

Fleet-Footed White Sox Win Slugfest To Keep Top Place



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Kansas Streak Ends Against Cleveland

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Off-Form Flyers Face Vital Allan Cup Game

TORONTO (CP)—Spokane Flyers play a "must" game in their Allan Cup final with Whitchurch-Dundonalds tonight, but even manager Roy McBride isn't sure about how they'll perform.

"They weren't too impressive," he said after Flyers' workout on the eve of the second game in the best-of-seven series.

Dundonalds lead the series 1-0 after a 5-2 victory Tuesday and another win could win them a big edge.

However, though McBride wasn't sure "that we've recovered our edge" after the 14-day lay-off that preceded the opening game, he said: "we expect to do better and we'll be expending every effort to square the series tonight."

"We can't play any worse," he said wryly. "But we've got to do more forcing and more hitting."

NOT COMPLACENT
McBride's pessimistic summary of his team's chances failed to pull Gus Gagnon, playing-coach of the Dundonalds, into complacency.

"They've got the speed, that was evident in Tuesday's game," Gagnon said, following his practice of always giving the other side the benefit of every doubt.

He has the experience of two previous series to show the team that wins the first game easily doesn't always march right through to the championship.

When his team met Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen for the Ontario Hockey Association crown they went down 6-2 in the first game, then won the next three but just squeezed past Dutchmen 4-3 on the round.

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Are Chicago White Sox just off on their usual spring sprint, or has new manager Al Lopez got them hustling to go the distance?

Either way, Lopez—only manager who did not concede the American League pennant to New York Yankees in spring training—has the White Sox off and flying with a 51 record and a half-game edge over the Yankees for first place.

To do it, Lopez has mixed speed "fastest team I've seen in my 14 years as a manager," says Kansas City boss Lou Boudreau, great defense, youth and so-far successful position shifts to win both the neat, close ones and the messy slugfests.

Slam Lead

The Sox padded their slim lead with a 9-4 victory over Detroit Tigers Thursday in a three-hour tussle that had 29 hits, 11 doubles and 25 stranded base runners. The Yankees were idle.

In the other AL games, Bos-

ton's Ted Williams—off to an unusually fast start—banged a two-run double and two singles for a three-for-three day and a .455 batting average as the Red Sox bagged Washington 12-7.

Cleveland Indians unfrocked Kansas City who had won three in a row, 5-3.

Only one National League game was played, with Cincinnati Reds pairing six hits with four errors to defeat Chicago Cubs 0-3 for their fourth consecutive victory and a .500 percentage. Brooklyn and New York Giants were scheduled but were rained out.

Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Chicago	5	1	.833	
New York	5	2	.714	
Boston	5	3	.625	1
Kansas City	6	4	.556	1 1/2
Cleveland	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Baltimore	3	5	.375	3
Washington	3	6	.333	3 1/2
Detroit	2	6	.250	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Brooklyn	6	1	.857	
Milwaukee	6	1	.857	
New York	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3
Chicago	3	5	.375	3 1/2
St. Louis	2	5	.286	4
Pittsburgh	2	6	.250	4 1/2

Top Ten

Leading batsmen based on 25 at bats:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	28	2	15	.528
Gilligan, Brooklyn	30	4	12	.424
Bailey, Cincinnati	28	5	12	.429
Dark, St. Louis	31	7	13	.419
Aaron, Milwaukee	29	10	11	.379
Rains-Aaron, 10	10	11	10	
Runs batted in—Furillo, Brooklyn, 11.				
Hits—Musial, 15.				
Doubles—Hoak, Cincinnati, 4.				
Triples—Bouchard, Philadelphia, 3.				
Home runs—Aaron, and Mays, New York, 3.				
Stolen bases—Gilligan and Mays, 2.				
Pitching—Spanos, Milwaukee and Gomez, New York, 2-0, 1.000.				
Strikeouts—Jones, St. Louis, 11.				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Williams, Boston	33	9	15	.455
Fox, Chicago	26	5	11	.424
Tuttle, Detroit	31	4	12	.387
Mantle, New York	20	6	10	.385
Williams, Baltimore	34	0	13	.392
Burns—Williams, Boston and Yost, Washington, 9.				
Runs batted in—Slovers, Washington, 14.				
Hits—Williams, Boston, 15.				
Doubles—Glauber, Baltimore, Malone, Boston and Fox, Chicago, 4.				
Triples—McDougal, New York, 2.				
Home runs—Shoopman and Skiles, Kansas City, Skowron, New York and Slovers, Washington, 4.				
Stolen bases—Five players tied with 2.				
Pitching—Marshman, Chicago and Ford, New York 2-0, 1.000.				
Strikeouts—Score, Cleveland, 17.				

