

Al Smith's Homer Gives Tribe Win Over Yankees

CLEVELAND (AP)—Al Smith clubbed a home run over the left field fence in the ninth inning Monday night to give the Cleveland Indians a 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees and boost them into the American League lead.

Bob Lemon hurled a three-hitter at the Yanks for his fifth straight victory, all completely pitched. He now holds a lifetime record of 26-25 against New York, and the only other hurlers able to gain the upper hand over the Bombers in a comparable period are Boston's Mel Parnell and Detroit's Steve Gromek.

Smith was the first Indian up in the ninth, and the home run, his fifth of the season, broke a 2-2 tie that had existed from the

fourth. ONLY ACTION The game was the day's only major league contest, and it cost the Yanks the league lead they had held since May 3. They now trail Cleveland by 10 percentage points—625 to 615.

Gil McDougald and Mickey Mantle hit consecutive home runs off Lemon in the fourth for the only Yankee runs that evening. The other right-handed pitcher was a single by Elston Howard in the fifth inning.

Smith's home run, which sent Cleveland into first place for the first time this year, drew wild cheers from the crowd. Until the starting lineups were announced, there was some doubt that Smith

would be able to play. He has been troubled by a sore leg.

There was one out in the fourth, and Lemon had faced only 10 Yankee batters to that point when McDougald clubbed his second homer of the season over the left field fence for the first New York hit. Mantle, next man up, poked his 12th homer of the season over the right field fence, and the Yanks went ahead 2-1.

FORD EJECTED Cleveland tied it in the bottom of the fourth on Vic Wertz's double and Carrasquel's single. From the Yankee bench, Whitey Ford protested umpire Ed Runge's call of safe at the plate for Wertz and Runge ordered Ford out.

Lemon's first two bases on balls put Yogi Berra and Joe Collins on the base paths in the seventh, with one out, but Elston Howard and Billy Martin grounded out.

Jim Hegan doubled and got to third on a balk by Kucks in the seventh, but he waited there while Lemon and Busby made infield outs.

The Indians have now won three of four games with the 1955 pennant winners. Curiously, of 12 Yankee runs scored in these four games, eight have been on home runs with no one on base.

Homerus by Mantle and Yogi Berra scored the only runs off Lemon when he won 7-2 in New York last Thursday.

Sports

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Preparations For Golf Season Underway At Belvedere Now

If the weatherman permits it is hoped that the 1956 golfing season will officially get underway on the Island this coming long weekend with a 9-hole tournament at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Despite the inclement weather of the past few weeks the course is in good shape and superintendent John MacDonald has been doing a considerable amount of work on it.

At present there is a practice area in use where golfers can get a light workout in preparation for the season and it is expected that a few holes will be ready for play sometime this week.

In addition the green at the 18th hole has been completely rebuilt under the supervision of Mr. MacDonald.

A full summer's activity is being lined up. A number of tournaments have been planned, of which more details will be announced at a later date.

The Canadian Amateur Golf Tournament will be held at Edmunston, N.B., this year. Last year Bill "Pud" Beer was a member of the N.B. - P.E.I. Willington Cup team at the tournament held at Calgary and Errol Nicholson was the Island's junior representative.

Cecil "Bubby" Dowling has once again been signed as club pro. Bubby has held this post for a past few years.

The officials of the club are looking forward to a successful season of golf.

"CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT" Don Fontana's Charges Leave Rochon Puzzled

MONTREAL (CP) — Henri Rochon of Montreal, veteran of the Davis Cup competition, said Monday he is at a loss to explain why teammate Don Fontana of Toronto should charge him with making "phony statements" to the press.

Rochon is captain of this year's Canadian Davis Cup team which recently eliminated the British West Indies 5-0 in cup matches at Trinidad.

In a letter to a friend in Toronto Fontana charged that in Trinidad Rochon had claimed a sunstroke had prevented him from completing an elimination match arranged to select the Canadian team.

Fontana wrote that the elimination match actually was played and that he beat Rochon.

"I can't understand it," said Rochon in an interview. "Don and I are good friends. Besides I don't know what he has to complain about since he played in both singles and doubles matches against the West Indies.

