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Team, Player Surprises Abound in SPB-I Opening Month of Play

by Lou Ross

Could we be seeing a changing of the guard sooner than anticipated as season six of SPB-I completed the first month of the 1959 season?

In the **American League**, the **Lafayette Blue Sox**, who made a late-season rush at the 1958 pennant, find themselves at the top of the heap. Even more surprising is the performance of the newly-dubbed **Smithfield Seniors**, the only other club above .500 in the AL and two back of the Sox. The perennial powerhouse **Frankfort Tigers** are mired in the basement.

The **National League** also is undergoing some dramatic changes. The **Gurnee Falcons**, supposedly in a rebuilding mode, are tied in the top slot with the **Evanston Black Sox**, who have been attempting to exit the lower eschalon of the division.

Evanston has been led by rookie hurlers Jerry Casale and Jack Fisher along with veterans Billy Loes and Bill Fischer. The team has a league-leading

2.76 ERA. The falcons, also with 15 wins, have received fine pitching from lefty Danny McDevitt and righties Bill Monboquette and Bob Purkey. The league ERA comes in at **3.52** with eight clubs above that mark. The **Tigers** are last at **4.95** to offset their offensive prowess.

On the batting front, the **Tigers** continue their offensive attack with a league leading **28 HR's** while the **Cascades** leading at **.291**. The **Mavericks** are struggling with a **.221 BA**, well-below the league mark of **.253**.

Individual numbers are also interesting after one month of the '59 season. **Continued Page 15**

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

Since the implementation of the third SPB league (SPBIII-27), quite a few managers have found it tougher to keep up with league deadlines, schedules, etc. With all three leagues operating concurrently, I too have been more than a little overwhelmed with trying to keep everything straight.

In order to bring things back into perspective and most importantly, avoid "burning out" our managers, SPB will be adopting a unique standardization of schedules which will avoid all three leagues playing games at the same time. This schedule will permanently set the specific start dates for each league as well as cement the draft dates to specific months of the year. This should go a long way to bringing back enjoyment of the league and avoid the conception of the league turning into a "conveyor belt" of seasons.

Here's how the schedule will work, beginning in 1997:

Jan.1 SPBII-48 BEGINS
 Feb.8 SPBIII-28 ROOKIE DRAFT
 Mar.8 SPBI-60 ROOKIE DRAFT
 Apr.1 SPBIII-28 SEASON BEGINS
 Jul.1 SPBI-60 SEASON BEGINS
 Oct.8 SPBII-49 ROOKIE DRAFT

We will follow this pattern each year. The only period of time when two leagues will be running concurrently would be the months of April to September when the SPBIII league would overlap the conclusion of

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1959 APRIL STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
BLUE SOX	15	10	.600	--
SENIORS	13	12	.520	2
GRAYS	12	13	.480	3
PELICANS	12	13	.480	3
CUBS	11	14	.440	4
EMPIRES	11	14	.440	4
TIGERS	8	17	.320	7
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
FALCONS	15	10	.600	--
BLACK SOX	15	10	.600	--
RIFLES	14	11	.560	1
SAXONS	13	12	.520	2
CASCADES	13	12	.520	2
MAVERICKS	12	13	.480	3
ZEES	11	14	.440	4

The Lachemann Syndrome

It's summer, time for managerial musical chairs. Good luck to Joe DeZarlo who assumed control of the **Atlanta Crackers** in SPBIII-27 for Mike Clark who resigned. Joe is already looking for a new name for his '28 entry and can be reached at:

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SPBII and the beginning of SPBI. So mark your calendars accordingly!

SPBII-48 Rookie Draft

The draft will be held on Saturday, **November 9, 1996**. Once again, Frank Papp will be hosting the draft at his palatial estate in Gurnee, IL. All SPB managers are welcome to attend. Managers wishing to host one of the drafts in 1997 should let me know ASAP.

SPBI-59 STATS

John Turnbull is back in town and will be resuming his duties as SPBI-59 league statistician. Please send your 1959 series results to John at his new address:

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RULES COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

Several proposals have been brought to the floor for the consideration of the Rules Committee during the SPBII-48 rookie draft. If you have a proposal that you want given consideration, let me know.

- 1) Limit road manager profiles to two (2) lineups, i.e. vs LHP and RHP.
- 2) Removing any restrictions on the number of at bats or appearances that any **unlimited** player could make.
- 3) Allow teams to draft more than 30 players on their roster. Home/Road roster limits would remain unchanged at 25H/30R.
- 4) Define a new earned run average for unlimited pitchers in **SPBIII**.

DIAMOND DUST

1927- Charlie Root 1-hits Pirates and moves Cubs ahead of Bucs into 1st place...Senators trade General Crowder to Browns for Tom Zachary...White Sox sacrifice 8 times against the Tigers to set a new ML record...Ty Cobb gets his 4,000th hit, a double off the Tigers' Sam Gibson...On John McGraw Day at the Polo Grounds, commemorating his 25 years as manager, Giants lose 8-5 to Cubs. Giants release pitcher Joe Bush...Red Lucas of the Reds pitches a 1-hitter against the Dodgers. The only hit is a 6th inning grounder thru the legs of 2B Hughie Critz...Mel Ott hits his 1st ML HR, an inside-the-park job. It is the only one of his career 511 he will hit.

1947— Stan Musial finally lifts his average over .300 as the Cardinals start their run at the Dodgers, a surge that does fall short....The Browns' Willard Brown is the first black to HR in the AL, a pinch inside-the-park HR against the Tigers...Ralph Kiner hits 3 consecutive HRs in a 12-7 Pirates win over the Cards, a game which saw 10 HRs hit. He still trails Johnny Mize 43-39 in the HR race..The 1st Little League WS sees the Maynard Midgets of Williamsport win the tourney...Giants break the NL record for HRs in a season with their 172nd...Recently signed by the Dodgers, former Memphis Red Sox (Negro League) hurler Dan Bankhead debuts as the first NL black pitcher. Despite giving up 10 hits in 3.1 innings against the Pirates, Bankhead makes the history book by hitting a HR in his first at bat... Tigers' Skeeter Webb pinch runs for Fred Hutchinson and as Detroit bats around, he later drives in the winning run with a SF... Braves hit 1 million in attendance for the first time....

1959- Early Wynn, 39, strikes out 14 Red Sox, tosses a 1-hitter and drives in the only run with a HR.... Plan for 2 All-Star games each year is approved...White Sox trade Lou Skizas and Don Rudolph to Reds for Del Ennis...Senators start a baseball lecture series for women... Frank Robinson hits for the cycle...Jim Dykes replaces Bill Norman of the 2-15 Tigers... Roy Campanella Night draws 93,103 to the LA Coliseum for a game between the Dodgers and Yanks... Giants' Jim Hearn pitches 1.1 in relief against Pirates, allows 2 runs and leaves behind 6-4. The game is suspended, Hearn released and he's charged with the loss 2 months after his retirement. Warren Spahn becomes the 3rd NL lefty to win 250 games....

"I don't want to be taken to your leader. I already know him."

Eddie Gaedel

When asked at the "Martian Landing" if he'd like to be taken to the White Sox leader, Bill Veeck.

Yankees drop to last place for the first time since 1940....Hoyt Wilhelm 1-hits the Yankees with Jerry Lumpe's 8th inning single the only hit...Harvey Haddix pitches his infamous perfect games against Braves for 12 innings, losing in 3th when Felix Mantilla reached on an error. A SF and IW to Hank Aaron brings up Joe Adcock who HRs, but Aaron pulls a "Merkle" and leaves the field with Adcock passing him on bases. The next day, Warren Giles rules it a 1-0 game. ..On the same day, May 26th, a helicopter with four midgets, led by Eddie Gaedel, lands behind 2B before a Sox-Indians game at Comiskey. They "capture" Louie Aparicio and Nellie Fox and present them with ray guns. See photo page 18....



Down the Stretch in '47 Campaign Battle Royals

by John Ungashick

The trends of the first three months of the 1947 season continued into month four as 5 teams in the National, but only one in the AL maintained above-500 records. In fact, the **Antelope Valley Marauders**, in fourth place in the National, would be in a virtual tie in the American.

Brooklyn increased its lead to six games over the sluggish **Fortress** in the AL. Frankfort needs to start its pennant push very soon, but has the edge as they play 63 games to only 49 for the Dodgers. In the NL, the **Evanston Trees** stayed in the lead, but the White Sox cut the margin to a mere 1 1/2 games. A key 7-game series between the two clubs will be pivotal.

Dixie Walker of the Feds leads with a .357 average, challenged by 4 players above .340. **Joe Gordon** of the Dodgers wrestled the HR lead from **Johnny Mize** 35-34, having played 14 more games. **Johnny Sain** leads all hurlers with 14 victories.

Team-of-the-Month was difficult to determine with the disparity in games. The Dodgers won more (20) and also had 15 in the loss column. The prize goes to the **White Sox** with the best win percentage (.619) in 21 games.

Player-of-the-Month was also skewed by games played. **Mize** hit .392 with 9 HRs and 23 RBI in 21 games. However, it's hard to ignore **Joe Gordon** who hit .359 with 14-41 in 35 games.

Evanston Trees swept the pitching honors. Starter **Johnny Sain** went 5-0 with three shutouts and a 1.79 ERA. Reliever **Johnny Gorsica** won his 3rd award in 4 months by virtue of a 1.35 ERA and four saves in seven appearances.

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1947 GAME REPORTS

(As provided by managers to Lou Ross)

We have officially entered the Dog Days of Summer in the SPB-1947 campaign and a number of clubs in each league are looking to ride the victory wave and move up in the standings.

Over in the American, the **Monarchs** began the month 11 under .500 and looked to get well home at Wrigley. The **Federals**, pressing the Dodgers for first place were royally crowned, winning only the front and back end games of the series. Game one had M's ace Warren Spahn take on Walt Masterson and the lefty ace had trouble in the middle innings allowing RBIs to Stan Musial, Eddie Miller and Hoot Evers and a 3-1 Feds win....Allie Reynolds was hammered by the M's

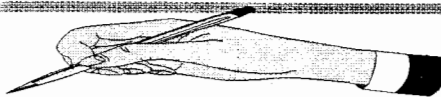


in game two with 3 in the 1st and 3 in the 3rd, highlighted by Ed Pellagrini's 2-run HR, part of his 4 RBI. Musial was 4-for-5 on the day...The M's were rolling and Monte Kennedy tossed a CG win in game 3 as they went ahead for good in the 5th. With the game tied 1-1, Kennedy and Johnny Hopp had RBI singles. Mort Cooper started and lost for the Feds..Game 4 saw the M's load the sacks in the 5th on a Sam Mele 2B, Eddie Joost single and a Bobby Thomson walk. Bobby Doerr's grounder to Lucky Lohrke at 3B was booted for one run. Rudy York liked that scenario and another run scored on error two. The final was 5-2 as Walt Lafranconi went 8, allowing 7 hits...Spahn and Masterson had a rematch in game 5 and there were zeros on the board into the 8th when the M's scored 5. Vic Wertz, Hopp and Thurm Tucker each had an RBI as Mel Parnell couldn't stem the tide. He wild pitched home one and another scored on a Musial error. Spahn walked none over 8 with only 4 hits as Al Jurisich finished up for a 5-0 win...

Another zip the next day as

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by Lou Ross

We are all baseball history buffs to some degree here in SPB. Admittedly, some more than others, but still we are steeped in the legend and lore of baseball.

A few weeks back, I took in an exhibit running in Seattle at the Museum of History and Industry on the Pacific Coast League. Some fascinating photos, old uniforms and unique exhibits depicting some of the great teams, players and characters of this rather hallowed league. Players like Fred Hutchinson, Jigger Stutz and Walt Judnich and Steve Bilko among others, who now play in our SPB leagues and ballparks from Gilmore Field, Seals Stadium and Sicks Stadium in Seattle were highlighted.

I also perused a rather scathing letter from Fresco Thompson as Director of the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm system to a whining, conniving minor league manager Bobby Bragan threatening removal from the Brooklyn organization for complaining about players he was provided with by the parent club. Among other things.

Which brings me to my soapbox. Once again, we are faced in SPB with new guidelines. Most are welcome.

