

AL Continues Screwy Pace, Bums Lose

Indians, Yankees Bite Dust

By ED WILKS
The Associated Press

This American League race is so screwy even the contending managers are talking with tongues in cheek. Each one maintains his guys are going to win it, but none of them really sounds convincing. Just a couple of days ago, Al Lopez of Cleveland, observing there were no winners in the league, figured there wasn't much chance of one club getting hot and racing off with the title—but if any club could do it, his Indians could, what with their pitching and all.

And Chicago's Marty Marion, ever sure his White Sox will come out on top, nevertheless conceded he couldn't see all that New York talent going to rot.

Casey Stengel, meanwhile, patting his Yankees on the head and wailing that the Boston Red Sox were not to be written off.

So what happens? Detroit up and busts Cleveland for the second straight day yesterday 9-5. It was the Tribe's third loss in a row behind the failures of its mound ace—Mike Garcia, Early Wynn and Bob Lemon.

And Boston, still persistent if not as consistent, wallops the Yankees off a seven-game streak 7-1 behind the excellent pitching of Ike Delock.

All of which left the Yankees just one game and three percentage points ahead of the White Sox, who were idle. Chicago is half a game up on the Indians who are but two games ahead of fourth-place Boston.

The Tigers whacked Lemon for six hits and five runs in three innings. That's the longest any of Lopez's Big Three has lasted in the last three games.

Jim Bunning gave up solo homers to Larry Doby, Bobby Avila and Gene Woodling, before Babe Birrer came on to win in relief. Al Kellie, back up to 250 to top major league hitters, and Bill Tuttle had three hits each in the Tigers' 14-hit attack. Cleveland used four pitchers for the third straight game.

Hoti Evers, a regular breaks-and-sprains guy, suffered an eye injury when struck by his own foul in a pinch role for the Indians.

The Yankees, who three times have won titles in a row this season, gave up their chance at eight straight as Boston scored five times in the sixth inning. Grady Hatton and Jim Piersall faced Bob Turley for back-to-back triples to get the frame under way.

Delock, a 26-year-old right-hander who had faltered against New York in two previous tries, checked the Bombers on two hits until the seventh when Elton Howard's double and a pinch single by Joe Collins scored the Yankees' run. He gave five hits for the night.

A two-inning doubleheader between Baltimore and the Nats at Washington was rained out.

In the National League, Brooklyn led its second straight New York 5-1; Milwaukee homered past St. Louis 11-4; Chicago regained fifth place from Cincinnati 3-2; and Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia 6-4.

Willie Mays led the Giants' attack with a triple, two singles and a walk and figured in all of New York's runs. Ramon Montant, going the distance for the first time in the majors, won his second while scattering eight hits and striking out eight.

Earl Crandall's grand-slammer in the eighth put the Braves beyond reach, following earlier homers by Andy Pafko and Ed Matthews that had built a 5-4 lead.

Frank Saucier, only a sometimes starter with the Cubs these days, bled a pair of homers for all of Chicago's runs. Smoky Burgess hit a two-run shot in the first for the Redlegs before Bob Rush settled down for his 10th victory.

The Phils got three runs in the first, then Elroy Face knuckled down while the Pirates battled back with 16 hits, 11 of them of lower cut Simmons, Richie Ashburn, tops in NL hitting, pulled a back muscle trying to beat out a hit and left the game in the second inning.

The Three Burners and the Day Crocketts were knocked out of their first place by the Rockettes in last night's action. The Men's Classic Trio, and the Rockettes took over top spot in the standings.

In the individual efforts, George Chin had high series with a 575, and second high game with a 215. Warren Scott took second high series with a 554, closely followed by Al Wold's 555. Cliff Evans had high game with a 716 and Don Funchart was third high with a 707.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	47	.605	
Chicago	68	45	.602	1
Cleveland	70	48	.593	1 1/2
Boston	68	50	.574	3 1/2
Detroit	62	55	.530	9
Kansas City	48	70	.407	23 1/2
Washington	41	74	.357	29
Baltimore	37	77	.325	32 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Boston 7, New York 1
Detroit 9, Cleveland 8
Baltimore 4, Washington (2) rain
Only games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	77	39	.664	
Milwaukee	65	53	.542	14
New York	63	55	.534	15
Philadelphia	60	61	.496	19 1/2
Chicago	59	64	.480	21 1/2
Cincinnati	57	63	.475	22
St. Louis	52	64	.448	25
Pittsburgh	44	76	.367	35

