

# Home Runs Feature Six Games, Have Pitchers Crying for Help

By CORNELIUS RYAN  
NEW YORK (U.P.)—Major league hurlers were talking darkly of a "rabbit ball" again today. Home runs figured prominently in six of the seven games played Friday and there were five triples and 11 doubles, which kept the outfielders and the showers running constantly. The pitchers reached the showers long before the outfielders did.

Most important of the home runs were the two swatted by the New York Giants. Johnny Mize, league leader in homers with 15, got a grand slam sixth-inning swat and Willard Marshall hit a

three-run blast in the 11th inning to give the Giants a 7-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals, who still haven't beaten New York this year.

The victory, coming in the only afternoon game, pulled the Giants into a temporary tie with the Dodgers for the National League lead, but Brooklyn regained its half-game margin at night with a 6-2 triumph over the Chicago Cubs, who dropped 1 1/2 games behind.

Cubs Beaten, 6-2  
St. Louis, 1946 World Series champion, now is 7 1/2 games out of the lead and in last place, seven games under the .500 mark. Al Schoendienst, with four hits including a homer, did his best to improve the Card position Friday.

The Cubs couldn't make it. In the final game, won by Brooklyn, 6-2, was the only one unaffected by homers, but that was small consolation to Cub pitcher Hank Wyse, who found a lot of small irritations just as crushing as one big blow. Three straight Dodger singles in the first inning resulted in one run, and a single, an error and a walk loaded the bases in the second inning as Jackie Robinson came to bat.

Robinson whacked a two-run single and Wyse, backing up the catcher, took the throw from the outfield, saw a runner round second and threw the ball right back into the outfield as two more runs scored.

Phil Masi poked a three-run homer in the fifth inning to carry the Boston Braves to a 5-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Kent Peterson allowed Boston only seven hits but his wildness was costly. Johnny Beazley won his second victory, although he saved up 11 hits. Good defense saved him in tough spots.

In the American League, the important game between first-place Detroit and the Boston Red Sox was rained out.

At Cleveland, the Indians won over Philadelphia, 7-4, on two-run homers by Jim Hegon and Dale Mitchell. Earlier in the day the Indians management had moved back the outfield fences because too many long flies by the opposition were going over the wall. Sam Chapman hit a two-run homer for the A's.

Triples by Jeff Heath, plus a homer by Vern Stephens, were the key to the St. Louis Browns' 4-3 victory over the New York Yankees, who lost a chance to gain on Detroit. Heath's second triple, followed by Al Zarilla's single, produced the winning run in the eighth. Joe DiMaggio got three hits in four tries, including a homer, and Billy Johnson also homered for the Yanks.

Buddy Lewis belted a three-run homer for Washington, but the Chicago White Sox won the game, 5-4. Ed Lopat settled down after a bad start and got the victory in the ninth inning when Chicago scored on two singles, a sacrifice and a long fly. Luke Appling hit a home run for Chicago.

Cliff Smeby moaning they got stung now in Reedsburg that got his goat they tag your car without no warning at all and he says it was \$150 tag and some of the other boys on road got them also.

Cliff says he will try it once more as Nichols the druggist up there will pay for the next ticket.

Please inform me in your column how old Tommy Holmes of the Boston Red Sox is. Your column is the most interesting column in the paper. I turn to it first when I read the State Journal.

Yours truly,  
Donald Branton.

Holmes was born March 29, 1918, in Brooklyn, New York. He is 5-10, weighs 175 and is married.

I got talking boxing the other day with some people I'll take college boxing over all this stuff I saw. But when you do see a good fight you really do see one but they are a long distance apart.

Like the other night in Milwaukee O'Neill and Sherrer now brother that was a fight they really went to it. Windup fighters don't mix like that often.

The West Side Businessmen got a good ball team everybody says they are the team to beat for the pennant.

They got good pitching they got the long ball hitters too. They got Nieman on short he comes up with balls right along that look like base hits.

The Badger Sports have got a good team too they got good ball all around. That will be a good game Sunday night West Side and Badger Sports. Then that night Penn Electric plays Gardner Bakery. That doubleheader ought to break the park record if it is a good night.