However, are we now moving back into the dark ages with the proposal to restrict visitor profiles to two? We know that some managers basically never load lineups in human mode. But think of the season-long player usage and the need to stay within restrictions. Do you basically just throw away a road series by not doing your best to match up with the opposition? This restriction must also cover head-to-head series or else the balance will have shifted so far as to create an unfair advantage.

Or is that the ulterior motive?

'47 Reports from Page 3

Dizzy Trout tossed a 3-hitter for the M's while Federal pitchers walked 9 (Reynolds 7, Kush 2). York belted a solo HR and 3 walks on the day.... The Feds closed out the series with a win as Mort Cooper went 8 strong innings in a 7-3 win. Musial hit another HR and Evers went 2-for-5 with a 2B and 2 RBI...

Into town came the pennant chasing **Fortress**, five back at the halfway point and Frankfort left with six victories. The lead changed 8 times in the opener with Earl Johnson against Hal Newhouser. Each club left 10 stranded and the Fort went ahead to stay in the 8th as Swish Nicholson and Andy Pafko walked against Hugh Casey, Joost botched a DP grounder in the 7-6 Fortress win. Joe Page went 3 strong innings in relief for the win... Dobson started against Ken Heintzelman and the M's went into the 9th with the lead until relief ace Lafranconi blew his first save of the season by allowing 4 runs. Johnny Berardino's 3-run, 2-out 2B was the big blow following Joost's second big late-inning error of the series....Three straight for Frankfort as the Fort rolled a seven for the third game in a row. Johnny Mize hit a solo and 3-run HR while Sid Gordon and Berardino added solos...**Monarchs** picked up their only win of the series in game 4 as Ken Burkhart got 15-hit support. Five batters had 2 hits apiece, including Burkhart while Thomson had a 3-hit game...Tommy Hughes got the Fort back on a winning note with a 6-hit CG, 7-2. Cully Rikard had RBI singles in the 1st, 7th and 9th to lead the way...Hal Newhouser again, this time besting Dobson with a 5-0, 5-hitter. Skeeter Newsome drove home 3 of the 5 runs....Spahn tried to stop the bleeding in the finale, but the Fort got 3 in the 2nd led by a Mize solo HR and Spec Shea's RBI single leading to a 4-2 win....

The **Rossville Hornets**, looking to emerge from the AL cellar, came in

and **West Warwick** left with 4 victories in a tough-fought series. Fred Hutchinson topped Trout in the opener, a CG 5-2 win. Bama Rowell and Jim Hegan each went 2-for-4 and Charlie Keller blasted a 2-run PH HR. ..The Hornets blasted 5 Monarch hurlers for 15 hits and 12 runs in game two with Jeff Heath going 3-for-5 and 5 RBI, including a 3-run HR. Everyone except Grady Hatton had a hit for the Hornets in the 12-6 win.....West Warwick bounced back to tie the series in the next two. Hornets had a 3-2 lead in the 8th inning of game 3 when Earl Caldwell walked the bags full and with 2 outs, Gerry Staley, on in relief, allowed a 2-run single to Hopp. A third run scored on the play on Rowell's throwing error for the 5-4 win....Another win as the M's got 5 in the 3rd on a walk, 4 singles, a 2B and 2-run 3B by Pellagrini. Ken Trinkle tossed 3 innings in relief and 5 hits, but only one run as the M's won 7-4.....The final 3 were all tough contests. The M's had a 6-5 lead in the 7th on Hank Majeski's 2-run 2B and Doerr single. Hornets came right back in the 8th loading the bases off Casey and with 2 out, he walked in the tying run and then allowed a 2-

run single to Mickey Vernon. Hatton got back on track with 2-for-4 and 4 RBI, including a 2B and 3B and Johnny Pesky was 4-for-5. Majeski led the M's with 4 RBI in the 9-7 Hornet win....In game six, the Hornet's Rowell walked with one down in the 10th, stole second and after an out, Trinkle walked Pesky and Terry Moore and for the second game in a row, Hatton walked with the bases loaded and a 5-4 Rossville win....Dobson took the mound in the finale hoping to get the M's righted and he was successful in tossing a 3-0 three-hitter. Doerr's 2-run HR in the 4th was all the support he needed....

The **Monarchs** tried to get back on track at the vast expanse of Griffith Stadium where they took on the **Lafayette Gold Sox**. Dizzy Trout got them focused in the opener, a 3-1 seven-hit defeat of Harry Brecheen... The G'Sox kept the sharp pitching going and won the next two via shutout. Jim Hearn spotted two hits in a 2-0 win with Dixie Walker's 3rd inning single the margin of victory... Bob Lemon followed with another 2-hitter, 5-0 against Dobson. Paul Lehner's 1st inning 2-run shot was the difference. Lehner also tripled home a pair in the 7th...Game 4 saw the M's up 3-2 into the 7th with Al Jurisich opposing Clint Hartung. Lehner continued his dominance and singled in the go-ahead run in the 1st, but Rudy York hit a SF in the 2nd and single in the 4th to put the M's ahead. Ray Mueller HR'd in the 4th to tie and Bobby Doerr tripled home Bobby Thomson in the 6th for a 3-2 lead. Bert Haas hit a SF and Cecil Travis drove in the eventual winner on a groundout and Si Johnson picked up the save for the Sox....The Sox extended their winning streak to four by picking up 4 in the 1st inning off Trout keyed by a pair of errors by Eddie Joost. Joost drove one in on a grounder in the 2nd, followed by a York double as he batted in the 8-hole and a single by Trout. Walker added an insurance run for the Sox in the 5th and a 5-3 win for Bobo Newsom.. **Cont. Pg. 12**



AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
DODGERS	58	47	.552	- - -
FORTRESS	45	46	.494	6
FEDERALS	47	51	.479	7.5
FLYERS	45	53	.459	9.5
GOLD SOX	40	51	.439	11
HORNETS	42	56	.438	12.5
MONARCHS	44	61	.419	14
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
TREES	59	39	.602	- - -
WHITE SOX	54	37	.593	1.5
ELEPHANTS	55	43	.561	4
MARAUDERS	54	44	.551	5
ACORNS	53	52	.504	9.5
WHALES	50	55	.476	12.5
BEARS	40	51	.439	15.5

1927 Game Reports

As we approach the halfway mark in the premier SPB-III season, we are beginning to see teams reaching their projected season-end levels.

The **Lafayette Spiders** hosted the powerful **Mt. Hood Roses** and pulled off somewhat of a surprise by taking 3-of-5. After the Roses jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the 1st against Rube Walberg and an eventual 7-2 win for Ray Kremer on Heinie Schuble's 3-run HR, the Spiders bounced back. Jumbo Elliot bested Urban Shocker 3-2 with a 4-hitter. The Roses won an extra inning affair the next day after blowing a 9th inning lead. Bob Fothergill's pair of singles gave the Spiders a 2-1 lead after 3 for Guy Bush, but in the 9th, pitcher Jack Scott drove in the go-ahead tally. Trying to hold onto the lead, Scott yielded a leadoff pinch single to Jimmie Foxx who eventually scored on a single by Jack Fournier and an error by Lloyd Waner in CF. In the 10th against George Smith, Bob Meusel doubled home the winner.

The Spiders pulled it together in the final two contests, holding on for a pair of 1-run triumphs. Howard Ehmke fell behind early as Waner led off the game with a HR, but Lafayette got a pair in the 2nd on a SF and bases loaded walk to Eddie Collins. After the Roses tied in the 7th, Spiders got a 2-run single from Hod Ford. Smith came on to save for Ehmke after the Roses got a run in the 9th. With the series tied at two, the Roses led 2-0 going to the bottom 9th. Kremer's 2nd start of the series was thwarted when Bobby Burke came on to pitch. Bob Reeves singled in two and finally, Ford picked up his second straight winner with a SF...

The **Glendale Grunts** proved tough opponents at Ebbets Field for the **Spiders** in the next series. After Walberg posted a 5-1 over Don Hankins keyed by Fothergill's 2-run HR, the Grunts bounced back to take 3 straight. Spiders left their bats in the

rack against Dutch Reuther who flipped a 2-hit, 2-0 win. The only run the Grunts needed came home on a bases loaded walk by Ehmke to Ethan Allen in the 4th. Reuther added one on a single in the 5th. Game 3 saw Tom Zachary get a two run lead in the 1st on a WP and Hack Wilson HR. Spiders got one back in the 1st and it stayed that way until the 9th when PH Jack Tobin smacked a 2-run 2B off loser Milt Gaston. Charlie Robertson bested Bush 5-2 in game 4 as the Grunts broke a 2-2 tie in the 7th on singles by Bill Terry, who finished the series at .105, and Wilson. Spiders struggled in the finale Down 1-0, Fothergill tied it off Wingard with a single in the bottom before Ownie Carroll got a



3-1 lead in the 3rd on a 2B and 2 RBI by Tris Speaker. Grunts got 2 back in the 8th to close the gap, but Walberg came on in relief to shut the door in the 9th to gain the 2nd win of the series for the Spiders....

Glendale then ventured to Redland Field to tackle the **Seattle Rainiers**. Hankins got another opening game start and the Rainiers took him early, chipping away for three to back Hod Lisenbee's 7-hitter... Reuther faced Jess Petty in game 2 and it was an unusual offensive display. Frank Frisch tripled to lead off the game and quickly came in on a Earl McNeely groundout. Allen added a run-scoring single. Seattle got 3 back in the 2nd on Bill Lamar's 2-run 3B and Earle Combs' single. Grunts took a 7-4 lead after 7, but Seattle scratched back. Two in the 8th on a Fred Schulte single off Mike Cvangros and tied it with 2-out in the 9th on a Muddy Ruel single. In the 11th, Frisch again triped and came in on a FC on McNeely's IF grounder. Terry added a single for the 9-7 win... Game 3 was no contest as Waite Hoyt was the beneficiary of an 8-run 5th off Zachary and reliever

Lefty Grove. Jim Bottomley's 2-run 3B broke things open for the 10-1 win. Seattle put another 10-spot on the board the next day for Doug McWeeney against Robertson and Cvangros. Wilson and Terry had homered to tie at 2-2 in the 7th when the Rainiers broke it open with 6. George Myatt's PH 2B broke the tie and 5 more singles in the inning put it away. Seattle added two in the 8th..The finale was a bit closer as Wingard took on Lefty Willis. Frisch led off the game with a walk and eventually scored on a Wilson single. Grunts extended to 3-0 in the 4th, but another Bottomley 3B and Lamar grounder cut it to 3-2. After Jack Rothrock and Butch Henline led off the 7th with singles, Grove came on in relief and allowed a PH single RBI by Ruel. The winning run came home when Combs' grounder was thrown away by Frisch on a FO attempt at 2B and Seattle added another on an IF error in the 8th for the 5-3 win and took the series 4-1....

