

# Roberts Chalks Up 19th; Raschi Sets New Mark

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The Robin Roberts express is running on a schedule that could make the young pitcher for Philadelphia Phillies the major leagues' first 30-game winner in 19 seasons.

The strong-armed righthander has stepped up by almost two weeks his tremendous pace of last year when he won 28 and lost 7.

Roberts won his 19th game Tuesday night, a five-hit 8-1 victory over St. Louis Cardinals. He's lost seven. At the same point a year ago he had a 16-6 record.

**AVERAGE LOWER**  
Compared to his record at this time last year, Roberts has pitched 35 more innings and eight more complete games.

He's struck out 36 more batters although he has walked 17 more. Thirty-nine more hits have been recorded against him but his earned run average is lower—2.38 to 2.48.

The last 30-game winner was Dizzy Dean of St. Louis Cardinals back in 1934.

A good fast-ball pitcher, Roberts had his control working to near perfection against the Cards Tuesday night. Back-to-back doubles by Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter produced a St. Louis run in the first inning, but from then on it was all Roberts. He struck out seven and walked two.

League-leading Brooklyn was made idle by rain in Milwaukee. Pittsburgh edged Cincinnati 2-1 and Chicago Cubs defeated the stumbling New York Giants 5-3.

In the American League New York Yankees crushed Detroit 15-0. Chicago whipped Philadelphia 8-3. Cleveland defeated

Washington 3-0, and Boston broke an eight-game losing streak, beating St. Louis 6-2.

The Yankees lead Chicago by five games and Cleveland by 7½.

**ALL-TIME HIGH**  
Vic Raschi broke a major league batting record as he drove in seven of the New York runs against Detroit, an all-time high for pitchers. The previous best was six.

Greeted with the bases loaded in each of his first three trips to the plate, Raschi delivered two runners in the second inning with a single, three in the third with a double, and two more in the fourth with another single. On his fourth trip, with nobody on base, he grounded out.

Chuck Stobbs of the Senators held Cleveland to five hits, but the Indians managed to bunch three of these in the eighth inning to score all of their runs. Mike Garcia posted victory No. 13.

**SOX EXPLODE**  
The White Sox, who had succumbed to the Athletics 10 times in 15 meetings, exploded for six runs in the fourth inning to salt away the contest.

Virgil Trucks won his ninth game since joining Chicago with a four-hit performance.

Boston came from behind in the eighth to trim the Browns. Ployd Baker doubled with the bases loaded during the rally that gave Maury McDermott his 11th victory.

The Pirates' victory at Cincinnati ended a four-game winning streak for the Redlegs. Danny O'Connell tripled home the two Pittsburgh runs in the eighth against loser Jackie Colpman.

# BOULTER AND DOMINATO WIN ROD AND GUN CLUB SHOOT

Tommy Boulter and Dom Dominato were high team in the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club shoot held Sunday, when they brought home 20 beaks. When the shoot ended at 5 p.m. beaks counted at the trap range showed that Frank Allingham and Vic Williams were in second place with 13 beaks.

In third place were Harold Schaeffer and John Lazorek who killed 12 crows up until 5 p.m. Prizes will be distributed at the next Rod and Gun club meeting. Officials of the club termed the crow shoot a success with a large number of nest robbers liquidated.

# Spokane's Double Victory Shunts Salem Into No. 2 Slot

By The Canadian Press  
Spokane Indians are king pins in the Western International Baseball League once again and the Salem Senators are back in the No. 2 slot.

A double win posted at Edmonton Tuesday night while Salem was losing a single game to Yakima gave the Indians undisputed possession of the top berth. The Indians and Senators, who have been chasing each other in and out of first place through most of the second half of the split season were virtually tied for the lead at the start of the evening's activities.

The Indians jumped on two Edmonton pitchers for 12 hits as they fashioned a 5-1 triumph in the seven-inning opener, and pounded out nine more safeties to take the regulation-length nightcap 4-2.

At Salem, Yakima pitcher Danny Rios spaced 11 hits and helped his own cause with a solo home run in the third inning as the Bears defeated the Senators 9-3. Herman Lewis also homered for the Bears in the sixth.

