

# Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball has come up with quite a list of "yo-yo" players — guys who were just about to the end of their string then came back this season.

There is no official designation for "comeback of the year" players but if there were the competition would be pretty brisk.

Brooklyn's "recharged battery" of Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella is sparking the Dodgers to their earliest pennant clinching in history and has to top the list in the National League. Where would the Brooks be without Big Newk's 18-3 won and lost record or without Campy's .325 bat and his 85 runs batted in? Last year a discouraged Newk, back from the Army and unable to harness his old fast ball, wound up with a 9-8 total and wondered if he ever would get going again. Campy, playing with a smashed and patched hand, wound up with a .207 average and declared he would quit for good if his injury didn't heal properly.

### American League Candidates

The American League has three top candidates and any one would be a fine choice as top comebacker at this stage of the race.

They are pitchers Tommy Byrne of the Yankees, Dick Donovan of the White Sox, and outfielder Elmer Valo of the K. C. Athletics. Just imagine where the Yankees would be in this sizzler of a race without Byrne's 11-3 record? Yet he was cast adrift in 1951 and had to kick around in the minors before he received another chance.

And what about Donovan with his 13-4 mark up to the time his appendix tired of solitary confinement and hollered to be let out? He's about ready to go again and how those White Sox can use him. With Donovan, actually, it is more than a comeback because in four previous major league trials with the Braves and Tigers he never won a game and had a composite 0-4 mark. He was a "never was" before this season.

The Athletics will match Czech-born Valo, an all-out hustler with any comeback candidate in the business. He tried as hard as ever last year but the base hits didn't drop and he wound up with a sickly .214 average. It would have been more than a pun, had he decided that discretion was the better part of Valo this season and called it quits. But he has been back in action with the hottest bat in the league, compiling a .359 average that would make him eligible for the hitting had he played in enough games. As it is he has 79 hits in 220 at bats and has been in 84 games.

### Klaus Makes Good

There are numerous other "rebound" boys who are showing that there is life yet at a time when it looked as if they might be riding an express train to the Baseball graveyard.

Billy Klaus, who had a major league average of exactly .000 before this season and who was about to be consigned again to the minors, caught on with Boston, "jelled" their infield and is now batting .340. Scrappy Clint Courtney is rapping away at a .323 pace for scrappy Chuck Dressen at Washington and the best he could show for a lifetime before this season was .323. Infielder George Kell of the White Sox, despite a chronic back ache, is batting .304 and delivering vital hits whereas he had a .276 mark for 1954. Walt Dropo, called "the key man in my infield" by Chicago Manager Marty Marion, is hitting the ball long and often at a .291 pace which is away above his lifetime mark of .273.

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# Minor League Ball Has Lots Of Trouble

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Minor league baseball is in trouble as never before, and the majors are to blame for it.

That is the feeling of minor league presidents, whose cities were involved in the 10 franchise fold-ups that have occurred already this season. They feel the worst is yet to come unless there is help from the majors.

The principal complaint is that the majors saturate minor league territory with radio and in some cases television broadcasts. The second "beef" is that the majors no longer are willing to supply financial aid by developing players through minor league farm systems, but instead are spending money recruiting high-priced bonus babies.

### Says Frick Unconcerned

Shelby Peace, president of the once-lively Kitty League at Hopkinsville, Ky., declared that "not even the commissioner of baseball cares what happens to us."

"Does Ford Frick look at what television and radio has done to the minors?" asked Peace. "Madisonville, Ky., which had to give up this year in our league, has a beautiful park and adequate parking facilities. But the air was saturated with television and radio. I know the big league announcers tell the people to go out and support their local club, but who is the enthusiasm to watch a Kitty League game after listening to the glamour they spread around?"

Jerry Donovan, president of the Class C California League, said in San Francisco that "the attitude seems to be we soon will have major league ball out here so the heck with the California and coast leagues." The Venture club there, which is 60 miles from Hollywood, gave up and the franchise was shifted to Reno, Nev.

"Pride in a local club is dead," Donovan said. "Everyone is major league conscious because of broadcasts and telecasts into our territory."

### Clubs Threatened Daily

Emmet Harty, head of the Cotton States League at Greenville, Miss., said, "There never is a day that we have not been confronted with the probability of some club folding."

Harty said not only did the Pine Bluff, Ark., club fold and have to be transferred to Meridian, Miss., but that Hot Springs, Ark., "is on the verge of throwing in the sponges and on the whole I am punch-drunk from the beating I have taken all season."

"Despite that, I have six towns who have signified their interest in operating next season," he added. "All I can say is that they are glutted for punishment. In my own town of Greenville over \$50,000 has been raised by public subscription since 1950 to keep baseball. I don't think this can go on unless the majors take some revolutionary step this fall."

Tommy Richardson, head of the Class A Eastern League at Williamsport, Pa., said: "The minors will be in trouble as long as a major league team is willing to give \$60,000 to one untried kid, but refuses to pay \$10,000 to operate a first rate minor league franchise where there is a chance for 18 players to develop while that one kid sits on a big league bench."

### Radio-TV Hurts Albany

The Eastern League, one of the oldest and most stable, is in good shape, Richardson said, with attendance up about 60,000 over last year even though Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had to shift its franchise to Johnston, Pa.

"An economic situation involving the hard coal area forced Wilkes-Barre to quit," Richardson said. "Now we're okay everywhere but in Albany Radio and TV are heavy competition there. They get broadcasts and telecasts of the Yankees, Giants, Dodgers and Red Sox. That's too much for us to beat."