Seattle next hosted the **Evanston Wizards** and came away with four wins after losing the opener. Firpo Marberry got a rare start for the Rainiers against Ted Lyons and was down 2-0 after 7 1/2. A pair of singles by Bill Rogell was the difference. In the 8th, both Andy High and Ruel singled and after Cliff Heathcote lined out, Combs singled in one. Harry Rice singled, Sarge Connally came on and yielded a single to Lamar to drive home one with Rice being nailed at the plate. Dutch Henry went 1-2-3 against Seattle in the 9th and in the 10th George Burns said "Goodnight, Gracie," with a SF. Foster Edwards got the save....Hoyt matched with Earl Whitehill in game two and Seattle took a 2-0 1st inning lead. Rice led off with a 3B and scored on a Heinie Sand single. Schulte walked to force in a run, but the Wizards came back with one in the 3rd on a Fresco Thompson 3B and Buddy Myer single and one in the 6th on a Mel Ott SF which turned into a DP when Bibb Falk was gunned out trying to take third. **Continued Page 6**

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With two down in the Seattle 9th, Whitehill allowed singles to Sand and Combs and a walk to Bottomley. Connally came on and Myatt was sent up to PH. His grounder to Myer at SS was booted and the winning run scored...Wild one in game three with 26 hits and an 8-5 Rainiers win. Pete Donohue (Seattle) took on Lil Stoner and was behind 1-0 on a Falk SF in the 1st. They tied it in the 3rd on another Myer muff at SS, but Wizards went ahead in the 5th on a Falk groundout. Seattle added 4 in the 6th with two out when Sand singled in a run and another scored on a Falk error in CF. Rice tripled home another and when Rogell missed a Bottomley grounder it was 5-2, but hardly over. Evanston got 2 in the 7th on a Falk single and Ott groundout, but Rainiers put it away on a Henline 3B and a SF by Willis, now on in relief. Seattle won 8-5.... Rainiers put away game four early for Petty against Sloppy Thurston. Another Rice triple drove home Sand and he scored on a Bottomley SF in the 1st. Thurston left with an injury with one out in the 2nd and on came Elmer Jacobs. Combs led off the 3rd with a 2B and with one out, three straight singles drove Jacobs to the showers and brought on Edwards who allowed run-scoring singles to Lamar and Rothrock for a 6-0 lead. Despite two late RBI by Andy Reese, Seattle held on 7-3.... Emil Yde made his first start of the year in the finale for Seattle and was quickly behind 3-0 in the 1st. Thompson led off with a 3B and Bill Barrett walked. On a steal attempt, Jim Hamby threw into CF to allow one to score and then was charged with a PB for another before Wattie Holm's SF stretched the margin. Seattle came right back as Combs led off with a 3B and scored on Sand's IF out. Lew Fonseca drove in another after a pair of singles. Combs and Sand at the top of the order drove in two in the 2nd. Hamby made an error on a sac attempt in the 4th and Thompson

drove one in with a SF. Rainiers got 3 back in the 4th and team matched runs later on for an 8-5 Seattle win.

The Rainiers hit 13 of their 23 triples for the month at home. Rice totaled 5, Bottomley 4 and Combs 3.

Fenway Park was the first road stop for **Seattle** in June as they took on the **Gurnee Gamblers**. Fred Fitzsimmons overcame a 2-0 1st inning deficit after a Rice double and Fonseca squeeze bunt. Cy Williams singled home a run in the bottom and his SF in the 3rd netted a tie against Lisenbee. It stayed that way until the 8th when Lefty Willis came on and after one out, Joe Judge reached 2nd on a Sand error followed by a throwing error by Combs to score a run as he attempted to nail Judge going to 3B. Fitzsimmons and Goose Goslin added RBI singles for the 5-2 win... Seattle came back the next afternoon with Hoyt against Sheriff Blake. Combs led off the game with a single, stole second, moved up on a groundout then scored on a Rice single. Gurnee went ahead with one in the 5th as Stuffy Stewart drove in Judge who doubled and one in the 7th on a Charlie Hargreaves single. With Garland Braxton on in relief Seattle squeezed across two in the 9th for

the win. Combs singled, Sand doubled and after Schulte K'd batting for Rice, Bottomley tied it with a groundout to 1B and Fonseca tripled home the winning run. Marberry came on for the save in the 9th for Seattle....Game 3 was a blowout as Petty got 20-hit support and a 15-3 Seattle win against Johnny Wertz. The Combs 3B, Sand single routine worked in the 1st, but Gurnee came back to lead 3-1 after 4. The Rainiers scored 3 in the 5th, 5 in the 6th, 4 in the 7th and 2 in the 9th to end it....Gurnee bounced back for a 7-5 game 4 win scoring 3 in the 1st for Flint Rhem off McWeeney led by Hack Wilson's 2-run single. Sand's 2-run 2B in the 4th tied it at 3-3, but Goslin's HR put Gurnee ahead 4-3. Seattle went ahead briefly in the 6th with a pair on a Bottomley 3B, Fonseca grounder and Ruel's SF. But 3 in the 7th secured the win for Gurnee as a Sand error, sac and Williams single made it 5-5. A single by Ossie Bluege, sandwiched around IWs to Judge and Wilson brought in one and then Lazzeri's SF off Pete Donohue closed out the scoring at 7-5....The rubber game was perhaps the closest game of the five. Lisenbee met Sam Gibson and the Gamblers wet ahead 2-0 on a 2-run shot by Williams. Rainiers tied it in the 5th on 3 consecutive 2Bs by Lamar, High and Henline. Fat Freddy Fitzsimmons was on in relief in the 8th for Gurnee and got High to bounce out with a runner on 3B. In the Gamblers' 9th, Marberry allowed leadoff singles to Stewart and Luke Urban. With runners at the corners, Fitz rolled one to SS and Sand's throw to the plate nailed Stewart.. Fred Leach singled the runners up one base and with the sacks loaded, Marberry K'd Goslin and got Lazzeri to bounce out. In the 10th, Fonseca got a 1-out single and Lamar reached on a Doc Farrell muff at SS. High reached on a throwing error by Farrell and Henline walked with the bases loaded to force in the go-ahead run. Hamby hit a SF and

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AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Rainiers	40	30	.571	--
Tip Tops	34	36	.486	6
B'Stormers	33	37	.471	7
T'Bolts	32	38	.457	8
Spiders	28	42	.400	12
Stars	27	43	.386	13
Clowns	25	45	.357	15
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Crackers	45	25	.643	--
Roses	41	29	.586	4
Grunts	41	29	.586	4
Hawks	39	31	.557	6
Wildcats	39	31	.557	6
Gamblers	34	36	.486	11
Wizards	32	38	.457	13

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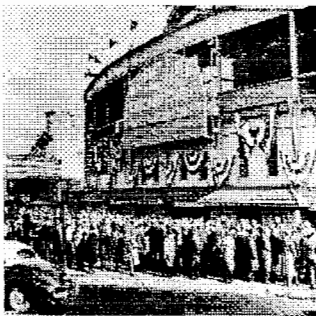
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It was certainly a blustery month in more ways than one as the opening month of the 1959 campaign saw some crooked numbers put up on the board.

The **Frankfort Tigers** hosted the West Coast rival **Mavericks** and **Rifles** and both gun-toting outfits came strutted out of Briggs Stadium still standing tall...Game one was a classic Opening Day matchup with fireballing High Desert's Jim Bunning matched against crafty Frank Lary of the Bengals. A 26-hit attack saw Frankfort roll to an astounding **24-0** whitewash. Lary's 4-hitter might be the largest margin of victory in any SPB league to date. Both Tito Francona (2B, HR, 5 RBI) and Al Smith (3B, HR) had 4 hits apiece....Another day, another result as the Mavs bounced back for a 4-3 win with Humberto Robinson and Barry Latman stifling Ray Narleski. The primary offensive culprit was Bill Mazerowski with a big 2-run HR and 3 RBI among his 3 hits...Rookie lefty Jim O'Toole went to the hill in game 3 for the Tigers and pulled out a 5-hitter combined with Don Elston. Andre Rodgers, making his first start at SS, blasted a 2-run HR...Another 4-3 contest in game four with Whitey Ford and Latman toppling Paul Foytack. Circuit shots were launched by Dick Williams and Mazerowski for the Mavs and Ed Bailey for the Tigers...In the finale, Ron Kline spun a marvelous 3-hitter for the Mavs in besting Don Larsen to take the series 3-2.

To say that **Tigers'** skipper Gary Plunkitt was apprehensive after the tough opening series might be an under-statement with the hard-hitting and clutch pitching **Rifles** coming to town. The opener was a 13-3 blowout as the Rifles' Sam Jones fired bullets and a 6-hit CG

in besting Lary... Don Hoak, with a pair of HRs and a 2B among his 4 hits and 5 RBI and Smokey Burgess' two 2Bs and 3 hits and 3 RBI led the ambush....The Deacon, Vern Law, came right back and threw a 2-hit zip 4-0 against the Tigers and Narleski. Young Ron Fairly homered for the Rifles...Camilo Pascual fired 11 K's against the Tigers in game 3 and won 6-4 defeating Foytack. Burgess chimed in with 2 homers... Another Rifles' CG in the 4th with Hoyt Wilhelm besting Gary Blaylock 12-2 led by another Hoak HR... The offense was still in gear in game 5 and the Rifles got another CG on their way to a 12-3 rout. Willie McCovey nailed his 3rd HR of the series. Mickey Mantle did manage to hit .430 with 3 HRs for the Tigers, but it was for naught in what Plunkitt called a "humiliating sweep."



The **Rifles** then took their hot bats to cozy Connie Mack to meet the **Blue Sox**. They were stymied in the opener as Billy Pierce crafted a 3-hit, 4-0 shutout. He got all the runs he needed in the opening inning on Wally Moon's 2-run shot off Sam Jones...Bob Miller was thrown to the Rifles in game two and responded with another CG win in the series, 6-2 behind a 14-hit attack against Law. Jim Lemon and Sherm Lollar did the damage with Lem's 2B driving home Moon who had tripled in the 2nd with Lollar following close behind with a SF. The veteran backstop added a 3-run HR in the 4th after Lemon singled home Moon. Rifles got one in the 7th on a DP grounder and one in the 9th on a Fairly 2B...A four-run outburst in the 4th inning put away game 3 for the Sox. Roger Maris doubled in one in the 1st and another in the 3rd to send the Rifles ahead, but in the 4th with the bases loaded, Steve Ehresman pulled starter Mike Garcia for PH Dale Long.

Pascual immediately fired a WP to allow one to score and was so rattled that Long rapped a 3-run HR which closed the scoring. Tex Clevenger helped his ERA with 4 scoreless innings and the win with a save by Turk Lown...

Enough was enough for the Rifles in game 4 and they came back for a 7-5 win. Starter Wilhelm was chased in the 4th down 5-0 behind a 3-run inning in which Don Blasingame doubled in a run, Vada Pinson hit a SF and Malzone closed the scoring with a 3-bagger. Joey Jay then came on to stem the tide for 2.1 before handing the ball to the eventual winner, Mike Fornieles. McCovey singled in one in the 6th, John Powers and Junior Gilliam each doubled in a run in the 7th and then Bill Tuttle led off the 8th with a 3B before Early Wynn was removed for Hal Woodeshick. McCovey reached on a FC as Tuttle scored and with 2-out, Alex Grammas singled home the run to make it 5-5. In the 9th against veteran Bob Rush, Tuttle and McCovey each doubled in a run with 2 down. Stu Miller closed the door on the Sox in the 9th..

The finale saw Bob Shaw (Rifles) take on Jim Brosnan and the score was knotted 2-2 after 6. Moon doubled in a run in the 1st and McCovey launched a 2-run shot in the 6th for a brief Rifles lead. Moon's SF tied it in the 6th. Lown was still on for the Sox in the 9th and he was thumped. Tuttle led off with a 2B, McCovey got an IW and after Maris bounced out to advance the runners, Fairly got an IW to load the bases. PH Burgess lashed one to CF to score two easily and Fairly scored when Pinson threw the ball away at 3B. After a walk to Landrith, PH Clemente drove in Burgess from 3B and in his 2nd AB of the inning, Tuttle drove in a pair with a single. Don McMahon went 1-2-3 in the 9th to gain the save and win two for Fornieles.

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Next in were the **Gurnee Falcons** to face the **Blue Sox**. Bob Purkey went to the hill for the Talons against Bob Miller who gave up a pair of runs in the opening inning on singles by rookie Russ Snyder and the aging veteran, Ted Williams. Jim Lemon led off the Sox 2nd with a 3B and he quickly scored on a Vic Wertz grounder. Falcons got it back on a Ken Boyer smash in the 4th for a 3-1 lead. Moon doubled in one in the 6th and Ted Kluszewski PH for Billy Klaus in the 7th and got the Sox to 4-3 with a 2-run shot. Falcons tied it in the 8th when Snyder hit one off Lown, just on in relief. Jim Perry pitched in relief for the Falcons and got thru the 9th, but in the 10th, Blasingame and Pinson singled, Malzone walked and after a force at the plate, Lemon singled home the winner, 5-4 for Brosnan...Wynn went the distance in game two, flipping a 4-hit, 7-0 zip. The Sox banged six doubles on the night, yet put it away against Don Mossi in the 2nd on singles by Lollar and Blasingame...



