

BONHAM IS BEATEN BY INDIANS, 5 TO 4

**Tiny Meets First 1942 Defeat
After 8 Victories—Smith's
Single in 9th Decides**

YANKS TAKE NIGHTCAP, 13-1

**Score Eight Runs in Eighth
as Gordon Smashes Homer
With the Bases Filled**

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Tiny Bonham lost yesterday before the greatest baseball crowd of the year, one of the largest in the history of the Yankee Stadium.

A gathering of 73,238 fans, 1,327 of them service men, filled the Bronx park to see the 210-pound Californian hurl his ninth straight victory in a twin bill against the Indians and saw, instead, the first blot placed on a hitherto spotless record.

For, in the opening game, Bonham bowed to Lefty Al Smith, who had been hammered to cover in less than three innings last Friday. The score was 5 to 4.

Knocks Heath Out of Action

The Yanks came back to swamp the Indians in the nightcap, 13 to 1. Joe Gordon highlighted the afterpiece with a home run that cleared loaded bases in the eighth inning, a blow which knocked Jeff Heath out of action as he crashed against the left-field parapet in missing a catch.

Tommy Henrich exploded a homer in each contest. Frankie Crosetti hit one in the opener. Charley Keller banged one with Joe DiMaggio aboard in the nightcap, a game in which every Yankee hit at least once at the expense of Mel Harder, Vernon Kennedy and Clint Brown.

The big news, however, was that Bonham finally came a cropper. Smith's ninth-inning single decided the issue.

Bonham started against Joe Heving with a two-run lead. Crosetti opened with a homer into the lower left-field stand. Buddy Hassett got a life on Heving's error. Henrich doubled him to third. With the bases filled and one out, Gordon singled Hassett and Henrich home and Heving out of the ball game, bringing Smith on the scene.

The Indians had picked up a run in the first on Ken Keltner's double and Heath's single. But the Yankee lead soared to three runs when Henrich opened the fifth with a homer into the right-field stand.

Boudreau Strikes Triple

In the sixth the Indians knotted the count with a three-run salvo in which Oris Hockett and Keltner singled, Heath doubled one run in, and Manager Lou Boudreau tripled in the other two on a blooper to right.

Boudreau touched off the rally in the ninth. His single was followed by Ray Mack's sacrifice, and, with two out, Smith shot a single to center on which Boudreau scored.

The nightcap was a nightmare—for Boudreau. Harder presented the Yanks with a run in the second inning. Henrich's homer arrived in the third. Keller's followed in the sixth, after Roy Weatherly exploded one in the first half of the inning to avert a Cleveland shut-out.

Kennedy, who took the mound in the seventh, was hammered to cover in the eighth, in a Yankee hitting barrage that continued against Brown until the champions had connected for eight blows and as many runs.

Fans in Line Early

Fans were on line, some of them with their lunches, as early as 9 A. M., waiting for the doors to open. Half an hour before the first game started the S. R. O. sign was hung up. At 1:40 P. M. refunds were being made to fans.

The season's best previous gathering was 68,394 on May 3, when the White Sox were the attraction.

Striking early in each instance, Gordon hit in both games to stretch his streak to twenty-four games.

In the gathering dusk Hassett stretched his string to nineteen.

Bonham Is Philosophic

Bonham took his first setback philosophically. "You can't win 'em all," he said with a smile. "I was all right but their blooping hits hurt me."

Phil Rizzuto, Crosetti and Hassett were fancy Dans in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings of the opener. Each came up with a dazzling play.

The man who stopped Bonham and the Yanks is also the fellow who helped stop DiMaggio's hitting streak last year. Smith and Jim Bagby collaborated against DiMag.

The opener went to completion without a Yankee double play. But the champions made three in the nightcap to boost their total to sixty-eight.

THE RUN THAT ENDED BONHAM'S WINNING STREAK



Manager Lou Boudreau of the Indians has just crossed the plate on Pitcher Al Smith's single to center field in the ninth inning of yesterday's opener at the Yankee Stadium. Bill Dickey (8) is waiting for Joe DiMaggio's throw. The umpire is Johnny Quinn.

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