

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — Captain Kidd and the most near-sighted member of the International Bird-Watching Society never had it so tough as the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Baltimore Orioles — they aren't the worst teams in baseball.

Kidd wound up all by himself in chains but there are 25 of the modern-day Pirates in the National League dungeon. And a bird-watcher who needs the help of an oculist isn't nearly as bad off as 25 birds without wings, the grounded Orioles of Baltimore.

Still, although it's hard to conceive, there are teams in worse shape.

As example, the Pirates were 29 games back of the league-leading Brooklyn Dodgers, as of Thursday, while the Orioles' .286 percentage was the worst in the major leagues. Maybe it will come as something of a consolation to their fans to learn that at last report Channel City was 30 1/2 games back of the lead in the California League and Hornell of the Pony League had a .220 percentage.

Not "Number Five" Channel, obviously not "number five," thus had the longest margin of any team in organized baseball separating it from first place. Yet it's percentage of .254 wasn't the worst, either.

The dubious distinction went to Harnell's .220, although the game's lowest such mark left the club "only" 28 games behind league-leading Hamilton. Giving chase downward were "Les Mineurs" of Thetford Mines, a club whose .239 percentage had it in a deep hole in Canada's Provincial League. Still, the Miners were only 22 1/2 games behind pace-setting Quebec.

Even in the upper minor leagues there were clubs with more than their share of trouble. Consider Little Rock of the Southern Association. The Travelers, who weren't, had a .272 performance to their woe this season which left them 26 games back of the Memphis Chicks.

Brooklyn Has Competitors Brooklyn, floating along a rough dozen lengths on top in the National League with a .729 percentage as of Thursday, was the winningest team in baseball — but had its competitors.

That percentage figure was well below the .780 mark of the Hamilton Cardinals, who managed only a 10-game lead over second place even at that pace.

Quebec, the Provincial League leader, was in a first place dogfight despite its .723 pace. But Cananea, Mexico, of the Arizona-Mexico League, had jumped into an 11 1/2 game lead over second place Phoenix.

It is interesting that the world champion New York Giants, badly off their feed, trained at Phoenix, where the "Stars" are having such a rough time of it. Either it is catching or the new Phoenix theme song is "Are The Stars Out Tonight?"

Another big winner is Corpus Christi of the Big State League. The "Clippers," with a .710 pace, are 11 games to the good over second place Port Arthur.

All of which proves that the Dodgers shouldn't get too cocky because, class for class, they aren't in a class by themselves. And it should provide evidence that things can get worse than they are in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, believe it or not.



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Little Bunt Is A Big Pennant Race Factor

By CARL LUNDQUIST

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In fact it would hardly be amiss to say that the Dodgers are bunting their way to the pennant.

In their shining 6-5 victory over the Giants in 11 innings Thursday, four bunts, each deftly delivered on the first pitch, meant more than a two-run homer by Willie Mays which looked as if it would win the game for the Giants in the 10th.

On each occasion the Dodgers were desperate — facing sudden death defeat. In the last of the ninth, trailing 3-2, after Sandy Amoros and Gil Hodges singled, Carl Furillo, who is not noted for his bunting ability, laid down a sacrifice on the first pitch. Dixie Howell, rushed into the lineup for the first time this year because both Roy Campanella and Rube Walker were hurt, followed with a sacrifice fly that tied it up at 3-3.

The victory was especially significant because of the showing of the Brooklyn bench, Howell coming through after Walker was injured in a collision at home plate and Shuba perhaps saving himself from being sent to the minors when the Dodgers bring up talent to replace men on the injury list. The Braves regained second place in the only other National League game, coming from behind to defeat the Cubs 7-4, with four runs in the eighth set up on an error by Randy Jackson, Joe Adcock hit a two-run homer for the winning blow. Del Crandall also homered for Milwaukee. Jackson and Harry Chiti homered for the losers.

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E & W Still On Top In Softball League

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Per
E & W	7	1	.875
Skinny's	5	3	.625
Johnson	5	3	.625
Cannady's	5	3	.625
American Legion	3	5	.375
West TV	1	7	.125

E & W beat Skinny's Monday night 8 to 6. The score was tied at three apiece into the third inning. The Esso was held scoreless in the top part of the inning and E & W scored four runs on five hits.

The winning pitcher was Tart. He gave up twelve hits. The losing pitcher was Moore with one strike out and two walks.

