

# Browns Snap Pierce's Streak At 40 Scoreless Innings

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If you've got a streak running it's best to stay away from the St. Louis Browns. Just ask Billy

# WIL Pitchers Take Pounding All Over Loop

By The Canadian Press

Western International League batters gave the pitchers a pounding Wednesday night, collecting a total of 143 safe hits, including 13 home runs, in the loop's five scheduled games.

The Tri-City-Salem game at Salem was the only contest that could be classed as a low-hitter. It went 11 innings with Salem outpitching Tri-City 9-7 but losing 4-3.

By comparison, Lewiston got 26 safeties to eight for Spokane in marking up a 21-3 verdict at Lewiston; Calgary outpitched Victoria 22-18 and won 19-16; Wenatchee downed Yakima 12-10 with the winners amassing 16 hits to 12 for the losers, and Edmonton collected 14 safe hits to Vancouver's 11 in downing the Capitanos 9-4.

The 13 home runs in the barrage included six at Calgary, three apiece at Lewiston and Wenatchee and one at Edmonton.

Jim Command's home run kept league-leading Spokane from being goose-egged in the wild affair at Lewiston. It came in the third inning with two on. Lewiston scored six times in the first inning, six in the third, one in the fifth, three in the sixth, one in the seventh and four in the eighth. The eighth inning outburst included homers by Clint Cameron and Mel Wasley.

In the rain-doused contest at Wenatchee, Bob Wellman, the WIL's leading home run hitter, collected his 23rd and 24th round-trippers of the season, as the Chiefs came from behind to upset the Bears.

Don Bricker carried the big stick for Calgary. He lofted two home run balls over the close-in fence, driving in five runs. Charlie Mead also homered for the Stampeders, and Granny Gladstone, Cecil Garriott and Lou Branham had round-trippers for Victoria.

In the thriller at Salem, Terry Carrell's outfield fly in the top of the 11th drove in Jack Warren with Tri-City's winning run. Salem's Chuck Essegian sent the game into overtime in the ninth, scoring on a single, a sacrifice, a passed ball and Dick Sabatini's outfield fly.

In a Pacific Coast League double-header at Seattle, Al Widmar and Steve Nagy put the brakes on Seattle's downward plunge Wednesday night, pitching the Rainiers to 4-3 and 5-4 wins over Portland.

The wins gave the Rainiers hope they had ended their prolonged losing streak. Going into the twin bill, they had dropped nine of their last ten games, including Tuesday night's abbreviated opener.

Homers by Ray Orteig, Leo Thomas and George Schmees clinched the nightcap for the Rainiers.

The double win left Seattle ten games back of the Hollywood Stars who bowed 12-5 to Oakland.

San Diego took a double-header from Sacramento, 5-3 and 8-5, and Los Angeles whipped San Francisco 12-6.

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Pierce. The last-place Browns have given the little Chicago White Sox lefthander nothing but trouble this season. He has an excellent 16-8 record, but look what the lowly St. Louis outfit has done to him.

In his first start, April 16, Pierce had a no-hitter going for six innings. Then Bobby Young doubled and spoiled it.

Ten days later the Browns beat him 7-2 for his first loss in 10 starts.

On June 30 the White Sox threw Pierce at the Browns and lost 4-2.

Wednesday Pierce faced St. Louis with a string of 34 2/3 scoreless innings in his last four appearances. The Browns snapped it at 40 with a pair of unearned tallies and went on to score two earned runs in the 10th and win the game 4-3.

The fast-balling southpaw had pitched 51 innings without giving up an earned run.

**DROP FULL GAME**  
The loss to St. Louis cost the White Sox a full game in their more and more futile pursuit of New York Yankees. The Yanks edged Washington Senators 2-0 and now lead the league by 8 1/2 games.

Boston Red Sox defeated Philadelphia Athletics 6-4 and Detroit Tigers whipped Cleveland Indians' Early Wynn for the first time in three seasons 4-2.

Brooklyn Dodgers continued their whirlwind drive toward the National League pennant with an uphill 7-5 triumph over New York Giants.

Milwaukee Braves edged Cincinnati Redlegs 3-2 and stayed 8 1/2 games back of the Dodgers. Pittsburgh Pirates beat Philadelphia Phillies 5-3. Chicago Cubs defeated St. Louis Cardinals by the same score.

## Hawks Top Little League For Season

King Ed Hawks are winners of the Prince Rupert Little League season it was announced yesterday by the league executive which said the Hawks had won five games in five starts.

Runner-up team was the Moose who last night clinched second place with a victory over the Section 2 Wildcats to give them three wins and two losses.

The Wildcats dropped into a tie for third place with the Conrad Street Chums and Conrad Street Sockeyes with two wins and three losses. Bringing up the rear with one win and four losses were the Borden Street Pirates.