"Don beat me fair and square in that match, and when I made a statement to the press following it, I specifically asked Don to be there along with Bob Bedard so that everyone would be satisfied.

"Now I've read in the newspaper that Don quotes me as telling reporters that we never played that match because I had a sunstroke and that this is depriving him of due credit by putting him in the role of a substitute.

"Well, sure we played that match. Don won just as he said and he was present when I made the statement to the press after it. I don't know why he is complaining now."

Rochon said the newspapers Friday and Sunday I played Don. He took me 6-3 in the first set and 7-5 in the second. The games were tied 6-6 in the third and since I wasn't in shape and had little chance for a comeback, I gave the match to Don."

He said his poor physical shape also prompted him to decide against playing the match against Bedard, top-seeded player on the team and native of Sherbrooke, Que.

"What happened was I arrived

SPORT FORUM

Born 75 Years Too Soon

Mr. Joe Chovynski was a boxer who was born about 75 years too soon if Joe was active today he would undoubtedly be heavyweight champion of the world.

Joe was unfortunate enough to be born in 1880. He started his ring career in 1884 as an amateur and after copying various crowns he turned to the pro ranks.

He was at his best in the days of great fighters like Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Johnson and Jeffries. Joe was good enough to flatten Johnson for the count and earn draws with both Jeffries and Fitzsimmons.

Chovynski met Corbett four times. The first time police interfered with the bout; the second Chovynski's seconds tossed the towel into the ring in the 27th round after Chovynski was taking a fearful beating.

Joe's most lucrative days were spent in Australia. On a tour there he picked up some \$28,000.00 in loose change.

Included among Chovynski's victories was a knockout over P.E.I. - born George Godfrey, for which pocketed \$14,000.00.

More money days came when Joe put himself under manager Charlie Davis who also handled Peter Jackson. It was a profitable period in his career.

Jackson and Chovynski caught the stage bug and toured the U.S.A. in

"Uncle Tom's Cabin." As actors both were very good boxers. The best part of the show came when the dou put on a three round exhibition of sparring.

While Chovynski was at his best he fought the best Numbered among his opponents are Corbett (4 times), Tom Sharkey (3 times), Peter Maher (twice), the original Joe Walcott and others.

Once upon a time there was a boxing bout that almost started a war between England and Ireland. On December 19, 1877, the English champ Tom Jackling was taking on Ireland's Jide and Jody. The Irishman was a real tough guy. The Englishman's seconds claimed a foul. The foul was disallowed but the time consumed in arguing give Jackling a chance to recover and he went on to flatten O'Ryan ten minutes later.

The Irish were up in arms. Jackling had won a fluke, they claimed.

A return bout kept blood from being shed. Jackling won this one decisively in 33 minutes.

Joe Shannon was a real tough guy. Joe fought out of Philadelphia and in 116 bouts he never received a black eye, a bloody nose, a cauliflower ear or a cut of any kind.

I am, sir, etc.,
Wilfred O. McCluskey,
Charlottetown.

Brooklyn Sells Loes To Baltimore For \$20,000

(By The Associated Press) Major league baseball clubs, striving to prune down to the 25-player limit effective midnight of Thursday, spent a busy time Monday trading, selling and shuffling around players like pawns in a chess game.

The biggest news of the day was the sale of Billy Loes, the eccentric pitcher, by the Brooklyn Dodgers to the Baltimore Orioles for an estimated \$20,000. The deal, the Dodgers announced, was made with the realization that the Orioles were aware of Loes' sore-armed condition.

The Orioles also purchased Johnny Schmitz, veteran southpaw, from the Boston Red Sox, paid Mel Held, a righthanded pitcher, to Minneapolis of the American Association and optioned Werner (Babe) Birrer, another pitcher, to their San Antonio farm club of the Texas League.

On Sunday the Orioles had swapped outfielders with Cleveland, sending Dave Pope to the Indians for the veteran Hoot Evers. The transactions left the Orioles one over the 25-player limit.

