

# 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 Cincinnati attack that handed strike-out sensation Sandy Koufax his sixth defeat. The Dodgers collect-

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

**Yanks Plan "Spoiler"**  
The Yankees, playing their "spoiler" role to the hilt, dealt 20-game winner Early Wynn his 10th defeat when they scored three runs in the sixth inning to overcome an early 1-0 deficit.

Gary Geiger's bases-filled sacrifice 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 American 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 Morgan in the ninth to post his 15th win.

## Major League Leaders

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Player	Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Aaron, Mil.		143	587	114	211	.359
Cunha, St. L.		135	431	61	151	.350
Pinson, Cin.		147	617	125	198	.321
Cepeda, S. F.		124	570	90	183	.321
Boyer, St. L.		141	535	80	189	.316

Player	Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Kuenn, Det.		131	530	93	186	.351
Kaline, Det.		128	484	78	157	.324
Runnels, 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; Cepeda, Giants 97.

**American League** — Colavito, Indians 106; Jensen, Red Sox 103; Killebrew, Senators 100; Lemon, Senators 98; 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, Indians 41; Killebrew, Senators 40; Lemon, Senators 32; Mantle,

## Semi-Finals Tonight In Softball Tourney

McMillen Feed Mill bowed in its attempt to enter the Decatur softball tourney 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 inning and three in the next tying the score. D. Kuhns doubled home the winning tally in the bottom of the tenth to quell 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 outbit, 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.

**R H E**  
McMillen .. 001 050 000 0-6 12 5  
Rockford .. 101 013 000 1-7 12 3  
R. Stevens and Bill Rowden; Linn and L. Huston.

**R H E**  
Church All-Stars 200 001 0-3 8 5  
ITTF Fabs .... 030 040 x-7 4 4  
Leonard, Montgomery and Taylor; Stanczak and Brumbaugh.

Yankees 31; Maxwell, Tigers 30.

**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, Yankees 13-7; Lary, Tigers.

## Eddie Machen Looks Toward Title Fight

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—Eddie Machen, 194-pound heavyweight from Portland, Ore., had his 30th victory in 32 professional fights today and was looking forward to a meeting with Irish Pat McMurry of Tacoma, Wash., as another step toward a crack at the world title.

Machen dusted off German-born Willie Besmanoff here Wednesday night in a 10-round unanimous decision before a national television audience.

Besmanoff, 199½ and unranked, suffered his 16th loss in a string of 65 professional fights. Seven were draw and one was a no-decision encounter.

Machen is fourth ranked by the National Boxing Assn.

In his dressing room after the fight Besmanoff, covered with welts and with the blood wiped away from his nose and mouth, allowed that Machen was "a good fighter."

The estimated 3,000 fans applauded Besmanoff for his gameness and booed loudly when Machen grabbed him bodily and threw him to the canvas in the second round.

## 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, freshmen 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 Northeastern Indiana conference game at Garrett between the Yellow Jacks and the Railroaders will start at 8 o'clock.

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## Freshman Reserves To Play Junior High

The big cats will meet the equal as big kittens Monday evening at Worthman field when the freshman reserves fangle with the cream of the junior high school football crop. The contest will be regulation in all respects, starting at 5:30 p. m. The game will be followed by a skirmish of the junior high reserves, the Colts and Rams.

Coaches Paul Bevelhimer and Bill McColly consented to play their reserves against the junior high all-star squad as the frosh do not have a regular schedule. For the benefit of fair play, the frosh coaches will not play the frosh who have been tagged for possible varsity play this season. Otherwise, the only difference will be the one-year age advantage of the frosh.

The junior high team, originally slated to meet New Haven's counterparts here on Monday, had that game moved to Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p. m.

The junior high coaching staff feels that the frosh game will season its team for the expected tough contest with New Haven. Last year, the teams tied after New Haven had run roughshod over the Decatur aggregation in the past few years. The spirit exhibited by this year's team, gives hope to the coaches that New sie this year.

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## Bowling Scores

Minor League		
W	L	Pts.
Wolffs .....	7	2 10
Spud & Jims .....	5	4 7
Watts Standard .....	5	4 7
Fagers .....	5	4 7
Clems .....	4	5 6
Smiths Milk .....	5	4 6
M. O. C. ....	5	4 6
Holthouse on Hiway .....	4	5 5
Downtown Texaco .....	3	6 3
Moose .....	2	6 3
High series: A. Bowen 607.		
High games: G. Wolff 211, J. Harkless 202, R. Ballard 210, R. Beauchot 225, J. Sprunger 212, C. Stuckey 202, A. Bowen 243.		

Women's Minor League		
W	L	Pts.
Gerardot Standard .....	3	0 4
First State Bank .....	2	1 3
Citizens Telephone .....	2	1 3
Burke Insurance .....	2	1 2
Petrie Oil .....	1	2 2
Arnold Lumber .....	1	2 2
Krick-Tyndall .....	1	2 2
Treon's .....	1	2 1
Kent Realty .....	1	2 1
Victory Bar .....	0	3 0
High game: Mary Ladd 176.		
Note: J. Thatcher converted the 7-6-10 split.		

## Shotgun Death Is Termed Accident

CORYDON, Ind. (UPI)—Coroner Carl Dillman returned a verdict of accident Wednesday in the shotgun death Tuesday of Theodore Simpson, 50, Palmyra, whose body was found in a woods. Dillman said it appeared Simpson tripped over a vine while hunting squirrels and fell on the weapon, which discharged into his chest.

## MAJOR League Results

National League

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco .....	81	64	.559 —
Milwaukee .....	80	65	.552 1
Los Angeles .....	79	66	.545 2
Pittsburgh .....	74	62	.507 7½
Cincinnati .....	72	75	.490 10
Chicago .....	69	75	.479 11½
St. Louis .....	66	79	.455 15
Philadelphia .....	60	85	.414 24

**Wednesday's Results**  
Pittsburgh 3-2 Chicago 2-4.  
Milwaukee 2 San Francisco 0.  
Cincinnati 7 Los Angeles 4.  
Only games scheduled.

**Games Today**  
Philadelphia at Chicago.  
Milwaukee at San Francisco.  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, night.  
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, night.

**Friday's Games**  
Philadelphia at Chicago.  
Los Angeles at San Francisco, night.  
Only games scheduled.

**American League**

**Wednesday's Results**  
New York 3, Chicago 1.  
Boston 6, Cleveland 5.  
Detroit 3, Baltimore 1.  
Only games scheduled.

**Friday's Games**  
Detroit at Chicago, night.  
Cleveland at Kansas City, night.  
Baltimore at Washington, night.  
Boston at New York, night.

**Charley Share Quits Professional Ranks**

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Charley Share, a regular with the St. Louis Hawks since 1955, has retired from National Basketball Assn. competition. Club officials had announced earlier they planned to trade the Hawk team captain.

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