

Craig Breaks 18-Game Losing Skein; Yanks Roll Along

Hickman's Grand Slam Beats Cubs

By United Press International
The long wait is over for Roger Craig thanks to a slam that made the entire baseball world feel grand.

The blow heard 'round both the National and American Leagues came off the bat of Jim Hickman at 10:31 p.m. EDT, Friday night and earned Craig and the New York Mets a 7-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

It also ended a streak of hard luck during which Craig equaled the National League record of 18 consecutive defeats and came within one loss of matching the major league mark of 19 set by John Nabor in 1916. The string began on April 29 and it must have seemed to Craig right up to the moment that Hickman connected that it would never end.

Craig was battered for a pinch-hitter one batter earlier so he was technically out of the game when Hickman faced relief pitcher Lindy McDaniel with two out and the bases filled in the bottom of the ninth.

McDaniel Grooves Pitch
The count went to 3 and 2 before McDaniel grooved the pitch that got Craig out of the run. Frank Thomas also homered for the Mets while Andre Rodgers and Lou Brock connected for the Cubs.

The victory raised Craig's season record to 3-20 and was widely cheered by the sympathetic crowd of 11,566 which seemed to regard Craig as a symbol of all its own frustrations. The Mets had scored only 30 runs all season for Craig, who in 1962 sweated out a 10-24 campaign.

The San Francisco Giants advanced to within 4½ games of the NL lead with a 4-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers, 8-4, the Milwaukee Braves downed the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-3, and the Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates split 7-6 decisions in a doubleheader that went 15 and 11 innings respectively.

Hurler Seven-Hitter
Juan Marichal pitched a seven-hitter to win his 18th game for the Giants. Orlando Cepeda drove in three runs with a single and a two-run double and scored San Francisco's fourth run on a double by Ed Bailey. Rookie Ray Culp suffered his 10th setback.

Vada Pinson drove in three runs with a two-run single and a homer as Cincinnati's Joe Nuxhall registered his 10th win and Los Angeles' Johnny Podres lost his eighth game. Two errors by Jim Gilliam helped the Reds score five unearned runs in the sixth inning.

Denis Menke's three-run homer was the big blow for the Braves, who dealt Bob Gibson his seventh loss against 12 wins. Cardinal manager Johnny Nease announced he will protest the game because of an umpire's fair foul.

Major League Leaders

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National League			
Player & Club	AB	R	Pct.
Great, STL	115	44	.383
Clment, Pitt	105	42	.397
Gonzalez, Phil	114	42	.363
T. Davis, LA	99	37	.372
Pinson, Cin	118	47	.397
Aaron, Mil	115	43	.372
Williams, Chi	112	43	.373
White, STL	115	47	.413
Kuenn, SF	76	25	.329
Santo, Chi	112	43	.373
Cepeda, SF	111	46	.413
American League			
Player & Club	AB	R	Pct.
Yastrzemski, Min	105	40	.381
Rollins, Min	96	32	.335
Kalme, Det	109	41	.376
Pearson, LA	111	42	.378
Wagner, LA	112	41	.366
Malone, Bos	108	41	.379
Geiger, Bos	81	27	.333
Hershberger, Chi	92	32	.348
Causey, KC	103	41	.398
Smith, Bal	98	30	.304

Home Runs
National League — McCovey, Giants 33; Aaron, Braves 31; Mays, Giants 29; Cepeda, Giants 20; Santo, Cubs 20.

American League — Killebrew, Twins 26; Allison, Twins 25; Stuart, Red Sox 25; Wagner, Angels 22; Howard, Yankees 22.

Runs Batted In
National League — Aaron, Braves 94; White, Cards 81; Santo, Cubs 77; Pinson, Reds 75; McCovey, Giants 74.

American League — Kalme, Tigers 75; Stuart, Red Sox 74; Wagner, Angels 70; Allison, Twins 66; Battey, Twins 64.

Pitching
National League — Perranoski, Dodgers 11-2; Koufas, Dodgers 18-4; Maloney, Reds 17-4; McBean, Pirates 12-3; Marichal, Giants 16-5.

