Robin Roberts Keeps Phillies Out of National Loop Cellar

By The Associated Prtss

Without Robin Roberts Philadelphia Phillies could give Pittsburgh Pirates a good run for the National League cellar.

But so long as Robin persists in winning 20 or more games a season Phillies will stay out of the basement. Roberts has won 20 or better for the last five years and 1955 will be no exception if he continues at his present pace.

Phillies have won just 19 games as they ride along in seventh place, and Roberts has won eight of them, including a neat six-hit 3-1 decision over Chicago Cubs Wednesday night.

For a time it appeared Roberts might not make the charmed circle. He sputtered to a 3-3 mark May 7, hardly the pace for a 20-game winner. But in less than a month he has won five and shows a fine 2.30 earned-run average.

In fact Phils themselves seem to be snapping out of the doldrums. They've won nine of their last 11 games and, although just above Pirates in the standings, they are only four games behind third-place New York Giants.

After Phils scored two runs in the fourth, it was merely a matter of Roberts protecting the lead, which he did with no particular trouble. Ernie Banks hit a home run for Cubs in the fifth for their only run.

Elsewhere in the National League Brooklyn Dodgers licked Milwaukee Braves 11-8. Redlegs whipped New York Giants 5-2, and Cardinals slapped Pirates 6-2.

In the American League Cleveland Indians shut out Baltimore Orioles 5-0, New York Yankees won a doubleheader from Kansas City 3-1 and 6-1, Chicago White Sox edged Boston Red Sox 4-3, and Detroit Tigers blanked Washington Senators 9-0.

Soccer League Start Sunday

The official start of the 1955 Prince Rupert and District Football Association League will take place Saturday night at Roosevelt Park with Paramounts matched against Shamrocks.

First kick-off will be made by Jack Laurie, Association president. Referee will be Owen McKinnon.

Rain cancelled the final exhibition pre-season game last night, scheduled to see Rangers play Aces.

CLOTHIERS SEEK 2ND WIN IN SENIOR GAME TONIGHT

Esquire Men's Wear will be looking for their second win of the current senior baseball season tonight when they meet Gordon and Anderson at Roosevelt Park in a scheduled seven-inning fixture at 7 p.m., weather permitting.

Probable starter for Esquires (1-4) will be right-hander Bill Donaldson, whose only appearance on the mound this year was rained out a week ago. Ian Dunbar, (2-2) will be looking to put G & A on an even win-loss basis. G & A, currently playing .400 ball with two wins are in second place in the standings, 1½ games behind Commercial and Terrace, who are tied for the league lead.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, stopped Joey Cam, 129, Boston, (4).

MANILA — Casey Jones, 123¾, San Francisco, and Bill Tinde, 126¼, Manila, drew (6). Tinde suffered accidental eye cut and bout was stopped and ruled a draw.

Newark Heavy Set To Fight Earl Walls

TORONTO — Billy Gilliam, unranked heavyweight from Newark, N.J., will be the next opponent for Earl Walls, Canadian heavyweight champion, matchmaker Jack Deacon Allen announced Wednesday night.

The bout, a 10-rounder, will be in Maple Leaf Gardens, the date to be decided later.

Gilliam has beaten such fighters as Nino Valdes, Bob Baker and Hein Ten Hoff.

In Japan, women commissioners of boards of education total more than 2,000 out of 35,000.

Major League Leaders

By The Canadian Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Ashburn, Phila.	134	27	50	.373
Mueller, New York	177	22	63	.356
Virdon, St. Louis	132	23	46	.348
Campanella, Brook	167	31	56	.335
Kaszewski, Cin	163	27	54	.331

Runs—Snider, Brooklyn, 41.
Runs batted in—Snider, 48.
Hits—Mueller, 63.
Doubles—Six players tied with 11.
Triples—Mays, New York, 7.
Home runs—Snider, Brooklyn, 15.
Stolen bases—Gilliam, Brooklyn, and Moyer, St. Louis, 8.
Pitching, based on five decisions—Newcombe, Brooklyn 8-0, 1.000.
Strikeouts—Jones, Chicago, 67.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Kuenn, Detroit	153	25	53	.379
Kaline, Detroit	169	31	63	.373
Power, Kansas City	141	28	48	.340
Mantle, New York	154	45	49	.318
Evers, Baltimore	106	11	33	.311

Runs—Mantle, 45.
Runs batted in—Berra, New York, 39.
Hits—Kaline, 63.
Doubles—Jensen, Boston, Smith, Cleveland and Finigan, Kansas City, 12.
Triples—Mantle, 5.
Home runs—Zarilla, Kansas City, 13.
Stolen bases—Minoso, Chicago 7.
Pitching, based on five decisions—Ford, New York, 7-1, .875.
Strikeouts—Turley, New York, 84.

PCL Standings

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	30	31	.650	
Seattle	31	29	.517	8
San Francisco	29	29	.500	9
Portland	27	28	.491	9½
Oakland	28	30	.483	10
Los Angeles	27	32	.458	11½
Hollywood	26	32	.448	12
Sacramento	26	32	.448	12

Rainers Gain PCL 2nd Place With 5-3 Win

By The Associated Press

Seattle and Portland moved up in the Pacific Coast League Wednesday night. Seattle regaining second place with a 5-3 win over San Francisco and the Beavers slipping into fourth after beating Hollywood 8-4.

League-leading San Diego, after dropping four straight to Oakland, finally won, but it took the Padres 11 innings to edge the Oaks, 1-0.

Sacramento beat Los Angeles 4-2.

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