Ex-Braves boost Tigers to second

Reds retain lead in National League

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Detroit's winter trade with Milwaukee that brought outfielder Billy Bruton, catcher Dick Brown, pitcher Terry Fox and infielder Chuck Cottier for Frank Bolling may turn out to be the steal of the year.

All four ex-Braves played important roles in the Tigers' 5-2 triumph over Cleveland Wednesday, lifting them into second place in the American League, one game back of the surprising Minnesota Twins.

Bruton rapped a pair of singles and scored Detroit's first two runs. Brown also had two singles. Cottier, a late - inning shortstop replacement, drove in the final run of the Tigers' winning four-run rally in the eighth. Fox got credit for the Tiger victory by putting the Indians down scoreless on three hits — all singles — in the last three innings.

DEALS BIG BLOW

The most important blow, however, was delivered by Steve Boros. The rookie third baseman cracked a three-run double off reliever Frank Funk to spoil the Indians' home opener. Three bases on balls set the stage for Boros' game-winning blow.

Funk had entered the game in the seventh when the Tigers loaded the bases against starter Jim Perry and had temporarily preserved Cleveland's 2-1 lead by getting Jake Wood to hit into an inning-ending double play.

In the only other game played in the American League, Washington defeated the Chicago White Sox 7-2. Rain forced postponement of the Minnesota-Red Sox game in Boston, and the Los Angeles - Yankee game in New York and Kansas City at Baltimore.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Any day now they'll be calling sliced home runs over the left field screen in Los Angeles Coliseum "Moon-shots." That's because Dodger southpaw Wally Moon appears to have perfected the art of dumping homers in that sector.

Moon has hit six home runs in eight games, all over the Coliseum's 42-foot-high left field screen, only 251 feet from home plate. The Dodger outfielder claims a newly perfected "reverse English" swing has been largely responsible for his sudden rash of homers.

Moon adopts that unorthodox cut when swinging at inside pitches. The ball sort of caroms off the bat and takes off in the "wrong field" direction. When the pitch is outside, he merely reaches out and pokes at the ball.

Wally struck two of those "Moon-shots" Wednesday night to lead the Dodgers to a 7-2 triumph over St. Louis Cardinals. The first homer came with two on in the first inning. The second was a solo flight in the fourth. He walked in the sixth and slashed a run-scoring single — to centre — in the seventh to account for five runs batted in with a perfect evening at the plate.

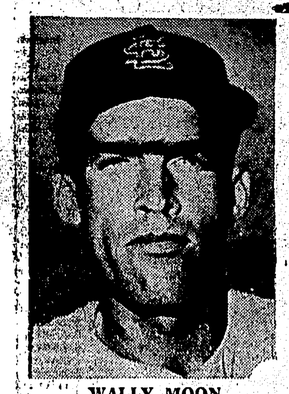
Cincinnati made it two straight over San Francisco with a 4-2 triumph and retained first place in the National League. Pittsburgh climbed into second place with a 4-1 victory over Chicago. Rain stopped Milwaukee and Philadelphia for the second straight day.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Minnesota	5	1	.833	—
Detroit	3	1	.750	1
New York	2	1	.677	1½
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1½
Boston	2	2	.500	2
Washington	2	3	.400	2½
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	2½
Kansas City	1	2	.333	2½
Chicago	1	3	.250	3
Baltimore	1	4	.200	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	—
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625	½
Los Angeles	5	4	.556	1
St. Louis	4	4	.500	1½
San Francisco	4	4	.500	1½
Chicago	2	4	.333	2½
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	2½
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	2½



WALLY MOON
Homers for Dodgers

STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS . . . A happy lot of Chicago Black Hawks, including coach Rudy Pilous, gather around the Stanley Cup, symbol of National Hockey League championship, after winning the cup Sunday night at Detroit by beating the Detroit Red Wings 5-1. The triumph gave the Hawks the best of seven series four games to two and the first Stanley Cup title in 23 years. — AP Wirephoto

Sonny Liston may get crack at title

NEW YORK (AP) — Sonny Liston, No. 1 world heavyweight boxing contender, may get his long-sought crack at Floyd Patterson's title next year if he satisfies all concerned that he is free of undesirable associates.