The leading hitter for E & W was K. West with three for four. Phipps had two for three. Leading hitter for Skinny's was Barefoot with three for four. Roebuck had two for three.

CANNADY'S WINS Cannady's beats West TV 8 to 4. Cannady's took a one run lead in the first inning. They lost that lead in the third inning when the TV had a rally and sent four men

across the plate to take a three run advantage. In the sixth inning Cannady's had a three run rally to take the lead and the ball game.

The winning pitcher was Stanley. The losing pitcher was West. Leading hitter for Cannady's was Barefoot with three for three. Stanley had two for two. Hartley had a double in the first inning. R. Cannady got a home run in the fifth inning.

The leading hitter for the TV's was West with two for four.

LEAGUE WINS GAME American Legion beats Johnson Cotton Company 12 to 6. The Legion took a one run lead in the bottom part of the first inning and kept it all the way. The Legion had rallies in the fourth and fifth innings.

The winning pitcher was Bennett. The losing pitcher was Bass. The leading hitter for the Legion was Blalock with three for four. Lee got a home run in the fourth inning. The leading hitter for Johnson was B. Thompson with four for four.

CHICAGO (AP) — Connie Johnson, towering right-hander who had compiled a 12-2 record with Toronto, in the International League, was recalled today to help the floundering Chicago White Sox pitching staff.

WIMBLEDON, Eng. (AP) — Angela Mortimer, Angela Buxton, Pat Ward and Shirley Bloomer are expected to be named today to Britain's Wightman Cup tennis team.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — William Red Holzman, former City College of New York court star, has been named to coach the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association for the second straight year.

NEW YORK (AP) — Lefty Ted Gray, twice cast adrift by American League teams this season, hoped for the magic of the pin-striped Yankee uniform today to make his man effective pitcher once again.

BROOKLYN (AP) — The injury-riddled Brooklyn Dodgers finally won a photo finish today—rays on catcher Al Walker's bruised left shoulder showed negative and he or so.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Leader Faye Crocker of Montevideo, Uruguay, had no complaints but 48 other entrants were hoping for better weather in the second round of the \$7500 Women's National

CHARLES TOWN W. Va. (AP) — The Charles Town Jockey Club opens a 44-day season today with the opening program featured by the inaugural for three-year-olds which is expected to attract nine starters.

CHICAGO (AP) — George Brantzo and Bruce Schwager, both of Brooklyn, have signed 1935 contracts with the Chicago Cardinals, with the bases loaded in the ninth and thus save Ted Abernathy's first big league victory. Johnny Groth drove in two of Washington's runs with a triple and squeeze bunt.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Promoter Jim Norris hoped to match Rocky Marciano and Archie Moore today for a heavyweight title fight, possibly at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 20.

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Easy-going Bob Rosburg of San Francisco was setting a torrid pace today as the field moved out for the third round in the British Columbia Open golf tournament.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Aging Joey Maxtin had no excuses today for his loss to up and coming Willie Pastrano and said "Now I know how those guys used to feel that fought me when I was young."

Pastrano, a 19-year-old New Orleans hustler, pounded out an easy 10-round unanimous decision over the 33-year-old former light heavyweight champion Tuesday night.

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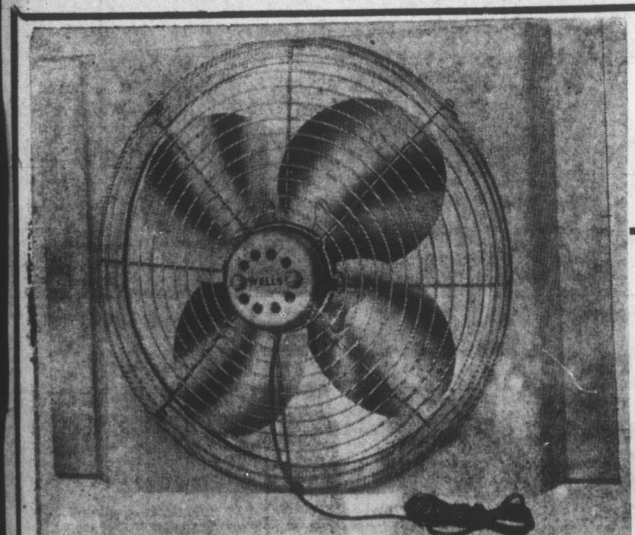
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