

Contenders Crowding National League Lead

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Before long they may have to install traffic signals to untangle the jam that's developing in the race for first place in the National League.

Seven of the eight baseball clubs—everybody but Pittsburgh—have joined in the fun. And even the Pirates have been win-

ning often enough to keep the others wary.

Only a two-game spread separates Chicago Cubs, in seventh place, from Philadelphia Phillies and Brooklyn Dodgers who are deadlocked at the top.

With the race so tight, a single victory or loss can send a team bounding up or down. Tuesday night, for example, New York Giants went into their game with St. Louis Cardinals in third place with a chance to take over first. Instead, they lost 9-3 and tumbled to fourth.

TAKE OVER THIRD

The Cardinals took over third, where they trail the leaders by a bare four percentage points.

Brooklyn and Philadelphia both lost. The slumping Dodgers again were held to a single run and bowed 7-1 to Warren Hacker and the Cubs. Milwaukee beat the Phillies 6-2. Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh 6-5 in the other National League contest.

The first-place race in the American League also is close. Fourth-place Detroit is only two games out but Baltimore, in fifth, is 6½ behind.

Cleveland hung on to the lead by whipping Boston 6-3 for its sixth straight victory. New York Yankees moved into second with a 4-3 come-from-behind verdict over Chicago White Sox. Detroit trimmed Philadelphia Athletics 3-3 and Washington defeated Baltimore 3-1.

The Cardinals converted six hits into six runs in the first two innings with the help of two Giant errors. Gerry Staley stayed the distance for the second time this spring and picked up his third victory. Stan Musial singled twice, walked twice and struck out.

TAMES DODGERS

Hacker tamed Brooklyn on four hits. The only Brooklyn run came in the seventh on Duke Snider's blast over the scoreboard.

Al Rosen was the big man in Cleveland's triumph over Boston. He blasted two home runs and drove in another with a double.

Tea Williams played at night for the first time and collected one single in four appearances. He failed twice with the bases loaded and two out.

The White Sox pulled away to a 3-0 lead only to get caught by the Yankees in the eighth when with two out and one on Gene Woodling hit a homer. In the ninth, with two out and two on, Yogi Berra drilled a single off Don Johnson for the winning run.

Steve Gromek became the winningest pitcher in either league as he picked up No. 7 for the Tigers at the expense of the Athletics.



WELTERWEIGHT CHAMP Kid Gavilan, a plaster cast over his right arm, holds a photograph of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista as he chats with Ernesto De La Fe (left), Minister without Portfolio, in Havana. Gavilan says he has been requested to run for mayor of the city of Marianao on the Batista ticket in the general elections next November. The encased arm is the one Gavilan claimed was bad during the middleweight title bout that he lost to Bobo Olson in Chicago recently.

Tigers' House Comes to Life After Five Uncertain Years

DETROIT (AP)—After five uncertain years catcher Frank House, a \$75,000 bonus bust up until now, is starting to pay overdue dividends to Detroit Tigers.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	AB	R	H	Pct.
Eganer, Phila.	111	14	42	37.8
Jabonski, St. Louis	139	16	52	37.7
Mitski, St. Louis	120	32	44	36.7
Moon, St. Louis	114	34	41	36.0
Snider, Brooklyn	112	20	40	35.7

Runs batted in—Musial, 37.
Hits—Jabonski, 52.
Doubles—Jabonski, 12.
Triples—Six players tied with three.
Home runs—Snider, Chicago, and Mitski, St. Louis, 12.
Stolen bases—Bruton, Milwaukee, seven.

Pitching—Podres, Brooklyn, and Raschi, St. Louis, 4-0-1,000.
Strikeouts—Haddix, St. Louis, 42.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	AB	R	H	Pct.
Avila, Cleveland	116	27	44	37.9
Rosen, Cleveland	107	22	40	37.4
Boone, Detroit	93	19	33	35.3
Michaelis, Chicago	82	19	22	35.5

Runs—Avila, 27.
Runs batted in—Rosen, 36.
Hits—Avila, 44.
Doubles—McDougald, New York, 10.
Triples—Minoso, Chicago, six.
Home runs—Rosen, eight.
Stolen bases—Four players tied with four.

Pitching—Lemon, Cleveland, and Lopat, New York, 5-0-1,000.
Strikeouts—Turley, Baltimore, 69.

