

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Things Nearly Even

THE National League has moved one game closer to equalizing its score with the American League in the matter of all-star contests. They get the chance on Monday July 30 to even the matter at 16-16 in Chicago's Wrigley Field.

Last Tuesday the boys from the senior circuit got terrific pitching from a combination of moundsmen and they went back to their respective clubs with a 3-1 decision in the 22nd meeting between the leagues. Last July's second game at Fenway Park a season ended in a 1-1 tie.

The senior circuit hitters allowed the American League batters to score runs. Only one extra base knock was among that lot and that was a triple with none out by Luis Aparicio while Don Drysdale was tossing them in. However, Drysdale did hit stranded. He got the same two men on flies in the infield and struck out the third batter.

Of course, the fielding of Willie Mays and the base running of Maury Wills were really something. Willie rounded the outfield as though he owned it and Maury put on a sensational show among the bases. Probably both of these stars are tops in their field. If they are not, then we'd love to have a look at the best.

The only disappointment, as far as we were concerned, was that we never got a look at Whitey Ford or Sandy Koufax. It would have indeed been interesting to see what the hitters would have done with their offerings.

We particularly would have dearly loved to see Sandy. In his last three games he has allowed a total of eight base hits. He pitched a go-hitting game with a five-hitter and Saturday subdued the Giants with a three-hitter. In those last three games, his average has been a spectacular 2.67 hits per game.

Musical Starts It

IT WAS great to see Stan 'The Man' Musial start the National League on the road to victory. If the Nationals were to win, it would be hard to think of a more appropriate fellow to assist them on the victory march. Stan did it with a pinch and a will to lead over there.

Of course, the American League did their part to provide thrills with two on base in the sixth and the score 3-1. Roger Maris blasted one that had home run written all over it. But it was just a long out as Willie Mays went back to the wall and gathered it up with the greatest of ease.

Back To Business

TODAY the teams in each league got back in their own particular race once again. And there is quite a race going on in each of the leagues.

Los Angeles Dodgers own a half-game advantage over the second place San Francisco Giants. The Dodgers should hold the lead for 1962, they are proving a both-ends-of-the-spectrum club and they might just cause the Giants some embarrassing moments. The Giants stay in the Quaker City three days, but the length of time the Dodgers are in Boston, the Bombers arrive the scene reverse. Giants go into New York and Dodgers travel to Philadelphia for a double bill Sunday.

The schedule we have shown Los Angeles with an off-day Monday while Giants finish their three-game stand at the Polo Grounds. Things shouldn't change too much until after next Monday as the Giants and Dodgers are separated.

IN the American League, most folks are figuring the Yankees are in front to stay. With Mantle and Mays beginning to round the ball and prove they are not only logical to suppose that the rest of the way will be easier.

More about the American League tomorrow.

Races Scheduled For Side Track

Track conditions forced postponement of last night's scheduled harness races at Summerside Raceway. However, the affair will go on in its entirety tonight.

Nine dashes comprise the program that has the earmarks of a thriller from the word 'go'. The affair starts with a single dash and is followed by four doubles. Dashes five and six offer the fast class with seven starters. Edward M leaves on the rail and Victory Scott, Purv Daley, Vesta Wick, Sky Prince, Billie Eden and Mr. Back are the other contenders.

These dashes should surely be crowd pleasers all the time and a double dash winner in 1:11.1 is most unlikely.

There's a honky of a trot scheduled for dashes three and seven. The starters in this are Mister Key, Billy Silver, Tommie, and the other contenders.

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Probable Pitchers On Dodgers

Probable pitchers for today's major league games, won and lost records in parentheses.

American League Boston (Conley 8-7 and Wilson 6-2); (3) at Kansas City (Rakow 6-9 and Pfister 1-7); (N). Cleveland (Gomez 4-1) at Baltimore (Rohrer 4-3); (N). Detroit (Moore 7-9) at Chicago (Pizarro 7-7); (N). St. Louis (Stebbins 6-4); (N) at Minnesota (Krafcik 6-4); (N). New York (Fen 7-4); (N) at Los Angeles (Boufford 4-3); (N).

National League Cincinnati (Ray 11-8) at Chicago (Cleveland 4-3); (N). San Francisco (Pierce 8-2) at Sanford 8-4) at Philadelphia (Hammill 4-4); (N). Los Angeles (Podres 6-7) at New York (Craig 5-11); (N). Houston (Johnson 4-11) at Pittsburgh (McBean 6-5); (N). St. Louis (Jackson 7-8) at Milwaukee (Bender 1-6 or Duda 7-8); (N).

STANDINGS P W L Pct. Dodgers 6 4 2 .667 Yankees 5 4 2 .556 Pirates 5 3 2 .609 Braves 4 3 1 .769

Kidd Arrives For Meet

LONDON (CP)—Canadian Jack set Bruno Kidd arrived by air from Toronto Wednesday to join the three other greats of the British track and field championships this weekend.

The 30-year-old Devonian, a Toronto runner, making his first appearance outside North America, was accompanied by coach Fred Cook of Toronto's York



PLAYER BLASTS FROM THE SAND Gary Player follows flight of ball after blasting from sand trap along the 4th fairway at Troon, Scotland. Action came in second qualifying round as the little South African played the Old Troon course.