Wednesday's Results
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 3
New York 5, Brooklyn 1
Milwaukee 11, St. Louis 4

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	80	41	.687	
Hollywood	76	45	.628	4
San Diego	77	66	.538	4
Portland	71	67	.514	7 1/2
Los Angeles	71	70	.504	9
Sacramento	65	77	.458	15 1/2
Oakland	63	80	.441	18
San Francisco	58	85	.401	23

Wednesday's Results
San Diego 4, Sacramento 3
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3
Portland 5, Seattle 4
(Only games scheduled)

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene	36	17	.680	
Wenatchee	23	18	.561	2
Lewiston	22	18	.550	2 1/2
Tri-City	20	22	.476	5 1/2
Salem	20	22	.476	5 1/2
Spokane	19	24	.442	7
Yakima	19	28	.404	9

Wednesday's Results
Spokane 6, Salem 5
Eugene 6, Lewiston 2
Yakima 3, Tri-City 2 (10 innings)

State Names Co-Captains For Star Tilt

PORTLAND (Special)—Neal Scheidel, halfback from South Salem, and Freeman Cross, tackle from Prineville, will be co-captains of the State team in the annual Shrine football game with the Portland area All-Stars Saturday night.

They were elected after the two teams completed their final heavy workouts Wednesday. Only light drills were scheduled Thursday and Friday.

Great reaction seemed fitting for the game, proceeds of which go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. He was stricken with polio in 1951 and wore a back brace two years before he recovered and became a football star.

Rival coaches continued Wednesday to stress pass defense. State coach Lee Gustafson expressed fear of the passing of Metropolitan quarterback Ted Miller of Milwaukie. City coach Tom DeSylvia was equally worried about the throwing ability of State quarterback Herb Juran of South Salem.

Coaches devoted considerable attention to placekicking for extra points. Miller did most of the booting for Metropolitan. Darrell Gehl of Staston and Tony Arns of Vale were the State kickers.

Teening Off

WOMEN'S PLAY

The Friday, August 19, the Women of Reames will vie in an 18 hole Blind Hole Tournament. The pairings for this play are as follows: Swanson, Robertson and Metcalf; Krosot, Horne and Egger; Boukup, Mosbar and Larkin; Schuss, M. Drew, and Grove; P. Drew, Anderson and Hooper; Mackell, F. Drew and Raymond; Torsenson, Hopson and Peak; Reeder, Bingham and Perobee; Bechen, Merklin and Mead; Hemmesch and Ancker; Adams and O'Neill.

The nine hole play will ensue in a 9 Hole Blind Tournament Friday morning. Pairings will be made at the first tee.

In last week's play, Robertson won the Class A competition with a 36 and Hooper the Class B scoring with a 45.

Tonight's Ball Fare

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at Conner Field
8:30 Merrill vs. Gun Store Field 1
Superior Troy vs. Joe's Field 1
8:00 Motor Investment vs. Main Field 1
8:30 Philmer's vs. Eastside Electric Field 3

Seattle Falls To Portland

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It appears that Seattle's Lou Kretlow is the Pacific Coast League's "winningest" pitcher to everyone but the Portland Beavers.

The Beavers sent the strong-armed right-hander to the showers in a 4-1 victory. Portland last month and duplicated the feat Wednesday night as they edged the Rainiers, 5-4, to even their Seattle series at a win apiece.

In both games, however, Kretlow's relief took the loss and the Baltimore castoff's record remains the best in the PCL, 12 wins and no defeats.

Bill Kennedy relieved Kretlow Wednesday night after the Beavers had topped him for three runs that tied the game, 4-4, in the seventh.

Pitcher John Burtchsky scored Portland's winning run after singling and going to second on a sacrifice. With two out, reliever Kennedy grabbed Carl Powis' bouncer to the mound and threw wildly past first. Burtchsky scored two runs.

In other games, Earl Rapp drove in three decisive runs as San Diego beat Sacramento 4-3 in 10 innings to pull to within one percentage point of idle Hollywood, the runner-up team, and Oakland's Tom Burland walked in San Francisco's winning run as the Seals triumphed before only 466 home fans. Attendance the night before was 813.

