Pirates win, Yankees drop opener

Heavy team action in major leagues

By ED WILKS
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Pedro Ramos, who led the league in games lost last season, and Eli Grba, as short on victories as he is on vowels, have turned the American League upside down right at the start.

Ramos, a curve-balling Cuban, stopped the pennant-favored New York Yankees cold in their season opener Tuesday, blanking the defending champs on three singles as the Minneapolis Twins made their debut with a 6-0 victory at Yankee Stadium.

And Grba, one of those $75,000 picks Los Angeles made in the expansion process, tripped up Baltimore's hopeful Orioles 7-2 with a six-hitter as the Angels joined the Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Kansas City and the Twins in a five-way tie for the first-day lead. All of which dumped the Yanks and Orioles, 1-2 selections in the pennant picks, into the expanded second division.

TWO TEAMS IDLE

Cleveland took off running with a 9-5 decision at Detroit, and Kansas City smashed Boston Red Sox 5-2. The White Sox and Washington, who opened a day earlier, were idle.

Ramos, who lost 18 and won but 11 last season, walked just one man and struck out five while putting away the second three-hitter of his career and the first opening-day shutout suffered by the Yankees in eight years. The right-handed veteran also lined a two-run single off loser Whitey Ford in the seventh after Bob Allison's inning-opening home run had ended the stubby southpaw's two-hit shutout bid. Reno Bertoia also homered for the Twins.

Grba, never a winner against the Orioles in two seasons with the Yankees, squared his major league record at 9-9 after getting all the backing he needed from Ted Kluszewski. Big Klu, who hit only five home runs last season when he was with the White Sox, walloped a pair and drove in five runs as the Angels counted three runs in the first and four in the second against loser Milt Pappas and John Papa, a 21-year-old right-hander making his major league debut. Bob Cerv also homered for the Angels.

A six-run second inning, three unearned, wrapped it up for the Indians and Jim Perry, who went all the way with a seven-hitter. Bubba Phillips hit a two-run homer for the Indians, who had 18 hits—four each by Vic Power and Jimmy Piersall and two by ex-Giant Willie Kirkland. Jim Bunning was the loser, giving up six hits in less than two innings. Rookie Jake Wood homered for the Tigers—his first hit in the majors.

Ray Herbert allowed only six hits, but needed relief by Don Larsen and a mop-up save by Bud Daley as Kansas defeated the Red Sox at Boston. Four Red Sox errors led to four unearned runs for Kansas City with Herbert bringing in the first two with a second-inning single. Bill Monbouquette was the loser.

NL ACTION

Los Angeles Dodgers, a speedy bunch of kids who may lack power but who could run everybody ragged in the National League race, are off flying, making runs out of singles, sacrifice bunts and infield hits.

It was that sequence that did the damage Tuesday night when the Dodgers opened the season with a 6-2 victory over Philadelphia Phillies and hustled in to join the world champion Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds in a knot at the top of the standings.

Duke Snider, one of the Dodgers' older greyhounds, opened a three-run seventh inning with a single and galloped to third on a sacrifice and an infield out. Snider came in with the tie-breaking run when Charlie Neal smashed an infield single off the leg of losing pitcher Robin Roberts.

PIRATES WIN

In the other openers, all afternoon contests, the Pirates were back in the old groove, coming from behind on Bill Virdon's three-run homer with two out in the ninth for an 8-7 victory at San Francisco. St. Louis defeated Milwaukee and Warren Spahn 2-1 on Daryl Spencer's solo home run in the 10th inning, and Cincinnati, rolling on homers by Frank Robinson and Wally Post, walloped Chicago's Cubs 7-1.

Roberts, setting a league record with his 12th opening-day assignment for the Phils, wound up with a 5-6 record for inaugurals, one ended in a "no decision" for the right-handed veteran after the three-run Dodger seventh. Pinch-hitter Ron Fairly capped that rally with a two-run double.

Title fight set

BANGKOK (AP) — Representatives of world flyweight champion Pone Kingpetch of Thailand and Japanese challenger Mitsunori Seki signed a contract Monday for a June 27 title fight in Tokyo.

Seki is ranked third by Ring magazine and the National Boxing Association in the 112-pound division.