But his parting with manager Joseph (Pep) Barone Wednesday brought only lukewarm reactions from two of those most concerned—Patterson and Senator Estes Kefauver, sponsor of a bill to place boxing in the United States under federal control.

Liston said he bought his contract from Barone after a conference at Allentown, Pa., in which the manager agreed to accept $75,000 to be paid from Liston's earnings over the next two years. The contract had two years to run and Barone said he had refused offers as high as $150,000 for it.

Barone said Liston "is a free agent as far as I'm concerned. I'm through. I want to forget about it."

Liston said Wednesday night he had several offers for the contract, but added he thought it would be a week or two before he decided on a new manager.

Portland thumps Vancouver 4-1 to capture WHL semi-final series

By The Canadian Press

Portland Buckaroos, orphaned for their best-of-five semi-final with Vancouver Canucks, will return to their luxurious home in an attempt to capture the Western Hockey League championship in their rookie season.

The Buckaroos disposed of Vancouver Canucks—defending champions—in four games when they whipped them 4-1 in Vancouver Wednesday night.

Portland now faces Seattle Totems in the first all-American final in the league's history.

First three games in the best-of-seven series will be played in Portland's new 10,000-seat coliseum starting next Wednesday night.

Coach Hal Laycoe says he is anticipating a tough series with Seattle.

FINISHED FOURTH

The Totems finished fourth in league play but whipped league-winning Calgary Stampeders in five games.

Laycoe says Totems will benefit from the extended rest they will have—10 days.

Buckaroos will be handicapped by the fact that their practices will be limited to skating at a shopping - centre rink at the same time there is public skating.

The coliseum is unavailable to the Buckaroos—as it has been since the semi-finals started — because there is a home show being held there.

Loss of their home arena had no effect on the Buckaroos, however, as they completely outclassed the Canucks in all but one game in their series. The only defeat they suffered was a 2-1 setback last Saturday in Vancouver.

They won the other three games 5-1, 5-0 and 4-1.

Canucks, through the season, relied on an air-tight defence to make up for their deficiencies on offence.

IN COMMAND

But the tight-checking Portland crew had little difficulty containing the Vancouver attack.

Wednesday night was no exception. Portland scored a goal in every period and never was in trouble.

Defenceman Jack Bionda made it 1-0 for Portland in the first period with a 30-foot screen shot from the point.

Arnie Schmautz got the second Portland goal in the second period when he converted a pass from centre Art Jones.

Bruce Carmichael got that goal back for Vancouver by flipping the puck over Portland goalie Don Head after he had blocked a shot from Larry Popein.

Larry Leach made it 3-1 before the period ended and winger Bill McCulley finished off the scoring for Buckaroos in the third period.

Oil Kings win Abbott Cup

WINNIPEG (CP) — Edmonton Oil Kings overpowered Winnipeg Rangers 7-5 here Wednesday night to win the Memorial Cup semi-final and the Abbott Cup for the second year in a row.

Oil Kings took the best-of-seven series 4-1 for the Abbott Cup, emblematic of Western junior hockey supremacy. Last year Edmonton defeated Brandon Wheat Kings but lost the Memorial Cup final to St. Catharines Teepees.

Toronto St. Michael's Majors now lead Moncton Beavers 1-0 in the best-of-five Eastern series for the right to come west to meet the Kings. The eastern clubs meet in the second game Friday at Toronto.

Oil Kings want to take home three Rangers players to bolster bench strength for the best-of-seven encounter with the Eastern Canada winner.

Coach Buster Brayshaw said Bryan Hextall, Ken Stephanson, Bob Woytowich, and Dave Richardson are among the three to be asked to join Edmonton for the Canadian final.

Tom Burgess scored what proved to be the winning goal for Kings late in the third period with the game tied 5-5. Len Lund fired two goals for the winners and Edmonton captain Don Chiz picked up three while Bob Cox added the other.

