

AROUND THE HORN

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3-Way Free-for-All in '47 NL Chase — Can Dodgers Hold off Fort AL Surge?

by John Ungashick

The big news in August was the continuing dominance of the **Brooklyn Dodgers** in the American League as they maintained a 5 1/2 game lead entering the final month of the 1947 season. The resurgence of the **Chicago White Sox** and **Antelope Valley Marauders** and the almost complete collapse of the defending champion **Evanston Elephants** were also on the front burner.

Chicago's Pale Hose pulled ahead of the **Evanston Trees** by one game while the **Marauders** moved to within three games of the lead to set up an extremely tight September finish.

The batting race is going down to the wire with **George Kell** of the **Fortress** grabbing a slim .002 lead at .365 over **Barney McCoskey (Trees)** and **Harry Walker (Federals)**, both at .363.

Johnny Mize (Fortress) took over the HR lead with **46** and given his league leading **149 RBI** and **.340** average, appears a solid candidate for MVP.

Johnny Sain (Trees) leads all hurlers with **17** victories.

Selecting a **Team-of-the-Month** was a bit difficult as you could look at it from several angles. The **Monarchs' 14-7** record, as the best percentage, the **Marauders at 18-10** was the best in the highly competitive NL and the **Chisox' 21** wins were more than anyone else to vault them into the league lead. After an agonizing debate, the award goes to the **Antelope Valley Marauders**.

Mize was the runaway winner of **Player-of-the-Month** as he hit **.326** with **12 HR's** and **43 RBI** enroute to

his Triple Crown bid.

Pitcher-of-the-Month was difficult, depending on how you define the honor. The best pure starter was **Murray Dickson (Whales)** with a **4-1** record and **2.32 ERA**. On the other hand, **Harry Taylor (Chisox)** was **5-0** and **1.01** in 35 innings, but he split time with 3 starts and 3 relief appearances. Based on a liberal interpretation of "what is a pitcher," the honor goes to **Taylor**.

Reliever-of-the-Month was another tough choice. **Harry Gumbert (Dodgers)** went **1-0** with **4 saves** and **1.32 ERA** while **Earl Johnson (Monarchs)** went **2-1** with **4 saves** and **2.38 ERA**. The honor goes to **Gumbert** by a whisker.

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AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
DODGERS	74	59	.556	--
FORTRESS	65	61	.516	5.5
MONARCHS	58	68	.460	12.5
FEDERALS	58	68	.460	12.5
FLYERS	57	69	.452	13.5
HORNETS	56	70	.444	14.5
GOLD SOX	51	68	.429	16
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
WHITE SOX	75	51	.595	--
TREES	74	52	.587	1
MARAUDERS	72	54	.571	3
ELEPHANTS	64	62	.508	11
ACORNS	66	67	.496	12.5
BEARS	56	63	.471	15.5
WHALES	56	70	.444	19

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

As the SPBII-47 winds down to its final month, we will find the SPBII-48 Rookie Draft just around the corner. In fact the draft will be held at the palatial estate of Mr. Frank Papp of Gurnee, IL. More specifically, the draft will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 1996** beginning at **12:00 Noon C.S.T.** The procedure will follow those of all previous drafts with each manager who is not in attendance having the option of participating by phone or mail. Those managers participating by mail must insure that their draft lists reach **GARY PLUNKITT by Thursday November 7, 1996.** Protected lists are due by **October 7th.**

Gary will be running the draft this time around as I will be on vacation during this period. Managers drafting by phone will receive the standard one (1) ring signal when it is their draft turn and will then need to call Frank's at **847-662-5382** to receive the eligible players and make their draft selection.

Due to the quick turn around time that is needed to get us on line for our 1997 schedule, I ask all SPB-II managers to make an extra effort to get your games played, stats reported, and protected lists submitted in

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managers to make an extra effort to get your games played, stats reported, and protected lists submitted in a timely manner. Once all the protected lists have been received, each manager will be send a "pre-season" disk containing each teams protected roster and all players eligible to be drafted.

Finally, I am reducing the league dues down to \$25.00 per season. This still includes the price of the diskette from Diamond Mind and the remainder goes to the newsletter and related expenses. With the advent of e-mail, our mailing costs have gone down which allows us to try this price reduction.

Payoff Pitch Website

Ken Main, Editor/ Publisher of **Payoff Pitch**, the newsletter of Diamond Mind Baseball, has announced the initiation of the newsletter's Internet Web site.

You can reach it on the Internet at: <http://www.concentric.net/~payoff96/>

I had an opportunity to check it out and recommend that you do the same.

On the '48 Swap Block are...

Bears' manager Bob Calicchia has made it known that he is actively seeking pitching help for the 1948 campaign. On the block are Bears OF'ers Ralph Hodgins, Pat Mullin, Whitey Lockman and Dave Philley.

Gary Plunkitt of the **Fortress** has also floated out the name of George Kell for the right price.

Lou Ross' **Dodgers** will probably be rebuilding in '48 and all reasonable offers are welcome.

DIAMOND DUST

1927- On August 22nd, the Yankee lose their 4th straight for the first time, despite Babe Ruth's 40th HR. Detroit wins its 13th straight and moves to 2nd place, 12 1/2 back...Braves' OF Eddie Brown passes Fred Luderus' modern NL mark of 533 consecutive games (1916-19)... In St. Louis, the Yanks win their 18th against the Browns without a loss... The Yankees open a home-stand by beating the Red Sox 10-3 as Ruth hits his 43rd HR and leads Lou Gehrig by two.

1947— Jack Lohrke hits the Giants' 183rd HR of the year to set a new ML record, formerly held by the 1936 Yankees. Giants go on to hit 221 for the season.. Rookie Bill McCahan of the Athletics no-hits the Senators 3-0. McCahan had been the loser when Don Black threw a no-hitter on July 10th... Starter Ox Miller of the Cubs hits a game-winning grand slam in a 4-3 win over the Pirates, but does not get the win as he fails to go 5 innings....On the 11th, Ralph Kiner hits 3 successive HRs and on the 12th, hits his 8th HR in 4 games to pass Johnny Mize in the HR race. He again passes Mize on the 18th when he hits number 50. Mize hits his 50th two days later, Kiner gets his 51st on the 23rd and Mize ties it again on the 25th, but they stay tied until the end of the season... Jackie Robinson is named Rookie of-the-Year by *The Sporting News* 2 weeks before the end of the season... On the final day of the season, the Browns, desperate to sell tickets, bring announcer Dizzy Dean in to pitch against the White Sox, but still draw only 16,000. Three days earlier, the Browns drew only 350....Joe McCarthy is coaxed out of retirement to manager the Red Sox and Joe Cronin is named GM.....

1959- Rocky Colavito hits 4 consecutive HRs at Baltimore to lead Indians to an 11-8 win. He joins Lou Gehrig and Bobby Lowe as the only players to hit 4 straight....Mike McCormick does not allow a hit over 5 innings vs. Phils. In the 6th, he allows a single to Richie Ashburn, but the game is later called due to rain. Since the incomplete inning is not included, he is credited with a no-hitter even though allowing a hit.. The Continental League announces a new franchise will cost \$100 million.. Ken Boyer hits his 3rd inside-the-park HR of the week... Cleveland wins a DH against the Yankees before 68,680 at home.. Sandy Koufax fans 16 Phillies to set a night game record and wins 6-2...

" You don't say anything to a .400 hitter except, 'How do you do, sir.' "

Joe McCarthy, a stickler for proper dress, being asked if he'd require Ted Williams to wear a tie.

Phils' Wally Post becomes the only player in baseball history to throw out 2 runners from the OF in one inning...In Chicago, 2 balls are in play at once! On a WP by Bob Anderson, Stan Musial walks. In what is described as a "reflex action," ump Vic Delmore puts another ball in play by mistake and C Sammy Taylor throws it into CF. Al Dark, who chased down the original ball, throws to SS Ernie Banks, who tags out a confused Musial. After a 10-minute conference, the umps agree Musial is out. Delmore is fired because of his mistake....The Giants' Sam Jones throws a controversial one-hitter against the Dodgers. Andre Rodgers muffs Jim Gilliam's 8th inning grounder which is ruled a single at the LA Coliseum. Jones wins 2-0 on a Willie Mays HR....



1947 Notes and Tidbits

On the strength of their 21-14 mark during August, the **Chicago White Sox** hopped over the **Evanston Trees** into first place in the **National League**. Chicago picked up 2 1/2 games in the race as the Trees stumbled in with a 15-13 record. The **Marauders'** 18-10 record moved them from 4th place, ahead of the floundering **Elephants** who found the west coast trip a nightmare. John Ungashick must have gotten dizzy of Mike and Bob's Wild Ride at Disneyland.

Over in the **American**, the **Dodgers** had 1/2 game chopped off their lead by the **Fortress** while the **Federals**, **Monarchs** and **Flyers** fell by the wayside.

Septemer has some ineteresting series on tap to determine the pennant winners. The Dodgers fairly spent with player usage and some pitching shorts, have only one home series against the Hornets and a pair on the road at Dayton and Lafayette. The Fortress has four series left, on the road at Lafayette and Rossville, so the Gold Sox and Hornets will have a lot to say about the title. The Monarchs and Feds visit the Fort.

In the NL, the White Sox visit the Bears and Elephants, neither of which will be an easy series despite each club's current standing. The Whales visit the Sox as do their other prime challenger, the Marauders. The Marauders also host the Whales and the Elephants.

In the league leaders department, Johnny Mize's 12 HR's in August put him in the lead with 46, 4 ahead of Brooklyn's Joe Gordon. Mize has a remarkable 33 RBI lead on runner-up Walker Cooper, 149-116. With 21 games remaining, Gordon takes his 185 hits into the final month with a shot at becoming the only 1947 batter to reach that level.

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1947 GAME REPORTS

(As provided by managers to Lou Ross)

In one of the most surprising and devastating series in SPB-II history, the lowly **Rossmoor Bears** took on the vaunted **Evanston Elephants** in a rare head-to-head competition. The Elephants still held hope of tightening up the National League race, but somehow found themselves being swept in the 7-game series.

Bears' Larry Jansen opened and toppled Evanston 4-1... In the next contest, the Elephants had a 3-0 lead in the 8th when Eddie Robinson launched a PH HR for the tie. In the 9th, PR Gene Mauch dashed home on a single by Eddie Yost for a 4-3 Bears' win... The Elephants fell victim to their won offensive style as the Bears got a 3-run HR by Bill Rigney and



grand slam by Dave Philley for a 7-3 win. Doyle Lade fired six strong innings in relief... Game 4 saw Don Black go the distance and throw a 4-hit, 9-0 whitewash behind Pat Mullin's 3-for-3 with 2 HR's... Fred Sanford shut out Evanston in game five and three consecutive zips as Jansen fired a CG 2-0 victory.... In the finale, although outhit 10-8, the Bears added 7 walks and bested the visitors 6-3 with Ralph Kiner driving home a pair...

The **Bears** continued their spoiler role and dominance of **Evanston** teams as they took 5-of-7 from the **Trees**. Another CG win for Jansen in the opener, 5-2 with Mullin driving home three... Fritz Ostermuller spun a 4-hit, 4-0 zip with Roy Cullenbine slamm-ing a HR and 2-for-3.... Trees got one back in game 3 as ex-Bear Charley Schanz threw a 6-hit CG with Red Schoendienst and Barney McCoskey each went 2-for-4... Bears squeaked by in game 4 by 6-5. Kiner's 2-run 7th inning HR apeared meaningless, but ended up the margin of victory as RBI's by Spider Jorgensen and Bob Kennedy in the 8th made it close.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by Lou Ross

Ah, the best laid plans. First, there's a serious medical condition sweeping the country involving computer game replays. Perhaps it's involved with hitting the "A" key in DMB or straining to hit all those keys in APBA or Strat. But it has hit home as former SPB'er Jim Boyd, Pro-Gamer Editor Mark Cohen and I all have come up with a hernia. Maybe we should apply for a Federal Grant to investigate. Be careful at the keyboard!

I had surgery two weeks ago and the only thing that kept me sane was putting together this edition of **Around the Horn**. I want to apologize to those skippers, Joe DeZarlo, newcomer Larry Olson, and vets Frank Papp, John Turnbull and Tom Falduto for not running their profiles. Ran out of room, as you can see, with the addition of Dr. Diamond and the SPB-I leaders list. The profiles are done, so ASAP! I also had to cut a favorite, the memorabilia section.

There is one additional proposal, concerning stat lateness, which will be considered by the Rules Committee prior to the SPB- II draft. One lateness past the 20th of the month will result in a **written warning**. The second offense will result in the **loss of a 3rd Round draft pick**. A **subsequent lateness** will call for **automatic expulsion** from the league. This situation has gone on long enough.

One other stat-related note. **Prodigy** has been updating it's own E-Mail Connection for the past few weeks and right now, it is unavailable for download. That is why, in some cases, the files can still not be zipped across to or from **Prodigy**. They say it'll be soon.

Finally, Jeff Nicholson is forming a new current 24-team draft league. For those of you interested, contact Jeff at **513-275-0215**.

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A huge 17-hit attack by the Bears cleared the way for a relatively easy 12-6 win with Skeeter Dickey turning in a 4-for-5 day...Evanston got its second win of the series behind Johnny Sain's 5-4 CG win as Willard Marshall and Schoendienst each posted 2-for-4...The finale was another hitting onslaught by Rossmoor. A total of 18 hits flattened the Trees 12-2 as Kiner and Cullenbine each hit their second HR of the series. Marshall was 3-for-4 and raised his mark against the Trees to .480 for the seven games...

The **Frankfort Fortress** primed themselves for the AL pennant run by posting a solid 12-9 home mark in August at **Briggs Stadium**.

First in were the **Gold Sox** who quickly jumped on top with an opening game win. In a tough, 11 inning battle, the Sox won behind Earl Harrist who topped the hard-drinking Joe Page in a thriller decided when Billy Johnson tripled home the winning run, one of his 3 hits. Bert Haas joined the fun with 3 hits and 3 RBI as both efforts offset a great performance by Johnny Mize who rapped out 2 HR's and 5 RBI with his 3 hits....Hal Newhouser evened things up with a 6-hit CG 6-3 win over Denny Galehouse in game two. Prince Hal even homered for the go ahead run in the 4th..The G'Sox took the series lead the next day when Jim Hearn won 7-3 in relief by besting Glenn Moulder. It took 10 innings when the Sox put it away with four with Clint Hartung's 2 RBI PH single the big shot...Game 4 saw Harrist fire a WP in the 9th to give Frankfort the win for Tommy Fine... Joe Haynes put up a CG effort to nudge the Fort ahead with a 5-4 win over Jim Bagby. Haynes allowed only one ER and contributed to his own victory with a pair of hits...Tommy Hughes joined the fun in the 6th game with a 5-2 CG win over Harry Brecheen. Mize homered twice, the first being the game winner....Ralph Branca threw the Forts' 4th CG effort by winning handily over Hearn, 8-2.

Bill Nicholson cracked three hits and four RBI to wrap it up.

According to skipper Gary Plunkitt, special mention should go to Mize who batted .545 (12-22) with 2 doubles, 7 HR's and 12 RBI and 9 IW's. "Wonder what he would have done if he had been allowed to bat those 9 times, Manager Ehresman?"

Next were the **Dayton Flyers** who put a severe crimp in the **Fortress** pennant plans by taking four games at Briggs. The first two games were probably the worst consecutive games the Fort have ever played, according to Plunkitt. Kirby Higbe was the recipient of 19 runs and held the Fort to a pair over Branca. Three Frankfort pitchers were bombed by the Flyers' 22 hits with all 19 runs being earned. Walt Judnich (2B,HR) and George McQuinn each had four hits. Stan Hack (two 2B's) and Yogi Berra (HR) each added 3 hits and 4 RBI. Best of all was Dale Mitchell with 3 hits, including a 3B and HR to go along with his 7 RBI....Game 2 was no better as the Flyers ripped Hughes and the Fort's relief brigade for a 16-3 win for Bill Bevens. Eddie Mayo and Berra each drove in 4 with a HR while Hack smacked out another 3 hits and 3 RBI with a HR...Game 3 saw Newhouser strike out six and walk none to blank the Flyers and Bob Muncrief 10-0 on a 6-hitter. Sid Gordon was 5-for-5 with a 2B and 2 HR's and 3 RBI. Mize also cracked a 3-run HR...The Fort evened the series with a 6-2 win as Ken Heintzelman bested Mel Harder. Mize rapped another HR among his 3 hits...Dayton overpowered the Fort 12-5 in the 5th game with Higbe gaining his 2nd win of the series, beating Haynes. Mitchell had 3 hits and 3 RBI and another 3B. Grandma took out the rye bread and mustard for Eddie Lukon who smacked a grand salami. Mize and Pafko HR'd in the losing effort...Flyers clinched the series in the 6th game as Al Gettel beat Spec Shea 8-2. Luke Appling had a 3B, HR, 3 RBI and Berra HR'd with 3 RBI...Heads hung

down, the Fortress sucked it up in the finale as Branca came back to throw a 5-hitter and CG against after being cold-cocked in the opener. Art Houtteman took the 9-3 loss. Jake Early drove in 3 and Nicholson hit a 2-run HR for the 3rd Fort win...

