

# Michelsen Selected UP's Mentor Of Week

By CARL LUNDQUIST  
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NEW YORK (UP)—His goal is a lofty one but his approach is simple and direct.

One victory doesn't prove much and may not even establish a trend but at a quick look one has to conclude he's moving in the right direction.

He's the United Press Coach of the Week, big John Michelsen, who wants to start a new golden era for Pittsburgh's Golden Panthers.

Last Saturday's 27-7 triumph over well-rated California was significant not only because of the surprising margin but because the team showed traits similar to the Pitt elevens of the late Dr. Jock Sutherland. These things stood out:

1. A superior ground game with 274 yards gained rushing to 81 for California.  
2. A combination of single wing power of the old Sutherland style and a split-T featuring some of the old pro tricks he picked up as coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

3. Superb conditioning which enabled the Panthers to score three of their touchdowns in 92-degree heat in the fourth period when California was wilted and exhausted.

Big John as the 39-year old Michelsen is known to his boys, was a quarterback star under Sutherland, directing the Pitt eleven which defeated Washington 21-0 in the 1937 Rose Bowl game.

Michelsen emphasizes that he wants to keep the rugged high school youngsters from the Western Pennsylvania steel mill and coal country coming to Pittsburgh as students instead of being recruited by big time colleges from all over the nation.

Michelsen regards Pitt's schedule as the toughest of any team in the nation.

"We meet five teams that most consider among the top 20, Oklahoma, Navy, Duke, Miami of Florida, and West Virginia," he said. "But we're not going to back away from any of them."

# Indians Out Of Running For MVP Title

CHICAGO (UP)—Cleveland's astonishingly quick collapse in the final 10 days of the season not only put the American League pennant practically beyond reach, but just about wrecked the chances of Al Smith and Ray Narleski for the Most Valuable Player award.

Unfortunately for them as well as the Indians, Smith and Narleski picked the time when the club sank to its lowest ebb to exhibit their poorest performances.

In the considered opinion of those who have followed the fortunes of the Indians all year, the tremendous all-around play of the versatile Smith and the brilliant relief pitching of Narleski were the major contributions to Cleveland's near-successful defense of their American League title.

Consequently it came as a rude shock to manager Al Lopez, along with Cleveland's disappointed fans, when Narleski failed in two successive rescue jobs in key games and when Smith went hitless in 12 consecutive times at bat in three losing games to Detroit.

Smith, the Indians' only 300 hitter, extended his hitless streak to 17 times at bat Tuesday night as Cleveland finally ended a week-long victory drought with a 3-2 triumph over Chicago.

The failure of Smith and Narleski in the waning days by no means erases their brilliant accomplishments during the major portion of the campaign. But it is likely to be seriously considered when the MVP Selection Committee gets ready to judge the merits of the two Cleveland standouts against those of Ted Williams of Boston, Al Kaline of Detroit, Billy Pierce of Chicago, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle of New York and other outstanding candidates.

# Flag Race At A Glance

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New York	93	56	824	5	
Cleveland	91	59	607	2 1/2	4

Games remaining:  
New York (5)—away (5)—Washington, Sept. 21; Boston, Sept. 23 (2), 24, 25.  
Cleveland (4)—away (4)—Chicago, Sept. 21; Detroit, Sept. 23, 24, 25.

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# Mays Clouts 49th, 50th . . .

# NY Takes Two, Tribe Wins

By ED WILKS  
Just a few days ago Manager Casey Stengel said the New York Yankees had to win all their remaining 10 games to cop the American League Pennant. Now they can wrap it up by winning three out of five.

It might not take even that much effort by the Yanks. Any combination of New York victories and — or defeats by second-place Cleveland totaling three will do it.

Still, the Yankees don't have it hands down. They've won seven straight, matching their longest success streak of the season, and have gained three games on the Indians in the important "lost" column—but they still have five games left, one more at Washington tonight and four in Boston beginning with a Friday doubleheader.

The Senators, beaten 6-3 in the afternoon half of a day-night double-header yesterday, gave the Yankees a fit before bowing 9-7 in the nightcap. Four New York relievers paraded to the mound to save starter Whitey Ford's 18th victory as the Nats scored six times in the last two innings.

Cleveland, which went into a four-game tailspin after sweeping a pair from Washington, finally shook the slump with a 3-2 decision over Chicago as the White Sox officially fell out of the race.

WIN-HOPE  
The Indians, with four games left—another at Chicago tonight, then three at Detroit—have to win 'em all and hope.

Washington caught Ford by surprise in the eighth inning. The stubby southpaw had a four-hitter going and had retired 13 in order. Then he walked a man, and pinch-hitter Jim Lemon, just up from Chattanooga, walloped a home run. It took Gary Coleman, Jim Konstanty, Gerry Staley and finally Tommy Byrne to get 'em back on the leash.

The first game was easier for the Yanks, although starter Don Larsen didn't last through the second inning. Reliever Tom Morgan, with help from Konstanty, got the decision. The Yanks scored three in the first off Maury McDermott, then scored the clincher in the third as Hank Bauer doubled and moved across on two long flies.

CLUTCH WORK  
Cleveland hung on as Early Wynn turned a 10-hitter into his 17th victory with some dandy clutch work. Bobby Avila tripped home two runs to break a 1-1 tie in the eighth and beat Billy Pierce.

The Sox, who were out win or lose when the Yanks won two, muffed a ninth-inning chance that collected just one run. They had runners on first and third with none out, but Chico Carrasquel hit into a double play. Then, with runners on first and second and two out, George Kell popped up to end it.

Detroit beat Kansas City 7-3 and Baltimore, leaving Washington alone in the cellar, made it six

straight with a 2-3 and 7-4 sweep at Boston. The Red Sox now have lost six straight.

In the National, Brooklyn took two from Philadelphia 6-3 and 6-1. Frank Keller and George Souba belted homers off the Phil's Robin Roberts. Robin, who lost his 13th against 23 victories, has given up

40 gopher balls — breaking by one the major league mark set by Murry Dickson with St. Louis in 1948.

Willie Mays hit his 49th and 50th home runs as the New York Giants took two from Pittsburgh 11-1 and 14-3 — giving Willie seven homers in six consecutive games to match a major league



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