

From NNL Bureau for immediate release and thanks

WASHINGTON---The Newark Eagles and New York Cubans were deadlocked for the Negro National League lead as the teams moved into the fourth week in the pennant race on Monday.

The Eagles, unbeaten in league competition until Sunday, were rudely jolted from the undisputed lead by the Baltimore Elite Giants, who scored a double victory over the Birds, 4-3 and 5-3, before 6,000 at Newark's Ruppert Stadium.

While the Eagles' wings were being clipped, the Cubans were dividing a twin bill with the New York Black Yankees, winning, 5-1, then losing, 1-2, before 7,000 who braved the chilly weather in New York's Yankee Stadium. The Cubans, however, had gained two mid-week triumphs, defeating the Elites at Baltimore, 4-1, on Wednesday, and the Homestead Grays, 7-6, at Washington, Thursday. The latter game, a twilight affair, was called in the 8th because of darkness.

At Washington, Sunday, the Grays blanked the Philly Stars, 4-0, after taking ~~xxix~~ their third straight home defeat, 7-2, from the Quaker City outfit in the opening game before 6,500 in Griffith Stadium. Earlier in the week, the Grays had downed the Stars, 5-2, before 11,000 in a night game at Shibe Park, maintaining a .500 average in the loop standings.

Only one other game was played during the week, the Grays and Eagles battling to a 3-3 tie in six innings at Newark last Tuesday night. Rain caused a halt to play in the seventh, while all other contests scheduled were cancelled because of rain.

The Elites' double win saw Leon Day, Newark ace, lose his first game against two loop wins as Joe Black bested him in the seven-inning nightcap, after Bill Byrd had outpitched Len Hocker and Max Manning in the first tilt.

A four-hit hurling job by Ray Scantlebury checked the Yankees in the first game at New York while the Latins pounded Schoolboy Griffith for 11 bingles. In the nightcap, Neck Stanley, veteran spitballer, nosed out a 2-1 victory, in spite of the fact that Luis Tiant limited the Yankees to four hits while the Latins were nicking Stanley for six.

In the Washington double bill, Henry McHenry, Stars' righthand ace, tossed a five-hitter at the Grays, in the first fray, but the NNL champions roared back to whitewash the Quaker nine in the second game. A clever pitching stint by rookie Cicero Warren, 26-year-old Raleigh, N.C., youth, and a neat relief job by Double-duty Radcliffe, with some timely hitting by Josh Gibson and Jerry Benjamin turned the trick. The Grays chased Barney Brown in the fifth inning with a three-run uprising which proved enough to win.