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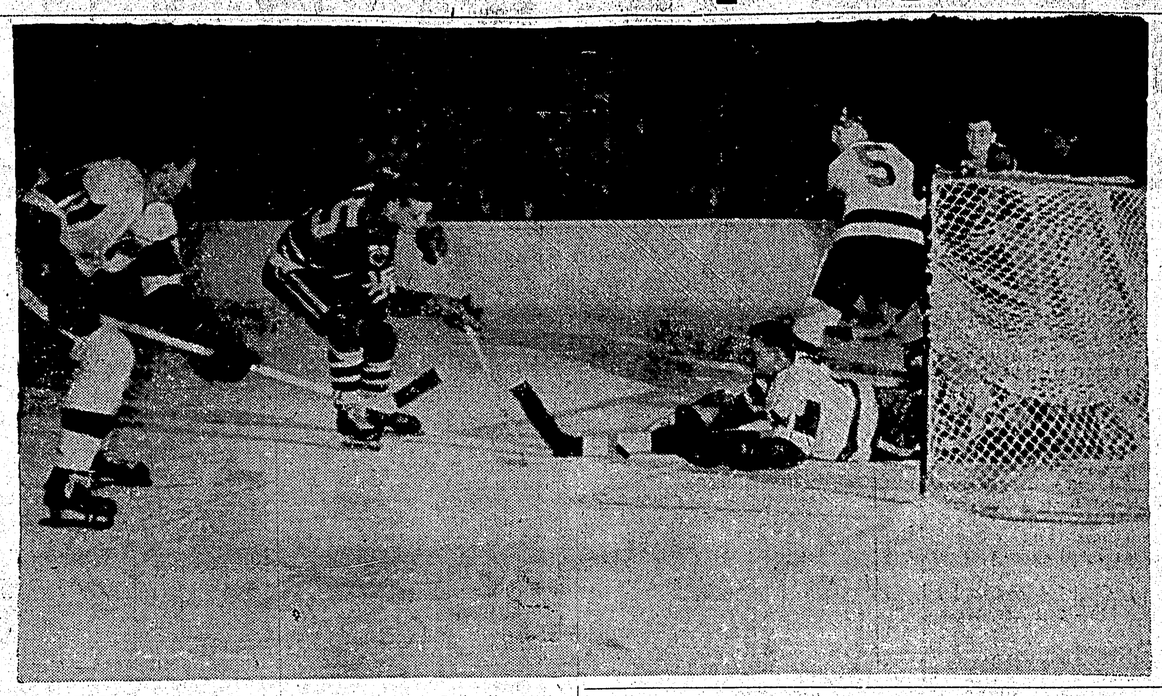


SHORTSTOP . . . Sprawled in front of the net, Detroit goalie Hank Bassen reaches for puck as Chicago wing Eric Nesterenko (15) attempts goal in second period of Stanley Cup game Monday, won by Hawks 3-1. Win gave Chicago 2-1 lead in best-of-seven series. Two teams will go at it again tonight. Radio station CFPR will broadcast game from Detroit beginning at 5 p.m. At left in picture is Vic Stasiuk of Detroit and at right is Warren Godfrey (5) of Detroit. — CP Photo

Hockey clubs wanted by California cities

SPOKANE (AP)—California's two biggest cities—Los Angeles and San Francisco—are shopping for hockey clubs and they could do their buying in the Pacific northwest's Western Hockey League.

WHL directors meet in Seattle Thursday to discuss awarding franchises to San Francisco and Los Angeles for next season.

Pacific northwest hockey sources feel southland clubs would draw big crowds — pointing to the more than 200,000 fans Portland Buckaroos drew during 35 home games in their first year in the Western Hockey League.

League president Al Leader said in Seattle Friday that Jim Pigott, owner of the league's Victoria franchise, has the inside track for the Los Angeles spot. He said Pigott requested a franchise shift two years ago.

At Spokane, Melvin Smith, president of the WHL's Spokane Comets, said if the team's franchise is moved, San Francisco will be the destination.

"We haven't made the decision to move to San Francisco," said Smith, "and we haven't definitely been assured a go-ahead from San Francisco. But we are studying and considering the move carefully."

Smith said: "I'm reluctant to make such a move, but a person has to face facts. There apparently isn't enough interest and fans in Spokane to support a professional team."

The crowds were better in Spokane this season, averaging about 2,700 a game, but costs had risen sharply, partly because of player purchases, Smith said.

WINNIPEG INTERESTED

Winnipeg also is considering a franchise shift to California.

Leader said the key man in the franchise shift talks is Bill Nicholas, general manager of the Los Angeles sports arena, who Leader said was making a final overture to the National Hockey League.

Leader said Nicholas was expected to tell NHL president Clarence Campbell that unless Los Angeles is admitted to the circuit this year, the California city will affiliate with the WHL.

Mixed Bonspiel draws, results

Here are the results of last night's action in the Mixed Bonspiel and the draws for tonight's play.

Tuesday Results

6:30 p.m.—Cloutier 13, G. Maki 5; Georgeson 8, Shelley 4; Williams 9, Kristmanson 8; J. Williams 19, Buchanan 10; Ritchie 5, Freeman 9; and Peterson 7, Merrison 6.

