



# AROUND THE HORN

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## BLUE SOX, RIFLES FINALLY CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN TO WIN SPB-I '59 TITLES

by Lou Ross

A month of Sundays has hit the calendar, hell has frozen over and yes, the Toronto Titans and Lafayette Blue Sox have each won a pennant!

The Titans? Remember them as from the first year of Seasons Past play? Since then, they have gone through numerous ownership changes and now, as the **Rossmoor Rifles**, under the tutelage of Bob Calicchia, overcame the one game lead of the Saxons after August to win the National League pennant by four games.

Meanwhile, in the American League, Steve Ehresman, whose **Lafayette Blue Sox** have moved from a .500 mark in the old Harridge Division in 1954, through the depths of the Eastern Division, finally won the pennant in a 1959 walkaway.

Both skippers made critical and deft trades and draft selections over the past few seasons to position themselves for the title. Each club made strong inroads in 1958 with the Blue Sox being the hottest team in the second half of the campaign and kept it going right from the start of 1959. Rossmoor kept building and after missing the 1957 flag by one game, finished 4 back of the Saxons in 1958. For a complete rundown of how the

Rifles overcame the Saxons and the Blue Sox kept their momentum moving to



the World Series, see page four. The complete WS report will be featured in the March issue of **Around the Horn**.

While the Sox rode the burly back of Early Wynn who tied for the league lead with 23 wins and 17 from Billy Pierce, the Rifles had five 10-game winners with Vern Law's 13 topping the list. Three of their hurlers finished in the ERA Top Ten with Camilo Pascual taking the title at 1.88 and Bob Shaw and Law joining in.

Harvey Kueen (Seniors) took the batting title with a .351 mark, Mickey Mantle (Tigers) took the RBI leadership with 119 and Lincoln's Rocky Colavito now wears the HR crown with 41.

An overall look at the '59 season and leaders appears on page 13.

## FINAL '59 STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
<b>Blue Sox</b>	96	58	.623	-
<b>Empires</b>	83	71	.539	13
<b>Seniors</b>	80	74	.519	16
<b>Cubs</b>	77	77	.500	19
<b>Tigers</b>	72	82	.468	24
<b>Grays</b>	66	88	.429	30
<b>Pelicans</b>	58	96	.377	38
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
<b>Rifles</b>	93	61	.604	-
<b>Saxons</b>	89	65	.578	4
<b>Falcons</b>	83	71	.539	10
<b>Black Sox</b>	78	76	.506	15
<b>Cascades</b>	77	77	.500	16
<b>Mavericks</b>	71	83	.461	22
<b>Zees</b>	55	99	.357	38

## Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

First, this month, I want to congratulate both the Rifles and Blue Sox on winning their respective SPBI-59 divisions. Both Bob and Steve are first-time winners, something I enjoy seeing occur in our league. Good luck in the World Series.

I also want to briefly clear up any confusion over how the '61 and '62 expansion teams will be placed in the rookie drafts. Early last summer, the Rules Committee studied the situation and agreed that the new teams would need some help beyond the original drafting of players from the actual expansion teams. When each of the existing teams has at least one Hall of Fame type player on its roster, the fact that the expansion teams will struggle for the first few seasons is not hard to believe.

It is only fair that the expansion managers have a chance at this caliber of player, one that is not present among the rosters of the actual expansion teams. Based upon that fact, the Rules Committee has modified the expansion teams' draft positions from the original proposal which was created some time ago. They will draft as follows:

The expansion teams will draw for the first two (2) first round draft picks in the '61 and '62 drafts. In the second round, they will be drawn from the hat with the rest of the league. In all remaining rounds, they will draft in positions #1 and #2. Their order for these will also be decided by a coin toss.

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**Commissioner's Forum From P.1**

Next, I want to update you on the possibility of an **SPB-IV**. If this league is to become a reality, we are looking at the season beginning on January 1, 1998. However, several questions need to be answered relative to the game itself.

As we all know, the game does not handle pitchers very well. In an age where the complete game was the rule rather than the exception, the game must be able to duplicate this strategy. Hopefully, a new version of the game will be released this spring.

At that point, we can review any improvements in this area and then decide to press forward. However, if the game shows no improvement in this area, we may regret going forward with our "deadball league."

Your thoughts are welcome on this topic.

**DH for 1928?**

No, not here in SPB-III, but there was a proposal by National League President John Heydler to adopt a rule to add a 10th player to hit for the pitcher. The concept was voted down at the league's winter meetings between the 1928 and 1929 seasons..

American league owners did listen to Heydler's idea to have "...a player who would not play in the field, but every time the pitcher's spot came around."

Heydler was supported by Giants' Manager John McGraw and other officials, but most AL owners favored keeping the game in its traditional form without unnecessary tampering.

Seems like they were worried about "tradition" even then.

Well, maybe someday.

**DIAMOND DUST**

**Spring 1928:** The National League reports 5 million in attendance in 1927, a new record...Two former players are appointed as umpires by the NL, OF Sherry Magee and SS Dolly Stark. Magee had been suspended for hitting an umpire in 1911...Jimmy Cooney gets to spend his final ML season with his brother Johnny when he's sold by the Cardinals to the Braves...Giants and Pirates swap pitchers, Burleigh Grimes for Vic Aldridge...

**April-May '48:** White Sox beat Cubs at Wrigley Field with Jack Brickhouse at the WGN-TV mike. This is the first baseball telecast in Chicago history...Tigers' Steve Vico hits the first pitch thrown to him in the ML by Joe Haynes for a HR...Chisox catcher Mike Tresh hits his first HR since 1940, 2,568 ABs ago..Ted Wilks' 12-game winning streak ends when he loses to the Reds 5-4 in 14 innings...Johnny Blatnick's 7th inning single ruins a perfect game bid by Harry Brecheen...In the 2nd game of a Sunday DH at Pittsburgh, the umps continue the game past the 7 PM curfew because they believe the Pirates are stalling with a 5-4 lead. Dodgers go ahead, but Ralph Kiner hits a 3-run HR for a 10-8 win. Pirates are fined \$100...Pete Gray begins a comeback with Elmira after a year out of baseball..In a 13-4 Cleveland win over Boston, the Tribe draws 18 walks to tie a record...Joe DiMaggio hits 3 HRs in a 6-5 Yankees' win over Cleveland. The first two are off Bob Feller...A LHP for Schnectedy, Tom Lasorda, strikes out 25 in a 15-inning game...Hank Greenberg buys and interest in the Indians...

**October 1959:** The Go-Go Sox change character and beat the Dodgers 11-0 in the WS opener as Early Wynn and Gerry Staley combine for the zip. Ted Kluszewski hits 2 HRs and drives in 5...Charlie Neal hits 2 HRs in game 2 to even the series with a 4-3 win...Back in LA,

the Dodgers win 3-1 and 5-4. Game 4 draws the largest WS attendance record with 92,650...Dick Donovan keeps the series alive with a sparkling 1-0 shutout over the Dodgers. A DP by Sherm Lollar brings in the only run and the attendance record falls again with 92,706 jammed into the LA Coliseum...Dodgers win the series in Chicago, 9-3 behind Larry Sherry in relief of Johnny Podres. Dodgers had an 8-0 lead and held on despite Klu's 3-run HR which set a 6-game WS mark of 10 RBI. Chuck

**"You can't get enjoyment out of hate. I wish I could live by this 100 percent, but every fourth or fifth day during the summer, I go into a Jekyll-and-Hyde act. Every time a player gets a hit or home run off me, I get strange notions and ideas of things I would like to do to him. Then, after the game I feel ashamed and think to myself, 'This guy is a nice fellow and I wonder what's happening to you, Early?' So I'll call him up and invite him to be my guest at dinner and spend the evening talking shop."**

**Early Wynn, in his column for the Cleveland News, requested in Sport, March, 1956.**

Essegian hits his 2nd PH HR of the series. Dodgers get \$11,231 apiece for winning while each Sox player nets \$7,275...Clark Griffith says the Senators' franchise will not be moved...The Players Association approves 2 All-Star games for 1960 and the players request that they be within 4 days of each other... Continental League President Branch Rickey says a franchise will be awarded to Buffalo. Two slots remain with Montreal, Atlanta and Dallas/Ft. Worth still in the running...Early Wynn takes the Cy Young Award, getting 13 of 16 votes...



## 1928 Trading Bazaar

**7. SPIDERS** send Larry Woodall, Fats Fothergill, Bucky Harris and their 5th round draft pick to the **THUNDERBOLTS** for Carl Lind, Fred Brickell and the T'Bolts 6th round pick.

**8. BARNSTORMERS** send their 1st round draft pick to the **CLOWNS** for Woody English.

**9. HAWKS** swap Ben Paschal and their 4th round choice to the **STARS** for Bud Clancy and the Stars' 7th round pick.

## 1960 Garage Sale

Time to put the signs on the front lawn and start cleaning those used ballplayers out of the rafters. And for the bargain hunters out there, it's time to scour for a gem or two. Here goes:

(Trades thru January 31st)

**142. PELICANS** move Norm Cash and their 3rd rounder to **TIGERS** for Johnny Callison and Tito Francona.

**143. PELICANS** trade Charlie Maxwell to **CUBS** for Johnny Antonelli.

**144. PELICANS** swap Bill Virdon to **CASCADES** for Don Demeter.

**145. CUBS** trade Clem Labine, Dave Sisler and Harry Anderson to **TIGERS** for Don Larsen and Paul Foytack.

**146. CUBS** trade Billy Martin to the **BLACK SOX** for Gus Bell.

**147. PELICANS** swap Jerry Lumpe to **FALCONS** for Bob Purkey.

**148. CUBS** move Roger Craig to **RIFLES** for Don McMahon.

**149. ZEES** trade Hal Brown and Marty Keough to **BLUE SOX** for Don Zimmer and Whitey Herzog.

**150. PELICANS** swap Joe Nuxhall to **GRAYS** for Ken Aspromonte.

**151. CUBS** trade Willie Mays, Charlie Maxwell and 4th round pick to the **MAVERICKS** for Billy Williams, Dick Williams and Gino Cimoli.

## 1948 Game Reports

by Lou Ross

Year five of SPB-II got underway amidst the usual cold April weather as teams attempted to jump out to a quick start in the pennant pursuit.

The newly-minted **Mojave Marauders** traveled to **Municipal Stadium** to take on the **Rossville Hornets**, with each club looking to turn things around in 1948. In the season opener, the M's disappointed the excited crowd as Eddie Lopat scattered 8 hits and threw a 5-0 shutout. Enos Slaughter was 2-4 with a key RBI. Dave Philley, making his Hornets' debut, was 2-2. In the 8th, Lopat got Mickey Vernon to hit into a bases jammed DP to end a threat... It was the M's again in game 2 as the Hornets let a 2-1 lead slip away in the 5th when the M's pushed across three runs against Fritz Ostermueler.



Slaughter singled in a pair in the 5th and finished the day 3-4. Gil Coan was 3-4 for the Hornets while Ostermueler put up 2-3 at the plate... Rossville notched their first win of the year the next afternoon when Freddie Hutchinson picked up a 6-3 win. Jim Hegan (a HR) and Philley led the way with 2-4 and an RBI apiece while Ralph Lapointe also drove home two. Sam Chapman was 3-4 and Al Dark hit his first M's HR...Hornets evened the series on a 7-3 win by breaking a 3-3 tie with a 4-run 8th. Philley led the charge for the Hornets with a 4-4 day, including a pair of 2Bs and 2 RBI. Hegan again HR'd and former Hornet Marino Pieretti made a successful return with 7 strong innings, while young Ned Garver pitched two perfect innings in relief for his first SPB win...Marauders took the series in the finale with a 3-2, 10 inning triumph. Hornets had tied this one in the 9th on a Garver squeeze with the bases full in the 9th, but Bill Rigney's RBI single won this for the M's...The second series was a total washout for the Hornets as the Trees

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Great minds think alike. Sometimes. You also know that the prevalent opinion is that there is a fine line between genius and lunacy.

With that fact established, I want to put in my two cents (what else is new) on the **SPB-IV** concept. I agree with Jim Wheeler about the need to tweak *Diamond Mind Baseball* a bit or perhaps more, simply to replicate the pitching numbers and performances near the start of the century. It is also something that has had an impact on the three existing leagues.

The inability to adequately utilize pitchers who went both as starters and relievers through the 50's has also been a bane for many managers. While the game has certain parameters set for pitching rest, perhaps a simple adjustment, whereby pitchers could start on three days of rest and possibly relieve for a few batters in the interim, would work.

It is something that needs to be addressed somewhere in the game logarithms. Perhaps, having different criteria for each pitching era would suffice. Other sometimes aggravating factors still exist with baserunning and sacrifice bunts. A more extensive set of defensive strategies needs to be implemented in addition to intensifying the road manager guidelines for relief pitcher usage. Quick hooks or no hooks at all?

We have looked at a number of issues over the years and while some have been addressed, others need to be more fully worked upon in the near future.

Okay, off the soapbox. The answer to the one major question, of the web site is a resounding, NO. I simply have not had time to address this project properly in the past month, but will attempt to be more diligent. LJR

# 1959 GAME REPORTS

by Lou Ross

As Manager Steve Ehresman watched the magic number slowly dwindle for his **Lafayette Blue Sox** in the American league race, it was a matter of keeping the troops sharp and ready for the World Series. If their two home series are any indication, the Sox are ready!

