

Maye's Homer Hands Hapless Mets Sixth Straight Setback

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Dallas-Ft. Worth Tops Portland In Wild Game

By United Press International
Portland scored three runs in the top of the 11th and still managed to lose at Dallas in the wildest game yet of the new Pacific Coast League campaign. The game took 5 hours and 20 minutes and did not end until early today, but it goes into the book as a mere 4 hours 30 minutes long. Fifty minutes of delay occurred when half the lights at Burnet Field went out. The lights went out for Portland in the bottom of the 12th when Dallas loaded the bases on a walk and two singles and Ron Henry singled home the winning tally. The regular contest ended 7-7 after nine innings and the Beavers seemed to wrap things up with three in the 11th. But old pro Ray Jablonski's homer sparked a three-run Ranger burst in the 11th.

Celtics Playing Without Havlicek

BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Celtics, deprived by injury of outstanding rookie utilityman John Havlicek, try for a big second victory tonight in their quest for a fifth straight National Basketball Association championship. The Celtics, despite cold shooting and the second period loss of the former Ohio State cornerman and guard, managed a 117-114 opening game victory over the Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Garden Sunday night. Another 13,909 capacity crowd was assured for tonight's game in which Boston seeks a two-game advantage in the best-of-seven final playoffs. The teams move to Los Angeles for games three and four on Wednesday and Friday nights. Additional game, if needed, will be here next Sunday, at Los Angeles on April 24, and here on April 27.

Maple Leafs Confident Of Cup Win

DETROIT (UPI)—Toronto Maple Leaf Coach Punch Imlach is playing it a little closer to the vest now that he's on top but he's still confident as his club tonight resumes its bid to retain possession of the Stanley Cup. After suffering a 3-2 loss to the Detroit Red Wings in the third game Sunday, the Leafs, who won the regular season National Hockey League crown, hold a 2-1 edge in the best-of-seven series. Imlach, who piloted his club this year to its first NHL regular season title since 1948 and last year coached the team to its first Stanley Cup triumph since 1937, said, "If I was the fourth place team, I'd be predicting we'd win every game in a run-away."

OSU-L&C Game Postponed

PORTLAND (UPI)—A baseball game between Oregon State and Lewis and Clark was called off because of rain Monday. Oregon State opens its Northern Division season here Friday against Oregon.

Asked how many games he thought the series would go, Imlach laughed and said, "I forgot how to count."

He added, "I don't really care how long it goes as long as we win the last one."

Imlach said he got into the habit of making confident predictions to help pep up the Leafs who were a losing team when he took over in 1958. "If you keep hearing and reading the same thing long enough, you start to believe it," he said.

Minor events action Monday saw Al Kaelin of Louisville, Ky., take fifth place in the classic singles with 699 and seventh in the classic all events with a nine-game 1949.

In the regular singles, Greg Eannone of Lancaster, Pa., tied for eighth with 705.

Lineups:
Seattle 000 001 131-6 3 1
Okl. City 000 012 020-5 3 4
Hefner, Spencer (7) and Sken; Johnson, Jones (8) and Wooten. WP—Spencer, LP—Jones.
(12 innings)
Portland 031 120 000 030-10 15 2
Dal.-Ft. W 010 211 200 031-11 18 1
Salt Lake at Hawaii, double-header, p.p.d., rain.



WHADD'YA MEAN A BALK, YA BUM — That's what Milwaukee Braves pitcher Bob Shaw (26) seems to be telling plate umpire Bill Jackowski. Jackowski called a balk and Shaw didn't like the call, which is apparent. The action took place in the second inning. Also shown are catcher Joe Torre and Mets coach Solly Hemus. The Mets lost again, 4-3. — UPI Telephoto

International League Opens With Cheery Hopes For '63

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The "new" International League opens its 80th season tonight with 10 franchises, seven new managers and plenty of cheery thoughts about 1963. "Our league is now in perfect condition," beamed President Tommy Richardson. "I'm convinced we'll give our fans a stronger and faster brand of baseball this year."

