

Today's Sports Parade

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Yankees Planning For World Series

W. Sox Hopes For Pennant Snuffed Out

NEW YORK (AP) — The high-riding New York Yankees blithely turned to making plans for the World Series today, now that they have just about snuffed out the last flickering pennant hopes of the Chicago White Sox.

Whatever forlorn hopes the Sox may still have been cherishing were practically annihilated Tuesday night when Mickey Mantle's homer and Johnny Sain's clutch relief hitling gave the Yankees a 3-2 win over the Sox before 45,003 always-hopeful fans in Chicago.

AHEAD 9½
The arc-light victory gave the Yankees a two-to-one triumph in the crucial series and boosted their league lead to a whopping 9½ games. Moreover, it reduced the "magic number" for the Yankees to 15—they can clinch the pennant by winning 15 of their remaining 24 games.

In that commanding position, Manager Casey Stengel was frankly eyeing his World Series strategy today as the Yankees moved into St. Louis for a series with the last-place Browns.

Stengel indicated that the series is what's on his mind now when he said that veteran Allie Reynolds would start tonight's game against the Browns. It's a long-expected move, a step in the re-conversion of Indian Allie from a bullpen ace, which he's been most of the year, back into a starting pitcher who can handle the same brilliant role he did in last year's World Series.

Whitey Ford, a leading candidate for the job of pitching the opening game of the series, was Stengel's nominee in Tuesday night's payoff battle with the Sox and he emerged with his 16th victory. However, he needed some brilliant help from the veteran Sain to gain it.

Phil Rizzuto's two-run single in the fourth inning and Mantle's 17th homer in the seventh had given Ford a 3-1 margin, but he was derailed when the Sox loaded the

bases with none out in the seventh. Sain came on and retired the side with only one run scoring to preserve the victory. Virgil Trucks was the loser.

DODGERS WHIP CARDINALS
That was the only night action in the major leagues, but the chief day game saw the Dodgers go on a 17-hit spree to whip the Cardinals 12-5, and go 11 full games ahead of Milwaukee in the National League race. The "magic number" for the Dodgers now is 13.

For once, the Bums didn't get any homers but Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson each whacked a double and three singles to lead the assault. Preacher Roe pitched the route for Brooklyn to gain his 10-9, and perhaps oddest, victory of the season. Roe served up five, count 'em, home run balls, but very thoughtfully served one of them with the bases empty.

Roe is a candidate to open the World Series, too, and Dodger Manager Charley Dressen showed that, like Stengel, he's thinking about the series when he remarked "aw, four of those homers would have been just fly ball outs in Yankee Stadium."

The Dodgers open a two-game series with Milwaukee tonight that could be Milwaukee's last chance. It's Russ Meyer hurling for the Dodgers tonight against, probably, Warren Spahn.

In other National League games Tuesday, the Giants beat the Cubs, 10-9, when Dee Fondy's error set up an unearned run to settle a slugfest which had seen homers by Ralph Kiner, Roy Smalley and Bubba Church of the Cubs and Dusty Rhodes of the Giants.

In American League games, Al Rosen clouted his 36th homer and Ealy Wynn fanned 10 batters in gaining his 16th win as the Indians beat the Red Sox, 13-3, and Ray Herbert's relief pitching led the Tigers to a 5-3 win over the A's, despite Gus Zernial's 36th and 37th homers for the A's.

There were no other games scheduled.

SCORES
By UNITED PRESS
Carolina League
Reidsville 4, Bur-Gra 0
Winston-Salem 4, Durham 0
Saleigh 8, Fayetteville 4
Greensboro 7, Danville 6
Tar Heel League
Playoffs
R. C. Owls 9, Lexington 0
Marion 11, Shelby 5.

FIGHT RESULTS
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TAMPA, Fla.: Cleveland Williams,

Sports Shorts

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The Hollywood Stars, leaders in the Pacific Coast League flag race, challenged the St. Louis Browns of the American League to a seven-game series in an effort to prove the Stars play major league brand of ball and were turned down. Robert H. Cobb, president of the Stars, hurled the challenge at Bill Veck, Browns chief, in a telegram Tuesday.