Bob Stevens, San Francisco Chronicle baseball writer, predicted the Seals would win.

"San Francisco has lost itself a baseball team unless an angel with greenback wings is found before the season's end."

"Those reports you've heard about the Seals looking toward the Peninsula and the Oakland A's are just speculation. B.C. are not just scuttlebutt."

In contrast to San Francisco's 466 crowd, the first place Rainiers drew a Ladies Night crowd of 12,558 of whom 6,445 paid.

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Seattle 200 002 009—4 10 2
Walbel, Lint (2), Burtchsky (7) and Robertson; Kretlow, Kennedy (7) and Ginsberg.

San Diego 000 002 100—4 13 2
Sacramento 100 010 006—3 11 2
Pieretti, Bishop and Bailey; Sacramento, Osenbaugh (8), R. Jones (10) and Baich, Heslet (10).

Oakland 100 101 000—3 8 1
San Francisco 300 000 091—4 7 1
Pilleite, Borland (4) and Neal, Nagy and Ritchey.

Satterfield Whips Valdez

CHICAGO (Special)—Bob Satterfield, the unpredictable heavyweight slugger, pondered over his in-and-outistic progress today after scoring a unanimous decision over Cuban Nino Valdes, a leading contender for Rocky Marciano's title.

Satterfield dealt the giant Valdes his 10th defeat in 45 bouts last night in a nationally televised 10-rounder at Chicago Stadium.

In a bout that very few observers thought would go the limit, since both men had 75 per cent knockout averages, Satterfield hammered Valdes to the floor in the final round, but he couldn't keep him there. The Chicago Negro, outweighed 32 pounds and a 24-underdog, won a unanimous decision.

Satterfield weighed 183; Valdes 215.

Before last night's bout Valdes had won 23 of 33 fights by knockouts and was ranked No. 5 among heavyweight ring contenders. Satterfield has scored 30 knockouts in 38 victories. He has lost 19.

At the start of the 10th round Valdes and Satterfield raked each other with short blows when Satterfield suddenly backed away and swung widely to his opponent's head. The blow glanced off Valdes' shoulder and he slipped to the floor. He was up in an instant, and there was no count.

Later Satterfield uncoiled a left hook that caught Valdes flush on the jaw. He then followed with a stinging right to the face.

Valdes dropped to the floor on his haunches. He was up at the count of five, but took a mandatory eight count.

Satterfield rushed in, both fists hammering at Valdes' face, which was a mass of blood. But he couldn't put the big Cuban down again.

Men's Softball Meeting Thursday

All players and managers of the men's softball league are asked to meet for a special meeting Thursday night, August 18, at the city hall starting at 7:30, according to league president Joe Matlack.

Matlack said the city play-offs to be held next week is the reason for calling the meeting. Starting times and pairing will be discussed. "It is important that all teams be represented," Matlack stated.

PITCHING—Ike Delock, Red Sox—Young right-hander held New York to two hits in first six innings, then relaxed to yield three more in 7-1 triumph.

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CLAYTON HANNON SPORTS EDITOR

Hold Obituaries, Cleveland Gasping, But Not Final Air

DETROIT (Special)—Hold off on those Cleveland obituaries.

The Indians may be gasping, but skipper Al Lopez says they're not giving up.

"We're still in pretty good shape, even though we're a game and a half out of first place," said Lopez today.

"We've had batting troubles all season and now, for no reason, our pitching has gone sour. But then we've been hot and cold right from the start."

Only last Saturday night the

Spokane '9' Tops Salem; Eugene Wins

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Although less than three weeks remain of the 1955 baseball season, the Spokane Indians and the Yakima Bears are making a determined bid to get back into the Northwest League pennant race.

Both talented teams have winning streaks going and both are picking up their victories where it hurts.

Spokane made it three straight over Salem, 6-5, Wednesday night while Yakima took win No. 3 from Tri-City, 3-2 in 10 innings, for its 11th victory in as many starts.

The contests left Spokane still seven games behind pace-setting Eugene, which beat Lewiston 6-2, and Yakima nine games back. But they also dropped Salem and Tri-City, tied in fourth place, five-and-a-half games behind the leader.

