



AROUND THE HORN

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'27 Races Much Too Early to Call As 1st Campaign Gets Off to Rugged Start!

The opening month of the premier SPB-III campaign provided some interesting individual results and the promise of tight races in both leagues.

As of **June 27th**, complete stats had not been made available to league statistician Bob Calicchia, so the standings in the box and player stats represent only a portion of the games played.

The Atlanta Crackers have shown a potent offense to lead with the league's best mark of 18-7. Their .363 OBP combined with the solid relief pitching of Johnny Miljus' 6 saves has led the way. The **Roses of Mt. Hood**, expected to challenge for the league pennant are being led by Lou Gehrig's 26 RBI, a SLG mark of .814 and BA of .464, one point behind league leader Goose Goslin of the **Gamblers**. Goslin's stats are based solely upon 10 road games reported. Hack Wilson's .462 is based on only 20 games for the **Grunts**.

Mt. Hood leads SPB-III in HRs with 15, have ravaged opposition pitching for 139 runs and a slugging percentage of .416 for the month. **Seattle** holds the BA lead with the team ledger at .304.

Over in the NL, the **Rainiers** hold a two-game lead over the **Hoosier Thunderbolts** with the **Hollywood Stars** 2 1/2 back.

No surprise in the HR race as Babe Ruth (**Dayton**) holds the lead with 9, more than most teams.

Vic Aldridge (**Wildcats**) stands at 4-0 to lead all hurlers while Charlie Root (**Stars**) at 1.20 and Red Lucas (**T'Bolts**) 1.47 lead in ERA.

The team ERA lead at this point is held by the **Stars** with a solid 2.61.

One of the few bright spots for the **Indianapolis Clowns** is Max Carey, leading SPB-III with 11 stolen bases in 13 attempts.

Complete stats will be forthcoming to all managers in a few days as they are finally received. Remember, stats are due by the **20th of the month**.

1927 APRIL STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Rainiers	12	8	.600	--
T'Bolts	10	10	.500	2
Stars	12	13	.480	2.5
B'Stormers	11	14	.440	3.5
Tip-Tops	8	12	.400	4
Spiders	7	13	.350	5
Clowns	9	16	.360	5.5
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Crackers	18	7	.720	--
Gamblers	8	2	.800	2.5
Grunts	12	8	.600	3.5
Wildcats	14	11	.560	4
Roses	13	12	.520	5
Hawks	9	11	.400	6.5
Wizards	12	18	.400	8.5

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

During the first month of the SPBIII-27 season, several managers have been disappointed over how the new computer manager uses relief pitchers on the road. I have talked to Tom Tippet about this and the basic problem is that the game is designed to use relief pitchers as Jim Fregosi would, rather than Connie Mack.

So, this presents a problem as most teams will see their very limited relief resources expended by mid-season. Tom has made a suggestion that will make a minor impact and it involves modifying the master league disk that each of you was sent (**this is the disk you should be playing all league games off**).

Please follow these steps to make the modification to the average number of batters a pitcher faces.

- 1.) Select **ORGANIZE** (enter)
- 2.) Select **NEW LEAGUE** (enter)
- 3.) Select **ERA** (enter)
- 4.) Select **MODIFY** (enter)
- 5.) Select **1927 N** (enter)
- 6.) You should now have a box displayed showing all settings for the **1927 N** era.

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**'59 TRADE DEADLINE
& FINAL ROSTER
JULY 20TH**

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Hit <enter> until you reach the field labeled **Start BF**. Change that number from **31 to 33**. Hit enter again to reach the field labeled **Relief BF**. Change that number from **9 to 11**. At this point press the function key **F10** and **SAVE** the new information. This modification should help but it will not completely eliminate the way the computer uses relief pitchers. Tom will be working on this for the next release of the game.

Additionally, we will be modifying the limits placed upon relief pitcher usage.

The *unlimited relief pitcher* E.R.A. will be reduced from **5.25 to 4.50 or higher**. Also, the number of appearances that an **unlimited relief pitcher** can make will be raised from **40 to 52 games**. This applies to all pitchers who made relief appearances and have an E.R.A. of **4.50 or higher**.

If you have any questions or problems making the adjustment to your league disk, please get in touch with me.

1959 Schedule Enclosed

Enclosed with this edition of **AROUND the HORN** is the schedule for '59 skippers.

This sked has been thoroughly proofread by our well-paid staff. Please check it for any possible errors.

Next Month ...

- '58 Award Announcement
- '59 Season Preview
- '61 Expansion Selections
- New Manager Profiles
- '27 NL Uniforms

DIAMOND DUST

1927- One-year wonder Hod Lisenbee, 28, blanks Red Sox for Senators in 1st ML start.. This will be his only winning season.... Yankees draw a record 52,000 to Comiskey Park.... Cubs win 4-3 over Braves at Boston in 22 innings. Bob Smith goes all 22 for Braves and Bob Osborn pitches 14 scoreless innings in for Cubs...On May 30, Walter Johnson makes his first appearance of the season and tosses the 113th and final shutout of his career, 3-0 over Boston.... On consecutive days, Cubs' SS John Cooney and Detroit 1B Johnny Neun pull unassisted triple plays.

"It's always the same. Combs walks, Koenig singles, Ruth hits one out of the park and Gehrig doubles. Then Dugan goes in the dirt on his can."

Quoted in the 50th anniversary Hall of Fame yearbook

1947—On June 13th, Red Sox play the first night game at Fenway, defeating the White Sox 5-3. Reds steal pitcher Ken Raffensberger and C Hughie Poland from Phillies for Al Lakeman...Ewell Blackwell of the Reds no-hits Braves at Crosley Field 6-0. Frank Baumholtz, collects four hits in the win.. Four days later, Blackwell has the Dodgers no-hit through 8 1/3 when Eddie Stanky singles. After getting Al Gionfriddo, Jackie Robinson gets the second single in a 4-0 win, Blackwell's 9th straight.... Robinson swipes home against the Pirates for the first of 19 times in his career. Walker Cooper of the Giants hits a HR in his 6th consecutive game to tie a record set by George Kelly in 1924. His HR helped defeat his brother Mort of the Phillies.

1959: Zack Wheat, Dodger favorite in the teens and twenties is elected to the Hall of Fame by the 11-member veterans committee. In February, White Sox President Dorothy Rigney agrees to sell the club to Bill Veeck for \$2.7 million. Charles Finley attempts to match the price. Her brother Chuck fails in his attempt to stop the sale of her 54 percent in March and thus, Comiskey control ends after 60 years.

Just a Little Off....

Don't believe everything you read in scouting reports. Just consider this letter at the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles, dated Sept. 26, 1937. It's from an unnamed Yankees' scout to team executive Ed Barrow about a kid named Ted Williams:

"Williams is a very slow lad, not a good outfielder. There is a big doubt whether he will ever be fast enough to get by in the majors as an outfielder.

"His best feature now is that he shows promise as a hitter, but good pitching so far has stopped him cold."

HE'S AVAILABLE....

The **Pacific Cascades'** annual clearance sale is underway, so let the bidding begin. And you might pick up a few choice bargains for the right price.