American League — Bouton, Yankees 15-5; Radatz, Red Sox 12-4; Pizarro, White Sox 14-5; Ford, Yankees 16-4; Downing, Yankees 8-3.



CHANGE BREAKS JINX — A smiling Casey Stengel, right, manager of the New York Mets, points hopefully at number 13 on the back of his hapless pitcher Roger Craig, before the start of their game with the Chicago Cubs in New York Friday. Craig, who had lost 18 games in a row, changed his uniform number for this game—to change his luck. In the ninth inning, teammate Jim Hickman hit a grand slam homer to give the New Yorkers a 7-3 victory and end Craig's losing streak one short of an all-time record.

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Southern Sector Close In Pacific Coast Loop

By United Press International
The difference between the Northern and Southern Division race in the Pacific Coast League is like day and night. The Spokane Indians are making a farce out of the north race but in the southern sector, last place Denver is only 9½ games behind the leaders.

The Indians are 13½ games in front of runner-up Tacoma and last place Seattle is 23 games in back of the leaders.

The battle for leadership in the south saw Dallas-Ft. Worth unseat Oklahoma City with an 8-2 decision, pushing the others one-half game behind the Rangers.

An air-tight relief performance by Gary Dotter and the hitting of Ray Jablonski, who had three safeties in four trips including a home run, put the Rangers in first place. Dotter, who relieved starter Ed Baillargeon in the first inning, gave up just seven hits.

The faltering, folding Tacoma Giants were stopped by the six-hit performance of Ray Ruppel, a reliever who now has nine victories and but one loss. He had a shutout until the ninth when Joe Sparks hit a four-bagger. Bob

Gariabaldi lost a tough one, giving up 10 hits.

Seattle's Bill Spanwick flipped a neat two-hitter to whip Denver 13-1. The two Bear hits produced the lone run in the second inning on a double by J. W. Porter and Steve Demeter's single. Four Bear hurlers have up 13 hits with Bill Tuttle collecting for two doubles and a single and three runs batted in.

A bloop double by Ed Kirkpatrick in the eighth inning scored Stan Palys with the winning run. It gave reliever Bob Doolittle the victory. He worked three and two-thirds innings, gave up but two hits, struck out five and walked one.

Lincolnton: Dallas-Ft. W. 013 000 001-8 11 1
Okl. City 101 000 002-11 2
Baillargeon, Dotter (1) and McCabe, Gusti, Gerard (4), Golden (6), Dickson (8) and Campbell.

San Diego 101 000 100-3 10 0
Tacoma 000 000 001-1 6 0
Ruppelmeier and Saul; Gariabaldi and Barton.

Denver 010 000 000-1 2 1
Seattle 011 006 000-13 15 0
Kelley, Grzenia (4), Seale (4), Haas (6) and Roff; Spanwick and Skeen.

Salt Lake 010 011 000-4 12 0
Spokane 200 000 200-1 5 12 0
Seiryed, Warner (8) and Baragan; Willhite, Smith (7), Reed (8) and Brumley.

Portland 100 001 000-3 12 0
Hawaii 110 000 015-4 10 0
Monteagudo and Bryan; Sovde, Doolittle (6) and Kirkpatrick.

Pacific Coast League
Northern Division
W. L. Pct. GB
Tacoma 64 40 .316 13½
Hawaii 59 63 .484 17½
Portland 55 70 .440 23

Southern Division
W. L. Pct. GB
Dallas-Ft. W. 65 58 .528 4
Okl. City 64 58 .525 4
San Diego 61 64 .488 4½
Salt Lake City 58 63 .479 5½
Denver 55 68 .447 9½

Friday's Results
Dallas-Ft. Worth 8, Okla. City 2
San Diego 3, Tacoma 1
Seattle 3, Tacoma 1
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Spokane 5, Salt Lake 4 (10 inn.)
Hawaii 4, Portland 3

