

AROUND THE HORN

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1928 Campaign Promises Tough, Season Long Races in Both AL & NL

by Lou Ross

SPB-III's second season, 1928, has already begun to take shape after the first month of play and the remaining five months of action promise to maintain the same excitement and intrigue. Both on a team and individual basis, there appear to be tight races developing which should go right down to the wire.

With teams playing five-game interdivisional games during April, the American League held a 101-74 advantage over its National League counterparts. The Hollywood Stars took a two-game edge over the Rt. 66 Barnstormers and Seattle Rainiers in the AL. Dayton's two entries, the Tip-Tops (4 back) and Urbanites (5 back) followed with the Indianapolis Clowns and Hoosier Thunderbolts six behind.

Over in the NL, the Mt. Hood Roses held a slim one-game advantage over the Schaumburg Hawks with the Evanston Wildcats two off the pace and Gurnee Gamblers five back. The next three clubs have failed to break double digits as yet in wins. Gem City Gladiators are 7 out while the Evanston Wizards and Astoria Knights are 8 from the top. The Knights are the old Atlanta Crackers' club which won the NL flag in the inaugural 1927 season.

Riggs Stephenson of the Hawks has the batting lead with a .443 average, 16 points over the Roses' Lou Gehrig with Hollywood's Heinie Manush 3rd with a .391 mark.

Gehrig, who ruined Babe Ruth's shot at a Triple Crown in '27 by winning the RBI title, has a shot at his own Triple Crown in '28 as

he presently leads the league in HRs with 7 and RBI with 26. Schaumburg's Del Bissonette is second with 5 HRs and is tied with the Tip-Tops' Al Simmons at 23 RBI. Gehrig also is setting the pace with 21 extra base hits and 82 total bases.

Phil Todt of the T'Bolts, Tony Lazzeri of Gurnee and Bob Meusel of Mt. Hood top the 2Bs list with 9 apiece while Manush leads with 8 three-baggers.

On the mound, Hollywood's Clarence Mitchell has a miniscule 0.25 ERA, ahead of the Stormers' Dazzy Vance at 0.63 and Sarge Connally of the Wizards at 0.99. Schaumburg's Jack Ogden is already 5-1 while Mitchell, the Tip-Tops' Bill Sherdell and Vance each have walked off with a win four times.

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George Earnshaw (Tip-Tops) and Lefty Grove (Gladiators) have each fanned 23 batters, one ahead of the Stars' George Pipgras. Vance also has allowed the fewest walks among qualifiers with five, tied with Burleigh Grimes of Schaumburg.

Mitchell and Vance have each tossed two shutouts along with Vic Aldridge of the Roses and Eppa Rixey of the Urbanites. Mitchell has an opposing batting average of only .076, .168 on base percentage and only 2.25 hits per nine innings.

Ed Rommel has posted saves in 3 of the 7 of the Wizards' wins. Guy Bush has 3 Hollywood saves.

Hoosier's General Crowder has thrown 5 CGs to lead by one over teammate Mitchell. (Reports begin on Page 10)

Commissioner's Forum

by Gary Plunkitt

To begin this month, I would like to take this time to talk about expansion, both within our 60's SPB League, and the coming of our SPB70 League. As most of you realize, if you're in SPB60, next season ('61) will be the first of two successive years where expansion of two teams will be involved. I would first of all like to welcome the two new managers for '61. Joe DeZarlo will bring along his River Rats for indoctrination into SPB and Mike Murphy will swing into action with his Stingers.

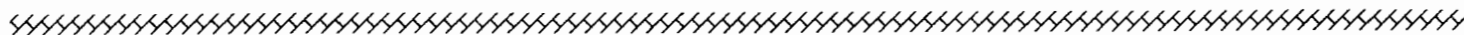
Then, in the '62 season, Rod Witten will put his Nags Head Flyers on the boards, and Patrick Lucas will roll with the Studs. It would be great for a few of you veteran managers to get into action and send them an e-mail welcoming them into the League. The only veteran manager in the expansion group is, of course, Joe DeZarlo

Next I would like to talk a little about SPB70, now with all managerial positions filled, there will be plenty of new names to consider. "Around the Horn" Editor Lou Ross has included a comprehensive manager list at the back of this issue so you will get to know the '70 newcomers. It would be great if some of you could get acquainted with these new men to welcome them into SPB.

I have been thinking about how well our minimum appearance ratings for both batters and pitchers have worked in the other SPB Leagues. I believe that for this League, those minimum ratings will drop from 25 down to 15 at bats, from 20 down to 10 IP, and from 25 down to 15 games played to qualify for inclusion.

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That way, with all 24 teams represented in the League, the same as real life in 1970, it will be easier to stock teams with enough names to help fill the rosters. Of course, the same rules will apply concerning player usage. In other words, you would still only be able to use these players for the actual AB's or IP they were used, unless they fall into the "unlimited" categories.

Another thing to think about, managers, and that is the proposal made by Lou Ross in his column in the last edition of the newsletter. Lou proposed the possibility of keeping two extra men on each existing roster as a kind of shield for the fact that expansion teams will be receiving the first picks of most rounds of our '61 and '62 drafts. I would like to propose that we only keep one extra man on our protected rosters those two years, instead of the two that Lou has proposed. I think by the quality of the 20th man, so to speak, we're not going to lose that great of a player here. So why not only add one to the protected roster? Our teams have six years of draft already helping them. Whereas, the expansion teams are just coming off the ground floor.

Finally, for SPB28 managers, be sure and not play any of your May series games until you receive the League YTD disk from statistician Bob Calicchia. Check the two recent e-mails from Jim Wheeler (and here on Page 10) for proper procedures in playing these series from month to month. We want everybody to get off on the right foot with these instructions, so if your not sure about them contact me.

Until next month, I guess this about wraps things up!

1960 Trading

In a trade made strictly out of boredom while waiting for the 1960 campaign to begin, the Rossville Cubs and Pacific Cascades swapped bullpen catchers.

173. Cubs send Frank House to the Cascades for Moe Thacker.

DIAMOND DUST

May 1928- Indians' rookie OF Rookie Elton Langford picks up 4 of the 5 Cleveland OF assists in a game against the Browns.... Ty Cobb hits the 700th double of his career... Giants send George Harper to the Cardinals for Bob O'Farrell... John McGraw is hit by a taxi cab outside Wrigley Field and suffers a broken leg. He misses 6 weeksThe next day, the Giants make 6 DPs against the Cubs and still lose, 10-7... ChiSox OF Johnny Mostil handles 12 chances against the Indians...Jack Slattery quits as Braves manager, replaced by Rogers Hornsby... Indians' OF Charlie Jamieson starts a triple play against the Chisox in a 4-3 loss...A's purchase George Earnshaw from Baltimore for \$50,000 and two players..

August 1948- Dodgers' Gene Hermanski hits 3 successive HRs as Dodgers beat Cubs, 6-4... Reds release skipper Johnny Neun and replace him with Bucky Walters...Indians wallop Browns 26-3, coming within one run of setting the AL record for runs in a game...Satchel Paige pitches his first ML shutout, 5-0 over the White Sox at Comiskey Park. A total of 51,013 watch...Babe Ruth dies at the age of 53 in New York...Tommy Henrich his his 4th grand slam of the season. He had never hit a grand slam before this season...Cleveland draws 78,382 for a night game attendance mark against Chicago at Memorial Stadium . Paige tosses the Indians' 4th consecutive shutout, joining Gene Bearden, Sam Zoldak and Bob Lemon...The streak is broken in the 9th inning of the next game by Aaron Robinson's HR off Lemon in a 3-2 Chicago win...The Dodgers steal 8 bases, including a triple steal in the 5th inning, but the Braves win, 4-3...Hank Majeski of the Athletics hits six doubles in a doubleheader sweep of ther Browns...Dodgers take over 1st place with a doublebill sweep of the Cardinals. Jackie Robinson hits for the cycle... As the month closes, Brooklyn and the Braves are tied in the NL while the top 3 in the AL, the Red Sox, Cleveland and the Yankees are all within two games. The Athletics remain within striking distance...

Hot Stove 1960- Charles Comiskey, Jr. says Bill Veeck has turned down his offer to buy the Chicago White Sox.... The Illinois Appellate Court rules that Dorothy Rigney, sister of Charles Comiskey, was entitled to sell her mother's shares of White Sox stock to Veeck. Her brother had brought suit in an effort to gain control of the club... Hank Greenberg announces that efforts to settle the Comiskey-Veeck dispute have failed and that Charles Comiskey refuses to become a minority member. The group would have continued with a Greenberg-Veeck syndicate in control....

"The way I figured it, I was even with baseball and baseball with me. The game had done so much for me, and I had done much for it."

Jackie Robinson, from
I Never Had it Made

White Sox unveil new uniforms with the players' names above the number on the back, another innovation by Veeck... Tigers replace the famed Olde English "D" from the front of their home uniform and replace it with the scripted "Tigers" which lasts only one season... New Orleans Pelicans cease operation as members of the Southern Association and are replaced by Little Rock..After Branch Rickey had attempted to get members of the proposed Western Carolinas League to provide players for the Continental League, Commissioner Ford Frick intervenes. He claims it would violate the existing majors-minors agreement and will not permit the WCL to co-exist with the Continental league... An Orioles-Reds series scheduled for Havana is moved to Miami by Baltimore chief Lee MacPhail. The Reds, with a farm club in Cuba, want the trip, but the Orioles fear increased political unrest in the area.





Johnson & Johnson

No, not the band aids, but two pitchers from our SPB-II era.

A few weeks ago, at a cultural fair held at my son Steve's grade school, I came across a board highlighting "The Johnson Baseball History." The youngster, Alex Johnson, had a number of photos depicting his grandfather, Earl Johnson, a former pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and Seattle Rainiers and his uncle, Chet Johnson, a one-year hurler with the St. Louis Browns and Rainiers.

Earl is presently on the roster of Tim Johnson's West Warwick Monarchs for the third straight season. Chet did not appear in SPB-II for his only big league season in 1946.

1970 Dates to Remember

As Gary Plunkitt advised all '70 managers via e-mail, the structure has been set for stocking the new teams. The draft will be conducted in three phases with the first providing a completely random combination of real-life team batters and another of real-life pitchers from different major league rosters. You will then select any combo of SIX players. Next, the real-life team pairings will be redrawn and you will then select SIX more players. You will not receive either of the same team rosters.

The final phase will require that you submit a list, by position, of all remaining players. There will be a random drawing for each position to determine a manager's selection order with the stipulation that a team cannot receive more than ONE top choice.

More details will be forthcoming. Remember that the \$25 league dues are to be sent to Jim Wheeler by June 10th. Phase one is June 14th, two is June 21st and the final position draft is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th.

1948 Game Reports

(Reports as Provided to Lou Ross)

While the National League maintains some semblance of a multi-team pennant race, the American League has been trimmed to a two-team battle.

The Frankfort Fortress made up a 3 game deficit to the Fairfield Federals and pulled ahead in the AL race by 3 1/2 mainly on the strength of a 16-5 month at home, but also a resounding 11-3 on the road.

HORNETS @ FORTRESS: Frankfort took 6-of-7 in this get together, beginning with a Ken Heintzelman 9-3 win over Marino Pieretti. Johnny Mize blasted a pair of 3-run HRs for the Fort...Hornets held Mize in check and Fred Hutchinson got a 2-1 win in 11 in relief of Fritz Ostermuller. Jimmy Outlaw doubled in the winner with a PH 2B in the 11th off Ed Kleiman in relief of Monk Meyer...Fortress came back from a 2-0 deficit with 2 in the 8th and won in 10, 4-2 on a Sid Gordon HR off Ike Pearson. Joe Page picked up the win...When you're hot, you're hot and the Fortress pulled out another last at bat win, 5-4, in the 9th to defeat Milo Candini and make Erv Palica the winner. Bob Kennedy had doubled in two in the 5th for a 3-0 lead for Hutchinson off Lew Brissie, but George Kell HR'd and Stan Rojek doubled in a run to make it 3-2 in the 7th. Swish Nicholson connected for a 2-run HR to put the Fortress ahead, but Dave Philley's 9th inning SF tied it. With the bases loaded on three walks, Nicholson lashed the game winning single in the bottom 9th...Hal Newhouser topped Frank Papish 4-1 in game five and the Fortress survived another one run contest, 8-7, in game six. In the last one, Mize again unloaded for 2 homers, a pair of 2-run shots and also drew a bases full walk. Rube Walker added a PH 2run blast for Frankfort, whose starter, Spec Shea, was long gone when the Hornets buzzed for 4 in the 9th off winner Heintzelman and reliever Kleiman.....Meyer got another start in game 7 and bested Clint Hartung with a 4-hitter, 5-2. Sid Gordon and Jerry Priddy blasted 2-run HRs to offset a hegan solo and Hartung 2B....

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by Lou Ross

A major league welcome to those new skippers joining us for the first time with "Around the Horn."

What I attempt to do here is not only provide a comprehensive review of the previous month's game activity in the ongoing SPB leagues, but keep everyone informed of planned changes and other pertinent league information, such as draft lists and upcoming events. On that note, I wish to thank the skippers who furnish monthly reports and game sheets so that all managers get an overview of what transpires in our game play.

We also try to make it fun by including articles and photos which are relevant to our leagues. A column entitled "Reflections" was provided in the past in which managers spoke of their early experiences with baseball. Also, I have included pieces on some early board games, info on equipment and sometimes other oddball items. I wish to thank Chuck Partington for sending over the picture of Bob Lemon included on page 5. Please feel free to send along anything you might want to see included which will capture the flavor of a season which we are playing.

Gary Plunkitt once again mentioned the web page concept and yes, it is moving along. To be quite honest, it has been a lack of available time in getting it up and running and also maintained. Right now, I spend upwards of 30 hours per month putting together the newsletter and have been somewhat negligent. The basic layout is complete, having used WEB PUBLISHER, but being a tinkerer, I am looking at a more intricate designer, Microsoft's FRONT PAGE. Anyone who wishes to help out, please contact me.

There's always something new and exciting here in Seasons Past Baseball and with the new SPB-IV 1970 campaign just around the corner, the blood is already flowing.

