BAWLS *and* STRIKES

Paul Gaulin, Brookline, Mass. boy who is holding down second base, tied Ray Rist's league record for successive hits by banging four in a row against Milford Friday night and cracking three against Salisbury. Gaulin's string was snapped at seven when he fanned in the fifth inning Sunday.

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Red Walsh hurt his back in practice Sunday and saw the game from the press box. Tough for Red to be on the sidelines when the club was celebrating Mother's Day by whaling twenty base hits.

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Alton Bell, who hangs his hat in Dennysville, Maine, when he's home pieced together a neat string of hits in his first nine games. He knocked twenty hits in forty chances, an average of an even .500, and tallied sixteen runs, nearly two a game. Except for the first game with Easton when he hit once in three tries, Ding Dong rang up a pair of safeties or better in each tilt.

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When the Red Sox barged into first place by beating Milford Friday night it marked the first time a Centreville club has recaptured the heights after it was knocked off. Each year Centreville got away in front with three straight wins, only to lose a few and slip down the ladder. But this hustling Red Sox outfit scrambled right back.

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McDuffie, third string catcher who acts like another Bill Dickey, evidently overlooked the fact that Centreville did not need any more runs Sunday. Sent in to relieve Cap Clark in the fourth Mac amassed a single, double and walk for a perfect day.

RED SOX AVERAGES

(These Averages Including Sunday's Game Are Unofficial)

Batting

Name	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Bell	9	40	16	20	.500
McDuffie	2	4	4	2	.500
Sheehan	2	7	1	3	.429
Mussel	2	7	1	3	.429
Heath	2	8	2	3	.375
Gaulin	7	27	12	10	.370
King	9	38	10	13	.342
Lee	8	27	6	9	.333
Brosman	3	14	3	4	.286
Clark	8	21	8	5	.238
Freeman	9	36	9	8	.222
Walsh	8	32	8	7	.219
Davidson	9	37	7	7	.216
Savino	3	14	3	3	.214
Duncan	3	5	1	1	.200
Dye	3	4	0	0	.000
Hadley	2	1	0	0	.000
Weinrich	2	0	0	0	.000
Richie	1	0	0	0	.000
Club		322	87	98	.304

PITCHERS RECORDS

Brosman	2	0	1.000
Sheehan	2	0	1.000
Heath	2	0	1.000
Weinrich	1	0	1.000
Hadley	0	2	.000

RED SOX, 8; MILFORD, 2

Scoring runs in clusters in the late innings the Centreville Red Sox defeated Milford's Little Giants 8-2 in the initial setto between the clubs at Centreville Thursday night.

The Giants were a trifle stubborn about giving up the game for seven frames, keeping neck and neck with the Sox and making the race look like a pitcher's battle. However, Jack Sheehan, Sox hurler, got better as the tilt rolled on while the Sox got next to O'Higgins, Giant twirler, in the seventh and eighth, combing him for three hits and the same number of runs in each canto. Sheehan was master of the Giants throughout, scattering seven hits, whiffing a dozen batters and never getting in trouble.

Milford opened with a rush. Kessell, first batter, cracked a double. Stine fanned, Steinman walked. Urban hit a double play ball to Freeman who relayed to Gaulin. The latter in his haste to complete the play threw the ball away and Kessell scored.

The Giants doubled their lead in the fourth on Urban's walk, a wild pitch and Benzenberg's bingle.

Meanwhile the Sox had been feeling O'Higgin's out without much success. Bell singled in the first. King walked in the second and was thrown out trying to reach third base on Lee's safety. Sheehan got a life on an error in the third.

Came the fourth and the Sox broke through. King went all the way to third when Urban, fielding his slow roller, threw the ball almost to the colored bleachers. Clark was hit on the heel by a pitched ball. Walsh forced Clark, but King scored. Lee walked putting Walsh on second and Sheehan rode him home with a single to tie matters at 2-all.

With Sheehan pitching smartly the home fans waited undisturbed for his mates to get some runs. These came in the seventh. Hub Freeman pried the lucky frame open with a double. Paul Gaulin walked. Bell beat out a bunt to fill the sacks. Davidson's short roller to the pitcher forced Freeman at the plate but King whistled a hit to left to score two runs and put Davidson on third. After Clark strolled Davidson brought over the third run when Walsh was put out at first.

Singles by Sheehan, Bell and King and an error on Freeman's sacrifice eased three more tallies over in the eighth to ice the game.

Sheehan's twirling and punching by Ding Bell who got four hits in five cracks, featured the game.