8:30 p.m.—Warren 10, Kerr 11; Dahl 12, Truscott 3; Atchison 3, Ford 15; Kurdziel 10, Schuman 8; Tindill 7, Armstrong 8; and D. McLeod 9, Billing 13.

10:30 p.m.—Meade 5, Deane 9; F. Eby 10, Bell 8; Vaagen 4, J. McLean 11; Mathews 9, Dominato 8; McNeice 11, Viger 13; and Olson 8, Dibb 10.

Tonight's Draws

6:30 p.m.—Peterson vs Armstrong; Billing vs Mathews; B. McLean vs Maki; Shelley vs Kristmanson; and Buchanan vs Ritchie.

8:30 p.m.—Mitchell vs Field; Cloutier vs Georgeson; B. Williams vs J. Williams; Freeman vs K. McLean; Viger vs Dibb; and Newton vs Foreman.

10:30 p.m.—J. Eby vs winner Bateman/Lemire; Kerr vs Dahl; Ford vs Deane; F. Eby vs J. McLean; and Kurdziel vs Eyolfson.

Celtics take hoop title

BOSTON (AP) — The old - pro Boston Celtics, schoolboy happy and professionally proud, today reign from the high position they have held for three years, champions of the National Basketball Association.

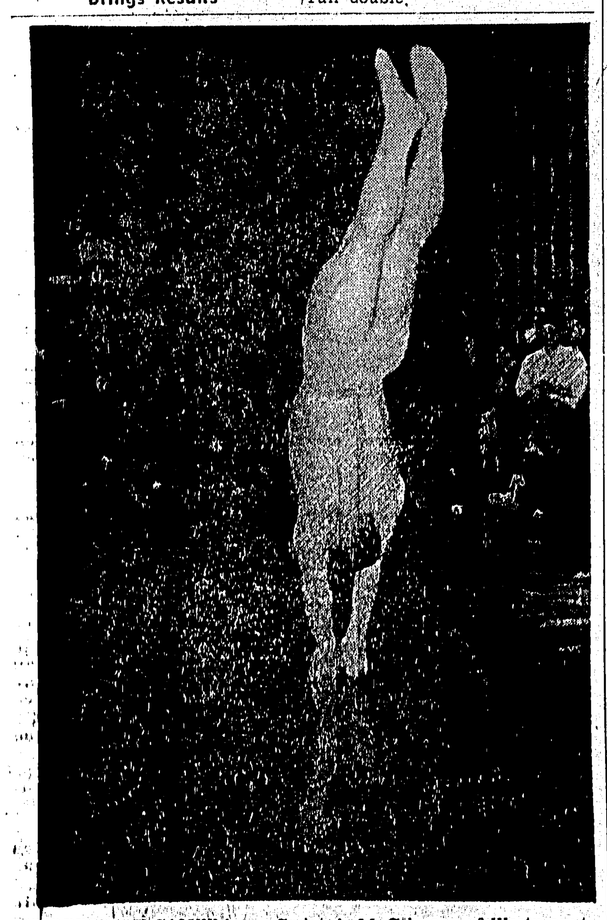
"Fantastic, fabulous," coach Red Auerbach beamed at his champions after their 121-112 victory over St. Louis Tuesday night eliminated the gallant Hawks 4-1 in the best-of-seven final series.

"We're the greatest," Auerbach shouted into the confusion of the dressing room. "The 1961 Boston Celtics are the greatest ever, there was never anyone like us."

As usual, it was a team effort, but as usual, it was keyed by the great Bill Russell and the incomparable Bob Cousy.

Russell, the six-foot-ten post man and the league's most valuable player, scored 30 points—22 in the first half as Boston struggled to a 62-61 intermission lead—and hauled down 38 rebounds.

Cousy, veteran backcourt man who wears the label Mr. Basketball, scored 18 points, 13 in Boston's third-quarter burst that broke open the game, and contributed 12 assists.



STOPPED BY CAMERA . . . Cadet A. M. Gilmour of Westmount, Que., appears to be standing on his hands atop the water in this photo taken during a Canadian Services Colleges sports tournament at St. Johns, Que. The photographer snapped the picture just as Gilmour's hands touched the water in a vertical dive. Gilmour took top honors in the swimming events. — CP Photo

JOINS ALOUETTES — John Conroy, 22-year-old native of Vancouver, has been signed as quarterback with the Montreal Alouettes of the Big Four Football League. Conroy played quarterback and defensive half back with Mount San Antonio Junior College, Pamona, Calif., last year. He is a brother of Jim Conroy who played with Ottawa Rough Riders in 1960. — CP Photo

Pilote hope of Chicago as series resumes tonight

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DETROIT (CP)—Pierre Pilote, a little man for the big job of National Hockey League defenceman, will be one of Chicago Black Hawks' main hopes tonight when they shoot the works against Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup final.