Major League Standings

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American League			
W. L. Pct. GB			
New York	72	49	.643
Chicago	64	49	.566
Minnesota	63	50	.558
Baltimore	64	53	.547
Cleveland	56	60	.483
Boston	54	58	.482
Los Angeles	54	64	.458
Kansas City	51	61	.455
Detroit	50	61	.450
Washington	41	73	.360
National League			
W. L. Pct. GB			
Los Angeles	68	45	.602
San Francisco	64	50	.561
St. Louis	63	52	.548
Cincinnati	63	53	.544
Chicago	59	53	.527
Philadelphia	60	56	.517
Pittsburgh	57	57	.500
Milwaukee	58	58	.500
Houston	45	71	.388
New York	37	77	.325
Friday's Results			
New York 7, Chicago 3, night			
San Fran. 4, Philadelphia 0, night			
Houston 7, Pitt. 6, 1st, twi, 15 inn.			
Pittsburgh 7, Hou. 6, 2nd, night 11 inn.			
Cincinnati 8, Los Angeles 4, night			
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 3, night			

Galento Thinks Cassius Will Win

By JACK CUDDY
UPI Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Other coffee-drinkers at the restaurant table sat up alertly and beamed their ears toward a sports writer asked "twotone" Tony Galento: "What do you think of Cassius Clay?"

It was expected that Galento, the round and rowdyhew man from Orange, N. J., would jump off his chair and yell: "I could molder the hum!"

Because that was the way Tony used to vilify the opposition when he was a heavyweight contender back in the 1930's and early '40's. Opponents like Joe Louis, Max Baer and Lou Nova.

Instead, the 53-year-old former pugilist let his hairy right hand pugilist the coffee cup gently, with elephantine grace, on its saucer. And he said frankly:

"I think that Clay fellah is one helluva fighter. And I'm glad they postponed his title match with Sonny Liston till next year because it'll give young Cassius just enough time to be at full strength for Liston and to beat Liston — maybe knock him out."

"Are you serious?" said the sports writer, just as surprised as the other blinking listeners.

"Sure I'm serious," said the full-faced man with the sparse black hair. "Clay'll beat Liston for sure when they fight."

"In other words," said the writer, "you're insinuating now that Liston's a bum?"

"No, I'm not," defended Tony. "But I do say I think Liston is a lot older than the 29 years they call him. He looks to me like he's at least 40, and I never miss in calling a fighter's age."

Galento, who is now a job superintendent for a large New Jersey contract plumbing company, added that, regardless of Liston's age, Clay has the equipment and the "eagerness" to take Sonny's title.

"Clay's an eager guy — a pop-off guy, like I was," he explained. "I used to yell, 'I'll molder the bum!' and then I'd go out and really try to do it. I figure a pop-off fighter'll come through his promise about nine out of 10 times. He just has to."

What kind of equipment has Clay got that fits him to beat burly Liston, who is a cunning general and a mule-kick puncher?

"He's got the equipment (Gene Tunney had to beat Jack Dempsey twice)," replied Tony.

Galento and wife Mary still live in Orange, Anthony, Jr., their 25-year-old son, has charge of maintenance crews at a nearby airport.

Who was the hardest hitter he ever faced? Tony said it was Maxie Baer. Yes, Maxie hit harder than Joe Louis, whom Tony staggered in their first round and floored in the third.

But Liston knocked out Tony in the fourth round, when Tony came up for air out of a crouch he was using for the night. And Tony was having "lung trouble" with pneumonia, he said.

Howard Lanned 14 and retired the last 17 men to face him. Steve Selsky got Eugene a pair of runs in the fourth with a homer and Gordy Lundgren drove in the other with a solo homer in the eighth.

Friday's Results
Yakima 8, Lewiston 1
Tri-City 12, Salem 1
Eugene 3, Wenatchee 2

Twins Leading AL In Home Run Race

By United Press International
Yes, Virginia, there is a race the New York Yankees are losing.

It's not the American League pennant race, of course, because that's a cakewalk for the world champions who are 8½ games in front with 50 to play. They couldn't lose that one if they let the baby sub for manager Ralph Houk for the rest of the season.

But there is a definite possibility that the Minnesota Twins will wind up wearing a traditional Yankee trademark: the home run title.

The Twins have clubbed 150 homers in 113 games to put them five homers ahead of the Yankees and the way the Minnesota muckers hit 'em in bunches they're a good bet to finish the season on top. At their present clip they'll wind up with 210 — only 30 short of the major league record set by the 1961 Yankees when Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle combined to hit 115.

