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Giants Take Sixth Straight To Move Into Tie For Top Spot

By BEN PHLEGAR
Associated Press Staff Writer

With the major league pennant races just into their second month, nine of the 16 teams find themselves better off than they were at this stage a year ago.

Two are all even with their 1953 pace. Even the five who have fallen behind aren't too far back of where they were after the first month of last season.

Based on games behind first place, Detroit Tigers have made the biggest gain. A dreadful last at this point in 1953 when they were 12 games behind, the Tigers now find themselves only a game and a half off the pace of the first-place Chicago White Sox in the American League.

In the National League the

most improvement has been made by Cincinnati Redlegs with the surprising New York Giants a close runner-up. The Redlegs were last, seven games behind. Now they're only one game back, even though they are laying fifth in the tight race.

SIXTH STRAIGHT

The Giants, who moved Friday night into a virtual first-place tie with Philadelphia by winning their sixth straight, are 5½ games better off than in 1953.

The Yankees trimmed Detroit 6-4 in the only day game Friday. In night action Cleveland beat Washington 5-2, Baltimore thumped Boston 7-2 and Chicago shaded Philadelphia 4-3 in the American League.

The Giants defeated the Cubs 9-6, Brooklyn absorbed a 10-1 thrashing by the Cardinals, Cincinnati edged the Phillies 1-0 and Pittsburgh broke a seven-game losing streak at the expense of Milwaukee, 3-2 in 10 innings, in the National League.

A run in the ninth inning on singles by Cass Michaels and Minnie Minceo plus an error enabled the White Sox to beat the Athletics and pull a full game in front in the American. Don Johnson, with two two-hit shutouts to his credit as a starter, picked up his fourth victory while working relief.

KAYO GROMEK

The Yankees kayoed Steve Gromek, who had won five in a row for Detroit, with a dozen hits in the first six innings. Gene Woodling led the barrage with a double and a triple.

Bob Turley won his fourth game and raised his league leading strikeout total to 53 by fanning 11 as the Orioles whipped Boston. Five runs in the eighth inning broke up a 2-2 tie.

A grand slam home run by George Strickland against Washington made it easy for Bob Lemon to win his fifth of the year. The Indians scored all five of their runs in the first inning.

It was a long time in coming, but when the Cardinals scored their first victory at Ebbets Field since September of 1952 they did it in fine style, with 14 hits. Stan Musial hit his 11th home run and drove in three tallies.

At Dark and Don Mueller combined for nine hits in the Giants' success against Chicago. Dark hit a home run and four singles in five times at bat and also stole two bases.

Art Fowler of Cincinnati blanked the Phillies on eight hits as he protected a one-run lead from the first inning.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Good Playing Backs Up Boldness in Bidding Slam

Aggressive is a mild word to describe the bidding of today's hand. When Mr. Masters two-club response was promptly raised, he sensed the possibility of a slam. He bid diamonds to show first round control of that suit.

When his partner raised diamonds, too, he disliked the idea of merely going five clubs, which probably would be passed. Finally he decided to bid four hearts as a further slam try and Mr. Masters put him in a slam.

Mr. Masters' heart holding should have been better for his four-heart call, but his play of the hand justified his boldness.

Mr. Dale could have made sure of the defeat of the contract by opening a heart but he had no way of knowing that. He led the ace of spades and followed with the queen. Dummy ruffed the second trick. Mr. Masters led a small club to his king and ruffed his last spade.

TOO INNOCENT

Next he laid down the queen of clubs and here Mr. Abel, who was anxious to see the queen of hearts finessed, discarded the deuce of hearts. This effort to conceal the fact that he had the king was just a little too innocent.

He felt that if Mr. Abel actually did not have the king of hearts, he would not advertise that fact—especially so early in the hand and when he surely had a worthless spade which he could have played.

So, placing the king of hearts on his right, Mr. Masters looked for some way to make the hand than the heart finesse. It occurred to him that if Mr. Abel also had the jack of hearts and

North dealer			
East-West vulnerable			
North (Mr. Champion)			
S-8			
H-A Q 8 5			
D-K Q 9 5			
C-Q 9 7 5			
West		East	
(Mr. Dale)		(Mr. Abel)	
S-A Q J 9 3		S-K 6 5 4	
H-9 3		H-K J 4 2	
D-7 4 3		D-J 10 6 2	
C-J 4 3		C-6	
South (Mr. Masters)			
S-10 7 2			
H-10 7 6			
D-A 8			
C-A K 10 8 2			
The bidding:			
North	East	South	West
1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
3 C	Pass	3 D	Pass
4 D	Pass	4 H	Pass
6 C	All Pass		

as many as four diamonds, then he had too much.