Rossville Hornets were the final series for the **Fortress** and left town dropping the series 4-3. It didn't start well for Frankfort as Ray Scarborough pitched a superb 5-0 win in the opener to best Spec Shea..The Fort evened things in the second game on Newhouser's 6-3 CG win over Dutch Leonard... Boo Ferriss gave the Hornets a 2-1 series edge cruising to an easy 12-2 win, but the Fort tied it again with a Heintzelman defeat of Fred Hutchinson 12-5.. In game 5, Haynes won a sloppy game 10-8 and then Shea tossed a 10-5 CG win in game six...Rossville got one last win as Spud Chandler toppled the Prince, Hal Newhouser 9-5...

Next came the long-anticipated series as the **Fortress'** pennant hopes rode on the series at **Crosley Field** against the **Brooklyn Dodgers**.

The Dodgers had expected to at least be involved in a tough series against the Fortress and had drafted a pair of limited start pitchers with low numbers, Ralph Hamner and Butch Wensloff, to specifically face the hard-hitting Fortress. It was time.

Hamner took the hill against Branca to start things off, but it was hardly a low-scoring contest. Joe Gordon, in the midst of another hot streak, slammed a 3-run HR in the 1st, but Lukon hit a solo in the 2nd. Leadoff batter Tommy Holmes singled in a run in the 2nd and it was 4-1, but the Fortress got a pair back in the 4th on a George Binks error at 1B and Dick Culler SF. Four straight hits in the 4th drove Branca from the mound. Binks led with a single, Buddy Kerr tripled him home and scored on a Don Padgett single to make it 6-2. The Dodgers added a run in the 7th on a Gordon solo shot made it 7-3. **Continued Page 5**



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Hamner had left in the 7th, replaced by Harry Gumbert who became the victim of shoddy fielding. Lukon homered and with two out, Early doubled and PH Ralph Lapointe walked. John Berardino singled in one and then the usually reliable Gordon let one score when he booted a grounder. Kell walked to load the bags and Mize singled to RF. Holmes tried to nail Kell at 3B and threw it away to make it 9-7 Fortress. Only two runs were earned. Page came on to attempt to hold the lead, allowed a PH single to Litwhiler, PH walks to Andy Seminick and Lee Handley and a 2-RBI single by Holmes to make up for the error. Bobby Sturgeon hit a SF to score Handley with the winning run as Russ Christopher got the save, 10-9...Phil Marchildon took on Newhouser in game two and got a 4-0 lead in the 2nd on four straight singles to start off with Kerr and Sturgeon getting RBI singles and another coming in on a Marchildon force. After Dom DiMaggio singled and Holmes walked, George Metkovich got in another with a force. Pafko's SF in the 3rd cut the margin and the Fort exploded for 4 in the 5th. Culler singled and Early doubled with Culler being nailed at the plate on a grounder to Kerr at SS. Berardino singled in a run and after Pafko skied out, Kell was HBP to load the sacks. Once again, Mize lined a single to score two and this time, DiMaggio threw the ball away to score the 4th run and a 5-1 lead. Lukon hit his 3rd HR of the series, a 2-run shot in the 8th and although Page walked in a run in the 9th, he got the save in the 7-5 win... Red Barrett, whose record belies his numbers, faced Hughes in game 3. Gordon doubled in three in the 3rd for a 3-0 Brooks' lead, but Kell hit a solo in the 4th and the Fort went ahead 4-3 in the 6th. After two were out, Kell walked, Mize singled, Nicholson and Lukon singled in runs and Culler's grounder to Sturgeon at SS was booted to let in another. Early singled to CF, but

Lukon was nailed at the plate on a great throw by DiMaggio to cut the rally. Dodgers got one back in the 6th on a Holmes RBI single and went ahead in the 7th with two. With two on and one out, Kell dropped a foul pop and Seminick's second chance led to an RBI single, followed by Sturgeon's SF. Page pitched what turned out to be a tiring 8th inning of relief, allowing no runs. Dodgers 6, Fort 4.

Home runs were flying out of Crosley in game four, **three** by Joe Gordon and two by Bill Nicholson. Schoolboy Rowe took on Spec Shea. Gordon's 2-run 1st inning shot was matched by Swish's 2nd inning solo. Gordon hit one in the 4th and Swish one in the 6th to make it 3-2 Brooklyn. The Dodgers scored 3 in the 6th on RBI singles by Binks and Kerr and SF by PH Seminick. After Kell tripled in a run in the 7th, Gordon's 3rd HR of the game was a 2-run shot. Frankfort got two in the 8th off Christopher to close the scoring, 8-5 Dodgers. Hamner went again in the 5th game, but Haynes shut down the Dodgers 3-0. Nicholson's 2-run double in the first was all the Fort needed, but Mize added a 7th inning solo...Another Dodgers' rookie phenom, another high-scoring game in the sixth game with Wensloff against Heintzelman. Dodgers got one in the 2nd on a Berardino error, three in the 4th on RBI singles by Binks, Kerr and Wensloff and five in the 5th against Branca. Seminick slammed a 3-run shot and after Binks singled, Glenn Moulder came on to allow a 2-run PH HR to journeyman Frank Colman...Mize singled in a run in the 6th. Sheldon Jones came on for Wensloff in the 7th, allowed a SF to Berardino and then walked in two runs, but the scoring was over and the Dodgers won 10-5 with Gumbert getting the save...Cliff Fannin went against Newhouser in the finale and the Dodgers scored in the 1st on a Metkovich 2B. Frankfort went ahead on a Culler 2B in the 2nd and Mize SF in the 3rd, but the Dodgers got 4 in the 3rd. Metkovich cleared the

bases with a 3-run 3B and scored on a Binks groundout and the Dodgers extended to 6-2 on a DiMaggio single in the 4th before Branca came on. Frankfort got 3 in the 6th to draw it to 6-5, led by a PH Gil Coan single and 2-run 2B by Pafko. But Thornton Lee and Bill Voiselle shut down the Fort the rest of the way for the fifth Brooklyn win of the year....

The **Dodgers** kept it going against the **Lafayette Gold Sox** at home with a 5-2 series win. Brooklyn came up with 5 in the 6th to aid Marchildon on his way to a 6-2 win over Jim Hearn... Fannin went against Bobo Newsom in game two and the Dodgers led 3-0 after 3 on a 2B by Duke Snider and a 2-run 2B by Holmes. Buddy Rosar cut it to 3-1 in the 5th on an RBI 2B and the Dodgers got it back in the 7th after Fannin reached on an error by Bert Haas at 1B and Holmes RBI to RF with Snider being nailed at the plate on a Dixie Walker throw. That was the edge the Sox needed and they got 4 in the 8th off Fannin and Christopher led by Stirnweiss' 2-run 2B. Harrist got the save by sparkling in the 8th and 9th and driving in the insurance run in the 9th for a 6-4 win... Voiselle hurled a 5-hit, 5-2 win against Galehouse in game 3 led by a Metkovich solo HR. Billy Johnson tripled one in for the Sox... Sheldon Jones got the start in game 4 against Clint Hartung, but wasn't around at the end of the 4-2 win. Walker singled home one in the 1st and the Dodgers got RBI singles by Handley and Gordon in the 3rd. Clyde Vollmer, inserted earlier for the injured John Wyrostek, singled home a run in the Sox' 6th, but in the 8th, Les Fleming singled in one and with Harrist on again, he walked PH Padgett with the bases loaded. Andy Hansen got the win in relief with a Gumbert save... Brecheen completely shutdown the Dodgers' bats in game 5 on a 3-hitter, 5-0. Wyrostek was back in the lineup and singled in a pair in the 4th,

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Johnson HR'd in the 6th and Ray Mueller got one in with a grounder. Ed Chandler, on in relief, erred in the 8th for the final Sox run to come across...Fannin returned the favor with a 5-0, four-hit gem against Orval Grove in the 6th game. Holmes, Litwhiler and Fleming drove home runs in the 5th, Holmes an RBI single in the 6th and a SF by seldom-used Roy Jarvis closed the scoring....Right down to the wire in the final contest with veteran Voiselle tackling youngster Hearn. The Sox got off quickly on a Johnson RBI single and Wyrostek groundout in the 1st. Holmes hit a solo to cut it in half and after Gordon walked, Phil Rizzuto flubbed one at SS and Fleming drove him home for the 2-2 tie after one. Dodgers added two in the 4th on a Sturgeon RBI single and Snider SF in the 4th and two more in the 5th when Gordon got untracked with a 2-run HR. But the Sox cut it to 6-5 in the 7th when PH Erv Dusak drove in one on a FC and Stirnweiss doubled in another before Christopher came on. The usual reliable righty allowed an RBI single to Walker and in the 9th, Mueller hit a solo PH HR to tie things at 6-6. John Hetki and Harrist held the Dodgers through the 9th and Hansen came on to go 1-2-3 against the Sox in the 10th. George Metkovich led off the Dodgers' 10th with a single and with one out, Seminick and Sturgeon walked. DiMaggio came on as a PH and Harrist walked across the winning run, 7-6...

Two home series for the surging **Antelope Valley Marauders** at the quaint **Polo Grounds** in August. The first series was against the **Glendale Acorns** and went to the Mavs 5-2. Billy Cox' 2-run HR in the 4th and despite 4 walks by Mickey haefner, he pitched a 2-0 win over Red Munger...The Acorns knotted it the next day when they scored 3 in the 3rd and another trio in the 4th to topple AVM 7-1. Tex Hughson went the distance and did not allow an ER. Bob Dillinger went 4-for-6 for Glendale...Two straight for the Marauders

as Eddie Lopat had a CG to topple Kent Peterson's CG, 4-3. Phil Masi's solo HR in the 7th was the game winner... Game four saw Vic Lombardi toss another CG in a 2-1 AVM win. The hitting star was reserve Merrill Combs who hit a 5th inning HR for the 3rd AVM win... Game 5 was a Glendale comeback from a 5-1 deficit against Overmire, Chipman and Candini and a 6-5 error give-away by AVM. Jackie Robinson HR'd. In game 6, as seldom used starter Blix Donnelly got great run support. The Marauders scored 4 each in the 1st and 2nd and one in the 3rd on the way to a 9-0 AVM win. Ferris Fain, Pete Reiser and Frankie Gustine each knocked out 3 hits...With AVM leading the finale 2-0 in the 8th, the Acorns got big RBI hits by Phil Cavarretta and Emil Verban and the 3 runs took back the lead 3-2. In the bottom 8th, RBI singles by Enos Slaughter and Sam Chapman gave the Marauders a 4-3 lead. Haefner hurled a rare inning of relief and picked up the save. Jackie Robinson batted .310 and Cavarretta .385 for the Acorns; Fain was .438, Slaughter .400 and Gustine .316 for AVM...

A key pennant race battle for the **Marauders** as the NL leading **Chicago White Sox** came to town. AVM won the opening two, the first a wild 10-6 win as Lopat allowed only one earned run in the CG. Four AVM errors forced the comeback win. Buster Adams of the Sox hit a grand slam...Another crazy game the next day as AVM pulled out a 9-6 win, but this time, it was the Sox defense that contributed to their defeat. Walker Cooper hit a pair of HR's for the Sox while Chapman and Connie Ryan sparked the AVM offense. Bill McCahan went the distance in the win...Chisox bounced back with a 3-1 third game win as Coper HR'd in the 1st and Lake tripled in the 2nd for a 3-0 lead. A Mark Christman single drove in the only AVM run...In game four, Lombardi allowed 2nd and 4th inning singles on the way to an 8-0 whitewash over rookie Vic Raschi. fain and Ryan HR'd in the

win...Game 5 was a wild, dramatic, see-saw contest. With the score tied 3-3 in the 4th, Chapman Hr'd and after 3 walks, Reiser singled home two and AVM tied at 3-3. Carl Furillo's HR and Masi's SF made it 5-3. Another SF, by Furillo, extended the lead to 6-3. In the 7th, Cooper hit a 3-run HR and the Sox added another for a 7-6 lead. Sluaghter came on as a PH and homered to tie again at 7-7. In the 8th, Adams and Cooper singled in two apiece for the Sox' 11-7 lead. In the bottom 8th, a single, error and walk loaded the bags for AVM and PH Cox singled home one, Fain another and after two walks, Reiser's SF added another. With the score 11-10 Sox, Gustine singled in the 9th for AVM, Combs singled as a PH and Masi reached on an error by Eddie Waitkus. Cox grounded to 3B and the Sox got a force at the plate. Fain walked to tie the score, but Reiser skied to CF and the score was tied. In the 10th, Peanuts Lowery gave the Sox a 12-11 lead, but once again AVM kept coming back. Ryan singled, but Furillo, trying to SAC, bunted into a DP. Chapman then singled, moved up on a WP and Gustine singled to LF. "Here comes Chapman around third trying to score the tying run," but he is gunned down by Ted Williams and the game ends right there. A total of 32 hits and 5 errors were the other game highlights...The Marauders took the final two as Stubby Overmire pitched a 6th game gem, no earned runs in a 7-1 win led by Chapman and Cox...In game 7, AVM scored 5 in the first 3 innings, but in the 7th, 2 AVM errors and a key Eddie Stanky double brought home 2 Sox runs. Williams' 2-run HR brought the Sox within a run in the 8th, but Slaughter, Furillo and Cox all doubled and Donnelly shut the door in relief for a 7-4 AVM win. Ron Northey batted .375 for the Sox while Fain at .424, Slaughter .405 and Furillo .333 led the Marauders.

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(Reports as Provided to Lou Ross)

Looking to creep above the .500 mark in their quest for the American League pennant flag, the **Hoosier Thunderbolts** took on the **Dayton Tip-Tops** at Navin Field to open July.

The opener was a real old-fashioned pitcher's duel as both chuckers, Carmen Hill of Dayton and Red Lucas of the T'Bolts fired 7-hitters. The luckless Hoosier lost 2-1 on the first of Babe Ruth's 3 hits, a HR. Hoosier backstop Johnny Schulte had a trio of extra base hits in the losing cause...Game 2 saw Elam Van Gilder toss a beautiful 4-0 five-hit zip to top Dayton ace Jesse Haines. Pie Traynor knocked out 3 hits, including a 3B. In the 3rd, the Bolts' Jack Russell tossed another CG to best Hal Goldsmith 6-2 with Traynor driving in the winning run...The fourth contest saw the Hoosiers take their 3rd straight as Hal Wiltse bested Garland Buckeye 7-4 with Traynor getting the hero award with a 2B and 3B as he and Chick Hafey combined for 5 hits and 5 RBI...After a day of rest, Dayton's Willie Sherdell threw a CG and beat the Bolts 4-1 as Jakie May took the loss. Ruth cracked another long HR in this one and Eddie Moore drove in the winner...Game 6 saw Hill come up with his 2nd CG and beat General Crowder 9-4 to even up the series. Homer Summa lived up to his name with a 2-run blast for the win. George Sisler drove home three and stole a base. Traynor added another pair of doubles...The grand finale had Red Lucas return after his opening game loss and coast to a 12-1 win over Haines. Traynor had a 4-hit contest as did Jigger Statz. Ruth got his 3rd HR of the series for the only Dayton run...

Next in for the **T'Bolts** were the sputtering **Hollywood Stars**. The Stars had blood in their eyes and jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in games, but were quickly doused by

the thunder and lightning of the Hoosiers. In the opener, Charlie Root got a save from George Pipgras in a 6-4 win to beat May. Veteran catcher Mike Gonzalez drove home a pair with a 2B and 3B among his 3 hits. Traynor had another 3-hit game with Ira Flagstead of the Bolts. Bob McGraw, on in relief, was the beneficiary of three 9th inning runs to best Wiltse, 8-5. Bud Clancy drove in 3 for the Stars while Hafey doubled and homered for the Hoosiers...Game 3 had the first CG of the series as Crowder decided Virgil Barnes for a 9-3 Bolts' win. Sparky Adams stole the thunder with 3 hits, including a big 3B. Traynor? 3 more hits!...A wild 9-8 Hoosier win in game 4 tied the series with Russell gaining the nod



over Vic Keen when the Bolts pushed across a pair in the bottom 10th. Another 4 hits for Traynor and Hrs by John Schulte and PH Fred Brickell ... Game 5 ended with Lucas picking up the decision over Sam Gray, 7-4. May made up for his opening game loss with a save. Hafey was 4-for-4 with a 2B and HR. Clyde Sukeforth drove in the winning run...To the limit in game 6 with the Bolts gaining a 3-2 win with a pair in the bottom 9th.. Wiltse got the win despite a CG by Charlie Root...Five in a row for the T'Bolts as little used Herb Bradley went the first five for the Bolts before leaving after a rain delay. Lee Meadows allowed only one hit over the final 4 to gain the save. Jake Flowers' 5th inning HR gave the Bolts the only run they would need to close the series.