Duke Maas went to the hill to try and break the skid for Gurnee and did against Bob Grim, but it took awhile. A Malzone error led to a Falcon score in the 1st and Ted Williams unloaded a 2-run shot for a 3-0 lead in the 3rd. Sox chipped back with one each in the third and sixth. With Clevenger on in the 8th, the Gurnee bats went to work and put 5 on the board led by a Dave Philley 2B and Maas single. Four more in the 9th as Ralph Terry couldn't stem the tide and the Falcons went on to a resounding 12-2 win...

Tough one in game 4 as lefty Danny McDevitt tried to put together a Gurnee win streak against Ray Semproch. Gurnee got a 1st inning pair on a Philley 2B, but Sox tied it in the 3rd on an error by McDevitt who then walked in a run with the sacks full. Sox added a big 4 in the 5th on a 3-run blast by Dale Long after a Moon RBI bingle. Brosnan came on in the 7th and was touched for one on a

George Strickland single and in the 9th, Boyer took him deep to cut the margin to 6-5 before Lown closed the door....First game starter Purkey came back in the finale against Pierce, but on a 54 degree day, the bats remained ice cold. Pierce allowed only five hits in another CG win with the only run scoring on a DP grounder off the bat of Lollar in the 2nd inning. So, Lafayette stays tough and takes 4-of-5 in the series.

Lafayette then went on the road, traveling into Crosley Field to take on the **Cascades** in **FIVE** one-run games...A pair of lefties, Pierce and Bud Daley went to war in the opener and the Cascades, making platoon changes, got a 4th inning HR from Earl Averill. In the 6th, the Sox threatened when Moon walked and Wertz singled him to 2nd. Klaus drove Lem in with a single and then, with the corners in, Lollar bounced one to 3B and Jim Davenport nailed Wertz at the plate. Daley went the distance, allowing 9 hits in the 2-1 win...Terry against Billy O'Dell in game two and the Cascades got a pair in the 1st on singles by Willie Tasby and Bob Skinner. Pacific added another on an Ellie Howard single in the 4th to KO Terry and Clevenger came in to hold on. Lemon crashed a long 2-run HR in the 6th, but O'Dell sparked the remainder of the way to close out the 5-hitter 3-2...Lefty Marshall Bridges got the call in the 3rd, but the southpaw magic failed for Pacific as Lemon singled in a run in the 1st, but Tasby came back against Bob Rush with a 2-run shot in the 3rd. After Blasingame singled home Lollar in the 5th, Bridges loaded the bases and was relieved by Jim Coates who promptly hit Malzone with a pitch to score what turned out to be the eventual winning run 3-2. Lown came on in the 9th and tossed a DP pellet to Skinner with two on to preserve the win...Cascades shifted to a RHP in game 4 with Bob Buhl taking on Wynn. Pac went 1-0 in the 1st on an Averill RBI single before the Sox came back with a pair in the 3rd on a 2 RBI single by Moon. In the 6th, Walt Moryn nailed a hanging

curveball and deposited it over the RF wall for the 3-2 final....More scoring, but the same one-run result in the finale. Pierce once again, this time against Dick Donovan and the Cascades got off early with Don Demeter, returning from a game one injury, singled home a first inning run followed by a Howard SF. One more in the 3rd on a single by Nellie Fox, batting 3rd and in the 4th, Moon continued his surge with a 2-run HR.

Demeter's second hit resulted in another run in the 5th, but the Sox tied it in the 8th. With 2 out, Donovan hit Malzone, Lemon and Moon singled and Long punched one through the IF for the 4-4 tie. In the bottom 8th, Bill Skowron went the opposite way and lined a HR over the RF wall. Don Newcombe came on in relief in the 9th and with 2 down, walked Pinson before Malzone lined one off Newk's glove. The ball deflected to Fox who got Malzone at 1B for the final out and a 5-4 win. Pacific won the series 4-1.

Next into Crosley for the **Cascades** were the odds-on choice to capture the AL flag, the **Rossville Cubs**. Newcombe got the start against Lew Burdette in the opener and the Cubs jumped out with the HR ball in the 2nd, a 3-run blast by Gil Hodges, following an RBI single by Del Crandall for a 4-0 margin. Newk was replaced by O'Dell after a long rain delay in the 2nd and the Cubs couldn't dent the lefty. Eddie Mathews was ejected in the 3rd for arguing a strike call. Cascades got them all back in the 6th when Howard and Skinner singled home runs and Chico Carrasquel doubled just past Hodges down the 1B line for a pair to KO Burdette and bring on Dave Sisler who shut the door. Cubs went ahead when Billy Gardner took reliever Coates deep to RCF, but the lead was short-lived as Howard took Sisler deep to LF for a 7-5 win. Dick Brodowski got the save with a perfect 9th..

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Buhl met John Antonelli in game two and the Cubs jumped out early, but could have done more. With Willie Mays leading off, he walked and took 3B on a 2B by Harry Anderson. Buhl's pitch got away from Harry Chiti and on the play, Mays was gunned out at the plate. Banks did drive in a run with a SF for 1-0 lead. Pac got 3 in the 2nd when Buhl got his bat on the ball and picked up a SF to tie and Davenport doubled in a pair. The Cascades extended with solos in the 3rd and 4th, but the Cubbies got a pair back on a PH 2-run shot by Throneberry in the 7th. John Buzhardt, obtained in a late spring trade from the Cubs, closed out the final two innings for the save... Old friend Cal McLish faced his former mates for the first time, but wasn't around very long. Lee Walls hit a 2-run shot in the first and after Skinner's RBI single, Nellie Fox took McLish deep for a grand slam and a 7-0 lead. Cubs got 3 back against Jim Owens in the 4th led by a Crandall single, but Davenport's 2-run HR after Howard's SF got the runs back. A two-run 2B by Chico Fernandez closed out the scoring at 14-3.... Donovan took the hill against Tom Brewer looking for a 4th straight Pacific win. However, the Cubs bats got untracked in the 3rd when Anderson doubled in one followed by a Mathews triple and finally, a Jensen SF. Mays and Mathews each singled home runs in the 4th to close the Cubs scoring. Cascades fell short after 2 runs in the 8th... Burdette and Newcombe again in the finale and it was basically over quickly as Jensen's two-run single was matched only by Fox' solo in the first. Both starters allowed 7 hits in the 2-1 Cubs win....

The rebuilt **Hatteras Pelicans** flew over Crosley and dropped a few surprises on the **Cascades**. Bob Allison nailed a 2-run blast in the 1st inning off Buddy Daley, but the Cascades rebounded with a 2-run by Howard in the 2nd and a pair in the 3rd on a 2-run single by Bob Skinner after an

error by Al Dark at 1B. The Pelicans kept the carousel spinning in the 5th, scoring 3 of their 4 runs after 2 were out. Doubles by Gene Oliver and Bill Virdon capped the scoring. Starter Don Drysdale stayed on through 6 before Ray Moore and Willard Schmidt carried thru the 8th. Marshall Bridges took over for Coates in the 9th and found himself in immediate trouble. Virdon singled and Oliver reached on an error, but he left with an injury that would effect a later series game. After Bob Allison walked, Jim Pendleton singled to CF to score Virdon with Gus Triandos being nailed at the plate as the PR for Oliver. Roy Face allowed two singles in the 9th, but held on for the save for Schmidt and a 7-6 win.... Cascades bounced back against Jim Grant with a 4-2 win led by key singles by Howard and Davenport while Gene Woodling hit a 2-run HR off Buhl who was replaced after a rain delay by Buzhardt. Bob Skinner homered for Pacific and O'Dell picked up the win... Don Demeter doubled twice to spark a 3-2 win over Johnny Podres and then it was all Pelicans.... Bob Allison's 3-run 1st inning HR offset solos by Tasby and Demeter in the first, but Hatteras finally put it away with a 3-run 8th and 2-run 9th with Roy Face slamming a HR in a 12-6 win... The rubber match saw the clubs tied at 6-6 after 9. Remember Gene Oliver being injured in game one? John Blanchard got the start and was pinch hit for by Gus Triandos in the 7th. In the 10th, Newcombe allowed his only hit in 3 solid innings, a HR to Triandos for a 7-6 Hatteras win and a 3-2 series margin. Face got the win with a save by Drysdale....

The **Cascades** packed up and took a nightmarish road trip to visit the **Smithfield Seniors**. Wilmer Mizell mastered a 4-hitter for a 2-0 win over Jim Owens in the opener with Minnie Minoso's 3rd inning single the margin... Game 2 was a relatively easy 9-3 Smithfield win behind Don Cardwell as Buhl walked 4 in the 1st and a 2-RBI single by Larry Doby set the tone.... Elston Howard's grand

slam off Herb Score the next day led a 7-1 win for Donovan.... Tough fought 4th contest with O'Dell matching with Bob Turley. Howard's 2-run 2B and Averill's SF off Gordon Jones tied the game at 3-3 after solo HRs by Vic Power and Felipe Alou put the Seniors ahead. Pac got two in the 8th off Art Fowler and Rudy Arias, but Seniors got a 2-run HR by Wes Covington off O'Dell to tie and then Brooks Robinson singled off Coates for the win.... Newcombe met up with Don Ferrarese in the fifth game and Seniors scored in the 1st on a WP and Averill HR'd in the 2nd. It stayed 1-1 into the bottom 9th. With Daley on in relief, Covington doubled, Willie Jones got an IW and after John Romano bounced out and Johnny Logan got an IW, pitcher Jones slapped a game-winning single...

The **Black Sox** look as if they are finally coming around for John Ungashick, posting a winning 8-7 record at Comiskey Park in April. Both the **Blue Sox** and **Pelicans** took series by 3-2 margins before the **Frankfort Fortress** came in and left with only a scant triumph.... In game 4 against the **Blue Sox**, **Evanston** held a 6-3 lead in the 8th, but Lafayette came back from the dead and scored 5, then held on for an 8-7 win. In the fifth game, former Black Sox star Early Wynn fanned 10 in 7 innings and picked up an 8-1 win.... Once again, Evanston held a 2-1 series edge into game 4, but dropped the final two as Bill Fischer hurled a shutout for the Pelicans 5-0 and then Don Drysdale fanned 11 in the finale for a 7-1 win and the series.

Frankfort felt secure that they could feast on **Black Sox** hurling, but in the throes of their opening month slump, the Tigers received the ultimate shock. Clubs traded shutouts in the first two games with Frank Lary hurling a shutout 5-0 for the Tigers and rookie Jerry Casale tossed a 2-hit 11-0 gem in game two. A wild one in the third with the Bengals up

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7-5 in the 9th, the Sox came back with a pair and had the potential winning run gunned down at the plate. The Tigers scored the go ahead run in the 11th on a throwing error by Richie Ashburn, but Whitey redeemed himself by driving home the winning run in the 11th. A trio of bases on balls proved the Tigers downfall in the 9-8 Sox win. Game four saw the Tigers blow a 3-0 lead and were then battered 12-1 in the finale....Little Louie Aparicio led the **Sox** with a pair of HRs and .476 average in the series and ran wild on the Tigers by stealing 6-of-6 on the bases.

Smithfield was feeling frisky after topping Pacific when in came the **Evanston Zees** who were hardly napping in taking 3-of-5 at FenwayMizell, Carlton Willey and Jones combined on a 3-hit 4-0 opening win...The Zees lost a 5-0 lead in game two and then held on for a 5-4 triumph. Herb Score took the loss. Woodie Held slammed a 3-run HR for the Zees...15 hits in game 3 led to a 5-3 Zees' win with 3 hits and 2 RBI by Held. Johnny Kucks bested Bob Turley....Game 4 saw Art Ceccarelli be the beneficiary of a 12 run onslaught and Mino's 5 RBI as the Seniors rolled....Joe Koppe's 3-for-4 and 2 RBI in the finale led the Zees 5-4....

