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NEW YORK (P) - 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.

Blookklyn'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 with-out 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 discre-tion was the better part of Valo this season and called it quits. But he has been back in action with the hottest games. As it is he has 79 hits in 220 at bats and has been

showing that there is life yet at a time when it looked as if they might be riding an express train to the Baseball

signed again to the minors, caught on with Boston, "jelled" their infield and is now batting .340. Scrappy Clint 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.



Minor League Ball Has Lots Of Trouble

By CARL LUNDQUIST United Press Sports Writer finor league baseball is too wholesome for a population in more interested in gaming, nigh

ld-ups that have occured already tered. Chauncey Devault at Bristol, Va season. They feel the worst

from the majors. The principal complaint is that is the worst financial year out the majors saturate minor league loop has suffered." He also biamed The principal compliaint is that he majors saturate minor league erritory with radio and in some ases television broadcasts. The econd "beef" is that the majors o longer are willing to supply general condition of the coal fields for failure of the Welch, W. Va. franchise which was moved Marion, Va

ancial aid by developing players ough minor league farm sys-A. O. Hadden, head of the Georgia State League at Dublin, Ga., blamed local operations for the failure of the Statesboro, Ga. ems, but instead are spending noney recruiting high - priced franchise.

Says Frick Unconcerned "Statesboro had a bad ball club and poor atendance," he said. Shelby Peace, president of the nce-lively Kitty League at Hopcinsville, Ky., declared that "no Thursday: The remedies commissioner of baseball osed for minor league basball.

what happens to us "Does Ford Frick look at what MILWAUKEE, Wis. (P) - Bigelevision and radio has done to ne minors?" asked Peace. "Magme auto racing, cast adrift re-ently by the American Automo-ile Association after 54 years of nville, Ky., which had to give this year in our league, has

pervision, needs a commission r just like baseball," Tom Marchese, romoter of the booming auto track eautiful park and adequate park ng facilties. But the air was sa turated with television and radio "Tm going to suggest that a ommissioner be appointed when ur temporary committee meets t Indianapolis is Sastember", be know the big league announcer ell the people to go out and sup-port their local club, but who

at Indianapolis in September," he

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (P) -Rain threatened today to throw the schedule of the 75th National doubles tennis championships fur-schedule today, weather permit-ther out of killer nerbaps forcing her out of kilter, perhaps forcing ting.

Brooklyn



37 77 .325 Baltimore Wednesday's Results Detroit 9 Cleveland 5 Boston 7 New York 1 (night) Baltimore at Washington, 2 games,

### twi-night, ppd., rain Only games scheduled

Thursday's Probable Pitchers Kansas City at Chicago 2 -Porotocarrero 3-6 and Herbert 1-6 vs. Trucks 11-6 and Byrd 6-6. Cleveland at Detroit - Score 12-

vs. Lary 11-11. 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. at Washington, night. Boston National League

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an extra day of play beyond the

In **ROOKIES DUMP INDIANS** Rookies Bunning and Birrer, two peach-cheeked

folks, so how about "time out" to ilar one on the Indians, the Tigers toast a few of baseball's obscurity knocking them out of second place

day to shine and they made the of the way to gain his fourth triumph. Idle Chicago took over sec-

Delock, a second-line Red Sox ond place from Cleveland, a game pitcher who hadn't won a game behind the Yanks. since June 29 and who hadn't gone In the National I the route ail season, went in and pitched the first complete game barber. stopped the red-hot Yankees with

a seven-game winning streak. De lock himsel, had been batted ou by the Yankees in the early stages 57 runs in the past five games, the odds against him looked formidof the leading Yankees.

Pittsburgh 44 76 .367 35 Wednesday's Results New York 5 Brooklyn 1, night

Chicago 3 Cincinnati 2, night. Milwaukee 11 St. Louis 4, night Thursday's Probable Pitchers

5-4 vs. Hearn 13-10. Chicago at Cincinnati 8-6 vs. Nuxhall 13-8.

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 yea rand

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Detroit youths

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 18, 1955

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, haif-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 Pafko and Ed Matthews, It was No. 32 for Mathews.

HAIRCUT CHAMP

CHICAGO, Aug. 18 (P) - Chris Hopballe, 82, claims the haircutting championship of Chicago. He





of his major league career, re-Major League American League Race tarding Brooklyn's pennant\_bound **Standings** Still Up The

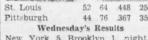
> By CARL LUNDQUIST 1 United Press Sports Writer 112 That American League pennant 312 race is just as dizzy as ever today, worked together to perform a 9

boys, Ike Delock, Babe Birrer, with a 9-5 triumph.
32<sup>15</sup> Jim Bunning, Ramon Monzant, The Tigers staked Birrer to and Elroy Face.

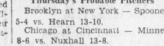
They get their names up in head-lines about as often as the nice, and Cleveland cut the margin to quiet fellow who runs the corner 7-5, Birrer took over and pitched grocery but Wednesday was their scoreless three-single ball the rest

most of it.

New York at Boston - Ford 13- a five\_hit, 7-1 victory that ended of that winning streak last week and with an attack that had neited able. The victory put fourth place Boston again within 3 1-2 games



Pittsburgh 6 Philadelphia 4, night





lambur they spread around?" Jerry Donovan, president of the Mass C California League, said in ian Francisco that "the attitude eems to be we soon will have major league ball out here so the neck with the California and coast games." The Vanture solut there eagues." The Venture club there, hich is 60 miles from' Hollywood, ave up and the franchise was hifted to Reno, Nev.

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the enthusiasm to watch a Kitty League game after listening to the glamour they spread around?"