

Today's Sports Parade

By JACK CUDDY
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NEW YORK (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles have lost 14 games in a row and are bogged down in the American League cellar today but Manager Jimmy Dykes still finds room to praise outfielder Cal Abrams, once known as "Branch Rickey's boy."

"Abrams has done a whale of a job for us since he came from Pittsburgh in May," Dykes said. "He's pulling the ball better and is one of the only guys who has hit consistently on this ball club."

Abrams, a 30-year old resident of Levittown, N. Y., who was born in Philadelphia but raised hardly more than a fungo drive away from Ebbets Field, is batting .296 for the Orioles, a far cry from the .146 average he had when Baltimore obtained him from the Pirates four months ago.

Traded For Littlefield
Rickey, under whom Abrams broke in with the Dodger organization, sent Cal to the Orioles in exchange for pitcher Dick Littlefield. Most experts were surprised at the deal since Rickey always spoke glowingly of Abrams' ability when both were at Brooklyn.

"That was one deal that worked out well for both men involved," Abrams declared. "Littlefield has won nine games since he went from this club to the Pirates and I've raised my average 150 points."

Abrams broke into the big leagues with Brooklyn during the tail-end of 1949 and after the Dodgers sent him down and brought him back up three times, they dealt him to Cincinnati in 1952. At the end of that year, Rickey, who always liked him, acquired his contract for the Pirates, for whom Abrams hit .286 and hit 15 homers last year.

Called To Front Office

"In May of this year, though," Cal recalled, "Mr. Rickey called me into his office. He told me that my home run production had been nil since 'Greenberg Gardens' were taken down in left field. He also said no one in the National League wanted me, so it looked like I'd be in the minors next year."

But over in the American League the Orioles were looking for some batting punch and they felt Abrams could supply it. So they took a chance on him and haven't regretted it since.

"I was sort of shocked when I was told I was headed for the minors," Abrams said.

"I figured I was as good as some of the best players around. After all, I have a good arm, I can run and I get my base hits. The only things some of the big-name stars may have on me is their five-figure contracts, that's all."

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Four teams will be eliminated today in second-round play of the 10th annual All-American Amateur Baseball Association tournament as first-round losers meet and first-round winners oppose each other in the

double elimination series. In the losers bracket, Altoona, Pa. meets Pittsfield, Mass.; Schenectady, N. Y. plays Springfield, Mass.; Holyoke, Mass. opposes Baltimore and Allentown, Pa., goes against ganesville, Ohio.

Carolina Caravan

BY JAKE WADE

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — Bill Wray Ward, Jr., of High Point, who was a student at Carolina, class of 1951, but dropped out to join the Coast Guard and then transferred to High Point College in his home town, still later getting his M. A. here, is as strong as ever in his loyalty to the Tar Heels, and surely must be a walking encyclopedia on football affairs at this institution.

He frankly admits his erudition in this field, and with a mighty red face we concur in entirety, which is a way of introducing the fact that he has written us a letter. Pleasantly but firmly he calls attention to this epistle to the fact that we have erred grievously on several points in our mid-summer and early fall literature concerning the football Tar Heels of 1954.

First and inexcusably it seems that we inexcusably withdrew monographs from three of our candidates. Our early rosters did not credit letter distinction to tackle Ralph Beaver, fullback George Wallin and halfback Sonny Ridenour. Bill informs us that these worthies were awarded monographs in the two-platoon year of 1952 although they were not repeaters last season when the one-platoon pattern sharply reduced the number of letter recipients. The man is absolutely right. Thus, we now have a prospective squad of 24 lettermen, instead of 21 as previously advertised, and we herewith offer our apologies for the oversight to the players concerned. It won't happen again.

THAT'S NOT ALL! — "I have studied Carolina football since I was 13," writes alumnus Billy. "I read six or eight sports pages a day during the football season and have a scrapbook of virtually every game Carolina has played since 1940 and probably two-thirds of the other Big Four teams. I know the score of every Carolina-Duke game since the series started in 1888. I can tell you the starting lineup of every Carolina team since 1942, with most of the reserves, home towns, and whether or not they were soph, juniors or seniors during a given year. Everybody says I ought to be a sportswriter or announcer, but I wouldn't be happy unless I could write about Carolina. It's refreshing to know such a

man, even if he has embarrassed us by citing our delinquencies. For example, he further calls attention to the fact that in the Atlantic Coast Conference yearbook, where first and second team All-Americans are listed, our Carolina compilation overlooked great tackle Len Szafaryn, who made Grantland Rice's Look Magazine's second team in 1948. Bill spotted that one quick and indeed Len did receive that honor. Our records have been corrected.

The other one on which he picks us up is the curious listing of Albert Long as a junior. Bill knows that he is a senior, and so do we, and that he has only one year of eligibility remaining, a fact with which we also are acquainted. But it didn't come out that way in the early rosters, and we thank our correspondent for calling our attention to it. Albert becomes a senior henceforth in all the rosters.