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FLYERS @ FORTRESS: Frankfort next matched with the Dayton Flyers and strolled away with 5-of-7. An easy 13-0 win for Newhouser over Bob Muncrief was again the Johnny Mize Show as he walked with the bags full in the 1st, hit a bases clearing 2B in the 3rd and a 3-run HR in the 4th for 7 RBI. Nicholson added a 2-run single and solo HR...An 11-inning, 9-8, win for the Fort in game 2 as Nicholson and veteran catcher Bill Salkeld hit 2-run HRs in a 5-run 5th off starter Virgil Trucks leading the early run. Flyers put together a 5-run 5th off Shea after Gil Hodges' 2-run HR in the 4th. But they won it against John Ostrowski when Mize scored from 3rd on a 1-out squeeze bunt by PH Terry Moore...A 6-5 game 3 win for the Fort with Meyer besting Al Gettel. Stan Rojek HR'd for FF while Dale Mitchell smacked a 3-run shot for the Flyers. Dayton closed it to 6-5 in the 8th on 2Bs by Eddie Miksis and Mitchell...Flyers got in the win column with a 2-0, five-hit shutout by Joe Haynes. Hodges HR'd in the 7th to make it 2-0 and pin the loss on Ralph Branca...Lew Brissie went the distance for a 7-3 win in game 5. Mize again hit a pair of HRs, these off Bob Muncrief, and also singled home a run on a 4-for-4 day. Sid Gordon hit a solo. Mitchell singled home two for the Flyers.... Hal Newhouser got an RBI 3B by Mize and 2B by Mullin in game 6 to beat Art Houtteman. Prince Hal yielded a SF to Pat Seerey in the 9th...Back-to-back HRs by Yogi Berra and Wally Westlake off reliever Heintzelman leading off the 5th on the way to a 7-5 win for Ostrowski in relief of Trucks...

GOLD SOX @ FORTRESS: Final home series of the month found the Gold Sox at Briggs and the Fortress took five. Lafayette did win the opener 5-3, with Jim Hearn gaining the win in relief of Bob Lemon with a one-batter save for Forrest Thompson. Sox were up 1-0 on a Johnny Wyrostek 2B in the 1st, but the Fort went ahead 3-1 in the 5th led by a Stan Rojek leadoff HR. In the 8th, Billy Johnson touched Ralph Branca for a 3-run HR and Erv Dusak added a solo in the 9th to greet Kleiman... Brissie got a 5-2 win in game 2 despite a 2-run HR by Johnson. Terry

Moore brought home two runs with a squeeze and line drive single. Mize was held in check, but Harry Brecheen took the loss... Despite having relieved in games one and two, Hearn got the Sox start and was behind 3-0 after 2 on a Mullin 3B and Mize single and Newhouser squeeze. But the Sox got 4 in the 3rd with Stan Spence's 2-run single capping the rally and solo runs in the 6th thru 9th, including a Wyrostek HR to overcome the Fort's 3 run 4th with Newhouser's 2B driving in two. Thompson got the win with a save by Harry Taylor... Shea got a 6-0 lead to work with in game 4 and held on to beat ___ Kennedy. Sid Gordon hit a 3-run HR in the 3rd and George Kell and Shea singled home runs in the 6th. RBI singles by Sisler and Dusak weren't enough for the Sox...A 5-2, 6-hitter for Heintzelman and Kleiman over Denny galehouse in game 5... Fortress had on their hitting shoes against Taylor in game 6, a 16-0 win for Branca. Eight runs in the 2nd, including two bases loaded walks which sent Taylor to the showers and a 3-run HR by Mize to greet reliever Thompson did the



major damage. Pafko also had a big day, adding a 2-run HR, and RBI double and RBI single... Fort finished off the series with a 12-inning, 5-4 win which saw the Sox jump out to a 4-0 lead in the 1st off Meyer with RBI singles by Wyrostek and Dick Kokos and a 2-run @B by Johnson. Fort chipped back on a Mullin solo HR off Lemon, two RBI singles by Newhouser who was on in relief and a bases loaded walk to tie in the 7th. With the bases loaded in the 12th on a single and 2 IWs by Thompsom, Mize stroked the game winning single to wrap the series...

FORTRESS @ FEDERALS: Fort continued on to Ebbets Field to match with their toughest pennant challengers, the Fairfield Federals. A fairly simple 9-1 win in game one, a 5-hitter by Newhousewr. Bill Nicholson nailed a 2-run HR off Sam Zoldak for the early lead and the Fort was never headed...A 10-6 win for the Fort in game two with Branca gaining the nod over Bearden and in game 3, an 8-5 win for the Fortress. Johnny Schmitz walked in one

Fort run in the 3rd and they added 3 in the 4th led by Rojek's 2-run single. Fort put it away against Frank Hiller on back-to-back HRs by Mullin and Sid Gordon in the 6th. Ken Keltner hit a 3-run HR and Gene Hermanski a 3-run 9th inning HR off CG winner Brissie...Feds got their first win of the series in game four, 6-5, on ___ Walker's two-run 3B off Kleiman to make Nelson Potter the victor. Priddy hit a solo HR for the Fort while Keltner and Doby had big RBI singles in the 5th...A 10-inning win for Frankfort in game 5 with Newhouser hurling a CG, 3-1 win over Parnell and loser Satchel Paige. Newhouser and Hermanski had driven in runs and in the 10th, Pafko's 2-out single broke the tie and another came home on an error... A 12-5 win for the Fort in game 6 with Meyer besting Bearden who went the distance while allowing 17 hits. Musial hit a 2-run HR in the 1st for the Feds, but the big blows for the Fort were 2-run triples by Sid Gordon and Mize. Nicholson added a 2-run 2B... Federals kept their pennant hopes flickering with a tough fought 3-2 win in 14 innings in the finale. Zoldak started agsinst Branca and Mullin doubled in one, Pafko singled in another for the Fort which the Feds got back on a Neil Berry single and 8th inning single by Keltner. Eddie Miller led off the 14th with a HR off Palica to close the series at 5-2 Fortress...

FORTRESS @ DODGERS: Matchup took place head-to-head back in June at the 1960 draft. The Fort did a good job of making sure that the 1947 champion Brooklyn Dodgers were put out of their misery early by taking six games. An 11-2 win in the opener on a Brissie 9-hitter over Phil Marchildon. Ex-Dodger Salkeld's two run single in the 2nd was the early difference. Dodger pitchers walked in two and wild pitched another home...Schoolboy Rowe and the Dodgers got to Newhouser with a 7-6 game two win, although the win went to Harry Gumbert and loss to Joe Page. Dodgers had an early 5-0 lead on a Joe Gordon solo and Rowe 2-run 2B, but the Fort came back with 3 in the 5th on successive singles by Priddy, Pafko and Mize and solo runs in the 6th-8th, including a Kell PH HR.

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Dodgers won it on RBI singles by Duke Snider and Steve Vico in the 8th... It all fell apart for the Dodgers when the Fort put up 7 runs in the 3rd inning of game 3 against the shaky Sheldon Jones. With the score 1-0 Fort on a Shea squeeze bunt, Joe Gordon booted a Shea two-out grounder to open the door. Priddy singled in two, Pafko and Mize one each, Mullin another and the runners moved up on a Dom DiMaggio error and Sid Gordon boomed a 3B to add fuel to the fire. It finished 8-3 and as they say, "The Dodguz was dead." Bill Voiselle and Heintzelman in game 4 and Mize clocked a 2-run HR in the 1st for the early lead. Mullin soloed in the 4th as did Pafko in the 5th to make it 4-1 and the Dodgers then closed the gap on Don Mueller's PH 2-run 2B. But 4 in the 9th, off the usually reliable relievers Gumbert and Russ Christopher, keyed by a Vico error, led the downfall. Two runs scored on bases loaded walks after RBI singles by Mize and Mullin. Dodgers got 3 in their 9th, but fell short, 8-3...Meyer picked up an 11-3 win over Marchildon in game 5. Mullin and Sid Gordon each drove in two runs in the first 3 innings to offset Litwhiler's RBI single. Joe Gordon hit a 2-run HR and Priddy a 9th inning 2-run 3B. With the score 6-3 Fort in the 8th and Meyer tiring quickly, Newhouser was brought on to quell a rally... Rookie Carl Erskine started for the Brooks against branca and coughed up back-to-back HRs to Mize and Mullin to lead off the 4th and negate Ed Fitzgerald's solo HR in the 3rd. Christopher and Jones couldn't get the job done for the Dodgers in the 9th and the Fort added 4 to win 6-1....To show how this series went for the Dodgers, they took an early 5-0 lead in the finale off Brissie on a Tommy Holmes solo HR, Buddy Kerr's 2-run single, a PB and Seminick single. But the Fort got two in the 7th on a Gordon error and Rube Walker single and in the 9th, Mize, Mullin, Sid Gordon and Walker singled to start the inning and KO Rowe. Hansen came on to yield a SF to Nicholson who finished the series 1/21 and a 2B to PH Salkeld with Nicholson being gunned out at the plate. It came apart in the 11th when Voiselle, toiling in relief loaded the bases on two walks and a single. PH Johnny Berardino then doubled in two, Priddy

singled in one and reliever Gumbert couldn't get anyone else out. Mullin doubled in one in the 7 run inning to close the game 12-6 and series 6-1 Fortress.

GOLD SOX @ DODGERS: Brooklyn continued to stumble, dropping four in the series against the Gold Sox. Dodgers won the opener, 11-6, highlighted by a 3-run shot by Dom DiMaggio off Thompson. In the 8th, when the Dodgers scored seven, a 2-run HR by Andy Seminick off Hearn and grand slam by Danny Litwhiler off Taylor put this one to sleep. The hurlers were in relief of starter Bob Lemon who left after an 85 minute rain delay in the 3rd inning. Wyrostek hit a solo off starter Jones. Gumbert picked up the win...Sox picked up 2 in the 1st off Cliff Fannin in game two on a single by Wyrostek and error by DiMaggio. Brecheen scattered ten hits and only an RBI single by Litwhiler spoiled the shutout, 2-1... Hal White picked up a 6-5 relief win in game 3 for Brooklyn over Thompson, on for Hearn. Three in the 8th, the final run on a PH Fitzgerald single off Bob Chipman was the difference, 6-5...Nice, tidy three hit shutout by Kennedy in game 4 over Andy Hansen. Dick Sisler doubled in the game winner in the 4th and Kokos added an RBI 3B in the 6th...Dodgers got a win for Ralph Hamner, with a Christopher save, in game 5, 6-3. A three-run 3rd, led by Vico's 2B was all the Dodgers needed to beat Galehouse...Gold Sox took over in the final pair, winning 4-2 as Lemon and Fannin each



Bob Lemon

went the distance and flipped 4-hit efforts. Sox won with 2 in the 2nd on a Joe Early SF and Lemon RBI single and a Wyrostek SF in the 3rd. Claude Corbitt, getting a start for Gordon, drove home both Dodger runs with a 3rd inning 2B. Lemon added another RBI single in the 6th...Lafayette broke a 1-1 tie in the finale with six big ones in the 8th inning off Jones and Gumbert. Johnson's 2-RBI single to greet Gumbert was followed by RBI singles by Early and hurler Brecheen for the 7-3 win. Vico and Litwhiler HR'd for Brooklyn. The Sox managed 16 hits....

FLYERS @ GOLD SOX: Sox got started on their way to a 10-4 home month with 5 wins against the Flyers. Lemon went the distance and spun a 7-hitter to win the opener 7-4 with a 7-run second inning closing this one out. Charlie Keller collected 3 hits, including a HR and 2 RBI... Flyers turned things around as Virgil Trucks and Elmer Singleton combined on a 5-hit, 6-1 triumph. Mitchell, Hodges and Les Layton accounted for 6 of the 10 Flyers' hits... Sox squeaked out a 3-2 win in game 3 in a game decided by walks and miscues in the field by Dayton. leading 2-0, Flyers walked two and Snuffy Stirnweiss singled home the first Sox run. Wally Westlake then dropped a fly ball in the 8th which was followed by Spence and Buddy Rosar singles for two, giving the win to Thompson in relief of Bob Chesnes.. Gold Sox took game 4, 11-9. Flyers were ahead until the Sox 8th when Sisler cleared the bags with a 2B, followed by Kokos' RBI single...Three in a row for the Sox as they won game five by a 4-1 score. Solid pitching by Galehouse and reliever Chipman held off Dayton... No contest in game six, a 14-1 Sox win. Lemon hurled a CG while Rizzuto, Keller and Wyrostek each banded out 2 hits and drove in 3 apiece... Flyers got some redemption in the finale, winning a close 8-6 contest by scoring 3 each in the 8th and 9th. Westlake HR'd and drove in 3 while Mitchell added 3 hits....

HORNETS @ GOLD SOX: Opener went 13 innings before the Sox pulled it out, 3-2. Thompson went the final four innings and allowed only one Rossville hit to notch the win. Early knocked home Wyrostek with a FC to secure the win... Game two went to the Hornets, 6-4, as Ned Garver outdueled Kennedy through six. Barney McCoskey knocked in 3 for the Hornets on two hits... Galehouse and Thompson pitched well enough for a 7-3 Sox win in game 3. Two runs in the 1st and 4th and 3 in the 8th were enough. Wyrostek powered two homers and drove in four... In game 4, the Sox overcame a 4-0 Hornets lead in the 1st and scored 8 over the next seven innings for the 8-4 win. Lemon got hammered early, but the spotty Taylor came on in the 5th and gave up only 1 hit in 4 innings. Sisler drove home 3 runs.

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Although they were outhit 10-9, the Sox managed to get the win in game 5 behind Brecheen and Chipman, 4-2. Sox had a 3-run 3rd and one in the 6th. Tony Lupien, playing his final season, picked up 2 RBI...Dutch McCall topped Harry Taylor in game six, a 4-2 Hornets win and Bob Chesnes fired a 4-0 shutout over Ostermuller in the finale to give the Sox a 5-2 edge...

