

Sports

Homer Records Are Likely To Be Surpassed

New York, May 11. — (UP) — Things don't always come off as advertised, but it is quite possible that the home run smashing in the big series starting today between the Indians and Yankees will be terrific even in the house that Babe Ruth built.

The Babe, it seems, doesn't have the exclusive patent on home runs any more. And if things keep going as they have to date, it could be that his historic mark of 60 homers in a season, plus a lot of others in the books, will be surpassed.

Cleveland, pacing the American league race with 11 victories in 15 games, has collected 28 homers in that span, which is seven ahead of the 1947 record-setting pace of the New York Giants. The Giants marked up an all-time major league team record of 221 homers for the season, but in their first 15 games last year they connected for 21 homers.

And the Yankees, swinging for the fences as they did in that olden, golden era featuring Ruth & Co., rank next in the majors with 23 homers in 17 games, also ahead of the 1947 Giants who didn't get their 23rd homer until their 18th game.

The Indians, swinging for the fences as usual, swept their three-game series at Boston yesterday with a 12 to 7 win, their fifth in a row, and they also came up with a triple play. Homers by Larry Doby and Joe Gordon provided the offensive spark against Dave Ferris and Lou Boudreau started the "rally killer" at shortstop in the eighth, snagging a line drive by Bill Goodman and doubling Wally Moses at second, after which Gordon caught Birdie Tebbetts at first. Stan Spence got a three run homer for Boston.

The Yankees won their fifth game in six starts at New York as Joe DiMaggio, Billy Johnson and George Stirnweiss hit homers bringing the club total to seven in two days in the 9 to 3 drubbing of the White Sox. Taff Wright and Dave Philley hit Chicago homers and Tommy Henrich, who fell into the grandstand trying to make an "out of the world" catch of

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Wright's blow, came out with a bruised knee cap which may sideline him for some time. Charley (Red) Embree won his first start as a Yankee, giving up six hits.

Ralph Kiner smacked his sixth homer of the season last night at Pittsburgh, and it gave the Pirates a 4 to 2 victory over the Dodgers, hoisting the Bucs to a tie with New York for second place in the standings. Kiner hit his 425-footer over the left field wall one in on the third and the score tied at 1 to 1. It was his third bonanza belt in two days.

In the other two night games, Early Wynn's two runs-batted-in and five-hit pitching gave Washington a 6 to 2 win over St. Louis at Washington in the American and Johnny Sain hurled the Braves to a 6 to 0 decision over the Cardinals at St. Louis in the National. The shutout was the first of the season for the Redbirds and snapped their win streak at five games. The Giants were rained out at Chicago in the National.

Yesterday's star — Larry Doby of the Indians, who hit a homer, double, and two singles, batting in two runs in a 12 to 7 victory over the Red Sox.

Open War Rages In National Net Loops

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