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA! — Baseball coach Walter Rabb has been subscribing to a daily newspaper in Nova Scotia this summer, and the evenings have been pleasant for him as he reclined in his hammock on Hillcrest Road, perusing the sports pages of this gazette.

The reason: rising sophomore Jim Raugh, who will play ball here for Walter and Burn Hearn next spring, is pitching for the Dartmouth Arrows in the H-D league, and he has made a marvelous record. His earned run average to date is 2.5, and while his 8-5 record may not sound too impressive, Jim has been the pitching raven of the circuit. The other day he established a new league record when he went all the way in a 17-inning marathon and hung up a 2-1 triumph. He fanned 13, walked only three.

Raugh, who is the son of one of the Pre-Flight commanding officers here during the past war, won all five games he started for Henry House's Tar Baby freshman team last spring. One of his wins was a 13-inning 2-1 victory over the Wake Forest Deacons. And did you know that Harry Lee (Rab) Lloyd is mixing pitching with second-basing for the Norwood semipro this summer and has been doing very well on the slab. But 19-

Major League Standings

American League	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	89	35	.718
New York	85	40	.680
Chicago	82	45	.646
Detroit	65	69	.484
Boston	54	68	.443
Washington	51	71	.418
Philadelphia	41	82	.333
Baltimore	39	86	.312

Wednesday's Results	W.	L.	Pct.
New York 5 Baltimore 1			
Chicago 7 Washington 2			
Boston 5 Detroit 3			
Cleveland 4 Philadelphia 3			

Friday's Games	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland at Washington night			
Chicago at Philadelphia, night			
Detroit at New York, night			
Baltimore at Boston			

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	77	44	.636
Brooklyn	75	49	.605
Milwaukee	70	51	.579
St. Louis	59	64	.480
Philadelphia	58	63	.479
Cincinnati	59	66	.472
Chicago	48	75	.390
Pittsburgh	45	79	.363

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Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, night			
New York at Milwaukee, night			
Philadelphia at Chicago			
Brooklyn at St. Louis night			

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A prominent educator today backed up his charge that American athletic officials lost a "cold war" battle during the 1952 Olympic games despite the denial of U. S. team official Harold Berliner. Dean John R. Hubbard of Tulane University's Newcomb College declared that absence of manners by the American legation in Finland and the U. S. Olympic administrative staff lost the United States valuable prestige.

55 baseball is a long way off, and football will start next week. You'll hear from us on the latter subject.

Cleveland 'Bench' Fixing Yankees

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer

The Cleveland "bench" is fixing things so that the Yankees' pennant chances are hardly worth a wooden nickel any more.

"I can't praise the fellows on our bench enough," Manager Al Lopez of the Indians declared today. "They've done a wonderful job all season and without 'em, we might have been sunk."

There's no question that the Indians would have been sunk Wednesday night had their bench reserves failed them against the Athletics.

But Bill Glynn, who went in to play first base in the eighth inning, drew a walk off southpaw Al Sima to open the 10th and then, after two were out, reserve catcher Hal Naragon who also had entered the game in the eighth and had appeared in only 38 contests previously this season, tripled to drive in Glynn and give the Tribe an up-hill 4-3 victory over Philadelphia.

Lemon's 19th Victory

The victory, Bob Lemon's 19th of the year, kept Cleveland 4 1/2 games ahead of the Yankees who defeated the Orioles, 5-1, but the Indians knew they were in a fight before overcoming Philadelphia's two-run lead. Sonny Dixon of the Athletics nicked for Al Smith's first-inning homer, nursed a 3-1 lead until the eighth when the Indians tied the score on singles by Bobby Avila and Larry Doby, an error by Jim Finigan and Vic Wertz's double.

Three Yankee homers, plus a three-hit pitching effort by Ed Lopat, combined to hand the Orioles their 14th setback in a row. Yogi Berra hit his 17th homer and Hank Bauer and Irv Noren each hit his 10th to account for all but one of the Yankees' runs. Bobby Young's fourth-inning homer was the only run allowed by Lopat, who achieved his 11th conquest.

White Sox Trim Nats, 7-2
Southpaw Billy Pierce, out most of the season with an ailing arm, gained his seventh victory while hurling the White Sox to a 7-2

10th triumph yielding all three Cincinnati hits, including Jim Green-grass' 25th homer, in the seven innings he worked. Jim Huges mopped up.

Stan Musial with three hits in five tries, took over the league batting lead with a .347 average as the Cardinals took over fourth place by one percentage point with a lopsided 13-0 victory over the Pirates. Rookie Gordon Jones hurled a five-hitter for his second victory while his teammates collected 16 hits, including Joe Cunningham's ninth homer.

Milwaukee edged Philadelphia, 4-3, to stay seven games off the pace. Errors by Richie Ashburn and Bobby Morgan helped the Braves to three unearned runs and a 1-0 victory over the Cardinals.

The Asheville Tourists last night clinched the Tri-State League pennant without lifting a bat or trapping a ground ball. The Tourists had a night off but the Greenville Spinners knocked off Knoxville, 5 to 4, in ten innings to kill off the last mathematical chance the second-spot Smokies had of tying for the top spot.

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