Pittsburgh could clinch pennant today

TOUCHDOWN YELL—Rookie halfback Ray Jauch (25) of Winnipeg Blue Bombers eludes these B.C. Lions defenders en route to a 49-yard run and a touchdown in a WIFU game here Saturday. Norm Fieldgate (75) and Baz Nagle (26), taken out of the play by Winnipeg linemen, make desperate attempt to catch the yelling Jauch as he crashes into the open. Bombers added two more touchdowns and a field goal on their way to a 26-14 citory. It was their ninth win without a loss this season and their third over the Lions.—(CP Photo).

Need only two wins as Cubs lose twice

By ED WILKS

Associated Press Staff Writer

This could be the day Pittsburgh has awaited for 33 years. This is the day the Pirates could win the National League pennant, their first since the 1927 Bucs won on the next-to-last day of the season.

Those Pirates of 33 years ago did it with a 9-6 decision at Cincinnati, clinching the flag with their 94th victory while the second-place St. Louis Cardinals were idle.

Now, with the Cardinals again in second place, the Pirates have 92, and their magic number is down to two after sweeping a doubleheader from Chicago Cubs, 3-2 and 6-1, in the only games scheduled in the majors Thursday.

COULD BE THE DAY

That sweep, eliminating third-place Milwaukee, set up today's chance to nail the pennant—if the Pirates can parlay a victory at Milwaukee tonight with a Cardinal split in an afternoon doubleheader at Chicago.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	88	57	.607	-
Chicago	84	62	.575	4½
Baltimore	84	63	.571	5
Cleveland	72	73	.497	16
Washington	72	74	.493	16½
Detroit	67	79	.459	21½
Boston	64	82	.448	24½
Kansas City	52	93	.359	36

If the Cubs take one from the Cards, the Pirates will be champs when they take the field against the Braves.

No matter what the Cardinals do—even if they should sweep their 10 remaining games—the Pirates can clinch by winning just two of the seven they have left.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Pittsburgh	92	55	.626	-
St. Louis	83	61	.576	7½
Milwaukee	83	63	.568	8½
Los Angeles	78	68	.534	13½
San Francisco	74	73	.503	18
Cincinnati	66	81	.449	26
Chicago	55	90	.379	36
Philadelphia	53	93	.363	38½

That would set up the October 5 opener of the world series at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field against New York Yankees—who aren't quite as close to packing away the American League flag, but who could do it in a three-game weekend set at Boston.

Toronto wins, Montreal loses in exhibitions

By The Canadian Press

The sunny south seems to be invigorating for Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League.

Playing in Ontario, Leafs lost their first four pre-season exhibition games. But Thursday night they played their second game against Boston in Los Angeles and posted their second victory—5-3 over the Bruins.

The series marked the first appearance of an NHL team in California.

In other exhibition action, the Stanley Cup champion Montreal Canadiens met their match in a farm club. Hull-Ottawa Canadiens of the Eastern Professional League edged their parent club 2-1.

An enthusiastic crowd of 10,742 watched Leafs take a 2-1 first-period lead and increase it to 3-1 in the second. Bob Nevin paced Toronto scorers with two goals. Gerry Ehman, Ron Stewart and rookie Dave Koen got the others. Boston marksmen were Doug Mohns, Don McKenney and Johnny Bucyk.

At Hull, Que., Bobby Rousseau and playing-coach Glenn Sloan, formerly with Detroit Red Wings, scored for Hull-Ottawa, the goals coming a little more than a minute apart in the first period. Henri (Pocket Rocket) Richard scored for Montreal in the second period.

Spartanburg, S.C. (AP)— Sonny Edwards, 190, knocked out Joe Louis Adams, 196½, Rock Hill, S.C., (7).

Last Night's Fights

Tokyo (AP) — Hiroshi Okawa, 132½, Japan, outpointed Flash Panio, 131½, Philippines (10).

Cardiff (AP)— Joe Erskin, 191, stopped Jose Gonzalez, Spain, (5).

Bright back leading WIFU ground gainers

REGINA (CP)—Johnny Bright, hard-running fullback with the Edmonton Eskimos, is back in a familiar position as the leading ground gainer in the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

Top rusher in the league for the last three years, Bright has moved into the top spot for the first time this season, Bill Hawrylak of Regina, chief WIFU statistician, said here Wednesday. Bright has a net gain of 698 yards in 132 carries.

Willie Fleming, fleet halfback with the B.C. Lions, has moved up from fourth place to take over the runner-up position, just 30 yards back of Bright. Fleming has carried the ball 73 times for an average gain of 9.1 yards, best in the league.

Fullback Earl Lunsford of the Calgary Stampeders, last week's leader, has slipped to third place with a net gain of 642 yards on 106 carries and a six-yard average.

BOMBERS NEXT

Next in line are three Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Fullback Gerry James has picked up 620 yards, halfback Leo Lewis 578 and fullback Charlie Shepard 508. Lewis is second to Fleming with an 8.5 yard average.

Rounding out the top 10 are B.C. fullback Nub Beamer with a net gain of 457 yards, Bomber quarterback Ken Ploen with 364 yards, Edmonton quarterback Jackie Parker with 339 and Bomber halfback Carver Shannon with 311.

Calgary quarterback Joe Kapp continues as the leading passer. He has completed 101 of 197 passes for 1,795 yards, an average of 9.1 yards and eight touchdowns. His completion average is 51 per cent. Ploen has completed 52 per cent of 77 passes, has had the most intercepted, 11, and has thrown the most touchdown passes, 10.

GOOD ON 62 PER CENT

Parker has completed 62 per cent of 70 passes and Saskatchewan's Bob Ptacek 61 per cent of 74. Don Allard of Riders has completed 42 per cent of 115 passes, B.C.'s Randy Duncan 45 per cent of 71 and B.C.'s Jim Walden 37 per cent of 48.

Winnipeg's Ernie Pitts has caught the most passes, 30 of 33, for 420 yards. Calgary's Gene Filipski has caught 29 of 38 for the most yardage, 538, and Calgary's Ernie Warlick has caught 26 of 35 passes for 510 yards.

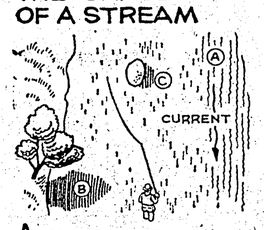
Shepard is the top punter with an average kick of 44.1 yards on 50 kicks. Edmonton's Vic Chapman is averaging 41.1 yards on 55 punts.

Saskatchewan's Gene Wlasiuk leads the way in punt returns with an average of 6.8 yards on 26 runbacks. Calgary's Harvey Wylie leads in kickoff returns with an average of 34.0 yards on 15 run-backs.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By hal sharp

FLY FISHING IN THE SHALLOWS OF A STREAM



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Sports

By Gary Oakes, Sports Editor

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah (AP)—Mickey Thompson of El Monte, Calif., has abandoned his effort to smash the international auto speed record.

The 31-year-old drag strip operator ended his current series of speed runs after reaching only 305 miles an hour in one spin Wednesday. Thompson said bubbles of salt forming on the 12-miles straightaway course cut his traction by half and caused the wheels to spin independently.

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