First into Connie Mack Stadium came the **Frankfort Tigers** and the **Blue Sox** walked away with five victories. As usual, Early Wynn opened the series for the Sox taking on Paul Foytack. The Sox used their 1-2-3 punch to manufacture a 1st inning run on a Vada Pinson single, Don Blasingame sac and RBI single by Frank Malzone. Tigers tied in the 4th on a Mickey Mantle single and steal and eventual SF by Gene Freese. Sox took the lead for good in the 5th when Pinson drew a 2-out walk and Blasingame and Malzone singled for the 2-1 lead. Sherm Lollar and Lou Klimchuck singled home runs in the 6th while Dale Long PH an RBI single in the 7th with two out off Gary Blaylock and Blasingame singled in the final of a 6-1 win in the 8th. Wynn finished with a 6-hitter... Tigers stormed back in game 2 off Billy Pierce with 4 in the 1st on 3 straight singles to start off the game with Frank Bolling netting the RBI followed by Mantle's 3-run HR. Wally Moon smacked a 2-run shot off Frank Lary in the bottom half and the Sox added one in the 2nd on Blasingame's two out RBI single. Solos by the Tigers in the 3rd and 4th stretched the lead as Al Smith's grounder scored Mantle who had tripled and Jim Finigan singled home one. Sox cut the lead to 6-4 on a Jim Lemon PH 3B in the 6th and the clubs swapped runs in the 9th. Johnny Callison hit a solo for the Bengals which was matched by

Moon's solo in the Sox 9th. Don Elston picked up the save for the Tigers....No doubt about the results in game 3 as the Sox nailed 5 in the 1st and 7 more in the 2nd, sending 22 men to the plate over two innings. Tiger's starter Ray Narleski lasted only 7 batters before leaving for Eddie Fisher. Long's 2-run 3B in the 1st followed the table setters at the top of the order and in the 2nd, Long added a SF and Bob Miller and Malzone adding 2-run singles for the key blows. Earl Wilson settled things down for the Tigers, but it was too late as the Blue Sox romped 17-2 on 22 hits...In game 4, Ralph Terry cruised to a 6-1 win as the Sox thrashed Don Larsen...

Sox decided there had been enough hitting and decided to flip back-to-back shutouts. Mike Garcia got the win in game 5, allowing only 2 hits over 6 2/3 before Jim Brosnan picked him up to complete the 2-hit zip. The top of the order again netted a run for the Sox as one scored on Pinson 2B and Blasingame single. Vic Wertz HR'd off starter and loser Jack Harshman in the 7th for the 2-0 win.. Wynn took the hill again in game six and coasted to another 6-hit win, this one 5-0, again toppling



Foytack. Wertz' 2-run shot in the 2nd was all the Sox needed.. Lary again bested Pierce in the finale, a strong 5-3 win. Freese's 2-run shot in the 1st was halved by a Pinson solo in the 3rd, but 3 in the 7th, one on a squeeze bunt by Lary and a 2-run double by Mantle set the pace. The red-hot Wertz smacked a 2-out, 2-run HR in the 9th to close the scoring.....

The 2nd place **Smithfield Seniors** visted for the final home series and **Sox** again took a 5-spot. Wynn was able to keep the high average Seniors somewhat in check in the opener as the Sox won 7-5. The win went to Turk Lown in relief. Seniors jumped out 2-0 in the 1st as Tony Taylor

singled and stole 2nd and scored on a Minnie Minoso single. Minoso then stole and scored on a Harvey Kueen single. Malzone capped the top three's offensive attack for the Sox with a SF, but the Seniors picked up a pair in the 2nd when Taylor was nicked by a pitch with the bags full and Jim Marshall hit into a DP for the 4-1 lead. Another DP grounder, this one by Minoso in the 5th, extended the lead, but here came the Sox. Moon doubled home one in the 6th, Lollar hit a 2-run shot to cut it to 5-4 in the 7th and the Sox tied on a Malzone single in the 8th off Rudy Arias, on for Bob Turley. Gordon Jones got Lollar to lead off the 9th, but walked Blasingame, batting 8th, and yielded a PH HR to Whitey Herzog for the Sox' 7-5 win... Hal Woodeshick got a rare start in game two, against Herb Score. Ted Kluszewski tripled in one and Blasingame singled in the 2nd run in the second inning for a 2-0 lead. Klu hit a SF in the 4th to extend the lead, but the Seniors knotted it in the 6th. Willie Jones singled in one, Minoso's tapper got in another and Kueen doubled in the run to make it 3-3. Lollar's SF again put the Sox ahead, but a 4-run 8th sealed it for the Seniors off Brosnan and Clevenger. Felipe Alou, Jones and Minoso singled and a run scored on a Lemon error in LF on the third hit. After two outs, Sammy White singled home a pair and Taylor eventually drew a pass with the bases loaded for a 7-4 lead. Moon's HR off Arias in the 8th closed the scoring at 7-5 with Jones getting the win and Arias the save. Brosnan took the loss...

Ralph Terry went for the Sox in game 3 against Don Cardwell and got a leadoff HR from Pinson for a 1-0 1st inning lead. Klimchuck singled in one in the 2nd and Big Ted hit a 2-run shot for a 4-0, 5th inning lead. Willie Jones PH a single for one in the 8th and Johnny Logan's bases loaded 2B in

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the 9th almost tied the game, but White was nailed at the plate by a Moon-Klimchock relay to secure the win....Seniors bounced back in game four, pummeling Bob Grim in a 6-1 win for Art Ceccarelli.....Blue Sox rebounded in the fifth contest behind Pierce over Larry Sherry. A 13-hit attack, led by Pinson's 3rd inning leadoff HR stopped the Seniors. A WP got in another in the 5th before the Seniors tied at 2-2 in the 6th on a Kueen single and Vic Power SF. But Sherry tired in the 7th and permitted an RBI single to Malzone and a 3B to Moon before Gord Jones came on to allow an RBI single to Lemon for the 5-2 lead. Pinson and Blasingame singled in runs in the 8th before Bob Porterfield shut the door and the 7-2 Sox win...If there was one game to sharpen the Sox' skills, it was game 6. Garcia got the start against Turley and the Seniors overcame an early 1-0 Sox lead off a Lollar 2nd inning single, by scoring 5 in the 3rd. Kueen singled home one, Brooks Robinson two and Power and White one apiece. Brosnan came on in the 4th after a Taylor leadoff 2B and allowed a Marshall RBI single for a 6-1 Smithfield lead. Here came the Sox with Lollar's 2-run HR in the 5th and Malzone's single and Lemon's 2B in the 5th making it 6-5. Sox tied off Billy Hoeft when Pinson singled with the bases full. Woodeshick and Clevenger held off the Seniors through the 10th and Klimchock singled in the 7-6 game winner off Porterfield in the 10th. The Seniors had 13 hits, the Sox 14..Clear-cut win for the Sox in the finale as Wynn's 6-hitter bested Brooks Lawrence 8-1. Malzone and Klu slammed 2-run HRs in the win, the latter off Cardwell...

Seems that the **Albany Express** are becoming increasingly disgruntled with their new digs at the **Coliseum** in LA and are looking for a new site. No wonder they're disenchanting; they run a promo and all they do is give away runs. Well, for one game anyway.

The **Smithfield Seniors** benefited from

this strange custom by plating 20 runs on 25 hits in the opener of the series. Turley was the beneficiary of the onslaught and Pete Ramos the victim. It was a simple 2-0 lead on 1st inning RBI singles by Mino and Robinson until the Empires bullpen seemingly imploded in the 4th. Ramos allowed a leadoff 3B to Power, RBI single to Logan, a HR to White and single to Turley and was pulled for Milt Pappas. He loaded the bases with two more singles and then plunked Mino with the bases full for another run. Kueen and Robby each drove in runs before Power K'd for the first out. Logan then doubled in a pair to end the 9-run attack.

It wasn't over yet. Mino and Kueen each 2B'd in a run in the 5th and the Empires cut the lead to 13-2 with back-to-back HRs by reliever Johnny Klippstein and Harmon Killebrew. In the 8th, Kueen led with a HR and after 2 singles, Klipper left for Pete Burnside who made Sammy White a hero by serving a 3-run gopher. Burnside wasn't through and yielded another 3-run shot, to Mino for a 7-run stanza and the 20-2 Seniors win...Talk about turning the tables, the Empires lowered their series ERA



with consecutive zips in games 2 and 3. Albany jumped on Herb Score and in the 2nd for six. Gene Conley's bases full single started the scoring,

Killebrew walked to force in a run and Jackie "I'll Take Vanilla" Brandt, smashed a long grand slam. Bob Cerv singled in one in the 4th, Bobby Richardson doubled home Berra in the 7th and scored on the first of two Conley HRs on the homestand. Three more in the 8th on an Adcock HR, a Berra grounder and Conley single finished the 13-0 rout and 9-hit win for the lanky Conley.....Neatly packaged 3-0 win in game 3 as Killebrew smacked a 3-run shot off Cardwell in the 6th and Jack Sanford went 8 1/3 and Gerry Staley finished up the 5-hit zip....Ceccarelli righted the cart for

the Seniors with his own shutout, a 4-0, 5-hit effort. An Alou HR in the 4th and Jose Pagan single in the 5th made it 2-0. Power capped the scoring with a 2-out, 2-run HR in the 9th off CG loser Harvey Haddix....Ramos continued to have problems in game 5, losing to Larry Sherry. Duke Snider HR'd in the 3rd for a 1-0 lead, but Mino's single in the 6th tied. Power grounded in a run in the 7th followed by Larry Doby's PH 3B for a 3-0 lead and Ramos was again relieved by Pappas. Mino hit a 2-run HR in the 8th and Power doubled in one for the 6-1 triumph...**Goose-egg Days** followed as Conley and Sanford continued their strings. Conley toppled Turley with a 6-hitter, 8-0. Killebrew, on his way to a 40 HR season, led off the game with one and Conley got number two of the month, a 3-run shot in the 2nd. Killer added the final two runs with another HR in the 6th off Hoeft....Sanford matched with Score who had another rough outing. Adcock hit a solo in the 4th, but the wall came down in the 5th as the Empires scored nine. Score walked the first two and Killebrew slammed a 3-run shot. Brandt drove Score to the showers with a 2B and Porterfield came on to fuel the fire. The Empires kept chipping away and on came Hoeft with the score 7-0. Killebrew's shot to CF was muffed by Mino and two scored before Brandt closed the scoring with a single.....So, after the Seniors' onslaught in the opener, the Empires fired four shutout wins to take the series.

Would the sparkling pitching of the **Empires** hold up against the powerful **Rossville Cubs**? The Cubs jumped off quickly against Haddix with solo HRs from Willie Mays and Gil Hodges in the 1st, but Killebrew, in the 4th slot, singled home one off Lew Burdette in the bottom. Berra hit a solo in the 2nd to tie and it stayed that way until the 5th when Snider hit one out. With one down in the 9th, Del crandall put one over the Chinese Wall in LF for a 3-3 tie. Staley held the Cubs in the 10th and in the bottom, Adcock greeted Jack Meyer with a HR for the 4-3 win.

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Conley pitched another fine game in the 2nd contest, a 3-1, 7-hitter. Killebrew singled in one and Adcock hit a SF off Cal McLish for a 2-0 lead in the 3rd. Snider singled in a run in the 5th. The only Cubs' run came on an Ernie Banks groundout in the 8th....Sanford was sharp once again, winning game three, 4-1 over John Antonelli. A solo HR by Wally Post in the 5th and an unearned run on a Hodges error made it 2-0. Two more in the 6th on a Berra single and Richardson 2B extended the lead. Sanford got the first two in the 9th before yielding walks to Jensen and Mays and Chuck Stobbs came on to face Eddie Mathews and allowed a run-scoring single before closing down Banks with a grounder to SS. Rossville jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Haddix in game 5 on a 2nd inning Billy Gardner single, but Snider HR'd off Burdette to tie in the 4th. Adcock's 3-run HR in the 6th gave the Empires a 4-1 lead, but the Cubs were still growling. Gardner continued his hot effort with a 2-run 7th inning HR. Staley came on in the 8th and shut down the Cubs, but gave up a leadoff 3B to PH Billy Martin in the 9th. Stobbs came on and after getting Ray Webster, Jensen singled and Mays hit a 2-run HR for the win. Meyer went 1-2-3 in the 9th for the save...Conley finally faltered in game 6, dropping a 9-3 decision to Tom Brewer. Hodges' hit a pair of HRs, a 2-run in the 2nd and solo in the 4th, matched by Adcock's 4th inning solo. Mays and Banks singled in runs in the 5th to send the weary Conley to the showers. Killebrew and Adcock hit back-to-back SFs in the 6th to cut the margin to 5-3, but Rossville exploded for 4 in the 7th off Glen Hobbie. Two-run singles by Mays and Faye Throneberry's closed the scoring on Brewer's 6-hit win... Empires finished the home schedule with Sanford on the hill against McLish. Mathews put the Cubs ahead with a single in the 1st, but a Snider 2B, a Mathews error and Cerv groundout put Albany ahead, 3-1. Crandall led off the 2nd with a HR,

but Killebrew doubled home a run in the bottom with Snider being nailed at the plate. Crandall's 2nd HR of the game tied things at 4-4 in the 6th and Sanford was done in favor of Staley. With two on in the 7th, Dave Sisler relieved McLish and immediately coughed up a 3-run shot to Snider for the 7-4 win to close out the home season....

