

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK — Major league action is limited today on the heels of the All-Star game but the action continues fast—and often furious—in the minors.

Certainly you couldn't want much more action than that in a recent game between Lewiston and Victoria in the Western International League. It was a battle of many pitchers, Victoria using six hurlers as Lewiston won, 18-14.

But don't sneer. This one is reminiscent of the 1946 World Series game between the Boston Red Sox and St. Louis in which the Cardinals pounded out a record tying 20 hits. The boxscore used three throwers in the ninth inning alone.

Mace Brown was kayoed and relieved by Mike Ryba. He, in turn, was taken out for Clem Driesewerd. And when Clem trudged into the locker room, he looked at his predecessors and sighed: "Thank the Lord that's over."

ADVICE TO ALSTON

Manager Walt Alston must be in a mood to give his Brooklyn Dodgers a pep talk these days but he better be careful.

Sacramento Manager Gene Desautels passed up both batting and fielding practice before a recent double-header to give his battered warriors a long fire-eating oration in the clubhouse. Then they went out—and dropped both ends of the double-header.

The minors also have given major league pitchers something at which to snicker about the batsmen. That is a seasonal mark for "wildest pitch." Ernie Nichols of Birmingham wound up and threw the ball clean up into the grandstands as the winning run laughed its way home from third base.

BEAN BALLS PERIL HURLER

There has been much worrying about the batsmen who are targets for bean balls, but pitcher Joe Stupak of Nashville proved that even the pitcher is in danger in such circumstances. Joe nicked three New Orleans batters in a row—and when the third one charged him Joe suffered a back injury in the resulting fracas which sent him to the hospital. None of the batters was hurt.

Emilio Cueche, who pitches for Havana in the International League, has been nicknamed "Little Indian." Which sounds to this corner like gilding the lily. Obviously his nickname should be "Hoochy."

Out in Wichita they had a double milking attraction. In the scheduled one, pitcher Bill Diemer competed against Bobby Winkler as part of a "Dairy Day" attraction. In the unscheduled one, somebody milked the Wichita locker room of \$2,400.

FIREMEN MEET — Howard M. fire department attended the drill Lee, secretary-treasurer of the local fire department, stated today that the work of an active and well organized department. Lee said the monthly meeting of the fire department. Lee said men was held last night preceding that 22 men attended the meeting a fire drill. Members of the Wad and 21 were out for the drill.

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Sammy Snead Has No Plan To Retire Now

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP)—Samuel Jackson Snead, whose mighty driver has earned him a golfing fortune—none of which is "buried in tomato cans"—has put an end to rumors that he is getting too old for the tournament trail, and will soon retire to his home course for good.

"As long as the desire is there, I'll keep on playing," Snead said at a recent meeting of the West Virginia Sportswriters Association. "When the desire is gone, there's no use playing any longer."

But Snead left you with the idea that it'll be some time before he will lose the desire to go after the big ones.

HOGAN WON'T PLAY

"Sam, how about this series they're trying to arrange between you and Hogan?"

"I'd like to play him," Snead replied, "but Hogan won't play." "Sam, who started that stuff about you burying your money in cans in your back yard?"

"That doggone Jimmy Demaret. I told him, 'You better cut that out, people are gonna start digging up my back yard.'"

Snead reminisced about Demaret. "We were playing at Richmond one time and Jimmy was taking an awful beating. We got down to the 15th hole and instead of his caddy stopping, he went right on up to the next green, way up on the hill. Jimmy turned around to get his putter and then noticed his caddy way up on that hill. Jimmy said, 'It's bad enough to take a licking down here, now they're running off with my clubs.'"

Snead is hard at work at the Greenbrier Hotel course making a series of television shorts, demonstrating various shots. In between, he give golf lessons.

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Sports Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Perct. Rows include Softball Standings (Team: Skinny's, Johnson, Legion, Jaycees, Nat'l Guard) and Kneepants League (Team: Tigers, Indians, Cardinals, Athletics, Dodgers).

American Leaguers Win All-Star Game

CLEVELAND (AP)—Triumphant American Leaguers pointed with pride today to their 11-9 victory in the heaviest hitting of all All-Star games as conclusive proof that their home run power is not dead after all.

But Tuesday's 31-hit, six-homer Donnybrook left many National Leaguers muttering about a "balk" that wasn't called and a "chip shot" single that scored the winning runs.

In the days of yore, there was no doubt about American League power—the "junior" league was supposed to be the sluggers' league and the National was the pitchers' league. Since World War II, the situation was supposed to have been reversed.

NL'S THUNDER STOLEN But Al Rosen's two record-tying homers and one each by Larry Doby and Ray Boone completely stole the thunder of the National League in Tuesday's contest. Only Ted Kluszewski and Gus Bell of Cincinnati homered for the Nationals.

"The long ball beat us," admitted National League Manager Walter Alston of the Brooklyn Dodgers. But Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants and a coach under Alston for this game, had two other more bitter comments to make.

His first concerned the disputed play in the top of the eighth inning when, with the NL leading, 9-8, Durocher as third base coach sent Al Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals scooting in an attempt to steal home against rookie southpaw Dean Stone of the Washington Senators.