FIFTH KNOCKOUT

George Chuvalo, 19-year-old heavyweight prospect from Toronto, stands over prostrate Emil Brisko of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the second round of a scheduled eight-round fight in Toronto. Chuvalo won by a technical knockout in the second round for his fifth knockout and seventh victory in eight bouts.

(CP Photo)

Bruins' Larry Regan Wins Outstanding Rookie Award

MONTREAL (CP)—Larry Regan, Boston Bruins' smart stick-handling centre who had to be coaxed out of retirement before making his big-time hockey debut, was chosen the National Hockey League's outstanding rookie of the 1956-57 season.

Announcement of the 26-year-old play-maker's selection by

league along with the Calder Memorial Trophy.

Regan receives \$1,000 from the

league along with the Calder Memorial Trophy.

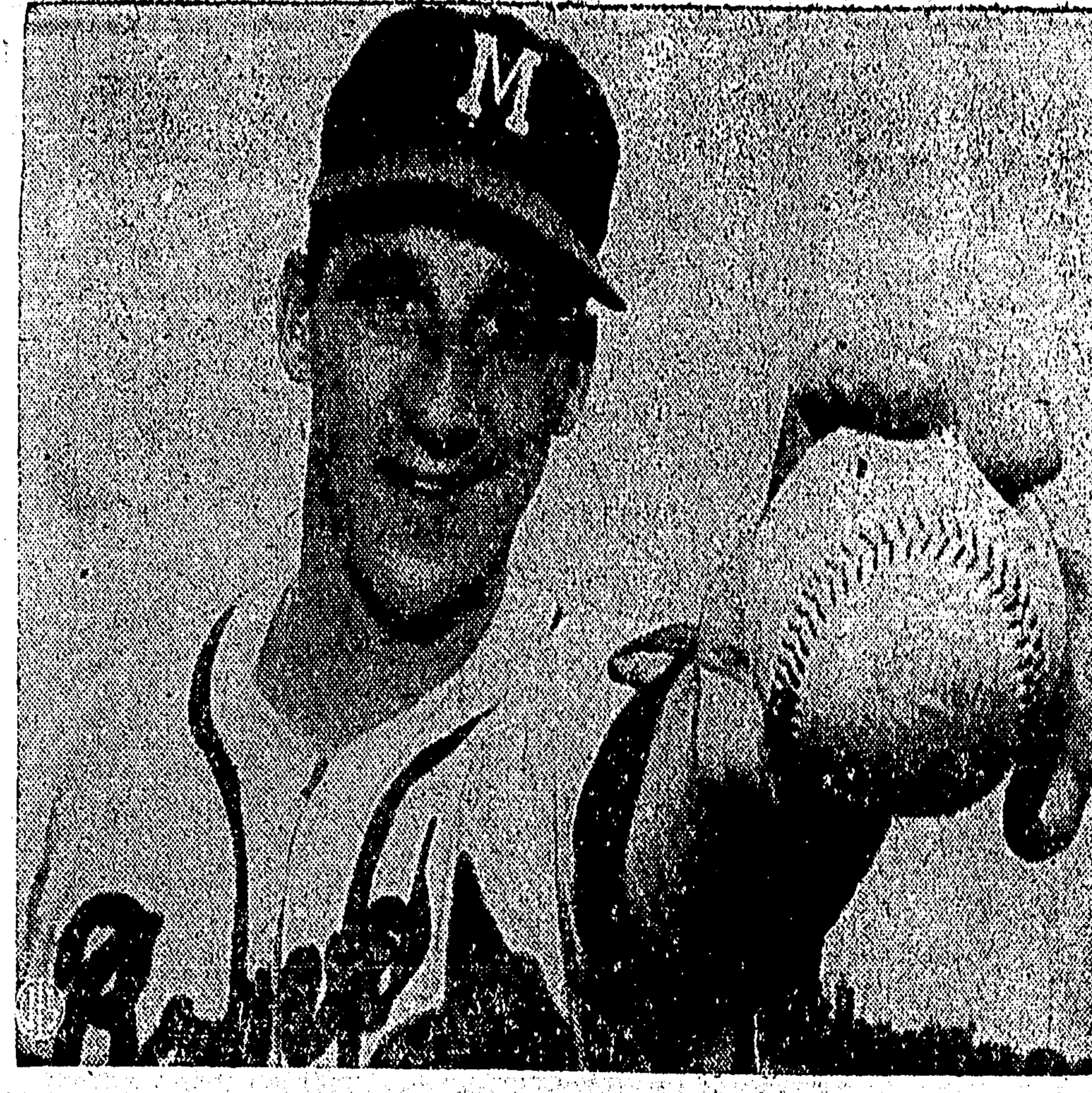
Regan earned 107 points of a possible 180. Ed Chadwick, goalie for Toronto Maple Leafs, was second with 85 points and Billy Dea, forward with Detroit Red Wings, third with 37.

