

# Stephens, Facing Army Call, Mort Cooper Play Hero Roles

Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox has been the outstanding career casualty of the war. Now there is another youngster who may soon be able to claim half a share in that distinction. He is Vern Stephens, shortstop of the St. Louis Browns.

When Williams became a naval flying cadet, it appeared that the most promising career in baseball was being cut off in the middle, today the pending induction of Stephens promises to bring to a halt a future that might have been just as brilliant.

**Gordon's Homer Wins**  
Joe Gordon's sixth homer of the year gave the Yankees a 10-inning, 6-4 triumph over the Browns Friday, but it was a moral victory for Stephens.

Just returned from a preliminary draft board examination, Stephens had a perfect day at bat. He collected two home runs, a double, single and walk in five trips to the plate, boosting his league lead in average to a cool .404.

Johnny Murphy was credited with his fifth triumph when Gordon laced out his four-bagger in the 10th with two out and Charlie Keller on first. Keller previously had belted his seventh homer of the year.

**Tigers, Indians Win**  
Stephens' sterling performance had to split today's headlines with Mort Cooper, righthanded pitcher of the Cardinals, however. Cooper came within a single hit of baseball's hall of fame for the second straight time Friday night as the Birds blanked the Phillies 5-0.

Immy Wassell's eighth-inning single was the only blow off Cooper and the only other Phil base runner was Merrill May, who got aboard when the pitcher fumbled his easy tap. Cooper did not pass a man and fanned five to notch his sixth win. Billy Herman's double in the fifth inning last Monday deprived Cooper of a no-hitter in a game against Brooklyn.

In two American League night games, the Tigers shaded the Senators, 2-1, and Cleveland clipped the A's, 3-2. Jimmy Bloodworth raced home ahead of Johnny Sullivan's throw on Ned Harris' roller to tally the winning run for Detroit in the ninth. Three Detroit pitchers gave up seven hits while Dutch Leonard allowed the Tigers six. Al Smith's screwball was in perfect working order as he held the A's to four hits. Ray Mack's triple prodded home the deciding run in the eighth.

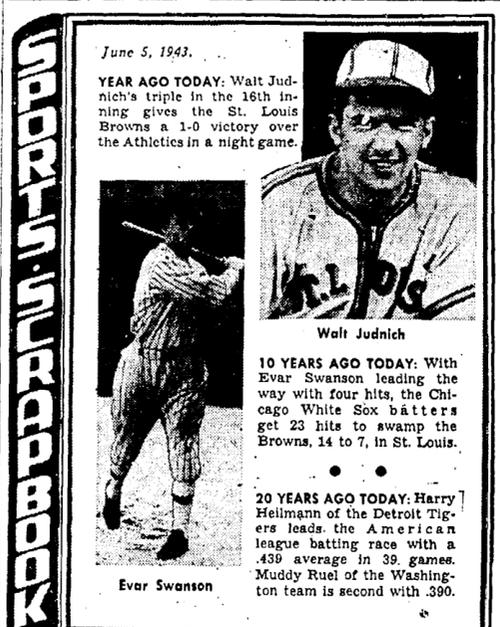
**Dodgers Trounce Cubs**  
The White Sox scored four runs in the first inning and coasted to a 4-3 win over the Red Sox. A pair of walks, Don Kolloway's double and Wally Moses' triple featured the rally. Buck Ross pitched hitless ball for the White Sox until the fifth and was kayoed in the seventh when Boston made four hits for two runs. Gordon Maltzberger held the Red Sox the rest of the way.

In the only National League game, the Dodgers loosed a seven-run barrage in the first inning and breezed to an 18-5 win over the Chicago Cubs. The Dodgers collected 23 hits off a trio of Bruin pitchers while Buck Newsom turned back the Cubs in brilliant fashion after rescuing Rube Melton in the first. Newsom doled out eight hits, fanned eight and collected three hits. Dolph Camilli fashioned a perfect day at the plate with a homer and three singles in four trips.

Vince DiMaggio scored all the way from first on a passed ball in the eighth as the Pirates edged the Giants, 9-8, in a free-hitting night game. The Pirates caught Van Mungo in the fourth with six runs, but the Giants rallied for five in the eighth and one in the ninth. DiMaggio singled in the eighth and romped home when Ernie Lombardi let a pitch get by him.

Boston and Cincinnati were not scheduled.

**Friday's Stars**—Vern Stephens of the Browns and Mort Cooper of the Cardinals. Stephens had a perfect day at the plate as the Browns bowed to the Yankees, 6-4, and Cooper pitched a one-hitter as the Cardinals blanked the Phillies, 0.



MORT COOPER

## Major League Box Scores

### National League

BROOKLYN	CHICAGO	PHILADELPHIA	ST. LOUIS
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### American League

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