									R	H	E
Centreville	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3 x	—8	11	2
Milford	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 0	—2	7	5

Batteries.—Centreville—Sheehan and Clark. Milford, O'Higgins and Gunning.

RED SOX 10; MILFORD, 6

The Red Sox took undisputed possession of first place Friday night when they went to Milford and rumpled the Giants 10-6 with a dazzling ninth-inning rally. The clubs were locked 5-all going into the last furlong but the Sox racked up five tallies, four more than the Giants could find.

Frank Mussel, Luzerne, Pa., lad, pitched for the Sox and also started the winning rally. The lead changed hands in the early innings with Milford making the pace. Mussel, first up in the ninth whacked a double, Freeman walked, Gaulin shot a single to score Mussel and Davidson sent Freeman over with what proved to be the winning run. Milford got one run back in their half but that was all.

Red Walsh put in a homer and Paul Gaulin nicked four straight singles to lead the Sox attack. Mussel got a single and a double. Bell also got two hits. Milford got eleven hits off Mussel but the Sox twirler fanned nine at critical times and deserved to win.

Score by innings:

										R	H	E
Centreville	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5—	10	13	2
Milford	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1—	6	11	4

Batteries. Centreville — Mussel and Dye, Clark. Milford—Tansey and Frazier.

RED SOX, 18; SALISBURY, 3

Holding a field day of their own the Red Sox pounded three Salisbury hurlers for twenty hits, ran bases at will and swamped the two-time champions 18-3 in the Queen Anne's park Sunday afternoon.

The game was stowed away in the third when fifteen Sox went to bat, punched out eight hits and scored eleven times. The fourth inning was almost as riotous, ten men batting and five scoring. Manager Clark then gave four regulars a rest and the Sox coasted in.

Harold Brosman, Richmond, Va., moundsman, pitched for the Sox and won without effort. During the first three innings when the game was close he held Salisbury hitless and struck out the side in the third.

After the Indians went down in order Freeman walked to open the attack for Centreville. Gaulin slammed a single sending Freeman to third. On Bell's grounder Freeman scored, Gaulin was run down bewteen second and third but Bell reached second. Davidson's single to center pushed Bell over.

The third canto was a storm of hits, errors, walks and errors of omission. Freeman walked, took second on Gaulin's safety. Both advanced on a wild pitch and Bell's single admitted Freeman. Davidson's sacrifice fly to center scored Gaulin. King was safe on an error. Clark and Savino singled to send one Indian pitcher to the showers. Lee and Brosman kept the pot boiling with safeties. Freeman fanned. Gaulin walked. Bell singled for the second time in the inning. Davidson was safe on an error and King blasted another single. Eleven runs trickled over during the shooting.

The Red Sox got rid of the second Indian hurler in the fourth. Savino, Lee and Brosman singled in succession. Freeman grounded out. Gaulin cracked a safety to right and Salisbury changed pitchers. Bell greeted the next one with a sharp single over second, Davidson walked, and after King popped to first Clark fired a one-baser to right center to end the scoring. Five runs trooped over to raise the Sox total to eighteen.

Salisbury pecked away at Brosman's offerings but even though he eased up could get nowhere. Bell and Gaulin led the hitters with three. Brosman, Lee, Savino, McDuffie and King each got a pair. Carolan, who replaced Lee, got a double in two chances. Dudley Ritchie got in the game in the seventh, walked on his only trip and fielded one chance. Duncan replaced Bell for a couple of innings also.

Score by innings:

										R	H	E
Cent'lle	2	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0 x—	18	20	1
Salisb'y	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0—	3	9	5

Batteries. Centreville—Brosman and Clark, McDuffie. Salisbury — Kreft, Hopkins, Knothe and Matulis.

FEDS, 7; RED SOX, 6

The Red Sox yielded their hold on first place to Federalsburg only after a bitter struggle Monday night as the A's barely lasted to eke out a 7-6 win over the Sox at the Queen Anne's park. Even then they had the bags loaded when McDuffie, pinch hitter, fanned to end the Sox fight.

The night was the coldest of the season thus far yet a surprisingly good sized crowd of fans turned out to watch the battle for top place. The A's led all the way with the Sox finding the range in the late innings.

Rullo walked to open the game for the Feds. After DeMasi flied out Detwiler drove a double play ball to Savino, who bobbled the ball for a miscue that proved costly. Kolberg promptly lofted a fly just over right field fence and the Feds were off to a three-run lead.

With two out in their half Bell rapped a single, Davidson walked and King was safe on Tallett's error. Bell had too long a lead off third on the error and was caught red-handed to ruin a rally.

