

Yanks, LA meet in series opener

LOS ANGELES (ap) — The New York Yankees's mood is tranquil as they prepare for tonight's first game of the best of seven World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Starting pitcher Ed Figueroa and designated hitter Reggie Jackson praised the new Yankees manager Bob Lemon for the peace he has brought to the previously haggling team.

"Billy Martin worked with me every seven or eight days," Figueroa says. "Bob Lemon worked me every four days and that was the big difference. I started winning."

At press time, Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda withheld his pitching choice because he wanted to consult with his coaches and inform the pitcher first. But the most likely players seem to be right-hander Burt Hooton or the veteran left-hander, Tommy John. The Yankees are believed to be less potent against left-handers.

Lasorda says he would use Lee Lacy, Vic Davalillo or Joe Ferguson as his designated hitter. Lacy or Ferguson probably will go against left-handers, with Davalillo facing Yankees right-handers.

This is the second time in World Series history that the DH is being used in the fall baseball classic. The American League rule first was used in the Series two years ago, when Dan Driessen played the role for the Cincinnati Reds in a four-game sweep over the Yan-

kees, who sent Carlos May and Elliott Maddox up in that spot.

Jackson said about his DH status, "I'm not crazy about it, but Lemon has been doing an outstanding job and whatever he says I'll go along with. After all, winning is the bottom line."

Lasorda left no doubt that he dislikes the DH, complaining that it takes away from the strategy of the game, but said he doesn't make the rules.

"I'm not in favor of the DH," he said. "I don't like it because it takes away from the strategy of the game. A lot of managers like it because they don't have to make as many decisions."

Figueroa, who won 20 games for the first time in his five-year major league career, credited his success to the fatherly-type Lemon.

Figueroa won his last eight starts as the Yankees rallied from 14 games back to overtake the Boston Red Sox, and then went on to beat the Sox in a one-game playoff for the American Eastern Division title.

Figueroa said he wasn't concerned with his 0-3 record in post-season play, which includes New York's only loss in the AL playoff against Kansas City.

The Dodgers came from 6-and-a-half games back to catch the San Francisco Giants, win the National League West, and eliminate the Eastern Champion Philadelphia Phillies in the playoffs.

Blazer film crawling at box office

PORTLAND — "Fast Break," a movie about the Portland Trail Blazers' 1977 championship season, has slowed to a crawl at the box office.

"We're not pulling in as many people as we'd like to," Associate Producer Shirley Brown says. "I almost feel that some of the things holding it back here might expedite it somewhere else, like Seattle, or the Bay Area."

The film was released Sept. 21. It cost \$221,000 to produce. It played for a week at two Portland theaters and now is playing in Gresham.

The producer is Don Zavin of Portland.

The movie stars Bill Walton, who has asked the Blazers to trade him to another National Basketball Association team.

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Mall run stresses health

Eugene boasts perhaps the most jog-run events that emphasize participation versus competition. Saturday's Mall Run joined that list of events by attracting more than 2,000 participants, many running "competitively" for the first time.

Created as a benefit for the Oregon Lung Association, the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs were co-sponsored by the Eugene Downtown Association and Adidas.

Mall Run t-shirts sporting a pair of life-size lungs were awarded prior to the race, not the usual fare for running events. Adidas and EDA also furnished prizes for the top three finishers in each race as well as 200 other prizes awarded randomly to all participants.

The 5,000 meter course was tailored for first-timers (beginning at Johnson Hall and looping one-and-a-half times around the campus district before ending at McArthur Court),

while the 10,000 meter course proved to be for more experienced runners (following the 5,000 course, across 18th, to Lincoln and ending at the Mall.)

To increase awareness of the benefits of jogging and to stress participation in the Mall Run, the Eugene Family YMCA offered six free jog-run clinics beginning in late August. Some 60 people, from beginning to advanced ability, attended the Saturday morning sessions at Hayward Field.

Several minutes of warmup exercises followed timed jog-walks or runs emphasizing running within a percentage of the individual's maximum heart rate, better known as aerobic running. A training schedule was generalized for each group according to ability and a diary was provided to record daily "homework"—jogging at least three times a week, adding a half mile each week. Conveniently enough, that training schedule led to the

Mall Run's 5,000 meter, the first competition for about 20 of the clinic members.

To continue the interest in participatory running, the YMCA will offer a new series of clinics—every other Saturday at 9 a.m. at Hayward Field for the next 8 months. The clinics will focus on training for the Track City Marathon (26 miles) in May 1979, but will also provide an opportunity for joggers and runners to train together, to carpool to various events around the state, to be exposed to professionals lecturing on various running topics. For those not quite ready to follow in Bruce Jenner's footsteps, a half-marathon (13 miles) is being investigated for the Track City run.

The first marathon clinic is Oct 21 at Hayward Field. A fee of \$15 will be charged, and can be paid in advance at the YMCA (20th Avenue and Patterson Street) or at the first session.

Seasoned foes handle Ducks

"We need more time and seasoning," said a rather shocked Chris Voelz, Oregon's women's volleyball coach, after returning Sunday from a winless trip to the Berkeley Invitational.

The Ducks lost five straight matches Friday and Saturday to lower their season record to 0-6. California-Berkeley, Houston, San Diego, Nevada-Reno, and San Francisco took turns pounding on the Ducks in Berkeley.

Oregon is looking "much better condition-wise", according to Voelz, but the Ducks still lack actual game experience. And that was their undoing in Berkeley.

"We were called for 72 illegal actions," pointed out Voelz, "while the teams we played made only 43 errors. We have to concentrate more and stop going into mental lapses."

Cal downed the Ducks 15-11, 15-5 Friday morning, and then Houston, ranked seventh in the country, took apart Oregon 15-5, 15-5. San Diego completed

Oregon's 0 for 3 days with a 15-8, 15-5 romp.

Saturday, San Francisco and Nevada-Reno downed the Ducks as senior Sue Stadler was injured in the first game and was replaced by freshman Michelle Nekota, who played "extremely well", according to Voelz.

"Most of those teams have been playing for almost a month longer than us," explained Voelz.

McKee loses tennis title

University of Portland's Stoney Anketell upset Eugene's Roger McKee in the final match of the University of Oregon Tennis Championship Sunday, giving McKee his first loss in the last four Oregon tournaments.

In the doubles competition, Anketell teamed with fellow-Pilot Doug Menke to defeat Oregon's Eric Lehto and Tom Goldman, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

"We have a new system, a new coach and no recruited athletes this year. I knew it would take a year of transition, but it's still hard to get used to losing."

Wednesday night the Ducks return to the friendly confines of Mac Court, playing host to Southern Oregon State at 6 p.m. and Oregon College of Education at 8 p.m.

Oregon players fared well in other brackets with the team of Don Holman and Jim Lowell winning the A doubles match while Thor Carlson, a freshman, took the A singles with a 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 win over Larry Vollum.

In the women's competition, Amy Closs of Portland won the Open championship with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 win over Susan Mathews from the University of British Columbia.

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