The next home test for the **Bolts** came when the league-leading **Seattle Rainiers** swaggered into Navin. Meadows took on Hod Lisenbee in the opener and it was a classic battle. Hoosier went ahead 4-2 after six on a squeeze bunt by Ira Flagstead, but Seattle tied it in the 8th on a 2-run HR by Jim Bottomley. Cliff

Heathcote doubled in the go-ahead run for Seattle in the 11th, but in the bottom, the Bolts staged another late rally. Firpo Marberry was still on in relief when with one out, Lew Fonseca booted a grounder. Hafey, batting for Meadows, singled to RF, but Harry Rice threw out PR Flowers at 3B. Hafey stole second and scored on a Phil Todt single. He went to 2B on the throw and scored the winner on a Sparky Adams single...It was all Bolts in game 2 as they jumped on Waite Hoyt for a 9-3 win with Todt's 3-run HR the big blow. Adams squeezed home two runs in the game to give VanGilder the win...Seattle got a win 8-4 behind Jesse Petty over Russell as Bottomley was the hitting star...No contest in game 4 as General Crowder strutted his medals and fired a crisp 8-0, 5-hitter. John Schulte's 3-run 1st inning HR off Doug McWeeney was all the Bolts needed...Close one in game 5 as Lisenbee came back from his opening loss to post a 2-1 eight-hit win for Seattle. Bottomley's 1st inning 3B and an error by Marrry McManus in the 4th gave Seattle a 2-0 lead. Russ Wrightstone's 8th inning 2B brought the Bolts close, but not enough as Lisenbee closed it out...The Bolts kept it on the infield in game 6, squeezing home 3 runs to lead Meadows over Hoyt 7-4....Art Nehf made it five for the series for the Bolts with a 4-2 win over Petty. Flagstead's 8th inning 2-run 2B was the difference....

The **Thunderbolts** took to the road and visited the **Rt. 66 Barnstormers** at **League Park** and showed some travel-weary legs. Down 2-0 in the 9th, the Bolts tied the opener when a Ty Cobb single drove in McManus from 2nd. Harvey Hendrick drove home Bill Regan with the winner on a single in the bottom 9th for the 3-2 triumph...In game 2, a two-out, 2-run 2B by Regan gave the 'Stormers a 2-1 win with Larry Benton getting the CG win over Lee Meadows...Game 3 saw the Bolts again down in the 9th, this time 3-2 and they scored a pair with the tying

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run scoring on Joe Sewell's second error of the inning. Statz followed with a single to drive in the winner. Van Gilder's 8 strong innings were enough for the win with Crowder on in relief for the save... Another close one in game 4. Tied 5-5 in the 10th, the Bolts got SF's from Flagstead and Wrightstone. Cobb went 4-for-5 with 3 RBI and raised his series mark to .538 in the 7-5 win.. From here on, it was the highway for the Bolts as the 'Stormers won the final trio. Down 2-1 in the 8th of game 5, Rt. 66 scored 3, with the tying run scoring on a Kiki Cuyler single and the winner on a Hendrick bingle. Game 6 wasn't pretty, but Dazzy Vance improved his home mark to 4-0 as he won 6-4 despite yielding 11 hits...Larry Benton went the distance in game 7 and Cuyler was 3-for-3 and 3 runs scored in a 10-2, 17hit Rt. 66 win...

Barnstormers continued their second-half push and moved their home month mark to 10-4 by taking five from **Hollywood**. In game one, Hendrick and Dick Spauding each went 3-for-4 with an RBI as Vance got the win 4-1...The Stars got their first win in game two when, down 3-1 in the 7th, Mike Gazella and Glenn Wright singled home runs. Cuyler and Pete Scott each had 3 hits for Rt. 66 in the Stars' 3-2 win...In game 3, the Stormers battery of Bob Smith on the hill and Earl Smith behind the plate led the way to a 5-4 win. Earl hit a rare HR while Bob survived a 12-hit attack and posted a CG.. A 4th game 2-out PH 2B by John Moka tied it for the Stars at 2-2 in the 9th, but Cyler's single in the 10th pushed across the 3-2 winner...A 2-1 win for the Stormers in game 5 as Wally Shaner went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI. Ken Holloway pitched a 4-3 CG win..Vance and Root matched CG's the next day while a 6th inning 3B by Bill Regan brought home both Rt. 66 runs in a 2-1 win....Hollywood vented its

frustrations in the finale with a 22 hit attack and a 14-1 blasting. Eppa Rixey had his 2nd CG and allowed no earned runs. Heinie Manush was 3-for-5 with 4 RBI and Zack Wheat posted 4-for-5....

The **Barnstormers** took to Route 66 and ventured to **Ebbets Field** to meet the **Lafayette Spiders** where they took 4-of-7. Lafayette broke open game one with 3 in the 8th to go ahead 4-2 against Vance. Rube Walberg went 8 and got the win with a save from George Smith. Les Bell's solo HR and Eddie Roush's two-run single put the Spiders ahead and they held on for a 4-3 win..A wild one in game two with the Stormers coming out on top 12-7, holding on after jumping to a 7-0 lead in the 4th. Johnny Hodapp's 1st inning 2-run single and 2-run 3B in the 4th put it away for Benton. Manager Steve Ehresman used 19 players for the Spiders, but couldn't pull it out for Milt Gaston...Tied at 2-2 in the 7th of game 3, Joe Sewell and Bing Miller drove in runs with singles to support Bob Smith who held on 5-3 over Ownie Carroll.. Guy Bush was masterful for the Spiders in the 4th game, flipping a 2-hitter in an 8-0 win led by Tris Speaker's 3 hits and 3 RBI..Holloway won behind a 15-hit at RBI....Fairly clear-cut in game 5 as Holloway won behind a 15-hit attack,

8-2. Hodapp's 3-run HR and Sewell's 2-run shot put it away against Howard Ehmke..Hub Pruett went for the Spiders against Vance, struck out four and Lafayette tied the series at 3 apiece.Jimmie Foxx and Bob Fothergill drove home 1st inning runs and held on for a 5-2 win...As close as you could get in the 7th game! Jumbo Elliot matched against Benton and Elliot gave himself a 1-0 lead in the 2nd with an RBI single. Shaner's groundout tied it for the Stormers in the 4th and won it in the 8th on a Shaner SF, 2-1....

Seattle ventured to **Lafayette** and met with a heat wave, wilting 5-4 in the 101 degree heat in the opener. Fonseca drove home a pair in the opening inning with a single, but the Spiders went deep twice against Lisenbee in the 4th. Jack Fournier's solo and Les Bell's two-run blast put the Spiders on top. Hod Ford hit a 2-run 2B in the 6th to extend to 5-2, but Gaston stayed firm after Butch Henline's RBI 3B and Earl Combs' single made it 5-4....Guy Bush made it 2-0 Spiders with a nifty 6-hitter against Petty with Fournier's 3-run 6th inning shot the only scoring...Hoyt reversed the Rainiers fortunes in the 3rd game with a 9-0 five-hit CG win against Elliot. Andy High's single in the 2nd, part of a 3-run inning was the difference...Another zip in game four, this one by Walberg of the Spiders as he bested McWeeney on a two-hitter, 2-0.The eventual winning run scored on a wild pitch in the 4th inning and Hersh Bennett added an RBI single in the 6th... Down 3-1 in the series, Seattle turned up the heat and swept the final three. Lisenbee spun a 3-hitter, walking only one in the 5th. He also drove home the 2nd run in the 2nd with a SF. Ehmke took the loss...Hoyt was the beneficiary of 16 hits in game six and a 10-4 win against Carroll. Fonseca had four hits, High and Sand 3 each and Seattle tied the series...The key 7th game went to Seattle 3-1 behind Petty's five hitter... **Continued P.9**

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AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Rainiers	55	43	.561	--
B'Stormers	51	47	.520	4
T'Bolts	53	52	.505	5.5
Tip-Tops	49	49	.500	6
Spiders	39	59	.398	16
Stars	34	57	.374	17.5
Clowns	36	62	.367	19
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Crackers	58	40	.592	--
Roses	57	41	.582	1
Wildcats	55	43	.561	3
Grunts	58	47	.552	3.5
Hawks	51	47	.520	7
Gamblers	44	47	.484	10.5
Wizards	46	52	.469	12



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It was on the road for the **Spiders** as they provided the **Hollywood Stars** with their only home opposition for the month. In the opener, the Stars were ahead 4-3 in the 8th when Roush doubled home two for the Spiders in a 5-4 win. Roush went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI while Guy Bush got the win and Walberg the save...The Stars bounced back in game two when after Speaker hit a 1st inning 2-run HR, the Stars came right back with a pair in the 1st, one in the 3rd and 2 in the 6th to lead lefty Eppa Rixey to a 5-2 CG win...Behind 4-2 in the 8th inning of game 3, the Stars tied in the 8th, but in the 10th Hersh Bennett walked with the bases loaded for the Spiders on the way to a 6-4 Lafayette win over Root and Pipgras....Stars evened the series again. After Speaker homered in the 4th to put the Spiders in front, Clarence Mitchell pulled it together and despite allowing 9 hits, went all the way for a 3-1 win...Spiders got the series edge in game 5 when Fothergill's 8th inning HR was the difference in a 2-1 win against Sam Gray...Art Reinhart stopped the power shortage in Hollywood going the distance in a 5-1 sixth game win. The getaway game was an extra inning, "hold the train" affair. After tying the score 7-7 in the 9th, the Spiders score 2 in the 12th to take the rubber game 9-7...Dud Branom (.333) and Roush (.385) led Lafayette in the series while George Grantham and Bud Clancy each went .333 and Manush .400 for the Stars.

The **Evanston Wildcats** hosted the **Gurnee Gamblers** and took that home series by a 5-2 margin. The 'Cats exploded for 20 hits in the opener and put together a pair of six-run innings in a 12-4 victory. The hit parade continued in game two with a 13-5 Evanston win helped along by 4 Gambler errors leading to five unearned runs. In game 3, Gurnee rapped out 15 hits, including four by Goose

Goslin, but it wasn't enough. Evanston turned 4 DP's and slapped out 16 hits in an 8-4 win...Tommy Thomas started out brilliantly in the fourth encounter by retiring the first 13 batters and did not allow a hit until the 7th inning. Thomas finished with a 3-hitter and came away with a 5-1 win... Cats were down 4-0 in the 5th game, but rallied for six big ones in the 7th for a 6-4 win...Gamblers jumped out to a 7-1 game six lead, then held on for a 7-5 win while in game seven, another thriller ensued. Tied at 2-2 after 13 innings, both teams were running out of players, each having used over 20. Gamblers netted four in the top 14th off a tired Walter Johnson, but the never-say-die Cats got 3 in the bottom but had the tying run thrown out at the plate. Evanston hit a resounding .366 over the seven games with 98 hits and 54 runs, but NO homers....

Next in for the **Wildcats** were the **Glendale Grunts**, a series taken by the Cats 4-3. Game three was a barn-burner according to John Ungashick, won by the Grunts 6-4 in 12 innings on a two-run HR by Hack Wilson.



Each side used 17 players and the Cats had 15 hits, but left 11 on base. On to game five and Herb Pennock retired the first 18 batters for

the Cats before Frankie Frisch blooped a single to CF leading off the 7th. He was then picked off first. A later walk was erased on a DP, so Pennock faced the minimum 27 batters in a 1-0 win. Game six was a complete turnaround and the Cats scored 5 in the first and saw the Grunts rally to tie at 7-7 after 3 before Evanston put it away with 3 in the 7th on the way to an 11-7 win. There were a total of 31 hits in the contest and the Grunts stranded 14. A thriller in the finale as the Cats were down 4-3 in the bottom 9th facing Lefty Grove in relief. After loading the bases, Charlie Jamieson cracked a 2-run PH single to give Evanston the win and 4-3 edge in the series....

John Ungashick provided this report

for the **Wildcats** on a face-to-face series at the **Hawks**. The Cats opened an 8-0 lead after two innings in game one and appeared to be coasting to an easy win. However, the Hawks battled back and had the tying run on 2B in the bottom 9th before losing 9-8. Billy Zitzman hit two homers, his first two of the year in addition to a triple to lead Evanston to the win... The Hawks scored an 8-3 win in game two and followed with a 6-2 win in game 3. Evanston tied the series with a 15-3, 21-hit effort in the fourth game which featured 5 hits by Paul Waner and a 15-hit CG by Vic Aldridge...Nineteen hits by the Wildcats the next day, including four more by Paul Waner in a 10-2 win...The sixth game was a 4-3 thriller won by the Hawks as they held off a 2-run 9th inning burst by the Cats...The rubber game of the series was won 3-2 by the Wildcats as Jack Quinn pitched 3 shutout innings in a rare relief role to preserve the win for Alex Ferguson.

In the seven games of this series, Evanston hit 7 homers, as many as they had hit in the previous **84** games! A tribute to the very cozy confines of Sportsman's Park.

The **Seattle Rainiers** hosted two home series in July, opening with the **Indianapolis Clowns** and were shocked quickly back to reality.

Seattle's ace lefty Jesse Petty didn't last long at all, being pulled in the 3rd inning behind 4-1. Rube Bessler, Hughie Critz and Max Carey all drove in runs and provided enough support for Kent Greenfield in a 7-1, 19-hit win...The Rainiers won the next three. Hoyt bested Slim Harriss 4-1 with a juggled lineup scratching out 7 hits led by Jack Rothrock ...Lisenbee came back with a six-hit 5-0 zip as Seattle put it away in the 1st inning on a two-run Fonseca triple to beat Percy Jones...A close one the next day as McWeeney allowed 13 hits,

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but held on for a 4-3 victory. Cliff Heathcote's 2nd inning triple tied the score at 1-1 and the Rainiers added a pair on Combs' groundout and Heinie Sand's single. In the 9th, the Clowns' Wally Pipp drove home their third run, but Al Simmons was gunned down trying to stretch to third by Harry Rice...Firpo Marberry got a rare start for the Rainiers in game five and gave up two first inning runs on a Simmons 2B and Pipp grounder. But Seattle came back with four against Willis Hudlin in the 2nd, keyed by an Earl Combs single. Teams swapped late runs and Indy held on 6-5....Two tough contests remained. Hoyt took on Joe Genewich in game six and Bottomley's SF in the 1st put them ahead 1-0. Clowns jumped ahead 2-1 after 3 on a Sand error in the 2nd and Pipp RBI single in the 3rd. Seattle nudged ahead on a Hoyt single and Sand triple, but the Clowns tied in the 6th on a Sewell triple and Jimmy Cooney single. Back-to-back triples by Fonseca and Bill Lamar put Seattle ahead by one and once again, Indy came back with a run in the 7th when Sewell doubled in Simmons who had tripled. Sewell tried to stretch it to a triple and was gunned down. Into the 10th and with George Grant, on in place of Ernie Nevers, got the first two batters before Sand singled and moved up on a Rice single. Bottomley stroked the 2-out double for the 5-4 win....The finale was also a close affair as Pete Donohue took the mound for Seattle against Greenfield. The Rainiers jumped out with a pair in the 1st on Fonseca and High RBIs, but the Clowns edged ahead 4-2 after the top third on a Sewell squeeze bunt in the 2nd and after Donohue allowed three hits and a run in the 3rd, on came Lisenbee in relief. He allowed a run-scoring single to Simmons and single by Sewell. Fonseca's single drove home Combs who had tripled to cut the lead, but Indy got a pair for a 6-3 lead on a Jay Partridge 3B and Bressler SF. Seattle came back with a pair in the 4th, one driven in by Lisenbee and another pair in the 5th on a High triple to

drive in Fonseca before Joe Giard came on to yield a SF to Sand. Rice drove in an insurance run in the 6th inning to close the scoring 8-6 and the fifth win of the series for Seattle.



Second place **Dayton Tip-Tops** came into **Redland Field** (aka Triples Alley) to tackle the first place **Rainiers**.