ABEL DESPERATE

Beginning at trick six he cashed the ace of hearts, returned to his hand with the ace of diamonds and ran off the rest of his trumps. From dummy he discarded all of the remaining hearts.

On the last trump Mr. Abel was down to three diamonds and the king of hearts and it was his play to the tenth trick. If he dropped a diamond, all of dummy's diamonds would have been winners. Desperately hoping Mr. Dale had the ten of hearts, he discarded the king of that suit. But Mr. Masters then cashed the ten of hearts and discarded the nine of diamonds from the board. Dummy's king and queen of diamonds won the last two tricks.

Bears Trim Lewiston Broncs To Crowd Defeated Capilanos

By The Canadian Press

The Western International League kingpins took it on the chin Friday night, with Vancouver's five-game win streak ended and the Capilano's lead chopped to one-half a game.

The Caps bowed to Salem, 6-2, as Yakima trounced Lewiston, 6-4, and moved into the runner-up spot.

Yakima exploded for five runs in the seventh to come from behind and put the skids under the Broncs. The loss booted the Broncs from a tie for second into a tie for third.

Their co-partners in the third-place bracket are Spokane's Indians, who were edged, 7-5 by the Wenatchee Chiefs. The night's other game saw the last-place Tri-City Braves chop down Victoria, 7-4.

A four-run second inning gave Salem's Sepators their victory over Vancouver.

Yakima's Bears appeared to be a whipped team when Lonnie Summers singled and Dick Briskie doubled. Two more singles and a double by Len Norden did the damage.

Four unearned runs in the second frame added up to Wenatchee's win over the Indians.

Tri-City Braves jumped off to a 6-1 lead after three innings and were never headed in their game with Victoria, an error-filled contest which saw four bobbies by the Braves and three by the Tyes.

The same duos hook up again Saturday night with Calgary and Edmonton joining action in a twin bill at Calgary.

Noted Referee Dies in Toronto

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Rainiers Seeking 4th Win In Row Against Beavers

By The Canadian Press

The Seattle Rainiers shoot for win No. 4 today in their torrid inter-city Pacific Coast League duel with the Portland Beavers. The Suds racked up their third victory of the first series between the two squads this season, 6-4, as cagey Steve Nagy bested Portland's Dick Fielder and mob Alexander.

A wild throw by third sacker Rocky Krsnich in the fifth inning allowed two runs to score and that miscue cost Portland the game.

As a whole, the league pennant race is a very snappy affair.

Only 3½ games separate Sacramento, in first place, and Los Angeles in seventh place. Los Angeles is in the depths because of a sudden slump that has run through two series, and the Angels bowed again Friday night, 10-4, to tail end San Francisco, which is 8½ games off the pace. The surprising Sacramento

Solons divided a doubleheader with San Diego, blowing the first one, 7-5, but taking the other 5-2.

Hollywood moved into second place, a half game back of the Sacs, by dumping Oakland again, 5-2.

