

# A Sporting Glance

By Howard Brantz

## HITS AT .375 PACE

Johnny Blanchard, the Minneapolis high school lad who jumped directly to the triple A Kansas City Blues, was batting at a .375 in games covered by the national baseball weekly, the Sporting News, this week.

The ex-Carroll Merchant star had played in eight games, including six as the Blues regular left fielder, and hit safely nine times to 24 trips to the plate. His only extra base poke was a three-bagger.

Blanchard, said to have been paid \$50,000 by the New York Yankees, was used in left field in six contests. He handled seven putouts and has not been charged with an error. He has not had an assist.

Whether or not the 18-year-old lefthanded hitting Blanchard will remain with Kansas City remains to be seen. Mickey Mantle, the Yankee phenom, was optioned to the Blues this week, in spite of the fact that he led the New York club in runs batted in.

Mantle was sent to Kansas City for seasoning and there's no doubt that Manager George Selkirk will find a place for the lad who is publicized as the Yankee star of the future. It will be interesting to see if Blanchard can hang on to a spot with the Blues.

**CANATSER HERE**—Bruce Canatser, the one-time major league scout who is in his 12th year as scout for the Detroit Tigers, is headquartering out of Carroll this week. He's looking over a few of the boys in the Iowa State league.

Bruce commented on Mantle's play with the Yankees. He told of the day Detroit pitchers struck him out four times. Twice he struck out on such poor pitches that he reached base on wild pitches.

The Tiger scout summed it up this way: "All young kids need just so much experience before they're ready. Mantle is a great prospect, but he needs more seasoning. Even though he leads the Yankees in RBI's, the New York team can't afford to have him in the lineup because of his mistakes."

Canatser said that the shift from shortstop, where Mantle played last year, to right field also retarded his progress. He said that Blanchard must learn a lot, too, in shifting from third base to the outfield.

**FAVORS CHISOX**—Canatser, now that his Detroit club is out of contention in the American league race, would like to see the Chicago White Sox take the crown.

"I played with Paul Richards and he was in our organization," Canatser said. "He's a fine guy and a real manager and I'd like to see his White Sox win the pennant."

**EIGHT OUT OF 10**—Spencer edged Mason City, 4-3, Sunday for the CARDINAL'S SECOND WIN IN 10 MEETINGS with the Legionnaires over a two-year period.

## Standings, Schedules

### IOWA STATE LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Carroll	13	7	.650	-
Mason City	12	9	.571	1½
Spencer	12	9	.571	1½
Estherville	10	9	.526	2½
Bancroft	8	9	.500	3
Lakes-Denison	7	10	.412	4½
Storm Lake	4	14	.222	8

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

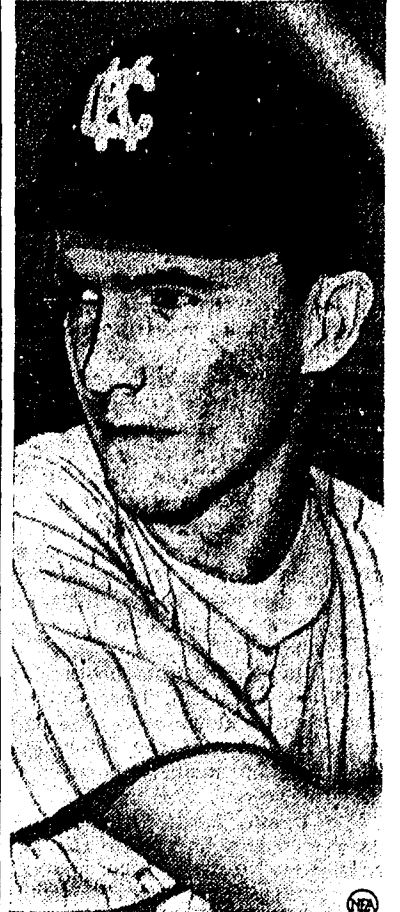
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### TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Lakes-Denison at Carroll.  
Bancroft at Estherville.  
Spencer at Storm Lake.

### WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Estherville at Mason City.  
Storm Lake at Bancroft.  
Carroll at Coon Rapids (exhibition).