W. Eubank Looks For New Unitas For New York Jets

NEW YORK (UPI) — Busting Weeb Eubank, new boss of the New York Jets (nee Titans), today began a search for another Johnny Unitas to help him beat the five-year championship timetable he once wrote for the Baltimore Colts.

The odds are strictly against Eubank, of course, but he feels that with a few "sleepers" like Unitas, he can "start a new era in the American Football League."

And who can blame Weeb for hoping? The 55-year-old Eubank, dismissed by the Colts at the close of the last National Football League season, Monday signed a three-year contract calling for an estimated \$100,000 to serve as coach, general manager and vice president of New York's AFL entry.

At the same time, Dave (Sonny) Werblin, new president of the club, announced that the nickname would be changed to Jets, rhyming with Mets. The Jets and Mets jointly will occupy the new stadium now under construction on Long Island.

Eubank readily admitted that the Jets' biggest problem is playing to Richmond, Va. The major leagues agreed last winter to help defray the increased travel costs brought on by expansion.

Play begins Tuesday night with the following schedule: Columbus at Richmond; Toronto at Jacksonville; Syracuse at Atlanta; Rochester at Little Rock, and Buffalo at Indianapolis.

In secondary openers on Thursday, Indianapolis is at Columbus; Richmond at Buffalo; Syracuse at Little Rock and Rochester at Jacksonville. Toronto does not open at home until April 24 against Jacksonville.

With the new franchises and solid working agreements with major league clubs for each IL member, Richardson feels the league's attendance could hit 2-million this season. Last year with eight clubs the IL drew about 1,450,000 fans.

Three Holdover Managers
Kerby Farrell of the Buffalo Bisons, Larry Shepard of the Columbus Jets and Ben Geraghty of the pennant-winning Jacksonville Suns are the only holdover managers in the league.

New men on the jobs are: Darrell Johnson at Rochester; Harry Walker at Atlanta; Bob Swift at Syracuse; Rolfe Hemsley at Indianapolis; Bill Adair at Toronto; Preston Gomez at Richmond; and Frank Lucchesi at Little Rock.

Stallard Victim Of Winning Hit

By TIM MORTARTY
UPI Sports Writer
Tracy Stallard will always be remembered as the pitcher who served home run No. 61 to Roger Maris in 1961. The 6-foot-7 Virginian, though, may find it harder to forget the gopher ball he tossed to Lee Maye of the Milwaukee Braves Monday.

Stallard was only one strike away from nailing down the New York Mets' first victory of the year when Maye lined a two-run homer over the right field fence at Milwaukee to give the Braves a 4-3 triumph in Monday's only major league game.

It was the sixth straight defeat for the Mets, who didn't gain their first victory last season until their 10th game. Stallard was so stunned that he sat silently—and alone—in the dugout for five minutes after the game ended before finally joining his mates in the clubhouse.

The former Red Sox right-hander deserved a better fate. He had relieved starter Al Jackson in the seventh and was set up for the win when rookie Ed Kranepool scored on a sacrifice fly in the top of the eighth to give the Mets a 3-2 lead.

Stallard fanned two in the eighth and fired called third strikes past dangerous Eddie Matthews and Joe Torre in the ninth. Pinch swinger Mack Jones then collected the first hit off the lanky reliever, a single to center. That set the stage for Maye's winning blast.

Maye, hitless in three previous at-bats this season, unloaded his homer on a 1-and-2 pitch that Stallard aimed at the Milwaukee outfielder's fists. However, he made it too good and as Maye trotted the bases, Stallard trudged off the field, as though in shock.

The Braves thus completed the first seven days of the campaign with four victories (all against the Mets) and two defeats. The San Francisco Giants, Philadelphia Phillies and Pittsburgh Pirates share the National League lead with 4-1 records.

The Giants finally launch their home schedule today against the Houston Astros while the Los Angeles Dodgers, who split their first six road games, entertain the Chicago Cubs tonight in their home opener.

Two secondary openers also will be played today.

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