In a series where each club was already playing out the string, the **Hatteras Pelicans** visited Wrigley Field to take on the **Cubs**. The Cubs managed to take 6-of-7 in hopes of reaching the .500 mark for the year. Cubs rocked starter Don Drysdale for six in the first two innings and coasted to a 9-1 win behind Brewer. Jackie Jensen and Gardner each went 3-4 with Jensen's HR and pair of 2Bs leading the way. Crandall also HR'd...Tighter in game two as Antonelli outdueled Robin Roberts. Hodges' 2-run HR was enough to offset Gus Triandos' solo as Clem Labine managed the save in the 2-1 contest...Three straight for Rossville, 6-2, behind Roger Craig. Only Bill Virdon's 2-run, 6th inning HR spoiled the effort in the 6-2 win. Crandall continued his hot hitting with 2-3 while Mathews was 4-5 and Banks 3-5. Reliever Eli Grba had one of the four Pelicans' hits. Hatteras broke through for its only win of the series in game four as Drysdale came back to beat former teammate Burdette. Jerry Lumpe and Dick Groat each 3B'd among their 3 hits. Aging Harry "Suitcase" Simpson added a 2B and 2 hits with the Cubs making 3 miscues. ...McLish got untracked in game 5, a 3-1 win over Roberts. Crandall, Martin and Mays each had a pair of hits while Throneberry HR'd for the Cubbies...Antonelli went the distance in game 6 to pick up his 2nd series win, 6-1. Hodges, playing thirdbase, had a pair of 2Bs and Zeke Bella was 2-4. Triandos again HR'd for Hatteras' only mark.. Drysdale got his 3rd start of the series in the finale and was topped by Brewer, 2-1. Mathews' solo HR and RBI single did him in...

The **Frankfort Tigers** closed the home season at **Wrigley** and took 4 from the **Cubs**. Tigers edged former mate Antonelli 5-4 in the opener, but the Cubs turned the tables with a 9-1 win the next day, punishing Harshman while Craig coasted to the win...Ex-Cub Foytack bested his former club, 11-6, as Burdette was banged around by the Bengals... Another Frankfort onslaught, 12-7, this one against Brewer in game four, before the Cubs came back for a tough 2-1 win in game 5. Antonelli went the 11-inning distance, toppling Lary, with Mathews' HR bringing in the win...Cubs made it two straight, beating another former mate, Narl-eski, 4-3... In the finale, Foytack bested Burdette, 8-4, to give the Tigers the series nod.

**Frankfort** came home to conclude their home season at **Briggs Stadium** with series against the **Empires** and **Grays**. In a head-to-head series, Albany came up with an opening game win, 9-8, as Chuck Stobbs topped Don Elston in relief..The 2nd saw Tigers' rookie Jim O'Toole best Harvey Haddix, 5-2 and the Bengals made it two straight with Lary, with a save by Elston, picking up a 4-2 win over Conley. But the Empires stormed back to take the final four of the series. Sanford took a 5-3 decision from Foytack and then saw Ramos get straightened out with a 16-5 blasting of Larsen.... Haddix picked up the shutout win over Jack Harshman, 3-0 and in the finale, Conley took on Gary Blaylock for an 8-6 win with a save by Staley for the 5th Albany win....

Next in were the **Providence Grays** and the **Tigers** took a tough series, 4-3. Mantle's 2-run HR in the bottom of the 9th stifled Jerry Walker's CG effort and gave the 6-4 win to Elston in relief. Grays had jumped out 3-0 in the 1st on a Charlie Neal RBI single and back-to-back blasts by

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Rocky Colavito and Hank Aaron. Tigers had tied in the 4th on Easy Ed Bailey's 3-run equalizer before the winning blast...Game two saw a beautiful 2-hit shutout by Bengal hurler Narleski for a 6-0 win over Larry Jackson. Marv Throneberry's 2-run 2nd inning shot was the big blow...Grays won a close one, 3-2 in game 3 behind Mike McCormick with a save by Arnie Portocarrero. Felix Mantilla's 2B off Lary in the 8th provided the winner. Aaron also HR'd in the game...Harshman nailed down a 5-3 CG win over Howie Reed in the 4th contest with Throneberry supplying the winner with a 2-run single. Hank Bauer touched his ex-mates for a HR...Another Grays' win in game 5 with Ruben Gomez besting Foytack and Taylor Phillips notching a save, 5-3...Jerry Walker tripped up the Bengals with his second route going performance, 5-4 over Narleski. Frank "Pig" House had a grand slam in the 1st, but HRs by Mantle and Throneberry made it close before Colavito's single won it for Providence..The fans left Briggs with fine thoughts for the off-season as the Tigers won a wild 16-inning affair. A bases loaded walk to Freese by rookie Ernie Broglio, making his first series appearance, won it for Frankfort. Grays hammered three homers in this one as Bauer, Neal and Clint Courtney found the seats. Rookie Eddie Fisher got the win...

Mired deep in the basement of the National League, the **Evanston Zees** were looking for finish the season on an up-note at cavernous **Municipal Stadium**. The **High Desert Mavericks**, winding down a rebuilding year dropped four to the Zees. The Mavs took the opener 3-2 as Juan Pizarro and Humberto Robinson held the Zees to 5-hits. Dick Williams and Gino Cimoli singled home runs off Bob Gibson in the 3rd and 4th for a 2-0 lead before Pizarro wild pitched a run home in the 4th. A single by Bill Mazerowski in the 6th provided an insurance run which came in handy after Bobby Thomson doubled in an

8th inning run....Zees came back behind Orlando Pena's 5-hitter in game two, besting the solid Ronnie Kline. Billy Goodman's 1st inning error at 3B gave the Mavs the lead, but Joe Koppe's 3-run HR in the 2nd put the Zees in front. Koppe also squeezed in a run in the 4th followed by Sparky Anderson's RBI single to close the scoring...Jim Bunning went to the mound for the Mavs against Moe Drabowsky in game 3 and Dick Williams' 4th inning RBI single put High Desert up. After a runner was nailed at the plate in the 6th, Stan Musial singled home a run to make it 2-0. Norm Larker evened the score in the 7th with a 2-run HR. Bill Henry took over for the Zees in the 9th and after one out, was touched for the game-winning HR by Musial. After Larker's HR, Bunning retired the final 7 batters...Zees again evened the series, this time behind the CG effort of Johnny Kucks, 3-1. It was over early as Koppe led off the game against Whitey Ford with a 2B and scored on a throwing error by Gil McDougald. Thomon's grounder made it 2-0. Ray Boone made it 3-0 with a 4th inning single and the Mavs scored their only tally in the 8th when Bill White tripled and scored on Dick Williams' SF....



High Desert moved ahead in the series with a surprising road performance by Bennie Daniels, a 2-1 win with 9th inning help from Robinson. The Mavs managed only 3 hits off starter Sandy Koufax in 5 2/3 innings (6 walks). Lindy McDaniel did not allow a hit the rest of the way. Frank Thomas' IF out brought in one in the first, but in the 6th, the Mavs scored two for the win. Cimoli doubled, Gary Geiger walked and after Dick Williams grounded out, Bubba Phillips drove in the runs with a single...Another close contest in game six, this one going to the Zees, 4-0. Pena won his second of the series, a 4-hitter, with help from Henry. Juan Pizarro was superb for the Mavs in the early innings, firing 6

shutout innings and striking out 10 through 7, including 5 straight whiffs in the 4th and 5th. But with one out in the 7th, Thomas walked and Boone and Jimmie Piersall singled for one. After Steve Korcheck walked, Pena helped win his own game with a bases loaded walk. Tom Morgan came on and Koppe touched him for a SF. Piersall singled in the final run in the 8th...Before a sparse crowd on getaway day, Al Schroll started for the Zees against Kline and posted a CG 6-3 eight-hitter. A single by Mazerowski gave the Mavs a 1-0 lead in the 2nd, but Thomson led off in the bottom with a HR. Musial singled one home in the 3rd, but the Zees tied again on back-to-back 2Bs by Koppe and Anderson. Zees broke it open in the 4th when Schroll hit into a FC and Orlando Cepeda beat the throw home and Koppe continued his hot streak with a SF. Cepeda added an RBI 2B in the 5th and Rocky Nelson hit a PH single for the Mavs in the 6th to make it 5-3. Zees closed the scoring in the 6th when Dick Williams threw one away from 3B with Barry Latman on the hill...

The final series of the year at **Municipal** saw the **Evanston Black Sox** visit the **Zees**. It has taken awhile, but the Black Sox are finally pulling it together and look to be focused for the next decade. The Sox got a strong effort from Bill Fischer in the opener, a 4-0, five-hit shutout over Pena and the Zees. Scoreless through six, Richie Ashburn singled home one in the 7th before Dick Stuart hit a 2-run HR in the 8th. Bob "Ack" Duliba was on the mound when the final run scored in the 8th on an Anderson error....Frank Sullivan returned the shutout favor in game two with a 9-hitter, 3-0. Dick Brown doubled in one in the 2nd and Cepeda added a SF in the 3rd. Piersall singled home the final run in the 7th...Bob Anderson got just enough support in game 3 and spun a 4-hit, 3-1 win over Drabowsky. Stuart doubled home one in the 4th. Jim Landis hit a SF and Koppe's error let in another as the Sox open-

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ed a 3-0 lead. Woody Held hit a leadoff shot in the 5th, but that was all the scoring for the night...The Zees were rolling behind Schroll in game 4 when the bullpen fell asleep at the switch. Thomas singled in a run off Jerry Casale in the 1st and Koppe hit a 2-run blast in the 2nd for a 3-0 lead. Solo runs in the 5th and 6th extended the lead, but Gus Bell's single in the 7th made it 5-1. Schroll walked Pumpsie Green and Ashburn singled to start the 9th and on came Henry. He walked Landis to load the bases and allowed a 2-run 2B to Bell. After Stuart grounded out to cut the score to 5-4, Hector Lopez smacked a 2-run HR to give the Sox the lead. Ted Lepcio's single was the capper. Jack Fisher finished up for the Sox with the win going to Dick Hyde....Game 5 saw the Sox jump out on Pena 4-0 on Looie Aparicio's 2-run HR in the and Dick Stuart's 2-run in the 3rd. Ashburn's SF in the 7th and another by Lopez in the 8th gave Dave Hillman a big lead, but he left with one down in the 8th in favor of Bill Fischer. Koppe walked, Anderson singled and Cepeda doubled in one before Jack Fisher stopped the rally. With one on and one out in the 9th, Larker PH a single and Koppe dittoed his earlier efforts with a 3-run HR. Anderson followed with a single and Bily Loes then came on to pick up the final two outs to preserve the win... Tough battle on getaway day with Sullivan getting the final home start against Anderson. Held tripled in one and Thomas another in the 1st to give the Zes the 2-0 lead. Lopez went deep for a 3-run blast in the 3rd and a solo in the 8th to put the Sox up 4-2. Three singles loaded the bases with one out in the bottom 9th for the Zees and after Anderson walked in a run, Loes came on for his 2nd save to preserve Anderson's 2nd series win....

The **Gurnee Falcons**, with the slimmest hope still flickering for a pennant in the NL, visited **Comiskey** to help the **Black Sox** close out the home campaign. Gurnee started out hot as Ken Boyer's 2 HRs and 5 RBI powered the Falcons to an 8-3 win... In game

two, Earl Torgeson's grand slam gave the Falcons a 4-2 lead, but Dick Stuart tied it with a 2-run blast. Falcons did pull off a 7-6 win, but needed to survive sloppy baserunning which saw three men nailed at third. Sox helped by stranding 12 on the bases.. A Barry Shetrone error in CF led to a pair of 2nd inning Sox runs in game 3. Anderson gave up a 2-run Boyer HR in the 8th, but stayed the course and won 5-2. George Crowe got a rare start at 1B for Evanston and responded with four hits....Dave Hillman was the benefactor of a 17-hit Sox attack in game four and went on to hurl an 8-hit CG win, 9-2. Hillman helped his won cause with a trio of hits...Hector Lopez got the Sox off early in game five with a 3-run HR in the opening inning. Casale went the distance for the Sox' third straight...A 3rd inning 2-run HR by Stuart gave the Sox a lead in game six, but Frank Robinson matched it in the 4th. Gurnee hurler Danny McDevitt drove in the go-ahead run in the 5th and with help from Jim Pery, the Falcons held on for a 3-2 win...Sox starter Anderson was behind 4-0 and KO'd in the 5th inning of the finale. Sox then turned the tables and sent Duke Maas for the clubhouse in the 6th and didn't stop until they had eight on the



board with Lopez nailing another 3-run shot to key the rally. But the Falcons bounced back with two in the 8th for a 9-8 lead and Perry notching another save. Pete Runnels and Ted Williams had four hits apiece as the Falcons outhit the Black Sox 16-7 and took the series....