Howard Green, president of the Big State League at Fort Worth, Tex., said radio had nothing to do with the failure of Galveston and Tyler in his loop.

### Galveston Not Interested

"Galveston dropped out because it was the world's worst baseball town a resort city of the rankes-

type," Green said. "Baseball was too wholesome for a population more interested in gaming, night clubs and that which goes with both. Tyler dropped out because it imposed a burden on the rest of the league. Tyler could have finished had not Galveston faltered."

Chauncey Devault at Bristol, Va., Tenn., headquarters of his Class D Appalachian League, said, "This is the worst financial year our loop has suffered." He also blamed general condition of the coal fields for failure of the Welch, W. Va., franchise which was moved to Marion, Va.

A. O. Hadden, head of the Georgia State League at Dublin, Ga., blamed local operations for the failure of the Statesboro, Ga., franchise. "Statesboro had a bad ball club and poor attendance," he said.

Thursday: The remedies proposed for minor league baseball.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Big-time auto racing, cast adrift recently by the American Automobile Association after 54 years of supervision, needs a commissioner "just like baseball," Tom Marchese, promoter of the booming auto track here, said today.

"I'm going to suggest that a commissioner be appointed when our temporary committee meets at Indianapolis in September," he said.

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (AP) — Rain threatened today to throw the schedule of the 75th National doubles tennis championships further out of kilter, perhaps forcing

# Major League Standings

By UNITED PRESS  
American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	72	47	.605	
Chicago	68	45	.602	1
Cleveland	70	48	.593	1 1/2
Boston	68	50	.576	3 1/2
Detroit	62	55	.530	9
Kansas City	48	70	.407	23 1/2
Washington	41	74	.357	29
Baltimore	37	77	.325	32 1/2

**Wednesday's Results**  
Detroit 9 Cleveland 5  
Boston 7 New York 1 (night)  
Baltimore at Washington, 2 games, two-night, p.p.d., rain  
Only games scheduled.

**Thursday's Probable Pitchers**  
Kansas City at Chicago 2 — Porolocarrero 3-6 and Herbert 1-6 vs. Trucks 11-6 and Byrd 6-6.  
Cleveland at Detroit — Score 12-9 vs. Lary 11-11.  
New York at Boston — Ford 13-6 vs. Nixon 12-6.  
Only games scheduled.

**Friday's Games**  
Kansas City at Cleveland, night.  
Detroit at Chicago, night.  
Baltimore at New York, night.  
Boston at Washington, night.

**National League**

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	77	39	.664	
Milwaukee	65	55	.542	14
New York	63	55	.534	15
Philadelphia	60	61	.496	19 1/2
Chicago	59	64	.480	21 1/2
Cincinnati	57	63	.475	22

An extra day of play beyond the Sunday deadline.  
A downpour Wednesday washed out all but two matches. Club officials plan to "double up" their schedule today, weather permitting.

# American League Race Still Up In The Air

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That American League pennant race is just as dizzy as ever today, folks, so how about "time out" to toast a few of baseball's obscurely boys, Ike Delock, Babe Birrer, Jim Bunning, Ramon Monzant, and Elroy Face.

They get their names up in headlines about as often as the nice, quiet fellow who runs the corner grocery but Wednesday was their day to shine and they made the most of it.

Delock, a second-line Red Sox pitcher who hadn't won a game since June 29 and who hadn't gone the route all season, went in and stopped the red-hot Yankees with a five-hit, 7-1 victory that ended a seven-game winning streak. Delock himself had been batted out by the Yankees in the early stages of that winning streak last week and with an attack that had netted 57 runs in the past five games, the odds against him looked formidable. The victory put fourth place Boston again within 3 1-2 games of the leading Yankees.

**Wednesday's Results**  
New York 5 Brooklyn 1, night.  
Pittsburgh 6 Philadelphia 4, night.  
Chicago 3 Cincinnati 2, night.  
Milwaukee 11 St. Louis 4, night.

**Thursday's Probable Pitchers**  
Brooklyn at New York — Spooner 5-4 vs. Hearn 13-10.  
Chicago at Cincinnati — Minner 8-6 vs. Nuxhall 13-8.

### ROOKIES DUMP INDIANS

Rookies Bunning and Birrer, two peach-cheeked Detroit youths worked together to perform a similar one on the Indians, the Tigers knocking them out of second place with a 9-5 triumph.

The Tigers staked Birrer to seven runs in the first three innings but when he began to coast and Cleveland cut the margin to 7-5, Birrer took over and pitched scoreless three-single ball the rest of the way to gain his fourth triumph. Idle Chicago took over second place from Cleveland, a game behind the Yanks.

In the National League, Monzant pitched the first complete game

of his major league career, retarding Brooklyn's pennant-bound Dodgers with a 5-1 Giant victory in which he gave up eight hits, also striking out eight.

It was almost the same sort of a night for Elroy Face of the Pirates, who went the distance for the second time this year and gained his third victory, a six-hit 6-4 job over the Phillies in which his mates backed him with 16 hits.

Second place Milwaukee, half-a-continent away from Brooklyn and just about that far behind in the standings, cut the margin to 14 games by beating the Cardinals 11-4 on a grand slam homer by Del Crandall and two-run blasts by Andy Parko and Ed Matthews. It was No. 32 for Matthews.

### HAIRCUT CHAMP

CHICAGO, Aug. 18 (AP) — Chris Hopballe, 82, claims the hair-cutting championship of Chicago. He estimates he has cut 400,000 heads of hair in the 54 years he's been a barber.

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