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Last Year's One-Run History

About this time last year the Cleveland Indians were leading the pack, but Oscar Vitt was beginning to show signs that he knew it couldn't last. The Tribe was beginning to lose ball games by one run.

The Indians had been riding in first place since the middle of May and the goose was hanging high, but Oscar Vitt knew better. He had seen his Tribe sneak through a number of games by one run—shaky games that had the opposition coming up in the late innings.

Then the tide changed and the Indians began to lose 'em by one run. And that was the beginning of the end.

So far this year the Indians have won nine ball games by one run. They've lost eight. The season is just a little more than one-third gone and it's interesting to compare those figures with what went on in the same department last year. The Indians got into an awful mess of close ones—and came out with 27 lost and 22 won.

Yanks Take The Close Ones

But now let's look at those Yanks, who've been setting the fashion for success too many years. It gets to be a little discouraging, comparing the others with the Yanks, but they have the pattern.

So far this season, the Yankees have lost only two ball games by one-run margin. They've come through to win six by that squeak—a couple of times when they were held to four hits.

You get only one guess as to which outfit was best in coming from behind and making close winning finishes last year—that's right, the Yanks. Out of 24 games in which they were behind or tied in the eighth, ninth or extra innings, the Yankees won 18. And that, rather than any jinx operating against their opponents in tough ball games to lose, is what made them champions.

Pulling out of the tough ones means, for the most part, effective relief pitching and a defense that won't crack at a critical point. And you don't have to be reminded that the Yanks have had the most effective relief pitching, last year and this.

Great Southpaws - Vanishing

Cleveland's acquisition of young Harry Eisenstat in the Earl Averill trade calls to mind the scarcity of great left-handers. It used to be that nearly every major-league ball club had a top-flight southpaw—and pennants usually were won by the club having another one better than average.

Lefty Grove who recently won his 277th victory in his 15 American League seasons, won't be around much longer. And that will leave Vernon Gomez as the only southpaw deserving of star ranking. Grove is 39, Gomez 10 years younger.

It's the same story of vanishing greats in the National League, with King Carl Hubbell at the end of the string. Johnny Vander Meer's accomplishments last year rank him with the great, but the rest of the list includes such American League castoffs as Milburn Shoffner, Earl Whitehill, Bob Weiland and the surprising Vito Tamulis. A truly great southpaw is a rare article these days, and young Eisenstat's record points him up as a pretty good gamble.

Various and Sundry

The Joe Louis - Tony Galento fistiforce on Wednesday night is a big box office bust already (at \$27.50 ringside) and Louis isn't helping it by nonchalant training gestures — You can't exactly term it risky, but this is the seventh time Champ Joe has put up his title in two years — More than any other heavyweight king ever did. — But even the superstitious hunchers can't see Tony as a natural.

Brains Dep't. — Vincent DiMaggio, who was waived out of the National League last winter, now is sought by at least four major clubs for outright purchase from Kansas City, which is enjoying the bidding contest, thank you—And who owns the K. C. outfit? — Right the first time, those Yanks.

If you are searching for an answer to the Tigers' spurt, settle on Birdie Tebbets, who has been giving Detroit the best catching it has had since Mickey Cochrane took off the pads—His .330 hit average accounts for a lot of runs — And Hank Greenberg seems to turn on the heat against the Yankees, accounting for the fact the Tigers have whipped the champs more times than any other outfit — It won't be much longer for Freddy Hutchinson at Toledo, with Ai Benton failing to come through and Dizzy Trout nursing a sore arm.

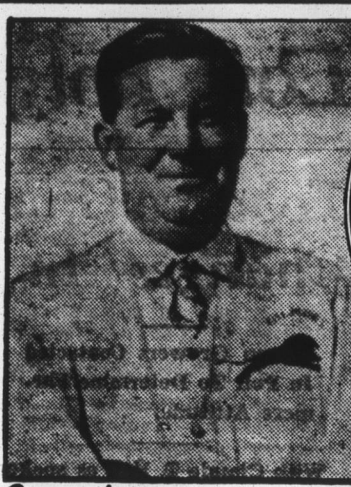
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NATIONAL CHAMPS HEADING EAST FOR 11th LORDSHIP SKEET SHOOT



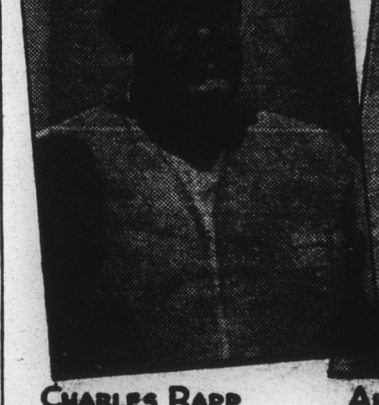
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The Gilmore Red Lion team of Los Angeles, Calif., national champions, will face the foremost teams in the nation June 23, 24, 25 at the 11th annual Great Eastern Skeet Championships.