The **Pacific Cascades** sent their Statue of Liberty lineup into Comiskey: their tired, lame and soon to be homeless. And the refugees managed to drop all seven and give the **Black Sox** a sweep. Russ Kemmerer got all the runs he

needed off Dick Donovan in the 1st. With one down, Jim Landis walked and moved up on the first of seven PBs in the series by J.W.Porter. Bell singled in one, Bouchee and Lopez singled to load the bases and Hal Smith singled in a pair. Aparicio and Reno Bertoia each singled in runs and Kemmerer capped the onslaught with a force. No scoring the rest of the way and the Sox won, 6-0...Game two saw the Cascades jump out against ex-mate Ray Herbert on Walt Moryn's 3-run 1st inning shot. But the Sox got four in the 2nd when Stuart led off with a HR, Lopez, Lepcio and Bob Schmidt each singled for one more and Herbert and Landis added RBI singles for the 4-3 lead. Skinner led off the 3rd with a HR, but that closed the Pacific scoring. Sox added three in the 3rd on Herbert and Landis singles, another two PBs by Porter (one on a K to allow a run) and it was over. Sox added six more, one on another leadoff HR by Stuart (in the 6th) and Bell's 2-run blast in the 8th, both off Coates for the 13-4, 21-hit win...Bill Fischer got the call against veteran Alex Kellner in game 3 and the Sox Fischer with a "c" notched a 3-0, 5-hit shutout. Three solo HRs, one by Stuart leading off the 2nd, another later in the inning by Lepcio and his second of the game in the 4th was all it took...

Game 4 saw Anderson take on Jim Owens and Nellie Fox' RBI single in the 1st put the Cascades ahead. After a Lopez 2B and Smith SAC, Bertoia got in a run with a 2nd inning grounder. Pacific went ahead on a Rocky Bridges single in the 6th, but Lopez matched in the Sox' half. Sox won it in the 8th for Dave Hillman on a Bridges error, Lenny Green's SAC and a single by Jerry Lynch for the 3-2 win...The offday only helped the Sox with Casale against John Buzhardt. A Porter PB let in the first run in the 1st, but the Cascades went ahead on a Porter

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RBI triple to score Don Demeter and Gail Harris SF. Right back came the Sox on a Lopez walk, Aparicio single, a double steal and SFs by Bertoia and Schmidt. Skinner HR'd to tie in the 3rd, but Schmidt's 4th inning single put the Sox in front to stay. Lynch and Lopez had RBI singles in the 5th and Ashburn squeezed in a run in the 6th for a 7-3 lead. Bill Skowron's PH HR in the 7th closed the scoring....Donovan was a bit better in his game 6 start, but still fell behind in the 1st when Bouchee doubled home Bell who had singled and moved up on a PB. Moryn and Porter singled in runs off Casale in the 6th for the lead, but a Skinner error in LF, a PB and a Smith single tied the game. Sox won it 3-2 in the 8th when Aparicio walked and stole 2B, moved up on a grounder and beat the throw home on Bell's grounder... Daley tried to save face for Pacific in the finale, but fell behind in the 1st when Aparicio again singled and stole, Landis did the same and Bell hit a SF. Landis repeated the scenario in the 3rd and Bell hit another SF for a 2-0 lead. Meanwhile Fischer was coasting along, yielding only a HR to Daley in the 5th and held on with help from Billy Loes to complete the sweep....

The **Cascades** fared better on their trip into **Yankee Stadium** to take on the **High Desert Mavericks**. Donovan again had 1st inning problems, yielding a solo to Gary Geiger. He settled down until the 4th when he loaded the bases with a walk to John Roseboro and followed with four-wide to Mazerowski. Meanwhile, Jim Bunning, struggling through a difficult season, cruised along until the 8th when Skowron's PH single drove in Harris who had doubled. He finished the 2-1 win leaving Moryn stranded at 3B in the 9th after a 3B...Ronnie Kline put the Mavs up 2-0 in the series with a crisp 5-0, 2-hit zip. The Cascades' 1st inning troubles continued as Daley allowed an RBI single to Dick Williams and another on the dreaded Porter PB for a 2-0 lead. Bill White's 2-RBI 2B in the 5th keyed a 3-run rally to close the scoring. No

contest in game 3 as the Cascades lost their 10th straight on the road, 7-1 to Barry Latman. One in the 1st for the Mavs (what else!) on a Cimoli walk and steal and Geiger RBI single off Owens who then wild pitched two in the 5th (guess who was catching) and yielded a run-scoring single to White. Demeter singled in the only Pacific run in the 6th, but two in the 6th (one on a PB) and one in the 8th on a balk, closed the Mavs' scoring...Cascades got off the schneid in game four, but the 1st inning shakes didn't cease. Kellner was taken deep by Cimoli in the 1st and then by Valmy Thomas in the 2nd. Cascades netted a pair in the 3rd on a Skinner RBI single and Fox groundout, but Phillips hit one out in the 4th to make it 3-2. Ford gave up a 3B to Chuck Essegian leading off the 6th and he scored on a FC. On came Fred Green to give up an RBI single to Kellner, a walk and SF by Fox for the 5-3 lead. Two more in the 7th on Chiti and Bridges RBI singles extended the lead. Cimoli's 2nd HR of the game, a two-run shot, sent Kellner from the mound and Coates held on for the 7-5 win...Two straight for Pacific, but not without the usual 1st inning problem, this time for Buzhardt. Cimoli singled and stole 2B off Porter and scored on a White SF. Bunning allowed an RBI single to Skinner in the 2nd and a solo to Skinner in the 5th. Pacific added an insurance run in the 9th off Bobby Locke when he flubbed a toss at 1B, Skinner singled and Chico Carrasquel drove in the 3rd run. It was needed, as Musial led off the Mavs 9th with a HR and Roseboro walked after an out. On came Coates to walk Mazerowski, but he K'd PH Wally Shannon and PH Rocky Nelson hit into a force for the 3-2 Pac win...Coates got the start after facing 3 batters the day before and he was sharp against Kline. Zeroes through 4 1/2 before Billy Williams hit a one-out 3B and scored on a Kline tapper to 2B. Kline hung in through some close scrapes in the 7th and 8th and Robinson came on in the 9th. Skowron PH a single and PR Chico Fernandez stole. After two fly ball outs, the runners moved up on a Roseboro PB before Chiti's liner was stabbed by Shannon at SS to preserve the 1-0

Mavs' win...Cascades got out early in the finale, netting 3 off Latman in the 1st. Skinner singled and Latman threw away Carrasquel's bouncer. Fox singled in one and after Demeter singled, Moryn's grounder got in the 2nd run before Porter singled in another. Daley got through the 1st 2 innings, but coughed up a Curt Flood solo in the 3rd. Cascades added one in the 5th when Skinner singled and after two went down, 2 straight WPs let in a run to close the scoring at 4-1 and give the Mavs the series, 4-3....

**Pacific** came home to the cozy confines of **Crosley Field** to meet up with the **Evanston Zees** and the pennant hopeful **Schaumburg Saxons**....Daley got the start against Johnny Kucks in the opener of the Zees' series and the offense was on display for both clubs. Sparky Anderson hit one out for a 1-0 Z's lead in the 2nd, but Porter, on for Chiti who was injured in the top 2nd, singled home Willie Tasby and scored on a Skowron double for the lead. Three in the 4th on a Carrasquel RBI 2B and 2-run two-bagger by Skinner made it 5-1. Zees came back on a Jim Pisoni RBI 3B to score Anderson and then Kucks hit a 2-run HR to cut the lead to 5-4. Kucks must have been winded as he allowed one to score on a Carrasquel RBI single and was pulled for Sandy Koufax. Daley returned the HR favor with a 3-run HR to make it 9-4. The Cascades added a pair in the 7th off Ike Delock on a RBI single by Fox and force by Davenport. A Dick Brown SF in the 8th cut it to 11-5 and in the 9th, the Zees added a pair off Nelson Chittum and Owens for the 11-7 Pacific final...Donovan started game 2 and allowed a leadoff 1st inning HR to Eddie Bressoud. In the Cascades' 3rd, Bob Gibson had two on with two out and yielded an RBI single to Skinner, walked Porter and gave a 2-run single to Harris. That closed the scoring as Billy O'Dell shut off a Zees' rally in the 9th by leaving stranded and saving the 3-1 win.. **Continued Page 10**

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Cascades made it 3 straight, but not without 1st inning trouble for Buzhardt. Orlando Cepeda drove home Bobby Thomson who had doubled, but the Cascades came back off Frank Sullivan. Tasby walked and Fox singled him to 3B where he scored on a Davenport grounder. After Skinner skied out, Essegian singled in the 2nd run. Cascades added two in the 5th, with two down, on a Fox 2B and Daveport single and an error by Cepeda followed by another Essegian RBI single. Zees got one back on a Norm Larker PH single in the 7th, but the Cascades closed it out against Lindy McDaniel with 2 in the 8th. An Essegian RBI single and Porter SF did the damage and gave Pacific the 6-2 triumph...Koufax got the 4th game nod against Kellner and was brilliant, showing the signs of the potential he has carried with him, by fanning 13 batters and posting a 2-0, 3-hit shutout. Woody Held HR'd in the 4th and Brown in the 7th for all the Evanston runs. Koufax struck out 5 of the final 6 batters he faced to close the game... Cascades bounced back against Moe Drabowsky in game 5 with "The Sheriff," Marshall Bridges getting the start. Skinner walked with the bases full in the 3rd for the 1st run and the Cascades added five in the 4th. After Ellie Howard led off the 4th with a HR, Earl Averill singled and Skowron doubled. Essegian doubled to the LF gap for two, Rocky Bridges walked and Marshall Bridges loaded the bases with a single. Fox' grounder and Tasby's single closed the scoring in the inning. Zees came back with 4 in the 5th when Bridges hit a wild streak. With Pisoni on 2B and one down, he walked Bressoud and Thomson to load the bases and passed Cepeda to force one in. Held singled in two, but was nailed at 2B trying to stretch. A Harris error let the 4th run cross the plate. Three Pac runs in the 6th, two on a Howard 2-run HR after Tasby's groundout RBI made it 9-4. Chittum had come on to start the 6th and pitched well through the 9th when



Held touched him for a 2-run HR. Final score, 9-6...Kucks was tougher in game 6 and got the early lead when Cepeda doubled off Daley to drive home Bressoud in the 1st. Zees added one in the 3rd on a Cepeda RBI single and then 3 more in the 5th on Thomson's 2-run blast and Held's one out solo. Harris hit a PH SF in the 5th and the Pac added 3 on a 3-run HR by Howard in the 6th which cut it to 5-4. Henry's down-in-order 9th saved the Zees' win... Great finale to end the series with Gibson against Buzhardt and the Cascades jumped out 1-0 on a Daveport RBI single in the 1st. Thomas' SF tied it in the 6th and it stayed that way through 11. Newcombe had come on in the 9th for Pacific and pitched well until he yielded a leadoff single to Piersall in the 12th. He stole 2nd and went to 3B on Howard's wild throw and scored on Dutch Dotterer's SF. Cepeda later added a SF for the 3-1 lead which McDaniel preserved, giving the win to Henry...

Next in were the **Saxons**, trying to stave off the Rossmoor Rifles' bid to take the NL flag. For the **Cascades**, who had any hope for a pennant push crushed in August when they lost six at the Saxons, this was the opportunity for payback. Having saved player usage for this series, the Cascades were ready.

Daley opened for Pacific against Warren Spahn and he was posted to an early 2-0 lead when Demeter singled home Fox who had singled and was bunted up. Tasby followed with an RBI 3B. Cascades made it 5-0 in the 4th when Rocky Bridges got to Spahn for a 3-run HR. Saxons came back with four in the 5th on back-to-back 2-run doubles by Al Kaline and Eddie Yost, but Demeter's SF extended the lead again. Daley walked in a run in the 6th and was removed for Bob Buhl, who shut the door, in the 7th. Moryn added a 2-run PH double in the 8th to close the scoring at 8-5. O'Dell got in some work with a perfect 9th...

Interesting twist in game 2 as Donovan started, got the first two batters and left with an injury. O'Dell came on and got a solo Skowron HR off Art Ditmar in the 2nd to work with before yielding a Johnny Temple HR in the 3rd. Bridges used his newfound power in the 5th to seal the win. O'Dell got the first two in the 9th before walking Temple and Cunningham. Chittum came on to get Kaline on a pop to SS to end the game...Saxons then turned the tide in game 3 with Bob Friend starting against Owens. Moryn singled home Fox in the 1st, but the Saxons struck for 4 in the 4th on a Norm Siebern FC to score Yost. Sammy Taylor walked to load the bases as did Don Buddin to force in a run. Temple hit into a force at the plate and Joe Cunningham doubled in two. Yost led off the 5th with a HR for a 5-1 lead. Friend wild pitched one home in the 7th to cut it to 5-2 and he left in the 9th after walking Davenport and Moryn to start the inning. Ryne Duren K'd Demeter and walked Howard to load 'em up. He then nailed Skowron to let in one and on came Bobby Shantz who got Carrasquel and Harris to end the game...

