

Baseball's Big Leagues

By The Associated Press
 Rain and an open date in the American League schedule gave the trend spotters a chance to observe today that the Eastern clubs thumped the West in the first inter-sectional tests of the major league season. The margin was 18-14 in the American League and 17-10 in the National.

The smart dash of the youthful Boston Red Sox through the Western half of the league was the big surprise. Unlike the muscular he-men of old who used to batter the handy leftfield wall at Fenway Park and then fold on the road, the new crop thrived on hotel and Pullman living.

Lou Boudreau's Sox played ball at a 5-2 clip in the West with George Kell sailing along over the .400 mark and Mel Parnell toting a handsome 4-0 win record.

Brooklyn's success against the Western brethren in the National didn't raise an eyebrow. It was as common as a weather forecast of

rain. The Dodgers usually fatten up on the visitors. This year seems to be no exception. Their margin over the West was a comfortable 6-1, losing one to the transplanted Milwaukee Braves.

The big story of the National's first East-West series was Pittsburgh's fine 5-2 pace. The Pirates, who became an Eastern team this year when Boston moved to Milwaukee, hit dizzy heights with a five-game win streak. Their best last year was two.

Both St. Louis and Milwaukee played better than .500 ball in the East, 4-2, to dig into first division berths. With rookie Ray Jablonski hitting .380, the Cards cooled off the Phillies and lost only in Brooklyn and Pittsburgh.

The Phillies did no better than .500 3-3 against the West with Robin Roberts, 4-1, and Curt Simmons, 4-1, both clicking. Johnny Wyrostek still is leading the league in hitting at .434 and Connie Ryan is right up there among the first 10 with .354. Despite the

Phils' showing against the Cardinals, they still lead the league by a half game over Brooklyn.

The New York Giants still are floundering in the second division after a losing stand against the West 3-4 and both Cincinnati 1-6 and Chicago 1-7 are relieved to be getting back to Western soil.

In the American, the Red Sox's hot pace left them no better than third, behind the leading New York Yankees and Cleveland. The Yanks 4-3 jaunt through the West included the "big one" at Cleveland, 11-1.

After the big fight with the Yankees, the St. Louis Browns settled down to play .500 ball against the East 4-4. The Philadelphia A's also broke even at 4-4 in the West. Both Chicago and Washington were 4-5, Cleveland 3-4 and Detroit 2-5.

Detroit has three hitters among the top 10—Don Lund .400, Bob Nieman .325, and Matt Batts .319. Still they're dead last.

Jumpin' Jim Herb



ACE LION HIGH JUMPER. Jim Herb, will have to be at his best tomorrow to whip his Michigan State competitors at East Lansing. Herb cleared the bar last week at Annapolis at 6 ft. 2 3/4 in. to cop first, but the Spartans have two men who have cleared the bar at the same height.

Lion Nine Meets Panthers Today

The Lion baseball team, rained out at Annapolis earlier in the week, gets back into action this afternoon when Pitt invades Beaver Field in the first of a two game set. The second game of the series is slated for tomorrow. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Reliever Holloman Begged Starting Job

ST. LOUIS, May 7 (AP)—"He proved to me that he's just about as good as he thinks he is." That's Manager Marty Marion of the St. Louis Browns talking. Once skeptical about rookie Alva Bobo Holloman after unimpressive relief appearances, Marion has changed his mind about the eager, 27-year-old right hander.

Why not. After weeks of pestering for a starting job, Bobo finally got his chance and pitched a no-hit, no-run game against the Philadelphia Athletics last night at Busch Stadium.

Only a weather-thinned crowd of 2473 fans sat in on Holloman's magnificent performance. And they saw the show for free. Brown's owner Bill Veeck announced their rain checks would be honored any time in the future to show his appreciation for their attendance on rain-threatened night.

You have to go back a long way before you find the likes of Holloman's 6-0 triumph. Only two other pitchers have hurled no-hitters in their first starting appearance.

The husky 170-pounder with black curly hair tells you "I'm not a bullpen pitcher. I'd rather be in the minors than in the bullpen."

Holloman himself needed relief last night, but not from the bullpen. It came from the dug-out when Harry (The Cat) Brecheen, the great ex-St. Louis Cardinal southpaw now with the Browns, ambled to the mound to ease the tension in a drama-packed ninth inning. Holloman, on the verge of realizing a pitcher's dream, tossed seven straight balls to open the

ninth. That's when Brecheen walked to the mound.