DODGERS@ FEDERALS: Fairfield finished up their home schedule for the month by hosting the Dodgers and dropped four. Brooklyn took the opener 5-3 with a pair in the 9th to give Gumbert, the 4th Dodger pitcher, the win and pinning the loss on Potter, on for Reynolds. Miller had doubled in the 5th to drive in two and break a 1-1 tie. Dodgers got one back in the 6th and tied on a Reynolds WP in the 7th. In the 9th, Vico tripled home Joe Gordon and Seminick singled in the insurance run...Feds took game 2 in 12. Vico had cleared the bases with a 1st inning 3B and scored on a Seminick single. Doby's 2-run 3B in the 6th, part of a 4-run rally tied it at 6-6, but the Dodgers got a PH single by Fitzgerald off Paige in the 9th to go ahead. Christopher couldn't hold the lead as Keltner led off the Feds 9th with a HR and it stayed tied until the 12th when Hal White, on for the loser Gumbert, gave up a game winning single to Musial for the 8-7 triumph, a win for Potter...Another extra inning contest in game 3, an 8-4 Dodgers win. Musial gave the Feds a 2-1 lead with a 2-run 1st inning HR, Dodgers tied in the 6th and went ahead with 2 in the 8th. Feds tied with a Keltner single off Jones and a single by Miller off Hansen. With Walt Masterson on for starter Zoldak (9 innings) in the 11th, three scored on a Holmes single to CF and error by Doby and another single by Joe Gordon. Gumbert saved the win for Christopher...Game 4 went to the Federals, 11-6 with Bearden going the distance, allowing 15 hits, to best Hamner. Musial tripled in one and walked three times, two intentional. Doby had a 2-run HR and a pair of RBI singles for the Feds...Mel Parnell pitched a nifty 5-hit, 4-0 zip in game 5 over Voiselle. Fairfield broke a scoreless tie with 4 in the 8th when Bob

Scheffing and Parnell singled and on came Jones. Ed Stevens singled home two, Keltner hit a SF and Hansen walked Berry with the bases full to close the scoring...Bats were red hot in game 6, a 14-10 Brooklyn win. Fannin had a 5-0 lead after two against Reynolds with Holmes' 2-run single the big blow. Musial singled in one and Doby two in the 3rd before Fannin's 2nd FC RBI of the game and DiMaggio's single made it 7-3. Hoot Evers hit a solo HR in the 5th and the Feds came back with 5 in the 7th with Miller launching a grand slam off reliever Jones after a Musial RBI 2B. Dodgers went ahead, 10-9, with 3 in the 9th off Reynolds and Schmitz, but Miller's SF off Christopher tied it at 10 apiece. Schmitz was still on in the 10th and issued a leadoff 3B to DiMaggio who scored on a Bobby Brown FC. Litwhiler added an RBI 2B, one more scored on a WP and Corbitt squeezed in another. Christopher closed it out in the 10th...The rubber game went to the Dodgers, 6-3. Marchildon started against Zoldak and the Dodgers picked up 4 in the 3rd with Snider tripling in two and Kerr following with another 3-bagger. Walker smacked a 2-run HR to cut the lead, but the Brooks got one in the 7th and another in the 8th when DiMaggio hit a solo off Clyde Shoun. Miller's RBI 2B made it 6-3 and that was it...



WHITE SOX @ MARAUDERS: The Mojave Marauders hoped to stay close to the top slot in the NL race and in a tough fought series, won four at home against the defending NL champion White Sox. Game one was a harbinger of things to come as Ray Coleman's 9th inning 2B off Paul Minner drove home Sam Chapman with the game's only run. Eddie Lopat went all the way and permitted only 2 hits, singles by Ted Williams and Eddie Lake. Starter Vern Bickford allowed only 2 hits though 7 and the game winner was the only hit allowed by Minner... Sox took another one run contest, 2-1 in game 2 as Preacher Roe pitched into the 9th and Tom Ferrick nailed down the final out. Mickey Haefner left after 8. M's had an early lead when John Blatnick drove home Furillo who had tripled with a grounder in the 4th and the Sox tied on a Tommy Henrich HR in the 6th. Henrich also singled home the

winner in the 8th...Ten innings in game 3, a 5-2 White Sox win over Vic Lombardi. With one down, Lipon singled and Eddie Waitkus scored on Enos Slaughter's throwing error. Williams walked with the bags full after a Billy Cox error at 3B and Henrich squeezed in another. Charlie Bicknell got the win with a Ferrick save. Koslo had started for the M's and Vic Raschi for the Sox...Right down to the wire in game 4. Ewell Blackwell started for the Sox and had a 2-0 lead in the 4th on a Bob Elliott HR, but the M's got 3 back in the 5th on a groundout, Donnelly's RBI single and an error by Elliott. He got it back with an RBI 2B to tie in the 7th, but Furillo's 2-run HR off Bicknell in the 8th made it 5-3 M's. The Sox tied against Lombardi on Northey's two run single in the 9th, but lost it when Lombardi cracked a 2-run HR in the 9th off Bicknell...What else but a one-run game in number five. Starter Cliff Chambers and the M's were behind 3-0 after 7 1/2 on one unearned run in the 1st, a Hal Jeffcoat double in the 5th and Elliott's single. The M's rallied for two in the 8th, but Ferrick came on to get the save for Bickford...M's tied the series at 3-3 with Lopat on the mound against Roe. Three in the 2nd on Hank Riebe's single and Al Dark's 2-run HR and then Elliott and Chapman swapped SFs before Henrich doubled in a run in the 6th to make it 4-2 Mojave. Lopat allowed only two singles the rest of the way for the 7-hit win... The rubber game went right down to the wire as Haefner faced Raschi and Jeffcoat gave the Sox an early lead with a 1st inning saingle and Lipon made it 3-0 with a 2-run single in the 4th. Right back came the M's in their half on 4 straight singles with RBIs from Chapman and Furillo and the tying run on a DP grounder. Sox added one in the 8th on a Fain error and another in the 9th on a Walker Cooper blast. But with one on in the M's 9th, Elliott's throwing error led to a Dark RBI single and then new reliever Ferrick threw one low and past Cooper for the tying run on a PB. Fain then made up for his error with a game winning double to give the M's the series...

QUACKERS @ MARAUDERS: M's made a big move toward staying in the race by taking 6-of-7 against the Quackers at the Polo Grounds. Continued Page 7



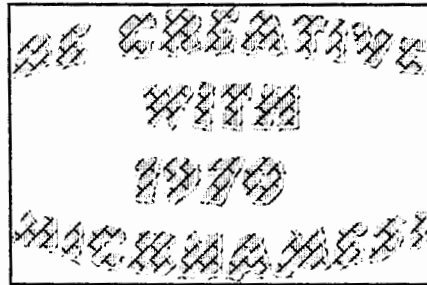
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Q's took the early 1-0 lead against Hank Behrman on a Jackie Robinson double, but the M's got an RBI 3B by Dark and single by Slaughter to take the lead. Two HRs in the 2nd off Randy Gumpert, a solo by Fain and 2-run blast by Slaughter to make it 5-1. Herm Wehmeier was on in the 8th and the M's scored two on Dark's single and a bases loaded walk to Blatnick. Three Quacker runs, two on a Robinson single in the 9th made it close, but the M's won, 8-5... Mojave held on for a 7-6 win in game two. Reese led off the game with a HR off Haefner, but the M's got 4 off Joe Coleman in their half on RBI singles by Coleman, Blatnick and Bill Rigney and Frankie Gustine's SF. Q's got solo runs in the 2nd and 3rd, but the M's struck for 3 in the 4th on Dark's 2-run 2B and Slaughter's single. Robinson singled home one in the 7th and another against Donnelly in the 9th. A WP made it 7-6 before Donnelly nailed down the final 3 batters. Woodcrest banged out 17 hits...A 4-3 win for Howie Judson and the M's in game 3 after the Q's took a 3-2 lead in the 7th on a Ralph Hodgin PH 3B and single by starter Ted Gray. But after Gray tired and wild pitched home the tying run, Dick Welteroth came on and after an IW, yielded a 2-run single to Riebe. Koslo finished off the 8th and 9th for the save... On a rainy day which saw delays of 43 minutes, the M's held on for a 3-1 win behind Lopat's 6-hitter. M's picked up one on a grounder in the 2nd off Red Munger and the Q's tied in the 5th on an Emil Verban single. With two down and the bases loaded in the 7th, Billy Cox lined a 2-run single for the eventual win...Quackers got on the board in game 5 with a 3-2 CG win for lefty Kent Peterson over Chambers. Teams swapped two runs in the 2nd and the Q's won with two down in the 5th on a Bob Dillinger single. Peterson held on despite an M's threat in the 8th cancelled out when Cox was nailed stealing by Ray Partee...M's got back on the winning track with a tough 5-4 win in game 6. Soph Bryan Stephens had a 5-0 lead after 7 on an RBI single by Chapman, 2-run 3B by Cox, Slaughter single and another RBI on a Cox single. A WP got in one for the Q's in the 8th and ted Kluszewski singled home a pair in the

9th to KO Stephens. Koslo allowed an RBI single to Phil Cavarrett, then walked the bases full before Gene Mauch skied to RF to end the game...M's got their 6th series win on a 4-hit shutout, 2-0, by Behrman over Coleman. Behrman doubled in the only runs in the 5th....

MARAUDERS @ TREES: Mojave ran straight into a buzzsaw as they dropped 5 at Braves Field to the Evanston club. Trees took the opener, 4-1, behind Sain's 8-hitter over Lopat. Evanston broke open a 1-1 tie against reliever Lombardi in the 8th on a 3-run HR by Lou Boudreau and won despite only 5 hits... Rex Barney was razor sharp with a 3-hitter in game 2 over Bob Porterfield. A Red Schoendienst single and Bob Swift squeeze in the 2nd gave the Trees the edge and Hatton's 2-run HR in the 7th off Stephens put it away...Another great pitching effort by the Trees, a one-hitter by Virgil Trucks for a 1-0 win in game 3. Boudreau's single in the 1st off Haefner



was the only run needed and the only question was a possible no-hitter. Trucks issued his 6th walk of the game to Slaughter to start the 9th and Furillo then knocked one through the infield to spoil what would have been the 2nd SPB no-hitter of the month. Masi's DP ended the contest...Fourth straight win, this one in 12 innings, 3-2. Chapman's RBI doubled was matched by Willard Marshall's RBI single in the 1st and Frankie Baumholtz put the Trees up 2-1 with a 3rd inning single. Rigney singled home the tying run in the 9th for the M's. Jess Dobernic held down the M's through the 12th while Lombardi and Donnelly returned the favor into the 12th. With two down, Wes Westrum, a late inning replacement, jogged into 3B with a triple and came home with the winner on Grady Hatton's single...Mojave jumped all

over Bob Gillespie for 7 runs over the first 2 innings with the big hit a 3-run 3B by Chapman, his 4th RBI of the game. Earl Torgeson and Boudreau singled home runs for the Trees, but 3 more in the 7th made it 10-2 before the Trees added one more. Veteran Thornton Lee didn't get out of the 5th and failed to get the win which went to Judson... Trees bounced back with an 8-4 win the next day with Sain going the distance and issuing only 7 hits. Two in the 1st and 3 more in the 2nd, keyed by Hank Schenz' 2B and a Marshall single made it 5-0. Calrence Maddern picked up 2 RBI with a 6th inning single to offset Slaughter's 2-run 3B in the 7th. Lopat took the loss... Porterfield went to the hill in game 7 and had the Trees shutout through 7, leaving with a 2-0 lead on a Fain 2B in the 3rd and a Boudreau 4th inning miscue. M's added one in the 9th, for the 3-0 final, on a Gustine 2B while Donnelly came on for Lombardi in the 8th and preserved the win for Porterfield....

DODGERS @ MONARCHS: West Warwick jumped out to a 3-1 advantage in this injury laced series but the Dodgers came back to win the final three and take the series. Elmer Riddle outdueled Voiselle, 2-1, in the opener with a CG 5-hitter. Marv Rackley and Hank Majeski singled in 1st inning runs and Joe Gordon cracked a solo HR in the 2nd for all the scoring. Voiselle went down in the 1st inning for 5 games...Gordon and Don Mueller each picked up 2 RBI to lead a 5-3 Brooklyn win. Fannin and two relievers held down the Monarchs, but Vic Wertz did hit a solo HR and knock in 2 RBI. Eddie Joost was hurt for the M's... Game 3 saw the M's pick up 2 in the 1st on a Bobby Doerr single and Bobby Thomson 3B, then add 3 in the 3rd on Majeski's 2-run 2B and a Del Wilber single. There were two rain delays of close to an hour apiece and Doerr was injured. Joe Dobson outpitched Jones for the win... Monte Kennedy put the Monarchs up 3-1 in the series as he bested Marchildon, 3-2, when Al Zarilla banged a 2-run 7h inning, two out HR. Kennedy spaced out 8 hits and 2 walks. This time, Putsy Caballero and Vico went down on the Wrigley Field turf...Dodgers started their comeback in dramatic fashion in game 5, picking up a 7-5 win in 11 innings.

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Holmes tripled in a 6th inning run and Gordon brought him home with a SF, but the M's tied in their half when Doerr hit a SF and Rackley grounded out. Dodgers got to a tired Riddle in the 9th when former Monarch Jack Wallaesa singled in one and a combination of DiMaggio's single and Rackley's error gave them a 2-run lead. But with rookie Erskine on in relief, he was pulled with one out after issuing a walk to Billy Goodman and the usually reliable Christopher coughs up the tying runs. In the 11th, Zarilla commits 2 throwing errors, the Dodgers score 2 and Gumbert finishes the 7-5 injury free game with the win...

Dodgers keep it going in game 6 with 3 in the 3rd on a DiMaggio RBI single and Seminick 2-run HR off Ramsdell who had come on to replace Dizzy Trout who had been ejected for arguing a pitch. Voiselle came back from his injury and threw 5 strong innings of 2-hit ball before leaving with another injury, for this game only. Bud Lively and Christopher no-hit the M's over the last 4 innings, giving up only an unearned run for the 5-2 win and even the series at 3-3....Trainers for both clubs were ready, ethyl chloride on hand for the finale, but kept their bags zipped as the Dodgers completed the series with a 5-4, 10-inning win. Monarchs had jumped out 4-1 in the 3rd on a 2-run single by Doerr and one RBI by Johnny Hopp. Gordon hit a 2-run HR in the 6th to make it 4-3 M's and it stayed that way until the 9th when Seminick's two-out single scored Duke Snider, running for Litwhiler who had walked. Gordon's 2nd HR of the day led off the 10th against Ken Trinkle for the margin as Christopher went 1-2-3 in the 10th for the save...

