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Yanks Stay Runners-Up; Curfew Forces Replay

By BEN PHLEGAR
Associated Press Sports Writer

What does a feller have to do to get into first place?

Casey Stengel didn't ask it in so many words but it certainly would be an appropriate question to come from the manager of the New York Yankees.

Stengel is running the hottest ball club in the American League. Only 3½ games off the pace on July 1, the Yankees have won 17 out of 19 games since then.

And they still aren't on top.

Tuesday night they came within one putout of reaching their objective. The Yanks fought off third place Chicago handily, winning 4-1. The huge scoreboard in Yankee Stadium showed Boston leading Cleveland 5-3 after eight innings.

AVILA HOMERED

But in the ninth at Boston Al Smith coaxed Willard Nixon for a walk with two out and Bobby Avila drilled his second home run of the contest to tie the score. That's the way it stayed through seven more innings as it wound up a 5-5 tie after 16 innings with the league curfew calling a halt.

You can't start an inning after 12:50 a.m., local time, and it was 12:57 a.m. (EDT) by the time the last out was made in the 16th. It will have to be replayed from the start sometime later.

So, by four percentage points, the Indians stayed in first place. It missed being an exact tie because the Yankees have played two more games than Cleveland, winning one more and losing one more.

The issue may be settled temporarily this weekend when Cleveland invades New York for three games starting Friday night.

GIANTS 7 UP

While the American League race was tightening, the National League became more lopsided with the New York Giants stretching their advantage over Brooklyn to seven games, their longest lead of the year.

The Giants won a 13-inning struggle in Cincinnati 2-1 and Brooklyn lost in 10 innings in Chicago 3-2. St. Louis defeated Philadelphia 4-2 in the only other National League action. Milwaukee and Pittsburgh were not scheduled.

Other results in the American League included a 9-1 triumph by Washington over Baltimore and two more losses by the Philadelphia Atheletics, their 9th and 10th in a row, this time to Detroit 12-0 and 4-3.

Major League Standings

AMERICAN

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cleveland	61	28	.685	
New York	62	20	.681	
Chicago	57	34	.626	5
Detroit	39	49	.443	21½
Boston	37	50	.425	23
Washington	36	50	.419	23½
Baltimore	32	58	.356	29½
Philadelphia	30	56	.349	29½

NATIONAL

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
New York	61	30	.670	
Brooklyn	54	37	.593	7
Cincinnati	47	45	.511	14½
Milwaukee	46	44	.511	14½
Philadelphia	43	43	.500	15½
St. Louis	43	46	.483	17
Chicago	35	52	.402	24
Pittsburgh	29	61	.322	31½

BROKEN LEG SIDELINES U.S. TENNIS CHAMPION

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Tennis champion Maureen Connolly was severely injured when thrown against a moving cement truck while riding her horse Tuesday.

"Little Mo's" injuries, a broken and severely cut right leg, will prevent her from defending her United States singles title at Forest Hills, N.Y., Aug. 28. She has won the title the last three years.

Needling by Casey Prompts Better Effort by Southpaw

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK (AP)—Casey Stengel is as crazy as a fox—and twice as sly.

Talking to newspaper men before Tuesday night's game with Chicago, the shrewd New York Yankee manager spied Whitey Ford, his ace southpaw, sitting within earshot.

"You want to know who is the best lefthander in the league?" he asked. "That feller Billy Pierce with the White Sox. He's better than my feller. Sure I picked my feller to pitch the all-star game. But that was only because the other feller had just recovered from a sore arm. But the other feller is better."

About 2½ hours later Ford walked off the field with a neat eight-hitter, after pitching the Yankees to a 4-1 victory over Chicago that kept the Yankees hot on the heels of the leading Cleveland Indians.

The 24-year-old turned in one of his best efforts of the year. He struck out five and walked only two as he posted his ninth victory against only one loss against the White Sox since he entered the league in 1950.

Wenatchee Gets New Scenery But Same Luck

By The Canadian Press

A change of scenery didn't change the luck of the Wenatchee Chiefs, fast becoming the Western International Baseball League's doormat.

After losing three of four contests at home, the Chiefs invaded Lewiston Tuesday night and dropped the opener of a three-game series, 3-2.

The Chiefs have lost 12 of 16 starts since the league opened the second half pennant drive, most of them by one or two run margins and many in the closing innings.

It happened again Tuesday night. Tony Rivas homer tied the score at 2-2 in the top of the ninth. Lewiston won in the bottom of the inning on a walk, a single by Larry Barton and a sacrifice fly.

