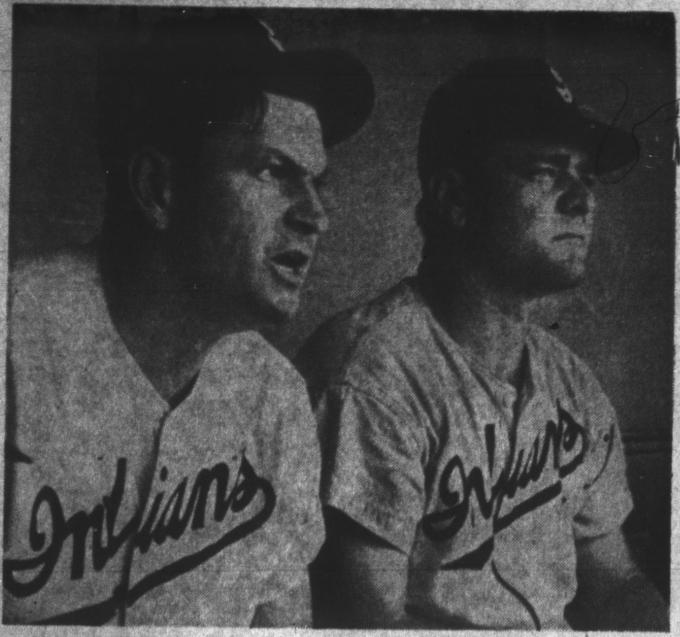


Indians End Mild Slump; Play 'Stubborn Colonels' Tonight



TENSE MOMENT — Cully Rikard, Tribe left fielder, and Les Fleming, 1st baseman, tensely watch as one of their teammates takes his turn at the plate during yesterday's double-header with Minneapolis. Cully hollers "Get a hold of one."

Tribe Leading by 8½ With 35 Games to Go

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

The Indians finally emerged from their mild slump by splitting a double-header with the Minneapolis Millers yesterday and now will take on last-place Louisville in a three-game series.

The opener with the Colonels is to be played tonight and Chet Johnson, southpaw, is slated to ladies'-night attraction at Victory Field.

The Indians, the fans and club officials are building up for Lopez Appreciation Night, on Wednesday, when the Tribe skipper will be honored and showered with gifts. There will be a Players Appreciation Night later in the season.

Despite the fact the Colonels are running a bad last and are 33 games behind the pace-setting Indians, they have been quite stubborn in previous tilts with Indianapolis by winning five times in 11 clashes.

Back in Stride — But the Redkins believe they are off and winging again after dropping four in a row before righting themselves in the nightcap of the Sabbath twin bill, winning 4 to 3. The Millers annexed the first game, 10 to 5, by slamming 17 hits. The Millers also won on Saturday night, 6 to 4.

The Indians now are 8½ games ahead of the second-place Milwaukee Brewers, who won a pair in Toledo yesterday.

The Saturday attendance, on Final Birth Night, was \$250; yesterday's was \$875, for a season's total to date of \$30,577.

This is a new American Association home record for a 154-game schedule (77 at home). Kansas City held the old record, posted last year, at 37,063.

Used to Play 168

Kansas City holds the all-time record, 422,064, posted in 1923 when the league played a 168-game schedule. All figures are more or less unofficial.

Though the Indians lost Saturday, Tom Saffell furnished a highlight for the home fans by lining out an inside-the-park homer with one on in the third stanza. Len Schulz hit an over-the-fence homer for the Millers with one on in the ninth.

Bill Ayers was the winning pitcher, third time against the Indians; Jim Bagby was the loser. Jim was relieved by Red Barrett in the eighth during a Minnesota rally.

In yesterday's first game, the Indians used up four pitchers, Jack Hallett, Ed Bahr, Jim Walsh and Johnny Hutchings. Bob Cain, southpaw, staggered through to win for the Millers. A big third inning, good for six runs, put the visitors in. Frank Kuhn hit a Homer for the Tribe in the ninth. Hallett was the losing hurler.

Fleming Delivers

The fans saw ample excitement in the second game. Scheduled for seven innings, it lasted eight. Les Fleming, who collected three hits, belted a long Homer in the sixth to tie the score at 2-all. It was his 22nd of the season.

Then the Millers scored in the top half of the seventh to regain the lead, 3 to 2.

In the Tribe seventh, Manager Lopez inserted Roy Weatherly to bat for pitcher Cal McLish, and rugged Roy lined the first pitch out of the park onto Harding St., tying the game, 3-3.

Barrett held the Millers in the eighth and after one out in the Indians' half, Russ Peters walked. Ayers, who had relieved Babe Picon, after two down in the seventh, belted about the walk to Peters, claiming the last pitch was over the plate. It would have been strike three.

Kuhn Hits in Clutch

Peters advanced to second on Lopez' infield out and Frank Kuhn batted for Barrett and sent the crowd home happy by driving a hard single to left on the first pitch, scoring Peters with the winning run.