Held under the auspices of the Remington Gun Club, Lordship, Connecticut, the Great Eastern is the country's oldest and largest skeet tournament.

The Red Lions, led by Ralph Cook Scott, hold the national team record, 1238 X 1250, in addition to the national team title which they annexed at Tulsa, Okla., last summer. They won the National Telegraphic event at last year's Great Eastern by a score of 491 X 600.

Odis Walding and Grant Ilseing are both former holders of national long run records, Walding's former mark being 483, while Ilseing broke 598 targets without a miss.

Ilseing and Alex Kerr, another team mate, hold the national two-man team record of 498 X 500 also hung up at the Tulsa matches last year. Scott and Charles Rapp, the fifth member of the team, are among the foremost shooters on the Pacific Coast.

In their last appearance at the Great Eastern in 1934, the Red Lions captured the team championship. This year the California champs are out to wrest honors from the Roseland, New Jersey five, current holders of the Great Eastern team title.

S-O-F-T-B-A-L-L

MONDAY

City Service Sta. vs. Methodists 5:45.

Rinkadinks vs Longhurst No. 2 6:45.

TUESDAY

Kiononians vs. Rinkadinks 6:45.

WEDNESDAY

Longhurst No. 1 vs. City Service Sta. 5:45.

Barnett's vs Longhurst No. 2 6:45.

THURSDAY

Court Street vs. Methodists 5:45.

Kiononians vs. Barnett's 6:45.

FRIDAY

Roxboro P. O. vs. Longhurst No. 1 6:45.

Rinkadinks Win Two Straight League Contests

On Tuesday afternoon at 6:45 the Rinkadinks met the Barnett Service Station ten on the East Roxboro diamond and won by the small margin of a single score, coming in the last half of the seventh. The final score was 6-5.

Charles Ball, Rink hurler, allowed the Station boys only three hits, but due to several errors they managed to push five runs across the rubber.

A. P. James and H. K. Sanders were the leading hitters of the day with three apiece.

Thursday proved to be a much easier day for these boys as they entertained the City Service Station bunch, managed by Hassell Long, and were on the long end of a 17 - 10 score.

The hurling duties were held down well by Bobby (Screwsy) Stephens, and combined with the good fielding of Logan Jackson, H. K. Sanders, Malcolm Duncan, Pridmore Thomas, Bill Kane and A. P. James, the winners never had to worry for a minute.

Fowler, member of "gas house" gang, did o. k., both in the field and at the plate.

The Rinkadinks are as follows: Buddy Allgood and Bobby Stephens, pitchers; Dick Puckett, catcher; Logan Jackson, 1st. base; Pridmore Thomas, 2nd. base; Bill Kane, shortstop; A. P. James, 3rd. base; Buddy Clayton, left-field; H. K. Sanders Jr., center-field; Malcolm Duncan, short-field, and Charles Ball, right-field and pitcher. Claborne Dixon, Glenn Titus, Red Day, Clyde Murphy and Ben Thaxton also are players.

Garagemen Take Softball Game 8-7

Tar Heel Chevrolet entered the softball wars last week and punched out an 8-7 victory over Longhurst No. 1.

The winners opened with five runs in the first frame to take a commanding lead.

With the score knotted in the seventh, L. Morrell poled out a long homer with none away to win the game for Tar Heel.

E. Jones' three hits for Longhurst took hitting honors for the game.

The box score:

Longhurst No. 1	Ab	R	H	A
C. Gentry, ss	4	2	1	0
J. Tyson, 3b	4	1	0	0
A. Carver, sf	4	1	1	0
B. Bowes, c	3	1	1	0
E. Jones, rf	3	1	3	0
E. Bowns, lf	3	0	0	0
H. Bowns, cf	3	0	1	0
R. Pointer, 1b	3	0	1	0
Kiker, 2b	1	0	0	0
C. Gilliland, 2b	2	1	1	0
R. Dixon, p	0	0	0	0
Wilson, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	7	9	0

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POST OFFICE TOPS LONGHURST IN SOFTBALL

Uncle Sam's Post Office soft-balls proved too strong for Longhurst No. 2 with the latter being nosed out 3-1.

The Post Office got off to a two-run lead in the first and added another in the sixth. Longhurst failed to score until the final inning.

Clayton and Phillips for the Post Office and B. Riley for Longhurst were hitting leaders with two apiece. Ernest Lunsford's long homer was an outstanding feature of the game.