Cal McLish interest you? How about a reliever to get you thru the season in Ron Blackburn? Harry Bright or JW Porter off the bench? Others? Hmmm.

Phone and e-mail lines will remain open until the July 20th trade deadline!

1959 Trade Market

- 121. CUBS** move Faye Throneberry to **TIGERS** for Jim Marshall.
- 122.** Pre-draft, **Cascades-Mavericks**
- 123. PELICANS** trade Reno Bertoia to **BLACK SOX** for Ray Moore.
- 124. TIGERS** trade Gil Hodges, John Antonelli and Jackie Jensen to **CUBS** for Billy Bruton and the Cubs' #1 and #2 picks .
- 125. BLUE SOX** swap Johnny Logan to **TIGERS** for Don Zimmer.
- 126. CUBS** exchange Billy Klaus and Dale Long with **BLUE SOX** for Andre Rodgers and Whitey Lockman.
- 127. TIGERS** trade Jack Meyer and Enos Slaughter to **CUBS** for Jack Harshman and Leon Wagner.
- 128. SAXONS** trade Ed Bouchee, Bob Schmidt and Dan Dobbek to **BLACK SOX** for Sammy Taylor, Gene Stephens and Kent Hadley.
- 129. MAVERICKS** move Marv Throneberry and Preston Ward to **SENIORS** for Rocky Nelson and Wally Shannon.
- 130. PELICANS** trade Vic Power, Wes Covington, Herb Score and Bob Turley to **SENIORS** for Robin Roberts, Marv Throneberry and Preston Ward.
- 131. PELICANS** swap Marv Throneberry to **TIGERS** for Julio Becquer.
- 132. SENIORS** trade Moose Skowron to **CASCADES** for John Romano and Gus Zernial.
- 133. SENIORS** trade Frank Lary, Eddie Kasko, Hank Foiles and Ray Narleski to **TIGERS** in exchange for Johnny Logan, Jose Pagan, Wilmer Mizell and Carlton Willey.
- 134. PELICANS** swap Ray Webster to **TIGERS** for Mickey Vernon.

1947 GAME REPORTS

(As provided by managers to Lou Ross)

Month two of inter-divisional play saw the **Frankfort Fortress** continue to struggle against the National League clubs. The contending **White Sox** came to town and according to Gary Plunkitt, blew the doors off the Fort, winning the first three without trouble. In game four, Bill "Swish" Nicholson's 7th inning grand slam got the Fortress their first win, 11-8. Sox came up with 3 in the 9th inning of the finale to get away with a 6-1 victory and four wins in the series.... With the **Elephants** in town, the **Fortress** took the middle three, the 3rd win a 2-hit shutout by Ralph Branca after a CG win by Tommy Hughes.

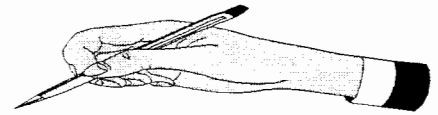


In the finale, Evanston trampled the Fort 11-1 behind Howie Pollett...The third home series of the month at **Frankfort** saw the **Whales** get a CG from Murry Dickson in the opener for a 10-3 win. Fortress came back again for three straight, including a CG from Ken Heintzelman and heavy hitting from George Kell and Nicholson. Dickson won again in the getaway contest, 4-2, with relief help from Al Brazle. Wally Westlake provided the Chicago offense with 3 series HRs.

The **Elephants** went 6-4 at home in May, ousting the **Dayton Flyers** 4-1 in the opening series. Elephants were outthit 10-5 in the opener, but survived 4-3 in 10 on the strength of 4 solo HRs in the game. Sloppy fielding by the Flyers in game two (3 straight errors), handed Evanston 3 unearned runs and a 3-1 win.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



We all have probably had a better month than the Throneberry brothers in SPB-I. Quick, call Allied Van Lines! Faye was traded from the Cubs to the Tigers and then Marv was drafted by the Mavericks before being quickly traded to the Seniors.

A few days later, Marv was moved to the Pelicans as part of another multi-player swap before joining his brother as a member of the Tigers. At this point, both are still in Frankfort.

On an administrative note, thanks to all managers who provided game reports and were able to get stats reported by the deadline of the **20th of the month**. The inability to get stats in on time has a severe domino effect. If the league statistician cannot get the numbers prepared in a timely manner it has an adverse effect here. **Around the Horn** relies on the statistician reports for their write-ups and info flow and eventually, late manager profiles for the subsequent month. Please be on time.

There is also a need to be **much more careful** in transmitting disks. While we seem to have overcome the virus problem, a number of managers have complained that disks are being received **DAMAGED**, with bent disk clips. Please protect your disks when mailed.

Finally, we have gone over this ad nauseum, for quite awhile. Please read the opponents' manager profile and **start games in human mode** to insure the correct lineup.

1927 Game Reports

There were bright lights and celebrities on tap as the **Hollywood Stars** hosted the **Evanston Wizards** to open the 1927 season at Shibe Park. On a beautiful 70 degree day, Frank "Home Run" Baker threw out the first pitch and the starstruck saw Virgil Barnes out-duled by future HOF Ted Lyons with a 5-2 CGwin behind a trio of 3Bs. Ebba Rixey was



leading 1-0 in the 9th when an error by George Grantham opened the door for a Wizard rally capped

ed by a Wattie Holm single for the win. George Pipgras went the distance for the Stars who got an RBI single from Curt Walker in the 3rd. Wizards had the go ahead runs on in the 9th when Holm hit a come-backer and Stars won 1-0. Clarence Mitchell kept the CG streak going as Glenn Wright hit a 2-run HR in the 7th to lead the Stars 3-0. Stars' ace Charlie Root went for the Stars in the finale and it was tied 1-1 after 9, staying that way until the Stars loaded the bases in the 13th when Guy Morrison uncorked a WP to Chuck Dressen to hand the Stars another 1-run win, 2-1. Bill Barrett hit .353 and Bibb Falk .368 for the Wiz while Stars won the series on great pitching.

Another mid-West team came to the sunny climate in the presence of the **Glendale Grunts**. Barnes tossed another CG game, although it was a sloppy affair and Grunts won behind Lefty Grove 8-4. With

the score tied at 3-3 in the 9th of game two and one out, PH Bud Clancy, Dressen and PH Grantham all singled to back a CG 4-3 win for Pipgras and the Stars. Tom Zachary bested Rixey in the 3rd as game designer Ethan Allen led the 3-2 win with 2 big hits. Game 4 was tied 3-3 in the 9th when with 1 out, Ben Tate and Grantham walked and after Wright K'd, Clancy singled home the winner with Mitchell going the distance. With the series knotted at 2, Root left and the Grunts got a big RBI single from PH Chuck Corgan to take the game and series 3-2. Frankie Frisch hit .385 and Jack Tobin .455 for Grunts while John Moka was at .304 for Stars.