CAMP PEERY, O. (AP) — The Marine Corps Cup and Scott Trophy were at stake today as service marksmen raised their sights in the second day's shooting of the national high-power rifle championships here. In Tuesday's firing, M-Sgt. Maxim R. Beebe, U. S.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	91	40	.695
Milwaukee	80	51	.611
Philadelphia	73	59	.553
St. Louis	70	59	.543
New York	63	64	.491
Cincinnati	58	73	.443
Chicago	50	81	.382
Pittsburgh	41	95	.301

Tuesday's Results
New York 10, Chicago 9
Brooklyn 12, St. Louis 5
Only games scheduled.

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee at Brooklyn
Cincinnati at New York
St. Louis at Philadelphia, night

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	87	43	.669
Chicago	78	53	.595
Cleveland	77	54	.588
Boston	72	61	.541
Washington	66	67	.496
Philadelphia	52	80	.394
Detroit	49	83	.371
St. Louis	46	86	.348

Tuesday's Results
Cleveland 3, Boston 3
Detroit 7, Philadelphia 5
New York 3, Chicago 2
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204, Tampa, outpointed Keene Simmons, 220, Bayonne, N. J. (10).
MIAMI BEACH, Fla.: Joe Salcone, 129, Warren, O. drew with Harry Mujica, 133, Miami (F).

Marine Corps of San Diego, Calif., led the race for the service rifle division and won the Navy Cup with a score of 98 out of a possible 100.

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. (AP) — A rugged group of foreign stars, headed by Australia's Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad, was favored today to grab seven of the final 16 berths in the fourth round of the wide-open scramble for the U. S. men's singles tennis championship.

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — They will wind up the 1953 seasons in the South Atlantic League tonight, and although the Jacksonville Braves have won the pennant, there still should be a real scrap for third and fourth place. Four teams are in the battle for the bottom two spots of the first division. And fans in Macon, Savannah and Aug-

usta won't be sure until late tonight whether their team ends in first division spot but the Cards can still finish in third or fourth.

NEW YORK (AP) — Strapping Eddie Mathews won't break Babe Ruth's magic home run record of 60 round trippers this season but the mauler from Milwaukee already has proved beyond doubt that here is the man who may better the Bambino's mark.

As of the moment, handsome Eddie has 43 home runs in 133 games. Discounting the date and all the other camouflage, he is four behind the Babe's record pace of 1927 in the matter of games played, for the Babe had 47 in 133 games. There is one gimmick that favors Eddie — the Braves have played two ties, so he gets 156 games against Ruth's season total of 154.

NEEDS 18 FOR RECORD

Nobody is going to surpass the Bambino's record — smashing September stretch run of 17 homers by much. Certainly Mathews can't be expected to get the 18 he needs for baseball's biggest record in the mere 23 games he has left.

But Eddie is just getting under way in this baseball business, and every sign points toward his eventually surpassing the immortal slugger's greatest mark.

Consider, first, that last season as a freshman he hit 25 homers. Ralph Kiner, whose seven-year reign Mathews is ending, hit only 23 to win the title as a rookie. Then, too, Kiner at that time was 24 years old — but Eddie is only 21.

BIG AND STRONG

Mechanically and physically, Mathews has all the necessary qualifications. He is big and strong, six feet, one inch and 200 pounds, has a perfect swing and lightning reflexes. Kiner had those attributes, too, but lacked the power hitter behind him. Milwaukee will see that Eddie gets such support.

The raves for Mathews came from all sections of the baseball world, but two of the finest come from the rival Brooklyn Dodgers to compliment the swing and reflexes which will keep Mathews front and center as a home run swinger for the ages.

"You thing you've got the ball past him," says pitcher Carl Erskine, "and then he seems to hit it right out of the catchers glove." "He has a fine level swing," adds Manager Casey Stengel, "and he is one of the few lefthanded batters who don't seem to be bothered by lefthanded pitching."

One of the principal criticisms of Mathews is that he strikes out a lot. It may be pointed out that Ruth did, too.

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