

Yawkey's "Palookas" Gain First Place Tie With Yankees

Sox Down New York; To Meet Again Today

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When Tom Yawkey, millionaire owner of the Boston Red Sox said, "those darn palookas of mine are going to be the American League champs," everyone thought it was a good crack.

Well, those palookas are tied with the New York Yankees for first place in the American League today, a position they expect to better by nightfall.

Lefty Mel Parnell pitched the rampaging Red Sox into a flat-footed tie yesterday as he downed the Yanks, 4-1, with a neat four-hitter before a howling mob of 35,517 fans at Boston.

The Red Sox take on the Yanks in the stadium today with Lefty Mearns, McDermott (5-4) scheduled to go for the palookas against New York's Tommy Byrne (15-7).

A triumph for either party would just about settle the issue. Following today's battle both teams will have five games left to play including two at the New York park next Saturday and Sunday. In between meetings the Red Sox play three games with last place Washington and the Yanks three with the pesky fifth place Philadelphia Athletics.

While the Red Sox stiffened the Yanks yesterday, the St. Louis Cardinals zoomed into a commanding one and one-half game lead over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League race. The Cards beat the Chicago Cubs, 6-1, while the Philadelphia Phils split the Dodgers, 5-3.

St. Louis and Brooklyn, marking time today, have five and four games left to play, respectively. The Cards have three dates with the last place Cubs and two with sixth place Pittsburgh. The Dodgers have two meetings with the Phils and two with Boston.

Should the Cards win only three of their remaining five games it would assure them of no worse than a tie, providing Brooklyn takes all four of its games. Four Cardinal victories and that old chant of "wait until next year" will be revived in the borough where the famous tree sprouts.

Parnell's triumph was his 25th of the season against seven defeats. It also was Boston's ninth straight and their 21st consecutive at home. Parnell and Kinder, who has won 23 games, have accounted for more than half of Boston's 93 victories.

Allie Reynolds pitched well for the Yanks but not good enough. The Sox reached Reynolds for two runs in the second when Johnny Pesky singled with two out and the bases loaded. Parnell kept the rally alive with a two down single.

Reynolds hung on gamely until the seventh when Ted Williams ended the Yankee hopes with a 400-foot homer, his 43rd, into the rightfield seats. Johnny Pesky preceded Williams' lone hit of the game with his third hit.

Harry (The Cat) Brecheen tamed the Cubs on six hits and collected four of the Cards' 12 safeties. The crafty lefthander batted in three runs and was only ruffled in the fourth when Rookie Bill Serena homered.

Ralph Branca started for Brooklyn and pitched seven brilliant innings. Branca allowed only five hits and fanned nine but a blister forced him out of action.

Jack Banta took over and the Phils quickly went to town. Richie Ashburn beat out a bunt and raced to third on Gran Hamner's double. Dick Sisler singled both runners home to tie the score at 3-3. Del Ennis popped out attempting to bunt. Seminick, hitless in three previous swings, then whaled Banta's first pitch out of sight to break up the game.

In other National League games the New York Giants downed the Boston Braves, 3-2 and 5-2 and the Pittsburgh Pirates clipped the Cincinnati Reds, 7-3, and 5-3.

Bob Lemon turned in his 21st victory for Cleveland as he pitched the Indians to a 7-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers. In other American League games the Philadelphia Athletics beat Washington, 8-5, then bowed, 4-0, to Dick Wells of the Senators in the seven-inning finale. The Chicago White Sox defeated the St. Louis Browns, 7-5, and then lost, 6-2 to the Browns.

Loudys Beat Autos In 10 Innings, 4-3

Loudys won a ten-inning thriller from the Sandusky Auto Dealers, 4-3, and The Huron AMVETS defeated the Moose, 9-0, in the softball tournament at IAB field Sunday night. Apex beat the Taverners, Saturday night.

Tonight's slate has IAB meeting Clippers and Jax playing Schlessmans. Fourteen teams are still left in the tourney.



COLEMAN FORCED—DOERR HURT—Jerry Coleman of the Yankees is forced out at second as Bobby Doerr of the Red Sox whips the ball (right) to first in time to nail Allie Reynolds whose hit to third baseman Johnny Pesky started fifth inning action at Boston. (Sept. 25) Doerr was hurt on the play and had to be helped from field but later continued playing. (AP Wirephoto)

Veck Proud Of Tribe Crowds; Indians Batter Detroit, 7-1

Cleveland, Sept. 26 (AP) — For the second year in a row, the Cleveland Indians' home attendance has passed 2,200,000; but indications are the New York Yankees will have a bigger home gate than the Tribe this season.