Petty opened with a crisp 6-2 Seattle win against Red Faber, making his first start of the year. The first run came in on an IF DP in the first, one in the 2nd on a George Myatt single and Dayton's Max Bishop drove home George Sisler, who had tripled, to cut the Seattle lead to 2-1. Bottomley added a HR in the 4th and Seattle added three in the sixth to win 6-2 on Petty's 4-hitter.... Dayton got revenge the next day when Wilcy Moore started against Lefty Willis. Bottomley tripled in the 2nd and came in on a Sand groundout, but Dayton tied in the 5th on a Zack Taylor single and error by Lamar to score Mark Koenig. A Babe Ruth double and Bob Barrett single drove in runs in the 6th for a 3-1 win...The Tip-Tops turned on the burners in game three against Lisenbee. With Garland Buckeye on the Dayton hill, the Tip-Tops jumped out 5-0 after Ruth launched a deep blast for a 3-run HR in the 3rd. Dayton added one in the 5th after Seattle got one in the 3rd on a passed ball, but Dayton exploded in the 6th with 4 runs on the way to an 11-3 win...Both clubs managed 12 hits in game four with Bill Sherdel against Hoyt. Lamar drove in solo runs in the 1st and 2nd innings for Seattle and it stayed that way until the 7th when Chuck Tolson hit a PH 3B for Dayton and came in on a Sisler single. With Les Sweetland on in relief, Seattle put up two more before Claude Willoughby came on to stem the tide. It was a 4-1 Seattle win... One day of rest was all Dayton needed to get reoriented and they exploded for 20 hits in a 12-1 blasting of the Rainiers. Carmen Hill

started against McWeeney who gave up an IW to Ruth to load the bases in the 1st inning only to have the move backfire when Eddie Moore singled in a pair. Two more in the 3rd on a Koenig SF and Taylor single, one in the 4th on a Ruth double and another pair in the 6th on a 2-run Ruthian double. Combs drove in the only Rainiers run in the 7th with a 3B, but Dayton added 4 in the 8th off Emil Yde. Ruth singled in one, Summa a pair and Koenig one. Moore singled in another in the 9th to close the scoring...Very tough contest in game six. Petty took on star Jesse Haines and Seattle jumped out 2-0 on singles by Muddy Ruel and Petty in the 2nd. Sisler halved the margin with a 5th inning single and tied it in the 7th on a Jack Cummings PH three bagger. Dayton went ahead against Marberry in the top 10th after two were out. Summa doubled, Richbourg ran and Bottomley muffed a Barrett bouncer to set up first-and-third. Koenig lined an RBI single and Hal Goldsmith came on to try for the save. Barrett gave it back with an error at 3B, Ruel walked and Fred Schulte, on as a PH, smacked a triple to RCF for the 4-3 Rainiers' win... Seattle got back for the earlier trouncing by posting 22 hits on the way to a 12-5 victory, their fifth in the series. Lisenbee started against Faber and Dayton jumped out quickly in the first on a 2-run 3B by Ruth. Seattle came back with 4 in the bottom half after two out. Lamar and Fonseca singled followed by run-scoring singles by High, Sand and Heathcote and a double by Myatt with Heathcote being nailed at the plate. Seattle kept it going with one in the third and fifth, two in the fourth, sixth and eighth.

The final series report for 1927 covers the home contests of the **Mt. Hood Roses** at the **Polo Grounds**. First in were the **Glendale Grunts** who fell to a Dutch Ulrich 3-hitter, 13-0. Lou Gehrig, Fred Lindstrom and Pancho Snyder each had 3 RBI,
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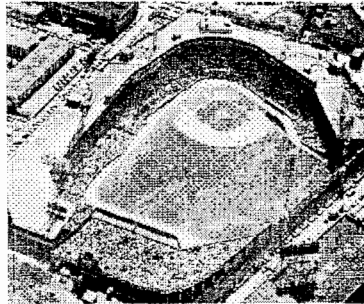
by Lou Ross

The **High Desert Mavericks** opened the gates at Yankee Stadium in May and welcomed in the **Frankfort Tigers** for a five game set-to. In April, the Mavs took the 5-game set at Frankfort after beng whacked in the season opener 24-0.

In game one, Jim Bunning hosted Frank Lary in a superb pitching duel. Tito Francona opened the scoring with a leadoff homer in the 4th for the Tigers and two outs later, Lou Berberet hit one just inside the foul pole for a 2-0 lead. The Mavs got one back in the 6th on a Bubba Phillips SF and in the 7th, Gene Freese doubled, PH Marv Throneberry was IW in order to pitch to Lary who then singled for a 3-1 lead. Gary Geiger smacked a 9th inning solo to close the gap, but despite Bunning's 11 K's, the Tigers won 3-2...Bennie Daniels took on the Tigers' Ray Narleski in game two and the Mavs jumped out quickly. Gino Cimoli doubled and Geiger again homered for a 2-0 lead. But the Bengals came back with two in the 3rd to tie. In the 8th, Daniels' error allowed the winning run to score and Frankfort again won 3-2...Game 3 saw Barry Latman for the Mavs against Gary Blaylock and the hitting and walking were in full swing. Mavs led 4-3 in the 7th when the Tigers got 3 straight singles, a sac by Ed Bailey and a Francona double to take a 6-4 lead. In the bottom 7th, Cimoli tripled and came in on a Geiger groundout to cut it to 6-5. Johnny Roseboro tripled in a pair and Eddie O'Brien bunted him home and the Mavs went into the 9th leading 8-6. With Mavs' veteran Tom Morgan on the hill, Francona tripled, Freese homered and it was again tied, this time at 8-8. In the last of the 9th, Geiger opened with a single off Don

Elston and Stan the Man Musial hit one deep for a dramatic 10-8 Mavs triumph...Game 4 saw Juan Pizarro and veteran Paul Foytack match zeroes through six and Pizarro got the edge with a 2-run HR by Bill White and the Mavs extended to 3-0. Pizarro finished with a CG win and 8 K's. Phillips added 3 hits for High Desert.. Tied at two apiece, Lary got his second series start against the Mavs' crafty lefty, Whitey Ford. The little blond lefty twirled a 5-hit zip as White tripled and Dick Williams hit a pair of doubles for the 6-0 win and a 3-2 series edge....

Next in for the **Mavericks** were the **Albany Empires**. The team favored to win the AL by some league mavens, the Empires kept many of their regulars out of the lineup. In the opener, the Mavs made them pay



for a 3-1 HDM win....It was Ford's turn in game two to beat up on the subs and his CG 6-hitter was an easy 4-1 win. There were homers in the game by Albany's Carl Sawatski, along with the Mavs' White and Curt Flood..It was finally an Albany win in game 3 as Milt Pappas outdueled Bunning with a 2-hit 2-1 game. Bunning allowed only 5 hits, but lost when Tony Kubek's 9th inning PH single drove home George Altman with the win....Pizarro went to the mound in game four against the Empires' Glen Hobbie and White's 1st inning 2-run blast got the Mavs started quickly, followed by Dick Williams' 2-run single. Jim Baxes spoiled Pizarro's 9 strikeout and shutout bid with an RBI single...The rout continued in game 5 with Daniels continuing to pitch and hit well at home as he CG's the Empires 5-1 on 6 hits, with 7 strikeouts.

with Latman tossing a CG two-hitter and adding a pair of hits

Geiger hits another HR and a double, White goes 3-for-4 with 2 RBI. The hitting star for Albany was hurler Pete Ramos at .333 and that was it! It will be interesting to see if John Turnbull's carefully crafted strategy of holding out his regulars for intra-division play works in 1959.

Griffith Stadium was hardly a friendly venue for the hometown **Lincoln Grays** as their overall losing streak reached 11 before the Grays began playing reasonably well.

After losing their last 8 games in April, the **Grays** opened with 3 more losses at the hands of the **Falcons**. Don Mossi fired a 6-hitter to win the opener 6-1 as the Falcons rode Ken Boyer's HR among their 13 hits and left 12 on base...In game two, Gurnee broke in front 5-1, but the Grays pulled even at 5-5 before the Falcons scored three in the 7th to win 9-6. Al Pilarcik had a 2-run single to key the rally and 4 RBI in all...Once again, it was the Falcons, winning game 3, 6-4 in 12. A PH 3B by Frank Robinson tied it in the 9th and Ted Williams homered in the 12th for the win....Grays finally snapped the cold skid with a wild 8-7 game 4 triumph. After scoring 5 in the 8th, the Falcons looked to be in command, but the Grays rebounded with 3 in the bottom 9th for the win. It was a nightmare in the field for the Falcons who made SEVEN errors, three by 3B Boyer. The last miscue led to the tying run before Hank Aaron singled in the winner...Falcons made it 4-of-5 with a 7-3 victory in the finale as the five top hitters in the lineup combined for 12 hits, three each by Pilarcik and Dave Philley.

Schaumburg Saxons came in and duplicated the Falcons work with another 4-of-5 over the **Grays**. Johnny Temple and Al Kaline especially loved playing against the pitching poor Grays.

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Temple went 12-for-24 and Kaline 10-for-19 with Kaline's work including two home runs and a pair of triples. In the opener, Art Ditmar outdueled Larry Jackson, 3-1, as the Saxons took the lead with a run in the 8th on a Bob Boyd error at 1B and a Willie Kirkland hit...The Saxons scored three in the 9th to take game two, 7-4. Kaline's fourth hit, and second HR of the game, ignited the 9th inning rally. Grays' pitchers were extremely generous by walking three in the 9th....Grays took the middle contest 6-5, riding three hits apiece by Clint Courtney and Joe DeMaestri as all Gray starters had at least one hit...Warren Spahn made sure it was easy in game four, firing a 5-hitter for a 5-0 win....Game 5 was a Saxons rout with Willie Kirkland's 1st inning 3-run shot opening the gates for a 7-1 win. Gary Bell lost his shutout bid in the 9th when Rocky Colavito went deep.

Grays won their first series of the year against the **Rifles**, taking three. A 5-hit, no walk shutout by Larry Jackson in game one gave the Grays a 3-0 win...Rifles took the second contest 7-1 behind 15 hits, including 3 by Bob Clemente and Vern Law. Dick Gernert homered to support Law's



4-hit effort... Rookie Ernie Broglio scattered 11 hits in going the distance in a 7-2 win in game three with Colavito and Aaron leading the attack.. Lefty Mike McCormick flipped another 5-hitter, this one 5-0 in game four as the Grays scored four in the 4th, three on a Hank Bauer HR...Rifles also had a shutout in game five with Bob Shaw allowing nine hits and clouting a 3-run HR in the 4-0 decision. Roger Maris' 2-run 2B in the 9th put it away.

Lincoln hardly had jet lag as they traveled west to take on the **Pacific Cascades** at **Crosley Field** and took the opening two games of the series. Tight as can be in game one as Larry Jackson bested Billy O'Dell 2-1 in a game delayed by a total of 87 minutes

of rain. Jackson left after 6 with a 2-0 lead provided by an Aaron RBI 2B in the 3rd and a Colavito HR in the 6th. The first batter to face reliever Howie Reed was Elston Howard who homered for the only Pacific run. Al Worthington stemmed a rally in the 8th and finished for the save... McCormick was given a 3-0 lead in game 2 against Buddy Daley on a Charlie Neal RBI 3B and Roman Mejias' RBI single in the 2nd, followed by a Colavito HR in the 5th. Pac got a pair back in the 6th on singles by Nellie Fox and Don Demeter, but Lincoln added solos in the 8th and 9th and Worthington held on again for a save in a 5-3 triumph...The Cascades got off early in game three for Marshall Bridges against Broglio. A pair in the first, one on the second wild pitch of the stanza, one in the second on a Bridges SF and a solo HR by Demeter in the 3rd made it 4-0. Walt Dropo went long in the 6th, but the Cascades bounced back on a pair of WP's by Arnie Portocarrero. With Don Newcombe on again as stopper, the Grays chipped away in the 9th after two were down with DeMaestri on with a 2B. RBI singles by Bauer and Aaron made it 5-3 and Dropo walked with the bags full to cut the lead to one before ex-Cascade Frank House skied to CF to end it... One more nip-and-tuck in game four with rookie Jerry Walker against Jim Owens. Colavito's solo in the 2nd was matched by Owens' RBI single in the bottom, but the Grays went ahead on an Aaron RBI 2B in the 3rd. Willie Tasby delivered a 2-run 2B in the 4th to put Pacific ahead, but it was short-lived as Boyd squeezed home a run to tie in the 5th. With two out in the 7th, Howard again homered for the 4-3 lead and victory as Jim Coates finished with the save...O'Dell went to the mound again in the finale and got a 2-run lead on a Howard single in the 1st and Lee Walls HR leading off the 2nd. Grays tied in the 5th on a long 2-run 2B off the RCF wall by Aaron, but it fell apart for the Grays in the 5th. Walker hit Tasby and after two were down, Howard struck again, driving in the lead run. Bob Skinner then walked and Skowron

singled in one as did Walls. Demeter's 6th inning HR matched a Grays' run and Pacific won the series 3-2 with the 6-3 game five victory.

The **Smithfield Seniors** gave the **Cascades** fits at home last month and did it again at **Crosley** in May. Wilmer Mizell took on Owens in game one and got a run to work with in the 1st on a Minnie Minoso single. But the Cascades scratched away for three in the 3rd, but were quickly tied in the 4th on a Mizell single and Tony Taylor groundout. Veteran Harry Chiti homered in the 4th and Skowron doubled in one in the 5th for a 5-3 lead. Taylor drove in another with a single in the 8th to make it 5-4 before Dick Brodowski closed out the 9th with a DP bouncer to Brooks Robinson...Jim Coates got the starting nod for the Cascades in game two against Don Cardwell and allowed an RBI single to Johnny Logan in the 2nd and one to Robinson in the 3rd before Skowron halved the lead with a solo HR in the 3rd. Minoso's single in the 4th got the run right back and Kueen doubled home a run in the 6th to extend the lead to 4-1. Howard singled one home in the 7th and in the 8th, Pacific broke it open with a 5-spot. Tasby and Skinner singled with one out and both came home on a Fox double. Demeter walked and Gordon Jones came on in relief to allow a 3-run blast to deep LCF by Howard for the win, 7-4...Smithfield pulled one out late in game three as Herb Score took on Newcombe. Minoso singled in a run in the 1st, but Tasby's leadoff HR in the bottom tied it. Logan doubled in a run in the 2nd and it stayed that way until the 7th when, who else, but Howard homered off Score who left with 8 strikeouts and a tie. Jones came on to finish the 7th and gave way to Rudy Arias in the 8th. Newk stayed on, but was shaky in the 9th, allowing a 2B to Wes Covington and an IW to Robinson. Logan skied to RF with Covington moving up.

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Cascades' draftee Johnny Romano singled in the eventual game winner and with Vic Power at bat, Howard let one thru the five-hole for a PB and the insurance run, 4-2...

An absolutely **WILD** game in number four! Bob Turley started against Dick Donovan and the Cascades went in front 2-0 after 4 on singles by Skowron and Rocky Bridges. Logan's solo in the 5th cut the margin, but the Cascades came back with 3 in the 5th on Howard's double and Davenport's 2-run single to extend to 5-1. Carlton Willey came on in relief for the Seniors. Kueen led off the 6th with a single and Minozo walked. Covington doubled to LF score both and he went to 3B on Skinner's flub. With one out, Logan singled in one and Romano walked. Instead of batting for Willey, he stayed on and remarkably, hit a **3-run HR** to make it 7-5 Smithfield. Skinner HR'd off Arias in the 8th and Walls PH a 2B to lead off the 9th. On came Brooks Lawrence. Skowron bounced out to move up the runner and Gail Harris tied it with a SF. John Buzhardt was on in the 10th and after 2 out, singles by Logan, Romano and Willie Jones put the Seniors ahead. Billy Hoeft began the 10th in relief and faced only one batter, allowing a single to Tasby. Don Ferrarese got Skinner and Fox drove home the tying run. With Alex Kellner on for his first appearance of the year in the 12th, Logan walked and Romano singled (sound familiar?) and Jones grounded out for the go-ahead run at 9-8. Bob Porterfield tried to close the door for the Seniors and was still on in the 12th when Tasby singled to start the inning. Along came G. Jones in relief and his first pitch was rocketed deep by Skinner for the game-winning 2-run HR and a 10-9 win....After a game like number four, it would stand to reason that the bats would go into hibernation. They did as Larry Sherry took on O'Dell. Kueen's grounder scored a run in the 1st, but Harris' HR tied it in the 2nd. In the 6th, Power led off with a double and

after Doby grounded out (Kueen had been injured), Minozo singled in the eventual winning run before being thrown out at 2B. Sherry went the distance and allowed only six hits to end the series with the 2-1 win.

The **Seniors** came home to **Fenway Park** for three series in May. The **Saxons** proved tough and took the series 3-of-5. A 3-run 6th in the opener gave Schaumburg a 7-4 win as Temple continued his northeast battering with 3 hits and continued in game two, winning a see-saw battle with a 9th inning run 6-5 on a Kaline HR...Ferrarese went all the way and added 3 RBI as the Seniors won game three by scoring a trio of runs in both the 6th and 7th innings for an 8-3 win...The next night, the Saxons cruised to an easy 9-2 win behind Spahn before the Seniors won their second of the series on a 9th inning, 2 out single by Kueen. The win went to Lawrence in relief of Willey to topple Gary Bell, 3-2.

The **Seniors** fared better against the **Gurnee Falcons**, winning three. They rallied for 2 in the bottom 9th with a 2-out rally and a 9-8 win after the Falcons had led by 4-0 and 8-5 margins. Jim Marshall had 3 hits and 3 RBI...Game 2 saw the Falcons win 8-2 behind Bob Purkey's 4-hitter to tie the series. The Seniors built a 4-0 lead in game 3 and held on for a 4-3 win, then got 18 hits in a 9-5 game 4 win with four hits by Power. Gurnee edged close in the finale by coming up with 2 in the 9th and a 5-4 win...

