ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING rookies in the American League this season is Detroit Tigers' shortstop Harvey Kuenn, who already has close to 150 hits to his credit. Kuenn excels as a spray hitter, the result of being able to change his stance at bat. His experience on basketball courts while attending Wisconsin University (left, photo taken in 1951) may account for his fast footwork on the diamond. At right, he is shown in action on the Tigers' recent eastern trip.

Third Place Races Only Exciting Issues Remaining in Major League Schedules

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The race for final positions in the major league standings appears to be all over in both circuits except to find out who's going to finish third.

Although there are still five weeks to play it's mostly just a question of waiting for the World Series—for Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees — and for next year.

The third place races, however, are close in both leagues. Cleveland Indians hold third in the American league by only half a game over Boston Red Sox. St. Louis Cardinals have a game edge on Philadelphia Phillies in the National.

WIDE GAPS

Except for the third-place battles, at least six games separate the clubs in their present positions in the National League. Only seven games divide the last place St. Louis Browns and the sixth-place Philadelphia Athletics in the American League, with Detroit Tigers sandwiched in between.

The league-leading Dodgers and Yankees each have a nine-game edge. Brooklyn has 36 games to play, New York 35.

In Thursday's curtailed activity the Dodgers thumped New York Giants 10-0; St. Louis defeated Chicago Cubs 5-3 and Pittsburgh Pirates beat Philadelphia 5-2 in the National League. The Yankees whipped Washington 7-0 and Cleveland bounced Detroit 13-7 in the American.

Carl Erskine, Brooklyn's biggest winner, posted his 15th victory of the season and his second straight four-hit shutout over the stumbling Giants. Erskine didn't walk a man and struck out six. Junior Gilliam, Jackie Robinson and Bobby Morgan hit home runs.

Robin Roberts fell victim to Philadelphia's sieve-like defence. The Phillies committed four errors and four of the Pirates' five runs were unearned. Granny Hamner, who was charged with two of the misplays, and Earl Torgeson homered for the Phils. Bill Waugh won his third game against three losses for Pittsburgh.

Wilmer Mizell doubled home the winning runs in a sixth-inning rally as he hung up his 11th victory for St. Louis. He gave up seven Chicago hits but needed help from Gerry Staley to get the last out in the ninth.

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Unknown Jerry Barker Breaks Course Record And Leads Name Players in Labatt Open

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MONTREAL (CP)—Jerry Barber, a skinny little fellow who looks as if a healthy golf swing would blow him off the tee, today was the biggest shot around the Summerlea Golf Club course.

The five-foot-five 140-pounder, usually just another name in the winter and summer circuit, charged down the wide-open fairways of the par-70 layout Thursday in the opening round of the $25,000 Open, leaving a trail of seven birdies for a record-busting 64. Only one hole—the tough par-four 17th—forced him to go over regulation figures.

Jerry shaved two strokes off the competitive record for the 6,515-yard course and made the Sneads, Middlecoffs, Burkemos and Turnesas look second-rate.

The 36-year-old native of La Canada, Calif., went into today's second round one stroke up on Max Evans of Detroit, who carded a 65.

Art Wall, Jr., of Pocono Manor, Pa., Al Zimmerman of Portland, Ore., and Bob Toski of Northampton, Mass., each posted 66, two strokes off the pace and another threesome kicked around par figures to tie at 67. They were Doug Ford of Harrison, N.Y., Dutch Harrison of Ardmore, Okla., and Jack Burke, Jr., of Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

PAR BROKEN BY 18

All told, 18 shotsmiths of the 125 field for the $5,000 first prize, gave par figures a beating. Weather conditions were ideal—a brilliant sun and little wind—and if these continue throughout the four-day 72-hole tournament it wouldn't surprise surprise anyone if many more breezed around in the 60s.

The tournament, fourth richest in the world, got under way early and the crowd, estimated at about 1,000, passed up Jerry to follow the big names—Sam Snead, Cary Middlecoff and Jim Turnesa and Walt Burkemo.

Cameron Blanks Esquires To Keep Hotelmen in Race

Gordon Cameron, tireless hurler for Commercial Hotel, aided by a second-inning four-run uprising by his team-mates, scattered six hits and shutout a game Esquire nine last night in one of the final games of the 1953 Prince Rupert Senior baseball league schedule.

The win nudged Commercials a notch closer to league leading Gordon and Andersons who have 16 wins to 7 losses win-loss record compared to the hotelmen's 15 wins and 7 losses.

The Commercials meet G & A in a crucial game Sunday and must win it to stay in the race. If G & A win Sunday, league play is all over.

Loss of control by Esquires opening pitcher, Dick Letourneau, set the stage for the only scoring of the game. Letourneau walked two men, saw the first run come in on a fielder's choice and three more runs scored on successive singles by Davis and Williamson.

Sharpe started the third inning for the Esquires and pitched scoreless ball until the final frame, when Dell took the mound and fanned the first two batters with the third flying out.

Cameron in blanking the Commercials struck out 8, walked none and allowed only six safeties.

Sharpe gave up two free passes and two expensive hits. Sharpe struck out one Commercial, allowed four safeties and walked nil. Dell struck out two and gave up no hits and walked none

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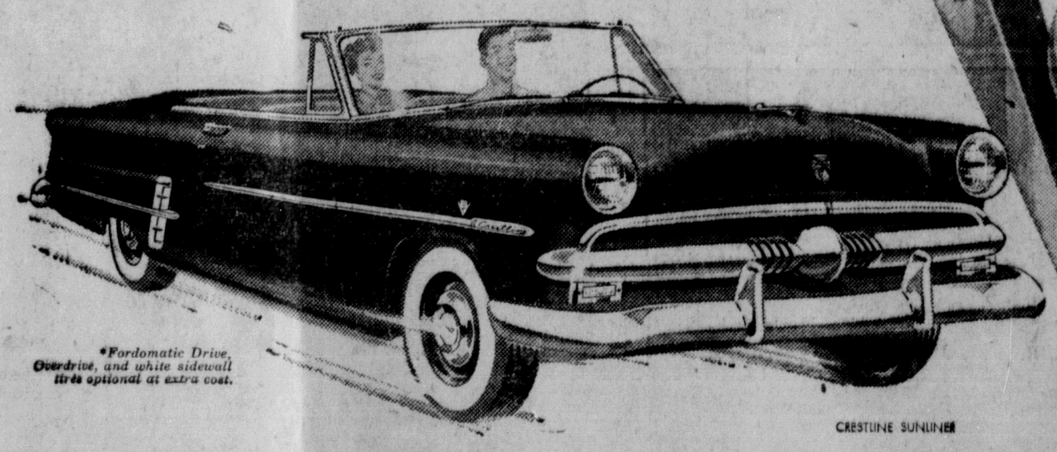
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