Evanston Wildcats took their western swing early and in the opener, Stars got 14 hits, 'Cats 13 to make the 6-error game an interesting and wild affair. Stars hung on with 5 in the 8th and won 12-10. The 3-3 tie after 9 was again apparent when Dressen walked and Heinie Manush singled. With runners at the corners, Wright singled up the middle for the 4-3 winner. Rixey had another CG for Stars. Pipgras had nothing the next day and the Wildcats scored 8 on 13 hits to win 8-2. Vic Aldridge had a CG for 'Cats. Trailing 2-1 in the 9th, 'Cats got the go-ahead run on a throwing

error by Taylor Douthit, but in the bottom, Wright HR'd to tie the game. In the 10th, the 'Cats bounced back for a 4-3 win on Bill Zitzman's single. In the rubber game, Root got no run support and walked six, but managed 6 K's and held on for a 2-0 zip as Gabby Hartnett's HR was the difference. Paul Waner hit .286 for 'Cats while Hartnett went .333 and Clancy .455 for Stars.

The **Hoosier Thunderbolts** provided the opening day competition at the **Wildcats** and ruined the series for Evanston by taking 3-of-5. Chick Hafey led the opening win with 4 hits and 6 RBI in a 14-1 blowout....The **Indy Clowns** visited next and Willis Hudlin fired a one-hitter to win game one, 5-0. Game 3 came down to the bottom 9th when Paul Waner ripped a sacks full double to pull it out 4-3 for the 'Cats.

'**Bolts** had 3 home series at Navin Field with mixed results. The powerful **Mt. Hood Roses** took the first 3 with Ray Kremer and Urban Shocker dominating with CG performances. After trailing 5-1 in the third contest, Roses came through in the 6th and 7th innings and walloped the 'Bolts who then turned it around in the final two games with CG wins from Elam VanGilder and General Crowder...**Glendale Grunts** also took the first 3 at Navin with Red Lucas breaking the skein with a win in game 4 and in the finale, Pie Traynor singled home the winner in a 4-3 rally to give Art Nehf his first win of the year....'**Bolts** fared better against the **Wizards**, winning 3-of-5. Ty Cobb smacked a 2-run 2B in the 8th for an 8-6 opening win while Jackie May and Lucas got CG wins in the final pair.

'27 Schedule Note

In the 1927 AL schedule, there is a series listing the Rainiers @ Spiders in August. This is incorrect and should simply be deleted. This is correctly listed as a July series.

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For the series, the Elephants got timely hitting, outscoring Dayton 20-18 with 10 of those runs coming in one contest and an overall .191 average from the slugging machine and a 3.52 ERA...The **Fairfield Federals** held the **Elephants** to 15 runs in the five games to win 3-of-5. Game two was won 2-1 on a 9th inning squeeze bunt by Benny Zientara....

Dayton Flyers entered May tied for first and did their best to retain that spot with an 8-7 home record. Flyers dropped the first 3 to the **Evanston Trees**, losing to Johnny Sain, John VanderMeer and Hank Wyse, before Kirby Higbe and Art Houtteman (win and save) righted the controls. The finale was a 6-5 Flyers triumph. George McQuinn went 8-for-15 (.533), Dale Mitchell 8-for-19 (.421) and Willard Marshall a torrid 13-for-23 (.565) with 9 RBI...**Flyers** took three from the **Acorns**, winning the opener 3-2 in 11, losing the second 8-7 in 13 as Al Gettel picked up both losses for the 'Nuts. Pat Seerey struck out 13 times in 22 ABs, yet still managed 6 RBI. Hank Greenberg homered into "Seerey Gardens" in his one start. Emil Verban was 10-for-21 in the series. With the **Marauders** in town, the **Flyers** buzzed the NL contenders 3-of-5. After losing the opener in 10 on a Hank Camelli PH HR, 8-4, Dayton won the next 3, 7-4, 7-6 and 3-2 before dropping the finale in another 8-4 with Bill Bevins on the hill for his second series loss.

Seerey fanned a total of 20 times in 49 ABs during the homestand and the Dayton fans rode him mercilessly as the games wore on.

The **White Sox** hosted the pesky **Dodgers** in May and came away with 3-of-5. A HR by Ted Williams and single by Bob Elliot posted a 2-0 lead after 6, but Catfish Metkovich doubled home a run to halve the margin in the 7th before Red Barrett's error let in the final run for a 3-1 Sox win. Game two was a wild affair. Sox ahead 2-0 against Phil Marchildon after two, but Dodgers bounced back to tie against Preacher Roe in 5th and take lead 3-2 with a Lee Handley double off Harry Taylor in the 6th. Sox countered with 3 in 6th, two scoring on bases loaded walks by Marchildon, but Dodgers got one back on Joe Gordon's double in 7th. A 5-spot in 8th put it away for Brooklyn as Andy Seminick homered and George Binks walked off Taylor. Clyde King came on and sloppy fielding, buttressed by key hits from Buddy Kerr and Tom Holmes gave the Dodgers a 9-5 victory. With game 3 tied 4-4 into the bottom 9th, Williams unloaded off Thornton Lee with a

3-run HR for a 7-4 Sox win. Trailing 4-2 going into the bottom 7th of game 4, Harry Gumbert relieved Schoolboy Rowe and allowed a bases loaded triple to Elliot to power a 6-4 win for Dick Fowler and a save for Hank Borowy. Cliff Fannin then matched zeroes with Ewell Blackwell through 8 before Russ Christopher came on to pitch a scoreless 9th for Dodgers. Tom Ferrick has no luck in the 10th with an Eddie Lake error helping set the stage for Seminick's PH 2-run single and a 2-0 Dodger win on get-away day.

Rossmoor Bears hosted the rugged **Fortress** and were buzzed in the opener by Ralph Branca who tossed a CG 4-hitter and received support from Johnny Mize' 3-run HR for a 9-1 bashing. Tommy Hughes and Joe Page combined on a 4-hitter in the 2nd game to win 3-2 as Mize cracked another blast. Make it 3-straight as Hal Newhouser had a no-hitter thru 5 and held on for the 7-0 shutout. Bears got their only win of the series on a Dick Wakefield RBI single in the 10th, 5-4. The Bears were happy to see the Fort leave town as Specs Shea tossed a CG and each Fortress hitter had at least a hit in a 6-2 victory. Bill Nicholson's 2nd series HR was the needed margin....

Bears were feeling good as they took the first two from the **Hornets**. In the 8-4 opener, a bases clearing 2B by Pat Mullin was the margin while the Hornets committed 3 errors. Up one, the Bears called on elder statesman Fritz Ostermuller and he responded with 11 K's and a 4-hitter for a CG 3-1 win. A 2-out, 2-run 2B by Bill Rigney was the



AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
DODGERS	27	23	.540	--
FEDERALS	25	25	.500	2
FLYERS	24	26	.480	3
FORTRESS	24	26	.480	3
HORNETS	23	27	.460	4
MONARCHS	21	29	.420	6
GOLD SOX	19	31	.380	8

NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
TREES	32	18	.640	--
WHITE SOX	31	19	.620	1
ELEPHANTS	26	19	.578	3.5
MARAUDERS	31	24	.564	3.5
ACORNS	21	24	.467	8.5
WHALES	22	28	.440	10
BEARS	24	31	.436	10.5

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margin of victory. The Hornets came back to sting the Bears in the first of 3 straight triumphs with 17 hits in a 9-2 win behind Mickey Vernon's 4-for-6. Game 4 saw the Hornets blow a 3-0 lead as Bears notched one in eighth and 2 in 9th. After each scored in 10th, Rossville nudged ahead with a 6-4, 11-inning win. The finale was a Hornets come-from-behind as the Bears blew a 5-run lead as Bama Rowell drove in runs in each of the last 3 innings for a 9-6 5th game win.....