The 33,977 paying customers who turned out at Laketown stadium yesterday for the Indians' 7-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers raised the season total here to 2,233,871, compared to last year's all-time major league record of 2,620,627.

The Yanks have 2,083,062 with six big home games remaining. To Bill Veck, who saw a Cleveland attendance of 1,057,289 in 1946, when he first came, and of 1,521,978 in 1947, his first full year of operation as president, this season's home attendance is "even more remarkable than last year's."

Last year, he points out, there was a red-hot pennant race all the way. This year the Tribe was off to a poor start, and hasn't been in this month's pennant scrapping at all.

If the Indians can take three straight from the Chicago White Sox Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Chicago, they'll have a chance to play for the third-place spot in next week-end's three-game series at Detroit.

Bob Lemon's five-hit triumph yesterday cut Detroit's third-place margin to 2½ games. It was Lemon's 21st victory against 10 defeats and marked the first time in three seasons that a Cleveland pitcher has won more than 20 games. Bob himself had 20-14 last year.

Lemon struck out seven batters in the first three innings and went on to whiff four more to total 11 strikeouts—a new high for Cleveland and pitching in 1949. Ellis Kinder of Boston's Red Sox has the major league top mark of 15 for this campaign so far.

A pair of walks and a single, plus a long fly, brought a Detroit run in the fourth inning to spoil Lemon's bid for a shutout.

Cleveland peeked away at Art Houtteman for a pair of runs in the second and another in the seventh, then cut loose with a four-run rally in the eighth, featuring a bases-loaded single by Bob Kennedy.

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Lupica Showered With Gifts On Plymouth Tops Descent From Pole At Stadium Huron, 18-14

CLEVELAND, Sept. 26 (AP) — Wobly-legged Charley Lupica swore off flagpole sitting today and luxuriated in an honest-to-goodness bed.

What's more, after his world champion squat of 117 days, two hours and 25 minutes, Lupica sighed: "Now I'm going to rest for two weeks before going back to work. This is not the end of things for me. It's the beginning. It gives me a new start in life."

The 37-year-old Lupica made his historic descent yesterday before 33,977 fans at Cleveland stadium. His ankles were sore. He was tired. But his eyes were moist as he teetered toward his wife, Augustine, and their four children at home plate.

Charley found out that flag pole sitting can be profitable, even when you lose. He had vowed to stay aloft on his perch over his delectable until the Indians reached first place.

He guessed wrong but managed to shatter the old pole sitting mark of 72 days. The Tribe gave him these presents, anyway, at the ceremony:

A new sedan; Bicycles for daughters Margaret, 6 and Nicolette, 10; a tricycle for son Carl, 8; a stroller for Charley, Jr., one month.

A radio; a stove, an old fashion-

ioned bath tub; a four poster bed; a dog for Carl; and a 50-foot flagpole.

To all this, Mrs. Lupica could only say: "Oh, my goodness. This sure is something. I'm glad it's all over for Charley. Aren't you, Charley?"

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP)—Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh outfielder, knocked out his 53rd home run yesterday to go three games ahead of the pace set by Hack Wilson, who set a National League record of 56 with the Chicago Cubs in 1930.

Kiner, however, is six games behind the major league record pace of Babe Ruth, who hit 60 for the 1927 New York Yankees.

Wilson hit his 54th homer in his 154th game on Sept. 26. Ruth clouted his 54th in his 147th game on Sept. 18.

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HURON, Sept. 26—After leading during most of the game, the Huron High gridders failed to stop a fourth quarter sustained drive of 60 yards and lost to Plymouth, 18-14, at Plymouth Saturday.

Huron scored after taking the opening kickoff with the touchdown coming on a 20-yard pass from Bill Craig to Bob Tata. Craig skirted end for the conversion.

Plymouth came back to score in the same period on a lateral after an end run and then went ahead in the second period with a 60-yard runback of a punt. They failed to make either conversion.

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the next kickoff. Majoy took the kick and brought it back 45 yards to the Plymouth five-yard marker. Craig scored on a line buck and Tony Larizza ran for the extra point to make the halftime score 14-12. There was no more scoring until the final period.

Clark Sidelined

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 26 (AP)—Jimmy Clark, Ohio State halfback, will be out of action at least two weeks because of an injury suffered in the Missouri game. Trainer Ernie Biggs reported yesterday.

He said Clark suffered a muscle separation where the collar bone joins the chest bone. Only other major injury Saturday, as Pete Perini, a defensive halfback, whose ankle was sprained. Duration of his idleness is uncertain.



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