The win tightened Lewiston's grip on first place, giving the Broncs a 2½ game bulge over Victoria, Edmonton, Salem and Tri-City, all bunched in the runnerup slot.

Elsewhere around the league, Tri-City split a twin bill with Yakima, winning the seven-inning opener, 6-3, but dropping the nightcap, 2-1, while Salem beat Victoria, 5-1. Vancouver and Edmonton were rained out at Edmonton.

Major League Leaders

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Snider, Brooklyn	345	70	124	.359
Mueller, New York	367	59	128	.349
Musial, St. Louis	346	77	117	.339
Schoendienst, St. L.	386	75	130	.337
Bell, Cincinnati	380	69	128	.337

Batting—Snider, .359.
Runs—Musial, 77.
Runs batted in—Musial, 67.
Hits—Schoendienst, 130.
Doubles—Bell, 28.
Triples—Snider, 28.
Home runs—Mays, New York, 33.
Stolen bases—Bruton, Milwaukee, 18.
Pitching—Antonelli, New York, 14-2—.875.
Strikeouts—Haddix, St. Louis, 108.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Noren, New York	221	35	79	.358
Avila, Cleveland	303	64	103	.340
Minoso, Chicago	343	75	111	.324
Rosen, Cleveland	277	41	88	.318
Busby, Washington	355	48	112	.315

Runs—Minoso, 75.
Runs batted in—Minoso and Rosen, 72.
Hits—Fox, Chicago, 117.
Doubles—Vernon, Washington, 21.
Triples—Runnels, Washington, 13.
Home runs—Mantle, New York, 19.
Stolen bases—Jensen, Boston, 13.
Pitching—Reynolds, New York, 10-—.909.
Strikeouts—Turley, Baltimore, 108.

WIL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Lewiston	12	6	.667	
Victoria	5	4	.556	2½
Edmonton	7	6	.538	2½
Salem	7	6	.538	2½
Tri-City	8	7	.533	2½
Yakima	7	7	.500	3
Vancouver	4	6	.400	4
Wenatchee	4	12	.250	7

PCL STANDINGS

Hollywood	71	41	.634	
San Diego	64	44	.593	5
San Francisco	58	54	.518	13
Oakland	56	54	.518	14
Seattle	49	57	.462	19
Sacramento	48	62	.436	22
Portland	45	61	.425	23
Los Angeles	45	63	.417	24

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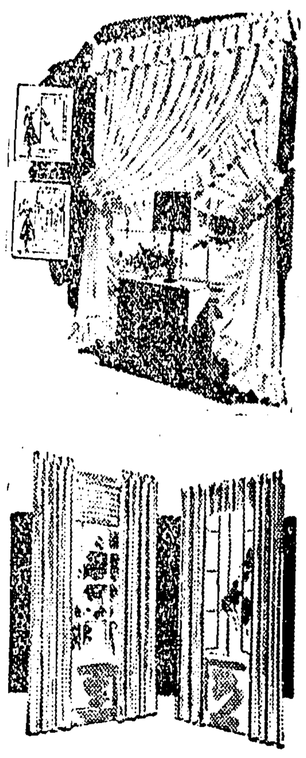

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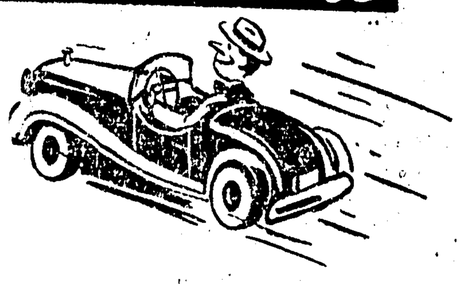

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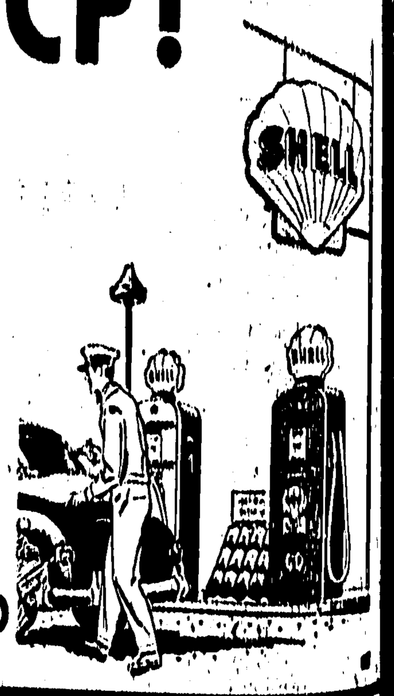

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