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It's Stanky's Flu, But Cards Are Running the Temperature

Take Two Tough Ones From Bucs, Gain in Race

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CINCINNATI, Aug. 7—Eddie Stanky today had a touch of the flu that just might develop into a slight case of pennant fever if his Cardinals can keep pulling out the close ones that enabled them to sweep a three-game series at Pittsburgh.

Eyes closed, smiling weakly on the rubbing table of the visitors' clubhouse at Forbes Field, the little Redbird manager wiped perspiration off a forehead that had frowned through a twilight-night double header in which the Cardinals were again forced to the limit and beyond to beat the last-place Pirates.

"I see where they're making a big thing out of the fact Washington has played 40 one-run games," said Stanky. "Hell, it feels like we've been in 100 of 'em, half against Pittsburgh."

Sweating Them Out.

The manager's exaggeration was understandable because the Redbirds just had been forced to come from behind in the ninth inning to tie before winning a double header opener in the tenth, 7 to 2, and then had withstood a Pittsburgh rally in the final frame of the nightcap to award out a 3-2 triumph.

Of the Cardinals' 105 games, 39 have been decided by one run, 24 in favor of the Redbirds, and they've played nine that have been settled by the narrowest of margins against the Pirates, winning seven.

A wise man, or at least one with greater caution, would have spent last night in a hotel bed instead of on the coaching line, but Stanky didn't gain his reputation as a scrapper by taking the easy way out.

The little guy doesn't play safety-first baseball, either. To turn back the Pirates twice last night and gain a full game each on Brooklyn and New York—now nine and three and one-half lengths ahead — Stanky boldly gambled where the more conservative would have bunted three times in the first game and, in addition, relieved with his bullpen best—Al Brazle and Eddie Yuhas—in both ball games.

Brazle worked two scoreless innings in the twilight game, gaining credit for his eighth victory, and turned back an eighth-inning threat in the floodlight contest before sending help himself from Yuhas, Ready Eddie, after pitching one frame in the opener, saved the second game with another exhibition of clutch hurling in the hair-raising ninth.

Tough Luck Starlers.

Stanky won't quarrel with the horses now, meaning Yuhas and Brazle, even though last night he had used seven pitchers to pass up their pre-game running before the twinbill so that the entire staff would be ready if needed. Both Redbird starters pitched skillfully, Gerry Staley allowing only two hits in eight innings and Choyd Boyer four in seven and two-thirds. But when the jam was on, the manager looked to his other hurlers to rely heavily on Brazle and Yuhas as usual.

Old Alfie, the 37-year-old lefthander, now has pitched in the Cardinals' last five games over a four-day period and has appeared in 23 contests. Rawhide, his 29-year-old right handed bullpen partner, has hurled in the three most recent contests and a staff-leading total of 36.

Stanky's successful medley relay of the second limited the Pirates to 10 hits in the 19 innings played in the double header while the Cardinals collected 26 off Pittsburgh righthanders Bob Friend and Forrest Main and their replacements. But there was a dogfight for victory in both games.

In the opener, for instance, a contest in which the Redbirds collected 16 hits, Del Rice whacked his ninth homer and Staley pitched a no-hitter for six innings, but a single, Joe Garagiola's

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Pittsburgh Stoogies

First Game—

CARDINALS	AB.	R.	H.	PITTSBURGH	AB.	R.	H.
Hemus ss	5	1	2	Kasbosch 2b	3	0	0
Schlueter's 1b	5	1	2	Groat ss	4	0	1
Marion cf	5	1	1	Mellor's 1b	3	0	0
Rice c	4	1	1	Kluttz c	3	0	0
R. Rice rf	5	1	3	Kind rf	3	0	0
Staley p	3	1	1	Bell cf	3	1	1
Slater 1b	3	0	0	Hetki rf-cf	4	1	1
Schoendienst 2b	4	0	1	Herson 3b	4	0	0
Lowrey	1	0	0	Dell'orco cf	1	0	0
Yuhas p	1	0	0	Wilks p	2	0	0
Brazle p	1	0	0	Friend p	0	0	0
				xFitzgerald	1	0	0
Totals	42	7	15	Totals	33	2	6

xStruck out for Staley in eighth.
Cardinals ..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6—7
Pittsburgh ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2
Errors—Hemus, Schoendienst 2, Rice, Staley, Groat, Bell. Runs batted in—Hemus, Rice 2, R. Rice 3, Staley, Groat, Bell, Hetki. 2b—Hemus, Rice, Schoendienst, Herson. 3b—Kasbosch. Home runs—Rice, Bell. Sacrifices—Marion, Groat and Mellor. Left—Cardinals 7, Pirates 7. Wilks 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 3, Friend 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 2, Yuhas 2, Wilks 2, to Kasbosch, Staley 1 to Groat, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 1, Yuhas 1, Wilks 1 to Kasbosch, Staley 1