

# Three Finish IM V-Ball Undefeated

Independent volleyball ended regulation play in five of its six leagues at Rec Hall Monday night with the latecomers scheduled to have finished their season yesterday.

In league B the Emanon squad gave an impressive show of strength rounding out its undefeated season with a 15-7, 15-5 victory over the Engineers. The winners will go into the playoffs starting May 5. Runners-up were the Engineers, who fumbled their chance to tie for league leadership with their loss, and the Nittany Co-op team which finished the year with a 3-2 slate, the last victory coming over the Jaybirds 15-4, 15-8. The Baker NROTC crew rounded out the loop's action with a forfeit gift from the Watts What representatives.

The A circuit's winner was the Rockets who also turned in a perfect record, 5-0, with their terminal triumph over Dorm 1, 15-4, 15-10. The losers were hot on the trail when they entered the contest, but had to soothe their wounds with a second best 4-1 performance for the season. The Beaver House team made their last outing a successful one, trampling the Knights, 15-7, 17-15. The Ergs and Dorm 31 produced a double forfeit to tie for the cellar with five losses apiece.

D league action featured the Abstracts winding up on top of the heap by virtue of a gift from the Fireballs who stayed away that night. The Gilmorians finished second with three wins, their last one from the Hep Cats, 15-13, 15-7, who also had to settle for a tie right under the leader. In the same league the State Club received a forfeit from the Goosers, both finishing with identical 2-3 marks.

In league C three teams finished in a dead heat for top honors, GFO, East 39, and the Lymacs, with 4-1 accounts. The teams will solve the knot before playoff time in a single elimination.

## Netmen--

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Ziegler, 6-3, 7-5, while Bill Strive, Navy number six man, swept by Bill Ray, 6-2, 6-1.

Captain Bill Forrey dropped his first singles match of the season, a tough three-setter to lefty Sam Jacobson, 4-6, 11-9, 6-1, in the number five match.

The doubles ran the same way as did the singles play.

Robinson-Landon lost in three sets to the number one Navy duo of Messenger-Gaskill, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Bruz Ray-Dez Long, number two, were defeated in two sets, 6-1, 6-4, by Ralph Redden-Jim Mahorner, while Ziegler-Bill Ray were swamped, 6-1, 6-3, by Myron Ricketts-John Gallagher, in the number three match.

### Summaries:

#### SINGLES

Robinson (S) defeated Messenger, (N), 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.  
Gaskill (N) defeated Landon (S), 6-3, 6-1.  
Pollard (N) defeated Bruz Ray (S), 10-8, 1-6, 6-2.  
Murphy (N) defeated Ziegler (S), 6-3, 7-5.  
Jacobson (N) defeated Forrey (S), 4-6, 11-9, 6-1.  
Strive (N) defeated Bill Ray (S), 6-2, 6-1.

#### DOUBLES

Messenger-Gaskill (N) defeated Robinson-Landon (S), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.  
Redden-Mahorner (N) defeated Bruz Ray-Long (S), 6-1, 6-4.  
Ricketts-Gallagher (N) defeated Ziegler-Bill Ray (S), 6-1, 6-3.

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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## TEAM BALANCE—THE ULTIMATE

That age-old question of just what is needed to make a winning baseball team comes up every year at just about this time, with everyone speculating on just what his or her favorite ball club will do, and why. Probably the biggest school of thought places its trust in pitching. There are many who believe that this fine art is 90 per cent of the game, while others rate hitting power as most important, and a third faction puts the emphasis on fielding.

There is no question whatsoever that all of these three are important to a team—but not one can be singled out and placed on a pedestal as the most important factor in a team's successes or failures.

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Take the Cleveland Indians for example. For the past two seasons, the Tribe has finished second in the American League race behind the New York Yankees. Yet it is generally agreed that the Indians possess the best mound staff in the circuit. In 1951, Bob Feller, Early Wynn, Bob Lemon, and Mike Garcia combined their efforts to win 79 games alone and the Tribe couldn't surpass the Bombers. The same thing happened last year when three of the hurlers won a total of 67 contests.

Why, then, didn't the tribe win the coveted pennant? The answer was plain indeed—the Tribe didn't possess the required fielding to hold up during the rugged 154-game schedule.

