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Joe Lonnett

It's time to dust off the adage about the team in first place on the Fourth of July being destined to win the pennant.

It seems to carry a heavier ring of prophecy this year than it has in many seasons. For this time, neither Montreal nor Toronto is in position to strike for the top on Independence Day.

These are the only two teams that have broken the tradition in the last 22 years.

League Secretary Harry Simmons' records show that 17 of the last 22 pennant-winners were in first place on the big double-header holiday marking the half-way point in the campaign.

The only teams that broke the tradition were Montreal in 1944, 1947, 1953 and 1956 and Toronto in 1955. Now, for the first time since 1940, the outlook is that both Canadian entries will miss the first division.

Over this 19-year stretch, either the Royals or Leafs made the playoffs, and in recent campaigns, both were in the post-season series more often than not.

Entering the last week in June, the battle for the top seemed to be turning into a three-way fight among Richmond, Buffalo and fast-coming Rochester, with the Cubs and Miami within a short sprint of overhauling the front trio.

Vees Thrive On Mastery of Herd
The Yankees called up three Richmond players, but the Vees, thriving on their mastery over the Bisons (11-2), reached first place for the first time, June 19. They lost the lead the next afternoon for an hour, then regained it.

The Bisons had held the top spot for 28 days, five short of Miami's earlier tenancy. Richmond was only the third team to move in front since the first week of the season.

Buffalo, having survived a plague of injuries without falling off the pace, seemed ready for another move after the purchase of Catcher Joe Lonnett from Louisville and the recall of Pitcher Art Mahaffey, who had won eight games without a loss at Williamsport (Eastern).

Staying within one to two and one-half games of the top, the Rochester Red Wings, spurred by consistently strong pitching and Charley James' hitting, looked like a team that could soar in the stretch.

"Rochester," warned Kerby Farrell, the Bison skipper, "will be as tough to handle as Richmond when we head into the home stretch."

GAMES OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

AT MIAMI-NIGHT GAME

Toronto	ab	r	h	rbi	Miami	ab	r	h	rbi
Rodriguez	2	0	0	0	Valentine	3	0	0	0
Baines	2	0	1	0	Oertel	1	0	0	0
W. Wilson	3	0	0	0	Castelman	2	0	0	0
Popo	1	0	0	0	Barnie	1	0	0	0
A. Wilson	2	0	0	0	Smith	2	0	0	0
Altobelli	1	0	0	0	Kellert	1	0	0	0
Thompson	2	0	0	0	Burke	2	1	1	2
Amalfitano	2	1	0	0	Korcheck	2	1	1	0
Johnson	1	0	0	0	Anderson	2	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	2	0	Totals	19	2	4	2

Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Stopped by rain.

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Johnson (Loser 3-8)	5	4	2	2	0	3
Anderson (Winner 8-3)	5	2	0	0	0	1

2B—Smith. HR—Burke. SB—Raines. E—None.
PO—Toronto 15-6. Miami 15-0. DP—Smith.
Burke and Kellert. LOB—Toronto 1. Miami 2. WP—Johnson. SB—Korcheck. U—Schwartz. Yawza and Guzzetta. T—1:18. Attendance 900 estimated.

AT RICHMOND-NIGHT GAME

Rochester	ab	r	h	rbi	Richmond	ab	r	h	rbi
Harrell	3	0	0	0	Reed	5	0	1	0
C. James	4	1	0	0	Deakin	5	1	2	0
Frey	5	0	1	0	Martyn	5	0	2	0
Easter	2	1	1	0	De. Johnson	5	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	Boyer	5	0	1	0
bWilson	0	0	0	0	Leja	4	1	1	0
Shannon	2	0	0	0	De. Johnson	4	1	2	2
Rand	2	1	1	0	Boyer	3	0	0	0
Kabbes	3	0	0	0	Leja	3	0	0	0
Keenan	1	0	0	0	De. Johnson	2	0	0	0
Nunn	0	0	0	0	Grba	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	9	6	Totals	36	5	11	5

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Johnson (Winner 9-1)	3	11	5	5	1	4
Monroe (Loser 2-2)	3	6	6	4	3	3
Grba	1	1	0	0	1	2
Cox	1	1	0	0	1	2

*Pitched to one batter in ninth.
aGrounded out for Grba in sixth. bRan for Green in seventh. 2B—Keenan. Leja. Reed. SB—Shannon. Leja. Rand. HR—Da. Johnson. SB—Kabbes. Da. Johnson. E—None. PO—A—Rochester 27-12. Richmond 27-13. LOB—Rochester 6. Richmond 8. HF—Keenan (Da. Johnson). WP—Monroe. PB—De.