WHITE SOX @ QUACKERS: Chisox continued their pennant quest by winning 6-of-7 at Woodcrest. Blackwell picked up a 5-3 win in the opener with a save by Minner to best Coleman. Northey's 4th inning HR put the Sox on top and they added 2 in the 5th which were matched by a 2-run single by Reese in the Q's half. Q's tied in the 6th and the Sox put it away in the 8th on a Lipon 2B and Waitkus squeeze bunt. With

the tying runs on base in the 9th, Minner got Don Lund to fly to LF and close out the game...Chisox were all over a beleaguered Red Munger, who took one for the team, allowing 18 hits in a 13-0 loss. Bickford allowed only 4 Quacker hits. Ted Williams' 2nd inning grand slam, his 5th RBI of the game cinched it. Bob Elliott smacked a 3-run HR in the 9th...Chicago was stretched to the limit in game 3, but won, 5-3, in ten. Sox got a 3-run HR by Walker Cooper off Curt Simmons in the 4th after Reese put the Q's ahead with an RBI single off Hank Borowy in the 3rd. A pair of SFs in the 7th and 8th tied it and in the 10th, Cooper hit his 2nd of the game leading off the inning off Simmons who later walked Henrich for the insurance run.



Minner picked up the win and Ferrick a save...Talk about taking one for the team, Herm Wehmeier faced 66 batters, allowed 23 hits and stayed on after giving up TEN runs in the 1st inning of a 24-7

Chisox win. Henrich, batting cleanup, hit a grand slam in the 1st, Northey added a 2-run blast, Williams walked to force in a run and Henrich picked up his 6th RBI of the inning with a 2-run single. Lipon hit a solo HR in the 4th, Williams a 2-run in the 6th and Northey a 3-run in the 9th. Ray Lamanno's two-run single in the 6th off Dick Fowler and Jim Russell's 2-run 2B were the big Woodcrest hits...The off-day did no good as the Sox kept hitting and won game 5 by a 9-4 margin. Blackwell started against Welteroth who pitched another CG for the Q's Northey's 3-run HR in the 7th broke open a 5-3 Sox lead...An 8-run 5th inning led the Quackers to their only win of the series in game six, but it was close. Chisox were ahead 3-1 when the roof caved in one Jack Kramer. Three straight singles, the 3rd an RBI by Dillinger, a walk and Wright RBI single tied the game. Leon Culberson got a walk and RBI, Ray Lamanno cleared the bases with a double and error, pitcher Paul Erickson got one in with a single and Mauch, batting for Reese, closed the scoring with a single. The Sox got 5 in the 7th on Henrich's RBI 2B, Northey's 2-run single and Cooper's PH 2B off reliever Gumpert who then closed out the 9-8 victory...Raschi topped Simmons in the finale with a 5-0 six-hitter. Williams and Henrich had 2-run singles....

BEARS @ QUACKERS: Woodcrest fared a bit better against the Bears, winning two in this series. Q's led 4-3 for Welteroth after 4 with Wright's 2-RBI 3B in the 1st and Russell's 2-run 4th inning shot offsetting Eddie Robinson's 2-run HR in the 3rd and his 1st inning RBI grounder. He later HR'd in the 7th to make it 5-4, but Wright touched Larry Jansen for a 7th inning 2-run HR to put the Q's up 6-5. But Welteroth was gassed and allowed two RBI singles to Eddie Yost and Stewart before Erickson came in to give up an RBI single to Robinson. Stewart's 2-run 2B in the 9th finished it out at 10-6...Ellis Kinder got the win...Robinson kept up the hot hitting by leading off the 9th inning with a HR off Wehmeier to give the Bears a 3-2 win in game two for Dutch Leonard... Game 3 saw the Bears put up 13 runs and 23 hits in a 13-0 zip and a Ray Scarborough win. Six in the 2nd, led by Whitey Lockman's 2-run single and Les Moss' 2-run 2B made it 7-0. Robinson picked up two more RBI with a 7th inning single...

Quackers got on the board with a Munger CG, 9-7 win. Game was tied at 4-4 after two with Howie Fox on the mound for the Bears and he gave up an RBI 3B to Jackie Robinson and single to Wright in the 1st, but Yost tied it with a 2-run 2nd inning single. Kiner HR'd in the 5th and doubled in another in the 6th for a 7-4 lead, but the Q's tied it on a Lamanno SF, Munger RBI single and Reese single off Kinder. The game winner came on a Russell SF off Red Barrett in the 7th and Verban squeezed in the final run in the 8th...Q's made it two straight with a 9-2 CG win by Alex Kellner. The young lefty got 3 RBI from Jackie Robinson and a 2-run HR by Lamanno. Woodcrest stole ELEVEN bases in this contest off Gus Niarhos...The Bears paid back with an 11-2 romp against Welteroth. Jansen also went the distance and allowed only six hits. Eddie Robinson again feasted on Quackers' pitching with a 3-run HR in the 1st. Moss added a 3-run shot in the 9th...Leonard finished the series with a 7-2 five-hit CG over Wehmeier. Moss put the Bears ahead 2-0 with a 2nd inning single and they broke it open with 4 in the 8th on RBI 2Bs by Moss and Pete Suder. ...

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TREES @ BEARS: Bears came home to Sportsman's Park and took five from the first half of the Evanston entries, the Trees. Trees took the opener 12-4 on 17 hits behind Sain's CG. Jeff Heath went 4/4 on the night... Two straight 7-1 CG wins, one by Leonard and the second by Scarborough. In game 3, Lockman went 4/5 to lead the attack... Game 4 was a wild one as the Trees jumped out on top 7-0 after two against Kinder with Boudreau's 2-run 2B and Torgeson's one run two-bagger in the 2nd doing the damage. Robin Roberts cruised through the first 3 and yielded a 2-out SF to Eddie Robinson in the 4th when the Bears exploded. Yost singled and Suder walked to load the bases. Sisti walked to force in a run and PH Dick Wakefield singled home two. Karl Drews came on and gave up three successive RBI singles to Lockman, Batts and Stewart to tie it at 7-7. On came Orval Grove and Kiner singled, Robinson doubled and Yost walked. Gillespie relieved and Suder singled in a pair and Sisti doubled in another two before Wakefield fanned to end the 14-run inning. All runs came with two out.

But it wasn't over yet! Baumholtz hit a 3-run HR off Heusser in the 7th on the way to a 7-run Trees' inning and tie. Sisti's error at SS opened the door again and George Shuba singled home two more before Spider Jorgensen tripled home the final two runs of the inning off Barrett. Bears went ahead with RBI singles by Stewart and Kiner off Walker Cress in the 7th, but the Trees came back with two in the 8th off Mickey Harris for a 16-16 tie. Kiner finally singled home Lockman in the bottom 9th for an incredible 17-16 victory.

Bears put up 13 more runs in game five as 3-run HRs by Suder and Wakefield led a 13-7 win. Game 6 saw Sain get the win and Dobernic the save as the Trees won 4-2 behind RBI hits by Boudreau and Heath in the 9th... Bears finished off the series with a 4-2 win by Leonard with a save by Barrett in the finale.

ELEPHANTS @ BEARS: Rossmoor had a tough time against the other Evanston

entry, the Elephants, but won four. A 2-run HR by Willie Jones in the 9th gave the Elephants the 3-1 opening game win... Bears returned the favor with a Tom Stallcup single in the 9th driving home Lockman for a 6-5 win... Down to the wire again as Kiner smacked an 11th inning HR for a 6-5 win and the Elephants evened the series when Andy Anderson hit a 2-run HR in the 10th for a 4-3 victory... Allie Clark hit a PH grand slam for the Bears in the 8th inning for a 9-4 game 5 triumph and the Elephants evened the series again in another extra inning affair when Roy Campanella hit a 13th inning solo and the 3-2 finish. No contest in the rubber game with Pete Suder leading an 18-hit attack with 3 hits and 5 RBI to give the Bears an 18-5 win and the series nod...



WHALES @ ELEPHANTS: Chicago took 6-of-7 from Evanston with only one game being close. The only Elephants' win was a 7-1 triumph as the Whales outscored the Elephants 54-28.

Richie Ashburn hit a torrid .636 in the seven games with 14 hits in 22 at bats.

MONARCHS @ HORNETS: Rick Ryan's Rossville Hornets had a tough month at Municipal Stadium, going 3-11, but certainly got off to an auspicious contest against the Monarchs. Marino Pieretti hurled a no-hitter to break the Hornets' 9-game losing streak while facing only 28 batters (see boxcore, page 19). He outdueled Warren Spahn who left for a PH in the top 9th with the game scoreless. In the Hornets' half, the Monarchs brought on Trinkle who walked Jim Hegan who moved to 2B on Dave Philley's bunt single. Mickey Vernon then blooped one to RF and Zarilla gunned down Hegan at the plate to preserve the 0-0 tie. That set the stage for the win with Philley at 3B and Vernon at 2B. Bobby Adams then laid down a perfect bunt with Philley sliding across the plate with the winning run and closed out the no-hitter for Pieretti... Monarchs then came back behind Dubiel's 6-hit shoutout,

5-0. Dubiel got the first M's hit of the series in the top 3rd, but the big hitting was done by Bobby Doerr with 2/3, a 2B, HR and 3 RBI. Monarchs took game 3 by a 4-1 score with Dobson spreading 10 hits to beat Ostermueller. Thomson went 3/4 with 3 RBI and a HR... Hornets evened the series as Ned Garver picked up a 5-2 win. Hartung got the save and Les Layden was 3/4 with a 3B and RBI for Rossville. Second straight, a 4-2 win for Hutchinson. Hornets got to Spahn for 8 hits, 5 walks and 4 ERs. M's evened the series with a 10- win behind Thomson's 3/5 and 2 RBI and Doerr's 4 RBI. Dubiel got the win over Dutch McCall... M's took the rubber game 7-1 with Dobson nailing his 2nd win on a 7-hitter. Majeski banged a pair of HRs and 4 RBI...

FEDERALS @ HORNETS: Fairfield pulled off a sweep of the Hornets, starting with a 6-5 opening win despite 4 miscues. Gene Hermanski was 3/4 with 2 RBI and Stan Musial hit 2 doubles and drove in a pair... Parnell hurled a brilliant 3-hitter in game 2, striking out four. Hornets wasted a strong CG effort by McCall who allowed only one earned run... Bearden tossed another 2-0 zip in game 3 with Evers going 3/4 with a 2B and RBI... Feds exploded for 16 hits in game 4 to roll 8-1. Zoldak pitched a 3-hitter and Keltner ignited the offense with a bases clearing triple... Feds continued to streak in game 5 behind Musial's HR and 2 RBI and Schefing's HR and 3 RBI as Zoldak picked up his 2nd win... A 13-6 Federals win in game six as 5 unearned runs in the 7th crushed the Hornets. Feds added 18 hits with Granny Hamner leading the way with three 2Bs and 3 RBI while Hegan went deep twice and drove home 3.

Federals completed the sweep with a 4-2 win. Hornets were leading 4-2 when rookie phenom Garver was brought in to close out the game. Rookie jitters, perhaps, but he walked the 2nd batter he faced and then left with an injury. Feds went on to score 3 in the 8th for the victory. Eddie Miller was 2/4 with a 2B and 2 RBI and Admas led the Hornets with 3/3, a 2B and 2 RBI.

1928 Game Reports

The ceremonial first pitch of the 1928 season took place at Forbes Field where the 1927 SPB-III champion Dayton Tip-Tops and Commissioner Emeritus Jim Wheeler raised the banner in deep centerfield.

WILDCATS & TIP-TOPS: Dayton captured the series 3-2 with Red Faber enhancing the opening ceremonies with a 1-0 shutout of Evanston. He allowed only 8 hits and Zach Taylor's 2nd inning RBI drove home the only run off George Blaeholder...Game 2 was a 10-9 Wildcat win. A wild 2nd inning saw the 'Cats score 4 off Jess Haines, but the Tip-Tops nail Herb Pennock for seven big ones. Lance Richbrough's bases clearing 3B almost blew



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the game open for Dayton, as it made the score 8-4. The Cats plated 3 in the 7th to cut the lead to 9-8 and won it with 2 in the 8th on back-to-back 3Bs by Ernie Orsatti and Charlie Jamieson and Charley

Grimm's successful squeeze bunt off Bill Sherdel. Joe Dawson got the win in relief...Singles by Al Simmons and George Sisler with two down in the 9th off reliever Watty Clark made a loser of starter Tommy Thomas, 3-2. Sherdel got the start and pitched the CG, 8-hit win...Early 4-0 Dayton lead in game 4 on a 2-run shot by Simmons and Sisler's 2-run 2B offset Billy Zitzmann's PH 2-run shot in the 7th. Carmen Hill bested Joe Genewich... A 3-run 1st inning for the Cats put George Earnshaw in the hole and 3 more in the 4th, on an Alex Metzler SF and Simmons throwing error made it 6-0. Four successive Dayton singles in the 6th cut it to 6-4, but Blaeholder, Dawson and Clark held the lead for a 7-4 win for Jack Quinn...