Saxons rolled against Newcombe and evened the series by virtue of Kaline's 3-run HR in the 3rd. Saxons lost Yost to injury in this contest for the rest of the series, but his sub, Dick Gray, singled home a run in the 5th. Fox tripled home two in the 5th to cut it to 4-2, but two in the 7th, on a 2-run HR by Gray off reliever Buzhardt sealed it at 6-2. Bell came on in the 8th for the save...Saxons overcame a 4-0 first inning deficit to take game 5 and move ahead 3-2 in the series. Spahn was racked again, allowing a Tasby leadoff single, Fox 2B and 2-run single by Davenport. Howard and Rocky Bridges each singled home runs. But Spahn toughened and got one back on a Bridges error at SS, Spahn sac and Temple grounder for one off Buhl. Another in the 5th on a Gene Stephens PH (for Gray) single.

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Saxons put it away with a trio in the 7th on Kaline's 2-run HR and Kent Hadley RBI. Siebern, the regular Saxons' first-sacker, had also been injured in game four. Spahn allowed an RBI single to Howard in the 8th, but Duren shut the door, striking out 4 of the last 5 to hold the 7-5 win... Cascades bounced back in the final two. Ditmar was touched for a run in the 2nd on a 2-out RBI single by Rocky Bridges and 5 in the 3rd on some sloppy fielding. With two down, Buddin made an error at SS and Demeter doubled him home. Tasby singled him to 3B and Howard's grounder to 1B was dropped by Hadley to let in another. Averill then launched one to deepest LF for 3 more. Tempers then got a bit hot as Bridges was nailed in the back by Ditmar, but no ejections were made. Coates was rolling along into the 4th when he walked two and yielded an RBI single to Sammy Taylor and then sandwiched a Ditmar whiff with walks to Buddin and Temple forcing in a run. Saxons closed the gap to 6-3 in the 5th on a Hadley RBI 2B, but the Cascades got solo runs in the 6th and 7th off Russ Meyer. Skinner's SF and Howard's HR closed the scoring at 8-3. O'Dell picked up the save with 3 innings of work...The rubber match was no contest and the Cascades jumped on Friend for a five-spot in the 3rd inning. With one down, Bridges doubled, Daley singled him home and took 2B on the throw, Fox and Davenport also singled and moved up on the throw to the plate, Tasby tripled in a run and scored on Howard's grounder to 2B. One more in the 6th as Bridges closed out his Cascades' career with an RBI single and in the 7th, Demeter singled in two off Meyer for the 8-0 final and a 4-3 Cascades' series win...

**Saxons** returned home to **County Stadium** to meet the **Rifles** who were breathing right down their neck all month. Rossmoor took the first three, 5-2 with Pascual besting Spahn, 7-1 with Sam Jones toppling Gary Bell and

another 7-1 win, this one for Vern Law over Ditmar. Saxons then took the next two, 7-1, with Friend besting Hoyt Wilhem and 3-2 as Ned Garver toppled Bob Shaw with relief help from Shantz. Rossmoor won game 6 in 11 with Duren taking the loss in relief of Spahn, but the Saxons closed out with a 5-4, 10 inning win as Shantz got the win in relief....

**Saxons** evened their home record for the month with a 4-3 series win over the **Black Sox**. Kemmerer cruised to a 9-1 Sox win over Bell in the opener, but the Saxons won the next three, a 9-6 win for Spahn in relief of Friend, a 5-4 10-inning win for Ryne Duren in relief and a 5-1 Garver win over Jerry Casale. Ray Herbert beat Spahn, 2-1 in game 5, but Bell topped Anderson 6-1 in the 6th. The finale was a 5-2 Black Sox win over Friend...

**Saxons'** final road trip of the season took them to **Busch Stadium** to meet the tough **Gurnee Falcons**, needing a sweep to take the pennant.

Falcons jumped out in the opener with a 1st inning run off Spahn as Pete Runnels singled, Darryl Spencer doubled him to 3B and Ken Boyer got the run in with a SF. Bob Purkey was nailed for 5 in the 5th to put the Saxons ahead for good. Gray led with a 2B and was bunted up by Spahn. After Temple walked, a run scored on a FC and Kaline singled in another. Yost, back in the lineup, banged a 3-run HR. Falcons made it 5-2 on a Spencer single in the 5th, but the Saxons got 2 in the 7th off Tom Sturdivant. Stephens singled with one down, a Yost groundout was sandwiched around walks to Kaline and Bob Nieman. Sturdivant then nailed both Siebern and Taylor to score two. Boyer added a solo HR for the Falcons in the 7th, but Spahn led off the 8th with a HR to close the scoring at 8-3....Saxons made it two straight in game two. Stan Williams got the Gurnee start and was touched for 2 in the 2nd. Gray, starting at 2B for Temple, walked and stole 2B.

Ditmar also walked and Buddin's single to LF looked like a run, but Ted Williams' throw nailed Gray at the plate. Stephens, starting in RF, doubled in a pair. Falcons tied it in the 3rd on Runnels 2-run HR and went ahead off Ditmar in the 4th. He allowed leadoff singles to Torgeson and Harry Hanebrink and on came Hal Griggs. Joe Pignatano bunted the runners up and Shetrone singled in one with Hanebrink being nailed at the plate by Stephens. Saxons broke the tie in the 8th when Buddin led off against Jim Perry with a HR, Gene Stephens singled and after two outs, Bob Nieman crushed one for the 5-3 lead. Falcons made it interesting in the 9th against Shantz as Perry and Runnels singled and Al Pilarcik bunted them up. Williams hit a SF and after Robinson got an IW, Torgeson was fanned to give the Saxons the 5-4 win...Bill Monboquette looked to turn the tide in game three for the Falcons, matched against Garver. In the top 4th, Yost led with a walk and was thrown out by Pete Daley trying to steal. Nieman followed with a 2B and was stranded. Scoreless through 3 1/2, Falcons scored the only run of the game when Torgeson walked, stole 2B and scored on Dave Philley's single. Falcons blew a chance in the 5th when Runnels was caught in a rundown after a leadoff single, followed by Spencer and Boyer singles which went for naught. The Saxons made a move in the 8th when Stephens singled and Kaline walked to send Monbo to the showers. On came Perry to shut down the threat and hold on for the 1-0 win....Another nail-biter in game four with McDevitt against Friend. Saxons broke out on top in the 2nd when Yost was hit with a pitch, Nieman singled and Siebern followed with a 2-run single. Saxons got one back in their half when Philley singled home Robinson with two out. Gurnee went ahead in the 4th on consecutive to start the inning by Robinson, Torgeson, Daley and Philley. Joe Lonnett bunted the runners up and on an attempted steal of home, Dick Farrell, on in relief, missed the pitch and Daley

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was nailed at the plate before Farrell struck out to end the inning at 3-2 Falcons. Saxons tied it in the 5th when Buddin scored from first on Kaline's single to right when the ball was mishandled by Robinson. They took the lead in the 6th on a 2-out HR by Taylor and added another for a 5-3 lead on Stephens' 7th inning solo. But the Falcons stormed back with 4 in the 7th. Friend walked PH Spencer and Runnels to start the inning and on came Bell. Pilarcki bunted both over and Hanebrink's groundball to 2B made it 5-4. Robinson then tied it with a 2B, Torgeson got an IW and Daley singled in the go-ahead run. Philley got another IW and Lonnett, playing in LF, walked with the bases full to make it 7-5. Perry came on in the 8th and yielded a 1-out solo to Siebern and in the 9th, he walked Yost with two down and left him stranded when Nieman skied to LF.

With the series tied at two apiece, Saxons sent Spahn to the hill against Duke Maas. Gray followed Taylor's RBI single with a 3-run HR in the 4th, Williams doubled in one for the Falcons in the bottom and the Saxons added 2 in the 5th on Nieman's 2-run HR. Robinson matched with his own 2-run shot in the 5th after Boyer's RBI single, but Spahn got to Sturdivant in the 6th for a 2-run HR and 8-4 lead. Gurnee kept coming back, with Boyer's HR knocking Spahn from the mound in the 7th. Williams hit a solo in the 8th off Shantz, but that's as close as the Falcons got, losing 8-7. In game six, Griggs got the Saxons' start against Purkey and was spotted to a 2-0 lead in the 2nd on Taylor's 2-run single. Falcons got one back in the 3rd when Jim Busby singled, stole 2B, went to third on Taylor's throwing error and scored on a WP. Philley's HR in the 4th tied things at 2-2 and the Falcons went ahead in the 7th when Runnels walked, moved up on a WP and scored on Spencer's single for the 3-2 lead. Saxons got it back in the 8th when Nieman got a bases loaded single for one before Ernie Johnson shut the door. Taylor led off the 9th

against Johnson with a HR to put the Saxons ahead, but the Falcons weren't done. Shantz opened the 9th by yielding a single to Busby and left for Duren who gave up a single to PH Hal Smith. Runnels then bunted the runners over and Spencer won it 5-4 with a double....It was ... over but the shouting as game 7 began. Don Mossi started for the Falcons against Garver and got a quick lead on Williams' SF in the 1st. Runnels' HR in the 3rd made it 2-0, but the Saxons tied in the 4th. Garver drove home Siebern with a 2-out single and took second on the throw home. Buddin then tied it with a single. Busby led off the 5th with the game winning HR and Mossi added an insurance run with a circuit blast in the 7th to close the scoring and the season for the Saxons, 4-2...

Meanwhile, in Rossmoor, the **Rifles** were just taking care of business against the **Zees** and **Falcons** at **Seals Stadium**. Against the Zees, Hoyt Wilhelm flipped a one-hitter in the opener to win, 5-0. Dutch Dotterer singled with one out in the 8th to spoil the no-hit bid as Roy Sievers' 2-run HR was the big blow...Sam Jones held the Zees to four hits in game two, a 7-1 Rifles' win. Tied at 1-1 in the 5th, Jim Gilliam and Ron Fairly singled to put the Rifles ahead. Dick Gernert added a 6th inning HR...Pascual pitched the second Rifles' shutout of the series, a 5-hit zip. Bob Clemente was 3-3 with 3 RBI while Sievers and Gilliam collected two hits apiece in the 9-0 win...Zees bounced back in game four. With the game tied at 2-2 in the 7th, Bressoud squeezed home Anderson and Boone singled home Koufax before Cepeda lowered the boom with a 2-run HR and a 6-3 Zees' victory.

After the Zees scored 2 in the 1st on a Cepeda 2B and Held SF, the Rifles bounced back with 3 on a bases clearing 3B by Smoky Burgess. Clemente added a 2-run 2B in the 2nd while Law weathered a few threats to win, 7-5...Despite making 4 errors in game 6, the Rifles

withstood for a 7-3 win. Wilhelm pitched his 2nd CG of the series and in a rare start, Irv Noren went 3-3 with 3 RBI...The finale went to the Zees as rookie fireballer Bob Gibson pitched a 5-hit CG victory. Down 3-0 in the 6th, Burgess tied it for the Rifles with a 3-run HR, but the Zees quickly retook the lead in the 7th. The bases were loaded on hits by Bressoud and Cepeda and a walk to Held before Don McMahon uncorked a WP for the eventual winning run.

**Gurnee** concluded its September run with the pennant contenders with a visit to the **Rifles** and managed two wins on the trip. Willie McCovey led the Rifles in the opener with 3-3 to back Pascual's CG, 7-1 effort...A 2-run HR in the 1st inning of game two by Frank Robinson was all the support Mossi needed in his 3-1, 6-hit CG win...Rifles roughed up Duke Maas in game 3 for six runs in the first 3 innings to help Wilhem to a 6-2 CG edge. Roger Maris ws 2-3 and scored 3 while Roy McMillan drove in a pair with 2-3...Game 4 was scoreless in the 6th when the Rifles' Bill Tuttle 2B'd in two with two down. Meanwhile, Law was coasting along until the 9th when Torgeson walked and Pilarcik singled to CF and moved up on a Tuttle miscue. Stu Miller got the bullpen call and he induced Philley to slap one to SS. One run came in and then Miller got Williams and Hal Smith to sky out to end the game... Game 5 was a matchup of 1958 rookies Shaw and Monboquette with Shaw coming out on top, 9-0 on a 6-hitter. Maris starred with 3-5 with 3 RBI while Burgess drove in a pair with 3-5...Down 2-1 in the 8th inning of the 6th contest, Burgess' 2-out 2B scored Maris from 1st for the tie. In the 9th, Noren singled and Perry replaced Purkey. Terwilliger bunted him over, Tuttle got a free pass and Carey PH the game-winning PH single to topple Purkey, 3-2...Falcons won the finale, 4-3 as Rifles' starter Sam Jones was ejected in the 5th for arguing a call and was replaced by Joey Jay who gave up 3 in the 6th. Mossi got his 2nd CG win of the series....

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**Smithfield** opened the gates at venerable **Fenway Park** to the **Lincoln Grays** and **Hatteras Pelicans** for their final two home series of the campaign. Hatteras staggered in first, playing out the string on a rough campaign and the Seniors took six games in the series. The opener was a back-and-forth battle which the Seniors won 8-6 on a 3-run rally in the 7th. Jim Marshall's 2-run PH single keyed the rally. Wes Covington and Granny Hamner each had 3 RBI in the win...Game two went 11 innings as the Pelicans blew a 2-1 lead, then tied in the 9th, scored in the 11th and gave up the game to Vic Power's 2-RBI single, 5-4...Score threw a 3-hitter to win game 3, 6-0. Felipe Alou had 3 hits and 2 RBI for Smithfield...Marshall won game 4 for the Seniors, 2-1, on a PH SF in the 9th with Carlton Willey besting Joe Nuxhall...Fifth straight for Seniors as they won 5-3 despite an injunt to starter Brooks Lawrence after only 2 batters. Cardwell, Porterfield and Hoeft did the job the rest of the route. Big blow was a PH HR by Cal Neeman...Game six went to the Seniors, 7-3, as Neeman got a start and picked up 2 more hits and 3 RBI. Art Fowler and Larry Sherry finished up for Wilmer Mizell and allowed no runs and five hits over the final 6 innings...Hatteras finally got one, winning the 7th game, 4-1. John Podres and Roy Face scattered 10 hits for the Pelicans while Bill Virdon rapped out 3 hits...