CLASS AAA

STANDING ON THURSDAY A. M., JUNE 25

Buffalo	13	21	47	51	101	740	31	563
15 Rochester	41	81	61	51	21	839	32	549
7 Richmond	101	61	11	31	84	638	33	535
1 Miami	51	41	61	41	71	836	35	507
10 Cubs	61	71	41	41	51	535	37	486
11 Montreal	21	61	41	101	31	334	37	479
14 Columbus	31	61	31	61	71	532	38	458
Toronto	11	41	51	81	41	294	40	420
Lost	31	32	33	35	37	38	40	1

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AT COLUMBUS-NIGHT GAME

Buffalo	ab	r	h	rbi	Columbus	ab	r	h	rbi
Amaro	5	0	0	0	Bartrome	3	0	0	0
Landrum	4	0	0	0	McDaniel	1	0	0	0
Del Greco	3	2	2	0	Rodriguez	3	0	0	0
Herrera	3	0	0	0	Escalera	4	1	1	0
Harrington	4	0	2	0	Burgess	4	0	0	0
Comand	4	0	2	0	Baich	4	0	0	0
Morgan	3	0	0	0	Baich	4	0	0	0
Vassie	2	0	0	0	Jacobson	2	0	0	0
Short	3	0	0	0	Hamlin	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	10	3	Totals	29	1	4	1

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Short (Winner 6-1)	9	4	1	1	3	7
Giel (Loser 2-2)	2	2	2	2	0	2
Held	6	4	0	0	0	2
Williams	2	3	1	0	0	2

AT RICHMOND-NIGHT GAME

Buffalo	ab	r	h	rbi	Richmond	ab	r	h	rbi
Amaro	5	0	0	0	Reed	4	1	1	0
Landrum	4	0	0	0	Martyn	3	1	2	0
Del Greco	4	1	1	0	Herrera	3	1	2	0
Herrera	4	0	0	0	De. Johnson	2	1	2	1
Harrington	4	0	1	0	Leja	4	0	1	1
Phillips	3	0	0	0	Boyer	3	0	3	1
Morgan	3	0	0	0	De. Johnson	3	0	0	0
Comand	4	0	2	0	Deakin	2	0	0	0
Lehman	4	0	0	0	Da. Johnson	2	0	0	0
Mason	0	0	0	0	Flowers	2	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	11	6	Totals	27	5	9	5

AT COLUMBUS-NIGHT GAME

Buffalo	ab	r	h	rbi	Columbus	ab	r	h	rbi
Amaro	5	0	0	0	Hamlin	4	1	2	0
Landrum	4	0	0	0	Javier	5	0	1	0
Del Greco	4	1	1	0	W. Wilson	4	0	0	0
Herrera	4	2	2	0	G. Greb	3	0	2	0
Harrington	4	2	1	0	Escalera	5	0	2	0
Phillips	3	0	0	0	Burgess	5	0	0	0
Morgan	3	1	1	0	Shannon	2	0	0	0
Comand	4	0	2	0	Harrell	5	0	2	0
Lehman	4	0	0	0	Rand	4	0	1	0
Mason	0	0	0	0	Kabbes	2	0	1	0
Totals	36	7	11	6	Totals	42	1	8	1

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lehman (Winner 2-3)	8	10	5	4	1	7
Mason	2	2	0	0	0	1
Lines (Loser 5-6)	4	7	6	6	3	1
O'Donnell	2	2	1	0	0	0
Green	2	0	0	0	0	2

aFiled out for O'Donnell in seventh. bPopped out for Green in ninth. cGrounded out for Javier in ninth. dHamlin in ninth. eRan for Wilson in ninth. fIntentionally walked for Grba in ninth. gAnnounced for Alvarez in ninth. hSingled for Martyn in ninth. 2B—Thomas. Browning. SB—Easter. Reed. De. Johnson. Baxes. HR—Green. SB—Baxes. SB—Kabbes. E—Alvarez. Green. PO—A—Rochester 27-10. Richmond 27-8. LOB—Rochester 8. Richmond 9. U—Guglielmo. Smith and DiMuro. T—2:43. Attendance—2,610.

Rain prevented Montreal at Havana, Toronto at Miami games.

AT RICHMOND-NIGHT GAME

Rochester	ab	r	h	rbi	Richmond	ab	r	h	rbi
Harrell	3	0	0	0	Alvarez	4	1	2	0
Frey	5	0	0	0	Martyn	4	0	0	0
James	4	1	2	0	Shantz	1	1	2	0
Green	4	1	2	0	Reed	1	1	0	0
Easter	4	0	1	0	Thomas	3	0	1	1
Rand	4	0	0	0	De. Johnson	4	0	1	1
Shannon	2	0	0	0	Boyer	3	0	0	0
Kabbes	3	0	0	0	Leja	3	0	0	0
Browning	2	0	0	0	De. Johnson	3	0	1	0
Hiland	2	0	0	0	Da. Johnson	4	0	1	0
bWilson	1	0	0	0	Dick	2	0	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	Cox	1	0	0	0
Slaylock	0	0	0	0	Grba	1	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0	Deakin	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	9	2	Totals	33	3	11	3

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Browning	7	8	2	2	4	4
Hiland	2	1	0	0	1	0
Slaylock (Loser 0-1)	1	1	1	1	0	0
Smith	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dick	7	6	2	2	2	7
Grbz (Winner 5-1)	2	3	0	0	0	3

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GAMES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 19

AT HAVANA-TWILIGHT GAME

Montreal	ab	r	h	rbi	Cubs	ab	r	h	rbi
Roberts	2	0	0	0	Cardenas	3	0	0	0
Scull	4	0	0	0	Rojas	3	0	0	0
Amoros	3	2	3	0	Gonzalez	3	0	0	0
Lennon	3	0	0	0	Paula	2	0	0	0
Parris	3	1	1	0	Morison	3	0	1	0
Koranda	3	0	0	0	Alvarez	3	0	1	0
Aspromonte	3	0	0	0	Chacon	3	0	0	0
Lasorda	2	0	1	0	Izquierdo	2	0	0	0
Totals	28	5	10	5	Totals	24	0	4	0

Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Amor (Loser 9-4)	5	10	4	2</		