The **Bears** then went on the road, traveling to take on the **West Warwick Monarchs** and the came away with 3-of-5. After losing the opener on a Dizzy Trout 5-hitter in which the M's scored their 3 in the 2nd, Ellis Kinder defeated Warren Spahn 7-4 in a different fashion. He blasted 2 HRs and drove home 3. Fred Sanford flipped a 4-hitter and Rigney notched 3 singles for a 6-1 victory. Monte Kennedy and Ken Trinkle combined for a 3-hit zip and Vic Wertz drove home 2 in a 4-0 M's win. Pete Suder hit a 3-run 2B in the 6th and Ray Cullenbine popped a 3-run HR in the 7th for a 6-2 win.

The **M's** evened their home record for the month by taking 3 from the **White Sox**. Sox' Ed Waitkus made a 2-out 8th inning throwing error to open the door for 3 unearned runs on singles by Eddie Joost and Hal Wagner and a 5-2 M's win. Sox came back the next day 8-5 with Bob Elliot and Ted Williams posting a 7-for-9 day and 4 RBI as Spahn was pound-ed for 12 hits. It was time for the M's to regroup, also 8-5, as Thurm Tucker was on base 4 times and scored 3 with Sam Mele adding 4 RBI to offset Walker Cooper's 2B, HR and 3 RBI for Sox. M's took 4th 5-2 by scoring 3 in the 1st on 4 singles

and an error by SS Eddie Lake. Monte Kennedy and relievers held Sox at bay, but ChiSox rebounded in game 5 Ron Northey had a 2-run PH HR in the 8th to break a 1-1 tie and a 3-1 M's win.

The **Whales** were tough opposition by taking 3 in the series. The opener was a beauty as Del Ennis nailed Ed Pellagrini at the plate with the potential winning run in the 9th. Al Brazle flips 3 scoreless innings in relief and Don Kolloway singled home Stan Spence in the 11th for a 4-3 Chi win. Whales pounded out 18 hits for an 11-8 win in game two with Willie Jones' 4-for-5 and Vern Stephens' 2-for-5, 3 RBI the top efforts. Four Sox hurlers,



led by Ken Raffensberger held the M's down 3-1 as Kolloway went 3-for-3 and Cass Michaels 4-for-5.

M's came back in game 4 when down 4-0 after 6 1/2. They rallied for 2 in 7th on Tucker's 2-run bingle and 3 in bottom 9th on 3 straight singles. Sid Hudson came on in relief and after striking out Hank Majeski, Kolloway erred and Wertz followed with a 2-run single for a Joe Dobson 5-4 win with a save from Mel Queen. In the finale, Spahn and Murry Dickson traded goose eggs thru 7. In the 10th, Bobby Doerr led off against Ted Wilks for the 1-0 M's victory.

Monarch series highlights included Ted Williams batting .500, the **Whales** banging at a .307 clip and Al Brazle pitching in relief 4 times with a win, loss and save. Bobby Doerr hit only .175 in 15 games, but stroked 4 HRs and 11 RBI. Monte Kennedy starts 3 for M's and goes 2-1 with

a 1.50 ERA in 18 innings. Walt LaFranconi saved 2 for M's.

The **Gold Sox** had a rugged month at home, playing 3 series and going 5-10 in May. The **Bears** came in first and took 3. After Clint Hartung did the job again on the hill, combining with Jim Hearn for a 5-0 shutout, Rossmoor bounced back with two straight. Bears cruised behind a 6-run 1st in which 9 Bears batted before an out was recorded enroute to a 17-6 thrashing. Bob Lemon walked 10 and permitted 9 earned runs in 4 innings. Game 3 was a 15-inning marathon with Ralph Hodgins and Dave Philley driving home the winning runs in a 3-1 Bears win. Pete Gebrian got the win and Jim Bagby (5 innings) took the loss. A 4-3 squeaker for the Sox in game 4 as Bobo Newsom got the win with 2 solid innings of relief from Hearn. Phil Rizzuto drove in the winning tallies with a single. Bears drubbed the Sox 10-3 in the finale as Orval Grove was victimized for 11 hits and 7 ER in 5. Pat Mullin had 7 RBI (3-for-5), including a grand slam.

Then came the **Whales** to take four. Dickson started and got the win with scoreless relief from Russ Meers and Brazle, 2-1. Wally Westlake's 7th inning double was the margin. Early Wynn pitched scoreless baseball thru 6, but was lifted after a rain delay when the Dynamic Duo, Meers and Brazle, came on to close it out, 3-1. Sherry Robertson's 4th inning single was enough for the triumph. Another nail-biter, another Whales victory, 2-1 in number 3. Lemon went the route in the loss, while Chi used 5 hurlers, including THEM, again.

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Scott Cary had a 2-run 2B for the only Chi runs. Turnabout was fair play in game 4 as Sox edged Chi 3-2. Both Denny Galehouse and Mel Queen went the distance. John Wyrostek and Rizzuto pulled off a double steal in the 1st and Billy Johnson's SF drove in a run. Bert Haas' steal in the 6th preceded an error by Ennis and Stirnweiss' RBI single tallied the third score. As Steve Ehresman says, "That's excitement, Gold Sox style!" No suspense on getaway day as Whales jumped all over Hartung for 4 in the 3rd, enroute to 18 hits in an 8-3 drubbing. Big Clint took one for the team, going the distance.

Finally, the **Marauders** rolled into town and took 3. Dave Koslo bested Hearn 1-0 in the opener as Merrill Combs' RBI single was enough. Sox got even in game 2 with a 2-1 10-inning CG by Newsom. AVM's Milo Candini walked the Sox around the bases, the final a sacks full pass to Wyrostek for the win. Another 2-1 affair won by the Sox in game 3. Galehouse went 7.1 with help from Ed Harrist. Johnson's 5th inning 2B was the difference. AVM turned it on in game 4 with Hartung being pouuded again (10 hits, 5 ER, 5.1) and Vic Lombardi cruising to an 8-2 laughter. What better way to close out the series— another one run game, this one to AVM, 2-1. Sox led 1-0 into top 8th and after Enos Slaughter skied out, Phil Masi reached on an error, Ferris Fain singled and Joe Garagiola walked to load the bases. Lemon walked both Pete Reiser and Sam Chapman and Walt Brown pitched the final two for his 2nd save.