**Seniors** won the first of the series against the Grays, taking the opener 6-2 behind a CG 6-hitter by Mizell and then losing game two by 9-5 as the Seniors left 15 on base. Neal, Colavito and Aspromonte each picked up 3 hits for the Grays. Lincoln made it back-to-back with an 8-6 win for Jerry Walker over Cardwell...Seniors then bounced back for three straight wins. Game 4 was 8-5 on a 3-run HR by Felipe Alou in the 9th. Then, a slugfest in game five, 12-9 as Sammy White drove home five and in game six, Seniors rallied for 2 in the 9th for a 3-2 win, once again

capped by Marshall's single....Grays closed out the Seniors home season on a down note, winning 6-2 behind Walker's CG 8-hitter and Colavito's 2-run HR....

**'59 NOTES & TIDBITS**

The biggest surprise of September was how the **Rossmoor Rifles** overcame the **Schaumburg Saxons** to win the National League flag. Not so much overcoming a one-game deficit, but taking the title by 4 games.

In some of their late-season affairs, the Saxons appeared to be using makeshift lineups due to usage and were vulnerable without leadoff hitter Johnny Temple leading the charge. Injuries also took their toll in one series.

After the wide-margin put up by the **Lafayette Blue Sox** in the AL, the biggest news was the late-season surge of the **Albany Empires**. Too many games lost early in the season may have cost the Empires a valid shot at the pennant. The **Cubs** did manage to stretch it out and reach the .500 mark just before their annual restructuring program while the **Seniors** and **Grays** made gigantic strides in improving for the future. The once-awesome **Tigers** were relegated to 10 under .500 by virtue of a tattered pitching staff while the questions remain as to what happened to the **Pelicans**?

**Gurnee** got things righted in the NL and finished a strong 3rd while the **Black Sox** leap-frogged the **Cascades** to finish 4th, two over .500. Their sweep of Pacific at home was the key. **High Desert** went through a tough rebuilding season while the **Zees** showed some signs, but finished 44 under the .500 plateau.

The up-and-coming **Seniors** led the league in batting by 19 points, .297-.278 over the Tigers. While the Tigers were hitting, their pitchers were allowing a 5.13 ERA, by far the worst

in the league. The **Rifles** copped the ERA title with a smart 2.82 level and the fewest HRs permitted, 79.

The **Rossville Cubs** banged out a league high 164 HRs, but decided to cut Willie Mays loose to the Mavericks at the end of the season for rookie Billy Williams.

In the overall player rankings, **Harvey Kueen** of the Seniors made up 10 points in the batting race on teammate Tony Taylor to win the title with a .351 mark while Taylor dropped to .336.

**Vada Pinson**, who led the Blue Sox offense all year, finished with the most hits, 217 (4th in the batting race) with Taylor next at 200. Pinson also had 85 extra base hits in 1959. Mickey Mantle's 15 RBI for the month were enough to hold the RBI lead as he won over Wally Moon, 119-115.

Although Harmon Killebrew cracked a league high 9 HRs in September, he could not overcome **Rocky Colavito's** 8 and the Seniors' slugger won the HR crown 41-40.

On the hill, **Early Wynn** got the ball every 5th day and walked away with 23 wins for the Blue Sox, one in front of the Saxons' Warren Spahn, the only other 20-game winner. Billy O'Dell of the Cascades had the top winning percentage with .789 on a 15-4 record.

**Camilo Pascual's** remarkable 1.88 ERA was the force for the Rifles to take the pennant. His ERA dropped from 2.11 at the end of August to the sub-.two ERA finish. he also led the league with 20 complete games and 7 shutouts.

The Pelicans' **Don Drysdale** led with 235 strikeouts, 30 over Wynn while **Skinny Brown** permitted the fewest walks, 22.

Despite some shaky appearances, Turk Lown of the Blue Sox led with 24 saves, 2 over Hatteras' Roy Face.

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shook the Hornets out of the branches with a five-game sweep in which the Hornets could score no more than one run in each game. In the opener, the Hornets wasted a great CG performance by Frank Papish. He surrendered 3 runs in the 8th, highlighted by Lou Boudreau's 2-run single. They not only lost, 3-1, but lost Lucky Lohrke for the rest of the series...The next day, Johnny Pesky took a Rex Barney fastball in the face and was lost to the Hornets for the rest of the series. Trees won 5-1 on a 4-hit CG by Barney... Dutch McCall was the next Hornet on the injured list as he lasted only into the 4th before the cold weather stiffened his arm. Johnny VanderMeer scattered 12 hits for the Trees' 3-1 win...A rout for Evanston in game 4, 11-1. This time, it was Hutchinson who took the injury bite as he was lost in the 2nd inning. Trees pounded out 18 hits with Frankie Baumholtz, Boudreau and Willard Marshall each rapping 3 hits. Robin Roberts flipped a CG 7-hitter and added 2-2 and an RBI to help his cause...Garver went the distance for the Hornets in the finale, but it was not enough as the Trees walked away with a 5-1, 3-hitter by Hal Gregg....

The **Fairfield Federals**, expected by many "experts" to be in the running for the American League flag, opened the campaign at **Ebbets Field** with a sweep of the **Chicago Whales**. The Feds took a 5-4 opener with Sam Zoldak winning over Early Wynn, both in relief. Mike McCormick's 3-run 2B in the 9th tied the game and Larry Doby's 10th inning blast was the winner....Johnny Schmitz struck out 9 and Ken Keltner hit a 4th inning grand slam to lead the Feds in game 2, 6-3... All Federals, 9-2, in game 3 with Allie Reynolds getting grand slam support from Doby as part of an 8-run 2nd inning onslaught...Mel Parnell spun a 5-1 win in game four behind Hoot Evers' 1st inning two-run HR... A wild finish in game five went to the Feds, 17-14 with 29 hits in the game, 17 by Fairfield. Keltner smashed a pair of HRs and drove in 8 runs for the feds

while Hank Sauer drove home 5 for the Whales. Satchell Paige blew a 4-run 9th inning lead by issuing 5 walks. Bob Scheffing added a 3-run HR for the Feds with 2-out in the 10th to clinch the game....Stan Musial led the Feds with a .476 BA, closely followed by Doby's .438. Del Ennis banged away at a .350 clip for the Whales...Whales posted an astronomical 8.50 ERA and 31 walks in the series.

Hosting the defending NL champion **White Sox** will not be easy this season as the **Federals** quickly found out. Sox took the opener 6-3 behind Ted Williams' 4-5 with a pair of HRs...Jack Kramer fired a 4-hitter in game 2, 3-0 for the Sox...Federals took their only game of the series behind Mel Parnell, 10-3. A 7-run 4th inning off Dick Fowler did the damage....Chicago rebounded in game 4 with Vern Bickford tossing a 5-hit, 8-2 win. A 7-run 8th, keyed by back-to-back HRs by Bob Elliott and Eddie Waitkus put the Sox over the top...Preacher Roe got the win for the Sox in the getaway game, 10-3 on 15 hits with 5 walks. Elliott knocked home 4 runs....Sox hammered away behind Henrich's .435 and Williams' .400 for the series while holding the Feds to a 3.68 ERA....

The **Frankfort Fortress** used their home field advantage of **Briggs Stadium** to rebound to the top slot of the AL with an 8-2 April mark. Spec Shea threw a 4-hitter in the opener to cut down the **Trees**, 3-1, as Bill Salkeld doubled in the winner... Game two went 11 innings and ended when Stan Rojek led off with a walk, stole 2B and scored on a single by Andy Pafko off Trees' ace Jess Dobernic to make a winner of Ralph Branca in relief. Rube Walker showed some power with a 2-run blast for the Fortress..Trees got their only win of the campaign as Vander Meer bested Ken Heintzleman on a GW single by Boudreau in the 5th inning. Marshall added a HR for the Trees. Johnny Mize drove in all Fortress runs with his 1st HR of the year, a 3-run blast...In game 4, Hal

Newhouser got clipped for 3 in the 9th, but with solid relief from Ed Klieman, nailed down the 7-5 decision over Roberts. Newcomer Jerry Priddy drove in the winner in the 4th...The Fortress ripped through the Trees for 5 runs in the 7th to overcome a 5-3 deficit and give the win to Branca in relief..

**Frankfort** kept the momentum going against the renamed **Woodcrest Quackers**. The Fortress took the opener in a wild affair in which the Q's jumped on starter Heintzleman early and built a 5-0 lead by the 6th on the strength of Jim Russell's 3-run HR. Joe Coleman carried a 5-1 lead into the 8th when he was reached for a 3-run shot by Pat Mullin and solo by Sid Gordon for the tie. In the bottom 10th, with Kent Peterson on the hill, Rojek picked up his 3rd hit of the game for the 6-5 winner... Pafko singled in Rojek as the 1-2 batters in the Fortress' order effectively put the game away early for Russ Meyer who cruised to a CG 5-1 win over Red Munger. Walker hit another HR for the Fort and Priddy added a 2-run 2B...Fort rookie Lew Brissie fired a 4-hitter in game 3, picking up 7 K's to cruise over Curt Simmons, 6-2. George Kell drove in the winner with a 5th inning single while Swish Nicholson later ripped a vicious 2-run shot into the RF seats...Newhouser coasted to the 3rd CG win of the series when Q's rookie Herm Wehmeier took one for the cause as the Fort unleashed 17 hits in a 9-2 drubbing. Mullin hit his 2nd HR of the year for the Fort...Branca, trying for the sweep, hurled into the 8th with a slim 1-0 lead. As he quickly tired, he walked Ray Lamanno and Pete Reiser. Pee Wee Reese the picked up an IF single and Russell was announced as a PH. Manager Gary Plunkitt went to the books and brought on Joe Page to close this one out, but KABOOOM! Russell deposited Page's 0-1 fastball over the LF wall to keep the Quackers from crumbling. Peterson came on to pick up the save for Dick Weltheroth...

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The **Quackers** stayed on the road and were at **Crosley Field** as the **Brooklyn Dodgers** raised their 1947 World Series flag in front of a packed house. Woodcrest nearly ruined the festivities in the opener with Randy Gumpert getting the start against Schoolboy Rowe. Lamanno singled in a run in the 2nd and Taffy Wright singled home Reese who led off the 3rd with a 3B. With two down in the 4th, the Dodgers tied it on a Duke Snider RBI 3B and Buddy Kerr single. But the Q's came right back in the 5th as Reese singled, stole 2B, moved up on an Ed FitzGerald PB and scored on Bob Dillinger's single. Gumpert walked Snider to start the 8th and the carousel began spinning. Paul Erickson came on and after Kerr bunted, Howie Schultz walked as a PH. Veteran Ted Gray got the nod and he was just all over with his pitches. Dom DiMaggio walked to load the bases and then Bobby Brown, Tommy Holmes and Joe Gordon walked to force in 3 run and give Brooklyn the 5-3 lead. Russ Christopher left the tying runs on base and got the save...Ralph Hamner got the start in game 2 against Joe Coleman and fell behind in the 4th when he walked in one among his three freebies in the inning, to sandwich a DiMaggio CF error. Holmes and Andy Seminick singled in runs in the 4th to put Brooklyn ahead and Brown added an RBI single in the 5th. Q's made it 3-2 when Ted Kluszewski HR'd to lead off the 6th. In the 8th, Erickson came on again and yielded a single to DiMaggio, a sac bunt to Brown and after a Holmes out, Gordon singled in one. Steve Vico added an RBI single to close it at 5-2....Dodgers jumped on Red Munger for 5 in the 1st inning of game 3, all with two down. Gordon hit a 2-run HR to score Holmes, Dillinger threw one away from 3B and Max West singled him home from 2B. Snider then hit his 1st of the year. Gordon hit a SF in the 4th and although Jackie Robinson hit a 2-run shot in the 6th,

the Brooks came back with a solo shot by Holmes in the 6th to make it 7-2. West's 2-run single in the 8th closed the scoring off Tommy Hughes. Starter Bill Voiselle left with an injury in the 4th inning, so the win went to Carl Erskine who finished the effort...Another quick start for Brooklyn in game 4 as DiMaggio led the game off with a 3B off Peterson and scored on Kerr's single. After Holmes singled, Gordon's grounder to SS made it 2-0. Lamanno singled one home in the 2nd to cut the margin and it stayed that way until the 8th. Welteroth was touched for a one-out HR in the 8th, but starter Phil Marchildon couldn't complete the effort. With one down, he walked Wright and wild pitched him to 2B. Dillinger singled and stole with Robinson at the plate. Robby then got an IW and Kluszewski singled home a pair. Phil Cavarretta then added a SF to put the Q's ahead at 4-3. Gray made another appearance in the 9th, with results similar to game one. Claude Corbitt singled and PH Seminick and DiMaggio walked to load the bases. Kerr then hit a SF to tie and with the IF drawn in, Holmes lined a single to RCF for the win... Woodcrest next jumped out on Andy Hansen for two in the 1st as Reese single, stole, moved up on a Wright grounder and scored on Dillinger's single. Cavarretta then singled in another. Dodgers got one back in the 5th on Seminick's single, but the Q's extended the lead in the 7th off Sheldon Jones. Lamanno walked and was bunted over by Curt Simmons and moved to 3B on a deep fly to LF by Reese. Wright got the run in with a single. One more in the 8th on a Robinson single, steal and Klu RBI single. With 2 down in the Dodgers' 8th, Kerr singled and on came Erickson who yielded a single to Holmes. Gray got the call and Gordon touched him for an RBI single, but Seminick bounced out harmlessly to end the threat. Gray finally got it done as he K'd two in the 9th to pick up the save

for the rookie Simmons.