**REMEMBER HIM?** ... Here's Johnny Blanchard, ex-Carroll Merchant as he poses in a Kansas City Blues uniform. Blanchard was batting at a .375 clip in the first eight games he played in the American Association.

## Just Two Days 51 Homers in

NEW YORK, N. Y. (AP)—Major league batters have clouted 51 home runs in the last two days. The home run binge started Sunday when National league batters banged out 19 and American league sluggers eight.

Yesterday National league batters belted 14 and American league hitters ten.

## League Leaders

(By The Associated Press)  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE:**  
Batting (based on 200 times at bat)—Musial, St. Louis, .370; Ashburn, Philadelphia, .355.

Runs—Hodges, Brooklyn, 73; Musial, St. Louis, 67.

Runs Batted In—Snider, Brooklyn, 64; Westlake, St. Louis, 63. Hits—Ashburn, Philadelphia, 121; Musial, St. Louis, 113.

Doubles—Wystroek, Cincinnati and Dark, New York, 21. Triples—Bell, Pittsburgh and Musial, St. Louis, 6.

Home runs—Hodges, Brooklyn, 23; Snider, Brooklyn and Kiner, Pittsburgh, 20.

Stolen Bases—Jethroe, Boston, 14; Robinson, Brooklyn, 13.

Pitching—(based on five decisions)—Roe, Brooklyn, 12-2, .857; Brecheen, St. Louis, 5-1, .833.

Strikeouts—Newcombe, Brooklyn, 84; Jansen, New York, 80.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Batting—Kell, Detroit, .339; Williams, Boston, .337.

Runs—Williams, Boston, 72; Minoso, Chicago, 70.

Runs Batted In—Williams, Boston, 80; Robinson, Chicago, 71.

Hits—DiMaggio, Boston, 112; Fox, Chicago, 105.

Doubles—Noren, Washington, 27; Fain, Philadelphia, 22.

Triples—Minoso, Chicago, 12; Fox, Chicago, 6.

Home Runs—Zernial, Philadelphia, 22; Williams, Boston, 18.

Stolen bases—Busby, Chicago, 17; Minoso, Chicago, 15.

Pitching—Kinder, Boston and Martin, Philadelphia, 5-1, .833.

Strikeouts—McDermott, Boston and Raschi, New York, 85.

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# Carroll Wins, Meets Rinard Wednesday

Carroll and Rinard high schools will square off here Wednesday night in the finals of the Iowa High School Athletic association's summer sectional baseball tournament.

Smooth Larry Wetter, the all-state basketball player, pitched Rinard to a 5-0 victory over Coon Rapids last night in first round action.

In the other opening game, Maury Julich turned in a one-hitter as he coasted in on Carroll's 15-3 victory over Glidden, the defending champion.

Wetter turned back Coon Rapids on two hits, both by Catcher Joe Reinhardt. Wetter struck out 12 and walked only two in notching the victory.

Rinard collected six hits off the offerings of Bobby Shaffer. Dick Textor turned in several sparkling plays at shortstop for the losers.

Jim Hulsebus's double in the fifth inning was the only safe base knock by Glidden off Julich's hurling. Julich struck out 10 and walked nine.

Leading Carroll's 10-hit assault were Floyd Wilkens, Julich, Dale Bock and Larry Schenkelberg, all with two hits each.

The box scores:

Team	AB	R	H	E
Rinard	15	5	6	0
Coon Rapids	12	0	2	0
Carroll	15	15	3	0
Glidden	15	3	15	0

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# Four Teams in Tight Race in American Loop

(By The Associated Press)  
Results of the next three days may throw the American league race into one of the tightest four-team scrambles on record.

Only two and a half games separate the front-running Red Sox and the fourth-place Indians today as Boston invades Cleveland for a three-game set while manager-ups Chicago and New York clash in a three-game argument of their own.