The final series at home saw the surprising **Evanston Black Sox** visit Fenway and the **Seniors**. Dave Hillman was tough in game one and Jack Fisher provided the save for a 3-2 Black Sox win. Seniors won game two with a run in the 9th and the Sox came back 7-3 in the third contest. Art Ceccarelli spun a 6-hit, one-run effort in game four before the Sox' Russ Kemmerer shut out the Seniors 5-0 in the rubber game. Looie Aparicio batted .412 and Jim Landis .389 in the series while Dick

Stuart hit a strong .429 for the Sox with only one HR.

Homeward bound to **Comiskey Park** for the **Black Sox** and series with the powerful **Cubs** and pesty **Grays**. All the **Cubs** needed in game one were solo HR's by Eddie Mathews and Gil Hodges in a 2-0 win behind the 4-hit hurling of Jim Brewer. Seldom used Reno Bertoia was 4-for-4 with 3 RBI in game two to lead the Sox by a 6-2 score. The Black Sox had a 1.60 ERA in the 5 games and three saves from three different hurlers in winning the series 3-of-5.

The **Grays** then cast a pall over the **Sox'** efforts by taking four-of-five. Larry Jackson spun a 6-hitter and benefitted from 4 DP balls to win the opener, 4-1...Earl Battey hit a 3-run PH HR in the 8th inning to lead the Grays to a 6-4 win in the second game. Battey was also the hero in the 3rd affair by tripling in the winning run in the 9th to support Jerry Walker's 7-hit shutout, 2-0... The Sox salvaged a win in game five, but needed a 7-run 8th and survived a wild 9th to win 10-8...

Frankfort's Tigers hosted the **Black Sox** at Briggs Stadium where the dark hose gave the Bengals fits. In the opener, the Tigers rallied for four in the bottom 9th to overcome the Sox and send Billy Loes to a crushing defeat, 8-6. Al Smith launched the game-winning 2-run HR to make Don Elston the winner...Ex-Tiger Dick Hyde got the 11-7 win in game two with a save by rookie Jack Fisher as rookie Earl Wilson took the loss in relief. Hal Smith and Reno Bertoia homered for the Sox, but it was a big 3-run 7th inning PH HR by Dick Stuart that sealed this one for the Sox...Game 3 saw the only CG of the series as Paul Foytack bested Bob Anderson in a 12-4 Tigers' laughter.. The Sox bounced back the next day in an 8-7 win for Loes as Hector Lopez rapped out 4 hits, including 2 HR's and 5 RBI. Tiger rookie Jack Fisher took the loss.

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The Tigers were cruising along with an 8-2 lead in the 7th inning of game five with ace Frank Lary on the hill when the bottom fell out for the hapless Tiger hurler. The Sox slugged their way to a 12-9 win behind HR's by Lopez, Stuart and Gus Bell to tag Fisher with a loss for the second straight day. Ray Herbert picked up the win with a save by Loes to give the Sox the series 3-2...

The **Evanston Zees** visited **Frankfort** and game one saw Frank Bolling propel a Bill Henry curve into the bleachers in the bottom of the 11th to give Elston a win. Mickey Mantle doubled and homered...Ray Narleski lost a shutout in game two for the Tigers in the 9th in a CG 8-2 win over Frank Sullivan. A 3rd inning grand slam by Gene Freese was the key blow...Game three was tied at 3-3 going into the 9th when Don Larsen and allowed a couple of baserunners. Jack Harshman came in and blew the game wide open by permitting five runs and tagging Larsen with the loss. Ike Delock gained the win pitching 8 strong innings. Jim Piersall had the game winning hit in the Zees' win...Elston again beat Henry, 6-5 in game four, when Bolling doubled home the winning run in the 8th. Orlando Cepeda knocked out 3 hits, including two doubles, for the Zees in the loss...Lary pitched a 5-hitter in the final game, topping Moe Drabowsky by a 6-4 score. Billy Bruton has 3 hits and Marv Throneberry smacked a - run PH HR. But it was Ed Bailey's pair of hits, one a 2-run HR, and 3 RBI won it for the Tigers. Cepeda socked two HR's and posted 3 RBI to keep the Zees close, but Frankfort won the series 4-1...

The **Tigers** were thrilled after their opening contest against the **Pacific Cascades** when Narleski went all the way with a 3-0, 7-hit shutout. A two-run single by Tito Francona off starter Jim Owens was all the Tigers needed, but Narleski squeezed home a run in the 6th for insurance. A cu-

rious strategy for this power hitting unit! A pair of reliable vets, Bob Buhl and Don Larsen, matched in game two and although the game started out fairly quietly, it was wild by the end. Tigers jumped out 3-0 with one in the 1st when Buhl walked in a run with the bases loaded and Berberet hit a 2-run HR in the 2nd. Tasby homered leading off the 3rd and Howard's SF cut the margin to 3-2 in the 5th. Bruton doubled in a 7th inning run, but a key second run was gunned out at the plate by Tasby. The Cascades' bats came to life in the 8th. Gary Blaylock walked Rocky Bridges and allowed a PH single to Gail Harris. On came Elston who got one out, but loaded the sacks on a Skinner single. After a force at the plate, Demeter singled in two as did Howard to make the score 6-4 Pac. With Elston still on, he got the first two and then hit Tasby, walked Skinner and Fox singled home two and it was 8-4 Pac. Coates started the 9th and gave up a single to Pafko and was relieved by Nelson Chittum. A single by Avila, RBI single by Berberet, a two-run triple by Al Smith and squeeze bunt by Ron Samford tied the score. Rookie Jim O'Toole faced Howard in the 12th and the catcher launched a 2-run HR to make it 10-8. Newcombe got the win in relief with a save by Marshall Bridges, although the tying runs were on base at the close...No contest in game three as Paul Foytack mastered a 2-hit, 6-0, six-K shutout over Dick Donovan. Four in the first, a two-run double by Francona and two-run single by Eddie Kasko did the major damage...The Cascades reversed the fortunes with an O'Dell 5-hit, 6-0 zip against starter O'Toole. Three in the 6th on a Howard RBI 2B, forceout and Carrasquel single and three in the 8th, two of which were walked in by Earl Wilson closed the scoring...The Cascades won the series in the finale with Owens against Lary. Demeter drove in a run with a 1st inning double, following Fox' 2-out 2B, but the Tigers tied on a Francona HR in the 2nd. Tigers got one in the 5th as Mantle reached on a Skowron error, stole second and third and cored on a Samford single. One more on a Jablonski PH RBI single made it 3-1 Tigers. But,

it fell apart in the 8th. Harris and Skinner singled around a Tasby strikeout and Fox walked to load the sacks. Demeter singled home a pair and after Howard received an IW, Davenport drove in another. Skowron hit a SF to make it 5-3 before Larsen closed the door. Daley stopped the Tigers in the 8th and in the 9th, Chittum walked Mantle, Bailey PH a single to RF, went to 2B and Mantle scored on a throwing error by Demeter. Chittum got Jablonski and Berberet, gave an IW to PH Leon Wagner and got Avila to sky to CF for the save, 5-4 and a 3-2 series win.

Connie Mack Stadium and the **Lafayette Blue Sox** were next on the agenda for the **Cascades** and the teams which played five one-run games in April, provided another exciting series for the fans.

Crafty Billy Pierce met up against Jim Owens and what was expected to be a low-scoring affair went the other way. Carrasquel HR'd in the 2nd for a 1-0 Pac lead, but the Sox came back with four. With two out, Vic Wertz singled, Billy Klaus walked as did Lollar after a PB. Pierce singled in two and Vada Pinson and Don Blasingame added RBI singles. Jim Lemon hit a 2-run HR in the 3rd to make it 6-1, but the Cascades got two back in the 5th, including one on a WP. Lemon hit another 2-run shot, this one to greet reliever John Buzhardt in the 5th and back came the cascades. Skowron HR'd leading off the 6th and in the 7th, Pierce left for Tex Clevenger after walking Tasby and coughing up a single to Davenport. Fox singled in a run and after two outs, Skowron walked to load the bags and Chiti walked to force in a run. PH Harris singled in one and Skowron was gunned down at the plate by Wally Moon. A 3-run HR by Pinson off Daley in the 7th made it 11-7 Sox. Three more in the 8th, led by RBI 3B's by Klaus and Dale Long. Clevenger never made it out of the 9th, allowing a 2B to Skinner, RBI single by Skowron and on came Brosnan after Chiti doubled.

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Davenport singled in one, but the rally was over and the Sox won it 14-9...The **Cascades** sent Buhl to the mound against Ralph Terry. The **Blue Sox** got one in the 3rd on an RBI single by Blasingame, one of his 3 hits on the day and one in the 5th on a single by Lemon. But it fell apart for Lafayette in the 8th. With one out, Malzone made an error at 3B, but it looked good after another out. Davenport singled and veteran Walt Moryn slammed a long 3-run HR for the edge. Chittum finished up with a save in the 9th...The Sox had to hold on for the win in game three with Burly Early Wynn matched against Donovan. Moon launched a 3-run HR in the 1st and in the 3rd, Lemon drove home 2 in a 3-run rally for a 6-0 margin. Demeter tripled home one in the 4th and got in another on a DP in the 6th followed by a Howard single. Walls doubled in the 7th, moved up on a grounder and scored on a Chiti FC. Turk Lown was on in the 8th and allowed a 2-out ground-out RBI to Howard to cut it to 6-5, but held on for the save....

Prototypical Pac-Sox game in the fourth with Mike Garcia against O'Deli. Harris' SF in the 4th made it 1-0 Pac and in the 8th, Lemon doubled in the tying run. Bob Grim, Bob Rush and Lown held the Cascades through the 11th. Chittum came on in the 9th and went the rest of the way, taking the 11th inning, 2-1 loss when after 2 IW's, he walked Maury Wills with the bases loaded...Vet Newcombe got the call against Brosnan in the finale and Rocky Bridges put the Pac ahead with a single in the 2nd. Lollar's HR in the 2nd tied it in the 3rd, but Chiti, inserted for the injured Earl Averill in the 1st, homered for a 2-1 lead. Malzone's 2B in the 6th tied it at 2-2 until with two down in the top 8th, the Pac broke through. Brosnan allowed a single to Howard and Clevenger gave up a single to Walls before Bridges singled in another and a 3-2 lead. Chiti received a bases loaded walk in the 9th and it was a needed insurance run as Chittum got the save after allow-

ing a SF to Lollar in the 9th and a 4-3 win. The Sox took the series 3-2....

Lafayette got off to a great start against the **High Desert Mavericks**, winning the first three of the series. Rookie Bob Miller shut down the usually reliable Mavs bats on a 2-hitter, 3-1 in the opener. Blasingame tripled home a run off Bunning in the 3rd and Lollar added an RBI single in the 3rd. A no-hitter was never in question as Stan Musial blasted a 2-out 1st inning 3B. Roseboro's IF grounder cut the lead to 2-1 in the 8th before Klaus' groundout added an insurance run for the Sox in the 8th. Lown picked up a save...Wynn toppled rookie Bobby Locke 6-3 in game two, although Musial's 1st inning HR gave the Mavs a 1-0 lead. Pinson led off for the Sox with a walk, moved over on a SAC by Blasingame and scored to tie on a Malzone single. Four in the 3rd put it away for the Sox, including a bases full walk to Moon and 2-run single by Lemon. One more in the 4th on another Malzone single. Bill White's 2-run HR in the 7th only made it close and Wynn went the distance to win 6-3...Clevenger got the start against Ronnie Kline in the 3rd game and once again, Musial hit a 1st inning solo. Roseboro's SF in the 2nd made it 2-0, but the Sox got another 4-spot in the 2nd on a grand slam by the oft-ridiculed Sherm Lollar to close the scoring. Rush nailed down the save...High Desert finally got untracked in game four, popping Pierce for a 5-spot in the 1st and two in the 2nd. Phillips tripled in Cimoli who had doubled, White got an IW and McDougald doubled in another. Mazerowski got a freebie before Norm Zauchin banged in a pair with a single. Valmy Thomas' SF ended the Mavs' scoring. Sox got a pair back on back-to-back doubles by Pinson and Blasingame and a groundout by Moon, but the Mavs got it right back, knocking out Pierce when Cimoli walked and Curt Flood hit a shot. The Mavs added five more in the 6th led by a bases clearing 3B by McDougald and went on to win 12-6....Pizarro took on the Sox' Brosnan in the getaway game and once again, the Mavs broke out on top in the 1st on an RBI single by

White. Three in the 3rd on a 2-run single by Mazerowski and solo by McDougald were met with a Sox solo in the 4th on a Lemon 2B. Roseboro caught up with Brosnan for a 3-run HR to make it 7-1. A 2-run 2B by Malzone in the 7th closed the scoring and a 7-3 Mavs' win as the Sox took the series 3-2...

The final **Blue Sox'** home series was a close one against the **Zees** which resulted in the broom and five wins. Wynn won the opener against Skinny Brown, 6-5. Three in the 1st on a Malzone RBI single following a Blasingame 3B and a 2-run HR by Lemon got them started. Bobby Thomson HR'd in the 4th and Joe Koppe singled in one to bring the Zees to 3-2, but Klaus 6th inning SF opened the lead to two. Wynn was replaced by Rush after he walked in a run in the 7th to make it 4-3, but the Sox got a pair in their half on a Malzone single and Moon 2B. Solos in the 8th and 9th, the latter a HR by Marty Keough off Lown, cut it to 6-5, but that was it. Plenty of run support for Pierce in the second game. A Moon 1st inning 2B and Pinson 2-run HR off Frank Sullivan opened the lead to 4-0. The Zees got RBI from Koppe, Cepeda and Ray Boone to cut it to 4-3, but 5 in the 4th for the Sox closed the door. Pierce's 3B keyed the attack, highlighted by Long's 2-run HR. Three in the 8th on a Malzone 3B and Moon's 2-run HR closed the scoring...It took until the bottom 9th for the Sox to win game 3. Ray Semproch matched with Ike Delock and the Zees led 2-1 after 2, keyed by a Klaus error. Sox tied on a Moon 5th inning single, but Zees went ahead with one in the 7th on a Keough SF and an 8th inning solo HR by Thomson. Delock gave up two singles in the 8th before Henry came on. After one out, he balked the runners up and Wills' groundout made it 4-3. Moon drove home his 2nd and 3rd runs of the game with a game-winning 2B in the 9th...The 4th game was an 11-4 romp. Terry started and was injured in the 1st, replaced by Rush and finally Hal Woodeshick who went the final 6.1 for the win.

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against Sandy Koufax. Moon HR'd. and drove home three. The Zees outthit the Sox 11-9, but left ten on base... Another close one in the final contest with Wynn getting another start, but lasting only 4.2 innings against Drabowsky. The clubs matched runs in the 1st when Norm Larker led off the game for the Zees with a HR and Malzone hit a SF in the bottom. Koppe tripled leading off the 2nd for the Zees and came in on a Goodman groundout for a 2-1 lead. Pinson drove home a run with a triple in the 3rd and he came home with the run to make it 3-2 after 3. Zees tied it on a Goodman single in the 4th, but back came the Sox on a Pinson SF after a pair of walks and error by Cepeda at 1B. Zees tied it again in the 5th with Larker doubling in the run and Wynn left after walking Held and Thomson. Terry stemmed the tide and pitched through the 7th where he was picked up by Lown. Drabowsky gave up a leadoff single to Malzone in the 8th and the Zees brought in Lindy McDaniel. After two grounders moved Malzone to third, Long lashed a double for the winning run and the sweep.

1959 MAY STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Blue Sox	30	20	.600	--
Seniors	25	25	.500	5
Empires	24	26	.480	6
Grays	23	27	.460	7
Cubs	23	27	.460	7
Tigers	21	29	.420	9
Pelicans	20	30	.400	10
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Falcons	31	19	.620	--
Saxons	30	20	.600	1
Cascades	27	23	.540	4
Rifles	26	24	.520	5
Black Sox	26	24	.520	5
Mavericks	25	25	.500	6
Zees	19	31	.380	12

'59 NOTES & TIDBITS

by Lou Ross

The shakeout period appears to have already begun in the early 1959 campaign with some of the early "contenders" already slowing to "pretender" status. In addition, some of the clubs expected to be in the pennant chase are beginning to establish firm positions and their skippers gaining confidence.

We are seeing a rather strange site on the Indiana horizon as the **Lafayette Blue Sox** of Steve "The Little Genius" Ehresman are making a serious bid for their first SPB-I flag. After their strong showing near the end of 1958, the Sox have put together consecutive 15-10 months to take a **5 game lead** in the **American League**.

Now continuing to surprise fewer and fewer are the revamped **Smithfield Seniors** of Bob Buonaccorsi. Despite a 12-13 month, they remain as the only other AL club at or above the .500 plateau. Posting a 13-12 mark, which moved them into 3rd place were the **Albany Empires** of John Turnbull. According to Turnbull, he is "saving his players" for the final months of the season.