Called out by umpire Umpire Bill Stewart of the NL called Schoendienst out at the plate, but Durocher protested at length that Stone had balked by failing to come to a full stop in his pitching motion.

"If he had stopped," said the vocal Leo, "All would have made it. Only Stone got away with a balk."

Alston, as quiet as Durocher usually is loud, agreed in a lower tone that he thought Stone had balked. "It cost us one run, maybe more," said the tall, balding Durocher. "But probably more than that one play, the long ball hurt us."

Durocher added, "Home runs all over the place—so what beats us. A lousy 98-foot chip shot."

REFERS TO FOX'S BLOOPER Durocher was referring to the bloop single delivered by Nellie Fox of the Chicago White Sox in the last of the eighth with the score tied, 9-9, two out, and the bases loaded. As shortstop Al Dark dove desperately for the ball, two runners raced home to give the American League the game. For grinned around a big wad of chewing tobacco and agreed, "It was a helluva hit. But a hit's a hit, so who's to complain."

For got his payoff hit against reliever Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who had just come in and fanned Mickey Vernon of the Senators for the second out, Nellie said it was a "very fast" pitch and admitted he didn't get a good piece of the ball.

ROSEN TIES RECORD

Rosen, who came very close to not playing at all because of his swollen right index finger, tied one record, held by Ted Williams of the Red Sox and the late Arky of the Pirates, by hitting two homers. He tied another Williams record by driving in five runs.

"That sorta puts me in with the big rappers," said the Cleveland Indians' slugger with a wide grin. Rosen's two blasts topped a fine day for home town fans. Including the work of Rosen and Doby, Indians players collected seven of the AL's 17 hits and drove in eight runs. In addition, former Indian Minnie Minoos of the White Sox got two singles and a walk and Boone of Detroit also is a former Triebeman.

AL NOW LEADS 13 TO 8 The American League triumph made certain the junior circuit will retain the lead in the annual series for at least a half-dozen years. The AL now leads, 13-8, whereas an NL victory, which had been predicted, would have cut the margin to 12-9.

The AL jumped off to a 4-0 lead in the third inning on Rosen's three-run homer and Boone's bases-empty blast, both off Robin Roberts of the Phillies. The NL rebounded immediately with five runs in the fourth on successive singles by Duke Snider of the Dodgers, Stan Musial of the Cards, Kluszewski, and Ray Jablonski of the Cardinals, and doubles by Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers and Don Mueller of the Giants.

SCORES ON AVILA SACRIFICE Bobby Avila's sacrifice fly in the same frame scored Chico Carrasquel of the White Sox with a tying run but Kluszewski's two-run homer in the fifth put the NL ahead again, 7-5. Rosen's twin-run homer in the same frame again knotted the count.

Avila singled home another run in the sixth to put the AL ahead, 8-7. Gus Bell's two-run pinch-hit homer in the eighth put the NL ahead, 9-8, and set the stage for

Skinny's Esso Beats Johnson Cotton Co.

Skinny's Esso defeated Johnson Cotton Co. last night by a 3-1 score to hand Johnson their third defeat at the hands of Skinny's team. The ball game was a very tight one in that there was low scoring and a minimum of errors.

The score was tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Garland Roebuck singled and Billy Bayles hits a long fly ball to left field that Daley Goff misjudged and went over his head for a home run. The two run homer by Bayles provided the margin that Skinny needed to take their tenth win of the season against only one defeat.

Mac Barefoot was the leading hitter for Skinny's with two hits in three official times at bat, including a double. Skinny's team did not get but seven base hits which is very low for a bunch of power hitters as is on the Esso nine. The American Legion gave up only four hits to Skinny's when they defeated him 16-2 for the League leaders only defeat.

Shamrock Denning did not give up but five base hits to the Johnson team with two of the five going to Doc Corbett. There were not any of the hits collected by the Johnson team that went for extra base knocks.

The win last night practically sewed up the 1954 Pennant for Skinny's as there are only four games remained to be played in regular league schedule. Johnson had a chance of pulling the league into a two-way tie if they could have defeated Skinny last night but with their third defeat at the hands of Skinny it was almost impossible. Cannady's Store is the third place team and to put the league into a tie they would have to win their next four games and Skinny would have to lose his remaining four.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H. Rows include B. Barefoot, C. Hutaff, M. Barefoot, S. Denning, T. Stevens, G. Roebuck, B. Bayles, C. Hartley, B. Twyford, D. Matthews, Johnson, Skinny's, Doubles, Homers, Base on balls, Struck out by.

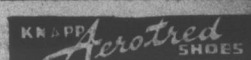
AT DUKE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Frank Stewart is spending several days at Duke University Hospital for observation and treatment of a facial nerve disorder. She entered the hospital on the week end.

TO FLORENCE

Mrs. B. P. Gentry is spending several days in Florence, S. C. as the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. R. Rudisill. She returned home with

Mrs. Rudisill and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Boddie, who were in Lillington overnight last week.



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