A mere half game can separate all four clubs when the last putouts are made on Thursday. All it would need is for the Indians to sweep the set from the Red Sox and the Yankees to win two out of three from the White Sox. Then the standings would read this way:

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	50	33	.602	-
Cleveland	51	34	.600	-
Boston	51	35	.593	½
Chicago	52	36	.591	½

The Red Sox lost a full game to each of their pursuers yesterday when the tail-end St. Louis Browns roused themselves with a seven-run fifth inning to upset the Sox, 9-5.

Chicago turned on their Philadelphia tormentors with an early blast to register a 9-5 victory over the Athletics and cut Boston's margin to one game. The Yankees, outlasted two to one, outlasted the Tigers in Detroit, 8-6, to stay within a half game of the White Sox. They pulled even with Chicago in percentage, however, at .600. Cleveland waited to an easy 8-2 triumph over Washington to cut its first-place gap to two and a half games.

It's a different story in the National league. The front-running Dodgers snapped their four-game losing streak with a decisive 11-2 win over Cincinnati to retain their eight-game margin.

New York's Giants slipped past St. Louis into second place by vanquishing the Pittsburgh Pirates, 7-6, in the rubber of their three-game set. A five-run eighth inning kayoed Gerry Staley and gave the Philadelphia Phils a 5-2 victory over the Cardinals.

Boston's Braves spotted Chicago four runs in the first inning and came on to win, 9-4. Ted Williams slammed his 18th homer for the Red Sox but it went to waste as the Browns tied off on Ellis Kinder and Bill Wright for six hits and added three walks for seven runs in the big fifth inning.

Manager Paul Richards shook up his Chicago lineup and the White Sox responded by shelling a pair of Philadelphia hurlers for 15 hits, including homers by Orestes Mino and Don Lenhardt.

A two-run homer by Yogi Berra and another four-bagger by Joe Collins offset spotty pitching by newcomer Artie Schalkoff and Frank Shea and gave the Yankees their second straight win over the Tigers.

Luke Easter hammered his 13th and 14th homers and drove in five runs to lead the Indians to victory over Washington.

Carl Erskine hurled seven perfect innings and yielded but two hits as the Dodgers snapped Cincinnati's seven-game winning streak. A single by Ted Kuszewski, lead off batter in the eighth, ended Erskine's dream of a perfect game as well as a no-hitter.

Wes Westrum's homer in the eighth, his second of the day, snapped a 6-6 tie and won for the Giants over the Pirates.

Home runs by Sam Jethroe, Earl Torgeson and Sid Gordon helped Boston's Braves defeat the Cubs. The Phillies whipped the Cards with a five-run rally in the eighth inning, featured by Tommy Brown's triple with the bases loaded.

George Kenneally, Brandeis University's assistant football coach, once played for Pottsville, Pa., in the old National Pro League.