Manager Paul Kenyon feels his **Lincoln Grays** club has done more than expected to date. If he means giving teams in the NL fits in the opening months of the season with his pitching staff, he is correct! The Grays are tied for 4th with the odds-on favorite to win the pennant, Rick Ryan's **Rossville Cubs** at 23-27. When the Cubs' traded for Cal McLish just prior to the season, the Cascades' Lou Ross, who swapped Calvin Coolidge Julius Ceaser Tuscahoma McLish, was baraged with calls that he had made a mockery of the AL race.

It seems strange to see the **Frankfort Tigers** and especially the **Hatteras Pelicans** holding up the bottom two slots of the AL. While it was expected that Gary Plunkitt's Tigers would be going through an extensive rebuilding in '59, Jim Wheeler's Pelicans

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clobbering Lefty Grove and two others in the rout...Hack Wilson's 2-run HR in game 2 provided a 7-5 win for the **Grunts**. **Roses** came back with a 4-3 win the the 3rd on Eddie

Brown's RBI single...Grunts tied the series with a 5-4 win as Bill Terry and Jimmy Welch homered...Game 5 saw the Roses get outhit, but win with 3 in the bottom 8th led by Rogers Hornsby and Gehrig...Game 6 was a reflection of this tough series as the Roses battled back for a 7-6 victory on 14 hits. Hornsbt led the way with 3 hits, including a HR...The Grunts closed the series with their thrid win, a 5-1 pitching sparkler by Ernie Wingard with Grove in relief. A 4-run 6th inning made the difference....

Next in were the **Evanston Wildcats** who took the opener 2-1 with a pair in the final two innings. Alex Metzler's 9th inning HR was the winner. Roses came back for a 10-inning, 6-5 win in the 2nd with Lindstrom driving home the winner...Another for the Roses, 3-2, limiting the Cats to 4 hits. Lloyd Waner had 4 hits for Mt. Hood and Bob Burke shutout the Cats for 7 before giving way to Bill Clarkson and Ray Kremer...In the 4th contest, the Cats won in 10, 7-6, with a total of 26 hits bouncing off the tin walls at the Polo Grounds which had pitchers running for cover...A 5-run 3rd inning made the difference for the Roses as the took this one, 5-4. A grand salami by Hornsby did in the Cats...The Roses finally got good pitching, from Urban Shocker and Rube Ehrhardt to win 7-3 behind 12 hits...The finale saw Evanston win 6-5. A 3-run 7th inning, led by Paul Waner' put the Cats over the top. Gehrig was the hitting star of the series with four homers in a series featuring the Waner brothers doing battle in what turned into an extremely tough series for the pennant hopeful Roses.

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The **Fairfield Federals**, right smack in the middle of the American League pennant race, hosted their two rivals, the Fortress and Dodgers, for the flag at Ebbets Field in August.

As expected the initial battle against the **Brooklyn Dodgers** was a true battle, right down to the final inning of game seven. Brooklyn took the opener 7-1, scoring six in the final two innings with archrival besting Emil Kush. DiMaggion belted a 2-run shot for the winners. Fairfield bounced back with a 4-1 win on Sam Zoldak's 4-hitter with Ken Keltner's 1st inning 2-run HR the margin. Feds got out the heavy lumber in game three, racking up a 13-5 win, behind 3 HRs and Harry Walker's 3 hits for Mort Cooper who tossed 4.2 innings of scoreless relief over hardluck Barrett. Dodgers rebounded with a 7-2 win for Voiselle who was "invincible" according to Jerry Dailey. Feds jumped ahead in the series with a 7-4 win behind Reynolds who came on for the injured Johnny Schmitz to topple Marchildon. Fannin walked home the winning run. Barrett got even with a 2-0 shutout over Zoldak in the sixth and the finale was as advertised. Clyde Shoun stared, but left after an injury forced him out after two batters in the first. Cooper took over and got the win over Rowe as the Dodgers left the tying run on base when the game ended. Walker hit .423, Keltner .414 and Metkovich .417 while Gordon was held to .240. Musial walked 12 times in the seven games, among the 36 issued by the Brooks in the series.

In came the Fortress and absolutely destroyed whatever pennant hopes the Feds maintained. Branca flipped a 3-hitter and got 15 hit support in a 6-2 win. Fairfield got its only win in the second contest 8-7 for Zoldak. Musial keyed the attack with a pair of HRs on a 3-for-5 and Johnson's SF in the bottom 9th was the winner. After game three's 5-4 loss to the Fortress, Jerry Dailey's series note ended with, "Who cares" as the Fortress ran the table in the rest of the series.

Earlier, we capsuled the road travails of the **Evanston Elephants**. The home cooking wasn't much better either. John Ungashick's trip to Disneyland turned into a re-enactment of Cape Fear. After dropping seven to the Bears in face-to-face competition, next on tap were the **Marauders** and the hand-to-hand combat went almost the same way.

The Elephants won game one 9-3 for Joe Hatten with 5 unearned runs on 6 errors by the usually reliable M's defense. Bill McCahan pitched a 3-hit zip in game two to beat Bob Feller, despite allowing 6 walks, 3-0. Howie Pollett came back with a 2-0 win in the 3rd, a shutout favor which was returned by Overmire the next day. AVM scored 7 in the 7th inning of game 5 to win 8-3, keyed by 6 Evanston walks. Koslo got the win over Tiny Bonham. Game 6 was a 5-4 nailbiter with Haefner and the M's besting Joe Hatten in relief of Feller. The Elephants almost pulled it out with 2 in the 8th and one in the 9th to almost grab the win. Lopat and Pollett performed the duel of the lefties in the finale and Steady Eddie won out, 4-2 in another thriller. So, the Marauders took five.

In another face-to-face war, this one against the **Whales**, the **Elephants** fared much better, winning five to even their home record for August. Augie Galan poked a pair of HR's in the opener and Bob Feller threw a 6-hit shutout, 7-0. Another for the Big E in game two, 4-3, as Elmer Valo threw out the lead-footed Aaron Robinson to end the game. Whales got a pair of runs on a Stan Spence HR in the 10th inning of game three to win, 5-4. Embree won the 4th, 4-1 for Evanston and Feller followed with a route-going 12 K performance in game 5. Evanston was down 4-0 in the 9th inning of game six and rallied for two, but came up short. Ex-Elephant Nick Strincivich pitched 7 strong relief innings for the win. Game 7 saw the Elephants squander numerous opportunities, but finally win 5-4 for Hatten in the bottom of the 9th.

The **West Warwick Monarchs** of Tim Johnson had only one home series at the friendly confines of Wrigley in August, a successful one against the **Brooklyn Dodgers**.

Monarchs took a 4-0 lead after 3 innings of game one on a 2-run Bobby Thomson HR, but the Dodgers took the lead with 2 in the 4th and 3 each in the 6th and 7th. Kerr and Padgett led the way in the 9-4 win for the visitors. The M's picked up 5 in the 2nd inning of game 2 on a 2-run single by Dizzy Trout and Vic Wrtz' 2-run blast. Before allowing a single in the 9th, Trout retired 14 straight. On came Earl Johnson to pick up the final two outs and a save. Great contest the next day as Seminick found the early wind blowing out for a 2-run HR and the Dodgers got 3 in the 1st. M's scored in the 2nd through 5th to take a 6-3 lead on a pair of Eddie Joost HR's. Brooks got 4 against Spahn in the 6th, including a 2-run single by Voiselle. Gumbert picked up the save with a strong 8th and 9th. Starter Walt Lafranconi was injured against the first batter of the game and the M's called upon 4 hurlers to shutdown the Dodgers 5-2. Light-hitting Bobby Bragan doubled twice. After a day of rest, the teams played deep into the late afternoon, 15 long innings worth. Joe Dbson started against Marchildon and the M's got out early with a pair of RBI singles by Johnny Hopp and Sam Mele in the 1st. Marchildon helped his own cause with a th inning RBI single, followed by another by Holmes to tie. M's went back ahead in the 4th, but Gordon tied it at 3-3 with a 5th inning solo. On and on, pitcher after pitcher and in the 15th, with Hank Behrman on for the M's and one out, Binks walked, Kerr doubled him to 3B and bulky Seminick dropped a beautiful squeeze bunt down the 3B line for the winning run. Andy Hansen finished his 3rd inning in relief for the victory, 4-3. In game 6, Gordon tripled home DiMaggio and scored on a Metkovich single for a 2-0 1st inning lead against Trout. M's jumped on Barrett

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in their half, highlighted by Bobby Doerr's 2-RBI 3B. Dodgers got solos in the 5th and 7th to tie, but in the bottom 7th, Doerr's 2-run double was the 6-4 winner...No contest in the finale as Spahn made up for his poor performance in game 3 by spinning a shutout, 4-0. Once again, Doerr was the key with a 2-out, 2-RBI single in the 1st off Voiselle. Pellagrini hit a solo HR in the 2nd for another run....Kerr had a fine series with 10-for-24, 4 RBI; Padgett was 6-for-13 with 3 ribbies and Seminick 4 RBI on 3-for-10. The M's were led by Doerr's 9-for-29 with two 2B, three 3B, a HR and 8 RBI; Joost was 7-for-22 with 2 HR's. Earl Johnson pitched in 4 games with 3 saves and a 0.00 ERA...

Griffith Stadium's vast expanse was the site of our final '47 report, the home games of Steve Ehresmman's **Lafayette Gold Sox**.

First in were the **Dayton Flyers** who dropped the opener to Harry "The Hat" Brecheen 4-1. The Sox jumped out 4-0 with a run in the 1st on a Bert Haas RBI 2B and 3 in the 5th on a Rizzuto 2B and RBI singles by Dusak and Haas. The Flyers' only run came in the 7th on a force play. Bill Bevans took the loss...Two straight for the Sox as Galehouse was given a 5-0 lead after 3 off Bob Muncrief. Three in the 2nd, including Galehouse's squeeze bunt did the damage and the Sox added a pair in the 3rd on RBI singles by George Strinweiss and Mike Guerra. Dayton bounced back with a trio in the 5th on RBI singles by Arky Vaughan as a PH and Dale Mitchell and a ground-out by Mayo to close the scoring at 5-3...The Flyers rebounded behind Rip Sewell in the 3rd game, taking their own 5-0 lead, after 4 off Orval Grove. George McQuinn and Walt Judnich singled in 3rd inning runs and Sewell doubled one home in the 4th. Lindell added an RBI 2B. A HR by Walker and Stirnweiss single sliced the margin in the 6th, but the Flyers added an insurance run in the

8th on a Mayo SF. Eddie Bockman's grounder got one back in the 8th and in the 9th, the Sox rallied. Buddy Rosar doubled in a run against Higbe and the tying runs were on base when Vollmer and Bockman flied out for the 6-4 Dayton win...Flyers evened the series behind Higbe's 7-inning start against Bob Lemon. It was 3-0 Sox after 3 as Walker's single and Johnson's SF made it 2-0 after one. Lehner's 3B in the 3rd added another, but back came the Flyers. Two in the 4th when with Appling at 2B and McQuinn at 1B, Lindell skied to CF. Wyrostek tried to nail the lead runner and threw it away, allowing one to score. Judnich singled home the next one. Tied in the 5th when Lemon uncorked a WP to make it 3-3, but the Sox went ahead on a Wyrostek 3B and Rizzuto single. But the Flyers broke it open with six in the 8th. McQuinn singled in one, Rizzuto booted one at SS and with two out, PH Vaughan drove in a run. Johnson came on in relief and allowed a 2-run 2B to PH Stan Hack and another RBI single to Mayo to close the scoring, 9-4....Bobo Newsom flipped a 4-hitter to win game 5 for the Sox, 4-0 with Stirnweiss' squeeze bunt in the 2nd the winning run to best Art Houtteman..Another 4-hit zip by the Sox in game 6 with Hartung winning a 1-0 contest against Gettel. Haas' 4th inning single was the only run as this time, the Dayton PH's didn't come through... The Flyers cut the series margin to 4-3 with a 4-1 win with Eddie Erautt besting Galehouse. Floyd Baker's 2-run 2nd inning double was the key. Dusak drove in the only Sox run...

Rick Ryan's **Rossville Hornets** were victimized three times in the next series at the **Gold Sox** after winning the first three!

Dutch Leonard for the Hornets against Newsom in the opener and the Sox got 4 in the 1st with 2 out. Walker doubled in one, Johnson added an RBI 3B and Haas and Rosar each singled in runs. It stayed that way until the 7th when Rossville exploded for 7 runs. The Hornets loaded the bases on a walk and two

singles and Newsom walked PH Keller for one. Another came in when Rizzuto muffed Woodling's grounder and then Pesky singled in the 3rd run. Johnson came on in relief, allowed a single to Moore, a 2-run single to Vernon after wild pitching in another. Paul Erickson got the 7-6 save after allowing 2 in the bottom 9th...Mickey Harris' 4-hit, 2-0 shutout, keyed by Moore's 3rd inning single made it 2-0 Hornets who got to Brecheen in game 3. Lloyd Gearart's 2-run HR in the 1st after a Vernon RBI single made it 3-0, but the Sox got one back on a Walker single and a balk by Ray Scarborough. The Sox chipped away and led 5-4 after 7. In the 8th, PH Eddie Miksis hit a 3-run HR for the 7-5 final score...

Lafayette got untracked in game 4 with Jim Hearn on the mound against Boo Ferriss. Hearn walked in a run in the 3rd, but the Hornets squeezed one home in the 4th on a Stirnweiss bunt. Rosar singled home 2 in the 8th and went to 3B on a throwing error by Marv Rickert. He then beat the throw to the plate on a FC with Lehner at bat and scored on a Rizzuto single. Bama Rowell's 3B and Pesky's SF cut it to the 5-2 final in the 9th...A neatly packaged 4-hitter by Freddie Hutchinson did in the Sox after a day off. Rowell smacked a 2-run single off Hartung in the 1st and Jim Hegan doubled in another with Rowell being nailed at the plate. The Hornets added one in the 7th on a Jeff Heath double off reliever Johnson for the 4-0 win...

A pair of one-run wins in the final two games got the Sox close in the series. Newsom came back against Leonard who was injured in the 3rd inning behind 1-0 on a Wyrostek double. Harris came on in relief and the Hornets tied it at 1-1 in the 5th when Mickey Witek singled in a run. But light-hitting Bockman drove home the winner in the 5th...Sox won the finale for Brecheen with 3 in the 9th, 5-4. Scarborough took the loss, but Staley allowed a two-run single to Walker and the game-winning single to Johnson for the 5-4 victory.....



Doctor ♦ Returns:

Dissection of 1958 Season

(And of All Those Who Deserved the Knife, But Escaped Because Lou Ross Is Too Kind) **by Steve Ehresman**

Hello again, simulated managers and general managers. The Ol' Doc has been uncharacteristically quiet lately. Having two very active children does tend to take one's time and sap one's strength, but you guys deserve the best. And the Doctor IS the best. So, without further ado about nothing, the Doctor will pick up his knife . . . uh . . . sit down at his keyboard . . . and prove that giving the finger . . . that is typing in his inimitable hunt-and-peck style . . . is mightier than many performances by my managerial colleagues who seem to regard journeymen players as major league regulars.

First Base:

Diamond Dandy:

Roy Sievers was, once again, a super star for the Rossmoor Rifles, who, with the exception of Roy and promising youngster Roger Maris, started some of the puniest hitters in SPB I. The "Squirrel" pounded out 35 round-trippers and tied Maris with 107 RBI for the team lead. Somehow the slow-footed Sievers found a way to score 73 runs himself, only 3 behind the team leader Bob Clemente.

Runner-Up:

Vic Power wins the second-place award, not because he was such an awesome specimen in 1958, but because SPBI was sorely lacking in quality firstsackers. Nevertheless, give the stylish Power his due. He did hit .321, slash 42 doubles, and drive-in 71 runs. Truly, on the Pelicans, Jim Wheeler's collection of odd ducks and rare birds, Power was much more than an ugly duckling.

Lump of Coal:

The Ol' Doc was licking his chops on this one. So many slobs to pick from! Still, one regular player stands out for his consistent under-achieving: Gil Hodges of the Bengals. The Doc's one-time favorite has turned into the Hoosier Humbug: .220, with 13 homers and a piddling 65 RBI in the hitter's paradise called Tiger Stadium.

Second Base:

Diamond Dandy:

This one was easy. Gurnee Falcon veteran Pete Runnels, with Jim Gillaim traded for hurler Bob Purkey, stepped forward for a truly fine season: .326, with 32 doubles, 13 homers, and 100 runs scored. Now if Frank "Push 'Em Up" Papp could just get that kind of production from his enigmatic hot corner resident, Ken Boyer.

Runner Up:

A young star is emerging on the High Desert Mavericks, Bill Mazerowski. Trivia Question: "Who led the High Desert Mavericks (Hate that Nick-name!) in RBI for the 1958 season?" If you answered "Bill Mazerowski," you are probably named Mike Cascarano. Yes, 83 RBI from a slick-fielding young second sacker. Add 22 doubles and 21 homers, and you have a guy who can do everything but run. Of course, no one on the Mavs CAN run, except the catcher.