If the Hawks can pull out a victory they will have a 3-1 stranglehold on the best-of-seven series, with the fifth game in Chicago Friday.

Despite a remarkable record in the post-season playoffs, Pilote has been almost overlooked in the wild acclaim for goal-scoring forwards and the brilliance of goaltenders.

"Pilote is definitely one of the best defencemen in the National Hockey League right now," said Hawk coach Rudy Pilous after his club arrived from Chicago Tuesday night.

"He has been a key man for us in this series and during the regular season he was one of the most dependable players we had. He has great defensive ability, can carry the puck and is extremely valuable on the power play. Above all, he is a team man.

"He weighs only 170 pounds but offsets this weight disadvantage, if any, by his smartness and effectiveness."

Pilote's record bears out Rudy's high praise. In nine games of the playoffs Pilote has counted 11 points on two goals and nine assists.

Against Montreal Canadiens in six games of the semi-final series Pilote scored one goal and six assists. In the current cup final against Detroit he has scored one goal and three assists in three games.

Pilote has scored at least one point in every game since the playoff opened, and the Red Wings will have to pay plenty of attention to him as well as to the galaxy of goal-getting Chicago forwards. The Red Wings flew in from Chicago Tuesday, seven hours ahead of the Hawks, and hustled off to their quiet quarters in a Toledo, Ohio, hotel, 60 miles away.

Coach Sid Abel was by no means downhearted over his team's 3-1 loss in Chicago Monday.

GOOD NEWS

The best news Abel had on arrival was that his cripples are on the mend. Marcel Pronovost, ace Detroit defenceman, is expected to return to the lineup after missing two games. So is goalie Terry Sawchuk, whose shoulder injury in the first game forced him to give way to co-goalie Hank Bassen.

Defenceman Warren Godfrey, who had to leave Monday's game in Chicago because of a knee bruise, also was expected back.

"We can win this game tonight on home ice and then go right on and win the series," said Abel. "We made mistakes on Chicago's first two goals Monday but we can overcome them."

Pilote is one of the few French-speaking players on the Chicago club. He is 29 years old and was born in Kenogami, Que. His family moved to Fort Erie, Ont., 14 years ago and he got his big start in hockey with the St. Catharines, Ont., junior Teepees.

He turned pro with the Buffalo club of the American Hockey League, spending three seasons with Buffalo and splitting the 1955-56 season between Buffalo and the Hawks. Since then he hasn't missed a game with the Hawks, and during the season just closed scored six goals and 29 assists for 35 points.

CANUCK PLACES 23RD

LONDON (AP)— A 17-year-old Canadian student finished 23rd out of a field of 158 in Saturday's Head of the River race for single sculls.

Canucks, Bucks to meet in WHL semi-final series

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

If Portland Buckaroos are going to advance along the Western Hockey League playoff trail, they'll have to do it the way they started out the current season . . . on the road.

The Bucks, second-place finishers in the regular season, open a best-of-five semi-final series in Victoria Thursday against Vancouver Canucks. The second game is set for Vancouver Saturday.

Portland Memorial Coliseum, where the Buckaroos attracted more than 260,000 fans during the regular season and a record playoff crowd of 10,256 last week, has been taken over by an ice show until April 26.

Playing on the road will be nothing new to the Bucks. Their first 10 games this season were away from home while finishing touches were put on the coliseum. They finished that extended tour with a record of five wins, four losses and a tie.

During the entire season, they were the only team to break even on the road, winning 15 and tying five in 35 games.

So Art Chapman and his defending champion Canucks, who sequeezed into the semi-final with a 3-1 victory over Victoria Cougars Tuesday night in the deciding game of their best-of-five quarter-final, can't expect to pick up a decided edge in the series for that reason.

STAMPEDERS BEATEN

In Calgary, Seattle Totems beat the Stampeders 6-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven semi-final series.

The Canucks' victory at Vancouver came on great performances of goaltender Claude Evans and defenceman Larry Cahan.

Evans made 12 brilliant saves in the opening period to hold up the Canucks when the Cougars went all out to get a big jump. He had 26 stops for the game.

While George Ford opened the scoring for Victoria midway through the period, Cahan tied the score three minutes later with a brilliant end-to-end rush.

In the second period, goals by defenceman Ralph Keller and winger Bruce Carmichael gave Vancouver the victory margin.

The Totems won on two-goal performances by Guyle Fielder and Don Chiupka and singles from Bill MacFarland and Murray Wilkie.

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