Playoffs for the 1953 Little League championship start tomorrow night when Moose tangle with the league winners King Ed Hawks in the first game of a two-out-of-three series. Final games will be played on August 26 and 28.



**BURLY 250-POUND LINEMAN** John Kissell apparently will play this season with Ottawa Rough Riders of the Big Four. He has been the centre of an international legal dispute over use of his talents. An application for an injunction was filed by Cleveland Browns of the United States Professional League against Kissell's playing with Ottawa. The application was turned down. The Riders claim Kissell is signed with them.

## Wildcat Rally Falls Short As Moose Coast to 4-3 Win

A Wildcat rally in the bottom of the sixth inning fell short last night at Algoma Park when the Moose entry of the Prince Rupert Little League came through with a 4-3 decision.

The game, which wound up the 1953 Little League schedule, saw the Little Leaguers wrap up the six innings in an hour and a quarter. Responsible for this were stalwart pitching jobs turned in by Wildcat and Moose pitchers who chalked up a total of 24 strikeouts.

The Moose opened the scoring in the top of the first when Tommy Halverson singled and then stole all the way around.

In the bottom of the first Per Halverson disposed of all three Wildcats himself, striking out two and catching out the other.

Bobby Good singled and stole second and third in the Moose half of the third inning and came in to score on Tommy Halverson's second single of the game.

First Wildcat run came on a single by Billy Smith who stole second and scored when Billy Foster rapped out a triple.

Moose added two insurance runs in the top of the fourth when Harold Hill singled, stole second and third and came home on a passed ball. The second run of the inning came when Per Halverson walked and scored on Ray Oakey's double.

Wildcats added a second run in the bottom of the fifth when Jackie Martin walked and came home on a two-bagger by Billy

Smith. Moose were held scoreless in the last two innings. Wildcat second baseman Phil Clayton tried to get a comeback started for his team-mates by homering but Garry Ogilvie who singled was caught off base and Moose pitcher Eddy Eyeford struck out two batters.

Starting pitcher for the Moose, Per Halverson struck out 7, walked one, gave up one run and allowed three hits; Eddy Eyeford who took over in fifth, struck out five, walked one, hit one batter and gave up two on three hits.

Phil Clayton, opening Wildcat pitcher, fanned 5, walked one, hit one batter, was responsible for two runs, and allowed three hits. Billy Smith, who relieved in the fourth, struck out 7, gave only one free pass, allowed two runs and gave up three safeties.

Moose—T. Halverson, c; S. Toth, 3b; H. Hill 2b; P. Halverson p and 1b; E. Eyeford 1b and p; R. Oakey ss; C. Oakey lf; B. Good cf; G. Maskulak rf.

Wildcats—J. Martin ss; P. Smith c and p; B. Foster lf; B. Clayton p and 2b; G. Ogilvie 2b and c; M. Suter-Souter 3b; G. Jones cf and rf; R. Lindsay rf; Doris lf; B. Ogilvie rf; B. Smith rf; C. Downing lf and cf.

There will be no game next Monday night as the Prince Rupert Little League All-Stars are playing in Terrace Sunday and will be given a well-earned rest.

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# Wind May Keep Scores High In \$25,000 Labatt Open

MONTREAL (CP)—All the practice-round talk about low scores and high winds went into the discard today when the field of 130 got down to serious business in the \$25,000 Labatt Open.

The end of the trail won't be reached until Sunday and the guessing about what score will take \$5,000 first money ranged all the way from 268 to 275.

The pros themselves are not so sure about this Summerlea course, flat and inviting but still able to withstand persistent par-cracking over a long term of years.

There were prospects that the chilly wind of Wednesday would subside, but the temperature was not likely to go above 70. The field was scheduled to get away at 8:30 a.m. EDT.

Jules Huot, one of Canada's veteran pros whose home course is at nearby Laval, sized up the situation this way as the first round got under way:

"Unless we get some rough winds and if the weather stays dry, you will find this course getting shorter. I think a 268, which is 12 under par for the distance, can be shot and will win."

"There are fellows like Cary Middlecoff, Julius Boros and Porky Oliver in this tournament who can shoot that 268. Boros is playing great golf now. He is playing a fine iron game."

Peter Thomson of Australia figured it differently. "Around 270 or 271 might be good enough to win," he said.

Henry Martell of Edmonton, who won the 1953 Canadian Professional Golfers' Association championship up at Royal Quebec last month, was inclined to string along. This was just after Henry had shot a seven-over-

par 77 himself in an exhibition foursome match with Babe Zaharias, Huot and Damien Gauthier of Montreal. The wind bothered Martell, and possibly with that in mind he plunged for a 274 as the winning total.

The real sizzler of Wednesday's final practice rounds was a six-under-par 64 fired by Chandler Harper of Portsmouth, Va. That set a course record for Summerlea in any kind of play. The previous best was a 65 by Syd Fry, Summerlea's assistant pro at the time, and shot in a friendly match.

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