

SPORTS

Yankees Voice Confidence On Flag Victory

NEW YORK (INS) — The top of the American League order eyed the Sept. stretch with confidence today but none was more confident than the New York Yankees.

The Bombers are virtually guaranteeing they will cop the flag if they can return home Friday in first place to ride out their remaining 23 games in Boston, Baltimore, Washington and their own back yard.

And they not only boast the lead, small as it is, heading into Kansas City for two more games and the end of their last western tour, but they're returning from the badlands with Billy The Kid, the bane of Brooklyn in the 1953 World Series.

As if the Bombers haven't looked stronger over the past week than either Chicago, Cleveland or Boston, they're an even more improvized club with infield sparkplug Billy Martin back in the lineup.

Casey Stengel doesn't figure that Billy, granted a 30-day furlough yesterday until his discharge from the army Oct. 8, will make all the difference in the world.

But he admits rather slyly that the 27-year-old shortstop — who practically won the series single handedly with 12 hits in 24 trips and eight runs batted in, the last one dramatically breaking it up in the sixth game — can help shape up the A. L. race down the smoking stretch drive that traditionally makes or breaks champions.

Martin's furlough will be long enough to allow him to remain through the regular season, which ends Sept. 26. He returns to Fort Carson, Colo., for processing Sept. 28, the day the World Series opens.

The Yankees took the day off yesterday along with Chicago, trailing by a half game, and Cleveland, another half game back. The Red Sox, hopeful of closing the gap to three games in fourth place, were washed out at Kansas City.

The unpredictable Baltimore Orioles ruined Detroit's pennant aspirations by sweeping a doubleheader

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which left the Tigers 13½ games in arrears.

Brooklyn cast off Erv Palica blanked the Detroiters, 6 to 0, on a five hitter in the opener and Ray Moore won the second game in relief, 4 to 3.

Gus Triandos helped beat Steve Gromek in the first one with a two run homer. Fred Marsh's bases loaded single drove in two runs to beat Ned Garver in the second game, which featured a home run by Detroit's Bubba Phillips.

Paul Richards, manager of the last placed Birds, jugged his lineup so that four men played at least two positions during the second contest.

In the only scheduled National League games, Brooklyn extended its lead to 12 games over idle Milwaukee by topping St. Louis, 10 to 4, in a bean ball fray; New York dropped its fifth straight, 6 to 3, against Chicago, and Cincinnati's homers ended Robin Roberts' bid for his 22nd win, 4 to 3, at Philadelphia.

The Dodgers scored seven of their runs on home runs by Duke Snider (39), Roy Campanella (30) and Carl Furillo (23). Southpaw Johnny Podres gave way to Clem Labine when Ken Boyer homered for three Card runs in the seventh but Johnny was credited with his ninth win.

Plate umpire Jocko Conlon threatened wholesale expulsions and fines after Tom Poholsky dusted Campanella and Podres retaliated by hitting Stan Musial.

Musial left the game to have his right hand examined but x-rays proved negative and Stan hoped to return to the lineup tonight at Pittsburgh.

The Cubs unloaded for four home runs against the skidding world champions — two by Harry Chiti and one each by De Fondy and Gene Baker. Warren Hacker pitched a seven hitter, one of the white A. Whitey Lockman homer, while winning his 11th.

The Phillies also were attacked for four home runs, two by Wally Post his 33rd and 34th and boundary belts by Smokey Burgess and Hobie Landrith.

The Phils had given Roberts a three-run lead in the first three innings off Joe Black until Burgess started the barrage with his 19th in the sixth inning. The defeat, No. 10 for Robin, was only the fourth in the last 28 home games for the third place Quakers.

THE BEST By Alan Mauer

ROBIN ROBERTS, OF THE PHILLIES, A 20-GAME WINNER FOR THE 6TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON — ONLY THE 3RD IN THE LEAGUE TO DO IT SINCE 1900.



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City Golf Tourney To End This Week

The annual Decatur city golf tourney is scheduled to be completed this week in all four flights.

One semi-final match remains in the championship flight, while finalists have been named in the other three flights.

Paul Schmidt defeated Jerry Laurent, 1 up in 19 holes, to enter the championship flight finals. Don MacLean, Jr., and Joe Costello were scheduled to meet today in the other semi-final, with the championship match likely to be played over the week end.

Bob Helm defeated Rev. E. Schmidt, 3 and 2, and will meet George Laurent in the final of the first flight.

“C” Smith eliminated Ed Wopert, 1 up in 19 holes, and John Thompson defeated Dick Wertzberger, 3 and 1, to enter the second flight finals.

In the third flight, Bob Justus defeated Norm Steury, 4 and 3, and Dave Terhaar downed John Doan, 2 and 1, to qualify for the third flight finals.

Winners in each flight will receive trophies and the runners up will receive merchandise prizes.

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Minneapolis Seeks To Nail Down Flag

By International News Service
Minneapolis pits Al Konikowski against Omaha tonight in the Millers' drive to nail down the American Association pennant, and if they win tonight, they will need only one more victory for the clincher.

The Millers sent Omaha tumbling into fifth place Monday night when shortstop Eddie Bressoud cracked a three run homer in the end of the ninth for a 5 to 3 win. The circuit clout, with Bob Lennon and Carl Sawatski aboard, gave Al Worthington his 19th victory.

Second place Denver plays two with St. Paul tonight one tilt postponed from Monday by wet grounds.

Louisville and Toledo remained for third, four percentage points below Denver, after splitting a doubleheader Monday. Toledo took the first game, 6 to 5, but Louisville retaliated to win the second, 9 to 7. Bill Reed's triple set the stage for four Toledo runs in the opener. The Colonels' Ray Holton caught the idea and started a four run splurge with a triple in the fourth frame of the nightcap.

Charleston's loss column passed the century mark as the Senators came out on the short end of a 4-3 game with Indianapolis. Luke Easter showed his gratitude for the Jack Zeilmann memorial award by cracking a two run homer his 29th in the fourth, but failed to spark a rally to catch the Indians.

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Denver 78 66 .542 9

Toledo 78 67 .538 9½

Louisville 78 67 .538 9½

Omaha 79 68 .537 9½

St. Paul 72 50 .500 15

Indianapolis 62 82 .431 25

Charleston 45 100 .310 42½

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Brooklyn 83 45 .648

Milwaukee 72 58 .554 12

Philadelphia 69 63 .523 16

New York 65 63 .508 18

Cincinnati 65 68 .489 20½

Chicago 63 71 .470 23

St. Louis 54 74 .422 29

Pittsburgh 50 79 .388 33½

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Chicago 6. New York 3.

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Boston at Kansas City, rain.

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