

Vets Lead National Clubs; Kansas City Returns Horse Laugh

Musial, Spahn, Pierce Lead Way

By FRED DOWN
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Baseball may be a young man's game but you can't prove it today to a foursome of National League veterans with a total of 66 years of big league experience under their belts.

They're the Milwaukee Braves' Warren Spahn, 41, and Ed Matthews, 31, the San Francisco Giants' Billy Pierce, 36, and the St. Louis Cardinals' Stan Musial, 42. Their average age is 38 but they're starting off the new season as frisky as the most ambitious rookies.

Spahn scored the 329th victory of his career and Matthews became the eighth player in baseball history to hit 400 homers in the Braves' 8-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday. Pierce extended his streak of consecutive wins at Candlestick Park to 14 with a 7-0 win over the Houston Colts and Musial became the first man to accumulate 6,000 total bases in the Cardinals' 4-3 triumph over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Mets Lose Again

The Cincinnati Reds extended the New York Mets' losing streak to seven games with a 7-4 decision and the Chicago Cubs edged out the Los Angeles Dodgers, 2-1, in 12 innings in other National League action.

In the American League, the Detroit Tigers defeated the New York Yankees, 7-2, the Kansas City Athletics beat the Chicago White Sox, 7-4, the Cleveland Indians shut out the Washington Senators, 3-0, the Minnesota Twins edged out the Los Angeles Angels, 11-0, and the Boston Red Sox topped the Baltimore Orioles, 6-1.

Spahn pitched a four-hitter and struck out seven in winning his second straight game of the season and raising his NL career shutout record for left-handers to 56. Spahn now ranks No. 8 on the all-time winning list. Matthews' first homer of 1963 came in the seventh inning and lifted him into a select circle which also includes Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx, Ted Williams, Mel Ott, Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle and Musial.

Pierce, who never has been beaten at Candlestick Park, pitched a six-hitter and fanned six. It was his first win of the season and the 206th of his 17-year career. Felipe Alou drove in two runs with a single and a double to lead the eight-hit San Francisco attack.

Pirates Blow Lead

Musial contributed a single to the Cardinals' 12-hit attack, raising his career total bases to 6,000. Hall of Famer Ty Cobb ranks second to Musial on the all-time list with 5,863. The Cardinals trailed going into the last of the ninth when Duke Carmel tied the score with a homer. Dick Groat then doubled and scored on an error by Julio Gotay.

Catcher Johnny Edwards drove in three runs with three hits and a sacrifice fly as the Reds broke their four-game losing streak. The hapless Mets' losing streak was extended to seven games — two short of the record they set at the start of the 1962 season. Duke

Snider hit his third homer of the season for the Mets.

Ernie Banks, no spring chicken himself at 32, hit his first homer of the season and then delivered the decisive run for the Cubs with a 12th-inning sacrifice fly. Lindy McDaniel received credit for the victory although he was saved in the bottom of the 12th by Barney Schultz. A two-base error by Willie Davis led to the winning run.

American League

Baltimore 000 100 000—1 5 1
Boston 000 014 013—6 8 1
Detroit 200 500 000—7 9 1
New York 000 200 000—2 10 2

Aguirre (2-0) and Triandos (4-0), Bouton (5-1), Kunkel (1-1) and Howard, Loser-Roberts (0-1), HR-Stuart.

Kansas City 010 201 003—7 10 1
Chicago 000 110 002—4 11 1
Cleveland 000 002 020—2 11 16 3
Chance, Navarro (5), Nelson (9)
Fowler (10), Spring (10), Morgan (10), Turley (11), Moeller (13), Grba (13) and Rodgers, Kaat (3), Stange (3), Lasher (5), Moore (7), Dailey (9), Pleis (11), Sullivan (11), Roland (12) and Battey, Ratliff (11), Winner-Roland (1-0), Lower-Turley (0-1), HR-Rodgers, L. Thomas, Allison.

(13 innings)
L. Ang. 121 100 020 020—10 17 6
Minn. 201 020 002 020—11 16 3
Chance, Navarro (5), Nelson (9)
Fowler (10), Spring (10), Morgan (10), Turley (11), Moeller (13), Grba (13) and Rodgers, Kaat (3), Stange (3), Lasher (5), Moore (7), Dailey (9), Pleis (11), Sullivan (11), Roland (12) and Battey, Ratliff (11), Winner-Roland (1-0), Lower-Turley (0-1), HR-Rodgers, L. Thomas, Allison.