According to **Lincoln Grays'** skipper Paul Kenyon, what is expected to be a long season in Rhode Island got off to a difficult start. The **Cascades** came in first and despite being shutout in the opening and closing contests, won three. Larry Jackson opened the Grays home season with an 8-hit 2-0 shutout with final inning help from Al Worthington. Hank Aaron's 2-run HR in the 6th off Jim Owens was all he needed...Pac jumped on Mike McCormick in the second game 6-2 as Jim Davenport and Ellie Howard each had 3 hits and Buhl went the distance. Don Demeter added a Pac HR...In the third affair, Pacific bunched their

runs with 3 in the 1st and 5th, 4 in the 7th and 5 in the 9th to support Dick Donovan against Ernie Broglio. Demeter had four hits while Tasby, Skinner and Averill all homered...Averill kept it going in game four with 4 RBI in a 5-4 win for O'Dell against Jerry Walker. Nelson Chittum got the save...The Cascade bats cooled off in the finale as Ruben Gomez tossed a 6-hitter, 5-0, toppling Newcombe...Errors by Davenport and Skinner led to a 1st inning run and the Grays netted four in the 3rd, led by a frank House triple and Rocky Colavito single...

Next in were the **Black Sox** to face the **Grays** and Evanston was not kind at all. They swept the 5-game series, scoring no more than 4 in any game! Dave Hillman won the opener 4-1 on a 3-hitter with Ashburn getting 3 hits and the Sox broke an 8th inning tie with a solo run and a pair in the 9th.. Dick Stuart's 2-run HR won game two 4-3. The Sox had a 4-0 lead and held on behind Jerry Casale and Jack Fisher....Bob Anderson allowed only one hit through 7 innings of game 3 and was removed in the 8th where Fisher and Billy Loes went an inning apiece to preserve the 1-0 squeaker. Hector Lopez drove home Ashburn with the winning run in the 3rd inning, ruining a fine effort by Broglio... Game four was a 4-hitter by Bill Fisher with a save by Jack Fisher. Luis Aparicio and Hal Smith each had a pair of hits...Aparicio had the decisive RBI to win the getaway contest 3-2. Aaron was the only Grays' batter to touch Russ Kemmerer with a double and HR....

Bob Calicchia's **Rossmoor Rifles** had a 7-8 month at their new digs, Seals Stadium. The **Smithfield Seniors** and bunting were on tap for the Opening Day festivities which turned into a real beauty. Toothpick Jones fired a 1-0 shutout, toppling ex-Rifle Wilmer Mizell. The lone run scored when Bill Tuttle tripled home Dick Gernert in the 8th..A wild pitch by Fornieles in the 13th inning scored John Romano to give the Seniors a hard-fought 3-2 win. SPB hired gun Billy Hoeft notched the win...The Rifles reloaded in game 3

and a two-out, two-run single by Bill Tuttle in the 5th gave Camilo Pascual all the support he needed in a 2-0 whitewashing of the elders. Smithfield bounced back to take the final two. A four-run 6th, highlighted by a 2-run Brooks Robinson double gave the visitors a 5-1 victory. Bob Turley, Rudy Arias and Larry Sherry shut down the Rifles on 5 hits.. Nail-biting time in game five as ex-Pelicans Herb Score (2-hitter) and Vic Power (4-for5, 2 runs) stole the show with the Seniors prevailing 2-0....

The **Grays**, having had a difficult opening month at home, didn't do much better on the road at **Rossmoor**. Lincoln did win the opener 4-2 as Charlie Neal went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and Jackson turned in a CG... Down 3-1 in the 9th inning, the Rifles scored 3 off Worthington as six men reached base...Rookie Broglio flipped a CG win, a 3-hit, 5-1 win to level the Rifles in the third. Colavito's 3-run blast into the wind deep to LF in the 1st was the difference...The Rifles got serious in the final pair, squeaking by in game 4 in a 3-2 pitchers' duel. Walker and Pascual each turned in CGs and Roger Maris drove home Junior Gilliam with the winner in the 7th...The final game saw every Rifle collect at least one hit and Colavito socked his 3rd HR of the series in a 7-4 hometown win. Uncle Elmer Singleton picked up the win with two scoreless relief innings.

The SPB gypsies, now known as the **Albany Empires**, made their first visit to Seals and left with three wins over the **Rifles** after losing the opener 3-2. Maris' 1st inning 2-run HR and Alex Grammas' groundout in the second backed Sam Jones' effort which lowered his homestand ERA to 1.61...The Empires struck back as the Rifles blew a 3-1 lead in the 8th. Albany netted a pair on RBI doubles by Wally Post and Yogi Berra and then won in the 10th. The only Rifles' offense came on a 3-run HR by Dick Gernert. Harmon Killebrew's SF in the 10th was the game winner.

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Combs followed with a single for a 3-run lead which was short-lived. Willis came on in relief and gave up a long HR to Williams and a single to Judge. Win Ballou fared no better, loading the bases with two walks and Donohue came on to face Jack Smith who picked up a SF. Donohue then got PH Dick Burrus on a bounce out and Leach to pop to SS for a 6-5 Seattle win and a 3-2 series advantage...

The **Mt. Hood Roses** put together a very successful 11-4 homestand in June, looking to take a hold on first place in the **National**.

The **Roses** made quick work of the AL leading **Seattle Rainiers** by taking 4-of-5. Ray Kremer tossed a 5-hit shutout in the opener, stifling everyone but Combs who went 3-for-4. Lou Gehrig homered and drove home 2 for the win, one of Kremer's 4 at the Polo Grounds.. Freddie Lindstrom went 5-for-5 and 4 RBI the next afternoon as the Roses banged out 21 hits and a 14-3 win...Seattle won an extra-inning affair 8-7 for their only win and the Roses bounced right back in an 11-2 slugfest and 17 hits....Finally, a low-scoring contest in the finale, a 3-1 Roses win on solid relief pitching by Bill Carlson..

Dayton Tip-Tops were in next and met the same 4-1 fate. Kremer pitched a five-hitter and won 3-1 with Gehrig's 3-run 5th inning HR all the run support that was needed. Game two was a T-T win, 7-6 by scoring 3 in the final two innings. The **Roses** started a 3-game win streak against Dayton as Ulrich pitched an 8-hitter, 6-1, with Rogers Hornsby's 3-run HR the big blow...Five HRs in game four as the Roses prevailed 10-8 and into game five, it was Kremer again with an 11-hit, 2-1 win...

A third series win for the **Roses** against the **Rt. 66 Barnstormers**, although a bit closer. Jack Scott

and Lindstrom led the Roses to a 7-1 win in the opener and Kremer bounced back with another, 8-3 in number two... Hornsby led the attack with a pair of HRs in game 3, 9-5 and in the 4th game, the 'Stormers came back for their first win. They snipped the Roses bats on 4 hits, a 2-1 win and the finale made the series close as with a 5-2 win....

New skipper Joe DeZarzo had a fairly good first month at the helm of the **Atlanta Crackers**. In the first series, against the **Hoosier Thunderbolts**, the Crackers went 4-1, winning the opening four, starting with a 7-4, 14 hit win in the first contest. Game 2 saw the Crackers, ahead 8-2 after 2 innings, take 12 innings to finally win 11-9. A 3-run, 2 -out HR by Travis Jackson was the margin. Jackson put 3 hits, 3 walks and 5 RBI on the board for the afternoon and Harry Heilman banded a pair of doubles. Ty Cobb of the T-Bolts had a 3-run HR among his 3 hits....Dolf Luque threw a CG and also went 3-for-3 at the plate in a 4-1 Crackers' win. Chick Hafey was the defensive star, keeping the game close



by nailing 2 runners at the plate in the 3rd inning for the Bolts. It took 12 innings again, but the Crackers won game 4 on Wally Schang's RBI single. Jackson had been walked intentionally to set up a force, but the strategy backfired with the Schang hit... The T'Bolts got out of town with their only win, 3-2 as Sparky Adams collected four hits and 2 steals. This was the first game Atlanta was held under 14 hits.

Overall, the Crackers netted 31 runs and 70 hits in the five games while their pitchers finished at 7-18 .389....

Dayton moved into **Atlanta** and came out ahead, 3-2 in the series. Carmen Hill tossed a CG 6-0 zip for the Tip-Tops with Eddie Moore collecting 4 singles... Pete Alexander of the Crackers allowed 11 hits, no walks and only

two runs, but lost to Hal Goldsmith who got a save from Wilcy Moore....The Crackers came back in the hump game 8-7 and Carlson fired 5.1 perfect innings of relief. Jackson and Aaron Ward hit 2-run HRs while Homer Summa hit one for Dayton, the only HRs of the series....Game four was a see-saw battle with Ray Morehart's RBI single off Bill Sherdel in the 8th led the Crackers to a 4-3 win....Dayton captured the rubber match 4-2 as the ran the bases at will, stealing 4 bases, a pair by Lance Richbourg...

At home, **Dayton** dropped a series 3-2 to the **Gamblers** despite 4 homers, 8 RBI and a .381 average off the bat of Babe Ruth. Dayton won the bookend games of the series, including an opening 8-0 shutout by Hal Goldsmith while Gurnee won the middle three. Sherdel fired a shutout for the Gamblers in the middle contest.

The **Schaumburg Hawks** were defeated 3-2 by the **Tip-Tops** as Ruth pounded their pitchers at a .611 clip with another 6 RBI. Dayton won the opener, lost the next two and won the final pair at Forbes Field.

Another road series for the **Hawks** saw them venture to League Park to play the **Barnstormers** and they came away with 3 wins...A 2-out PH 2B by KiKi Cuyler in the 9th scored John Gooch to break a 1-1 tie and give Rt. 66 a CG 2-1 win for Jim Brillheart...Babe Herman hit a grand slam and drove home 5 while Riggs Stephenson went 3-for-3 with 3 RBI and the Hawks evened the series 10-5.. Two straight for the Hawks as Uhle went 7.1 tough innings and also went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI. Sam Rice also had 3 hits in the 8-4 win.. Third in a row for Hawks on a 10-hit attack to support Rip Collins' CG 8-2 win. Tom Tavener was 3-for-5.... Brillheart won his second of the series in the finale, 4-2 with Joe Sewell going 3-for-3...

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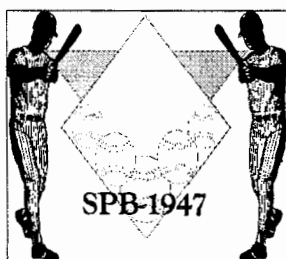
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The M's got their bats unlocked in game six, jumping on Orval Grove for 4 in the 3rd to overcome a 2-0 Sox lead. An error by Billy Johnson at 3B opened the gates with Sam Mele's two-run 2B capping the rally. John Wyrstek's 2nd RBI of the game sliced the lead to 4-3, but the M's plated 3 more in the 5th in a rally begun when Johnson booted another. Four Monarch runs in the 9th led by Hal Wagner's 2B closed out the 11-5 win for Si Johnson. Pitching was again the key for the Sox in the finale as Denny Galehouse spun a 4-hitter to defeat Dobson for the 2nd time in the series. The 4-0 win found Lehner's bat doing the damage, a 2-run HR and RBI single.