The voting, to give each city equal strength, was carried out in mid-season and Memorial Cup final following a two-day delay in the Canadian junior hockey championships.

Chadwick had 48 points Jan.

1 to Regan's 44. Dea then had

22. Regan pulled well in front



WARREN SPAHN lines up the sort of delivery that won him 20 games last season. The veteran southpaw has retained top position on Milwaukee Braves' powerful pitching staff this season with consistently hostile performances.

Great Pitching Beats Mounties As Seals Soar Into PCL Lead

By The Associated Press

A brilliant three-hit pitching job by Lefty Robert W. Riverboat Smith and an 11-hit assault, including Bill Renna's homer, gave the San Francisco Seals a 7-0 win over Vancouver Thursday.

The Seals thus broke a tie with the Mounties and took over leadership of the Pacific Coast League.

Four Mountie pitchers tried vainly to stop the Seals from taking their third straight from Vancouver.

Erv Palca, the loser, after yielding two runs on three

singles and a sacrifice in the second, was blasted out in the sixth. Renna started it off with a home run over the left field wall.

A seven-run spurge in the second inning, featuring home runs by Paul Pettit and Bill Causion,

started Hollywood on the way to a 10-2 victory over Portland.

Scallop defeated San Diego 2-1 in a sharp pitching duel between the visitors' Red Munger and the Padres' Gene Lary.

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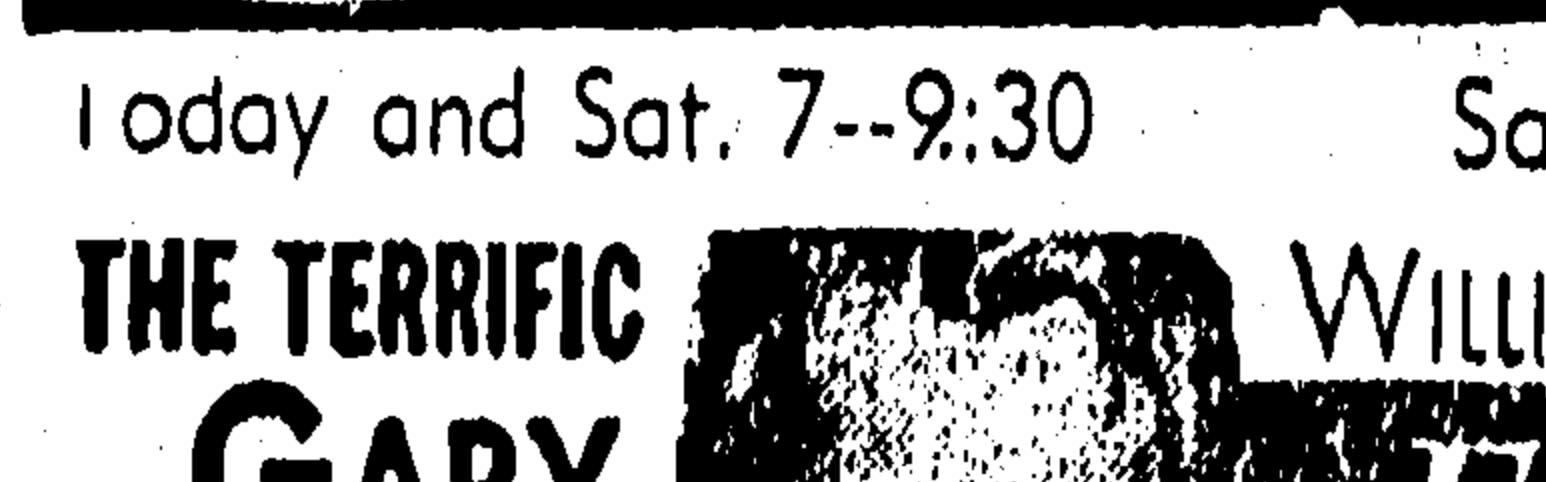
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