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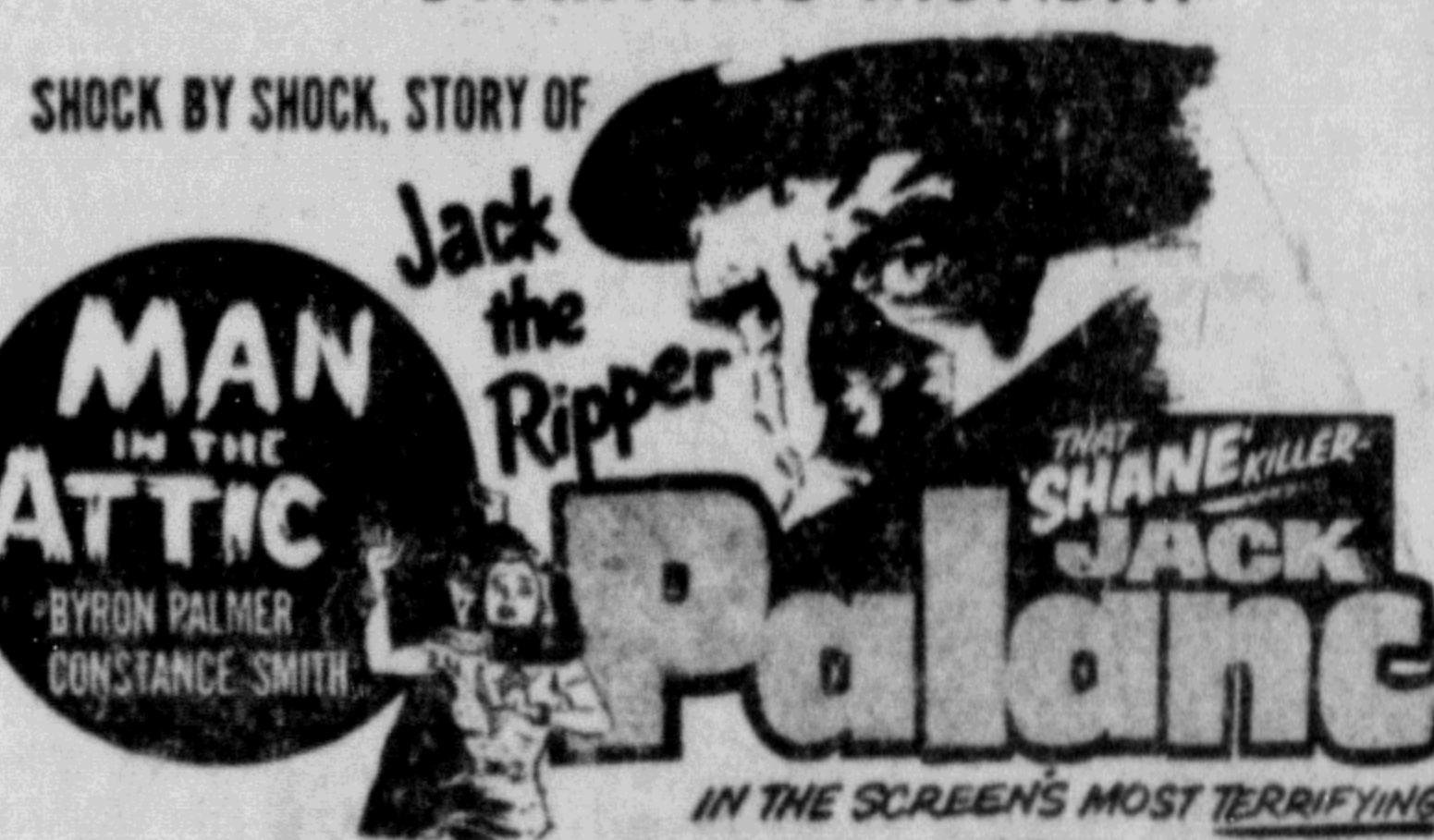


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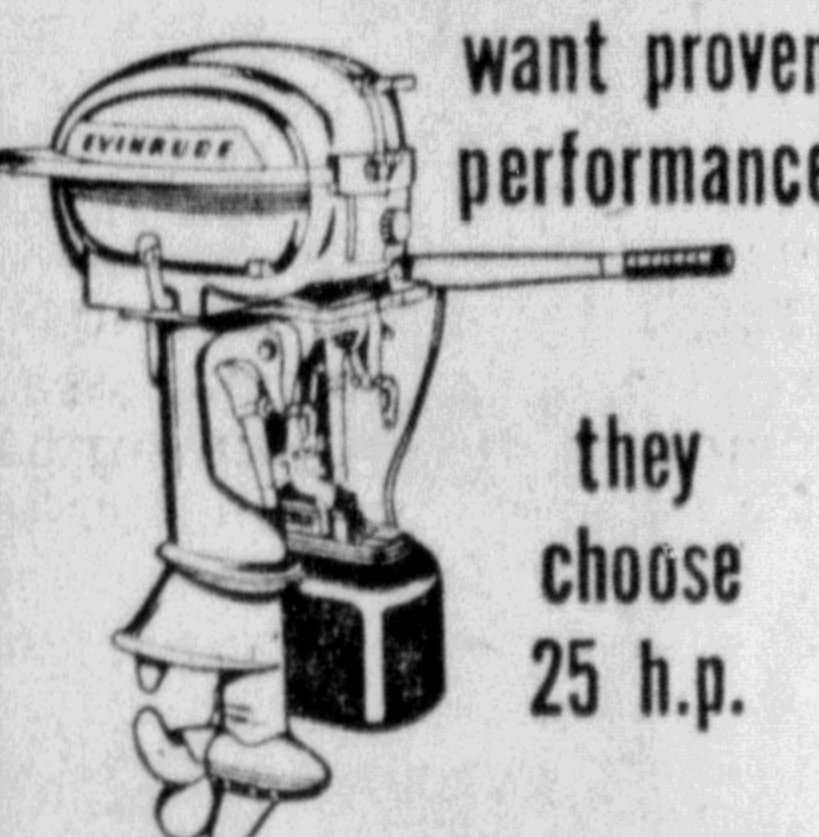
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