It got no better at first for the **Monarchs** at Crosley Field as the **Dodgers'** Phil Marchildon beat them 8-0 on a 4-hitter in the opener. Joe Gordon hit a solo and Andy Seminick a 2-run shot in the 3rd led the way against Johnson....Then, West Warwick turned it around in a big way! A total of 5 HRs by the Monarchs off Schoolboy Rowe, who faced 52 batters, led the victory. Mele, Thomson and Doerr unloaded with solos in the 1st and Thomson knocked a 2-run shot in the 3rd for a 6-0 lead. Mele hit another in the 4th to make it 7-1 and the Brooks cut it by 2 in their 4th. Dobson tired in the 7th and allowed 5 singles, with Dom DiMaggio's 2-run knocking out Dobber to be replaced by Hugh Casey. Gordon's grounder and Les Fleming's single tied the score. It went into the 11th and with one out, Buddy Kerr flubbed a grounder at SS, Joost walked and Rowe was replaced by Russ Christopher. The Dodgers' stopper allowed a scratch single to Hal Wagner for the winning run. Walt Lafranconi got the win for the M's 8-7 despite 20 hits by the Dodgers. Game 3 was a bit easier for the M's with Warren Spahn on the hill against Cliff Fannin. Spahn's 2-run single in the 4th put the M's ahead and his 5th inning single drove in the last of 3 and a 5-0 lead. Roy Jarvis and George Binks drove in runs for the Dodgers, but it wasn't enough... Ken Burkhardt and Red Barrett matched zeros as Kennedy picked up for Burkhardt in the 8th. In the 10th, York launched a long HR off a

tired Barrett and the 1-0 win...Another one-run win in game five with Johnson on against Marchildon. Fleming's 2B in the 2nd put the Dodgers ahead and Seminick stretched it to 3-0 with a 2-run shot in the 5th. The M's got it together in the 6th on a Wagner single, a ball booted by Gordon on a Hopp grounder, single by Mele, grounder by Hank Majeski and a double by Thomson to tie. In the 8th, Thomson continued to



pester the Dodgers with a 2-run shot and a 5-3 lead. After Bobby Brown cut it to 5-4 in the 8th, Lafranconi shut the door in the 8th and 9th and

got the save for Casey....Two more games, two more struggles as the Dodgers jumped out 3-0 against Dobson on a Gordon single in the 1st, a DiMaggio SF and Gordon grounder in the 3rd. Against Rowe, now rested, the M's got one in the 6th on a Doerr single and another in the 7th on a PB, but Gordon's HR in the 8th was the insurance tally in the 4-2 game...The series could not have been any closer. Tied 3-3 in games, it was 0-0 after 6 with Spahn against Bill Voiselle. Seminick doubled in a run in the 7th, but the M's got an RBI single from Mele and a 2-run HR by Majeski for a 3-1 lead. Vic Wertz then doubled, but was thrown out trying to stretch to 3rd. Thomson then singled and what would have been the insurance run did not score. Doerr then hit into a DP and Lafranconi replaced Ken Trinkle to hold the lead in the 9th. He got the first out and then Gordon launched another HR. Metkovich walked, Seminick doubled and Binks received an IW before Trout came on in relief. Brown then hit a liner to CF which Thomson dropped and the Dodgers tied it at 3-3. Christopher got the M's in the 10th and in the Brooks' half, Holmes singled and Gordon skied out before Metkovich singled and set up first-and-third. Seminick came through with the game-winning single and the Monarchs left town with 4 wins.

Next into Crosley were the **Fairfield**

Federals, hot on the heels of the **Dodgers** in the AL chase. Rowe went to the hill for the Dodgers in the opener against Walt Masterson and Joe Gordon set the tone early for the series. He blasted a 2-run HR in the first and after the Feds took the lead on a 3-run shot by Musial in the 3rd, Gordon hit his second of the night to tie. Fleming added a HR in the 6th and the Dodgers added 2 in the 8th off Emil Kush on a rally begun when Mike McCormick dropped a fly ball in LF for the 6-3 win...Gordon kept up the barrage in game two with a 3-run shot off Allie Reynolds in the 1st inning as part of a 5-run start. He added an RBI single in the 2nd and banged his 4th HR of the series in the 7th, a 2-run shot for an 8-2 CG win for Bill Voiselle...No contest in the third game as Johnny Schmitz and the Feds bashed the Dodgers' Phil Marchildon and Ed Chandler 14-1 on 19 hits. Fairfield hit **SEVEN HRs** in the game. Back-to-back by Bob Scheffing and Ken Keltner in the 3rd, one by Evers in the 5th, a grand slam by Eddie Miller in the 8th off Chandler and a 2-run shot by Walker two batters later. Scheffing led off the 9th with his 2nd of the game and Johnson hit a 2-run shot to close the scoring...The Feds jumped on Fannin in game four with a pair in the 1st on a Musial double and Scheffing single, but the Dodgers got one back on a 2nd inning Seminick single and a Gordon SF in the 3rd. Two in the 7th for the Brooks on an error by Musial at 1B looked like enough, but the Feds got to Christopher in the 9th with 3 straight hits. Miller's 2-run 2B tied it at 4-4. In the 10th, with Kush on for starter Sam Zoldak, the Dodgers surrounded 2 strikeouts with singles by Seminick and Fleming before PH Don Padgett lined a single to LF. McCormick's throw to the plate was wild and the Dodgers '47 won 5-4...Masterson matched with Barrett in the 5th and the Feds led 1-0 after six on a Scheffing single in the 4th.

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Dodgers tied when Metkovich singled home DiMaggio who had tripled leading off the inning. Feds got one in the 8th on an Evers SF, but in the bottom, the Dodgers exploded against Kush who took his 2nd straight loss. A pair of walks sandwiched a pinch single by Danny Litwhiler and Metkovich hit a mammoth grand slam to put it away 5-2..Brooklyn picked up its 5th win of the series 5-1 for Rowe against Reynolds. Keltner and Bob Sturgeon swapped RBI singles and the Dodgers got 3 on another Metkovich HR, a Binks 3B, Sturgeon single and a Lee Handley SF on the way to a 5-2 win..Schmitz made it two straight over the Brooks in the finale with a 5-1 four-hitter. Miller tripled home a run in the 4th, Gordon tied it with an RBI single and the Feds broke it open against Voiselle with 4 in the 5th. Gene Hermanski doubled in a run, Scheffing reached on a Kerr error, Keltner singled in a run and Johnson added a pair with another bingle for the Feds' 2nd series win...

The **Dodgers'** final home series was against the pesky **Dayton Flyers**. Eddie Erautt started against Barrett in the opener and the Dodgers picked up a trio in the 2nd when Kerr doubled in a run and on Seminick's fly to CF, Metkovich scored from 3B and Kerr came in on the overthrow to the plate by Dale Mitchell. Two more in the 8th as Elmer Singleton allowed a single and two walks to load the base and with Bob Muncrief on, he wild pitched home a run with Holmes at bat. Holmes then hit a SF. Dayton put on a rally in the 9th. With two down, Barrett loaded the bases on a walk to George McQuinn after Luke Appling's RBI single. Christopher came on and let two score when he threw away a John Lindell bouncer. But the Dodgers held on 5-3...Game two was cut-and-dried with Kirby Higbe against Rowe. Appling hit a 2-run HR in the first, the Flyers added two in the 6th and Higbe had enough for a 4-0 five-hit CG..

Another nail-biter in game 3 with Rip Sewell against Marchildon. Mitchell led off the game with a 3B and scored on an Eddie Mayo single. One more in the 3rd on a McQuinn RBI 2B and the Flyers were up 2-0. Marchildon singled home a run in the 6th, but that was it and Eddie Klieman finished off the win for Sewell with a 1-2-3 9th...

One-run games were the standard here. Al Gettel against Voiselle and Lindell put the Feds up 1-0 in the 4th, but the Dodgers came back to tie on Fleming's SF. Kerr homered in the 5th, but the Feds tied on a Lindell single. Dodgers added a pair in the 6th on a Fleming single and Gordon scored from first when Mitchell threw away another ball. Lindell drove in his 3rd run of the game in the 8th and Voiselle held on 4-3....Game 5 produced another one-run gem as Art Houtteman matched with Barrett. Hank Camelli hit one out in the 6th for the 1-0 Feds lead and it stayed that way until the 8th when Gordon homered to tie. Andy Hansen, who had come on in the 8th, yielded a single to Arky Vaughan and a triple to Floyd Baker for the win...Muncrief got the start in game six against Marchildon and McQuinn singled in one in the 1st and one on a Lindell HR in the 4th. Padgett doubled in a run in the 4th and Brooklyn went ahead in the 6th on a groundout by Holmes and single by Brown. With Rip Sewell on in the 8th, Frank Colman batted for Marchildon and got his first hit of the year a 2-run PH HR for a 5-2 win...

With the series tied at 3-3, Bill Bevens went for the Flyers against Rowe, 3-2 already on the homestand. Rowe helped his cause with a 2-run HR in the 3rd, but Mitchell and Appling singled in runs in the 5th to make it 2-2. Dodgers chipped away for 3 in the 5th on 4 singles and an error by Appling off Bevens and Erautt in relief. The Flyers got single runs in the 6th and 7th to close to 5-4 and Rowe stayed on. In the 9th, Stan Hack PH a single and Jimmy Outlaw came on as a PR. With Baker at bat, Outlaw, who had been sitting on the bench for seven games, was immediately picked

off and Rowe finished up the winner.

Two totally distinct portions to the series between the **Chicago Whales** at **Rossmoor Bears**. The Whales spouted off in the opening four, taking an insurmountable series lead. In the opener, Chi starter Murry Dickson doubled home a pair in the 5th and Buddy Lewis drove in another as the Whales won 4-2. Al Brazle picked up the save when he induced Pat Mullin to bounce into a game-ending DP...Early Wynn toughed out an 11-hit Bears attack to hurl a CG 6-3 win. With only 6 hits, Chi made the most of a 2-run HR by Stan Spence and solo by Del Ennis...A 5-run 2nd inning in the 3rd game was capped by a Cass Michaels 3-run shot on the way to an 8-4 win. Ken Raffensberger not only went 7.2 innings, but was 2-for-3 with 2 RBI to settle the issue...The Whales used 5 hurlers in the 4th contest, a 7-6 win for Mel Queen. Vern Stephens and Don Kolloway each knocked out 3 hits for Chi...Bears got it turned it around for the final 3 by piecing together 5 singles and a 2B for 4 first inning runs and a 5-2 CG win for Doyle Lade...Fred Sanford fired a 6-hit, 4-0 shutout for the Bears behind Dick Wakefield's pair of RBI...In the finale, the Bears hit into 5 DPs and a 6-run 2nd inning enabled the Bears to claw the Whales 8-1. Al Papish tossed the 3rd consecutive CG for Rossmoor....

The long-awaited battle between the **Frankfort Fortress** and **Dodgers** took place at Briggs with the Fort taking the series 4-3. In the opener, Marchildon threw a beautiful 5-hitter to defeat the Fortress 11-2. Ralph Branca fell apart in the 7th, allowing 8 runs. Joe Gordon starred for Brooklyn with 3 hits, including another HR and 4 RBI...Hal Newhouser toppled Barrett with a 7-4 CG win with support from Bill Nicholson's 2 HR and 4 RBI..The third battle saw Rowe beat Heintzelman in an easy 12-3 triumph by Lee Handley's 3 hits and 4 RBI. Gordon and Nicholson each homered... **Continued Page 14**

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Game 4 saw Joe Page of the Fort tire in the 14th inning after 6 innings of shutout ball. Gordon lashed another HR, one of his 3 hits and 5 RBI. Colman popped his 2nd PH HR of the month, a 3-run shot. Christopher won in relief...With the Dodgers ahead 3-1 in the series, the Fortress bore down and won the final three. Game 5 had Bobby Adams of the Fort squeeze home a run in the bottom 9th for a 4-3 win against Marchildon. Spec Shea got the win....The sixth game saw Branca come back against Barrett and post a 6-4 win with a save by Newhouser in his first relief appearance of the year. George Kell was the hitting star for the Fortress..In the rubber game, the Dodgers led 4-3 going into the bottom 9th when Al Lukon drove in a run with a FC against Harry Gumbert who allowed leadoff singles to Adams and Joe Early. Christopher came on and after getting the second out, Sid Gordon got an IW and Kell walked with the sacks full for the win. The game featured HRs from Dom DiMaggio, Holmes and Seminick while the Fort had circuit shots from Mize (3rd of series) and Sid Gordon..Joe Haynes got the win in relief...

The final **Brooklyn** road series of the month was at **Rossville** where they took 5-of-7 from the hapless Hornets as they were referred to by skipper Rick Ryan in his report....Dodgers won the opener 7-2 as Joe Gordon continued his onslaught in an easy 7-2 win with 4-for-6 and 5 RBI with 2 more HRs. Fred Hutchinson staggered through with a CG loss to Marchildon's CG win.....Barrett easily handled the cold Rossville bats the next day with a 4-1 four-hitter. Seminick drove in all 4 with a 3-run HR and sacks full walk as Boo Ferriss walked 8...Hornets finally got their bats going at Municipal Stadium with 13 hits and an 11-2 win against Rowe. Jerry Priddy's 3-for-5 with a pair of 2Bs and 3 RBI led the Hornets while Dutch Leonard chipped in with 2-for-4 and an RBI while surviving back-to-back HRs in the 4th by DiMaggio and Gordon... The Hornets evened the

series as Spud Chandler topped Voiselle. A 6-run 6th, highlighted by a 3-run HR by Clyde Kluttz did the damage. Priddy also drove in a pair with 2-for-4...