Whales hosted the **Dodgers** and got away with 3 wins. Chi jumped

all over Red Barrett and took a 7-1 lead after 5, led by Cookie Lavagetto's 2-run HR in the 2nd on the way to a 9-1 bashing. Brooks turned the tables in game 2 with 3 in the 1st on a Joe Gordon SF and George Metkovich 2-run HR off Wynn. Wynn and Buddy Lewis drove in 2 in the 2nd, but Dodgers exploded for 5 in 3rd led by Don Padgett's 2-run 2B enroute to a 9-6 win for Phil Marchildon. Schoolboy Rowe flipped an 8-hitter to best Raffensberger 3-1 and the Whales won the final two. Ralph Hamner was matched with Al Brazle and the Dodgers led 2-0



into the 8th on singles by Hamner and Gordon. In the 8th, Dom DiMaggio's error led to a run scoring single by Vern

Stephens to cut the lead to 2-1. Spence led off with a HR in the 9th to tie and with 2-out, Jones singled, John Sullivan walked and on a single to CF by Kolloway, the winning run scored when DiMaggio made his second error of the game on a waild throw. Whales took the rubber match with Butch Wensloff getting his first start of the year, aganst Ray Poat. Dodgers led after a Jones error in the 2nd off the bat of Wensloff and Poat got it back with an RBI single in the 5th. Stephens' 2-out single in the 8th was the go-ahead run and Sullivan's single in the 8th provided the insurance run for the Whales.

Crosley Field proved quite comfortable for the **Dodgers** in May as they won 10-of-15. **Evanston Trees** jumped off to an earl lead in game one as Johnny Sain and Marchildon matched up. Les Fleming's first inning

muff put the Brooks behind until Metkovich homered in the 4th. Willard Marshall returned the favor in the 5th, but the Dodgers got another surprising show of power as D. DiMaggio hit a 2-run shot in the bottom half for the final 3-2 score. With Barrett and John VanderMeer going at it in game two, Spider Jorgensen and Gordon matched 2nd inning HRs. In the 8th, Earl Torgeson's two run 3B put the Trees ahead, but Gordon hit a two-run blast off Rex Barney to tie. A SF by Red Schoendienst in the 9th posted a 4-3 Evanston win. A wild opening inning in game 3 with Torgeson's 2-run HR off Bill Voiselle gaining an early lead. But the Dodgers jumped on Hank Wyse for a 5-spot keyed by Gordon's 2-run 2B and George Binks' 2-run 3B. Trees got solo runs in the 6th thru 8th, but Andy Seminick's 6th inning HR was enough for a 7-5 margin. All Dodgers in game 4 as Rowe outdueled John Rigney. Gordon again homered as did Les Fleming. Tough one in the finale with Ed Bahr going against Ed Chandler. Dan Litwhiler's 1st inning single gave the Dodgers the lead, but Lou Boudreau's SF tied it in the 3rd and Frank Baumholtz' 5th inning HR pulled out a 2-1 victory for Trees.

The usual tough series against **AVM** took place as anticipated. Rowe matched with Eddie Lopat in the opener and Garagiola's 2nd inning single put AVM ahead. **Brooks** bounced back with 3 in 3rd on a DiMaggio bounce out and a 2-run HR by Gordon. Connie Ryan homered in the 6th to cut it to 3-2, but Litwhiler's HR and Binks' 3B stretched the Dodgers' lead.

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A Ray Coleman HR and Ryan single in 7th cut it to 5-4. In the 9th, AVM had the go-ahead run on when Russ Christopher came in to fed a DP bouncer to Ryan to close the game. The **AVM** bats fell silent in games 2 and 3. Barrett fired a 5-hit zip against nemesis Vic Lombardi with the only runs HRs by Buddy Kerr and a 2-run by Gordon for a 3-0 game 2 win and Litwhiler's 2nd inning solo HR off Koslo was all Voiselle needed as he allowed only 5 hits. Dodgers made it 4 straight, coming from a 3-0 deficit against Mickey Haefner. A two-out 5th inning 3-run shot by DiMaggio tied it. Lee Handley's single and two AVM errors in the 6th led the Brooks to a 7-3 win and a 4-0 series lead. AVM saved face in the finale, jumping all over Chandler who walked 6 in the first 2 innings. Chapman drove home 3 with two singles and AVM knockedout 19 hits on their way to a 14-2, 19 hit attack for Stubby Overmire.

Rossmoor always plays the **Dodgers** tough and this series was no exception. Voiselle matched with Ellis Kinder in the opener and Tommy Holmes gave Brooklyn a 1-0 lead in the first. Two more in the 4th, one on a PB and the Dodgers led 3-0, but Skeets Dickey's 2-run HR in the 5th and Dave Philley's 6th inning single tied it. With Andy Hansen on in the 10th for the Brooks, Aaron Robinson's PH HR gave the Bears a 4-3 lead. With 2 out and one on in the bottom 10th against Bob Savage, Gordon singled and Metkovich doubled to RCF. The relay throw to the plate was dropped by Dickey for a 5-4 comeback win. Marchildon and Fred Sanford matched zeroes thru 7 of game 2 when it all fell apart for Brooks. Ed Yost's 2-run 2B, Cullenbine's single and

Mullin's 2-run HR put it away 5-0. Sanford allowed only 3 hits. Barrett against Larry Jansen in the third and Bears grabbed a quick lead on Barrett's error and Cullenbine's single. Dodgers got 2 back in 3rd on Holmes' 2B and another throw dropped at the plate by Dickey. Ralph Kiner HRs in the 4th and 7th put Bears ahead 3-2, but Brooks tied on a Kerr double with Di Maggio nailed at the plate as Dickey held on. In the bottom 9th, against Frank Papish, Holmes singled with 2 out. Gordon hit one to the gap and he was waved home where, you guessed it, Dickey dropped the relay for a 4-3 Brooks win. Doyle Lade was the beneficiary of an 11-hit attack against Rowe as the Bears gained revenge with a 6-1 win. Mullin's 5th inning HR and a 2B by Dickey were the difference. Dickey was 3-3 for the afternoon. Voiselle got another start in the finale against Don Black. Brooks sent 9 men to bat in the 1st and scored 3. Fleming finished with 3 RBI. Harry Gumbert picked up his 2nd save of the homestand with 3 scoreless frames in the 8-4 victory.

After sweeping the **Fortress** at Briggs Stadium in April last month, the **Marauders** again came close in the Polo Grounds. The opener saw Lopat flip 8 shutout innings, but Mize spoiled the SHO with a HR. AVM held on 2-1. The bats came alive in game 2 with Haefner taking on Joe Haynes. Mize again and George Kell slammed Fort HRs, but Chapman's 3-run HR in the 5th was the big blast as AVM won 9-4. Bill McCahan was the sacrificial lamb against Newhouser in the hump game and the Fort led in the 7th when Frank Gustine, Slaughter and Chapman drove in runs for a 4-3 hold on win for AVM. Lombardi and Hughes in the 4th and again

the Fort jumped out early with 3 in the 2nd. Down 3-1 in the 6th, 3rd round pick Coleman homered to cut the lead to one and with 2 out in the 7th, Ryan and Gustine walked, Slaughter singled in one and then Chapman and Coleman walked to put the M's ahead and a 4-3 come from behind as Lombardi had a CG. Going for 10 straight against Frankfort, Koslo was coasting into the 8th, leading 3-0, but he was tiring fast. Bob Chipman came on as the first reliever of the series and the rust was evident as he allowed 5 ER. Andy Paiko had 3 hits in the 8-3 win to avoid the broom.

