fact, rated the British team as the best to represent the Union Jack since 1948. But that didn't stop the United States from winning the series

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20 Wins Eyed By Pitchers

By JACK SPURDY
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—Some strange new names may be eligible for baseball's 20-win season and there also may be some notable absenteees among former members who didn't maintain their eligibility.

Right now there are a dozen pitchers with a chance to get in and if they all should make it, that would be the biggest crop since 1951 when there were 13. It figures that with more than six weeks of the season to go, the big winners will get as many as 10 more starts apiece and in the American League, with its skin-tight pennant race, they may have to work their aces even more often than that.

The sure-fire 20-game winners are Robin Roberts of the Phillies with a 19-9 mark and Don Newcombe of the Dodgers at 18-3, and there are only two others in the National League who look like they might make it. Robby, who is shooting for his sixth straight 20-game season, might even become the new "president" of the club. Newk had one other 20-game registry in 1950 but the other two National League "possibles" would be brand new.

They are Joey Nuxhall, Cincinnati's surprise lefty star at 13-8 and Jim Hearn, who looks over this season as the most dependable of the Giant flingers with a 13-10 current mark.

SURE-FIRE
Actually, there are no sure-fire 20-game bets in the American League although eight pitchers have 12 or more wins. Frank Sullivan of Boston at 14-10 and Eddie Munn of Cleveland at 14-7, should move in barring complications. The others are Dick Donovon of Chicago, 13-4; Bob Lemon of Cleveland 13-7; Whitey Ford 13-6 and Bob Turley 13-10, both of New York. Herb Score of Cleveland 12-9 and Willard Nixon of Boston 12-4.

Of this array, only Wynn and Lemon ever have been in the "20-game" club before. Lemon, who probably would have made it easily this year had it not been for a pulled hip muscle that kept him out of action almost a month, still is shooting for his seventh 20 or better season and if he makes it, he'll go into a group of half a dozen hurlers, all in the Hall of Fame. They are the only pitchers in modern baseball history to win 20 or more games in seven or more seasons.

What's more, Manager Al Lopez of the Indians thinks Lemon will hit the 20-mark this season, even though he had to lay off so long. "If he is as hot the last month as he was the first he'll make it easily," Lopez said recently. "And he's usually great in the stretch."

CAMPAIGN
During the first month of the campaign Lemon had a 6-1 mark. Wynn, who has been Cleveland's bell-wether, has made it three times previously but none of the others ever came close except Ford, who won 18 in 1953.

Donovan, the White Sox star, who was felled with appendicitis late in July, but who now is ready to go again, had the best chance before he was hospitalized. He had a 13-4 mark at that stage, pretty spectacular considering that he never won a big league ball game before this season, even in four previous trials with the Boston Braves and Detroit Tigers.

The most notable absentee is likely to be Warren Spahn of the Braves, who like Lemon was shooting for his seventh 20-game season. However, he has won only 10 to date and 20 seems well out of reach. Others who won 20 or more in recent years but who won't be around to answer roll call this year are Johnny Antonelli of the Giants, Virgil Trucks of the White Sox, Mel Parnell of the Red Sox, Bob Porterfield of the Senators and Mike Garcia of the Indians.

OSC Names Assistant
CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Tommy Prothro, head football coach at Oregon State College Monday announced the appointment of Terry DeWay as assistant coach for the 1955 edition of the Beavers.

DeWay, from Canoga Park, Calif., played in the UCLA backfield last year. He is 22.

Tonight's Ballfare

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
at Gem Stadium
8:00 Erv Lind Florists vs. Klamath Basin-ettes
8:30 Preliminary between two local men's teams

CUB BASEBALL
at Conner Field
The final games of the Cub League will be played Thursday night instead of the regular Tuesday games.

BANTAM SOFTBALL
at Kiwanis Park
6:30 Ellan's vs. Cub Park No. 3
6:30 Exchange vs. Club Motor Investment

In Brief

PHILADELPHIA — Australia gained the Davis Cup challenge round by taking a 3-0 lead against Italy in the interzone final, as Lew Head and Rex Hartwig crushed Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola 7-8, 13-11, 7-6 in the doubles.

RYE, N.Y. — The United States' top women players won the Wightman Cup for the 19th straight year over Great Britain, by taking the final four matches for a 6-1 decision.

BROOKLINE, Mass.—Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas gained an easy first round victory over Billy Talbot and Maxwell Brown Jr., 6-0, 6-3, 6-3 in the National Doubles Tournament.

Shrine Teams Working For Grid Classics

PENDLETON (AP)—Coach Buck Kauffman of Knappa High School put the West team through opening workouts here Monday for the class B high school East-West Shrine benefit football game to be played here Saturday.

The East team, coached by John Comisky, Union, opened drills at La Grande.

Kauffman's aide is Roy Stephens of Amity and Comisky will be assisted by George Delap of Echo.

PORTLAND (AP)—Coach Lee Gustafson said Monday that it was a mistake to consider his State All-Star football team the favorite in the Shrine benefit football game to be played here Saturday.

"In an all-star game how can you pick one team to be heavily favored?" he asked. "After all, these boys on both teams are the best in the state."

Gustafson, from South Salem, said that the Metropolitan team, coached by Tom DeSylvia would have a bigger line and fast backs.

For the rest of the week the two squads—made up of graduates from class A high schools—will hold one workout a day. The Metropolitan squad will be at Lewis and Clark and the States at Portland University. Final scrimmages will be held Wednesday.

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