Marchildon came back and stifled the now-hot Hornets' bats with a 3-0 zip on 6 hits. Kerr led the Dodgers with 3 hits and 2 RBI..It was 102 degrees the next afternoon and the Dodgers rallied from a 6-2 deficit with 2 in the 8th and 3 in the 9th. Duke Snider's 2-run single in the 9th in a rare starting role was the clincher. Holmes was 3-for-5 with 3 RBI...In the finale, another shutout for the Brooks as Rowe flipped a 2-hit sparkler, striking out 5 and walking none. Holmes put up a 4-for-5 with an RBI and Gordon 2-for-4 with 3 ribbies...

Antelope Valley met the **Bears** in head-to-head battles as the **Mar-auders** attempted to keep pace in the NL race. The opener saw Larry Jansen match with AVM's Dave Koslo. Bears broke open a tight 2-1 game with 5 in the 8th as Eddie Yost hit a 3-run 3B and Les Moss added a SF to go along wqith his SF and HR... AVM's Stubby Overmire lost it with 2 errors in the 4th when Bears again scored 5 to lead 7-1 on the way to a 7-3 win...Sanford was wild for the Bears who walked 7 in six innings. Enos Slaughter hit one out in the 7th to tie 3-3 and after the Bears went ahead on an Eddie Robinson 8th inning HR, the M's scored 2 in their half with Vic Lombardi on in a rare relief role for the save...Mickey Haefner pitched a 2-hit 9-0 zip in the 4th game with Ferris Fain going 3-for-4....Game 5 saw Papish hurl a 7-1 CG win for the Bears led by Suder's 3-for-5, HR and 2 RBI..Kiner and Rigney also went long for the Bears over the banjo LF wall at the Polo Grounds...Overmire tried to make up for the game 2 nightmare and went 6.1 of no-hit ball. Suder ruined it with a single, but Overmire hung in with a 5-0 shutout with Connie Ryan, Billy Cox and Fain each getting a pair of hits.

In the finale, M's came from behind 4-1 and scored 6 in the 4th led by two-out hits by Pete Reiser and Ryan..The seldom used Merrill Combs hit a PH HR in the 10-5 win on 16 hits...

The first-place **Trees** came to the Polo Grounds and took the opener 5-0 behind steady Johnny Sain's 5-hit zip. Willard Marshall HR'd with 2 RBI to topple Koslo...Close second game saw **AVM** tie in the 6th on a Slaughter 3B at 3-3, but Trees notched 3 in the 8th on the way to a 6-5 lead and added one in the 9th to go up 7-5. In the 9th, Ryan and Furillo doubled, and Sam Chapman took one deep to RF where Marshall hauled it in on the track for a 7-6 Trees win...Phil Masi's 3-run HR led Eddie Lopat to a 7-4 AVM win... Trailing 4-1 with one down in the bottom 9th, PH Combs walked, PH Garagiola was knicked by a pitch. Frankie Gustine singled in one, Fain walked to load the sacks and Slaughter, in a PH role, singled in a pair for the 4-4 tie. In the 10th, rookie Ray Coleman hit a PH 10th inning HR for the 5-4 AVM triumph.... Overmire was red hot in game five, pitching 10 innings of shutout ball, but Trees' Gillespie and Gorsica also combine for zeroes. In the bottom 11th, Coleman comes through again, this time with a 2-out 2B and the 1-0 win...Another comeback in game six. With Trees up 4-2 in the 7th, AVM scored four, led by Pistol Pete Reiser's bases-clearing triple and a 7-5 win... In the finale, Sain hurled another CG and despite HR's by reserves Mark Christman and Garagiola, Trees got the 4-3 win. Spider Jorgensen's RBI 3B was the big hit for Evanston....

Fairfield Federals encountered the **Gold Sox** cozy **Ebbets Field** and were close to a sweep of the Lafayette band. Walt Masteron topped Harry Brecheen in the opener 6-2 while Allie Reynold bested Denny galehouse in game two by 3-1...Stan Musial, who always hit them onto Bedford Avenue, smacked a 2-run shot to help Johnny Schmitz get the win over Orval Grove with a save by Emil

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Kush...The feds turned on the burners in the fourth game winning 12-2 behind a 17-hit onslaught. Musial and Ken Keltner each had three hits and scored three times to support Mort Cooper over Bobo Newsom...Even more hitting the next afternoon with 17 runs on the Schaefer scoreboard. An 11-run 1st inning with nine hits, including a Keltner grand slam topped Jim Hears in the 17-2 win....Like double digit scoring? Feds did it again in game six with a 10-2 win for Reynolds' second of the series, this one against Clint Hartung. Keltner had another HR among his 2-for-5 and Musial tripled as part of his 2-for-4.. Totally frustrated, the Gold Sox bounced back for a 9-5 win behind Brecheen. Rookie lefty Mel Parnell took the loss for the Federals. Nelson Potter allowed homers to two of the first three batters he faced in relief in a 5-run 8th inning with Phil Rizzuto adding a 3-run HR..

For the federals, Harry Walker batted a torrid .571 with a .654 OBP while Keltner finished at .500 with 3-13... Fairfield pitchers posted a 2.29 ERA versus Lafayette's pathetic 8.84 showing. Billy Johnson did bang out 3 homers for the Sox who batted only .245 as a team...

Next into town for the **Federals** were the **Dayton Flyers** who are still scraping for the pennant. Dayton won the opener on a Johnny Lindell 3-run HR with two down in the 9th...Feds evened the series on a CG by Allie Reynolds 3-2 and then Dayton struck back. Only three earned runs, but the Flyers won behind Art Houtteman 7-3 and came back with another win 5-2 in a game Jerry Daily described as "general incompetence all around."

Four homers in game five gave Dayton a 9-1 win before the Federals mustered victories in the final two games. Reynolds picked up his fourth win of July, a 3-2 squeaker. In the getaway affair, Mort Cooper flipped a neat 3-0 zip with Musial's 2-run third inning triple the big blow. Go figure said

Daily.

Lindell led Dayton with a .385 average and slugging percentage of .769 with 3 homers and 9 RBI. Arky Vaughan was the "designated walker" for the Flyers with three walks in five plate appearances. Very little margin in average as the Feds hit .267 and the Flyers .265 while the team ERA's were 3.55 for the feds and a sharp 3.15 for the Flyers.

The Scooter Factor

During a WPIX telecast in New York in August, Yankees' broadcaster Phil Rizzuto interviewed 81-year-old Pete Gray, the former Browns' one-armed OF. Phil's opening question: "Pete, how did you tie your shoes before that Velcro came on the market?"

At home, **Dayton** posted a cumulative .500 record against the **Hornets** and **Fortress**.

Jim Hegan hit a pair of grand salamis in the series for Rossville as the Hornets took 5 at Forbes Field. Hegan finished the series with 10 RBI...Hornets won the opener 3-2 behind Fred Hutchinson. Bill Bevens took the loss in relief of Rip Sewell. Game two saw Kirby Higbe lose 8-2 to Boo Ferriss. Muncrief started against Dutch Leonard in game 3 and saw grodzicki nail the win, 4-3.. The Hornets came back to win a pair with Spud Chandler posting a 5-2 win over Bill Dietrich and then Paul Erickson defeated Mel Harder in a wild 13-10 contest. Al Gettel got back at Hutchinson as Sewell picked up the save 8-5, but the Hornets won the seventh contest 9-7 with Ferriss again topping Higbe...

A bit of suprise in the final home series for **Dayton** as they rebounded in strong fashion against the stumbling **Fortress**, winning five-of-seven...George McQuinn led the way

with 3 homers in the series to matched the trio of victories posted by warhorse Kirby Higbe.

Three straight wins to open the series for Dayton with Muncrief firing a 3-0 win over Ralph Branca and then Higbe getting a win in relief of Mel Harder 5-3 with a save from Eddie Klieman. Higbe started the next day and managed a 3-1 win against Hal Newhouser. Houtteman took to the hill against Haynes and the loss went to Klieman 8-5...Ed Erautt started an eventual 8-6 win by Grodzicki with a save from Singleton. Heintzelman started for Frankfort... A split in the final two as Gettel lost to Branca 8-4 and the Flyers got their fifth series win 5-4 with Higbe picking up for Bevens against Fort starter Spec Shea, 5-4...

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Seven hurlers have **sub-2.00 ERA's** with **Lincoln's Larry Jackson** leading at a **0.89** pace. **Don Drysdale** of the **Pelicans** is mowing down hitters at a record pace with **40 K's** in the first month. The **Seniors' Herb Score** has zapped 9.67 batters per nine.

Frank Lary already has 3 shutouts among the 8 Tiger wins. **Bill Fischer** has a **4-0** mark for the **Black Sox**, joining teammate **Bob Anderson** and **Billy O'Dell (Pacific)** at **3-0** as undefeated leaders.

Turk Lown (Blue Sox) and **Red Worthington (Grays)** each have a six-pack of saves.

Tito Francona (Tigers) leads the average race by 50 points over **Hank Aaron (Grays)** with a **.446** mark. Aaron is in a four-way tie for the HR lead at **7**, a tie in doubles with **9**, triples with **3** and trails **Elston Howard** in the RBI race by four, **24-20**.

Frank Malzone (Blue Sox) already has **5 SF's** and **Little Looie Aparicio** of the **Black Sox** is running wild on the bases with **17** steals to date.

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The **Barnstormers** took on hot-hitting **Atlanta** at home and walked away with four wins. Crackers won the opener as Joe Harris hit for the cycle, going 4-for-5 with 3 RBI in the 9-2 win as Ted Blankenship went all the way... 'Stormers got one back the next day as Bob Smith went the distance and went 4-for-4 with 2 RBI for the 5-4 victory... Baby Doll Jacobson's 9th inning RBI bingle in the 9th drove home the winner 2-1 and in game four, Route 66 won a 12-inning slugfest 7-6. A two-out double by the hot-hitting Joe Sewell brought in a pair for the tie. Atlanta took a short-lived lead in the 12th when a single by Les Mann scored Harris. 'Stormers retaliated in the bottom 12th when Harvey Hendrick and Bing Miller drove in runs with singles.... In the finale, a 2-out HR by Hendrick in the 8th tied things for the 'Stormers to tie the score at 2-2. Later in the inning, a two out error by Aaron Ward brought home the game winner. The Crackers' 3-H club, Hale, Harris and Heilman all hit over .400 for the series.

Hoosier Thunderbolts hosted the **Gamblers** at Navin Field and in the opener, Chick Hafey delivered 3 hits and 4 RBI, also socking one of the rare Bolt HRs for the season. Lee Meadows stumbled his way to a CG win over reliever Johnny Wertz. Ken Williams banged full house blasts for Gurnee in the 9-7 Bolts' win... Game 2 saw Marty McManus, who later homered in the series, squeeze in the winning run in the bottom 10th for a 4-3 win for Herb Bradley in relief over Del Lundgren. All 3 Gurnee runs came in on a bags full triple by Tony Lazzeri...A repeat 4-3 win in the 3rd for the Bolts as Jigger Statz smacked a 2-run HR for the game winner. Art Nehf's first start of the year turned into a win with a save from Hal Wiltse. Jake Mills took the loss... The Bolts were stopped on their way to a 4th straight 8-6 on a Williams grand slam in the 1st inning. Garland Braxton won in relief as May took the loss. Meadows made

his second start of the series, an 8-0 five-hit win over Wertz. Statz continued his hot-hitting with 4 hits and clinched the series 4-1...

Evanston's Wildcats took their opening series against the **Lafayette Spiders** by a 3-2 margin at Comiskey Park. Walberg tossed a 5-hit shutout for the Spiders in the opener as Lafayette banged out 16 hits in a 6-0 win...In the second game, the Spiders committed a pair of errors while the 'Cats muffed three which led to 9 unearned runs and a 9-7 Evanston win on 3 unearned runs in the 8th....No further info made available on this series...

Seattle came in and took three from the Wildcats with the opener an 8-hit zip by Hod Lisenbee who stranded 9 runners...Game four was a 13-inning marathon ending 4-3 on a single by Evanston's Hargreaves after the 'Cats came back from a 3-0 deficit in the 8th..The Rainiers turned a tight 3-3 game 5 into a rout with 3 in the 8th and 3 more in the 9th...