Monarchs visited the **Valley** and the opener saw Lopat and Spahn match up. Down 3-2 in the 8th, Furillo walked and Slaughter busts one thru the wind on the way to a 6-3 win. But AVM was somewhat spent after some tough contests and the Monarchs jumped on them in the next two. Furillo hit two and Chapman one to give AVM a 6-2 lead into the 8th, but the bullpen again faltered and Monarchs netted 6 to an 8-6 win with Hugh Casey gaining the save. Tucker, Rudy York and Majeski go long for WWM. Liking the dinger, WWM gets another from York and one from Bobby Thomson for a 5-2 game 3 win. AVM evens the series with a 7-2 win on Chapman's HR and 5 RBI. Haefner went a strong 7 and was picked up by Bryan Stephens. Koslo and Kennedy met in the rubber match and led by doubles by Billy Cox and John McHale for a 3-0 zip. Furillo finished series with .348 and 3 HRs, Chapman .323 and 2 HRs while Thomson went .400 and 2 HRs and York blasted 3 HRs.



Defending Champs Find May '47 Repeat Road Filled with Potholes

by John Ungashick

As the 1947 season moved into its second month, the surprising **Evanston Trees** somehow kept up the pace and surged to a one game lead over the Chicago White Sox in the American League.

Over in the American League, the **Brooklyn Dodgers** opened up a two-game lead over the Fairfield Federals.

Grady Hatton of the Hornets maintained his lead in the batting race at .382 while 3 players were tied with 16 HRs apiece and seven victories on the mound led in those categories.

Team-of-the-Month had to be the Cinderella **Trees** who duplicated their April record of 16-9 and surged into the lead. Murry Dickson of the Whales went 4-0 with a 2.02 ERA for the month and took **Pitcher-of-the-Month** honors.

A repeat winner of the **Reliever-of-the-Month** award was Johnny Gorsica of the Trees who had 2 wins and four saves with an untarnished 0.00 ERA in seven May appearances. Gorsica, who was a late spring throw-in as an aging Ducky Medwick was traded to the Elephants, is shaping up as the steal of the decade. He has already earned a pair of wins and ten saves in just 13 appearances.

It was a real dogfight for the **Player-of-the-Month** honors with teammates vying for the honors for the first time. The Federals' Harry Walker led all May batters with a .426 average. He also

scored 23 runs while his teammate, Stan Musial wasn't far behind with a .380 mark and a .492 on base average.

However, **POWER** is the name of the game and the award, ever so slightly, goes to Ralph Kiner of the Bears who may have hit "only" .315, but slammed 9 homers and led the league with 32 runs scored and was second with 27 walks.

In the pennant races, the Marauders were knocked off their 1st place AL perch with a mediocre 14-16 record while the White Sox, tied after April, went a solid 14-11 and still found themselves behind the Trees. Defending pennant winning Elephants were 11-9 in May and slipped back to 3 1/2 back. The Whales swapped the basement spot with the Bears (14-16) even with a 14-11 mark. The Acorns stayed in the fifth spot on a 20-game record of 9-11.

In the **National**, Brooklyn kept plugging away and with a 14-11 mark, put some space for now between themselves and the Flyers. But sneaking in with a similar 14-11 mark was Fairfield. For the second straight month, the defending champion Fortress staggered and with another 12-13 record, fell back to 3 behind the leaders.

The 7-18 mark posted by the Gold Sox dropped them from a mere one game back in April right into the NL basement where they now trail the Monarchs by two games in the 1947 standings.



Possibly lost in the whirlwind of the 1959 draft, the start of the 1947 campaign and the premier of the 1927 era, the 1958 season ended with a bit of a confusion and late stats.

Mike Cascarano recently mailed out ballots for the 1958 Awards. The results of the voting will appear here next month.

1958 saw two pennant races produce closer than anticipated results. The Saxons were in a battle in the tough Western Division and managed to edge the Mavericks by a mere game and the Rifles by four. Over in the East, the Blue Sox put on a late surge to pull within three of the pennant winning Tigers and three in front of the Pelicans.

Ted Williams won his second consecutive batting title, finishing at .357, 43 points off his '57 pace. Richie Ashburn was second in both average and hits .349 and 213 and was promptly traded by the Blue Sox. Hank Aaron led in hits with 214. Ernie Banks 47 HRs and 135 RBI were good enough for 2/3 of the Triple Crown.

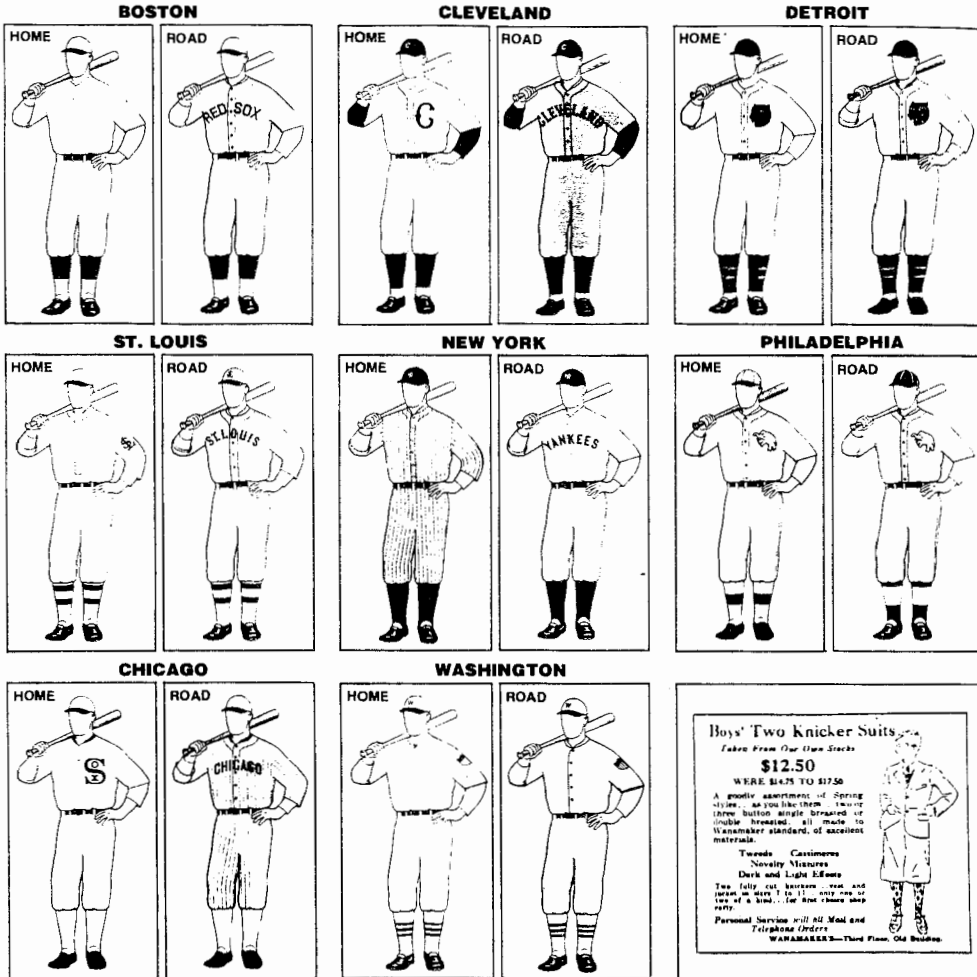
No 20-game winners on the mound with Hatteras' Lew Burdette and Bob Turley topping the list with 17 apiece. Early Wynn was the only 20-game loser and Ryne Duren led the Saxons and SPB with 27 saves.