Lump of Coal:

Disappointing is an understatement when SPB managers talk about Tony Taylor's 1958 performance. Okay! Okay! The kid has a lot of potential, and he did swipe 15 bases. On the flip side of the coin, he was caught 12 times. At the dish, Taylor walked only 30 times and had a meager total of 19 extra base hits. On the weak-hitting Minors, however, this kind of "production" fit right in.

Third Base:

Diamond Dandy:

How about the Cubbie Bears' version of "Ol' Reliable," Eddie Mathews? In a season that saw the one-time SPB I champs struggle to keep their noses above the water, Mathews was a pillar of strength and consistency: 34 home runs, 83 runs scored, and 90 RBI. Few hot corner men came close to Mathews' solid performance.

Runner-Up:

Kudos to a day-in, day-out third-place hitter for the Blue Sox, who put a minor scare into the Tigers by mounting a late-season charge. One of the main contributors to the Sox' heroics was Frank Malzone. His 97 RBI led the Blue Sox, and his 53 extra base hits were impressive. Both Malzone and teammate Richie Ashburn played in all 154 games, reducing Manager Steve Ehresman's brain work as he filled out the line-up card. A good thing, too, because no one can think himself into a loss better than the "Little Genius."

Lump of Coal:

Don Hoak! Yep, "Tiger." With his .207 average, 20 extra base hits, 19 runs scored, and 18 RBI (No kidding!), the "Tiger" played like Pussy Galore. One hopes, for Bob Calicchia's sake, that Don re-discovers his stroke for 1959, the year the Rifle's promising young pitchers might jell and carry the California Pop Guns into serious pennant contention.

Shortstop:

Diamond Dandy:

Is there a doubt? Because SPB I's managers had their collective baseball smarts cleverly hidden under dunce caps, this man, who put together one of the best offensive seasons in SPB history, was denied the MVP award. Come on, my colleagues, can you argue with 47 home runs, 108 runs

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scored, and 135 RBI? Plus, this man played in 153 games as a shortstop. With such "luminaries" as Chico Fernandez, Woodie Held, and Joe DeMaestri playing regularly, the Doctor wonders how in the hell you guys could overlook Ernie Banks. But, you did.

Runner-Up:

On a team traditionally known for having little speed, this man is blazing a new trail, not with his bat, but with his feet. "Little Louie" Aparacio has come into his own, swatting 35 doubles and 7 triples in 1958. Plus, he stole 36 bases, against only 17 times caught stealing. Aparico seldom walks, but his 68 runs scored were enough to lead the punchless Ungashick-led Black Sox.

Lump of Coal:

Again, the Doctor had a plethora of "hitless wonders" (It's a wonder any of them played at all.) to choose from in this category. Perhaps the machinations of the SPB Rules Committee have begun to bear "fruit." That ain't "plums," folks. Nope, we're harvesting a crop of "kumquats," instead. And the ripest of these was Joe Demaestri: 507 at bats, with 11 doubles, 2 homers, 25 runs scored, 24 RBI, and an hallucinating .179 average. Truly, this is a new standard for regulars in SPB. Congrats, Rules Committee!

Left Field:**Diamond Dandy:**

Did they have corked bats in 1959? Probably not. But this Orient Express behemoth certainly had a career year. Bob Cerv whacked 73 extra base hits, 45 of which were round-trippers. In addition, he scored 92 runs and drove in 109 runners. He was also one of a select group of hitters to top the .600 mark in slugging, with a mark of .608. Okay, maybe NOT cork, but how about the Absent-Minded Professor's flubber?

Runner-Up:

Gotta go with a sentimental favorite, the "Splendid Splinter" himself. This veteran may no longer be a gazelle in the field (Was he ever?), but his bat is simply dynamite. How about a whopping .643 slugging average, with 28 homers, 115 walks, and 82 RBI. Just to show you how many times this guy was on base, the lead-footed Williams (No gazelle on the base paths, either), scored 94 runs.

Lump of Coal:

Though he fielded his position flawlessly, Gus Bell had 405 very unproductive at bats for the Black Sox. No doubt Manager Ungashick would have traded a couple of errors for a few round-trippers. In any case, the anemic Bell managed only 19 doubles and 5 homers in his 118 games. Add a .232 batting average and a .287 on-base percentage, and you get a notion of why 1958 was a gut-wrenching year for Gus, for "Long John of Evanston," and for the entire Sable Hose franchise.

Center Field:**Diamond Dandy:**

This great has played all over the place for the Ducks/Grays, and despite his individual excellence, his team has never pulled itself out of the muck. How good was Hank Aaron in 1958? Good enough to collect a few MVP votes, despite the presence of Ernie Banks and Mickey Mantle in the league. Try 214 hits, 39 doubles, 33 homers, 111 runs, and 96 RBI on for size. Unfortunately, the Grays had only one major leaguer supporting him, Rockey Colavito. The future appears to be much brighter, however, as sluggers Jim Gentile and Frank Howard will soon join Aaron and "the Rock" for a potentially lethal lineup.

Runner-Up:

Please don't misunderstand. The Ol' Doctor has great respect for Mickey Mantle. How could anyone NOT respect 124 runs scored, 97 RBI, and 44

round-trippers to go with a solid .308 average. But, Banks and Aaron had better seasons. I know Mantle attempted 61 steals and was safe 48 times, but few managers from the three-run-homer 1950's would have possessed Manager Plunkitt's 1990's recklessness. Not with the best slugger in the American League. Not in their wildest dreams. Ah, it's great to be middle-aged and highly selective with one's historical memory.

Lump of Coal:

If anyone out there wonders why the Orient Express crashed and burned in 1958, look no further than a shaky defense, and one of the most obvious examples was Wally Post lumbering around in centerfield. Not only is Wally a garden keeper of limited range and questionable mitt, but in 1958, he was a very ordinary hitter. The one-time big hitter managed but 8 homers and 31 RBI, hardly the stuff of a Hank Aaron, a Willie Mays, or a Mickey Mantle. Jackie Brandt, where are you?

Right Field:**Diamond Dandy:**

If you combine a .308 average with 33 doubles, 35 home runs, 139 walks, and 119 RBI with an arm so strong that it moves all-star Hank Aaron to centerfield, you have Rocky Colavito, my son. Can you believe 41 intentional walks? Guess who protected "Hammerin' Hank" in the Grays' line-up? If the Grays are to go anywhere in the future, someone is going to have to protect Colavito. Imagine what he MIGHT have done with 41 additional swings!

Runner-up:

Long-time Pelican, Jackie Jensen, put together a fine all-around season with 27 doubles, 33 homers, 89 runs scored, and a team-leading 102 RBI. Further, he thumped an impressive 18 game-winning hits.

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On the negative side, he grounded into 16 DPs. Too bad Jensen spent his most productive years in Forbes Field National Park. He might have liked Tiger Stadium or Wrigley Field, a couple of cozy little bandboxes, but Manager Wheeler is legendary for ruining sluggers' careers.

Lump of Coal:

Once again, the Doctor was not without several candidates for this dubious award. Nevertheless, one fly-chaser stood out for his significant number of at bats (261) and his insignificant stick work (.172 batting average). Now, you might, from past experience, expect the Doctor to name one of Frank Papp's outfielders. Frank has made a managerial career out of employing the Tommy Umphletts and Jim Busbys of the world (Damn, I bet he wishes he had gotten Jim Bolger!). But, Gene Stephens, with his .260 OBP and his .276 SPC, was a semi-regular for none other than "Long John" Ungashick. Yep, the Rules Committee is doing their job.

Catcher:
Diamond Dandy:

Hard to believe, but a guy who has caused Manager Ehresman so much grief in the past has risen to the top of SPB I's catchers. Not only did Sherm Lollar slug 21 homers and drive in 70 Blue Sox, but he committed only 1 error the entire year. Further, "Sherman the German's" steady receiving and timely hitting helped to fuel the Blue Sox's late-season charge that fell short to the Tigers. Sorry, Sherm. The Doc owes you an apology.

Runner-Up:

What? Another guy with lead in his britches? Sure! Neither Sherm Lollar nor Gus Triandos could beat a three-legged goose in a sack race, but a Major League ball game isn't a track meet. Big Gus slugged 28 homers for

Wheeler's Birds. Plus, he drove in a very respectable 88 runs. Ironically, Sherm and Gus were both 0-2 in the stolen base department. What in the hell were those managers thinking?

Lump of Coal:

The Doctor's criterion has always been "Who got the least out of the most?" Few catchers got "less" out of their playing time than Evanson's Sammy Taylor: 13 extra base hits, 2 of which went "yard"; 16 RBI; a .297 OBP; and a miserable .267 SPC. Unlike Lollar and Triandos, Taylor WAS successful in the stolen base department, going 1 for 2.

Left-handed Pitcher:
Diamond Dandy:

Although 1958 had a number of quality lefties, one has to be number one: Whitey Ford. After an up-and-down SPB career, Ford put together his finest season, with a 16-9 record, a 2.90 ERA, and a .231 batting average against the league. Too bad the Mavs couldn't mount an offensive attack to go with their dynamic duo of Whitey Ford and Jim Bunning. A great pitching staff is a terrible thing to waste.

Runner-up:

This may have been the Ol' Doc's toughest call. How does one choose between superb and excellent? Nevertheless, Warren Spahn, despite his starting 36 games to Ford's 29, finishes second. Spahn's 15-13 record and 2.97 ERA are most impressive, as is his .237 batting average allowed. One consolation for Tom Falduto, "the Great Faldini," however; he enters the 1959 season being fitted for ANOTHER World Series ring. How many fingers does this SPB magician have?

Lump of Coal:

This guy can take some of the credit for ruining a potentially deadly pitching staff. How can a team expect to win a World Series when a guy penciled in as one of its top starters is 9-11 with a 5.08 ERA. Plus, he yielded 32 big homers. Jack Harshman, take a bow. With all those pathetic hitters logging 200-300 at bats, you bucked the trend and turned in a season worthy of the 1930's (or worse, the 1990's).

Right-handed Pitcher:
Diamond Dandy:

Gotta go with the numbers here, and Lew Burdette of the Cubs had the numbers: a 17-11 record, 35 GS, 12 CG, and ONLY 14 homers in 276 innings. Yes, the Doctor knows that he started many games in the "friendly cavern" known as Forbes Field, but Burdette yielded ONLY 55 walks, evidence of "pretty good" control.

Runner-up:

Same team. Similar statistics. Fewer hits. Much worse control. These descriptions fit Bob Turley, Jim Wheeler's quintessential Forbes Field power pitcher. Except for bases on balls and hits (two pretty big "exceptions"), Turley's numbers were remarkably like those of nibbler Lew Burdette: 17-13 record, 33 GS, 11 CG, and 11 homers in 247 innings. Turley yielded approximately 100 fewer hits than Burdette, but he walked approximately 100 more. Apparently, it all worked out correctly. This time.

Lump of Coal:

Boy, the Ol' Doc just "fell in love" with these numbers: .289 batting average against the league, 37 homers yielded, 224 hits in 192.1 innings, and ONLY a 4.63 ERA. By golly, this guy even managed to finish 13 games, somehow an appropriate number. Perhaps the SPB I

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had worse starters, but manager Lou Ross threw Don Newcombe out there 26 times and stuck with him. Such faith deserves some kind of recognition.

Relief Pitcher:**Diamond Dandy:**

No contest! Ryne Duren. The hurler with the Coke-bottle glasses was incredible. Just as Mickey Mantle had a season for the ages in SPB I's 1956 season, Duren had an Olympic performance in 1958: a .127 batting average against the league. That's NO misprint. Duren gave up a mere 27 hits in 62.2 innings. Plus, Duren won 6 games and saved 27 more. If ever an SPB reliever deserved serious consideration for the Cy Young or even the MVP (That shudder you just felt came from Gary "the Creator" Plunkitt, that staunch defender of realism in baseball simulations. What's that you say about Mantle's stolen bases?), this is the year; this is the guy.

Runner-up:

Dick Farrell, Frank Papp's hot young fireman, turned in another solid year in relief: 2.24 ERA, 6 wins, 17 saves, and a .244 batting average against the league. "Push 'em Up" Frank is putting together a fine mound corps, but as of 1958, it has not yet jelled. Farrell's 1958 performance was like a flower "wasting its sweetness on the desert air" (Thank you, Thomas Gray. Hey, was he in the league in '58?).

Lump of Coal:

No doubt here, folks. Along with Jack Harshman, this arsonist did everything in his power to lose the flag for Gary Plunkitt, and his season-long ineptitude certainly affected "the Creator's" World Series strategy. Dick Hyde, your 4.76 ERA, your .285 AVG against the league, and your 37

walks in 68 innings give a whole new meaning to the phrase, "He did it all." Apologies to Elroy Face. Although you pitched your heart out to win this award, "the Little Genius" had such "faith" in you that you got into 52 games and saved 22 (God knows how many blown saves.). So, you lose!

Well, fellow baseball aficionados and historical buffs (Indeed, we are all rapidly becoming part of history ourselves.), even the most inspirational moments must come to an end, and the Doctor's "little house call" is, fortunately, no exception.

Despite his sniping at the Rules Committee and at League officials in general, the Doctor believes the SPB family, in all three of its incarnations, is moving in the right direction. Those of you who were on board for the less-than-gratifying 1956 season know what the Doc means.

Good luck to all SPB members, old and new. May you have good luck in all road series and on all draft days. As most of you know, "it's better to be lucky than to be good."

Just ask the Doctor.

1947 Notes

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Tommy Henrich of the Chisox holds a 41-32 lead over Lou Boudreau (Trees) in doubles while Fairfield's Stan Musial and Harry Walker are knotted at 12 apiece, one ahead of Lafayette's Paul Lehner.

Glendale holds down the 1-2-3 slots in base stealing with Jackie Robinson with a one stolen base lead, 34-33 over Bob Dillinger with Emil Verban third at 21.

Joe Gordon has a total of 80 extra base knocks for 332 total bases, but he trails Mize in slugging percentage .669-.634 with Cooper in the middle at .652.

Ted Williams of the White Sox has been walked 116 time, 16 of the intentional variety. John Mize has re-

ceived 28 intentional passes.

On the mound, the Whales' Murry Dickson has the ERA lead with a 2.52 mark over crosstown rival Ewell Blackwell of the Chisox (2.56).

While the Trees' Johnny Sain leads all pitchers with 17 victories, Dickson and Phil Marchildon (Dodgers) are one back at 16.

Bob Feller holds a 14 strikeout lead in the whiff race over Blackwell, 150-136.

Interesting stat has Hal Gregg of the Trees leading the league with 5 shutouts, one in front of Harry Taylor (Chisox), Red Embree (Elephants) and Hal Newhouser (Fortress). Hitting against Embree has been an adventure as the league posted a piddling .212 mark through August. Dickson follows at .214. Embree also has permitted the fewest hits per nine with a 6.80 mark.

The Trees' John Gorsica holds the lead in saves with 17 with Joe Page second with 15. Page also leads the league by finishing up in 39 contests.

A total of 16 of Feller's 29 starts have resulted in a league-leading 16 complete games while Marchildon has finished 15 of his 28 starts.

Remarkably, Blackwell has permitted only **ONE HR** so far this season while Sam Zoldak of Fairfield has given up only 3 to tie with Denny Galehouse of the Gold Sox.

The Fortress hold the team lead in HR's with 130, 10 ahead of the White Sox while the Acorns have hit .300 for the campaign. The league average is a sound .273.

While the Acorns lead in hitting, they are last in pitching with a 5.14 ERA. The White Sox lead with 3.38 and the league average is 4.13 for 1947.



