

Giants Capture National Crown With 7-1 Triumph Over Brooklyn

Brooks Quiet Following Loss

BROOKLYN (AP) — It was all over, even the shouting. The victorious Giants, a jubilant gang of merry-makers, had long since departed after celebrating their pennant victory in true style, complete with champagne and more sober refreshments.

There was not much life in the Brooklyn clubhouse either, although a group of Dodgers were still sitting around, trying to put the pieces together. It was so quiet you could hear the pennant drop.

Walter Alston, the freshman manager, sat silently in a chair, dejected and still bewildered. A fellow said he had been sitting there for nearly an hour. As if suddenly aware that he was expected to say something, Alston looked around and began to talk.

"It wasn't just one thing," he murmured. "It was a combination of things. It wasn't Campanella alone. We might have won despite Roy's bad hand. But Furillo didn't start to hit until mid-season. Newcombe never did get started. Erskine failed to take up the slack. Oh, so many things. We just didn't play good ball."

In another corner, Pee Wee Reese, the team captain, sat quietly, smoking a cigarette. He was still in his baseball uniform. "They're a fine ball club," he said in his usual generous way. "They deserved to win. We gave it all we had but it wasn't enough."

Carl Furillo, Gil Hodges and one or two others of the ex-champions echoed Reese's sentiments but one who refused to console himself was Roy Campanella.

"Nobody hurt the team more than I did," he growled. "Imagine hitting .200. I should have done better even with one hand." Earlier, President Walter J. O'Malley had gathered the players together and told them "this has been a rugged season."

"I feel sorry for you and sorry for the fans," he said, "particularly because it was the Giants who beat us, and sorry for Alston. I don't feel the team did as well as it should have done—but let's wrap it up and get ready for next year. Go home and have a good winter."

O'Malley, accompanied by Alston, had been among the first to congratulate Leo Durocher and his Giants.

"You got a good manager," Durocher had told O'Malley. "It was not his fault that Campanella got hurt and his pitching went sour. He did a fine job under the circumstances."

Concerning his own club, Leo said he never felt at ease about it until the pennant was clinched.

AMERICAN	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	109	40	.732	
New York	109	49	.671	9
Chicago	92	58	.613	17 1/2
Boston	65	83	.439	45 1/2
Detroit	65	84	.436	46
Washington	64	84	.432	46 1/2
Baltimore	52	98	.347	57 1/2
Philadelphia	49	100	.329	60

NATIONAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	94	54	.635	
Brooklyn	85	61	.581	9
Milwaukee	86	63	.577	10 1/2
Cincinnati	73	77	.487	22
Philadelphia	69	77	.473	24
St. Louis	70	78	.473	24
Chicago	60	80	.431	24 1/2
Pittsburgh	53	94	.361	40 1/2

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles around for New York Giants open the World major league companions, the

Series in the Polo Grounds a week from Wednesday and the flags in Florida probably are flying half mast.

For the first time since baseball magnates became convinced their athletes would be better conditioned for the 154-game grind with the help of warm sun and palm trees in the early spring, Florida doesn't have a World Series entry.

The Indians and Giants shunned the orange juice circuit for the sands and sun of Arizona. With only the Chicago Cubs and Baltimore Orioles around for New York Giants open the World major league companions, the

two clubs played each other often enough to know the players by heart. On their barnstorming tour back to the majors the Giants whipped the Indians 13 times in 21 games, often by such scores as 20-14 or 13-9.

Al Lopez flatly predicted a pennant for his Indians and made good as of last Saturday. Now he's after a new all-time high in victories. Leo Durocher said he never made predictions, then quickly added his Giants, with the return of Willie Mays, "will be a lot stronger."

"Brooklyn is the team to beat," Leo said in April. He followed his own advice. He beat them opening day with Willie Mays hitting a 425-foot home run and Monday night in Ebbets Field, home of the Dodgers, Durocher's men clinched the pennant with a 7-1 victory.

Appropriately Willie Mays picked the occasion to take over the National League batting lead with three hits. The "Say Hey" kid, released from the Army just in time to reach training camp, is battering the ball at a .344 clip.

Sal "The Barber" Maglie was razor sharp as he scattered five hits. The only Brooklyn run came in the third when Maglie's control deserted him momentarily and he walked Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider with two out. Gil Hodges followed with what started out to be a routine fly, then it sank rapidly in the murky night and fell just in front of Mays, who made a belly slide on the slick turf.

The Giants jumped off to a two-run lead in the first inning on a walk to Whitey Lockman. Al Dark's single followed by a sacrifice and singles by Mays and Hank Thompson.

Don Mueller's single and doubles by Thompson and Monte Irvin produced two more in the sixth and wrapped up the flag for sure.

Durocher called his team a better outfit than the 1951 pennant winners who caught Brooklyn and won in a playoff after being far behind in mid-August. Walt Alston, freshman manager of the losing Dodgers, congratulated Leo and said: "There is a lot of difference between those two teams, mine and his. I only hope he can go out now and beat Cleveland."

While the Giants were clinching their flag, the Indians won their 11th straight and ran their victory total to 109, only one short of the American League record set by the 1927 Yankees.