Vern Law led in ERA at 2.41 and Sam Jones in K's with 229.

Tidbits and Memorabilia

As we start SPB-III with the 1927 season, let's look back at the uniforms worn in the AL that year. The Tigers replaced the Olde English "D" that season with a Tiger logo while the White Sox traded in their dark blues for white with pinstripes. And of course, the Yankees added numbers. This data is from *Baseball Uniforms of the 20th Century* by Mark Okkonen.

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Dayton Tip-Tops opened their season at Forbes Field by posting a 6-9 mark, going 2-3 in each series. Hack Wilson did the damage for the **Grunts**, banging 3 HRs. Harry McCurdy had 5 RBI for the Grunts while the TT's were held to a .255 BA...Next in were the **Cats** who were led by Alex Metzler with a .364 BA. Wilcy Moore (Dayton) allowed 17 hits and posted an 8.00 ERA in 9 IP. Babe Ruth received 10 walks in the series for Dayton, 6 intentional....Against the **Wizards**, Ruth smacked 4 HRs. Buddy Myers starred for Wiz with 9 hits while the Evanston ERA was a paltry 2.25 for the series. George Sisler batted just .197 for the month to slow the Dayton offense.

The **Wizards** seemed to be everywhere this month and took **Rt. 66** to League Park and play the **Barnstormers**. An opening Day classic as Lyons and Bob Smith matched up. Scoreless thru 7, Wiz plated 2 in the 8th as Barrett squeezed in Billy Rogell and a 2-out single by Bibb Falk iced it 2-0. Jim Brillheart was super for the **Stormers** in number 2, flashing a 6-hit, 1-walk zip. Billy Regan's groundout in the 2nd produced the only run. **Stormers** netted 5 in the 1st of game 3 and then hung on for a 7-6 win. Wiz got 4 in 8th, but the Rt.66 offense produced by Dick Spaulding (4-for-5) did the job. Route 66 overcame a 3-1 deficit in the 4th game with 2 in 7th and 1 in 8th to win 4-3. Spaulding hit a 2-out, 2-run 2B in the 8th to tie and Spencer Adams' single in the 8th was the clincher. Both teams were late getting to the train after the wild 12-11 finale!

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Down 10-2 in the 3rd, the Wizards put a spell on the 'Stormers and took an 11-10 lead. RBI singles by Kiki Cuyler and John Hodapp put 66ers back in the lead. Rogell had 5 RBI and every Wiz starter had at least one hit.

Gamblers wandered into town and left with their pockets full taking 4-of-5. 'Stormers starter Smith was left for road kill, forced to face 53 batters in an 11-2 bashing by Gurnee. Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons hurled a CG and went 3-for-5. A 9th inning rally featuring a 2-out sacks full walk to Ossie Bluege and a 2-run single by Doc Farrell gave GG a 3-2 win in the second game. Next day, a 15-inning fest as Joe Sewell scored the winning run on an infield hit. Goose Goslin went 5-for-7.. It was Gurnee in absolute fashion as Flint Rhem tossed a CG and Fred Leach went 2-for-5 with 3 RBI and a HR. With all the cards on the table, Gamblers got four of a kind with Dazzy Vance being flattened for 16 hits and 11 runs in an 11-2 pasting.

Things didn't get any better as the *Wildcats* visited and took 4 games. An opening game 9th inning rally featuring an RBI single by Clyde Beck and a PH 2B by Ernie Orsatti gave the "Cats a 3-1 triumph. A wild one in the second as Evans-ton pushed the 'Stormers aside, 8-7. With a 6-5 lead in the 8th, Ken Holloway came on in relief of the injured Ray Kolp with 2 out and 2 on. Willie Kamm greeted him with a 2-run single for the cushion. Route 66 won their only game of the series, 3-2 in game 3. Down 2-1 in 10th, they loaded the bases and won on a SF. 'Cats won the final two, 4-1 on a CG win by Vic Aldridge and in the finale, Kamm's 3-for-5, 3 RBI paced an 11-hit attack. Watty Clark shut off a 66 rally in the 9th for his 3rd save in a 6-4 win.

Who better to be the Opening Day opposition for the *Grunts* at Yankee Stadium as the Bronx

skies opened wide but the *Seattle Rainiers*. Rookie Hod Lisenbee took the hill for Seattle against Pete Appleton. Jim Welsh' SF and Tobin's single put the Grunts ahead 2-0 after 3. A pair of miscues by Seattle gave Glendale another run, but the visitors came back to take the lead in the 6th. Earl Combs' single drove home the first run, then Jim Bottomley's 3B and Lou Fonseca's single, sandwiched around Harry Rice's SF put 4 on the board. Rainiers added one in the 9th on another Rice SF, this one off Ernie Wingard. Firpo Marberry was on in the 9th as Lisenbee left after a rain delay and he was touched for the tying runs on a Welsh 3B to score Frisch and Hack Wilson hit a SF for the 5-5 tie. In the 10th, singles by Andy High, Bill Lamar and Muddy Ruel sent Wingard to the cold shower and on came Lefty Grove. Fred Schulte, batting for Marberry lined a double for 2 and Combs singled



for Seattle as Combs went 2-for-4 and drove in 4. Grunts bounced back to take the next two, Wilson's 2-run HR in the 3rd off Hoyt capped a 3-run inning, but Seattle came back to tie off Dutch Reuther on Schulte's 2-run 3B and a Ruel SF. The winning run of the 5-3 win came on Tobin's single, following Davey Bancroft's 2B. Although the Rainiers jumped out 2-0 against Tom Zachary in the first, the Grunts won going away, hammering Doug McWeeney 11-2. Bill Terry's 2B and HR and a 3B by Wilson did the most damage. In the rubber game, Terry was injured in the first inning and it made the difference according to Skipper Randy Zaleski as the Rainiers won 1-0 for Lisenbee. The only run came from on High, as Andy hit a HR. Seattle hit only 4 HRs for the month. Grove was the CG loser.

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Rainiers traveled back to Redland Field and opened against the powerful *Mt. Hood Roses*. Lisenbee started against Ray Kremer and Seattle set the tone for the series by sending 11 men to the plate and scoring 7 runs in the 1st inning. Triples by Rice and Bottomley and a pair of errors by Heinie Schulbe did the damage. Roses made 13 errors in the series. Pancho Snyder, Kremer and Lloyd Waner singled home runs in the 2nd for the Roses, but Marberry survived a 2-run 9th and a 7-5 win. Hoyt and Shocker in game two and the Roses went into the bottom 9th leading 7-4. Rube Ehrhardt was on in relief when the petals fell off. The Roses failed to turn a DP with Rice at bat and one run scored. Bottomley then walked and with 2 out, Fonseca tripled to tie the score. With Dutch Ulrich on in the 12th and two on, Lamar lined the winning single for a 5-3 win for Win Ballou. Rainiers tried Lefty Willis in game 3 against Jack Scott and he remarkably came through with a 2-hit, 2-1 CG win. Four errors by the Roses, including one by Ed Brown in LF in the 1st to set up the opening run, did in Mt. Hood.