<u>GAMES</u>		<u>AT BATS</u>		<u>PLATE APPEARANCES</u>		<u>HITS</u>		
1	Mantle, Mickey	771	Fox, Nellie	3,251	Ashburn, Richie	3,659	Ashburn, Richie	999
2	Ashburn, Richie	771	Kuenn, Harvey	3,131	Fox, Nellie	3,543	Fox, Nellie	981
3	Fox, Nellie	769	Ashburn, Richie	3,117	Temple, Johnny	3,483	Mays, Willie	977
4	Sievers, Roy	766	Mays, Willie	3,044	Mays, Willie	3,434	Mantle, Mickey	938
5	Temple, Johnny	764	Temple, Johnny	3,039	Minoso, Minnie	3,429	Kuenn, Harvey	932
6	Mays, Willie	761	Banks, Ernie	3,038	Mantle, Mickey	3,385	Aaron, Hank	931
7	Minoso, Minnie	760	Thomas, Frank	3,008	Gilliam, Jim	3,361	Minoso, Minnie	924
8	Thomas, Frank	759	Aaron, Hank	2,985	Sievers, Roy	3,345	Banks, Ernie	870
9	Banks, Ernie	759	Gilliam, Jim	2,947	Kuenn, Harvey	3,340	Musial, Stan	863
10	Mathews, Eddie	753	Minoso, Minnie	2,925	Jensen, Jackie	3,298	Thomas, Frank'	844

<u>SINGLES</u>		<u>DOUBLES</u>		<u>TRIPLES</u>		<u>HOME RUNS</u>		
1	Ashburn, Richie	791	Musial, Stan	190	Mays, Willie	56	Mantle, Mickey	216
2	Fox, Nellie	787	Aaron, Hank	170	Ashburn, Richie	53	Sievers, Roy	189
3	Temple, Johnny	708	Minoso, Minnie	170	Runnels, Pete	43	Mathews, Eddie	179
4	Kuenn, Harvey	689	Kuenn, Harvey	163	Banks, Ernie	42	Williams, Ted	173
5	Schoendienst, Re	680	Mays, Willie	158	Minoso, Minnie	42	Banks, Ernie	168
6	Gilliam, Jim	615	Snider, Duke	153	Aaron, Hank	37	Snider, Duke	151
7	Mays, Willie	614	Bell, Gus	148	Clemente, Rober	37	Mays, Willie	149
8	Aaron, Hank	604	Mantle, Mickey	142	Kuenn, Harvey	34	Thomas, Frank	138
9	Minoso, Minnie	600	Post, Wally	140	Bruton, Billy	33	Kluszewski, Ted	127
10	Kaline, Al	577	Ashburn, Richie	140	2 TIED AT	32	Adcock, Joe	124

<u>RUNS</u>		<u>RUNS BATTED IN</u>		<u>BASE ON BALLS</u>		<u>STRIKEOUTS</u>		
1	Mantle, Mickey	709	Mantle, Mickey	586	Mantle, Mickey	652	Mantle, Mickey	523
2	Ashburn, Richie	621	Banks, Ernie	576	Williams, Ted	542	Post, Wally	517
3	Mays, Willie	611	Sievers, Roy	563	Ashburn, Richie	533	Snider, Duke	451
4	Minoso, Minnie	574	Mathews, Eddie	546	Mathews, Eddie	530	Doby, Larry	446
5	Mathews, Eddie	551	Hodges, Gil	534	Sievers, Roy	439	Hodges, Gil	445
6	Sievers, Roy	500	Mays, Willie	524	Temple, Johnny	438	Mathews, Eddie	430
7	Banks, Ernie	491	Thomas, Frank	515	Yost, Eddie	430	Thomas, Frank	384
8	Fox, Nellie	489	Musial, Stan	513	Minoso, Minnie	426	Lopata, Stan	380
9	Gilliam, Jim	479	Williams, Ted	506	Gilliam, Jim	406	DeMaestri, Joe	374
10	Jensen, Jackie	479	2 TIED AT	468	Smith, Al	391	Sievers, Roy	373

<u>HIT BY PITCH</u>		<u>INTENTIONAL WALKS</u>		<u>RUNS PRODUCED</u>		<u>STOLEN BASES</u>		
1	Minoso, Minnie	78	Mantle, Mickey	108	Mantle, Mickey	1,079	Mays, Willie	166
2	Fox, Nellie	62	Williams, Ted	51	Mays, Willie	986	Temple, Johnny	155
3	Lollar, Sherman	50	Musial, Stan	50	Minoso, Minnie	926	Mantle, Mickey	138
4	Robinson, Frank	41	Colavito, Rocky	50	Mathews, Eddie	918	Rivera, Jim	133
5	Courtney, Clint	33	Snider, Duke	41	Banks, Ernie	899	Aparcio, Luis	108
6	Mc Millan, Roy	26	Sievers, Roy	40	Sievers, Roy	874	Ashburn, Richie	99
7	Thomas, Frank	24	Lollar, Sherman	33	Musial, Stan	862	Gilliam, Jim	91
8	Yost, Eddie	23	Aaron, Hank	28	Ashburn, Richie	855	Minoso, Minnie	65
9	Vernon, Mickey	23	Mays, Willie	28	Jensen, Jackie	830	Jensen, Jackie	59
10	Hemus, Solly	23	Long, Dale	26	Hodges, Gil	818	Bruton, Billy	48

<u>BATING AVERAGE</u>		<u>ON BASE PCT</u>		<u>SLUGGING PCT</u>		<u>CAUGHT STEALING</u>		
MIN 1431 PA'S								
1	Williams, Ted	0.356	Williams, Ted	0.485	Williams, Ted	0.668	Mays, Willie	66
2	Mantle, Mickey	0.345	Mantle, Mickey	0.471	Mantle, Mickey	0.653	Gilliam, Jim	61
3	Mays, Willie	0.321	Ashburn, Richie	0.419	Snider, Duke	0.566	Temple, Johnny	59
4	Ashburn, Richie	0.321	Minoso, Minnie	0.414	Mays, Willie	0.557	Ashburn, Richie	51
5	Minoso, Minnie	0.316	Woodling, Gene	0.405	Adcock, Joe	0.550	Aparcio, Luis	50
6	Boyd, Bob	0.316	Mathews, Eddie	0.404	Mathews, Eddie	0.543	Rivera, Jim	48
7	Mueller, Don	0.314	Yost, Eddie	0.401	Kluszewski, Ted	0.533	Minoso, Minnie	45
8	Musial, Stan	0.314	Musial, Stan	0.397	Cerv, Bob	0.532	Reese, Pee Wee	40
9	Goodman, Billy	0.313	Mays, Willie	0.397	Musial, Stan	0.525	Mantle, Mickey	38
10	Aaron, Hank	0.312	2 TIED AT	0.394	Moryn, Moose	0.524	3 TIED AT	28

<u>Games</u>		<u>Complete Games</u>		<u>Innings Pitched</u>	
1954 Hughes, Blue Sox	58	1954 Antonelli/Roberts	20	1954 Roberts, Minors	314.0
1955 Wilhelm, Titans	61	1955 Roberts, Minors	21	1955 Roberts, Minors	312.2
1956 Wilhelm/Face	63	1956 Newcombe, Cascades	26	1956 Friend, Saxons	307.1
1957 Acker/Worthington	56	1957 Newcombe, Cascades	18	1957 Lary, Minors	268.1
1958 Farrell, Falcons	53	1958 Lary/Spahn	16	1958 Spahn, Saxons	291.1
<u>ERA</u>		<u>Wins</u>		<u>Loses</u>	
1954 Antonelli, Cubs	2.30	1954 Antonelli, Cubs	22	1954 Garcia, Falcons	19
1955 Pierce, Blue Sox	2.32	1955 Newcombe, Cascades	21	1955 Burdette, Flyers	20
1956 Brewer, Tigers	2.64	1956 Newcombe, Cascades	26	1956 Spahn, Saxons	22
1957 Podres, Pelicans	1.78	1957 Drysdale, Pelicans	24	1957 Lary/Friend	20
1958 Law, Rifles	2.41	1958 Turley/Burdette	17	1958 Wynn, Black Sox	22
<u>Saves</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>Walks</u>	
1954 Narleski, Black Sox	20	1954 Haddix, Knights	195	1954 Turley, Flyers	215
1955 Wilhelm, Titans	20	1955 Score, Flyers	251	1955 Jones, Titans	189
1956 Wilhelm, Rifles	27	1956 Score, Flyers	250	1956 Score, Flyers	163
1957 Farrell, Falcons	32	1957 Wynn, Black Sox	191	1957 Buhl, Cascades	144
1958 Duren, Saxons	27	1958 Jones, Rifles	229	1958 Turley, Pelicans	144
<u>Hits per 9</u>		<u>Walks per 9</u>		<u>Runners per 9</u>	
1954 Lawrence, Tigers	7.02	1954 Gromek, Black Sox	2.50	1954 Roberts, Minors	10.58
1955 Turley, Flyers	6.35	1955 Newcombe, Cascades	1.76	1955 Hacker, Cubs	10.15
1956 Brewer, Tigers	6.80	1956 Roberts, Minors	1.50	1956 Newcombe, Cascades	10.03
1957 Podres, Pelicans	6.15	1957 Roberts, Minors	1.75	1957 Podres, Pelicans	8.30
1958 Turley, Pelicans	6.67	1958 Law, Rifles	1.01	1958 Law, Rifles	9.54
<u>Shutouts</u>		<u>Homeruns</u>		<u>Opponents Batting Avg</u>	
1954 Antonelli, Cubs	6	1954 Marrero, Titans	49	1954 Lawrence, Tigers	0.212
1955 Jones, Titans	6	1955 Roberts, Minors	40	1955 Turley, Flyers	0.195
1956 6 tied with	3	1956 Mizell, Rifles	48	1956 Brewer, Tigers	0.207
1957 Spahn/Drysdale	6	1957 Ramos, Express	44	1957 Podres, Pelicans	0.192
1958 Larsen/Ford	4	1958 Antonelli, Tigers	45	1958 Turley, Pelicans	0.211

<u>Average</u>		<u>On Base Percentage</u>		<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	
1954 Avila, Minors	0.377	1954 Williams, Falcons	0.511	1954 Rosen, Cascades	0.653
1955 Goodman, Bluebirds	0.356	1955 Williams, Falcons	0.461	1955 Mantle, Tigers	0.655
1956 Mantle, Tigers	0.396	1956 Mantle, Tigers	0.512	1956 Mantle, Tigers	0.815
1957 Williams, Falcons	0.400	1957 Mantle, Tigers	0.512	1957 Williams, Falcons	0.799
1958 Williams, Falcons	0.357	1958 Williams, Falcons	0.496	1958 Williams, Falcons	0.643

<u>Hits</u>		<u>Doubles</u>		<u>Triples</u>	
1954 Avila, Minors	246	1954 Mueller, Flyers	44	1954 Minoso, Minors	19
1955 Bell, Black Sox	215	1955 Post, Knights	43	1955 Long/Clemente	15
1956 Mantle, Tigers	218	1956 Snider, Tigers	45	1956 Aaron, Grays	16
1957 Aaron, Grays	206	1957 Moryn, Cascades	41	1957 Mays, Cubs	14
1958 Aaron, Grays	214	1958 Power, Pelicans	42	1958 Ashburn, Blue Sox	17

<u>Homeruns</u>		<u>Runs</u>		<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
1954 Rosen, Cascades	48	1954 Minoso, Minors	163	1954 Rosen, Cascades	153
1955 Mantle, Tigers	48	1955 Mantle, Tigers	151	1955 Kluszewski, Saxons	152
1956 Mantle, Tigers	66	1956 Mantle, Tigers	176	1956 Mantle, Tigers	154
1957 Sievers, Rifles	53	1957 Sievers, Rifles	132	1957 Sievers, Rifles	145
1958 Banks, Cubs	47	1958 Mantle, Tigers	124	1958 Banks, Cubs	135

<u>Walks</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
1954 Mathews, Cubs	161	1954 Mantle, Tigers	139	1954 Temple, Saxons	58
1955 Ashburn, Bluebirds	119	1955 Post, Knights	111	1955 Temple, Saxons	36
1956 Yost, Saxons	161	1956 Post, Knights	158	1956 Mays, Cubs	64
1957 Mantle, Tigers	140	1957 Snider, Blue Sox	108	1957 Gilliam, Falcons	54
1958 Mantle, Tigers	157	1958 Mantle, Tigers	120	1958 Mantle, Tigers	48

<u>Total Bases</u>		<u>Runs Created</u>		<u>Total Average</u>	
1954 Rosen/Minoso	387	1954 Rosen, Cascades	168.2	1954 Williams, Falcons	1.434
1955 Mantle, Tigers	380	1955 Mantle, Tigers	172.3	1955 Mantle, Tigers	1.254
1956 Mantle, Tigers	449	1956 Mantle, Tigers	248.7	1956 Mantle, Tigers	1.815
1957 Sievers, Rifles	389	1957 Williams, Falcons	178.4	1957 Williams, Falcons	1.580
1958 Aaron, Grays	362	1958 Mantle, Tigers	156.4	1958 Mantle, Tigers	1.371

1927 Notes and Tidbits

Both the American and National League races have settled in after the first month of intra-divisional play and the final two months would appear to be ripe for some major changes in the charge for each pennant flag.

In the **American League**, the **Rt.66 Barnstormers** put together an 18-10 July to move over the .500 plateau and hop over the Tip-Tops into second place. They now reside only 4 back of the **Seattle Rainiers** who struggled a bit at 15-13 and begin to drag after a fast start. **Dayton** stayed at six back, but dropped to 4th behind the **Hoosier Thunderbolts** who moved from six under .500 to one over and 5 1/2 back of the top slot. The **Spiders**, **Clowns** and **Stars** brought up the rear, with the Stars escaping the cellar over the Indianapolis Clowns.

Over in the **National**, the **Atlanta Crackers**, with a 13-15 July, saw their lead over the **Roses** (16-12) cut by 3 games with **Mt. Hood** now a mere game back. The **Glendale Grunts**, despite gaining 1/2 game in the standings, fell to 4th behind the **Wildcats** who moved 12 over .500 and 3 behind the Crackers. The **Hawks** were 12-16 and dropped to 5th, 7 off the pace while the **Gamblers** and **Wizards** cushioned the bottom of the pack.

Earl Combs of the **Rainiers** saw his league leading average drop 30 points in July, but he still leads with a solid **.415** mark. His lead is 23 points over **Babe Ruth (Dayton)** who raised his mark 7 points to **.392** while **Lou Gehrig (Roses)** slipped to **.389** during the month. Atlanta's Harry Heilman moved into 3rd place at **.390**.

Ruth maintained both his **HR and RBI** leads, breaking the century mark with **101** ribbies on the season and adding **10 HR's** for **38** total. **Gehrig** hit **8 HR's** in July, bringing him to **22** in 1927.

Seattle's Jim Bottomley took the league league in three-baggers over **Fresco Thompson (Wizards)** by **16-15**.

Ruth received his **33rd IW** of the season during the month to lead.

The **Clowns' Max Carey**, the leader in stolen bases after June, stole only two to finish with **25** while **Frankie Frisch (Grunts)** ran wild to reach **36**.

Bill Doak (Roses) saw his ERA creep up a bit, but he still leads with **1.88**, ahead of teammate **Dutch Ulrich** at **2.03**. The **Wildcats' Earl Whitehill** saw his ERA jump to **2.19** and **3rd place** in the rankings. He did toss a **shutout** in July and kept the lead with **5** on the year, tied with **Hod Lisenbee (Seattle)** who threw a pair.

Lisenbee leads the league with **14 wins**, overtaking **Ray Kremer (Roses)** who was 0-1. **Vic Aldridge (Wildcats)** lost his perfect mark, but extended his record to **13-1**, tied with **Ted Lyons (Wizards)** at **13** wins.

Gurnee's Garland Braxton took the saves lead from Johnny Miljus with his total of **11**. **Dazzy Vance** of the **Barnstormers** posted the best mark of the month at **6-2**.

Red Lucas (Hoosier), **Willis Hudlin (Clowns)** and **Eppa Rixey (Stars)** are tied for the league lead with **13 CG's** apiece.

Trailing in **team average** by .006 after June, the **Roses** turned up the burners and passed the **Rainiers** for the league lead, **.302-.301** with the **Crackers** one point back in third place. The **Roses** are tied with the **Hawks** with **56 HR's** to lead the league. **Seattle** has an astounding **85 triples** with the **Tip-Tops** second, far back at **49**.

The **Wizards** lead in team **ERA** at **2.91** with the **Hawks** last at **4.46**. The league average is **3.71** so far.

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were thought to be prime pennant challengers. However, the pitching has gone sour and Hatteras has the 2nd worst record in the league at 20-30.

In the NL, the **Falcons** seem to be movig along faster than expected in their rebuilding for Frank Papp. Holding down the top spot is being keyed by Danny McDevitt and Ernie Johnson. Tom Falduto's **Saxons** put together a 17-8 month to take over 2nd, one back. The **Cascades** are four back in the race as they scamper to find an identity.

The **Rifles** had a down month at 12-13 for Bob Calicchia and slipped into a 4th place tie with John Ungashick's **Black Sox** who fell from the top spot after going 11-14. The **Mavericks** of Mike Cascarano also can't get it together, but are riding at the .500 mark, 6 back. Preventing all clubs from falling through the bottom are the Don Zminda's **Zees**, sleeping their way through '59, already 12 under .500.

Now, this is like giving matches to an arsonist, but league statistician John Turnbull is making the Monthly Award announcements. Even though Harvey Haddix and Wally Post are no longer in position to win, John has come through with a pair of Empires to fill the slots.

Vada Pinson (Blue Sox) is the **Player-of-the-Month** after batting .380 with 11 2B's, 2 triples, 3 HR's and 15 RBI.

Starter-of-the-Month goes to **Milt Pappas (Empires)** who went 5-1 with a 1.89 ERA in 8 starts. He tossed 3 CG's and a shutout, allowing only 45 hits in 66.2 innings.

Finally, **Reliever-of-the-Month** goes to the that household name, the **Empires' John Romonosky** who had a 0.00 ERA and 2-0 mark in 12.2 IP ith 10 strikeouts.