



**CHAMPIONS COME HOME** — The Klamath Falls Nationals, fresh from their amazing triumph in the regional tournament at Kellogg, Idaho, returned home Sunday night to the cheers of about 1,500 fans who gathered to greet them. At left, garbed in their new jackets, a gift from their parents, are, left to right, Bob Williams, Bob



Moore Jr. and Alan Mezger. Center view, Bob Mezger, president of the Babe Ruth League is shown with Bob Moore, team manager. Mezger introduced Moore for some comment. Moore is holding the regional trophy which the Nationals won in a come-from-behind double victory on Saturday at Kellogg. Far right, some of the players



are shown during the ceremony on the steps of the courthouse. Left to right, are Alan Mezger, Kim Badley, Rick Brosterhaus, Russ Smith (rear-hat), Dave Lyman, Arie DeGroot and unidentified man. The regional champs expect to leave Thursday or Friday of this week for the national tournament at Farmington, N.M.



**1,500 FANS GATHER** — This view taken from the steps of the Klamath County Courthouse shows a portion of the estimated 1,500 fans who turned out Sunday night to greet the returning Babe Ruth Nationals, regional champions, upon their return from Kellogg, Idaho, where they whipped Aberdeen, Wash., 7-0 Saturday night for the Pacific Northwest regional crown.

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## Reds Belt Koufax 9-4; LA Lead Cut To 3½

By United Press International

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|---------------|----------------|
| Los Angeles   | 69 46 .600     |
| San Francisco | 66 50 .569 3½  |
| St. Louis     | 64 53 .547 6   |
| Cincinnati    | 64 56 .533 7½  |
| Chicago       | 61 54 .530 8   |
| Pittsburgh    | 59 57 .509 10½ |
| Philadelphia  | 60 58 .508 10½ |
| Milwaukee     | 59 59 .500 11½ |
| Houston       | 45 73 .381 23½ |
| New York      | 38 79 .325 32  |

A year ago today the Los Angeles Dodgers held a 3½-game lead over the San Francisco Giants in the National League pennant race.

That's the same bulge that separated these California rivals after weekend action, leaving some figure filberts wondering if history was ready to repeat itself.

You don't need a long memory to recall that the Dodgers blew a four-game lead in the final week of the 1962 season and then bowed to the Giants in a three-game playoff. This year, though, the Dodgers seemingly have hit the skids much earlier.

Since July 20, when the Dodgers held a 10-game lead over the Giants, Walt Alston's men have lost 11 of 20 games. During the same period, the Giants, led by wondrous Willie Mays, have won 15 of 19.

Mays, hitting in his 13th straight game, doubled in two key runs to help the Giants whip the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-1, while the Cincinnati Reds walloped Sandy Koufax and the Dodgers, 9-4.

**Braves Beat Cards**  
The Milwaukee Braves ripped the St. Louis Cardinals, 9-1, the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Houston Colts, 2-1, and the New York Mets rolled to an 11-4 victory after losing the opener of a doubleheader to the Chicago Cubs, 8-1, in other NL action.

Mays unloaded his double in the fifth inning to break up a pitching duel between Cal McLish (11-12) and the Giants' Jack Sanford (11-12). Chuck Hiller drove in three runs for the Giants with a homer and a sacrifice fly. Wes Covington collected four of the Phils' five hits off Sanford, who needed ninth inning help from Billy Hoelt and Don Larsen.

The Reds raked Koufax for nine hits and five runs during a 5-1-3 innings to become the first team to beat the Dodger south-paw twice this season. Koufax,

now 16-5, entered the sixth inning with a 4-1 lead but was chased during a six-run Cincinnati uprising. Frank Robinson and Don Pavletich homered for the Reds and Frank Howard and Tommy Davis hit the seats for the Dodgers.

**Hurls Four-Hitter**  
Tony Cloninger struck out 11 and pitched a four-hitter for the

Braves. Eddie Mathews' three-run homer and Gene Oliver's two-run single were the big blows for Milwaukee. Cloninger retired 15 batters in a row after the Cards scored an unearned run in the fourth.

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## 1,500 Fans Greet Babe Ruth Champs

Klamath Falls will leave Thursday or Friday of this week for Farmington, N.M., where they will meet Joplin, Mo., in the third game of the Babe Ruth World Series on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at noon.

Joplin won the Midwest regional crown on Sunday by defeating Des Moines, Iowa, 7-4. Other teams in the 10-team tournament and their pairings include: Host, Farmington N.M., versus Frankfurt, Germany, Europe champion; Atlanta, Ga., southeast champion, versus Oak Lawn, Ill., Ohio Valley.

Tulsa, Okla., southwest winner, will play the winner of the Farmington, Europe game; Oakland, Calif., Pacific South-

west winner, will play the winner of the Atlanta, Oak Lawn clash.

Puerto Rico, New England champ, plays Frederick, Md., the middle Atlantic champion.