Game 4 was WILD! Doug McWeeney and Bill Doak started, but each left early. Down 2-0 in the 1st, the Rainiers scored four on only 1 hit. One of the 5 Roses' errors in the game and 2 bases full walks along with a Butch Henline 2B gave the Rainiers the lead. Two more in the 2nd on a Bottomley 2B stretched the lead, but Roses got a tie in the 3rd. Lou Gehrig's 3-run HR was the key. The lead went to 8-6 when in the 7th, Seattle score six. Bob Burke yielded a leadoff 2B to Bottomley and was replaced by Ehrhardt. An error, groundout and Fonseca 2-run single sent Ehrhardt out and on came Bill Clarkson. After getting one out, Heinie Sand, Combs and Bottomley singled for a 12-8 lead. But back came the Roses! Ballou gave up 4 in the 8th on Meusel and Fred Lindstrom singles and one in the 9th when Sand muffed a grounder for a 13-12 lead. Norm Plitt came on in the 9th and was met by Lamar's 3B and Cliff Heathcote's RBI single.

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Combs singled and Bottomley went to the wall for an RBI double and a 14-13 win...Game 5 was another that stretched the limits. Pete Donahue faced Kremer and this time, the Rainiers were the fumbler, making 3 errors. Leading 4-3 going into the 9th and Marberry on, he allowed a 2-out RBI single to Gehrig for the tie. Roses went ahead in the 10th on a Frank Gibson single and Fred Spurgeon SF. Ulrich tried to close the doors in the 10th when a Heathcote 3B drove in Sand and Bottomley's SF tied it again. In the 11th, Lamar singled and with two down, Combs lashed another 3B for the winning run, 7-6 and a surprising sweep in a great series.

The *Atlanta Crackers* strode into town and crumbled the *Rainiers* for 4-of-5. Grover Alexander against Hoyt looked like a pitching duel, but it turned into a 10-8 win for the Crackers on 22 hits. Seattle managed 17. Joe Harris led the way with 4-for-4 for Atlanta. Travis Jackson's HR and Ray Blades' PH 2B led a 9-4 Crackers' win for Dolf Luque against Petty. Lisenbee got the only Seattle win of the series in the third game, a 10-2. They led by 6 in the 8th inning. Lamar hit the first home HR for Seattle. The scoring subsided a bit in game 4. Down 3-0 after 3, the Crackers tied it in the 4th on a John Bassler single, Aaron Ward triple and pitcher Ted Blankenship's groundout. The winning run came in against Pete Donohue on Harris' ground out to 1B in the 5th, a 4-3 win. Another seesaw battle in the finale with Jess Barnes against McWeeney. Rainiers were up 4-2 after 5, but Atlanta edged back on a Ken Williams HR in the 6th and a 2-run shot by George Harper in the 7th for a 5-4 lead. The insurance run pushed across on Williams' SF in the 9th off Chet Nichols proved big as the Rainiers got one in the 9th off John Miljus, but fell short, 6-5.

The *Schaumburg Hawks* visited Redland and *Seattle* took 3-of-5 in

a tough series. Jess Petty defeated Burleigh Grimes in the opener, 7-3 as the Rainiers plated 6 in the 4th. Five consecutive hits, including a 2-run 3B by Lamar and then another bases clearing 3B by Rice did the damage. Bump Hadley got an early 2-0 lead against Hoyt on a Babe Herman 3B and Heinie Mueller single. Seattle tied it on a Combs RBI 2B and Rice SF and won it in the 7th when Ruel singled home High who hit a 1-out 3B. Lisenbee was the beneficiary of 4 first inning runs off George Uhle as Seattle sent 9 men to the plate. Uhle had a 2-run single in the 5th, but in the 6th, the Rainiers added 5, led by Rice's 2-run 3B on the way to a 10-5 win. Game 4 featured a wild scuffle (see box) and an 11-7 Hawks victory. Herman drove in 2, Mueller one in the first off Marberry, but Seattle came right back with 4 against Rip Collins. Hawks came back with one in the 2nd, 3 in the 3rd and 4 in the 4th for an 11-4 lead on the way to an 11-7 final. The Hawks jumped out on Ballou and got a good effort from Dan McQuillan for a 6-4 win in the final contest.

Chuck Partington and the *Mt. Hood Roses* had a successful opening month at home, winning 7-of-10. The Roses won against the *Stars* led by Johnny Butler (.545) and Lou Gehrig (.400) at the plate along with solid pitching. The *Spiders* won only once out west in a tough series with three games decided by a one-run margin. Gehrig went 9-for-19 in the 5 contests. Game 3 was an 11-inning 3-2 Roses win while the finale was a 1-0 affair. Roses permitted only 7 earned runs in the series.

Returning home to Ebbets Field, the *Spiders* rolled 4's, losing series by 4-1 margins to both the *Crackers* and *Gambler*s and taking four from the *Hawks*.

In their only win against *Gurnee*, the *Spiders* held off a *Gambler*s' rally for a 7-6 win. Lazzeri left the tying run stranded in the 9th. Milt Gaston went all the way in game 2, but 2 errors cost the *Spiders* a 4-3 loss. Johnny Wertz spun a 2-0 zip for *Gurnee* in the 3rd and in the 4th, Del Lundgren topped Lafayette 5-3 with 2 in the

Beanballs—1927 Style

Game four of their series was fairly well decided with the Hawks up 11-4 in the 5th inning over the Rainiers when Seattle pitcher Charlie Barnabe let his frustrations show. Here's the commentary:

"Barnabe has the sign the 2-2 pitch to Mueller it hit him.... now Mueller is charging the mound... Barnabe holds his ground as the dugouts empty Mueller and Barnabe land some blows...now everybody's into it there's a big pile-up...lots of pushing and shoving... slowly, order is being restored Mueller was injured in the fight Mueller and Barnabe have been ejected."

9th when George Smith nailed Bluege with a pitch with the sacks full and Jack Smith singled. *Gambler*s won the finale 12-1 led by Goslin who finished the series at .667 with 10 RBI.

Hawks won the opener 5-3, but *Spiders* rebounded, winning the 2nd in 11, 7-4 on a HR by Bob Fothergil. Ownie Carroll got a 5-4 win in the 3rd, Howard Ehmke flipped a 2-0 shutout in the 4th and Gaston hurled a CG 3-1 win to end the series.

Atlanta came in and Ted Blankenship hurled a 2-hit, 3-0 zip. Ward's 9th inning 3B put *Crackers* over the top, 3-2 and then *Spiders* pulled out a 2-1 win for Guy Bush, besting Alexander. Dolf Luque shut down the anemic Lafayette bats 5-0 and in the finale, Blankenship won again, this time 5-1, dominating the *Spiders* as Bobby Reeves and Jack Fournier made key errors.

Rainiers took 3 at *Wizards* including a 2-0 Petty shutout, a 12-1 rout for Hoyt and a 3-1 12 inning win. Ted Lyons won a 7-1 four-hitter against Lisenbee and a 9-4 thrashing of Willis.