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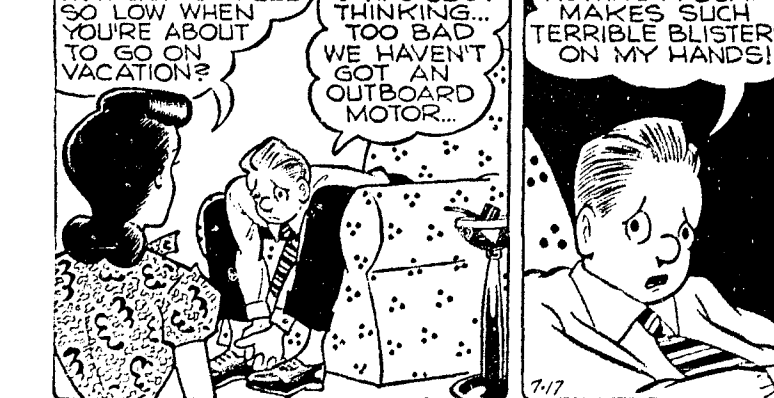
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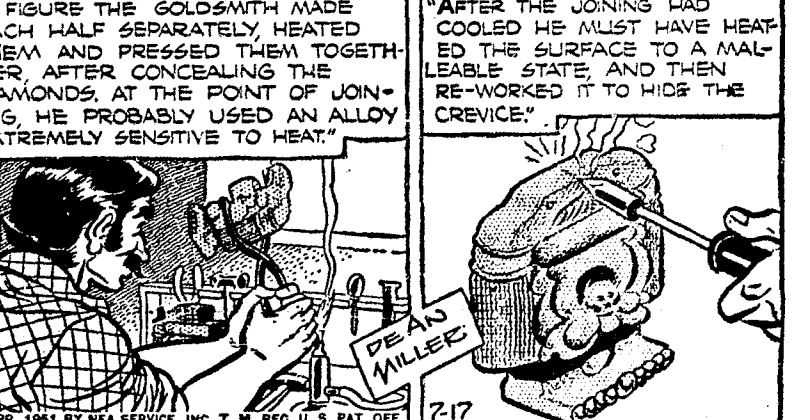
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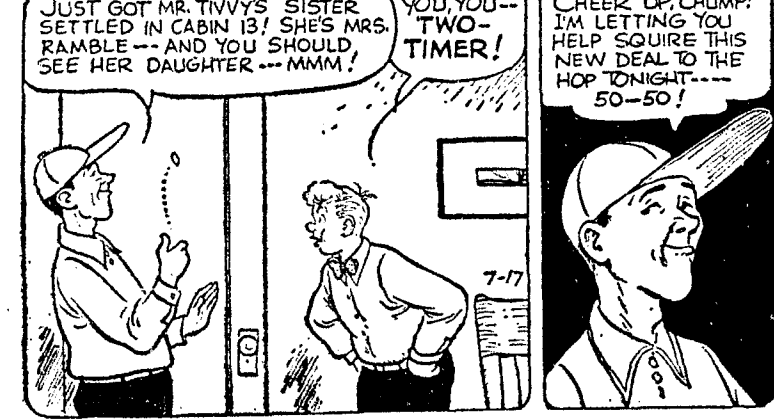
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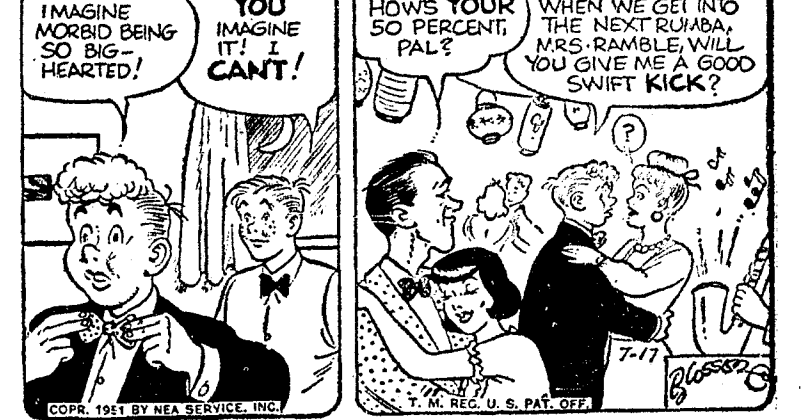
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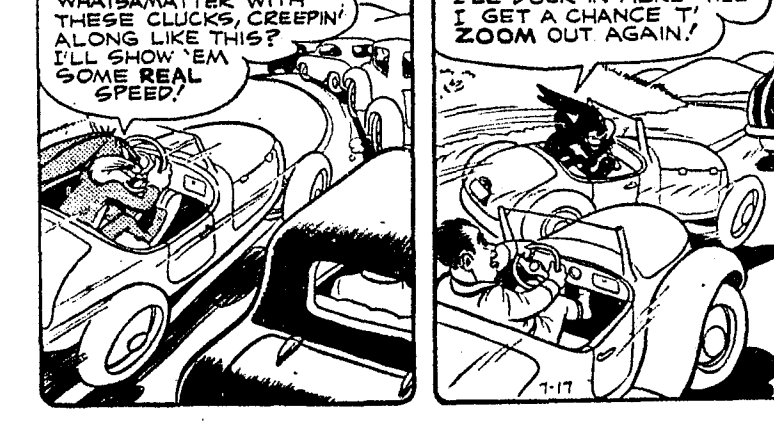
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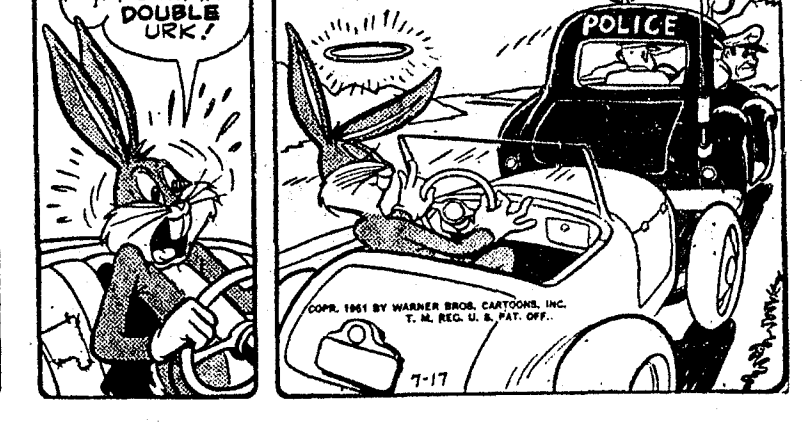
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## EDGAR MARTIN