**THAMES TURNS BLACK**  
LONDON (CP)—Nearly two miles of old father Thames turned black recently near Tilbury. Discoloration of the river was blamed on sugar leaking from a damaged cargo vessel. In for repairs.

# Portland Back in Race

The news in the Pacific Coast League is that the San Francisco Seals are back up in the first division, after a long time away.

Manager Tommy Heath's club whacked Portland twice Tuesday night, 4-1 and 5-4, to oust the Beavers from fourth place.

These clubs were in a virtual tie before they squared away for their doubleheader, but Seal pitchers Elmer Singleton and John McCall, who have yet to lose to the Beavers this season, continued their mastery over them.

Singleton gave only five hits and McCall had a 5-1 decision up until the ninth, when Herm Reich clouted a homer with two on that put Portland right back in the ball game. Singleton's win was his 13th.

Seattle whipped Los Angeles in Seattle, 6-1, and San Diego disposed of Oakland, 7-1; Hollywood beat Sacramento again, 4-1.

**REMEMBER WHEN**  
E. H. Temme of England, first person to swim the English Channel in both directions, plowed through the choppy waters on his first crossing 36 years ago today. He made it in 14 hours, 29 minutes the first time, and seven years later in 1924 swam across the other way in one hour longer.

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GALE TALBOT  
NEW YORK (AP)—The only time we saw Leo Durocher really agitated last spring was when someone asked him what he thought of the winter deal through which Brooklyn had obtained pitcher Russ Meyer from the Phillies. The manager of the Giants exploded at close quarters.

"Since when," he demanded, "do you try to help the team you've got to beat? Anybody with any sense knows that pitching is what Charlie Dressen needs. The Phils don't think that guy Meyer is much of a pitcher, hey? I wish I had him right now."

Leo had a good deal more to say on the subject, but that was the gist of his remarks, which were widely circulated. As we do not recall that any other National League manager viewed the strange transaction with similar alarm at the time, it seems proper to credit him with having called the turn.

As of the moment Meyer, for all his eccentricities, is tied with Carl Erskine as the most winning pitcher on the Brooklyn staff, each with an 11-4 record. The pair are right up among the league leaders in winning percentage. Their recent efforts are largely responsible for the daylight the Dodgers have put

# Western Hockey Loop Moguls Back Post-Season Series

EDMONTON (CP)—The Western Hockey League decided Tuesday night to have a best-of-nine post-season series with the Quebec Hockey League.

Directors at the semi-annual meeting voted in favor of the plan which has the first series in the West and then alternating yearly between East and West.

The directors also voted to retain the delayed-penalty rule which has been opposed by Calgary. Under the rule only one man on a team is in the penalty box. Calgary wanted to revert to the former rule which allowed two men on one team to be in the penalty box at one time.

The seven-team WHL again will have six teams in the post season playoffs, and the series will be longer.

Directors also decided to increase the playoff pool from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

They threw out the system of having only one faceoff spot in the end zone—20 feet in front of the net. The WHL will revert to two spots, one on each side and to the front of the net.

The 1953-54 schedule, opening in the second week of October and ending March 21, will have 70 games for each club. There will be four inter-sectional trips for each club, an increase of one over the 1952-53 schedule.

In the first round of the playoffs, the team finishing the regular schedule in first place meets the team finishing sixth. The second team plays the fifth, and

the third meets the fourth. The one-and-six series will be nine games instead of the previous seven.

The other series will be seven games. Formerly there were five. The semi-finals will be best-of-seven instead of best-of-five. The final will be best-of-seven.

**LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS**  
By the Associated Press  
LOS Angeles—Phil Kim, 143, Honolulu, stopped Elmer Beltz, 143½, Los Angeles, 1.  
Brooklyn—Helm Ten Hoff, 226½, Germany, stopped Bill Wilson, 225½, Charlotte, N.C., 1.  
Butte, Mont.—Fredde Heiman, 136, Los Angeles, and Bobby Woods, 134, Spokane, drew, 10.

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