HAWKS @ TIP-TOPS: Schaumburg took 3 in the next series, winning the opener, 10-4, with a 6-run onslaught in the 6th deciding the outcome. Sam Rice's

2-run single in the inning was the big blow, but 3 of Dayton's 5 miscues and two wild pitches did in Hill and made a winner of Burleigh Grimes... Game 2 was tied at 7-7 after 8 when the Hawks scored a pair in the 9th. Starter Haines allowed a leadoff triple to Jumpin' Joe Dugan and reliever Wilcy Moore allowed a walk to PH Dick Bartell, a SF to leadoff hitter Wally Schang and a Riggs Stephenson single for the 9-7 win for Pete Alexander...Dayton picked up an 8-6 game three win behind Faber's CG. Charlie Gehringer hit a 2-run shot in the 1st and Del Bissonette continued his hot hitting with a 2-run single in the 3rd. Down 6-4 in the 7th, the Tip-Tops bumped Hadley and Danny MacFayden for 4 in the 7th, led by Marty McManus' 2-run game winning 2B for the win. Faber permitted 14 hits...Sherdel got 15 hits of support in game four to offset the 14 he allowed in his CG effort and an 11-8 win. With Jack Ogden and the Hawks up 8-3 in the 7th, Richbrough, Simmons and Sisler singled home runs before McManus tripled home another two. Lefty Stewart took the 11-8 loss... George Uhle got 3 to work with in the 1st on a Bissonette HR and was never behind as the Hawks captured the series with a 4-2 win. Richbrough's two-run single in the 7th sent Uhle to the showers and MacFayden closed the door. Hawks added one in the 9th when Heinie Mueller was plunked with an Earnshaw pitch with the bags full...

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Stormers	16	9	.640	2
Rainiers	16	9	.640	2
Tip-Tops	14	11	.560	4
Urbanites	13	12	.520	5
Clowns	12	13	.480	6
Bolts	12	13	.480	6
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Roses	15	10	.600	—
Hawks	14	11	.560	1
Wildcats	13	12	.520	2
Gamblers	10	15	.400	5
Gladiators	8	17	.320	7
Wizards	7	18	.280	8
Knights	7	18	.280	8

GAMBLERS @ STORMERS: Gurnee came into League Park and took 3 in this series from the Barnstormers. The Gamblers took the opener when Sam Gibson helped his own cause with a 10th inning single to score Ossie Bluege which keyed a 5-run attack and led to a 10-5 win...Goose Goslin went 4-for-5 and Sheriff Blake spun a CG 6-1 win for Gurnee... Freddy Leach doubled in the 10th, again scoring Bluege, and gave the Gamblers their 3rd straight win, this one 3-2...Rt. 66 got it into gear in game four with a 5-1 CG win by Dazzy Vance. Harry Hendrick smacked a 3-run HR for the win... Bob Smith and Larry Benton combined to shutdown the Gamblers and give the Stormers their second win, 3-0...

'28 MANAGERS NOTE!!!!

As noted in e-mail messages, you must now use the updated YTD stat disk to play monthly games. Here are the directions:

- ◆ Prior to the beginning of EACH SERIES, rest league for 99 days.
- ◆ DO NOT ZERO STATS!!!!
- ◆ Save the boxes and scoresheets only to file and send to the opposing manager after the series. DO NOT send stats to the opposing manager as they are simply updated YTD stats. Also, if you do not send a written report to Lou Ross, send him zipped boxes and scoresheets for the newsletter.
- ◆ Play all home series in the SAME directory.

Gary Plunkitt

WILDCATS @ GAMBLERS: Stormers were able to even their first homestand of the season by taking three from Evanston. The Cats got out early, winning the first two, the first on a Blaeholder 4-hitter, 5-2...Herb Pennock tossed another CG the next day, 5-2. Bill Hunnefield led the way with a 3-for-5 afternoon... Vance again got it going with a sparkling 1-0 CG win in game three. Bobby Reeves singled home Kiki Cuyler in the 7th for the only run... Mule Haas went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI in a 5-4 Stormers win which evened the series at two apiece... Larry Benton took the ball and went the distance in a 6-1 triumph. He also led the way at the plate with 2-for-4... Continued Page 11



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CLOWNS @ WILDCATS: Clearcut series win, 4-1 for the club the "experts" feel will win the NL flag in '28, the Evanston Wildcats. The Indy Clowns captured the opener, 8-3, as Red Ruffing went 8 2/3 and was picked up by Bill Bayne for the save. Thomas took the loss. Don Hurst and Clyde Beck each had 2-run singles. Sac flies by Jamieson and Red Kress produced two of the Wildcat runs....Cats got on the winning track on game 2 with the leadoff HR by Jamieson in the 1st, the first HR hit ever by the Cats at Comiskey, leading to a 4-3 win. Dolf Luque and Herb Pennock started and with the game tied at 3-3 in the 9th, the Cats broke through against Ben Cantwell with Andy Cohen's single driving home the game winner. Ed Streliecki got the win....Total of 34 hits in game 3, 19 by the Cats, who won 12-11 in ten innings. Clowns roughed up former mate Joe Genewich and took a 6-4 lead after six. Clowns edged ahead 9-5 in the 9th off Hal Wiltse keyed by Johnny Mostil's 2-run single. Cats came back to tie with one out off Cantwell, Harriss and Bayne with Bill Hunnefield's 2-run single knotting the score. Luke Sewell and Jimmie Dykes doubled home runs in the 10th off Wattie Clark, but the Cats took advantage of two Indy errors in their half with Hunnefield driving home the winner off Milt Gaston....Another high scoring contest in game 3, a 9-7 Cats win with Jack Quinn getting the win over Willis Hudlin with a save from Wiltse. A 4-run 4th, led by Willie Kamm's 2-run single put the Cats up 5-1 and they held on, scoring 3 in the 8th off Bayne and Gaston to nail it down. Metzler's SF and Hunnefield's single gave the Cats the insurance they needed. Quinn faltered in the 9th and was touched for a 2-run single by Mostil, a solo by Bressler and a Joe Cronin single off Wiltse, but the door was slammed and the Cats held on, 9-7... Wildcats kept the offense pumping in game 5, a 15-7 CG win for Blaeholder over a tired starter Gaston. Cats sent ten men to the plate and scored 5 in the 1st with Kamm's 2-run 2B the big hit. One more in the 2nd and another 5 in the 3rd drove off Gaston. Paul Waner's 2-run 2B was followed by RBI singles by Kamm and

Kress. Hurst and Larry Bettencourt homered for the Clowns....

STARS @ WILDCATS: Two potential pennant winners met early and the hometown Evanston Wildcats jumped out to wins in the first two games over the Hollywood contingent. Newcomer Joe Genewich started for the Cats against George Pipgras and trailed 3-1 going into the bottom 6th when Pipgras hit a wild streak and walked two after a single. Bubbles Hargrave then doubled in a pair and Chuck Dressen's error allowed another to score before Red Kress singled in a run to make it 6-3. Cats broke it open with 5 in the 8th against George Smith with Paul Waner's 2-RBI 3B and Metzler's 2-run shot off Pat Simmons the big blows on the way to a 10-6 triumph....Herb Pennock went the distance in game two, a 5-2 win over Sam Gray. RBI singles by Waner and Metzler, followed by Kamm's squeeze bunt in the 5th made it 3-0. Waner and Kamm drove in runs in the 7th...Hollywood waited until the last



possible moment to win game 3, 8-3. After Metzler tripled home two and Kamm squeezed in another in the 1st against Charlie Root, the Stars got one in the 3rd and it stayed that way as Blaeholder coasted into the 9th. With two on and one out, Watty Clark relieved and threw this one away. George Grantham doubled in one, Glenn Wright singled in two and after two were out, consecutive singles by Taylor Douthit, Dressen and Heinie Manush brought in runs before rookie Chuck Klein capped the scoring with a double. Art Reinhart benefitted from the offensive display for the win... The Stars sent out Guy Bush to take on Quinn. The score was knotted at 2-2 after six when Dressen singled home a pair in the 7th, but the Cats tied in the 8th on a 3B by Kress. Old reliable Gabby Hartnett smacked a 3-run, 2 out HR in the 9th off reliever Streliecki,

giving another late win to Reinhart...No question in game five as the Stars romped 9-1 behind a 3-hitter by Clarence Mitchell over Tommy Thomas. Klein's RBI single in the first was matched by Metzler's 2B in the bottom, but one in the 2nd and 4 in the 3rd, two on a 2-run HR by Grantham keyed the win. Klein added a 2-run single in the 4th to clinch the series...

RAINIERS @ WILDCATS: Close contest in the opener with the Rainiers on top 3-2. Seattle starter Waite Hoyt was gone by the 4th after a rain delay and was picked up by Dutch Levensen who got the win. Pinky Whitney led off the 5th with a Seattle HR. Cats tied on a Waner grounder in their half before Travis Jackson tripled one home in the 7th and scored on a Jack Rothrock SF. Cats scored an unearned run in the 8th off Stan Coveleski and Jesse Petty mowed the Cats down 1-2-3 in the 9th. Streliecki took the loss...Quinn posted a 9-1 win for the Cats over Ed Morris in game two. Cats broke a 1-1 tie on Hunnefield's two-run 2B in the 5th and added 3 in the 6th, 1 in the 7th and 2 in the 8th...Five Seattle errors in game 3 led to an 11-1 Cats win over Doug McWeeney the next afternoon. Cats got 3 in the 1st and four in the 5th and 3 in the 6th. With the score 7-1 in the 6th, Kamm squeezed home a run in the 6th. Hmmm. The Wildcats will be visiting Seattle this year. Genewich picked up the 5-hit CG....Evanston kept it going with a 7-2, 5-hit CG win for Thomas in game four. Jim Bottomley's only outburst of the series was a 2-run 2B in the 5th, but the Cats countered against Hank Johnson with a pair in their half. After Johnson walked the bases full, Cohen's SF scored one and Hofman's single tied it. Cats won it with 3 in the 8th with Waner's SF breaking the tie and Metzler's 3B bringing in the insurance tally....Rainiers got untracked off Blaeholder and Pennock in the finale, a 13-hit, 8-2 win for Petty with relief from Donohue. Charley Grimm hit another Cats' homer in the 6th to tie the score at 2-2, but Earle Combs' 7th inning single got the lead. Four in the 8th off Pennock on a Whitney 2B, singles by Jackson and Moe Berg and a Petty SF put it away....

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RAINIERS @ GAMBLERS: Gurnee skipper Frank Papp indicated he could never remember one of his teams tossing two straight shutouts, but they did in the opening pair against Seattle. Freddie Fitzsimmons flipped a 3-hitter in the opener to beat Hoyt. Tony Lazzeri singled in two and Ossie Bluege doubled home another in the 6th... Flint Rhem went the distance for a 4-0, six-hitter in game two. A grounder by Cy Williams in the 1st plated one and Fred Leach's single in the 2nd out up another to topple Morris...A 13-inning contest at Fenway Park in game 3, a 6-3 Seattle victory. Gamblers were up 3-0 for Sheriff Blake in the 9th, having held the Rainiers scoreless through 26 innings when Bottomley doubled and Jackson's one-out single drove him home. He then scored on a Whitney 2B with two down and Sam Gibson came on and was nailed for the tying run on a George Myatt single. In the 13th, Harry Heilman singled off Ray Bengé and scored on Jackson's 2B. He then scored on Whitney's single and Myatt followed with another RBI to close it out. Levsen, who came on in the 12th, pitched a perfect 13th for the win...Hank Johnson returned the shutout favor, a 3-0, 3-hitter the next day. Bottomley's 3rd inning 3B off Garland Braxton and a PB made it 2-0 and Bottomley added an RBI single in the 5th... Gamblers overcame a 6-1 deficit to beat Seattle in the finale. Petty started against Pat Malone and was down 1-0 in the 2nd on a Joe Judge single matched by an Andy High RBI in the 3rd. Seattle got 5 in the 4th with Bottomley's 2-run 3B capping the scoring. Gamblers KO'd Petty in the 5th with four. Goose Goslin's SF brought in two as Combs' CF error let a second run score. Gurnee capped it with a 5 run 7th with Dick Burrus' 3-run PH HR off Pete Donohue in the 7th sparking the comeback from a 7-6 deficit...

RAINIERS @ GLADIATORS: Seattle took 4-of-5 in this series, beginning with an opening game 1-0 triumph. The interesting point is that despite Doug McWeeney's fine 2-hit CG effort, Lefty Grove was even more formidable, tossing a 1-hitter. Rainiers picked up their only run in the 4th when Fonseca's bases full grounder brought in the only tally. He also got the only hit, a one-out single in the 7th inning...Hank Johnson

benefitted from a 10-hit Seattle attack against George Cox in game two, 7-2. Rainiers scored 4 in the 2nd and put it away on 6th inning HRs by Heilman and Whitney. Gem City squeezed home two runs while down 7-0 in the 8th...Coveleski started against Charlie Robertson the next day, but neither was around at the end of a 13-inning, 7-5 Seattle win in which they got another HR from Heilman while Frankie Frisch hit one out for the G's. A double by Jimmy Welsh in the 9th off Donohue, who got the eventual win, tied the game at 4-4 and the Rainiers got a 2-run HR from Combs and RBI single by Heilman in the 11th. Pete Appleton took the loss...Gem City took game 4, winning 5-4 in the bottom 9th against Jesse Petty in relief of Hoyt. PH Barney Friberg singled home the winning run making a winner of Appleton... A 5-run 8th inning broke open the finale and gave Morris a 10-4 victory over Earl Caldwell. Jackson's 2-run single in the 1st was matched by solo singles by Hack Wilson and Frisch. Combs hit another rare HR in the 4th inning and added a 2-run single against former teammate Hod Lisenbee in the big inning. Bottomley added a 2-run 2B in the 8th to wrap this one up...



THUNDERBOLTS @ GLADIATORS: General Crowder got the T'Bolts off to a quick start in the series with a 3-hit, 6-0 zip of Gem City. Chick

Hafey's 1st inning RBI single off Lefty Grove was the winning run. Phil Todt added a big 2-run 2B in the 5th. Grove broke up the no-hit bid in the 3rd... Jack Russell held the G's to 5 hits in a 5-2 win in game 2. Ira Flagstead's 2nd inning SF and Hafey's 3rd inning 2B toppled Cox. G's tied on SFs by Bill Terry and Harry McCurdy in the 4th, but Red Barnes' 5th inning HR broke the tie...Art Nehf and Robertson each tossed 6-hitters and went the distance in game 3, but Nehf and the T'Bolts came out on top, 6-1. Todt drove in 4 with 2 doubles and an RBI single. Heinie Sand drove in the only GC run with a single... T'Bolts used their first reliever of the series in game 4 with Orwoll picking up a save for Red Lucas in a 3-1 win. Virgil

Barnes went the first 8 for GC and left with the score tied at 1-1 for Appleton. Hack Wilson HR'd for GC to match Woodall's FC RBI, but Red Barnes hit a 2-run HR in the 9th for the triumph... GC held on for a 4-3 win in the finale to avoid a sweep. Leading 4-0, on the strength of another Wilson HR and 2Bs by Harry Riconda and McCurdy off Crowder, Earl Caldwell was touched for 3 ninth inning runs on a Sparky Adams SF and 2-run 3B by Pie Traynor who was left stranded when Clark skied to LF...