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Yesterday's first game presented some oddities. The Millers

Russo Wins 100-Mile Race At Milwaukee

Sets New Record For Midget Cars

Times Special

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 9—Paul Russo of Kenosha, Wis., drove his midget race car to a new track record yesterday in winning the 100-mile race at the Wisconsin Centennial Exposition here.

Russo toured the one-mile track in one hour, 10:13.33, nine minutes better than the mark set by Ray Richards of Highland Park, Ill., in 1946. Neil Carter of Toledo was second to Russo and Henry Banks of Lynwood, Cal., was third.

Ray Newman of Gary suffered head and back injuries after his midget race car blew a right front tire on the 80th lap and spun into the outer wall. Newman's condition was not serious.

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Story of the Missing Store Teeth at Game

Baseball at Victory Field gets so exciting at times anything can happen as the Indians struggle to defend their league lead.

Over the week-end a man reported that while he was shouting, stomping and gesticulating, his upper denture popped out and became lost among a maze of howling fellow fans.

Requesting a search for the missing store choppers, the man said he was doubly anxious to find them—because he had borrowed the store teeth from a friend.

pitcher, Cain, was struck by hot drives through the box three times, the Indians' Bahr once, and Umpire Bob Kober once.

Kober also was struck by a foul in the second game when he worked behind the plate.

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Spider Webb of Bell, Cal., the Midwest's leading AAA dirt track race driver, won the 20-mile feature at Ft. Wayne Speedway yesterday.

Webb was clocked at 9:08.40 and finished ahead of Jackie Holmes, Indianapolis; Lee Walford, Schenectady, N. Y.; Johnny Crane, Middletown, Md., and Hal Robson, Bell, Cal.

Heat winners were Webb, Walford and Eddie Zalucki of Detroit. A 10-lap consolation race was won by George Metzler of Indianapolis.

Chic Griffith, another local pilot, increased his point leadership in the Midwestern Dirt Track Racing Association yesterday winning the 20-lap feature at Jungle Park. Bobby Grimm and Bud Dombrowski, both of Indianapolis, trailed Griffith.

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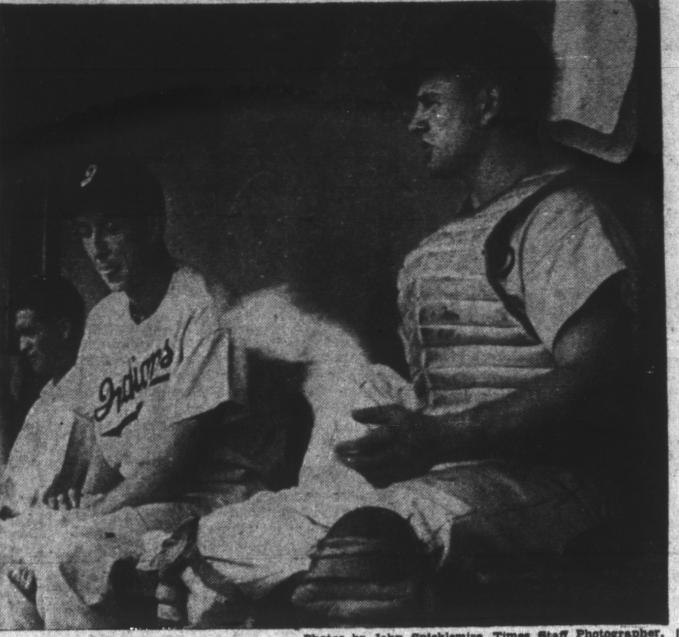
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AS LOPEZ SEES IT — Here is a dugout sitter's view of the game as Tribe Manager Al Lopez sees it. The Indians have taken the field, and Al closely watches as his boys go to work on one of the Millers' hitters. The dugout is a fine place to sit when you have no worries. Al has few now with only 35 games to go.

Photos by John Spicklemire, Times Staff Photographer.



MOMENT OF REST — Edson Bahr, Tribe righthander, and his battery mate Earl Turner take a breather in the dugout while their teammates step up to the plate and vainly try to get some runs in the first game. The Tribe lost the first (0-5) and won the second 4-3.

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Boudreau Has C

Take 7

To Keep

By CAREY

NEW YORK

Lou Boudreau, would win the game off of it will player.

Boudreau m finish in front the club is League. But through with him Cleveland went from first to fourth team stamped.

They bounced ever, and in their last eight three out of four Champion Yankees back on top toing to stay there team stamped.

Yesterday, with turning to action after being juries, Cleveland Yankees, 6-1, one of the most umpires of the season.

Boudreau p ered two runs in ninth of the open Eddie Robinson with a two-man, his the double-head Gromek out in ond game with tripper in a terfield, who is a hit when Edson singled, more riffs and scored single. He went turned index finger he stopped with his throw.

The Athletics in second place points behind feating the Brooklyn Fowler hit a home run in eighth inning in which Cosky tripled hit a two-run victory.

The White Sox after Boston to to 1 behind Melo pitching. Chicago retained by Moulder, put out of the lead Singers by Floyd Lupulesky produced C. W. M. run. Wally

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