The lineups:

Post Office	Ab	R	H	A
Snipes, cf	3	0	1	0
Umstead, lf	3	1	1	0
Garrett, Jr., sf	3	1	1	0
Lunsford, p	3	1	2	0
B. Clayton, 1b	3	0	2	2
P. Phillips, ss	3	0	2	5
Garrett, Sr., 2b	3	0	1	1
Brooks, rf	2	0	1	1
O'Brian, c	2	0	1	0
R. Phillips, 3b	2	0	0	1
Totals	24	3	11	11

Longhurst No. 2	Ab	R	H	A
F. Roberson	3	0	1	3
J. Pulliam	3	0	0	0
J. Roberson	3	1	2	2
J. Dixon	3	0	2	2
G. Redman	3	0	0	0
B. Riley	3	0	2	1
S. Snow	3	0	0	0
E. Dixon	2	0	0	0
W. Fears	2	0	1	0
O. Yarborough	2	0	1	2
Totals	27	1	6	10

Score by innings:

Post Office 200 001 x-3

Longhurst No. 2 000 000 1-1

Rus batted in: Lunsford 3, B. Riley 1. Two-base hits: J. Roberson. Home runs: Lunsford. Left on bases: Longhurst 5, P. O. 3. Struck out—by: Lunsford 4, Yarborough 1. Time of game: 45 min. Umpires: Day.

Legion Nine Wins First Clash, 6 - 4

SURPRISE

Roxboro	Ab	R	H	A
Clayton, rf	6	1	3	1
Slaughter, ss	6	1	1	4
Robertson, p	4	0	1	4
Jackson, lf	6	1	0	0
Hall, 1b	5	0	1	1
Buchanan, 2b	5	0	1	1
Davis, 3b	4	1	0	2
Barton, cf	4	1	2	1
Yarboro, c	0	1	0	0
Day, c	3	0	0	2
Totals	44	6	9	16

Durham	Ab	R	H	A
Loftis, 3b	3	1	1	5
Levy, lf	3	1	1	0
Lloyd, ss	3	0	1	3
(a) Riley	1	1	1	0
Byrd, c	4	0	0	0
(b) Noel	1	0	0	0
Perry, 1b	5	1	1	0
Jones, cf	4	1	1	1
Thompson, 2b	4	0	1	1
Godwin, rf	4	0	0	1
Dennis, p	3	0	0	4
Wods, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	7	15

Local Outfit Wins In 11-Inning Contest — Roxboro Hurrier In Fine Form.

STANDING OF TEAMS

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Burlington	5	1	.833
Raleigh	3	2	.600
Durham	2	4	.333
Roxboro	1	4	.200

Playing their second extra-inning contest of the week, the Durham American Legion juniors dropped a tough, 6 to 4, decision to the Roxboro juniors on the Long Meadow field Friday afternoon in an 11-inning battle.

Robertson went the distance for the winners and kept seven hits well scattered. The little right-hander allowed Coach Tom Rogers' boys only four hits until the 11th inning and whiffed 10 batters. He let only six men get on base during the first eight rounds and two of these were thrown out trying to steal.

John Dennis, in his first start of the season, also pitched great ball for Durham, allowing only three safe blows until the ninth.

ROXBORO LEADS

Roxboro took a one-run lead in the third inning and stayed in front until the ninth frame, when the locals knotted the score. Davis first up for the Person count-downs in the third was safe when Shuler Loftis fumbled his grounder. Barton lined out to Dennis, the pitcher, who doubled Davis off first. Yarboro then received a base-on-balls and scored on Tom Hill Clayton's three-base blw t left field.

The visitors seemed to have the game in the bag but Sid Levy, first man up for Durham in the last half of the ninth, drew a pass and was sacrificed to second by Lacy Lloyd. Charlie Byrd popped up to the pitcher for putout No. 2 but Russ Perry hit a long fly to left field which hit in Jackson's glove but dropped out, allowing Levy to score with the tying run.

Davis started Roxboro off in the 11th with a base on balls, followed by Russ Perry's miscue on Barton's grounder. Woods relieved Dennis and fanned Day, but Clayton lined a single into left, scoring Davis. Slaughter, brother of Enos Slaughter, outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, singled to load the bases. Robertson fanned, but Thompson errored Jackson's grounder, allowing two more runs to cross the plate and Hall singled to score the other runs, but was caught in a chase and was tagged out for the third putout.

RILEY SINGLES

Homer Riley pinch hit for Lacy Lloyd in Durham's half of the 11th and singled to right field and went to second when the rightfielder let the ball get through him. Shuler Loftis singled to left, moving Riley to third. Homer Noel hit for Byrd and grounded out, but Riley scored on the play. Russ Perry then connected for a home run into deep left field to account for Durham's other runs.

Clayton and Barton led the hitting for the day, the former getting three blows and the latter two. No Durham player was able to get more than one hit.

At South Boston Bi-State Games

Sunday, June 25 - No Game.

Monday, June 26 - Mt. Airy, 8:15 p. m.

Thursday, June 29 - Martinsville, 8:15 p. m.

Friday, June 30 - Reidsville, 8:15 p. m.

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