The double elimination tournament concludes in a championship game Saturday at 8 p.m.

All games will be played at the Babe Ruth Stadium at Farmington. Joplin, Tulsa and Oakland are the only three teams of the 10 ever to have appeared before in the Babe Ruth World Series.

Puerto Rico is the first territorial team to play in the series.

By JERRY WAGGONER  
Herald and News Sports Editor

The Klamath Falls Nationals, Oregon State and Regional Babe Ruth champions, arrived back home to the cheers of an estimated 1,500 fans who turned out to show their respects to the new champions who will represent the Pacific Northwest in the Babe Ruth World Series Aug. 18-24 in Farmington, N.M.

It was indeed a warm welcome and one well deserved by the Nationals. They hadn't been home since they left to go to the state tournament in The Dalles July 28. They won the state title there in a breeze and drove right on from there to Kellogg, Idaho, where they won the Regional title.

The street and lawn in front of the courthouse was packed with people who had been waiting for about an hour for the team to arrive. They did so at about 10 p.m., a tired group of youngsters after a grueling tournament and a 13-hour drive home. However, they seemed to lose some of that fatigue during the welcome.

The welcome began with Bob Bartlett as the master of ceremonies. He turned the program over to George Callison of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce who made a short speech. He called the team a million dollar team, but then changed his mind and said no price tag could be put on them.

He also stated that the recognition by the team had been excellent publicity for the town and

## Major League Leaders

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| Player & Club  | G.  | AB  | R  | H   | Pct. |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Groat, S.L.    | 117 | 472 | 65 | 162 | .343 |
| Clemente, Pitt | 107 | 420 | 60 | 140 | .333 |
| T.Davis, LA    | 101 | 379 | 46 | 121 | .319 |
| Pinson, Cin    | 120 | 484 | 73 | 154 | .318 |
| Gonzalez, Phil | 116 | 429 | 63 | 136 | .317 |
| Aaron, Mil     | 117 | 462 | 85 | 146 | .316 |
| Kuenn, SF      | 78  | 266 | 39 | 83  | .312 |
| Williams, Chi  | 115 | 445 | 68 | 136 | .306 |
| White, S.L.    | 117 | 476 | 81 | 145 | .305 |
| Cepeda, SF     | 113 | 413 | 68 | 124 | .300 |

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|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Cepeda, SF      | 113 | 413 | 68 | 124 | .300 |
| American League |     |     |    |     |      |
| Ystzmski, Bos   | 108 | 410 | 67 | 135 | .332 |
| Kaline, Det     | 111 | 432 | 73 | 136 | .315 |
| Rollins, Minn   | 98  | 368 | 58 | 116 | .315 |
| Pearson, LA     | 113 | 427 | 60 | 129 | .302 |
| Malzone, Bos    | 108 | 417 | 48 | 125 | .300 |
| Wagner, LA      | 114 | 422 | 57 | 126 | .299 |
| Geiger, Bos     | 83  | 278 | 55 | 83  | .299 |
| Hrshbrgr, Chi   | 95  | 332 | 48 | 95  | .286 |
| Causey, KC      | 105 | 424 | 57 | 121 | .285 |
| Smith, KC       | 100 | 310 | 42 | 87  | .281 |

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

**American League—Stuart, Red Sox 28; Killebrew, Twins 26; Allison, Twins 25; Howard, Yanks 23; Wagner, Angels 22.**

**Runs Batted In**  
National League—Aaron, Braves 97; White, Cards 82; Santo, Cubs 78; Pinson, Reds 76; Boyer, Cards 75.

**American League—Stuart, Red Sox 78; Kaline, Tigers 77; Wagner, Angels 70; Allison, Twins, and Howard, Yanks 66.**

**Pitching**  
National League—Perranoski, Dodgers 11-2; Maloney, Reds 17-4; McBean, Pirates 12-3; Maricheal, Giants 18-5; Koufax, Dodgers 18-5.

**American League—Bouton, Yanks 15-5; Radatz, Red Sox 12-4; Ford, Yanks 17-6; Downing, Yanks 8-3; Peters, White Sox 12-5.**

## Giants Eye Phil Sweep

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—The San Francisco Giants wind up their series with Philadelphia here today and hope to sweep the four game series.

Manager Alvin Duffall will pin his hopes on Jim Duffalo, who has come along well the past month.

The Giants took their third straight from the Phils Sunday, 5-1, to maintain their drive to catch the Los Angeles Dodgers. Jack Sanford collected his 11th victory against 12 losses although he needed help from Billy Hoelt and Don Larsen.

Willie Mays continued his hitting, collecting a double in four trips, driving in a pair of runs. It was the 13th game in which he has hit safely.

A rarity saw Willie McCovey booted out of the game in the fifth for protesting a call by plate umpire Ed Vargo.

Philly manager Gene Mauch will start Chris Short, who has a 3-9 record this year. Duffalo will be gunning for his fifth victory without a defeat.



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