Reach 150 Mark
The Twins reached the 150 mark in homers for the season Friday night when Don Mincher, Zoilo Versalles and Rich Rollins connected in a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox. It was the Twins' eighth win in their last nine games but they're still 9½ games out of first place because the Yankees just go on winning . . . winning . . . winning.

The Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Angels, 1-0, the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox, 3-1, after a 2-1 loss, and the Kansas City Athletics topped the Cleveland Indians, 5-1 in their AL action.

Jim Perry yielded homers to Dick Stuart and Carl Yastrzemski but pitched a four-hitter to win his ninth game for the Twins. The Twins scored the winning run in the sixth inning when Lenny Green tripled home a tally.

Salmon Problem Imminent
A brutal disregard for spring chinook salmon by anglers in Rock Creek, an important chinook spawning tributary of the trout fishing, forced Phil Schneider, state game director, to declare a state of emergency which closed the entire stream to all fishing. The emergency closure on Rock Creek was effective Thursday at 6 a.m., Aug. 8, and will remain closed until further notice.

Schneider said that more than 1,000 spring chinook are presently in Rock Creek waiting the spawning time. Fishermen of the area over the past several weeks have mistreated these fish by molesting, wholesale snaggling, and dynamiting. Just recently, Schneider said, game commission biologists using SCUBA gear inspected this run of salmon and found at least five per cent of the fish had from one to three hooks embedded in their bodies, and twice that number had bodies ripped by snagging. One resting pool was dynamited. Piano wire snares were recovered, and over 60 fishing outfits recovered from the pews, more than half were rigged for illegal snagging.

Schneider admonished anglers for the illegal practice, as well as conscientious sportsmen for allowing it to be done. He said the practice was widespread this summer, and much illegal snagging took place on the Rogue River and Santiam, as well as in the Umpqua. If the practice continues, Schneider said, additional fishing waters will be closed down to all angling to protect this important resource.

Tona Upset Winner At Saratoga
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (UPI) — Thomas S. Nichols' Tona, overlooked in the betting at 22-1, registered a smashing upset victory over Lamb Chop Saturday in the \$37,400 Alabama Stakes at Saratoga Springs.

It was by far the most impressive showing by Tona, a 3-year-old chestnut daughter of Nashua. She previously showed she had the makings of a big stakes competitor when she finished second to Spicy Living in the Delaware Oaks, but this was her first stakes success.

Tona negotiated the mile and one-quarter in 2:04 1-5 under Mike Sorrentino and she returned \$45.80 to \$2.30 and \$4.10.

Lamb Chop, winner of the Country Club American Oaks and Monmouth Oaks and considered a leading contender for 3-year-old filly honors, was coupled in the betting with Batture and the W. H. Perry entry went off a strong favorite by the crowd of 24,421.

Lamb Chop paid \$2.50 and \$2.10 and Prodania Vevista paid \$3.30 to show.

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Pat Willard Competing In Meets

Competing in the national AAU swimming championships in Washington, D.C. today, is Patty Willard, who is a member of the San Francisco Merionettes swimming team.

Miss Willard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Willard of San Francisco and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendricks, Klamath Falls.

The Merionettes, a seven-member team, recently competed in AAU indoor championships in Houston, where they won their way to the national outdoor event. In addition to competing in the synchronized swimming with her team members, Miss Willard will compete in solo and dual events.

Swan Captures Seniors Golf

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI) — Ralph Swan of Vancouver defeated Dr. Millard Rosenblatt of Tualatin 3 and 2 to win the grand championship division in the Oregon Senior Golfers' Association Friday.

Swan was ahead 1 up at the end of nine holes in the scheduled 18-hole match.

In other division finals, Bob Henningsen of Astoria won over Ralph Lomax of Portland 2 and 1 in Class A, Dr. Merle Taylor of Portland turned back Ted Porterfield of Grants Pass 4 and 3 in Class AA and Ralph Brown of Vancouver got past Carl Fahlstrom of Longview, Wash., 1 up in Class AAA.

AUSSIES ADVANCE
HAMBURG, Germany (UPI) — Australians Marty Milligan, Bob Hewitt, Ken Fletcher and Fred Stolle Friday reached the quarterfinals of the West German tennis championships.