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## Days at the Races: A.L., N.L., and Hank

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As any good dramaturgist will tell you, all plots must resolve in the end. As the National and American League races enter their final week, we now have a strong glimpse of the characters who will prance upon the October stage.

Chosen by most April dopesters to compete for the flag, Bill Terry's Giants have been on a breakneck course to fold said flag and pocket it in their overcoats. Back on September 13, they began their hot run by crushing celebrated Pittsburgh twirler Russ Bauers at the Polo Grounds by an easy 7-1 count. Gus Mancuso's 9th inning safety gave them a 5-4 win over the Bucs the next day, before Haslin and Leiber homered in a 5-2 win to cap the 3-game sweep.

The Cubs were the next victim, as the Giants scored two in the 9th to win 8-7. After Clay Bryant shut them out 1-0, the second-place Cards arrived needing to sweep in New York. Terry's Terrors greeted them with another squeaky 4-3 win despite three Giant errors. Carl Hubbell lost the next one to "drop" to 17-5, but then they beat the Reds to start



their last visit, got blanked by Vander Meer, before manhandling Bucky Walters 9-1 and moving on to Boston, where Cliff Melton shut out the Bees 2-0. That made it nine wins in twelve, with their magical league crowning number down to a mere three.

In the junior circuit, the Red Sox have been shocking and amazing the baseball world all year. After their 5th place finish in '37, few gave them a chance to make up the 21 games of ground on the Yanks, but here they are, poised to set up a rematch of 1912, the last time they faced the Giants in the World Series.

The Bostonians took Saturday and Sunday affairs in the Bronx. First Grove

edged Gomez 4-3 in the Battle of the Leftys. Then, three games back and desperately needing a win, DiMaggio and Gordon both knocked their 29th homers for Ruffing. The problem was that Red gave up four runs in the 5th, five more in the 8th, 18 hits in all, and Boston trounced them 9-2. "I take full responsibility," said Ruffing later, "Matter of fact, pull down my breeches and paddle me with a rowboat oar till the evening moon rises. I deserve it."

In the Land of Greenberg, the Incredible Hittin' Yid pounded four more homers, including nos. 56 and 57 on Wednesday

### ◆ STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS ◆

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB	NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	96	51	.653	—	New York	90	58	.603	—
New York	92	55	.626	4	St. Louis	84	62	.575	5
Cleveland	82	66	.554	14½	Cincinnati	83	65	.561	7
Detroit	77	72	.517	20	Chicago	81	65	.555	8
Washington	73	75	.493	23½	Brooklyn	70	78	.473	20
Chicago	69	79	.466	27½	Pittsburgh	66	82	.446	24
Philadelphia	56	92	.378	40½	Boston	64	83	.435	25½
St. Louis	46	101	.313	50	Philadelphia	51	96	.347	38½

against the Athletics, and no 50 today against Cleveland's tough Mel Harder. Only five Tiger games remain, against the Browns and Indians, and Hank is on a pace for 59.9, so I suppose we should forget these complicated mathematics and just enjoy the quest!

**A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER**

In all my years of publishing the written word, few accomplishments have been as valued as hiring celebrated female "pitchematician" Peneople Dylan as a bi-weekly *Gazette and Dope Sheet* coumnist.

The fairer genre has been well represented in the areas of fiction and poetry, but it has been the rare newspaper publisher that has taken the brave step of assigning a woman to a weekly beat. Miss Dylan's astute ideas on the advancement on all forms of baseball numerology has made her a true pioneer and a hero to female sports readers nationwide.

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J. Foxx, BOS	1.187	W. Berger CIN 30
H. Greenberg, DET	1.081	H. Leiber, NYG 29
B. Dickey, NYY	1.031	M. Ott, NYG 29
R. York, DET	1.012	
J. Cronin, BOS	1.003	

RUNS BATTED IN

AL		
J. Mize, STL	1.143	J. Foxx, BOS 181
M. Ott, NYG	.957	H. Greenberg, DET 144
W. Berger, BOS	.906	B. Dickey, NYY 125
		L. Gehrig, NYY 125

BATTING AVERAGE

AL		NL
T. Wright, WAS	.362	J. Mize, STL 132
E. Brucker, PHI	.360	J. Medwick, STL 108
J. Foxx, BOS	.347	M. Ott, NYG 106
B. Chapman, BOS	.342	E. Slaughter, STL 97
H. Trosky, CLE	.338	
J. Cronin, BOS	.333	

DOUBLES

AL		
J. Cronin, BOS	55	
E. Brucker, PHI	49	
H. Trosky, CLE	44	
NL		
D. Padgett, STL	48	
B. Herman, CHC	40	
P. Martin, STL	39	

HOME RUNS

AL		<u>TRIPLES</u>
H. Greenberg, DET	58	AL
J. Foxx, BOS	49	T. Wright, WAS 21
R. York, DET	46	J. Heath, CLE 19
K. Keltner, CLE	38	NL
H. Clift, SLB	35	E. Slaughter, STL 23
B. Dickey, NYY	33	J. Mize, STL 20

◆ **PITCHING LEADERS** ◆

<u>WINS</u>		B. Weiland, STL 161
AL		C. Hubbell, NYG 151

R. Ruffing, NYY	25-11	
L. Grove, BOS	21-8	
B. Feller, CLE	21-10	
NL		

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

J. Vander Meer, Cin	22-11	B. Hadley, NYY 2.89
B. McGee, STL	21-9	L. Grove, BOS 2.99
B. Lee, CHC	20-12	Krakauskas, WAS 3.11
R. Bauers, PIT	20-16	B. Feller, CLE 3.21
		J. Allen, CLE 3.32
		NL

STRIKEOUTS

AL		W. Moore, CIN 2.24
B. Feller, CLE	252	J. Vander Meer, CIN 2.45
B. Newsom, SLB	212	R. Bauers, PIT 2.61
J. Krakauskas, WAS	186	J. Weaver, CIN 2.65
NL		D. MacFayden, BOS 2.70
J. Vander Meer, CIN	194	C. Hubbell, NYG 2.73