

SPORTS

Braves Defeat Giants, Game Out Of Lead

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Low Burdette and Warren Spahn
can't reach their go 1 of 50 victories
but they'll settle for the
Milwaukee Braves' third straight
pennant.

The "hot team" in the furious
National League scramble, the
Braves moved to within one game
of first place Wednesday when
Burdette beat the fading San
Francisco Giants, 2-0, for his 21st
victory. And today, it'll be Spahn
gunning for his 20th victory and a
triumph that would tie the
Braves for first place with a mere
eight games left to play.

The Braves then would have the
tactical advantage over both other
contenders because five of their
last eight games are against the
last-place Philadelphia Phillies
and the other three are against
the light-hitting Pittsburgh
Pirates.

Dodgers Blew Chance

The Los Angeles Dodgers blew
an opportunity to close in on the
Giants, too, when they dropped a
7-4 decision to the Cincinnati Reds
and remained two games out of
first place.

The American League race enjoys
a complete day off today but
that one is all but mathematically
over. The first-place Chicago
White Sox lost to the New York
Yankees, 3-1, Wednesday but the
second-place Cleveland Indians
also lost, 6-5, to the Boston Red
Sox. And so, the White Sox' magic
pennant-clinching number was
reduced to a mere three.

Burdette limited the Giants to
four singles and a double, struck
out seven batters and walked only
one in raising his record to 21-14.

Frank Thomas and Willie Jones
hit homers to lead a 13-hit Cin-
cinnati attack that handed strike-
out sensation Sandy Koufax his
sixth defeat. The Dodgers collect-

ed 10 hits, including two homers
by Charlie Neal and one by Wally
Moon, but couldn't bunch their
hits effectively.

Yanks Plan "Spoiler"

The Yankees, playing their
"spoiler" role to the hilt, dealt
a 20-game winner Early Wynn his
10th defeat when they scored three
runs in the sixth inning to over-
come a 1-0 deficit.

Gary Geiger's bases-filled sacri-
fice fly in the ninth sent in Jim
Mahoney with the winning run as
the Red Sox dealt the Indians their
second-straight one-run loss.

The Chicago Cubs and Pirates
split a doubleheader in the other
National League action and the
Detroit Tigers beat the Baltimore
Orioles, 3-1, in the other Ameri-
can League game.

Vernon Law scattered nine hits
to beat the Cubs, 3-2, and win his
17th game for the Pirates in their
opener but the Cubs took the
nightcap, 4-2, on Sammy Taylor's
two-run ninth-inning homer.

Don Mossi yielded seven hits in
eight innings and got excellent
relief aid from Tom Morga in the
ninth to post his 15th win.

Major League Leaders

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National League

Player & Club G. AB. R. H. Pet.

Aaron, Mil. 143 587 114 211 .359

Cunningham, St. L. 135 431 61 151 .350

Pinson, Cin. 147 617 125 193 .321

Cepeda, S. F. 124 570 90 183 .321

Boyer, St. L. 141 533 80 168 .316

American League

Kuenn, Det. 131 530 93 186 .351

Kaline, Det. 128 484 78 157 .324

Rummels, Bsn. 140 523 89 166 .311

Fox, Chicago 149 602 80 183 .304

Woodling, Bal. 136 427 62 129 .302

Runs Batted In

National League—Banks, Cubs

136; Robinson, Reds 125; Aaron,

Braves 118; Bell, Reds 111; De-

peda, Giants 97.

American League—Colavito, In-

diana 106; Jensen, Red Sox 103;

Killebrew, Senators 100; Lemon,

Senators 96; Maxwell, Tigers 92.

Home Runs

National League—Banks, Cubs

41; Aaron, Braves 38; Mathews,

Braves 38; Robinson, Reds 36;

Mays, Giants 30.

American League—Colavito, In-

diana 41; Killebrew, Senators

40; Lemon, Senators 32; Mantle,

Yankees 13-7; Lary, Tigers.

Pitching

National League—Face, Pirates

17-1; Antonelli, Giants 19-9; Law,

Pirates 17-9; Conley, Phils 12-7;

Jones, Giants 20-13.

American League—Shaw, White

Sox 16-6; McLish, Indians 18-8;

Wynn, White Sox 20-10; Maas,

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Semi-Finals Tonight In Softball Turney

McMillen Feed Mill bowed in its attempt to enter the Decatur softball turney semi-finals as a tough Rockford, O., nine rallied twice to win an extra-inning contest Wednesday night at McMillen field. The ITTF Fabs, another local team, dumped the vaunted Fort Wayne Church All-Stars by a 7-3 score.

Rog Stevens, Feed Mill twirler, led the assault against Rockford, homering with the bags full in the fifth inning, giving the local squad a big four-run advantage. Rockford added one in the bottom of the ninth and three in the next tying the score. D. Kuhns doubled home the winning tally in the bottom of the tenth to squeak all McMillen hopes.

Each team had 12 hits, but the Feed Millers had five errors to three for Rockford.

Stanczak pitched steadily for the Fabs as he added 15 strikeouts to his record in seven innings. Although out, the Fabs counted seven times on four hits and five Fort Wayne errors.

The Fort Wayne squad garnered eight hits and used four Fabs' errors in tallying only three runs, two in the first inning.

In action tonight, Mirror Inn will meet Mendon, O., and the Fabs meet Rockford in the semi-finals. The winners meet for the title Friday night at McMillen field.

**FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE
GAME HERE TONIGHT**

The Decatur freshman-sophomore team will meet Portland at Worthman field this evening at 7 o'clock. The Decatur team opened its season last week with a victory over the Bishop Luers freshman and sophomores. No admission will be charged tonight and the public is invited to attend.

Bob Worthman, Decatur's head football coach, also announced this morning that Friday night's North-east Indiana conference game at Garrett between the Yellow Jacks and the Railroaders will start at 8 o'clock.

Over 2,500 fans are sold and delivered in Decatur each day.

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