

Yankees Should Enjoy Solid Lead

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK — (AP) — Today could be the day when New York's miracle Giants climax the most

sensational surge in National league history by winning the pennant.
For the first time this year, following yesterday's clean-cut 3-1 Ebbets field victory over Brooklyn in the first of the best-of-three game playoff, the Giants find themselves solidly entrenched in the driver's seat.

Professional odds-makers, who only six weeks ago were offering 50 to 1 odds against the Giants' pennant chances, have established Leo Durocher's darlings a prohibitive favorite to drub the Dodgers again for the right to meet the Yankees in an all-New York world series.

The world series will start Thursday at the Yankee stadium regardless of which team wins the playoff.

Trail For First Time

Charles Dressen's weary Dodgers trudge into the Polo Grounds this afternoon, trailing the Giants for the first time since the opening week of the campaign. Yesterday's loss dropped them a full game behind the Giants, who were behind Brooklyn by 1 1/2 games on Aug. 11. Since then the Giants have won 38 to 45, including their last eight in a row, while the Dodgers have taken only 26 of 50.

Brooklyn definitely was the underdog as Dressen dug deep into his riddled mound corps for a wholesome and rested pitcher. Unless there is an 11th hour switch, Dressen's hesitant choice lay between Carl Erskine (16-12) and Clem Labine (4-1), both young, inexperienced righthanders.

Durocher also was undecided whom to start in the second game. It was to be either Sal Maglie (23-6) or Sheldon Jones (6-10). Durocher, however, was in a much better position to gamble than Dressen. He could take a chance on Jones and have a well-rested Maglie ready for tomorrow's rubber game should the Giants lose today. If Jones wins, he can open the world series with Maglie.

Erskine and Labine both saw action in Sunday's dramatic 14-inning thriller in Philadelphia in which the Dodgers were forced to use seven of their 10 pitchers.

Dressen's Strategy Hurt

"I had planned to use Don Newcombe in the playoff opener," Dressen explained sadly, "and follow with Preacher Roe today. The Phillies upset our plans."

"If the Giants should beat us for the flag," he added, "and our chances certainly appear none too bright at the moment, you can trace back our defeat to the victory in Philadelphia Sunday."

"That game left me with a riddled pitching staff and a crippled catcher. Roy Campanella, who hurt his leg in the fourth inning Sunday, is the backbone of our club. You saw him out there. He can't run. If he were all right, there's no telling what might have happened."

Dressen said he was undecided whether he would substitute Al (Rube) Walker for the hard-socking backstop.

"If we should win today," Charlie added, "it will be Newcombe

tomorrow and Roe to open the world series Thursday. I'll let the big guy (Newcombe) blaze 'em as far as he can go. I wish I could pitch him today. But he is dog-tired. He could hardly lift his arm yesterday after pitching nine shutout innings Saturday night and five more the next afternoon."

Durocher, whose masterminding during the last six weeks has been an important feature of the Giants' brilliant climb, was careful not to make any gloating remarks. As he has done from the start, Leo gave all the credit to his players.

Players Did It

"Don't talk to me," he told reporters. "Go talk to the players. They did it all. All I did was stand in the third base coaching box waving my home run hitters to the plate."

"It was a typical Giant victory — a team triumph. That's the way it's been all along. Hearn-Thomson-Irvin-Westrum - Stanky-Dark-Lockman—all of them. Each had a hand in the victory."

The little skipper was right. Jim Hearn, the big raw-boned right-hander from Atlanta, Ga., pitched probably his best game, certainly the most important, of his career. Five hits were all he allowed as he struck out five and walked only two in outdueling Ralph Branca for his 17th victory.

A second-inning home run by Andy Pafko averted the Dodger shutout. In only one inning—the fourth—did the Brooks get as many as two runners on the base paths. That was when Duke Snider and Jackie Robinson smashed back-to-back singles with one out.

Then, with runners on first and third, Hearn induced Campanella to roll into a double play. The relay to first pulled Whitey Lockman far off the base, but the first baseman still had plenty of

time to tag the limping Campanella.