And Spokane moved to within a game-and-a-half of the Salem-Tri-City duo while Yakima cut the margin to three-and-a-half games. A tie game with the 10th inning gave Yakima its third victory over Tri-City Wednesday last night. The ball hit Bob Nard's bat when he tried to duck away from a high, inside pitch and bounded into right field for a double. Stan Mitchell singled him home with the winning run.

At Salem, Bill Shields' base-loaded triple was the key blow in a four-run Salem outburst that tied the game, 5-5, in the fifth inning. Eddie Murphy drove home Spokane's winning run with a booming single in the ninth.

Eugene stretched its lead to two full games over idle Wenatchee and dropped Lewiston into third place, two-and-a-half games out, with his victory the windup of the abbreviated series at Eugene, Berry L. Hodges limited the Broncos to four hits—one of them Paul Dieppa's one-on homer in the seventh that counted for the losers' only scores.

Yakima and Tri-City conclude their series at Yakima Thursday night when Lewiston opens a new stand at Salem and Spokane moves in on Eugene.

Marathon Set For Medford Hardtop Oval

MEDFORD—A 24-hour marathon race for modified stock cars (hardtops) will be held in Medford over Labor Day weekend, with the top drivers and associations from all the coast states participating. The event, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is expected to draw 150 drivers or more from the Pacific states.

The race itself, held to 40 qualifying drivers, will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, September 4, and end at 4 p.m. Monday, with the driver completing the most laps the winner. First prize will be \$1,000, second prize \$500, and an additional \$1,000 will be given for other place winners.

Qualifying tests will be run on Saturday and Sunday preceding the race itself. Consolation runs are being set up for those who do not qualify.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Junior Chamber of Commerce fund for the care of children, according to Bill Roselle and Jennings Pierce Jr., co-chairmen for the event. They expect to draw spectators from all over the West, since this is the only event of its kind on the coast. If the event is a success this year, it will become a permanent event, according to the chairmen.

Races will be run on the quarter-mile track at the Sheriff's Postgrounds on Sage Road in Medford. In addition to the race itself, many special events are being planned.

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'Yo-Yo' Players Increase

By JACK CUDDY

United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (Special)—Baseball has come up with quite a list of "yo-yo" players—guys who were just about to the end of their string then came back this season.

There is no official designation for "comeback of the year" players but if there were the competition would be pretty brisk.

Brooklyn's recharged battery of Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella is sparking the Dodgers to their earliest pennant clinching in history and has to top the list in the National League. Where would the Brooks be without Big Newk's 183 won and lost record or without Campy's .525 bat and his 85 runs batted in? Last year a discouraged Newk, back from the Army and unable to harness his old fast ball, wound up with a .496 total and wondered if he ever would get going again.

Campy, playing with a smashed and patched hand, wound up with a .207 average and declared he would quit for good if his injury didn't heal properly.

The American League has three top candidates and any one of them is a fine choice as top comebacker at this stage of the race.

PITCHERS

They are pitchers Tommy Byrne of the Yankees, Dick Donovan of the White Sox, and outfielder Elmer Valo of the K.C. Athletics.

Where would the Yankees be in this sizzler of a race without Byrne's 11-3 record? Yet he was cast adrift in 1951 and had to kick around in the minors before he received another chance.

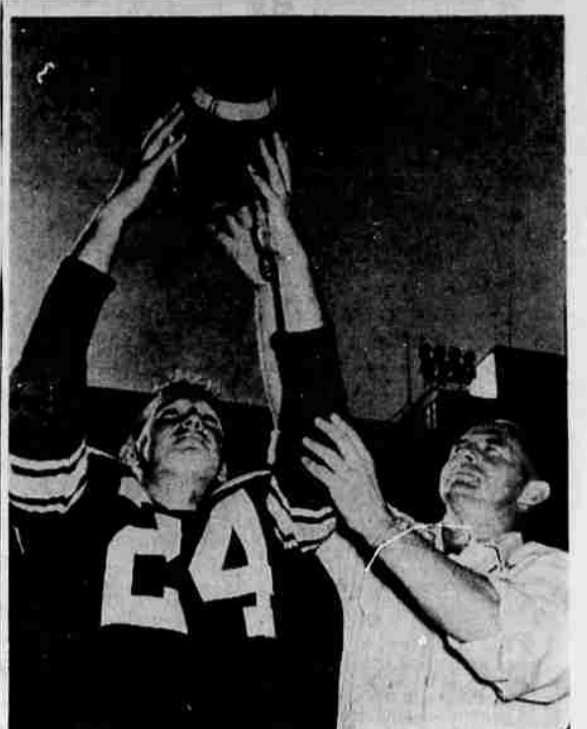
And what about Donovan with his 13-4 mark up to the time his appendix tired of solitary confinement and he was let out? He's about ready to go again and how those White Sox can use him. With Donovan, actually, it is more than a comeback because in four previous major league trials with the Braves and Tigers he never won a game and had a composite 0-4 mark. He was a "never was" before this season.