Yanks May Be On Way; Close Race Seen For NL

By MURRAY ROSE Associated Press Sports Writer

The M. and M.-powered New York Yankees may pry open Joe Cronin's "shoehorn" American League race in the next couple of weeks but the National League appears headed for another one of its titling battles to the wire.

That's one outlook on the perennial battles as the team prepared to resume activities Thursday in the second half of the season following the three day All-Star game break.

Cronin, the American League president, looked over the circuit's standing before the All-Star game in Washington, and beamed with pleasure at the unusual sight of nine teams bunched within nine games.

The Yankees were in first place, as usual, but only a game in front of Cleveland's surprising Indians who pulled out of a tailspin to get back into

the contention. Even more astonishing were the re-ignition of the Los Angeles Angels in third by 2½ games and Minnesota in fourth by 4½.

Detroit is fifth by five games, was in the team the Yankees were most concerned about, however. The Yanks surged back into first when slogging Mickey Mantle's Whaley Ford and Luis Arroyo returned to action and started making like they did in 1961.

Manager Ralph Houk realizes the Tigers are going to start searching for real when outfielder Al Kaline makes his expected return this month and Frank Lary regains his winning pitching form. Kaline was headed for a tremendous season when he suffered a broken collar bone in a spectacular catch that saved a game against the Yankees two months ago.

The next couple of weeks may tell the story Mantle's home run hitting has inspired home run king Roger Maris and fired up the rest of the lineup. If the Yankees get a fat streak going, they may blow open the league before the Tigers are ready to make their move. Despite their higher placings now, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Minnesota have too many weaknesses to rate as tougher threats than the Tigers.

The Angels get their crack at the Yankees tonight in the opener of the three-game set in Los Angeles. In the other American League action tonight, the Tigers are at Chicago, the Indians at Baltimore, the Washington Senators at Minnesota and Boston Red Sox at Kansas City.

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Koufax, Aguirre Are Tops In Earned Run Averages

By BEN GLAN NEW YORK (AP)—Sunk-paws Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Hank Aguirre of Detroit lead the major leagues in earned run average as the 1962 campaign nears its second half.

Figures compiled by The Associated Press show that Koufax tops the National League with an ERA of 2.14 and Aguirre paces the American with 2.08.

Koufax has yielded 40 earned runs in 168 innings while Aguirre has pitched 132 2/3 innings for a 2.98 mark. He has 123 non-earned runs. Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees, a two-time earned run champion, is third with 2.95.

Bob Shaw of Milwaukee, acquired from Kansas City of the American League last week, is second in the National League with a 2.38 average. He has given up 37 earned runs in 140 2/3 innings and posted a 9-1 record.

Bob Purkey of Cincinnati, a 14-game winner and Dick's righthander, who has won five for the New Houston Colts, are deadlocked for third at 2.98.

Shamrocks Whip All-Stars 11-1

HIS Shamrocks handed league-leading Nippon All-Stars a sound trouncing at the Old Diamond last evening coming out with a lopsided 11-1 victory behind the superb pitching of Joe Thistle. This was only the second loss in nine starts for the club.

Thistle was in complete control of the game all the way and allowed only three hits over the seven inning run. He had a shutout game going till the bottom of the seventh inning when the Mike Connolly-coached losers counted their only run. Up till that time only three players had got on base and none of them had got past first.

John Hughes came in on relief in the top of the sixth and pitched the remaining frames, allowing no hits, walking one and fanning two.

Everything went great for the All-Stars in the first two innings but then they blew up and as a result the Irish counted two runs in the third, three in the fourth and five in the fifth. The

ARMY ATTACKS ELIZABETH VILLAGE, The Congo (Reuters). MOISE Tshombe of secessionist Katanga province told a press conference Friday that the National Army launched an attack Thursday against his troops in north Katanga.

STARTERS WITH POSITIONS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 13th. FIRST DASH 8 P.M.

NO. 1 AT \$150.00. 1-Traffic Chief; 2-MY Gemie; 3-True Long; 4-Moist Girl; 5-Dot's Chief; 6-Fair Sall; 7-Mountain Jester; 8-Traite Hat.

NO. 2 - DASH AT \$175.00. 1-Moeb; 2-Elmer C.; 3-Jolly Leigh; 4-Ray Lee; 5-Moeb's Yolo; 6-Captain Child; 7-Booby Brock; 8-Buddy Lubrook. Also eligible Hickory Doc; Countess Alice.

NO. 3 - DASH AT \$175.00. 1-Highly's Way; 2-Sandy MacDuff; 3-Hey Yoo; 4-Freddy's Dream; 5-Oycione Kelly; 6-Windy June; 7-Anderson Ham.

NO. 4 - PULSE \$200.00. 1-Driver; 2-Doug Harbor; 3-Ducto F. C.; 4-Jeanie Brewer; 5-J. Orland C.; 6-Bobby Brock; 7-Rush Hal; 8-Jolly Dick. Also eligible: Slippy Queen.

NO. 5 1-Santago; 2-Morley's Pride; 3-Jolly Abb; 4-Dunlop B; 5-Jay Gary; 6-Here Am I.

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