

Dodgers regrouping for sixth game

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Battered and bewildered, the Los Angeles Dodgers stagger back into their own ballpark tonight, hoping to prolong a World Series that has turned upside down on them.

The Dodgers left California last Thursday, sitting pretty with victories in the first two games against the New York Yankees. They returned Monday on the short end after New York swept three straight games at Yankee Stadium.

First the Yankees used Graig Nettles' glove to short circuit Los Angeles in Game 3. Then came a whacky basepath controversy that supplied a key run and led New York to victory in Game 4. Finally, in Sunday's fifth contest, the roof fell in on the Dodgers as New York sprayed 18 hits around Yankee Stadium and Thurman Munson drove in five runs in a 12-2 rout.

The Dodgers managed only six

runs in the three games in New York, and half those came on one swing when Reggie Smith tagged a homer in Game 4. Their infield started springing leaks and the Yankees capitalized on almost every opportunity.

Los Angeles will try to halt the Yankee express with veteran Don Sutton in Tuesday night's sixth game. New York will use Catfish Hunter, saving ace Ron Guidry for a possible seventh game—hoping one isn't needed. Sutton was the third-game loser and Hunter was charged with the loss in Game 2.

Tom Lasorda, manager of the Dodgers, doesn't quite know how to explain what happened to his club in New York. "We're not too happy about it," he said.

Asked if he thought when he came to New York that the Yankees could beat his team three straight games, Lasorda shook his head: "I didn't believe it

when I came here," he said, "but I do now."

While he wouldn't use the Reggie Jackson-basepath incident in Game 4 as an excuse, Lasorda still was steaming over the call. The Dodgers claimed Jackson had interfered with a throw on a potential double play and the incident cost them a vital run in their extra-inning loss.

"In the first game in New York,

Nettles killed us with his glove," the manager said. "He denied us a lot of runs. The Jackson play really hurt us. I saw the play over and over again and I think Frank Pulli is an outstanding umpire and a great guy. It's just unfortunate that he saw it the way he did. That hurt us very, very badly."

The Dodgers hurt themselves with shoddy fielding, wild pitches and passed balls that simply

compounded the Yankee attack in the fifth game.

If the Yankees win Tuesday night's sixth game, it will mark the first time in Series history that a team has lost the first two games and then rebounded to win the next four. Five teams have come back from two straight losses to win the Series but all of them needed the seven-game limit to do the job.

Race for Rose Bowl underway

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Can the Pacific-10 Conference's representative in the 1979 Rose Bowl lose more than one league game? Terry Donahue thinks that's a definite possibility.

"I don't think a team can lose two and go to the Rose Bowl but it might happen," Donahue said Monday at his weekly meeting with the media. But then, the

UCLA coach thought about the situation for a moment.

"I think it's a real possibility that everyone in the conference will lose at least two games," he said. "Heck, the race is only three weeks old and only two teams haven't lost so far."

"In this conference, the big thing is to try to play every week, there's no relief in sight," continued Donahue.

"There are no easy games. You just have to play one game at a time."

"If you get beat in the conference it certainly doesn't eliminate you from the race. Washington has as good a chance to win the title as anybody."

The two teams that are yet to lose in league play are Donahue's Bruins, now 3-0 after a wild 45-31 victory over Washington State Saturday night, and California, 2-0 after a 33-20 triumph at Arizona.

Chances are, there'll be only one unbeaten team left after this Saturday. The Bruins travel to Berkeley where they'll face the Golden Bears in a nationally televised game that day.

The only other team over the .500 mark in conference play at present is Washington, the defending Rose Bowl champion. The Huskies were 6-1 in league play last year and were the only team in the conference to lose fewer than two games.

Washington, which lost to UCLA 10-7 in the season-opener for both schools this year, has since downed Oregon State and Stanford.

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Standings

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
UCLA	3	0	5	1
California	2	0	5	1
Washington	2	1	3	3
Arizona St.	1	1	5	1
Southern Cal	1	1	4	1
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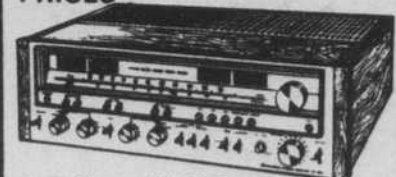
Saturday's Results

Brigham Young 17, Oregon 16
Washington 34, Stanford 31
Arizona State 20, Southern Cal 7
UCLA 45, Washington State 31
California 33, Arizona 20

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