Rangers enter final

WOLVERHAMPTON (AP) — Glasgow Rangers Wednesday night tied Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-1 and moved into the final of the European Soccer Cup for national winners on aggregate score basis.

Rangers won the first game 2-0 and so went in to the final on an aggregate goal advantage of 3-1.

Major League Leaders

By The Associated Press

American League

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Skowron, NY	10	1	5	.500
Versalles, Minn.	28	6	12	.429
Phillips, Cleve.	20	4	8	.400
Temple, Cleve.	21	3	8	.381
Allison, Minn.	24	3	9	.375

Runs — Versalles and Green, Minnesota, 6.

Runs batted in — Allison, Minnesota, 11.

Hits—Versalles, 12.

Doubles—Kaline, Detroit and Lemon, Minnesota, 3.

Triples—Eleven tied with 1.

Home runs—Allison, 3.

Stolen bases—Versalles, 4.

Pitching — Ramos, Minnesota, 2-0, 1.000.

Strikeouts — Pascual, Minnesota, 12.

National League

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Moon, Los Ang.	28	8	15	.536
Post, Cincinnati	21	5	10	.476
Gonzalez, Phila.	15	4	7	.467
Burgess, Pitts.	11	1	5	.55
Cunningham, SL.	28	7	12	.429

Runs—Wills, Los Angeles and Boyer, St. Louis, 9.

Runs batted in—Moon, 11.

Hits—Moon, 15.

Doubles—Groat, Pittsburgh, 4.

Triples—Post, Cincinnati and Stuart, Pittsburgh, 2.

Stolen bases—Pinson, Cincinnati, 4.

Pitching — Elston, Chicago, Purkey, Cincinnati and Friend, Pittsburgh, 2-0, 1.000.

Strikeouts—Drysdale, Los Angeles, 18.

Galt takes opener

GALT, Ont. (CP)—Galt Terriers gave away the first goal to Winnipeg Maroons Wednesday night but came back to grab a 3-1 victory in the first game of the Allan Cup final series that both teams agreed may be a long one.

The Terriers, tied up in the first period by the Maroons' persistent forechecking, broke out in the second and third and added the clinching goal in the last minute of play when the Winnipeg goalkeeper was pulled in an attempt for the equalizer.

Pavlikis tops Elks Bonspiel

The Elks Bonspiel concluded last night and marked the end of the 1960-61 curling season.

Nick Pavlikis' quartet of Cliff Dahl, third; Phil Peterson, second; and Eric Rosell, lead, defeated Bob Armstrong's foursome of Tona Armstrong, third; Steve Peachey, second; and Bill Steele, lead to win A Event.

Ray Billing's rink of Marky Gurvich, third; George Brown, second; and Grace Brown, lead, downed Pat Deane's quartet of Dot Deane, third; Rod Pierce, second; and Libby Hemmons, lead, to capture B Event.

The three-day 'spiel, which started Sunday, featured 24 rinks and was termed a complete success by all.

Elks Exalted Ruler Harley Lewis presented the trophies to the winning rinks.

Bonspiel chairman was Brick Eby.

There will be no more curling now until the fall, but a general meeting will be scheduled sometime in May.

OC Soccer

LONDON (Reuters) — Results of soccer games played in the United Kingdom Wednesday:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
First Division
Leicester 3, Aston Villa 1.
Man. City 1, Blackpool 1.
Second Division
Portsmouth 3, Bristol R. 0.
Sheffield U. 3, Derby 1.
Third Division
Swindon 1, Barnsley 0.
Fourth Division
Accrington 2, York City 0.
Crew Alex 1, Darlington 1.
Crystal P. 2, Aldershot 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
St. Johnstone 2, Motherwell 1.
Division II
Albion 1, Forfar 1.
Alloa 5, Cowdenbeath 3.

Sports Events

Little League
6:30 p.m. — Practices for all new players at Algoma Park. Managers and coaches are urged to attend.

Floor Hockey
Junior
No junior game tonight.
Senior
8:30 p.m. — —Third and deciding game in best - of - three semi-final series between Bob Parker's and Savoy Hotel.

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