URBANITES @ GLADIATORS: The former Lafayette Spiders debuted on the road as the Dayton Urbanites and took their opening series 3-2 at the Gem City Gladiators. Rube Walberg bested Grove 3-2 in the opener. Les Bell's 5th inning 2B, his 2nd RBI of the day, broke a 2-2 tie in the 5th for the win. Ethan Allen spun home a pair in the GC 2nd on a single and error by Curt Walker...Another 3-2 win for Dayton the next day as they overcame a 2-1 deficit to win for Ownie Carroll over Appleton. Allen and Wilson 2B'd in 3rd inning runs for the lead, but Babe Ruth's 2-run 5th inning HR sealed the Urbanite win...Veteran Tom Zachary spun a sharp 4-hitter in the hump game, a 2-0 CG win over Eppa Rixey. Frisch doubled home a pair in the 7th with Sand being nailed at the plate...Gladiators evened the Yankee Stadium series with a 4-1 win behind Robertson's CG, 4-1, two-hitter. A 4-run 3rd inning, started when Dayton hurler, Hub Pruett, on for starter Art Delaney, muffed Riconda's bunt, settled the game. Welsh singled home one, Wilson drew a bases full walk and McCurdy doubled in a pair. George Harper hit a SF to drive home Jimmie Foxx who had tripled for the only Dayton run in the 4th. The only other hit was a leadoff single in the 1st by Carl Lind. Robertson retired the final 17 batters he faced...Urbanites won the series with a 3-0, 5-hit shutout by Jumbo Elliott over Caldwell. Foxx' 1st inning 2B provided the only run needed.... The Gladiators held Ruth to a meager .133 for the series.....

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ROSES @ THUNDERBOLTS: Still reeling from the losses to the Wizards, the T'Bolts dropped 4-of-5 to the Mt. Hood Roses. Ray Kremer started for the Roses against Orwoll and with the Roses ahead 3-2 in the 8th, Flagstead greeted reliever Bill Doak with an RBI squeeze bunt to tie it. With two down in the Roses' 9th, Hornsby doubled in the winning run for a 4-3 Mt. Hood win...Roses got off quickly against Jack Russell in game two with a 3-run 1st on Lindstrom's double and Meusel's 2-run single. Hafey cut it with a solo HR in the 2nd and after the teams swapped runs in the 6th, the Roses added 3 in the 7th with Meusel's 2-run 2B off reliever Kent Greenfield. Doak and Jack Scott held off the Bolts for Brandt's 7-5 victory...Hubbell lasted only 4 innings for the Bolts in game 3 allowing HRs to Shanty Hogan and Lindstrom and left trailing 6-3. However, Adams' 2-run 3B and Traynor's single tied it against Adkins, but Ed Brown's 2-run 3B in the 5th put the Roses back on top against Nehf. Bolts picked up 2 in the 7th off Scott to tie at 8-8 and went ahead 10-8 in the 8th on another squeeze bunt by Adams and Traynor's grounder. However, Van Gilder couldn't hold the lead and two IF grounders tied the game for the Roses. VanGilder stayed on in the 10th and was rouged up for six behind RBI singles by Hogan, Art Jahn, a Traynor error and Grant Gillis' 2-run 2B. Art Clarkson got the win 16-11 with the Roses banging out 25 hits. Hogan finished 4/6 and Gehrig 4/5 for the Roses while Adams drove home 4... Hornsby's 3-run HR off Lucas in the 3rd gave the Roses a 3-1 lead and pitcher Ferguson's SF in the 4th made it 4-1. Doak yielded a 2-run PH 2B to Fothergill in the 8th and held on for the save in a 4-3 Roses win...Bolts avoided total embarrassment in front of the home fans with a 12-inning, 6-5 victory in the finale. Crowder went all 12, starting against Kremer and was down 4-0 after 3 with Gehrig's 2-run 3B in the 3rd the big blow. The Bolts chipped back with Hafey's two singles tying the game at 5-5 after six. In the 12th, Schulte greeted Clarkson with a leadoff HR for the only Hoosier triumph of the series....

WIZARDS @ THUNDERBOLTS: Wizards continued on to Navin Field to face the Hoosier Thunderbolts and after losing the opener, won the final four of the series. Whitehill started against Ed Brame for the Bolts and held a 3-1 lead after 7. With Rommel working his 2nd inning of relief in the 9th, he gophered a PH 3-run shot to Johnny Schulte for the Hoosier win. Barrett and Reese singled home 6th inning runs for the Wizards while Sparky Adams squeezed in a run for the Bolts in the 7th... A 12-inning, 6-4 win for the Wizards in game 2 as they used 5 relievers behind starter Lyons. Johnny Cooney started for the Bolts with the loss going to Lucas. Buddy Myer drove home 3 for the Wizards with a 2-run single and 2B. Adams added another RBI on a squeeze in the Bolts' 7th and Hafey HR'd off Rommel in the 8th. Cochrane's 2-run shot off Lucas won it for the Wizards and Boom-Boom Beck picked up the save for Mel Harder... Sorrell bested Nehf 3-1 with a 5-hitter for the Wiz' 2nd straight. Roettger and Myer singled home early runs for Evanston and Leo Durocher 2B'd in one in the 2nd for the Bolts. Wattie Holm added an RBI single in the 5th to close the scoring...Game four was played in frigid 35 degree weather and the Wizards outlasted the Bolts 3-2 in 11. Myer raised his series average to .500 with a 3/5 afternoon and an RBI. Billy Rogell drove home the winning run off Carl Hubbell in relief to give Connally the win with another save by Beck...With game 5 tied at 1-1 in the 5th, the Wizards came up with two on a Cochrane single off Elam VanGilder and PB. Three more in the 6th on a Myer 2-RBI single and throwing error by Fothergill in RF. Evanston added one in the 7th and 2 in the 9th on the way to a 9-2 win for Henry...

TIP-TOPS @ WIZARDS: In addition to this being a great series, it was one that seemed to absolutely devastate the Wizards at home for the rest of the month. Just wait. Game one started out as an Evanston rout with Lyons and the Wizards taking a 7-2 lead over Carmen Hill after six. After Dayton took a 2-0 lead after 2, the Wizards came back with one on a Bill Sweeney single in the 4th, a Cochrane 3-run HR in the 5th and 3 in the 6th keyed

by Bibb Falk's 2-run 2B... Adam Comorosky doubled in one in the 9th and Rommel came on for Lyons. Consecutive RBI singles by Don Sothern, Max Bishop and Richbrough, plus a SF from Simmons tied the game at 7-7. Simmons then led off the 14th against Rommel with a HR to clinch it and make a winner of Milligan. The Tip-Tops pounded out 23 hits in the victory... Game 2 was tied at 2-2 going into the 9th when an error by Jimmy Reese at SS, a Simmons double and SFs by George Sisler and McManus put Dayton on top. Whitehill took the loss and Wilcy Moore got the win in relief of Haines...Another wild extra-inning contest in game 3, this one going to the Wizards 10-9. Wizards had an 8-0 lead for Miller after 7 with one in the 2nd, five in the 6th highlighted by Falk's bases clearing triple and two in the 7th on an RBI 3B by Thompson and Ott 2B. Homer Summa caught up with a Miller pitch and launched a 3-run PH HR in the 8th. It fell apart for the Wizards in the 9th when with one out and two on, Koenig reached third on a 2B when Ott erred. Lil Stoner came on and issued an RBI single to Clyde Manion and later in the inning, Bishop doubled to the gap to drive in two and tie at 8-8. Teams swapped runs in the 12th when Richbrough singled in one for Dayton, but Falk singled off Myles Thomas for the tie. In the 13th, Wizards won it when Reese led off with a single and was bunted over. John Stone got an IW and Myer doubled in the clincher off Claude Willoughby... With both staffs spent, both Sherdel (Dayton) and Tiny Chaplin went the distance the next day in a 3-1 Tip-Tops win. Richbrough doubled in one in the 1st and Sherdel added an RBI single in the 2nd. Barrett doubled one home for the Wizards in the 2nd, but Simmons' 5th inning single gave Dayton an insurance run... Wizards came back with a 5-2 win in the finale as Sarge Connally spun a 5-hitter over the first 7 and Rommel came through with 2 perfect innings in relief. Sisler and Falk swapped RBI singles in the 4th and Cochrane's grounder made it 2-1 after five. Dayton tied in the 7th on a Fred Brickell PH single, but Evanston retook the lead on Cochrane's single off Sweetland in the bottom of the inning. Wizards added two in the 7th on Reese's double off Sweetland and a Sweeney single off Moore. And then.... Continued Page 14



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CLOWNS @ WIZARDS: The Clowns began the carnage at Braves Field with a sweep of the 5-game series. A 6-4 win in the opener for Red Ruffing over Lyons. Wizards had a 3-0 lead in the 4th on RBI singles by Sweeney and Lyons in the 2nd and one in the 3rd on a Cochrane grounder after a Thompson triple. Larry Bettencourt hit a 2-run HR and Bressler an RBI 2B in the 4th, but Ruffing walked home a run to put Evanston back on top in the 4th. Clowns put it away on a Dykes single and Bettencourt 2B in the 5th and a Dykes SF in the 7th. Slim Harriss picked up a save...Eleven innings in game two, an 11-8 back-and-forth win. Earl Whitehill extended a 1-0 Wizards' lead in the 2nd with a 2-run single. Dykes hit a 2-run PH HR batting for starter Dolf Luque and Clyde Beck singled home two before a fielder's choice made it 5-3. Myer's 2-run 2B tied the game off Cantwell in the bottom half, but the Clowns regained the lead in the 7th with 3 runs. RBI singles by Johnny Mostil and Bressler KO'd Whitehill and Rommel came on to issue a SF to Ed Morgan. Wizards came back to tie in the 8th with Cochrane's single off Grant bringing across the run to make it 8-8. Morgan cracked a 2-run HR off Henry and Norm McMillan added a single making a winner of Milt Gaston. Hudlin picked up the save... Clowns knocked out 16 hits in a 9-2 win in game 3 with Sam Jones picking up the win over Miller. Bettencourt smacked a 2-run HR in the 2nd, a 3-run blast in the 4th and added a SF in the 3-run 6th inning... Game 4 saw Hudlin start against Boom-Boom Beck and was tied 1-1 after 9 with Bayne and Rommel on the mound. A pair of Evanston OF errors led to the 2-1 win. Harriss picked up another save...Clowns made it a clean sweep with a 4-2 win in the finale. Gaston started against Connally and the Wizards jumped out 2-0 in the 1st on an Ott 2B and Falk single. Luke Sewell singled in one and Dykes doubled in another to tie and a pair of RBI doubles by PH Joe Cronin and Bressler off Henry gave the Clowns the sweep...

STORMERS @ WIZARDS: Evanston figured it couldn't get any worse, but into town came the Rt. 66 Barnstormers to sweep another series. Wizards jumped out quickly against Bob Smith with 3 in the first for

Lyons on a Cochrane 2B and SFs by Ott and Falk. But Bill Regan hit a SF in the 2nd and 3 in the 4th, keyed by Johnny Hodapp and Johnny Gooch singles sealed the 4-3 win. Both pitchers permitted only 5 hits...Dazzy Vance scattered 9 hits on his way to a 4-0 zip in game two. Bing Miller's 2-run HR in the 1st inning was the big blow...Another shutout, 7-0, in game 3 as Larry Benton allowed only two hits. Hodapp singled home one in the 4th and Miller cracked a 3-run shot in the 5th. Hodapp also doubled home a run in the 9th... Rt. 66 jumped out to a 12-0 lead in this one and held on for a 12-5 win as the Wizards broke through for 5 in the 9th...Four in the 1st, with 3Bs by Blue and Harry Hendrick keyed the rally. Six in the 5th KO'd Beck and brought on Sorrell who had little success.



A two-run 2B by Hodapp was the big blow here. Kolp was rocky in the 9th and Sweeney singled in one, another scored on a PB and Rogell PH a single. Joe Shaute was touched for RBI singles by Falk and Lyons (batting for the 2nd time in the inning after PH for Reese). Faulkner finally finished it off for the 12-5 win...Evanston started Henry in hopes of quelling the Stormers' attack, but he was down 7-0 after four. Starter Bonn Holloway singled home two in the 2nd and errors by Thompon and Reese brought home two more in the 5-run inning. Ott doubled home one in the 5th and the Wizards added 3 in the 7th on a Thompson 3B, Cochrane single and Falk SF as the first batter against reliever Shaute. The insurance run which scored on Connally's WP in the 8th was big as the Wizards edged back for 3 in the 9th to make it 8-7. Three straight singles, the last off Faulkner, loaded the bases and Joe Sewell erred at SS to let in one. Barrett singled in one and Reese hit a SF, but Faulkner got the final two to complete a sweep of the series and give the Wizards ten straight losses at home...

TIP-TOPS @ ROSES: The Mt. Hood Roses successfully navigated through their April homestand in this, their 2nd season,

with a 9-6 record. Surprisingly, it was the team pitching, expected to be the weak spot which came through with an ERA of 2.93 for the 15-game stand. Things didn't bode well for the Roses as the Tip-Tops won the opener, 5-3, by taking an early 5-run lead. Al Simmons provided the key blow with a 2-run HR in the 1st and Marty McManus knocked in 2 more in the 3rd with a single followed by Mark Koenig's single. A 3-run Roses' rally in the 6th came up short... Dayton slammed the Roses 10-2 on 15 hits in game 2 and it looked like the Roses' pitching was true to form. Simmons picked up two ore RBI, but was injured and lost for the rest of the series. Gehrig homered for the Roses, a solo shot in the 4th...Roses finally got their act together in game 3, winning 8-2 behind Grady Adkins' fine 4-hit hurling. Lindstrom was the offensive leader with 3 singles and 3 RBI... After trailing 1-0 in the 7th, the Roses bounced back on another Gehrig HR, RBI singles by PH Clyde Barnhart and an RBI 2B by rookie Bill Cissell. Gehrig 2B'd in Hornsby in the 8th. Alex Ferguson, Doak and Bobby Burke all pitched well in the 3-1 win...Jack Scott, who at 38 is nearing the end of his career, pitched a strong 7 innings as the Roses won the rubber match, 6-2. Gehrig hit his 3rd HR of the series, a 2-run blast in the 6th and Hornsby's first of the year, a 3-run hoist in the 7th clinched it. Meusel hit a solo for the Roses in the 5th as the Mt. Hood version of Murderer's Row came through...