With two men on base by walks, the next batter, Dave Philley, hit into a double play. Then Loren Babe walked and Eddie Robinson, the powerful A's first baseman, stepped into the box.

On the fourth pitch, a 3-2 count, Robinson flied to Vic Wertz in right field. The game was over.

The superstitious Holloman was in charge all the way. "I wasn't nervous until the ninth," said Bobo, who always scratches the initials "N" and "G" in the third base line before going to the mound. The initials represent the first names of his wife, Nan, and 6-year-old son, Garry Lee. Both were in the stands last night.

But the 6-foot-2 Georgian needed more than luck and his good-working fast ball, curve and sinker last night. He needed—and received—terrific fielding support.

Shortstop Bill Hunter made a diving save of Joe Astroth's hard-hit grounder in the eighth to peg him out at first. Outfielder Jim Dyck leaped high against the left field wall for Gus Zernial's second inning clout. And veteran third baseman Bob Elliott showed patience and experience when he let Astroth's slow, spinning roller go foul in the sixth.

The Lions meet the Panthers carrying an impressive 8-1-1 record. Gar Gingerich, with a 3-0 mark, is scheduled to do the pitching for the Nittanies, and Keith Vesling (4-1) is slated to go to the hill tomorrow.

The Lions will probably face Panther ace Art Shanafelt who beat the Lions last season, 8-6. The dazzling righthander pitched a no-hitter earlier this season.

Cerchie in Centerfield
 Lion coach Joe Bedenk will probably go with the same lineup he has been using so successfully this season. In the infield, Pat Kennedy will be at first base, Chuck Russo at second, Ron Weidenhammer at shortstop, and Hubie Kline at third.

Captain Sil Cerchie will be in centerfield, Rex Bradley in left, and Tom Werner in right. Bill Leonard will be behind the plate.

Rain Limits Practice
 The Lions split their two game series with the Panthers last year. After dropping the first contest, 8-6, Vesling hurled a three-hitter as the Lions snapped a three game losing streak.

Wet grounds limited practice yesterday, but the Lions did manage to get some batting practice and the pitchers loosened-up. A soggy infield, however, made infield practice impossible.

State meets Dickinson Tuesday and then embarks on a three game road trip against Colgate and Syracuse over the weekend.

Rogel Playing Baseball

Fran Rogel, former Penn State grid star now with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Pro League, is trying his hand at amateur baseball. He's a candidate for the backstop position with the State College entry in the Tri-Valley League.

Penn State was NCAA District Two's representative last year in the College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

Lions Must Be At Peak For Spartan Thinclads

The Lions will have to be at their peak tomorrow if they expect to hand Karl Schlademan's Spartan trackmen a setback.

This is brought about not only by the absence of several Lions, but because the Spartans have a powerful aggregation of cindermen.

Golfers Leave For Princeton

Coach Bob Rutherford and Co. left at noon yesterday for Princeton and the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association tournament. The six-man Lion squad will enter the 16-team tourney owning a respectable win and loss log of 4-0.

Pitt, Navy, Cornell, and Gettysburg have all felt the sting of defeat from the Nittanies. State has far surpassed its opposition in total team scoring with 25 points. Opposing squads have only been able to muster five points against the Rutherfordmen. Navy is leading the pack with three points, while Pitt and Cornell could do no better than score one point. Gettysburg couldn't get into the scoring column; they lost 9-0.

Warren Gittlen and Lou Riggs have each added four tallies to their teams total score sheet. Rod Eaken, Joe Webb, George Kreidler, and Gordon Stroup have combined their efforts for 12 points, each with 3 wins. John Carney and Captain Hud Samson have added one each. The last three points were credited to the Lion's record in their win of the best score in the Gettysburg match.

Rod Cobi and Red Hollen will miss this trip. Cobi injured a leg competing in the Navy meet and Hollen must stay back to take an entrance examination for medical school.

Jim Herb will be facing some stiff competition, as will the rest of his teammates. Herb will be competing against the Big Ten indoor high jump champ, Jim Vrooman, and Ray McKay, another jumping genius.

The Lions will have to face star Spartans such as miler Jim Keppord; middle-distance ace Lou Vargha; Vrooman; and hurdlers John Corbelli, Harry Gillis and Harlan Benjamin.

Some indication of the power of the Michigan State thinclads may be derived from their performances at the Drake Relays, where they took three seconds, a third and a fifth.

This is the second dual meet of the season for both teams, and the first home fray for the Spartans. The Lions will battle Ohio State Wednesday in their first home meet of the campaign.

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