Next into Crosley for the **Dodgers** were the always tough, even in a rebuilding year, **Evanston Elephants**. Evanston jumped on starter Jones for two in the first, using a Bruce Edwards walk and singles by Joe DiMaggio and Ed Stevens for one. After Whitey Platt walked, Don Kolloway's SF made it 2-0. Joe Hatten got another run to work with in the 3rd on a Platt HR. The Dodgers came back with two in the 5th when Corbitt bunted his way on, moved up on Jones' single and scored on DiMaggio's single. Holmes later added a SF. Brooklyn tied in the 6th on a Danny Litwhiler single, a PB by Dewey Williams and Corbitt's RBI single. Hatten doubled with one down in the 7th and Elmer Valo delivered him with a single. Platt smacked his 2nd HR of the game, a solo to lead off the 8th and another in the 9th on Platt's single. Steve Gromek relieved in the 8th and gave up only a 9th inning leadoff HR to DiMaggio to give Evanston the 6-4 win...Game two was all Dodgers after they finally got to Bob Feller in the 6th. Cliff Fannin had allowed only 3 hits through six, got the lead when he followed Kerr's 6th inning single with one of his won and one scored on DiMaggio's 2B. Brown walked to load the bases, Holmes walked to force in a run and Gordon singled in one. Feller was pulled for Boo Ferriss who gave up a SF to Seminick and RBI single to Vico. Fannin tired in the 8th, giving up a single to Ferriss, throwing away a Valo bouncer and then moved to the shower, replaced by Christopher. Edwards hit a SF to close the scoring for the Elephants. Dodgers added two in the 8th when Kolloway's error let in one and Christopher added a SF in the 7-1 win...Bob Savage went against Voiselle in game 3 and the Dodgers got triples from FitzGerald and Kerr for one in the 2nd. Another in the 4th on a Snider 3B and FitzGerald 2B where he was nailed trying to stretch it to three. DiMaggio's SF made it 3-0 after 5, but Evanston got

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two in the 6th on Steven's SF and Marty Marion' single. Gordon picked up an insurance run with a long HR off Savage in the 8th while Harry Gumbert tossed two strong innings for the save in the 4-2 win...

Dodgers made it 3 straight with Marchildon tackling Howie Pollett. Elephants jumped out for a run on Edwards' single, Joe DiMaggio's 2B and Stevens' grounder. But Gordon's 2-run shot made it 2-1 Brooklyn in the bottom half. Stevens' added a SF in the 3rd for the tie, but the Dodgers came back on Gordon's RBI 2B, scoring Dom DiMaggio who had led the inning with a two-bagger. Joe D. muffed a fly ball in the 4th off the bat of Schultz, Corbitt singled him to 3B and Dom D. singled him home. Marchildon added an RBI single in the 6th and FitzGerald, getting considerable playing time early on, drove one in for the 6-2 final in the 7th... Hal White came on to mop up for the Dodgers and made it interesting in the 9th. Babe Young, Ferriss and PH Roy Campanella singled to load the bases before Valo tapped into a 523 DP to end the potential rally....The finale was a classic, going 14 innings. Hamner got the start against Ernie Bonham and Holmes put the Dodgers ahead with a grounder in the 1st. Dom DiMaggio's bunt was thrown away by Williams leading off the 1st and he was bunted to third by Kerr before scoring. Marion and Stevens hit solo shots in the 2nd and 3rd respectively and Gordon tied it with a single in the 3rd. It stayed that way through 12 with Hansen and Jones on for the Dodgers and Gromek, Embree and Hatten getting the call from the E's pen. Andy Anderson hit a solo off Jones in the 13th, but the Dodgers came back against Hatten on DiMaggio, Kerr and Holmes singles. Mel Queen just managed to close it out when Gordon's liner to 3B was speared by Edwards at 3B and turned into a DP when Kerr was too far off the bag. Christopher held the Elephants scoreless in the 14th and

in the bottom, Litwhiler led with a 2B and after Vico and Snider grounded out, Seminick hit a hopper to 3B which Edwards tossed into the 1B stands to give the Dodgers the 4-3 win....



a visit. Joe DiMaggio was too much for Warren Spahn and the Monarchs as he drove in 3, including a 9th inning HR for the 6-3 win. Babe Young added a 2-run 2B in the inning....Joe Dobson evened the series as he outdueled Bob Feller in game two with a 2-0, 4-hit zip. Eddie Joost's RBI 3B in the 6th broke the scoreless tie and Johnny Hopp stole home in the 7th for the insurance run...Things warmed up a bit as did the bats the next afternoon with 27 total hits on the board in a 9-5 Evanston win. Valo had 4 hits for the E's and DiMaggio smacked a 2-run 1st inning HR to support Bob Savage. Al Zarilla and Joost each had 3 hits and 2 RBI in the loss...It was Dizzy Trout pitching the M's to a 5-2 fourth game win as Billy Goodman and Hank Majeski drove in 1st inning runs for the lead. Bobby Doerr salted it away with a 2-run single in the 7th. Ed Stevens was the big hitter for Evanston with a hit and an RBI....The rubber match went to the Monarchs, 6-4, as Majeski, Zarilla and Doerr each drove in big runs in the 3-run 7th. Monk Dubiel finished up for Spahn in the 9th for his 2nd save of the series...DiMaggio finished the series 9-23 with 2 HRs and 7 RBI..

Next in, the **Woodcrest Quackers**, who are quickly seeing their season go south early on. Monarchs got only 9 hits, but 11 free passes to breeze to a 9-3 opening win. Zarilla smacked a 1st inning grand slam off Coleman and finished with 3-5 and 5

Wind-swept **Wrigley Field** and the **West Warwick Monarchs** opened the 1948 season with the **Evanston Elephants** in for

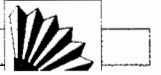
RBI. Spahn scattered 10 hits, but had a shutout until the Q's pushed across 3 in the 9th...WWM squeaked out a 3-2 win in game 2 as Dobson outdueled Red Munger. Hopp's SF in the bottom 7th proved the game winner. Cavaretta had 3 hits and Wright 2 RBI for Woodcrest...Elmer Riddle took the win for the M's in game 3 with help from Ken Trinkle. Bobby Thomson was 3-4 with 3 RBI, including a 2-run 4th inning HR for the M's...Quackers showed some life in game 4 as they scored 3 in the 6th to tie the game 4-4 on RBI from Jim Russell, Cavaretta and Kluszewski. Mele hit a leadoff 3B in the 8th for the M's and he scored on a PH single by Arky Vaughan. Dubiel had started for WWM and got a save from Kennedy as defensive replacement Thurman Tucker nailed PR Wehmeier at the plate with two down in the 9th to preserve the 5-4 win... Monarchs completed their first-ever sweep with Spahn picking up his 2nd win of the series and Trinkle nailing his 3rd home save in a 4-2 win... Al Zarilla was a torrid 16-34 on the homestand with 2 HRs and 10 RBI while Trinkle notched 3 saves, Dubiel a pair and added one win as a starter....

With the Woodlawn-Jerome El train running in the background, the **Evanston Elephants** opened the '48 season at **Yankees Stadium** with series with the **Rossville Hornets** and **Frankfort Fortress**.

Evanston jumped out with an opening day, 3-0 win on Joe DiMaggio's 3-run HR and a 7-hit shutout by Howie Pollett...Then the Hornets stung the Elephants four straight, winning game two behind Jim Hegan's 2-run HR in the 7th inning to break a 15-inning scoreless streak. Rossville outhit Evanston 12-5...Elephants' usually tough hitters were stifled on 3 hits by Fritz Ostermueller in game three. Mickey Vernon's FC in the 8th put the Hornets ahead, 3-2, on the way to a 6-2 win. Evanston had only 5 base-runners, two erased on DPs.

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Game four saw the Hornets withstand solo runs by the E's in the 8th and 9th to for a 5-3 win for Marino Pieretti over Bob Savage....Joe Hatten took the loss in the finale as the Hornets' Hutchinson picked up a rather easy 5-1 win....In the series, Evanston managed a meager offensive attack, producing a mere 10 runs and 25 hits....

Bob Feller looked to make amends for his game two loss to the Hornets and prevailed, 4-1 in the opener against the **Fortress**. Pollett picked up the save in the 9th. Four 5th inning runs chased starter Lou Brissie of the Fort....Steve Gromek pitched 5 sparkling relief innings for the E's and it took DiMaggio's 12th inning single to pull out a 2-1 E's win...Spec Shea was sharp with a 3-hit, 7-0 game 3 win for the Fortress and Ralph Branca got 5 HR support in game four. Pafko and Mize each clubbed a pair in a 9-4 win over Tiny Bonham...All the action seemed to take place in the rubber game. Hal Newhouser crossed up the Evanston strategy of an IW by rapping a 2-out, 2-run single in the 2nd inning for a Fort lead. Evanston got a power punch on a DiMaggio 2-run shot in the 5th for a 3-2 lead, which the Fort took back at 4-3 going into the 9th. Ed Klieman got the ball looking for the save, but Valo's single, steal and RBI double by Clint Conaster tied the contest. A Fort rally in the 10th was snuffed out when Nicholson hit into an inning ending DP with runners on 1st and 3rd. Both bullpens kept doling out goose eggs with Hatten tossing four no-hit innings in relief. DiMaggio finally sent the fans home in rush hour traffic with his 2nd HR of the game, a long shot leading off the bottom 15th for the 5-4 Evanston win....

On the road to **Griffith Stadium** as the **Elephants** took on the **Lafayette Gold Sox**. Similar to the Hornets' home series, the E's jumped out with a 3-0 Pollett 6-hit shutout. Whitey

Kurowski and DiMaggio walked before Campanella singled in one and Hank Edwards, moved to the 5 hole, hit a SF. Benny Zientara squeezed home a run with the bases loaded in the 4th to close the scoring. Sox left 12 on base, including two in the 9th when Red Embree finished up with a save for the E's... The similarities to the home series continued as the Sox won the next four. Bob Chesnes started against Feller and got a Tony Lupien 1st



inning HR for a 1-0 lead. he wild pitched a run home in the 3rd, but the Sox regained the lead in their half on a Stan Spence 2B and added another in the 4th when Joe Early drove in Dick Kokos who had doubled. Chesnes faltered in the 8th, walking Augie Galan and loading the bases on two singles before DiMaggio doubled in two. It stayed tied into the 12th when DiMaggio smacked a HR off Bob Chipman, but the Sox rallied against Gromek, now in his 4th inning. Earl Wooten led with a single and was bunted to 2B where he scored on a Dick Sisler PH single. Wrostek singled and Bauer walked to load the bases before Mel Queen came on to force in the winning run with a walk to Billy Johnson and the 5-4 Lafayette win...Extra innings sell loads of concession items and the Sox made money again the next day with an 11-inning contest. Hatten got the start for the E's against Jim Hearn and he got 3 first inning runs to work with when Stevens doubled in two and Platt singled home one. An error by Edwards at 3B on a sac bunt led to one Sox run when Johnson singled in the 1st and the Sox took the lead in the 4th on Johnson's RBI 3B, a passed ball by Dewey Williams and Buddy Rosar's 2-out single. Wooten, pinch-hitting for Keller, singled home Rizzuto who had tripled in the 5th, but back came the E's. One in the 7th on a Kolloway single off Denny Galehouse. With Forrest Thompson on in relief in the 9th after Galehouse had plunked

DiMaggio and Stevens singled, Kolloway singled home the tying run. Chipman worked out of jams in the 10th and 11th for the Sox and they broke through against Embree in the 11th when Spence walked, Rosar bunted him over and Erv Dusak singled through the hole for the winning RBI...Game four was a walk-over, 7-1, for the Gold Sox as Bob Lemon scattered 7 hits. Sisler, batting in the leadoff slot, doubled off Bonham with 2 out, moved up on a Rizzuto single and scored when Wrostek singled. Two runs in each of the 6th, 7th and 8th innings sealed the game... Harry Taylor got the call for the Sox in the wrapup game against Savage and fell behind on a Kolloway bases loaded walk in the 1st, the 4th of the inning, but the E's left the bases jammed. Savage left with an injury after only 3 batters in the 1st. Wrostek tripled home Rizzuto and Spence hit a SF off Curt Dreisewerd for the 2-1 lead. Keller's 2-run HR in the 4th made it 4-1 Sox, but Taylor hit another wild streak in the 5th and Platt singled in one. Sox got it right back on an Early single and after Taylor walked 3 to load the bags in the 6th, Chesnes came on, but plunked DiMaggio to force in a run before ending the threat. Wrostek added an RBI single to make it 6-3, enough to offset DiMaggio's RBI single after Edwards' leadoff 9th inning 3B. Taylor notched the win over Savage...