The story is the same—with a different slant—in the case of the Philadelphia Athletics. In 1949 the A's burned up the American League defensively. The Mackmen piled up a record 217 double plays but finished fifth in the standings. Their pitching and hitting could be rated no more than "fair" for that season.

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Hundreds of examples just like these two could be pulled out of the record books, and they would all point to one answer. No single phase of baseball—fielding, pitching, or hitting—great as it may be, can make a ball club infallible. The answer lies in team balance—that is the ultimate.

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However, this "balance" is not limited to fielding, pitching, and hitting alone. Age plays an important role. A club boasting a line-up of spirited young rookies, (the Pittsburgh Pirates case is a good example here) will fold, in most cases, before the season is too old. A top-flight club needs the youngsters to be sure, but its success also requires the presence of the experienced veterans along with the so called "middle-of-the-road" player—one who has been around long enough to pick up the tricks of the trade, but yet is not past his prime.

And balance within the hitting power itself is another determining factor. A winning starting line-up usually contains not only the long ball blaster, but also the punch hitter who can break up those close ones with a ninth inning chop single.

These then, are the factors which this writer feels are needed to mold a winning ball club—the consistent threat and often, the unmerciful slayer.

Singling out the 16 major league ball teams, we can see that many are outstanding in one or two aspects. But only two of these will be winners when next October shows its face, and we'll bet now that a record check next fall will prove our point—team balance is the ultimate.

# Baseball's Big Leagues

By Associated Press

Milwaukee first baseman Joe Adcock crashed a tremendous 475-foot homer into the left center-field Polo Grounds bleachers—the first batter ever to do it in a major league game—as the Braves defeated the New York Giants, 3-2, yesterday.

Milwaukee snapped a 2-2 tie in the ninth inning by scoring the winning run on two New York errors and a wild pitch by loser Hoyt Wilhelm.

Adcock's record home run in the third inning followed Andy Pafko's two-out single.

Warren Spahn went the distance for the Braves. Spahn was helped by a fine throw to the plate by rookie centerfielder Bill Bruton that cut off the potential tying run in the bottom of the ninth.

Early Wynn limited Philadelphia to four hits as the Cleveland Indians trimmed the Athletics, 2-1, and moved to within one game of the front-running New York Yankees.

Both Cleveland runs were driven in by Dale Mitchell, who returned to leftfield as Manager Al Lopez partially junked his two-platoon outfield. Mitchell, a southpaw batter, played against lefthanded Alex Kellner. But Bob Kennedy, a right-handed hitter, remained in right field in place of Harry Simpson who bats left.

Mitchell hit a windblown single in the third for the Indians' first run and a liner in the fifth to give them a 2-0 lead.

The A's scored their only run in the sixth.

Eddie Joost doubled down the leftfield line and Eddie Robinson drove him in with a single to right.

Brooklyn won on a passed ball by Hobie Landrith with the bases full and two out in the

ninth inning to give reliever Joe Black a 6-5 victory over Cincinnati. An eighth-inning homer by Brooklyn's Roy Campanella with a man on had tied the score.

Black made only one pitch to receive credit for his second victory. Called in to replace Clem Labine with men on first and second and one out in the eighth, Black got out of the inning when pinchhitter Bob Marquis lined the first pitch to Gil Hodges for an inning-ending double play.

Brooklyn got Carl Erskine a two-run lead in the first on Junior Gilliams' single, Jackie Robinson's triple and Campanella's single. Cincinnati tied the score in the second on a single by Willard Marshall, Pee Wee Reese's error on Roy McMillan's smash and a triple by Landrith to deep center.

After Duke Snider hit a home run in the fifth, the Redlegs snapped back with three in the sixth on homers by Bobby Adams and Marshall. Jim Greengrass was on base when Marshall hit the ball into the centerfield stands.

Sammy White and George Kell each slammed four hits, White knocking in five runs and Kell taking the American League batting lead, to power the Boston Red Sox to a 10-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Kell hit three singles and a double in four trips to the plate. That stretched his hitting streak to 10 straight games and boosted his average to .457, tops in the league.

White hit three singles and a two-run homer as the Sox piled up 17 hits and handed Detroit its sixth straight defeat and eleventh in 12 games.

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