Washington 000 000 000—0 2 2
Cleveland 000 000 211—3 11 0
Osteen (0-1) and Lippert, McDowell (1-1) and Romano, HR-Romano, Held.

National League

Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 4 1
Milwaukee 020 000 338—8 11 1
McLish, Hamilton (7), Lopez (8) and Dalrymple, Oldis (7), Spahn (2-0) and Torre, Loser-McLish (0-1), HR-Mathews.

Houston 000 000 000—0 6 1
San Fran. 403 000 008—7 8 1
Bruce, Cardinal (1), Drott (8) and Smith, Pierce (1-0) and Haller, Loser-Bruce (0-1).

New York 000 004 000—4 7 1
Cincinnati 010 050 108—7 13 3
Hook, McKenzie (5), Bearnarth (6) and C. Coleman, Maloney, Nuxhall (8) and Edwards, Winner-Maloney (1-0), Loser-Hook (0-2), HR-Snyder.

Pittsburgh 012 000 000—3 7 2
St. Louis 000 000 022—4 12 2
Francis, Gibbons (8), Face (8) and Burgess, Gibson, Fanok (8) and McGarver, Oliver (9), Winner-Fanok (1-0), Loser-Face (0-2), HR-Carmel.

(12 innings)
Chicago 000 010 000 001—2 8 0
L. Ang. 000 000 010 000—1 11 1
Buhl, Elston (1), McDaniell (11), Schultz (12) and Bertell, Podres, Perranoski (9), Roebuck (11) and Rosboro, Winner-McDaniel (0-1), Loser-Roebuck (0-2), HR-Banks.

Norm Cash Seeks High Average Instead Of Runs

By JACK CUDDY
UPI Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) —Norman Cash, the American League batting champion of 1961 who slumped to .243 last season, disclosed today: "I'm going for the average this year and forgetting about home runs."

Texas Norman, the Detroit Tigers' husky, blondish first baseman, explained that when he had belted out 41 homers in '61 he thought his four-baggers were partially responsible for his remarkable .361 hitting — rather than a by-product.

Accordingly, inspired by his own 41 four-baggers that season and by all the hoopla over Yankee Roger Maris' record-shattering 61 circuit-blasts, Cash decided to try for the home-run title in 1962. He managed to produce 39 homers, but his batting average dove .118 points to .243.

Hits Not Homers

The first-sacker with the light-reddish crew-cut emphasized: "It's hits I want this season; not just homers. And I certainly aim to get back above .300."

It may have been only a coincidence that in 1961, when left-hander Norm produced his .361, the Tigers finished second behind the leading Yankees in the pennant race; but when he slumped last season, Detroit wound up fourth in the flag chase.

"There's no reason why I shouldn't do very well this season," said the former Texas cotton-farm boy, who now is an urban resident of Eldorado, Tex.

His father's farm was at Justiceburg, Tex., near Lubbock.

Feels Fine Now

"I feel fine now," he continued. "No hand trouble. My tonsils are out and I'm about five pounds lighter than last year's 196."

During the 1962 slump, he suffered two fractures in his left index finger on Aug. 26, when struck in the hand by Claude Osteen's pitch. He went to the sidelines and was replaced by veteran Vic Wertz.

"While I was being doctored for the hand injury," Cash recalled today, "I also had my tonsils taken out because I'd been having some trouble with them. I feel a lot better—all round now."

Ladies' Tourney Set At Reames

Weather permitting, women golfers of Reames Golf and Country Club will hold their first play of the season Friday in a "Three-Woman Monkey Tournament."

The action is slated for only nine holes. Pairings will be made by professional Jim Warner at the pro shop starting at 9 a.m.

The swing session will begin at 10 a.m. and the second swing session, originally scheduled for April 26, has been changed to Wednesday, April 24, at 10 a.m.

Members are asked to remember to sign up on the bulletin board for future pairings.

Wag's Tales

by Jerry Waggoner

We once thought there was no weather as changeable as that which Texas has. There's a saying there that if you don't like it, just wait a while. But Oregon has it beat a mile.