The defending National League champion **Chicago White Sox** proved they will be the team to beat once again as they took four from the **Gold Sox** after an open-ing game loss. Lemon pitched in and out of trouble all day, allowing 10 Chisox hits and stranding 13 base runners in a 2-0 win over Vic Raschi. Billy Johnson did all the damage with a 2-out RBI double in the 1st and a 2-out solo HR in the 3rd...Chicago turned on the power in game two, drilling starter Bob Chesnes and 3 relievers for a 13-7 win. G'Sox got one off Jack Kramer in the 1st when Spence drew a bases loaded walk, but Johnny Lipon got an RBI 2B for the tie in the 2nd. Bob Elliott hit a SF to

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bring in Henrich who had tripled and Kramer added an RBI single later in the inning. Chesnes couldn't find the plate in the 4th and he walked two after Hal Jeffcoat singled, then Elliott unloaded for a bases clearing 3B and a 6-1 Chisox lead. They made it 8-1 against Al Benton in the 5th on RBI singles by Elliott, his 5th RBI of the day, and Eddie Waitkus. But Kramer couldn't stand the prosperity and was routed in the 5th. After a Kokos SF, Johnson cleared the bags with a grand slam to cut the lead to 8-6. Jeffcoat reached Thompson for a SF in the 6th and Lafayette got one back in the 7th when Paul Minner loaded the bases before Ewell Blackwell came on in relief to get Johnson to hit into a DP which scored one. Chisox added 4 in the 8th, two on Elliott's 6th and 7th RBIs on a 2B to close the score at 13-7. Al Widmar got the win in relief... Dick Fowler was staked to a 3-0 lead after 3, one on a solo HR by Ted Williams in the 1st and a Williams RBI 2B and Henrich 3B in the 3rd off Galehouse. One more in the 6th on a Tebbetts SF before Keller's HR cut it to 4-2 in the 6th. Elliott launched one off Taylor in the 8th to close the scoring at 5-2... Vern Bickford did surgery on the Gold Sox, flipping a 7-0, 8-hit zip in game four to best Brecheen. It was over early as Williams doubled in one in the 1st, Waitkus added an RBI single and Lipon singled home two. Henrich hit a solo in the 3rd and Taylor was touched for 2 in the 9th, including a bases full walk... No contest in game 5 as the White Sox rolled, 10-1 behind Preacher Roe's six-hitter over Bill Kennedy. Elliott added two more RBI with a 2B in the 5th to close the series...

The **Chicago Whales** opened the home campaign for the **Dayton Flyers** at **Forbes Field** and took four of the five games in rather commanding fashion. Dayton used 15 hits in the opener off 7 Chicago pitchers for a 7-2 win for Art Houtteman. Yogi Berra doubled in a pair in the 1st off Rip Sewell and the Flyers added two

in the 2nd, one on a Wally Westlake triple.... Tommy Byrne and the Flyers took a 2-0 lead after 4 innings off Al Brazle in game two, one on a Vern Stephens error in the 1st and another on a Pat Seerey 2nd inning leadoff shot. Whales took the lead in the 5th on a Don Lang 2-run HR and Stephens' RBI 3B. Stephens added an RBI single in the 7th before the floodgates opened. With two out after two walks in the Whales' 8th, Luke Appling muffed one at SS to load the bases and Murtaugh walked for one run. On came Bob Muncrief who coughed up an 2-RBI single to Del Ennis, an RBI single to Stephens, walked Lindell to load the bases and gave an RBI single to Nippy Jones. Six more in the 9th, including two forced in on walks and one which scored on a wild pitch closed the scoring at 15-2... A neatly packaged six-hit shutout, 7-0 by Ken Raffensberger over Bill McCahan who had finished up game two. Errors by Appling and Gil Hodges scored two in the 3rd and McCahan walked in another, Murtaugh singled one home



in the 4th and Jones hit a 2-run 8th inning HR. Whales added one in the 9th on a Richie Ashburn single... Two big innings did in the Flyers again in game four. After taking a 1-0 lead off Carl Scheib in the 1st on a Westlake 2B, the Whales exploded for six in the 4th led by Ennis' 2-run HR. Five more in the 7th, three on Hank Sauer's HR off Don Black, on finally in relief of starter Joe Haynes for the 12-3 final. Whales closed the series with a 16-5 rout with two more big innings being the backbreaker. Al Gettel fell behind in the 1st when Ennis soloed, but the Flyers tied off Murry Dickson on a Dale Mitchell single. Six in the 4th started the Whales' onslaught. Aaron Robinson singled home two, Dickson one and Ashburn two more before another Appling error let in another. Westlake HR'd in the Flyers' 4th, but six more in the Whales' 5th, led by Dickson's 3-run HR off Black in relief. Robinson, Lang and Ennis added solo shots off Elmer Singleton

in the 8th and 9th innings....

**Flyers** fared much better against the **Rossmoor Bears**, taking four in the series to even their home mark for the month. Bears got in the win column in the first game, a 13-6 win for Ellis Kinder over Gettel. Three in the 5th, led by a run scoring WP and Pete Suder 2-run HR, four in the 6th led by Whitey Lockman's 2B for two more broke this one open off Singleton. Robinson added a 3-run HR in the 8th. Three Flyer runs off Barrett in the 8th were not enough to overcome the deficit... Virgil Trucks picked up a 7-5 win in game two against Dutch Leonard with help from Haynes. Whitman's bases loaded 2B was the big blow... Houtteman got another 7-5 win in game 3, this one against Larry Jansen. Les Moss had a 2-run HR for the Bears. Flyers scored 4 in the 4th and added a 2-run Mitchell HR in the 5th... Hitting was at the forefront in game 4, a wild 15-9 Flyers' win which saw 33 hits on the day as the Bears' Ray Scarborough and Joe Ostrowski were basically pitching BP. Berra nailed a 2-run HR in the 1st, but Scarborough's single and red-hot Gus Niarhos' two run single put the Bears ahead. The Rossmoor catcher was batting in the leadoff slot. He added an RBI single to match Berra's in the 3rd, a run which scored from 1st on Kiner's error in CF. But Dayton, schooled from their series with the Whales, used the big inning to counter. Seven in the 4th off Scarborough and Bob Rush broke open the game. Dick Whitman's bases loaded single and Mayo's squeeze bunt got things started. Appling and Berra walked for another run, Mitchell singled in two and Seerey tripled in two off Rush. Five more in the 6th, led by McQuinn's 2-run HR put the game out of reach. Allie Clark HR'd in the 7th for the Bears.. Black got the start against rookie Howie Fox in the finale and fell behind 3-0 on a Ralph Kiner single and Eddie Robinson 2-run 3rd inning HR. Two back in the 4th on a George McQuinn single and Black SF, but Robinson singled one home in the 5th for a 4-2 Bears lead. Flyers picked up two in the 6th on an Eddie Mayo

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2B and Appling single for the lead and two off Red Barrett in relief in the 8th on a Mayo RBI 3B and Appling single in the 6-4 win. Bob Hogue picked up the save..

Opening day for the **Rossmoor Bears** began with a parade down Los Alamitos Avenue straight to **Sportsman's Park** and ended with a 5-10 home mark after the **Gold Sox** and **Federals** left town.

Larry Jansen opened in sharp fashion, pitching a CG 7-3 win over the **G'Sox** behind Kiner's HR and 3 RBI... Bears came back to tie the score on a pair in the bottom 9th of game 2 as rookie Matt Batts doubled in his first AB. In the 11th, Suder drove home Kiner with a single for the 3-2 win...Gold Sox prevailed in a 7-6 slugfest in game 3 as Keller and Wyrostek HR'd....Lemon was outstanding in a 3-hit, 1-0, game four win. A 3B by Wyrostek in the 5th notched the only marker of the game ... The rubber game went into the 8th tied at 2-2 when Yost doubled home Suder with the winning run...

Next came the favorites for the AL title, the **Fairfield Federals**. Two runs in the 9th, a Bob Scheffing SF and Chuck Stevens PH single to score Larry Doby put this one away, 3-2...Feds amassed 19 hits in game two enroute to a 10-7 win. Eddie Miller, Hoot Evers and Keltner each picked up three hits....Game 3 saw Gene Bearden outdueled by Dutch Leonard in a 1-0 squeaker with his 5th inning RBI single the winner for the Bears...A 14-hit Federals' attack led to an 8-5 win in game 4. Musial was 2-4 with a HR....Mel Parnell bested Scarborough in game 5, 2-1. Musial's 3 hits raised his average to .381 for the series, joining Keltner at .455 and Doby .550 as Bear killers...

The **Dodgers** went on the road to defend their '47 crown at the **Trees** and **Quackers**. Sort of sounds like Cheese and Crackers. Oh, never-mind.

Woodcrest hosted the Dodgers after having dropped four at Brooklyn earlier in the month. This time, they took three. Dodgers won the opener as they jumped on Herm Wehmeier for a pair in the 1st on Holmes' single and Gordon's SF. They gave Cliff Fannin another run to work with in the 4th on a Dom DiMaggio triple after a 2-out error by Kluszewski. Q's cut it to 3-2 in the 6th on a Dillinger groundout and Klu single, but the Brooks got one back in the 7th on Steve Vico's SF. Trees loaded the bases in the 9th when Russ Christopher came on to preserve the win and his untarnished ERA with a save, 4-2...Q's jumped on Sheldon Jones for 5 in the 2nd. Jackie Robinson singled, stole 2nd and 3rd and after Klu and Cavarretta walked to load the bases, Ralph Hodgins bounced to 2B for one and Joe Coleman reached when Gordon booted his grounder at 2B. Dodgers did pull ahead with two in the 3rd on Gordon's 2B, two in the 5th on a Holmes SF and Vico 2B with Seminick being nailed at the plate and two more in the 6th on RBI singles by DiMaggio and Holmes. Carl Erskine had come on in relief in the 6th and in the 7th doubles by Reese and Dillinger scored one to tie and when Dillinger broke for 3B, Seminick fired into LF for another run. Reese added an RBI 2B in the 8th to close the 8-6 win...Tight as can be in game 3 with Dillinger's SF in the 1st bringing in one and Reese's 2nd inning SF making it 2-0. Meanwhile, Dick Welteroth was sharp, not allowing a hit until the 5th and only one more through 8. Dodgers got their only run in the 9th when Brown walked and Holmes singled with one out, got Gordon to pop out and Vico singled in one. Ed FitzGerald tapped to the mound to strand the tying run....Paul Erickson, whom the Dodgers had fun against in Crosley, took one for the team, going the distance in an 11-8 loss. Gordon singled in two, FitzGerald one and Kerr walked with the bases full for a 4-0 1st inning lead. Lamanno singled home one in the 2nd and PH Don Lund hit a solo HR

in the 3rd.

Q's cut it to 6-4 in the 7th on a Mauch PH 3B with two down off Voisselle. They made it close in the 9th off Erskine when he loaded the bags on a single and two walks, Klu hit a SF and DiMaggio dropped a fly ball in CF to let another score before Hodgins doubled in two. Lamanno ended it with a groundout....Wehmeier got another start in game five, this one against Schoolboy Rowe. Reese singled and stole leading off the game and scored on a Wright double. Three straight singles loaded the bases in the second and after a grounder for the 2nd out nailed a runner at the plate, Vico bobbled one at 1B for a run and Dillinger singled home two. Vico singled in one in the 4th, but Brown's 3B error of a Robinson 2-out grounder let in one and Klu singled in another. Dodgers picked up one in the 6th to go quietly, 6-2...

**Dodgers** went to **Braves Field** to tackle the **Trees** and lost the opener 3-2 as Johnny Sain scattered 9 hits to top Fannin. Sain and Marshall were each 2-3 with an RBI and Earl Torgeson had a SF...Trees trounced Jones in game 2 with a 9-run 6th and 2-run 7th, 11-3. Don Blackburn got the win after VanderMeer left with an injury in the 3rd. Jeff Heath had the only HR and 3 RBI...Marchildon put the Dodgers ahead in the series with a 4-0, 9-hit CG in the third game. he struck out only one and walked six, but stayed out of trouble. Gordon smacked a HR and 2 RBI...Trees overcame a 3-0 first inning deficit, on a Gordon 3-run HR, for Rex Barney and came back to win, 7-6. Max West added a 2-run PH HR in the 8th to put the Dodgers up 6-5, but the bullpen was hindered by a Brown error at 3B for an unearned run to make Christopher the loser....Dodgers won the finale, 3-1 behind Rowe's 9-hitter. Gordon drove in two with a 5th inning 3B which broke a 1-1 tie. Hal Gregg took the loss and Christopher notched a save with 1 2/3 innings of no-hit relief. Heath finished with a .389 for the Trees' homestand while Gordon batted .450 on this leg of the trip for Brooklyn. Trees took the series, 3-2...