SWAP INFELDERS St. Louis and Philadelphia followed up their five-day trading of last week with another player-switch, the Cards swapping Solly

Horgan to the Phillies for Bobby Morgan. Both are utility infielders. Both clubs said the deal was part of the big transaction that sent Harvey Haddix, Stu Miller and Ben Flores to the Phillies for righthanders Murry Dickson and Herman Wehner last Thursday. Horgan had been placed on the waiver list by St. Louis and the deal could not be completed until the waivers expired.

The Phillies also announced the outright release of veteran outfielder Wally Westlake and the return of southpaw Bob Ross to the Chattanooga club of the Southern Association.

Chicago Cubs got down to the player limit by placing outfielder Gale Wade and catcher Elvin Tappe on the reassignment list. The two players will be assigned to minor league clubs within a day or two.

New York Yankees trimmed down to within two of the limit by optioning second baseman Bobby Richardson to their Denver club of the American Association.

Calhoun Stops Sandy In Four

NEW YORK (AP)—Undefeated Herman York Calhoun of White Plains, N.Y., stopped lanky Sandy in 2:46 of the first round by flooring the lanky New Yorker three times Monday night at St. Nicholas Arena. It was Calhoun's 21st straight victory. Calhoun weighed 167½, Sandy 155½.

Referee Ray Miller halted the bout after Sandy went down for the third time from a right hand blow to the head. Miller immediately ended the scrap under the New York rule which calls for stopping a fight when a boxer is knocked down three times in one round.

Rip Repulski And Mantle Lead Major League Batters

NEW YORK (AP)—Eldon (Rip) Repulski of St. Louis and Cincinnati's Ed Bailey, a pair of National League sluggers who weren't counted regularly at the outset of the 1956 season, top the majors in batting with average of .431 each.

Repulski, currently boasting a 12-game hitting streak, collected 10 safeties in 23 at bats last week. The 27-year-old outfielder gained two points in advancing from third to first. Last week's leader, suffered a 28-point decline as he went five-for-14.

In the American League Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees maintained his batting supremacy with a .391 mark despite a 33-point dip. Figures include games through Sunday.

Repulski had only two pinch-hitting appearances in the Cardinals' first six games as Hank Sauer and Joe Frazier got the starting nod over him. Rip now appears heading for his best season as he has never batted over .300 in three previous campaigns, averaging .276.

Mantle, with eight hits in 26 trips, managed to stave off a

thrust by Dick Gernert of the Boston Red Sox, who boosted his batting average to .385—runner-up in the American loop. Gernert, a converted first baseman who is subbing for the injured Ted Williams in left field, rapped out 13 hits in 30 plate appearances last week.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Senators cut their squad to the 25-player limit Monday, sending pitcher Al Curtis to Vancouver on option.

The action came on the heels of a series of other moves Sunday in which Senators shipped five players and recalled two others.

Pitcher Dick Brodowski, who, like Curtis, was acquired from Boston last November as part of a nine-player trade, was sent to Louisville in the American Association. Along with Brodowski to Louisville went shortstop Jose Valdivielso. Both are on option.

Outfielder Dick Tettelbach was sent back to Denver of the American Association on option. Catcher Bob Oldis was sold outright to Chattanooga of the Southern Association and outfielder Tom Wright was sold to Louisville.

Senators recalled outfielder Carlos Paula from Denver and shortstop Lyle Luttrell from Chattanooga.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP RESULTS STANDINGS

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Team	W	L	Pct.
American League			
New York	001 200 000-2 3 0		
Cleveland	001 100 001-3 6 1		
Kucks and Berra; Lemon and Hegan. HRS: NY—McDougald, Mantle, Clevé-Smith.			

W L Pct. GBL

Cleveland	15	9	.625	—
New York	16	10	.615	1
Chicago	16	8	.656	2
Boston	11	10	.524	2½
Baltimore	11	12	.462	3
Washington	11	13	.458	4
Kansas City	9	13	.409	5
Detroit	8	15	.348	6½

PROBABLE PITCHERS

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won-lost records in parentheses):

National League
St. Louis at Brooklyn (N)—Wehmeier (0-2) or Poholsky (3-0) vs Templeton (0-1).
Chicago at New York (H)—Hacker (0-3) vs Antonelli (1-3).
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (N)—Nuxhall (0-2) vs Law (1-2).
Baltimore at Philadelphia (N)—Buhl (2-1) or Burdette (1-1) vs Miller (0-1).