A fast double play erased the visitors in the second. With two out Lee whaled a triple to the scoreboard for the Sox but was stranded.

The A's went down in order in the third. For the Sox Freeman, Gaulin and Bell strolled in a row with none out. The visitors changed hurlers and Davidson tapped a roller to the pitcher for a damaging double play to home and first. King grounded to third.

The Red Sox broke into the scoring column in the fourth on Clark's walk and steal, a single by Savino and a double play on Lee's grounder.

Kolberg's homer, four singles and an error brought three more tallies to the Feds in the sixth for a 6-1 lead. The Sox got one of these back in the seventh on Freeman's double and Gaulin's basehit. With two down in the eighth the visitors scored what proved to be the winning run on two singles around a walk.

The home boys battling all the way got their sights adjusted in the eighth. With one down Cap Clark singled. Savino skied out but Lee socked a double to score the manager. When Duncan, pinchhitting for Heath, walked, the Feds put Pelter on the mound. Freeman promptly pelted him with a homer over right field for three runs and a 7-6 tally.

Weinrich set the visitors down in order in the ninth. Carolan batting for Davidson walked for the Sox but was trapped off first when King missed a stab at sacrificing. King then grounded out. Clark popped to third for what should have been the final out but the ball plopped out of Belanger's hands to give Centreville a life. Red Walsh, pinch hitting for Savino, whaled a double to put Clark on third. Lee walked to fill the bags but McDuffie, coming up cold, watched a third strike sail over to end the bristling battle.

Score by innings:

										R	H	E
Centreville	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0—	6	11	3
Feds	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0—	7	11	4

Batteries. Centreville—Heath, Weinrich and Clark. Feds—LeGore, Funk, Pelter and Holbrook. Winning pitcher, Funk. Losing pitcher, Heath.

RED SOX, 6; DOVER, 5

The Red Sox came from behind twice to nip Dover 6-5 in the first meeting between the two clubs at Queen Anne's Park Tuesday night. The game was played in blanket and overcoat weather.

Frank Hadley started on the mound for Centreville and while he gave only four hits was the victim of bunched bingles.

Dover scored with one away in the first. Monchak shot a double to left and Vergnani tripled a little farther out. The latter crossed as Schluter grounded out. The Orioles went down in order in the next two chukkers.

Cap Clark started the scoring for the Red Sox in the second on his base hit, a wild pitch and Lee's double. Alton Bell lined one over the right field fence in the third to tie the score. King and Clark singled with two out in the inning. Each advanced on a passed ball but Davidson lofted to center.

Freeman's error started Dover in the fourth. A walk and two singles admitted two runs and Weinrich replaced Hadley. The first batter facing Weinrich hit to short center. Davidson made a sparkling catch and doubled a runner at second to halt the threat.

The Sox again pulled even in the fifth. With one down Walsh singled. Roy King hit the left field fence for a triple, sending Walsh in. He scored as Clark's hard smash was knocked down for a putout. Davidson's single in the same inning was wasted.

With Weinrich bridling the Orioles the Sox got going again in the seventh for a pair of markers. Bell made two bases when Dugan dropped his hoist to left. He took third as Walsh was called out for interference. King's sacrifice fly to center admitted Bell whereupon Cap Clark brought in the ultimate winning run by larruping the ball high over the right field wall.

The game was played under protest from the seventh inning on. Manager Ray Brubaker of Dover disputing King's advance to third when Walsh was called out for running out of line.

Cap Clark got two singles and a homer to lead the batters. King laced a single and triple.

Score by innings:

										R	H	E
Centreville	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	x—	6	9	1
Dover	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0—	5	8	3

Batteries. Centreville—Hadley, Weinrich and Clark. Dover—Clemence and Johns. Winning pitcher, Weinrich.

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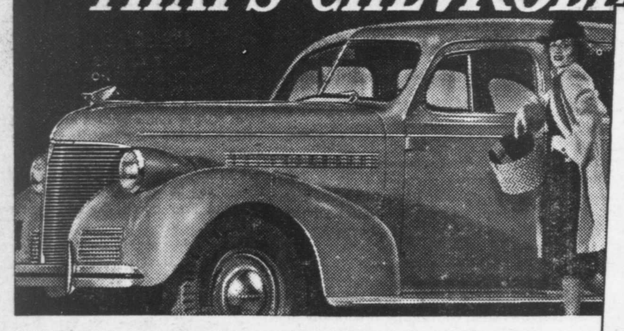

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