Seven Canucks In Golf Matches

PRESTWICK, Scotland (CP)—Seven Canadian golfers arrived today by air for 2½ weeks of action, including the British amateur tournament May 24-29 and the Commonwealth matches June 1-4 at historic St. Andrews. The Canadians, headed by Gordon Taylor of Montreal, team captain, were met by British golfers including Gerald Mickel and Roy McGregor, both of whom were in Canada last year. Only Taylor and veteran Phil Farley of Toronto have played in Scotland before. Other members of the Canadian team are Don Doe, Granby, Que., Walt McElroy, Vancouver, Bob Fleming, Victoria, Nick Westlock, Windsor Ont., and Doug Silverberg, Red Deer, Alta.

In a 13-game hitting streak, the 24-year-old backstop has pushed his average a remarkable 180 points—from .191 to .371—making him the third leading hitter in the American League.

And now there is speculation whether he is ready to become Detroit's first outstanding catcher since the golden days of Mickey Cochrane in the mid-30s. It's been that long since the Tigers have had a truly top-grade receiver.

The Tigers signed House in the fall of 1948 for a then-fabulous \$75,000 and two automobiles. There followed five years of frustration—for both House and the Tigers—and this spring the club was ready to write him off as a costly loss and ship him to the minors.

LOOKED BAD

"He looked bad—real bad," said Tiger skipper Fred Hutchinson. "He was awful at the plate and worse behind it."

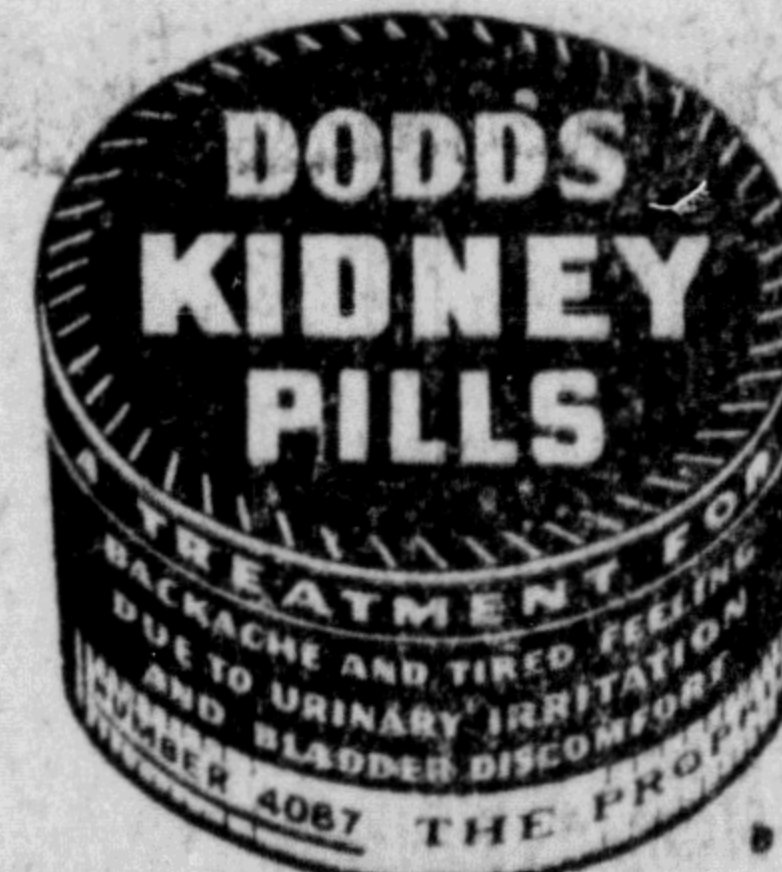
The Tigers were set to farm House to Little Rock when a high-ranking member of the Detroit front office was dispatched to the spring training base to give the situation one more look. After all, \$75,000 and two automobiles is no light investment.

House was given another chance.

Coach Johnny Hopp worked on his hitting. "I made him crouch at the plate," Hopp said. "It kept him from upreaching the ball."

Another coach worked on House's defensive weaknesses, and Hutchinson himself instilled confidence in the six-foot-two catcher, playing him almost every day.

The progress was slow, but on May 1 the transformation began. House started his 13-game hitting streak, and his play behind the plate became steadier and surer.