We can see why coaches around this area might work up an ulcer during the spring season. The coach around this area never knows when or if his baseball, track or tennis contests will come off. We've also decided that a spring schedule is virtually useless. It's fine to start with a formulated schedule. But by the end of the season the schedule is so marked up with revisions, it hardly resembles the initial slate.

And while the schedule has the coaches talking to themselves, it doesn't do our department any good either. Half the time we're running around like a chicken with its head chopped off trying to find out if an event is on or off. Our suggestion is to have baseball, tennis and track during the winter and basketball during the spring. It's not feasible, of course, but we can dream, can't we?

The new Klamath Basin Athletic Club, which was formed recently, is out to improve the quality of track in this area. The club has a specific thought in mind to start youngsters at track at a young age so they will be better equipped for it when they reach high school. It's much the same as the baseball program which already has shown signs of reaping a good crop of ballplayers from the little leagues.

Track, as any other competitive sport these days, must be started at a young age because every sport is improving so rapidly in these days and times. Football and baseball players begin young and are fundamentally sound by the time they reach high school. They begin in the lower grades and know the game much better by high school time.

Track is a highly competitive sport and an individual who doesn't excel in football or baseball can excel in track with hard work. And that's what it takes in any sport. Track in this area needs improving, too.

There isn't one Klamath track man listed in the 19 events of the All-Time Oregon High School records. And of the All-Time rankings in each individual event, Klamath has only three entries: Bob Leslie ranks second with a 9.6 hundred run back in 1935. Paul Noel is ranked third with a 9.7 which was recorded last season. Leslie's 22.0 220-yard dash ranks him in a tie for 13th place and Noel's 22.1 ranks him in a tie with seven others for the bottom.

Cuban Athletes In Pan-Am Games

By LEO H. PETERSEN
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SAO PAULO, Brazil (UPI) — Cuba will take part in the Pan American games, but its activities will be restricted to the playing field only.

The arrival of 57 athletes Tuesday confirmed Cuba's intention to participate in the games which get under way Saturday. Earlier, Cuban officials had accused the United States of using illegal measures to bar the Castro athletes from the competition.

On arriving here, the spokesmen for the delegation pledged that all athletes and the 13 coaches would conduct themselves "in accordance with Olympic principles and regulations."

This was interpreted as a friendly assurance that Cuba will concentrate its efforts on winning gold medals and not on winning converts.

Another problem regarding the Cuban athletes was that of alleged professionalism and authorization for them to compete in the games was placed on a conditional basis pending an investigation.

Meanwhile, advance delegations

from the 21 other countries began arriving Tuesday and by the time the opening ceremonies are conducted some 3,000 athletes will be in attendance.

Included among Tuesday's arrivals, in addition to the Cubans, were the first group of U.S. athletes and the Canadian and Venezuelan contingents.

Another group from the U.S. was expected to arrive by charter plane today with the final group due Friday. The United States will be represented by its largest team ever on foreign soil with 279 men athletes and 93 women. In addition to coaches, managers and special staffers, the entire U.S. squad will number 409.

GETS AROUND
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Wayne Hightower of the San Francisco Warriors played for the University of Kansas and the Real Madrid club of Spain before joining the national basketball association for the 1962-63 season.

The meeting will be the first public meeting of the club. The purpose of the first meeting, naturally, is to build up a membership and to tell all interested persons of the purpose of the organization, the present plans of the group, future plans and membership.

A meeting prior to this meeting, at 7 p.m., will be for area coaches who are interested in helping promote the program. The Board of Directors of the KBAA already have held a few meetings and the club already is in operation in that it already has had some members competing under the KBAA colors.

There are plans in the very near future to have shows here. In fact, some members of the KBAA team will run in the County Track Meet slated a week from today on Modoc Field. Three or four college runners will compete in an open 330-yard dash. Plans also are being formulated to have the top high school runners in the County Meet to run in an open 330 or some such event in the May 10 college meet slated at Modoc Field. The top runners in the county meet will be picked and invited to run under the KBAA colors.

More on this subject of the Klamath Basin Athletic Association will be printed in this section. It is a worthy program which hopes to help build up track in the area. And there virtually is no restriction on competing ages. The age limit will start at 5-year-olds and go as high as a person thinks he can run. There is so much talk of physical fitness in the nation today, this is a good way to keep fit and have fun while you're at it. Keep watching this page for further news on the KBAA.