American League
Washington at Chicago (N)—Stobbs (2-1) vs Keegan (1-0).
Baltimore at Kansas City (N)—Wilson (3-1) vs Kretlow (1-3).
New York at Cleveland (N)—McDermott (1-2) vs Garcia (2-2).
Boston at Detroit (N)—Nixon (0-1) vs Foystack (1-1).

LEADERS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Team	AB	R	H	Pct.
Mantle, New York	92	26	36	.391
Gernert, oBston	65	11	25	.385
Maxwell, Detroit	63	14	24	.381
Boyer, St. Louis	54	7	20	.270
Lollar, Chicago	40	8	22	.367

Runs batted in—Berra, New York, 28.
Doubles—Goodman, Boston, 9.
Triples—Russell, Washington, 3.
Home runs—Mantle, 11.
Stolen bases—Nine players tied with 2.
Pitching—Ford, New York, 5-0, 1,000.
Strikeouts—Score, Cleveland, 45.

Team	AB	R	H	Pct.
Repulski, St. Louis	38	16	25	.431
Bailey, Cincinnati	51	9	22	.431
Boyer, St. Louis	85	20	35	.412
Long, Pittsburgh	87	17	35	.402
Moon, St. Louis	81	19	32	.395

Runs batted in—Boyer, 24.
Doubles—Dark, New York, 9.
Triples—Bruton, Milwaukee, 6.
Home runs—Post, Cincinnati, 9.
Stolen bases—Moon, St. Louis, 6.
Pitching—Freeman and Lawrence, Cincinnati, and Poholsky, St. Louis, 3-0, 1,000.
Strikeouts—Friend, Pittsburgh, 30.
(Above does not include yesterday's games).

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Phillies - Cards Swap Infielders

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals swapped utility infielders Monday, Bobby Morgan going to St. Louis for Solly Hemus.

Hemus, Philadelphia general manager, announced that he said it was a straight player swap with no cash involved. Hamey was part of the five-pitcher trade last week which sent Yogi Berra and Herman Wehner of the Phils to the Cardinals for Harvey Haddix, Stu Miller and Ben Flores.

Hemus explained that Hemus on the waiver list and the couldn't be completed until waiver period expired.

Morgan, who came to the Phils in March, 1954, for \$50,000, is a utility infielder who has hit .200 this season—five hits in 25 at bats—as a utility infielder and pinch-hitter.

Hemus, 32, also has been used mostly as a pinch-hitter this season, appearing at the plate offically four times without a hit.

Nats Cut Roster To 25 Players

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Yankees Release Jim Konstanty

CLEVELAND (AP)—New York Yankees cut down to the 26-player limit Monday night by releasing righthander Jim Konstanty and placing shortstop Billy Hunter on the disabled list for 30 days.

The Yanks now have 26 players, the legal maximum for them. Billy Martin is carried above the usual 25-man roster because he is a service-returnee.

Konstanty, 39-year-old reliever, is in New York with a back ailment. Technically, waivers have been asked for purposes of giving him his release and as soon as those expire at midnight Tuesday, he can shop for a job—when his health permits.

New Baseball Park Slated For New York

NEW YORK (AP)—Mannhattan borough president Hulan E. Jack said Saturday a new Polo Grounds accommodating about 110,000 persons, will be built on New York's west side "under private investment."

Jack, addressing a luncheon conference, said the New York Central Railroad is sympathetic to the plan to relocate the baseball field over its tracks between 66th and 72nd streets, near the west side highway.

"I have just come from a conference and I can tell you that a stadium will be built to house 110,000 persons on the west side," Jack said. He declined to give details.

Fishing Vessel In Difficulties

HALIFAX (CP) The fishing vessel Sara Morton was reported in difficulties off the Northern tip of Cape Breton Monday, but radio contact could not be established to determine the extent of her trouble.

The only report came from the Halifax drifter, Elaine W., which said the 82 foot Sara Morton was broken down near St. Paul's Island. No other details were received.

The R.C.A.F. said they planned to send up an aircraft as soon as visibility improved. Low ceiling and fog prevented an immediate search.

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