URBANITES @ ROSES: Mt. Hood fared even better against Dayton's other entry, winning 4-of-5. In game one, Vic Aldridge, who didn't look sharp in spring training, surprised manager Chuck Partington with an 8-hit shutout, 4-0. While the Roses were limited to 5 hits in the opener, the hits were timely with Hornsby's 2-run HR and Lindstrom's solo in the 6th gaining the lead. Gehrig had opened the scoring with a 2nd inning HR, his 4th at home...Carroll matched Aldridge's opening effort with a Dayton zip, a 2-0 nine-hitter. Solo HRs by Bell and Hod Ford off Adkins were the difference...Despite rain delays, the Roses won game three, 5-2. Lindstrom's 2-run HR in the 1st and Meusel's HR continued the Roses' heavy hitting. Burke, the 4th Roses hurler, got the win... Continued Page 15



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Close one in game 4 as the Urbanites broke out with 3 runs in the 4th before the Roses scored 2 in their half and Ruth parked one into the short RF porch at the Polo Grounds for a 4-2 Dayton lead. Roses put up solo runs in the 6th-8th with PH Clyde Barnhart's HR tying the game. Ruth's 2nd HR of the day tied the game in the 9th at 5-5. Gehrig, who had beaten a throw to 1B to avoid a DP in the 9th, scored on a 2B to deep CF by Meusel to win for Burke...Game 5 was rather anticlimactic with the Roses pulling off a 7-4 win on the strength of a 6-0 lead after two. Rookie Ed Brandt got the win with a save from wily vet Bill Doak...

STORMERS @ ROSES: The Roses went up against one of the league's tougher teams in this series and salvaged a pair of wins in a tightly pitched stretch of games. Bob Smith against Adkins in the opener which was tied at 1-1 through seven. Stormers got two in the 8th on Kiki Cuyler's 2B and Ray Kolp finished off the Roses in the 8th and 9th for the 3-1 win...Kremer turned it around with a 3-0 three-hitter. Hornsby homered, singled and doubled for the Mt. Hood win...Stormers jumped out with 2 runs in the 1st inning of game three, but the Roses tied in the 3rd on RBI from Hornsby and Gehrig and won it on Gehrig's 3-run HR in the 8th. Burke picked up the win while old man Scott nailed down the save, 5-2...Stormers led game four 2-1 into the Roses 7th, but Hogan and Waner drove in runs for the Roses lead. Stormers retook the lead in the 8th, led by a Scott HR. Stormers matched the one the Roses plated in the 8th with 2 in the 9th for a 7-4 Rt. 66 victory...Gehrig's 1st inning 2-run HR overcame the early Stormers' lead, but the visitors came right back on a double by Lu Blue for the lead. Gehrig's RBI 2B in the 4th tied the score and then in the 7th, Joe Sewell found power and hit a 2-run shot for the 5-3 Stormers lead. Roses plated one in the 8th, but couldn't break through in the 9th as the Stormers took the series, 3-2...

According to Roses' skipper Chuck

Partington, Mt. Hood fans have reason to be optimistic for the future as the pitching staff turned in two shutouts and produced 9 quality starts. Grady Adkins led with an ERA of 1.99 over 31 ²/₃ innings at home, even though he was 1-3. Bobby Burke, toiling mainly in relief posted a 1.72. The overall ERA was 2.93 for Mt. Hood. Gehrig, Hornsby and Meusel produced 11 HRs with Gehrig launching six to go along with 18 RBI and a .426 ara. Hornsby waves 3 HR, 14 RBI and .417 for the 15 games.

KNIGHTS @ RAINIERS: Seattle hosted the Astoria Knights, the team formerly known as the Atlanta Crackers, 1927 NL champs, to open their campaign at Redland Field. The Rainiers were all over the rebuilding Knights with a resounding five-game sweep. Hoyt went the distance in posting an 8-1, 6-hit win over Bill Ring. Homers by Bottomley (solo) and former Cracker Heilman (2-run) and a pair of doubles by another former Cracker, Jackson did the damage...Petty was the recipient of a 19-hit attack in game two, a 10-1 win. Bottomley nailed a 2-run 3B,



Ruel a 2-run 2B and Whitney an RBI 3B for the big hits. Merle Settlemire took the loss and Babe Herman drove home the only Astoria run with a single...Rainiers

jumped off early against Foster Edwards in a rain-soaked game three with RBI singles by Jackson and Whitney in the 1st. Starter McWeeney was gone in the 2nd and Donohue came on to go the rest of the way for the 7-2 win. Another 2-run 3B by Bottomley was the key 2nd inning blow...Hank Johnson tossed a 7-hitter in game 4, a 7-2 win. He helped his won effort with a ³/₄ game at the plate....Knights almost nailed one down in the finale, taking a 6-1 lead into the 8th. Coveleski started for Seattle and gave up a run in the 1st on a Herman single. Knights broke a 1-1 tie in the 6th on Pinky Hargrave's 2-run HR and Gene Robertson's 2-run single off Donohue in the 7th gave the Knights a formidable lead.

But Ring faltered in the 8th. After walking Combs and yielding a High single, on came Hal Carlson who coughed up an RBI 2B to Bottomley 2B. On came former Rainier Firpo Marberry and he was victimized by Davey Bancroft's error at SS for a run. Jackson then singled in one, PH Lew Fonseca doubled in another and Whitney's SF to LF brought in two when Kenny Williams' throw went wild allowing Fonseca to score the winner. McWeeney finished up the 9th and got the save for Levens's 3rd win of the month....

CLOWNS @ WIZARDS: The Clowns began the carnage at Braves Field with a sweep of the 5-game series. A 6-4 win in the opener for Red Ruffing over Lyons. Wizards had a 3-0 lead in the 4th on RBI singles by Sweeney and Lyons in the 2nd and one in the 3rd on a Cochrane grounder after a Thompson triple. Larry Bettencourt hit a 2-run HR and Bressler an RBI 2B in the 4th, but Ruffing walked home a run to put Evanston back on top in the 4th. Clowns put it away on a Dykes single and Bettencourt 2B in the 5th and a Dykes SF in the 7th. Slim Harriss picked up a save...Eleven innings in game two, an 11-8 back-and-forth win. Earl Whitehill extended a 1-0 Wizards' lead in the 2nd with a 2-run single. Dykes hit a 2-run PH HR batting for starter Dolf Luque and Clyde Beck singled home two before a fielder's choice made it 5-3. Myer's 2-run 2B tied the game off Cantwell in the bottom half, but the Clowns regained the lead in the 7th with 3 runs. RBI singles by Johnny Mostil and Bressler KO'd Whitehill and Rommel came on to issue a SF to Ed Morgan. Wizards came back to tie in the 8th with Cochrane's single off Grant bringing across the run to make it 8-8. Morgan cracked a 2-run HR off Henry and Norm McMillan added a single making a winner of Milt Gaston. Hudlin picked up the save... Clowns knocked out 16 hits in a 9-2 win in game 3 with Sam Jones picking up the win over Miller. Bettencourt smacked a 2-run HR in the 2nd, a 3-run blast in the 4th and added a SF in the 3-run 6th inning... Game 4 saw Hudlin start against Boom-Boom Beck and was tied 1-1 after 9 with Bayne and

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Rommel on the mound. A pair of Evanston OF errors led to the 2-1 win. Harriss picked up another save...Clowns made it a clean sweep with a 4-2 win in the finale. Gaston started against Connally and the Wizards jumped out 2-0 in the 1st on an Ott 2B and Falk single. Luke Sewell singled in one and Dykes doubled in another to tie and a pair of RBI doubles by PH Joe Cronin and Bressler sealed the win.

ROSES @ RAINIERS: Seattle kept it going againt Mt. Hood pounding their way to a 14-1 win in the opener as Hoyt bested Ray Kremer. Two-run triples by Heilman and Fonseca gave Seattle a big early lead. Fonseca added an RBI 2B and the Rainiers added runs in the 8th as Rube Ehrhardt and Jack Scott each walked in runs. Freddie Lindstrom's single produced the only Roses' run...Morris got on track in game two with a 2-0, 5-hit shutout to beat rookie Eddie Brandt. Heilman singled in one and PH Doug Taitt walked with the bases full in the 8th for all the scoring...Rainiers scored 8 in the 5th inning of game 3 on their way to a 12-2 romp. Donohue got the 9-hit win over starter Grady Adkins. After Rogers Hornsby's SF and Lou Gehrig's HR put the Roses up 2-1 in the 6th, Seattle exploded. Fonseca tripled home two, Jackson singled in one, Berg doubled in one and Donohue got in another with a grounder. With Bobby Burke on in relief, Heilman singled in a run and Fonseca drove in his 3rd run of the inning with a single. Bottomly cleared the bases with a 7th inning 3B to close the scoring...Then the roof caved in on Seattle. The Roses, who had been swept at Redland in 1927, won the final two games in resounding fashion. Alex Ferguson picked up an easy 11-1 win over Levens in game four as Gehrig doubled and singled home runs, Bob Meusel doubled in one and hit a SF for another and Hogan added an RBI single and solo HR. Heilman hit a SF to drive in Bottomley who had tripled for the only Seattle tally. The Rainiers made five errors, two more by Travis Jackson at SS...Vic Aldridge sparkled in game 5 with a 5-0, 6-hitter. Gehrig doubled home one in the 1st off Petty for the GWRBI. Meusel singled home two in the game and Hogan another....

GAMBLERS @ CLOWNS: Indy took the first four in the series, winning the opener behind new acquisitions Dolf Luque and Ty Cobb 4-2. Cobb doubled, tripled and drove home 4 as Luque flipped the CG.. Red Ruffing outlasted Blake, 3-2, in game two with Edd Roush's clutch 3B driving in the winner. Cobb knocked in the other two with a 2/4 day.... A 5-run 7th inning rally, highlighted by hurler Sad Sam Jones' 3-run HR led the Clowns' 3rd straight win. Jones added a two-run single in the 8th for a 3/3 day in addition to his 6-hit CG effort... A close one in game four with the Clowns putting it away with a 4-run 8th, 5-4. A pair of errors by Gamblers' SS Lazzeri doomed the Gamblers. Malone only permitted one earned run for Gurnee. Jimmie Dykes was 2/3 with a HR and 2 RBI while Goslin's 3/4 afternoon with a 2B, HR and 3 RBI was not enoough. Malone added an RBI 2B for GG...It took the Gamblers 10 innings to break the losing streak with a 5-2



triumph. Luque took the loss in relief as the Clowns squandered 15 hits, three apiece by Rube Bressler and Clyde Beck.

GLADIATORS @ CLOWNS: A reversal for the Clowns in this series as they lost the first 3 to Gem City, beginning with a solid 7-0, 5-hit shutout tossed by Lefty Grove in the opener. Lefty O'Doul added a HR to go along with Bill Terry's 3/5 with a 2B and RBI...Clowns were no match for Carl Mays in game two, a 6-hit CG win, 6-1. Terry did the major damage with a 2-RBI 3B and 3 runs scored... Gem City scored 5 in the first 3 innings of game three and held on for a 5-3 victory. Terry again put up great numbers with a 4/5, 2 RBI game, including a double... Clowns bounced back in the final two, winning game four behind Sam Jones' 4-hitter, 5-1, in game four. Rookie Cronin, filling in for the injured Beck, drove in 3, despite only one hit. Veteran Max Carey stole four bases and drove in a pair...Hudlin rebounded from a rocky start and held on for a 5-2, 5-hit win in the finale. Cobb went 2/3 and Hudlin also drove home a run... Bill Terry finished

the series with 10/20, two 2Bs, a 3B, 6 RBI and 3 walks....

WIZARDS @ URBANITES: Ebbets Field opened its doors for the Urbanites as they took 4-of-5 at home against the Evanston Wizards. Walberg went the first 7 and left with a 5-1 lead over Earl Whitehill. Back-to-back HRs by Curt Walker and Lind to lead off the 6th put Dayton ahead. Jimmy Reese singled home one in the 7th for the Wizards, but the Urbanites put it away with 3 in their half when Whitehill walked Lind with the bags full and left for Sarge Connally who coughed up a 2-run 2B to Ruth to ice it...Carroll won game two over Ted Lyons, 4-1 when Bell doubled home two in the 1st after Mel Ott's 2B drove in one for the Wizards. Urbanites added solo runs in the 3rd and 8th...Great pitching duel in game three with Dayton's Rixey going the distance for a 1-0, six-hit win. Wizards' starter Sorrell allowed only four hits over the first 7. In the bottom 9th, Connally set the Urbanites up with two singles and gave an IW to Harper to load the bases. Eddie Rommel came on to face PH Tris Speaker and the wily vet came through with the game winning single...Another close one in game four, a 3-2 Dayton win in ten. Delaney started for Dayton against Russ Miller and permitted an RBI single to Ott in the 3rd. and Myer in the 7th. Buck Redfern's two-run 3B in the 7th after a Reese error at SS tied it and in the 10th, Dayton again got to Rommel for a Redfern single, PH Joe Harris double and the game winner on a FC with reliever Howard Ehmke at the plate. Wizards avoided the sweep with a 5-3 win in game 5 behind Dutch Henry's win and Rommel's save. Fresno Thompson and Mickey Cochrane each had 2-run singles in the 3rd to put the Wizards on top, but Tremper tripled in one and Elliott's grounder halved the lead. Dayton got one in the 6th when Ruth reached as a PH on Henry's error, but Wally Roettger's leadoff HR in the 8th gave Evanston an insurance run. With the tying runs on in the 9th, Rommel came through by tossing a DP ball to PH Foxx which ended the game...