FOWL IN FAIR TERRITORY — Not having enough excitement in home opener in San Francisco Giants and Houston Colts game, a ball boy tries to catch a rooster which was let loose on the field prior to the start of the fourth inning. Watching ball boy trying to get the rooster are San Francisco ball players in bullpen. Boy finally got the bird after numerous errors and handed the "foul" to persons in stands.

—UPI Telephoto

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American League

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Kansas City 4 2 .667 ---

Detroit 4 2 .667 ---

New York 4 2 .667 ---

Baltimore 3 3 .500 1

Boston 3 3 .500 1

Cleveland 3 3 .500 1

Chicago 2 3 .400 1 1/2

Los Angeles 2 3 .400 1 1/2

Washington 2 3 .400 2

Minnesota 2 4 .333 2

Tuesday's Results

Detroit 7 New York 2

Boston 6 Baltimore 1

Kansas City 7 Chicago 4

Minnesota 11 Los Ang 10, 13 ins

Cleveland 3 Washington 0, night

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers

Baltimore at Boston — Barber

(1-1) vs. Wilson (1-0).

Detroit at New York — Mossi

(1-0) vs. Terry (2-0).

Los Angeles at Minnesota — Lee

(0-0) vs. Kralick (0-1).

Washington at Cleveland (night)

—Cheney (1-0) vs. Donovan (0-1).

National League

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San Francisco 5 1 .833 ---

Milwaukee 5 2 .714 1/2

Pittsburgh 4 2 .667 1

Philadelphia 4 2 .667 1

St. Louis 4 2 .667 1

Chicago 3 3 .500 2

Cincinnati 2 4 .333 3

Los Angeles 2 4 .333 3

Houston 2 5 .286 3 1/2

New York 0 7 .000 5 1/2

Tuesday's Results

Milwaukee 8 Philadelphia 0

San Francisco 7 Houston 0

Cincinnati 7 New York 4, night

St. Louis 4 Pittsburgh 3, night

Chicago 2 Los Angeles 1, night

Wednesday's Probable Pitchers

Houston at San Francisco

(night) — Johnson (0-1) vs. O'Dell

(1-0).

Chicago at Los Angeles (night)

—Ellsworth (1-0) vs. Miller (0-0).

Pittsburgh at St. Louis (night)

—Cardwell (1-0) vs. Washburn

(1-0).

Philadelphia at Milwaukee

(night) — Brown (0-0) vs. Burdette

(1-0).

New York at Cincinnati (night)

—Cisno (0-1) vs. Owens (0-0) or

O'Toole (1-1).

Lost Puck Control Goal Beats Wings

DETROIT (UPI) — Dave Keon lost control of the puck and the Detroit Red Wings just plain lost.

That's what happened in the fourth game of the Stanley Cup finals Tuesday night as Keon scored the winning goal unassisted to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 4-2 victory over the Red Wings.

The teams today headed for Toronto for the fifth game of the best-of-seven series Thursday night and the Maple Leafs, who now hold a 3-1 lead are overwhelming favorites to win the cup for the second straight year.

Keon got the key goal at 9:42 of the third period to break a 2-2 tie when he lost the puck and it went into the net after hitting two Wings.

"I lost control of it," Keon explained when he swerved to the left of the net trying to pull out goalie Terry Sawchuk after skating from center ice with the puck.

"It rolled toward the net and (Norm) Ullman, who was coming in from the other way, kicked it with his skate and it bounced off Sawchuk for the goal," Keon said.

It was Keon's fifth goal in nine playoff games and three of them have come when he lost the puck and it happened to roll into the net.

Toronto Coach Punch Imlach couldn't say too much about Keon after the game. "He's the best center in the league and I wouldn't trade him for any player at any position, he said.

"Sure, (Gordie) Howe is a great player but he's 35 and Dave's 23. I don't think that would be much of a trade for us," he added.

Imlach also figures the series is all over. "I'm a positive thinker."

FIGHTS

By United Press International
NEW YORK (UPI) — Lou Anderson, 144½, New York, stopped Joe Mangiapane, 144½, New York (5).
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — Santiago Gutierrez, 160, San Antonio, knocked out Del Flanagan, 160, St. Paul, Minn. (7).

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