The **Tip-Tops** were next and Dayton walked away with 3 triumphs over the **Wildcats**. Jack Quinn and Herb Pennock combined for a 6-hit shutout by the Wildcats over Wilcy Moore, 1-0 on an unearned run.. The 'Cats got 5 unearned runs in the 8th inning of game 2 enroute to a 10-5 win. Dayton then took the final trio for the series win.

Evanston traveled to meet the **Thunderbolts** and blew away the denizens of Navin Field 4-1. The only Hoosier win was in the finale. Pennock bested Elam VanGilder in the opener 3-2 as Charlie Jamieson drove home 2 for Evanston. Game two was an easy 9-4 'Cats win as Tommy Thomas defeated Lee Meadows with a CG...In the 3rd, Alex Ferguson flipped another 'Cats CG in toppling Jackie May 5-2. The fourth win came with Vic Aldridge not only pitching a CG 5-2 win, but driving home the winning run off Red Lucas who went the distance,

but was the victim of errors and 3 unearned runs...Hoosier finally won as they put away the 'Cats by scoring 6 in the 3rd inning for an 8-7 Jack Russell win with a save by Hal Wiltse to defeat Quinn...

Shibe Park was the scene for a pair of series hosted by the **Hollywood Stars**. The **Mt. Hood Roses** opened up against Stars' hurler Virgil Barnes. Lindstrom smacked a double in the 8th to give the Roses the tie and he again doubled leading off the 11th and scored on a Schulbe single to take a 4-3 lead. In the bottom 11th, Curt Walker led off with a HR, George Grantham singled and Johnny Mogan moved him up on a hit-and-run grounder to SS. After Charlie Dressen got an IW, Zack Wheat bounced one up the middle for a dramatic 6-5 win...Eppa Rixey went the distance in the second and won, despite allowing 10 hits. Wheat was invaluable again, with a 4-for-4 and a HR as the Stars twinkled 9-3...Time for the Roses to bloom in the middle contest and they worked over Sam Gray on the way to an 11-2, 19 hit win. Clyde Barnhart led Mt Hood with 3-for-5 and a HR... Game 4 saw the Roses win 2-1 behind Scott who defeated Sam Gray..In the finale, Charlie Root and Ray Kremer went the full distance, but in the bottom 8th and the score knotted at 2-2, Taylor Douthit K'd and after Glenn Wright walked and Walker singled after a Clancy out, Mike Gazella doubled home a run and another scored on a throwing error by Red Wingo for a 5-2 Stars win...

The other tough NL opponent, the **Crackers**, visited comfy Shibe and were all over the **Hollywood** pitching staff. Neither Barnes or Atlanta's Luque were effective early and with the defense committing 5 erros, the Crackers won 6-5...Rixey and Alexander went in game 2 and posted CGs, but the Crackers scored early and hung on 5-2 behind Joe Harris' 3-for-4 and 2 RBI...The middle game was another visitor win as they led 8-5 after 5, but Dressen doubled in a pair with two down in the 7th and in the 8th,

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Grantham tripled and Walker singled to tie things at 8-8. Bob McGraw came on for the **Stars** and served up a 2-run HR to Les Mann. The Stars edged across one run, but that was it and the final was 10-9 **Atlanta**... The Crackers again in the 4th. Leading 7-5 after five, they held on for a 7-6 win.. The Stars finally put a W in the column in game five. Although Charlie Root was not sharp, he did not permit the Crackers to break out in front. Wright hit a HR in the 2nd, but Atlanta came back with a pair in the 3rd, a pair in the 6th, one in the 7th and another in the 9th to tie at 6-6. Wright singled for the Stars, a heinie Manush hit-and-run advanced the runner and Clancy lined a single to LF, holding Wright at 3B. Mike Cascarano, desperate for a win, put on the squeeze and the winning run slid home for a 7-6 win...

'27 Notes and Leaders

The **Crackers**, now under the leadership of Joe DeZarlo, maintained their hold on first place in the **National League**. Atlanta opened its lead to four over both the **Roses and Grunts**. Over in the **American**, the **Rainiers** stretched their margin to six over the **Tip-Tops**.

Chuck Partington's **Mt. Hood Roses** lead the ERA race with a sparkling 2.76 mark with the league average of 3.67. Only one club, the **Evanston Wizards**, with a 2.79 ERA, have allowed fewer hits than innings pitched, 610 in 634 2/3.

At the plate, **Seattle** leads the **Roses** **.312 to .306** in average. They also have a wide margin in triples with 63. The next closest is **Atlanta** with 35 three-baggers. Schaumburg has belted 42 HR's, three ahead of the Roses. Down at the bottom of the four-bagger list is the **Evanston Wildcats** with a mere 7. The league batting average stands at a solid **.282** after three months.

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Rossmoor went ahead in the series on a 1-0 CG by Hoyt Wilhelm and Tuttle's solo HR in the 4th inning...The **Empires** won the final two as Bob Cerv's 2B broke a 1-1 tie with Gerry Staley picking up the save as he induced Clemente (.113 for the homestand) to hit into a DP with 2 on in the 8th...Pete Ramos gave the Empires 8 solid innings in game five, allowing 4 hits in a 6-3 series clincher. Post's 3-run HR in the 5th was the winner. Albany sparkplug Bobby Richardson was 3-for-5 and finished at .455 for the series...

Forbes Field must have looked like a garbage dump for the **Hatteras Pelicans**, but instead of doing the feasting, they were being served up for scraps in April, losing 9-of-10. The **Falcons** came on and swept Hatteras in five. Robin Roberts took the Opening Day loss in his debut. 4-3 to Bill Monboquette. Don Drysdale was drubbed 10-2. Johnny Podres lost a 4-3 duel to Bob Purkey and Joe Nuxhall started and left in favor of Willard Schmidt who lost 3-0 in 12. Roberts came back the next day and wasn't around at the end of a 10-6 defeat. Roy Face was the victim. Ted Williams of Gurnee hit a robust .529 with 2 HR and 7 RBI. Ken Boyer also HR'd twice. Jim Perry picked up 2 saves and one win in the Falcons' sweep.

Schaumburg was in next and took four as steady hitting all the way through, plus CG wins by Gary Bell and Warren Spahn toppled the Pelicans. Face went 1-1 in this series and Roberts took another loss.

Manager Mike Cascarano called the **Mavericks'** performance "a real disaster" in his report. Let's see. The **Seniors** were first and took the opening two contests. With a chill in the air and a slight overcast, the Mavs opened the '59 season with Jim Bunning taking a 4-3 lead into the 9th. Harvey Kueen's 2-out sin-

gle tied the game. In the 11th, the Mavs loaded the bags with none out and failed to score! In the 12th, the Seniors won it 5-4 on a double by Minnie Minoso...Game two saw Don Cardwell outduel Whitey Ford as the newly acquired Johnny Logan's 2-run HR set up a 3-1 Smithfield win... Old reliable Ron Kline got the nod in game 3 and set the Mavs straight. A key 2-run 2B by Bubba Phillips in the 7th led to a 6-2 win...Six great relief innings by rookie Bob Locke and the Mavs got the winner in the 12th when Dick Williams tripled and Mazerowski squeezed home the winner...Starter Humberto Robinson got plenty of run support, a 14-1 win with HRs by Norm Zauchin and Bill White who had 2 3Bs and **8 RBI**...

Against the **Cubs**, Bunning went the distance with a 6-0 zip...Ford then 2-hit the heavy-hitters 4-1 and Kline then went a solid 8, tossing 6-hit ball, but the bullpen blew it as the Cubs got HRs from Mathews and Banks in the 9th to win 4-2... Juan Pizarro hurled a 3-hitter, Zauchin hit another HR and Mavs won 3-2... Another zip in game 5, this a combined effort by Bennie Daniels and Locke for the Mavs, 4-0 giving High Desert a 4-1 series nod...

The came the **Lincoln Grays** to do massive damage. The perennial east doormats had no plans to roll over and Larry Jackson fired zeroes for 8 innings, Worthington finished up and Grays won 2-1 over Bunning... In game 2, Mike McCormick shutout Ford 4-0 as Grays scored a pair in both the 8th and 9th with Colavito's HR to difference... Game 3 saw Broglio, Howie Reed and Worthington combine to allow only 5 hits and a 1-0 shutout...Rookie Jerry Walker went for the 3rd straight shutout, but White's RBI single spoiled the effort, a 2-1 Lincoln win...Mavs finally hit in the finale. Grays led 6-2 after 4, but Williams hit a 3-run HR in 7th for a 7-7 tie. Bunning treid to avoid the sweep in relief, but a SF by Jim McAnany in the 12th gave the Grays an 8-7 win. Fans are calling for the head of the GM. Broom here!

Tidbits and Memorabilia

Martians Land at Comiskey Park!!!!



1947 Stats Review

In addition to **Harry Walker's** league-leading **.357** average, there are some impressive numbers being posted in '47. **George Kell (Fortress)** is at **.349** with **Barney McCoskey (Trees)** at **.346** to round out the top three. **Ralph Kiner (Bears)** is in third place in the HR race with **27** while **Walker Cooper (Chisox)** is one back.

Mize's **106** RBI leads **Cooper** by 14 and **Joe Gordon** by 16.

The league batting average of **.273** has six clubs above that level with the **Glendale Acorns** leading the pack at a torrid **.302** pace. The **Dodgers** with 105 games played, lead in HR's with **95**, one in front of the the **Chi Whales**, also 105 played.

Pitching is dominated by the **White Sox** with a spectacular **3.07 ERA**, 0.62 over the **Dodgers**. The league ERA is **4.12** with 7 clubs under that mark and the **Acorns** showing a league-high **5.22**.

Glendale holds down the top three spots in the stolen base race with **Jackie Robinson (29)**, **Bob Dillinger (27)** and **Emil Verban (20)**.

Denny Galehouse (Gold Sox) has not allowed a HR all year while ERA leader **Ewell Blackwell at 2.11** has permitted only one four-bagger.

Behind **Johnny Sain's 14** wins are the **Dodgers' Schoolboy Rowe and Phil Marchildon** with **13** apiece. **Murry Dickson (Whales)** and **Tex Hughson (Acorns)** have a dozen.

Bob Feller (Elephants) with 103 K's leads the league by four over **Blackwell** and 5 over **Newhouser**.

Russ Christopher (Dodgers) has posted **11** wins in relief without a loss.

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Some interesting numbers have evolved in the individual leader categories. **Earl Combs of Seattle** leads the batting race by **53** points with a **.445** average over his real-life '27 teammates, **Lou Gehrig (Roses)** **.392** and **Babe Ruth (Tip-Tops)** **.382**.

Ruth also leads in HR's with 28, RBI with 74, slugging **.767** and on-base with a **.509** percentage. Part of the high OBP comes from a league leading 68 walks. 22 of which were of the intentional variety.

While Seattle has the team triples lead and four batters in the top ten, **Fresco Thompson** of the **Wizards** leads **Jim Bottomley** by a **13-12** margin.

From the hill, **Bill Doak** of the **Roses** leads with a nifty **1.83 ERA**. Second is **Earl Whitehill** of the **Evanston Wizards** at **1.84**. Overall, **Whitehill** has some interesting numbers halfway through the campaign.

In addition to being second in ERA, he leads with **4 shutouts** and maintains the lowest opponent's batting average at **.219** and lowest slugging percentage of **.264** so far. **Whitehill** also has permitted the fewest hits per nine innings with **7.14**.

Mt. Hood's Ray Kremer keeps barreling along, leading with a **12-5** record, followed by **Vic Aldridge** of the **Wildcats** who is a perfect **10-0**. **Lefty Grove** of **Glendale** has the strikeout lead with a total of **72**, 25 in June.

While **Johnny Miljus (Atlanta)** has developed into the save leader with **9**, **Garland Braxton** of **Gurnee** has finished a total of **21** ballgames and netted **8** saves.

One of the few highlights for the lowly **Indianapolis Clowns** has been the performance of **Max Carey** who has stolen **23** bases, leading **Frankie Frisch** by one.

Three months to go!!!