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Benches Emptied in Heated Rhubarb As Tri-City Shuts Out Capitanos 7-0

By The Associated Press

Vancouver kept its game and a half margin in the Western International League Tuesday night despite a loss to Tri-City and Spokane and Victoria posted wins that tied them in second place alongside Lewiston.

Tempers flared and fists flew as Tri-City shut out Vancouver 7-0 behind three-hit pitching of Walt Clough. Spokane crushed Lewiston 6-3. Calgary disposed of Yakima 12-6. Wenatchee edged Edmonton 7-5 and Victoria clipped Salem 5-3.

The Tri-City-Vancouver rhubarb at Kennewick developed in the ninth inning when Clough, after retiring two men, hit Dick Greco with a pitched ball for the second time of the game. Greco charged the mound and Vancouver coach George Nichols joined

in. That brought players from both teams with fists flying. After order was restored and Nichols ousted, Clough sewed up his shutout by forcing Ken Rich-

Northern Clubs Take Trimming

By The Associated Press

The scoreboards showed long rows of goose-eggs when Seattle and Portland called it quits in the Pacific Coast League Tuesday night.

Portland took its second straight defeat from the improving San Francisco Seals, this time by a 12-0 margin. Bill Sweeney, the manager Seattle fired last fall, came back to haunt his old club as he guided Los Angeles to a 9-0 shutout victory over the Rainiers.

The Seals, playing at Portland, got five runs in the sixth out of their 12 hits.

Calvin Coolidge McLish, the Choctaw Indian right-hander, hurled Los Angeles to its win over Seattle. Angel third sacker Leon Brinkopf hit a long home run in the fifth inning with one on.

Chesty Chet Johnson held Hollywood hitless for 6 2/3 innings, then gave up four safeties the rest of the way as Sacramento edged the Stars 3-2. It boosted the Solons to within half a game of the league-leading Stars.

Oakland and San Diego divided a doubleheader. Southpaw Cliff Chambers hurled San Diego to a 5-1 victory in the opener. Oakland put on a three-run rally in the ninth inning of the nightcap to snatch an 8-7 win.

	W	L	Pct.	GB.
Vancouver	13	6	.688	
Lewiston	11	9	.550	1 1/2
Victoria	11	9	.550	1 1/2
Spokane	11	10	.524	2
Edmonton	8	14	.364	5 1/2
Wenatchee	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Salem	10	12	.455	3 1/2
Calgary	16	10	.375	4 1/2
Tri-City	8	14	.364	5 1/2



LEIGH MILLER
Leigh Miller of Halifax (above) has been appointed head coach of Canada's track and field team in the British Empire Games this summer. It was announced in Vancouver last night. He succeeds Lloyd Percival of Toronto who withdrew last spring because of other commitments.

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The first violinist in British orchestras is called the "leader," but in North America he's the "concert master."

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Weinmeister Top Tackle Says Witness

SEATTLE (AP)—Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, coach of the San Francisco 49ers professional football team, testified Tuesday that Arnie Weinmeister, professional football player, required the attention of two men on the 49er team when he played against them.

"Weinmeister," said Shaw, "is the outstanding tackle of the National Football League," and unless two men were assigned to play against him, "he'd mess up the plays every time."

Shaw was testifying in behalf of the New York Football Giants Inc., professional club which is attempting to force Weinmeister to play for it rather than British Columbia Lions, with whom he signed this year.

The Giants contend they have Weinmeister under contract until May 1 of next year and have asked the superior court to restrain him from playing for anyone else.

They contend Weinmeister virtually is irreplaceable. Weinmeister modestly contends it isn't so, that he can be replaced by other good football tackles.

The argument before Judge Lloyd Shorett is expected to continue into Thursday.

Ex-Stampeder Harry Hood Dies

CALGARY—Harry Hood, noted Calgary football player who played a big part in Calgary Stampeder's 1948 Grey Cup victory over Ottawa Rough Riders, died here yesterday at the age of 27.

Last Night's Fights

MILWAUKEE—Hans Stretz, 163, Germanv, outpointed Billy Kilgore, 163½, Miami, 10.

DETROIT—Art Wright, 179½, Detroit, outpointed Ringo Harris, 179 ¼, Detroit, 6.



EDDIE OWENS, 6, isn't certain whether he wants any kids in his game as he surveys the potential of four-year-old Claude "Scooter" Halley (right). But the Fort Worth, Texas, youngster finally conceded, because "Scooter" owns the ball.

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