The Athletics will match Czech-born Valo, an all-out hustler with any comeback candidate in the business. He tried as hard as ever last year but the base hits didn't drop and he wound up with a sickly .214 average. It would have been more than a pun, had he decided that discretion was the better part of Valo this season and called it quits. But he has been back in action with the hottest hat in the league, compiling a .359 average that would make him eligible for the hitting title had he played in enough games. As it is he has 79 hits in 220 at bats and has been in 84 games.

NUMEROUS

There are numerous other "rebound" boys who are showing that there is life yet at a time when it looked as if they were riding an express train to the Baseball graveyard.

Billy Klaus, who had a major league average of exactly .000 before this season and who was about to be consigned again to the minors, caught on with Boston, "jelled" their infield and is now batting .340. Scrappy Clint Courtney is rapping away at a .323 pace for scrappy Chuck Dressen at Washington and the best he could show for a lifetime before this season was .323. Infielder George Kell of the White Sox, despite a chronic back ache, is batting .304 and delivering vital hits whereas he had a .276 mark for 1954. Walt Dropp, called "the key man in my infield" by Chicago Manager Marty Marion, is hitting the ball long and often at a .291 pace which is away above his lifetime mark of .273.



DEMONSTRATING the correct methods of going after that high pass, head coach Lee Gustafson of the State All-Stars shows Elvis Mitchell, Klamath Falls end, how to bring down a flying pigskin. Mitchell is figuring highly in Gustafson's plans for this Saturday night's shrine game in Portland. Gustafson is football coach at Salem.

Shrine Stars Clash In Classic Saturday

PORTLAND (Special)—The cream of Oregon's prep performers of last year will clash here Saturday night in the eighth re-run of "football's finest hour"—the annual Shriners' Hospital All-Star football game.

The colorful gridiron classic will bring together a team of State All-Stars against the best of the Portland metropolitan area has to offer, and Eugene W. Ferguson, the game's managing director, predicts that one of the largest crowds in the game's history will be on hand for the occasion.

State, under the direction of Coach Lee Gustafson of South Salem, will enter the game with a 5 to 2 edge in the series to date, including four wins in a row. By virtue of the record and their star-studded lineup, they will be favored to make it five straight.

The 8:30 p.m. kickoff will be preceded by an hour-long pageant directed by Chet Duncan. This colorful event, featuring nearly 2,000 uniformed persons in approximately 50 marching and musical units, has become almost as popular as the game itself. The bands and marching units come from all parts of Oregon and southwest Washington.

The pageantry will be climaxed by the playing of the national anthem by the massed bands.

A wide open, high-scoring contest is forecast by game officials who have kept close tabs on the rival squads during the two-week practice sessions here. The coach Gustafson, and Tom DeSylvia of Metro, have drilled their 24-man squads diligently on ground and aerial attacks and both figure to be able to move either way.

Both teams boast excellent passers. State's tossing will be done by quarterbacks Herb Juran of South Salem and Tony Arnan of Vale, while Scotty MacDonald of Portland's Franklin High and Ted Miller of Milwaukie are slated to throw for Metro. The T-formation will be employed by both teams. State's roster includes players from Vale, Roseburg, Prineville, Medford, Dallas, Stayton, Coos Bay, The Dalles, Corvallis, Salem, Pendleton, Klamath Falls, North Bend and La Grande. Metro lists schools, St. Helens, West Linn, Beaverton, Oswego, Gresham, Milwaukie, Estacada, Oregon City and Sandy.

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