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HAWKS @ URBANITES: Schaumburg came in an took 3 games of this series from Dayton at Ebbets Field after dropping the opener, 1-0, with Rube Walberg besting Burleigh Grimes. Urbanites won it when with two down in the 9th, Grimes gave up a 2B to Bell which was followed by PH Wally Pipp's game winning single...Pete Alexander got the one-run decision in game two over Carroll, 3-2....Rixey put Dayton up 2-1 in the series with a 7-hit, 3-0 zip in game 3. Frank O'Rourke's 2-out error at 3B let in one in the 2nd and RBI singles by Bell and Ford iced it for Dayton against Bump Hadley... An 11-inning victory for the Hawks, 3-2, in game four. With starters Jack Ogden and Art Delaney still on in the 9th, the Hawks held a 2-1 lead when PH Foxx singled home the tying run. In the 11th, Clay VanAlstyne gave a bunt single to Jackie Tavener who then stole second and was doubled home by O'Rourke. Lloyd Brown came on with one on and one down in the bottom half to end the treat...Hawks were all over Elliott in the finale as they waltzed to a 7-1 win for George Uhle. After Foxx gave Dayton a 1-0 lead with a 3B in the 1st, Hawks got 4 in the 2nd, led by Del Bissonette's 2-run HR and 3 in the 7th on a Charley Gehringer double and singles by Sam Rice and Bissonette to take the series...

URBANITES @ KNIGHTS: The newly-minted Astoria Knights took the opening two at Griffith Stadium before Dayton came back to sweep the final 3. Hal Carlson topped Rube Walberg, 6-2 with Ken Williams' 2-run HR in the 3rd and Sammy Hale's RBI 3B in the 5th the big runs. Lind doubled home one and Harper HR'd for the only Dayton runs...A 3-2 win in 10 for the Knights who trailed 1-0 on an unearned run in the 8th when Hal Rice singled home two. Dayton tied against relievers J.J. Edwards and Miljus in the 9th on a FC, but the Knights won in the 10th against Frank Fussell on a Hargrave single...Dayton got untracked against Foster Edwards in game 3 with a 12-2 victory. While Ruth and Foxx cracked 2-run HRs, Harper slammed off J.J. Edwards in the 9th. Rixey got the win...In game four, 3 in both the 8th and 9th led to an 8-1 Dayton win for Delaney. Delaney had 2 RBI on the day, but Curt Walker's 2-run 3B in the 9th off Miljus

finished things off. Bill Ring took the loss...Urb's kept the momentum going in the finale, jumping off to a 5-0 lead after two against Carlson. Ruth singled home one in the 1st and Harper's grounder brought in another and in the 2nd, Walker tripled in two before Lind hit a SF. Elliott walked in a run in the 4th and Rice singled home the final Astoria run in the 9th to clinch the series for Dayton...

THUNDERBOLTS @ KNIGHTS: Knights evened their April home mark by taking 3-of-5 from Hoosier. Firpo Marberry got a 6-2 CG win in the opener led by a 3-run HR by Sam Langford and a 2-run shot by Pinky Hargrave. Jack Russell took the defeat...Percy Jones took advantage of a 17-hit attack for a 10-5 win in game two to beat Jackie May. With the Bolts up 4-2 in the 6th, Astoria broke it open with a 5-spot when Jones singled in one after the bases were walked full, Hughie Critz drove home another, two PB runs let in by Spud Davis and Les Mann's single made it 7-4. ... Chick Hafey's 2-run 1st inning 2B and



Jake Flowers' 2-run single off Josh Billings led the way to a 4-run stanza and an 8-1 win for Vangilder in game 3...Ted Blankenship and Crowder matched up in a gem in game 4, with the Knights and Blankenship taking a 1-0 win. The only run scored on a Bud Clancy DR in the 5th... It took 11 innings in the finale, but the Bolts got their 2nd series win, 6-4. Ring started for Astoria against Nehf. Marberry had escaped a 10th inning threat, but lost in the 11th on the 2nd of Sammy Hale's errors at 3B and Pie Traynor doubled home the winner and scored on a FC by Todt. Lucas picked up the relief win...

KNIGHTS @ STARS: Knights went into Shibe Park and gave the 1st place Hollywood Stars fits while dropping four. Knights' ace Ring started against Pipgras in the opener and after Bancroft's single in the 2nd, Glenn Wright cleared the bases with a HR and a 4-1 lead. Astoria tied with solo runs in the 4th-6th, including a HR by Ken Williams and added two in the 8th on

Williams and Robertson singles. After Dressen cut it to 6-5 with an RBI 2B in the 9th, Carl Littlejohn got the final two outs for the 6-5 victory... Game 2 stretched to 11 innings. Settlemire started and was the first of 7 Astoria hurlers while Sam Gray pitched into the 9th for the Stars. It was 3-3 after one as Wright kept up the hot hitting with a 3-run 2B. Knights added one in the 3rd on a Bancroft 3B, but Hollywood struck for 6 in their half. Hartnett's 2-run HR and a 2-run 3B by Gray were the big hits. With a 3-run lead, Gray ran into trouble when Dressen's error let in one and Hargrave's single brought in two for the tie. Guy Bush got Williams to line to RF and Hargrave was doubled off at 1B to kill the rally. Grantham's two-out single off Billings won it for the Stars... Another gut-wrencher in game 3 with the Stars jumping out 3-0 against Foster Edwards. Knights tied in the 5th on a Rice single, a FC and Williams fly to LF with Gonzalez dropping the ball at the plate. After Hale's single put the Knights ahead in the 6th, the Stars got 4 in the 7th on a Rabbit Maranville single off J.J. Edwards, a George Kelly 2B off Miljus and singles by Taylor Douthit and Manush. Astoria fought back for another tie with 3 in the 8th on Hale's 2-run 3B and Rice's SF. Miljus hurt his own cause when he muffed a bunt by Fred Maguire and with one down, Al Nixon hit a SF for the winning run... Clarence Mitchell spun a 4-hit, 3-0, zip in game 4. Hartnett's 6th inning SF off Percy Jones made it 1-0 and a 2-run single by Manush closed it out in the 8th off Littlejohn...The finale went extra innings and ended in a 7-6 Stars' win. Knights were up 2-0 against Pipgras on RBI singles by Bancroft and Hargraves after three. Stars tied in the 6th when Ring uncorked a WP and Maranville single in one. Rice singled home one in the 7th and Clancy one in the 8th, but the Stars came right back to tie against Marberry. Grantham singled home Manush who had tripled and Hartnett PH a three-bagger to make it 4-4. Teams swapped two run stanzas in the 9th with Babe Herman singling home two. With two down in their half, Grantham singled to CF and Rice's throw was dropped by Pat Collins for the tie. Continued Page 18



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Miljus came on in the 10th and faced only one batter as Hartnett continued his late inning heroics with a long HR for the 7-6 Hollywood win.

GLADIATORS @ STARS: Hollywood produced another 4-1 series win against Gem City. Pipgras bested Lefty Grove, 7-4, in the opener. Stars had an early 3-0 lead, but Hack Wilson's single in the 3rd and three runs in the 4th on a Lefty O'Doul single and Bill Terry's 2-run 2B put the Gladiators on top. Stars tied in the 6th on a Kelly SF and went ahead to stay with 3 in the 7th. Maguire and PH George Gerken each had bunt singles and Douthit singled home one. Jack Warner's error at 3B made it 6-4 before Hartnett's single finished it off...Extra inning affair in game two, this one going to the Stars, 5-4. Gladiators got two off Gray in the 2nd on Harry Riconda's 2-run 2B and Wright hit a solo in the Stars' half off Carl Mays. Val



Picnich hit the first of his two solo HRs on the day in the 6th and the Stars rallied to close to 4-3 in the 8th on a Wally Gilbert 2B and Manush single. With Appleton on in the 9th, Kelly doubled, Klein got an IW and with one down, PH Benny Paschal singled home one. Pat Simmons got the Gladiators in the 10th and Frisch got Robertson in trouble with an error on a ilbert grounder leading the 10th. Manush got an IW and Manush loaded the bags on a bunt single. Wright picked up his 2nd RBI day with a SF...Game 3 went to Charlie Root and the Stars, 7-3, over Fred Frankhouse. Hollywood took a 3-0 lead on Maguire's bases full 2B in the 6th and added one in the 7th on a Mike Gonzalez SF after a Kelly 3B. Gladiators cut the lead to 4-3 in the 8th on a bases loaded walk to Wilson, a Frisch SF and error at 3B by Gilbert on a Picnich grounder. Stars answered back with 3 off Robertson when Pid Purdy dropped a liner in CF and Douthit singled home two. Root finished with a 5-hitter...Gem City got their only win against Fred Heimach with 3 in the 1st on a Terry SF and Wilson's 2-run HR. Gonzalez squeezed in a run in the 2nd off Tom Zachary and Heimach drew a bases loaded walk in the 4th.

After Frisch tripled in the 9th, Picnich bunted his way on and the insurance run scored...Bush pitched a 3-hit zip in the finale, 3-0. Douthit's two singles cinched this against Earl Caldwell....

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But the biggest advances came in catching equipment. As you can see from the catcher on the left, you now know why backstops were often the ugliest players on the team (See Berra, Yogi). They didn't wear masks and kept their fingers clenched around the lower ridge of the mitt. Imagine, pitch after pitch ramming into fingers. No wonder most catchers had short careers.

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A similar ad by Wilson in 1958 reflects significant changes—less padding, longer and more contoured fingers.



July '48 Review

by John Ungashick

The first month of intradivisional play saw the emergence of two-team races in both divisions. The Frankfort Fortress surged to a 27-8 July mark and opened up a 3 1/2 game lead over the second place Fairfield Federals. A key 5-2 series victory in face to face action between the two rivals was key. In the National both the Whales and White Sox each had a hot month and ended in a virtual dead heat. Barring a miracle, no other team in the division seems able to re-enter the race.

Stan the Man Musial of the Federals continued his Triple Crown pace as he lead the league with a .381 batting average and 99 RBI's and his 28 homers were only one behind the leader, Hank Sauer of the Whales. Even more Amazing Stan has 70 extra base hits in just 98 games!



AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Fortress	69	36	.657	--
Federals	62	36	.633	3 1/2
Monarchs	48	43	.527	14
Gold Sox	50	48	.510	15 1/2
Dodgers	47	51	.480	18 1/2
Flyers	45	53	.459	20 1/2
Hornets	33	65	.337	32 1/2
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Whales	54	37	.593	1
White Sox	62	43	.590	--
Bears	52	46	.531	6 1/2
Marauders	51	47	.520	7 1/2
Trees	43	55	.439	15 1/2
Elephants	39	59	.398	19 1/2
Quackers	31	67	.316	27 1/2

OTHER LEADERS LIST

ERA: VanderMeer 2.55
 Wins: Newhouser, 14... Lemon, 13
 Strikeouts: Trucks and Barney, 92
 Saves: Christopher, 18
 Doubles: Musial, 31
 Triples: Musial and Wyrostek, 11
 Stolen Bases: Rojek, 56

Hornets' Pieretti 0-Hits Monarchs in '48 Gem

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48 Hornets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	8	1
Monarchs	1				10				19				28	37
Goodman 1b	1>W				9				7				43	
Joost ss	8			4>W					7>63					
Zarilla rf	3/fl			7					31					
Doerr 2b	8				463/gdp				8					
Hopp cf	2>4				5>53				8>43					
Majeski 3b	9				4				7					
Wertz lf	9				3/g				43					
Wagner c	3>13				6>9									
Vaughan ph									9>7					
Padgett c														
Spahn p	63				53									
Rackley ph									43					
Trinkle p														
Hornets	1				10				19				28	37
Pesky 3b	1>k				e1.2-3;B-1				6>4				S	
McCosky lf	43				23				D				54/SH.1-2	
Kennedy rf	43				4>8				k				43	
Hegan c	2>43				63				2/fl				9>Trinkle	
													W	
Philly cf	63				e5/th.B-2				7>k				S/B.1-2	
Vernon 1b	7				6				43				note 1	
Adams 2b	3>S				5>63				S				note 2	
LaPointe ss	54/SH.1-2				3/g				63					
Pieretti p	63				43				8>k					

1: S.2XH(92);1-3;B-2 2: FC/SH.3-H;2-3;B-1

Monarchs	IN	OUT	ER	Hornets	IN	OUT	ER
Spahn	1	30	0	Pieretti	1	28	0
Trinkle	31	34	1				

The Fortress were tabbed as Team-of-the Month despite strong showings by both the Whales and White Sox. The Pale Hose Ted Williams earned Player of the Month honors based on his sizzling .435 BA & .539 OBA not to mention 9 homers and 40 RBI's. Big Johnny Mize of the Fortress put up numbers, good enough to win in most other months and indeed his 10 homers and 44 RBI's in the month would have been a good "season" for many other players.

Hal Newhouser of the Fortress led with 14 pitching victories. Frankfort's Hal Newhouser had a 6-1 record with a 1.93 ERA and 5 complete games in 7 starts, not to mention 3 relief appearances and won Pitcher-of-the Month.

Tom Ferrick of the White Sox couldn't get much better as he fashioned a 2-0 record and 6 saves in didn't allow an earned run in 10 appearances and was awarded Reliever-of-the-Month as a result.



DRAFT DAY FAMILY ALBUM

Here are a few photos from the 1960 draft which was held on March 8th at Mike Cascarano's home in Palmdale, California. Hope these make you feel like part of the family!



Mike Cascarano, Bob Calicchia and Rick Ryan debating the issues.



Commissioner Gary Plunkitt ponders looks bemused by a pick.



Treasurer Jim Wheeler stakes out the skippers



Has the time change caught up with Wheeler?



Wheeler and host Mike Cascarano check out the numbers



Wheeler and Lou Ross



Frankfort neighbors Plunkitt and Ryan



SPB-I statman John Turnbull mulling over his next pick



Lou Ross chews while Plunkitt chuckles



Cascarano and Calicchia actually agree!



Ryan snickering over a Calicchia choice?