Defense Tightens

What trouble Hearn encountered during the afternoon was efficiently eradicated by the tight Giant defense, which reeled off four double plays. Second baseman Eddie Stanky figured in all four, and shortstop Alvin Dark took part in three. Catcher Wes Westrum cut down two would-be base stealers with bullet throws to second and caught a flawless game.

Bobby Thomson, hottest hitter on the club during the surge, provided the big blow. The converted third baseman walloped a fourth-inning homer with a mate aboard to erase Brooklyn's 1-0 lead. It was Bobby's 31st four-bagger.

Monte Irvin, the team's most consistent run producer, also chimed in with a homer, his 24th, and his fifth off Branca. The crowd of 30,707 sensed that this was the crusher.

TWO SHUT-OUTS

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — A repeat pitching duel with a reverse twist has occurred in the majors. On Aug. 14, 1949, at Sportsman's Park, Cliff Chambers, then hurling for the Pirates, shut-out the Cardinals on Howie Pollet, 4-0. Last Aug. 9 in the same park, Chambers, now pitching for the Cardinals, whitewashed the Pirates and Howie Pollet by the same score, 4-0.

BOZO BARKS

MONTREAL — (AP) — Bozo is in pro football now. Bozo is the pet dog of lineman Johnny Newman of the Alouettes in the Canadian Football League. Good old Bozo became familiar to Canadian football fans when Johnny played with McGill University. Now the canine roams the sidelines in the Alouette games.

Dodger Fan Still Waits For Bums In World Series

NEW YORK — (AP) — As Dodger fans swarmed into Ebbets field today to watch their team play the New York Giants, 62-year old Sam Maxwell sat calmly outside the bleacher entrance — where he's been since Sept. 24.

He wants to see the World Series — not the league play-off. Sam is still equipped with a chair, blankets and warm clothes, just as he appeared when he showed up last Monday morning. He was confident "way back then" that the Dodgers would cop the National league pennant.

Even with the play-off going on, Sam isn't excited. He's still sure the Dodgers are "in."

He had to turn his radio up loud to drown the roars of the crowd inside the ball park. Asked why he didn't go inside, Maxwell said: "I'm no Giant fan. I'm only interested in the Dodgers — playing the World Series, that is."

A TRIPLE BROTHER ACT

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — (AP) — There are three sets of brothers on the Syracuse university football roster. An injury to Tony Vergara, however, will keep him out of action for the entire campaign. This breaks up one combination.

Brother Al Vergara will be ready for action. Ed and Bob Dobrowski from Nashua, N. H., are halfbacks. Dan and Paul Reimer from Bath, Me., are guards.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License
WILSON - ALEXANDER — Thomas Gilbert Wilson and Nolandene Alexander, both Myrtle Creek.

Divorce Suits Filed
MORAN — Betty Jane vs. James J. Moran. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children and \$60 monthly support.

KOCH — Lennie Eleanor vs. Roy John Koch. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children, \$75 monthly support and property disposition.

Camp Fire Girls Hold First Yearly Meeting

The Ehavee Camp Fire group elected officers at their first meeting in the Sachlee Walker home near Riverside school.

Those elected were: Brenda Findlay, president; Vicki Greenquist, vice - president; Eugena Meske, scribe, and a program committee comprised of Janice Hass and Mazie Mendenhall.

During the meeting, the group discussed the possibility of holding service hours and decided to hold meetings each Thursday afternoon from 4 until 5.

CIRCUIT COURT SUITS

Grace Berry Monday filed suit in circuit court against Philip M. Clark, M. I. Gurney and Donald

Michel for recovery of \$1,000 and interest allegedly owed on a promissory note. Attorney's fees of \$275 are also asked.

MEETING POSTPONED
The Dillard Mothers' chorus will not meet today as previously announced because the Dillard Methodist Woman's Society of Christian service is meeting at the home of Mrs. Ronald Burgess on highway 99 at 12:30 for a desert luncheon.

WALNUT BOARD DATED

The Walnut Control board will hold its second meeting of the new marketing year in Los Angeles Oct. 4, to reexamine crop and marketing conditions in order to plan what steps should be taken in its attempts to achieve the

best marketing results from the 1951-52 walnut crop. The meeting will be held at 1745 E. Seventh St., in Los Angeles, at 10 a.m. All growers and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

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