The City Car is going to be a lot sicker too they are going to be plenty tough. They will be hard to knock out of there from now on too.

The Gardner Bakery as long as they got that Ham Kallenberg they are plenty dangerous. He struck out eleven the other night that is pitching.

I see now where they are trying to get the high schools to have hard ball here. . . About time. How they ever let that go by so long I can't figure out.

Of course you would have to get a scoreboard down here to find out what the score is. Imagine a town that size can't get an electric scoreboard for baseball or football?

Eddie Dyer is glad to see Stan Musial quitting his slump for many reasons. Eddie's mail has been unusually heavy. Hundreds of suggestions have been put into his eager to help. . . Bench Musial. Switch Stan back to the outfield. Get him to change his batting stance. Get him a lighter bat, a heavier bat, a longer bat or a shorter bat. . . There have been many letters about the catching staff. Oh, why did the club sell Clyde Klutts? It will take a winning streak to answer all the questions. . . At that, the Cardinals did pull a boner when they didn't insist on getting an experienced receiver while they were selling all those players before and during the 1946 season.

Jack Early has nestled into the Browns' No. 1 catching job. . . Chuck Stevens stands out at Toledo, scouts report, as the most hustling Mudhen. . . Toledo, they say, doesn't hold out much promise in the way of talent for the Browns. . . Too many oldsters who have had their fling and too many youngsters who don't measure up as big league material. . . Vincent X. Flaherty, Los Angeles Examiner columnist, who has moved the Cardinals to California several times, writes that "the Cardinals have been flattened by everybody. Their hitters aren't hitting and their pitchers aren't pitching and Eddie Dyer isn't catching. . . and neither is Branch Rickey." Won't Rickey be surprised when the covered wagon gets out to the coast with the mail and he learns that Rickey moved to Brooklyn several years ago?

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## Major League Box Scores

### American League

Washington	Chicago	ABR	R	H	E
Christen, 4	Baker, 3	4	2	1	0
Phillips, 3	Applegate, 4	1	0	0	0
Morris, 1	Johnson, 1	3	2	2	0
Spencer, 4	Kennedy, 1	3	1	2	0
Pridy, 2	McWay, 2	4	0	0	0
Frost, 3	Ficker, 3	4	0	0	0
Hudson, 3	Lopat, 4	4	0	0	0
Ferrick, 3		4	0	0	0

### National League

Chicago	ABR	R	H	E
Lowrey, 2	3	1	2	0
Johnson, 2	3	1	2	0
Rickert, 4	4	0	0	0
Cayrola, 4	4	0	0	0
Reynolds, 2	4	0	0	0
Nicholson, 4	4	0	0	0
Wright, 4	4	0	0	0
Wise, 4	4	0	0	0
Meers, 4	4	0	0	0
Leviston, 4	4	0	0	0
Sheffield, 4	4	0	0	0
Lee, 4	4	0	0	0

### Philadelphia

St. Louis	ABR	R	H	E
Stewart, 2	3	0	2	0
Honrich, 3	3	0	0	0
Dimaggio, 4	4	1	3	0
McNair, 4	4	0	0	0
W. Johnson, 3	4	1	3	0
Robinson, 4	4	1	3	0
DiMaggio, 4	4	1	3	0
Rizzuto, 4	4	0	0	0
Keller, 4	4	0	0	0
Conrad, 4	4	0	0	0
Pace, 4	4	0	0	0
Lindell, 4	4	0	0	0

### Cleveland

Boston	ABR	R	H	E
Joel, 4	4	1	3	1
Felt, 4	4	0	0	0
McKoy, 4	4	1	3	0
Johnson, 4	4	0	0	0
Roser, 4	4	0	0	0
Suder, 4	4	0	0	0
Washburn, 4	4	0	0	0
Savage, 4	4	0	0	0
Blinks, 4	4	0	0	0

### Pittsburgh

Philadelphia	ABR	R	H	E
Cox, 4	4	1	3	0
Kerr, 4	4	0	0	0
Grisham, 4	4	0	0	0
Harris, 4	4	0	0	0
Honrich, 4	4	0	0	0
Griffith, 4	4	0	0	0
McNair, 4	4	0	0	0
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