# Colnitis Seeks 7th Win Here

Aches, Pains for Old-Timers Tonight

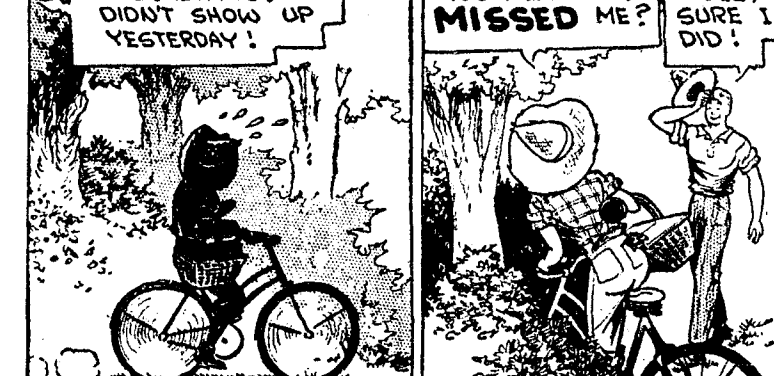
There'll be plenty of laughs and entertainment for baseball fans at Merchants park tonight—and aches and pains aplenty in the morning for a group of old-timers who will make their "comeback" on the baseball field.

Colnitis, the top pitcher in the Iowa State league with a 7-0 record, will be shooting for No. 8 against Lakes-Denison tonight. And he'll be going with only two days' rest.

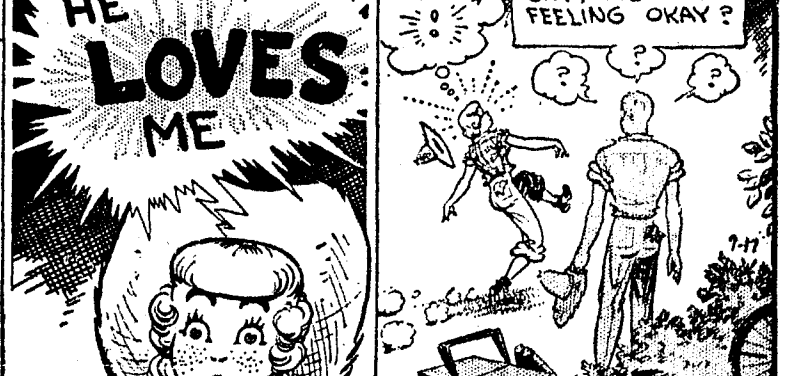
Manager Sheehan, who employed three pitchers against Estherville last night (a losing, 12-10 cause), made the decision to hurl Colnitis after giving the schedule the once-over.

Saving "Big Steve" for the next league game would mean keeping him idle until Friday night. And with the mound staff pretty shaky around the seams, Manager Sheehan called upon the tall right-hander for action tonight. And he'll get back into action next Sunday against Spencer.

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



## EDGAR MARTIN



## WASH TUBS



## BY LESLIE TURNER