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HIGHCLIMBER

By Dick Strite

★ Oregon's 41-0 decision over Idaho does not prove that the Webfoots are the Pacific Coast Conference and Rose Bowl contenders all want them to be. The Stanford Indians or the Utah Redskins, who play Oregon in Portland Saturday night and here the next Saturday afternoon, respectively, may have the answer. But if Oregon's football forces remain question marks, the California Bears are certain to write success or failure to the 1954 gridiron yarn.

The scouts at Neale Stadium Saturday saw very little, other than that Oregon has a galaxy of capable passing quarterbacks (making George Shaw's return to Jack-of-all-trades status possible later in the season); a hard-hitting team a bit under par in blocking; an alert club that takes advantage of opponents' mistakes; a running attack that cannot function against a nine-man line; a team that did not always take advantage of its ability to pass "all afternoon," and a squad we feel has a chance for the Rose Bowl until proven differently.

Official statisticians were slightly off the beam on fumbles. We had only four recorded instead of five for Oregon. The one by Walt Gaffney on the first play of the game was charged, although there was a 15-yard penalty on the play. There were four others, however, but in only one case did Idaho recover—Center Ed Barton recovering Jasper McGee's fumble on the Idaho seven-yard line. That ended the second Oregon scoring failure and set up Idaho's only real scoring threat in the second quarter. There were two other fumbles in the opening period, which prompted the captain of the Pan American charter to make a speech before the departure from Lewiston to Eugene Saturday night.

After explaining low flying procedure on the trip to Lewiston Friday and giving the 59 passengers other vital information, he said, "And don't fumble your lunch boxes (no hot meals were served aboard) like you did in the first quarter today."

★ Alertness on the part of the Webfoots can be shown by the four Idaho fumbles recovered, the two blocked punts, and the one (should have been two) intercepted passes. The fumble recoveries were by Jerry Nelson (1st quarter), Fred Jacobs (2nd quarter), Ted Overton (3rd quarter), and Tom Crabtree (4th quarter). . . . Dick Mobley and Jim Potter shared a blocked punt in the 2nd quarter, and Jacobs one in the 4th quarter that resulted in a touchdown two plays later. . . . Mobley intercepted a pass that was deflected by Ron Pfeister, and the captain should have an assist. . . . In the second quarter Keith Tucker nearly intercepted one. Then, in the 3rd quarter, George Eidam completed to End Frank Teverbaugh, who appeared to have possession and then dropped it—Shaw recovering.

★ Shaw had a questionable call against him—his only intercepted pass. . . . George was passing the ball a bit long, but it could have been that the receivers were slower than anticipated because of the damp turf. . . . Anyway, George tossed one late in the second quarter that Bill Lawr "trapped," taking the ball off the turf like diving play at shortstop. . . . Oregon's All-American candidate will have better days this season than he had against Idaho, but his 24-yard run that set up the third touchdown was brilliant. Late in the second quarter he was thrown for 11 and 16-yard losses by Idaho's nine-man line that made his rushing yardage unimpressive. . . . But his "8 for 15" and 157 yards passing is impressive. In addition he averaged 24 yards on kickoff returns, 10 yards on punt returns, averaged better than 55 yards on kickoffs and 40 yards on punts. . . .

Actually, had you been a stranger and not known any better, you might well have picked Johnny Keller as the best quarterback on the Idaho field. . . . His play-calling was sound and his passing good. Wally Russell and Don Holt also took advantage of the Idaho pass-defense weakness. . . . The performance of Holt was as pleasing to members of the squad as surprising to members of the press. A senior who has been nothing more than a "bag holder" never passed better in practice and against "nobodies" as he did against Idaho—"3 for 3" for 72 yards and a touchdown pass to Bill Moore, a basketball player who, like Fred Jacobs, turned out because of Oregon's reported shortage of ends.

★ That 41-0 score was the second highest ever scored by a Len Casanova team at Santa Clara, Pittsburgh or at Oregon. . . . The highest was 47-0 for Santa Clara over Loyola in 1948—when Line Coach Vern Sterling was a varsity guard.

Spahn Joins Select Group

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Warren Spahn, who became the first left hander in modern baseball league history to be a six time 20 game winner, was more dejected Tuesday over the Braves pennant failure than he was pleased with his pitching record.

Spahn defeated the Cincinnati Redlegs Monday, 6-2, in the first game of a double header to give him his 20th victory of the year. He previously won more than 20 games in '47, '49, '50, '51 and '53. "It was okay," Spahn said. "But I would much rather win that New York game last week when we were still in the pennant race."

With his 20th victory, Spahn joined immortal righthanders Christy Mathewson, Grover Alexander and Mordecai Brown, as the only pitchers in modern baseball to win 20 games for six or more seasons. Mathewson did it 12 times, Alexander nine and Brown six.

Trio Sweeps Honors In Oakway Tourney

Virgil Snodgrass, Darrell Thomason and Gene Hebrard captured top honors in golfing activities at the Oakway course last weekend. Snodgrass won the sweepstakes with a gross 71. Thomason upset Co-medalist Brad Fullerton 2-1 and Hebrard eliminated Fred Reber with a birdie on the 19th hole to win in the championship flight of the men's tourney.

Bob Prescott was the net winner in the sweepstakes with a 73-76. Tied for second were Hebrard 72-67 and Oscar Smith 83-77. Tied for the final "money" place were Elmer VanDenBos with 82-14-68 and Chris Christensen and Russ Deihl with identical 78-10-68's.

Quarter-final results in the tourney follow: CHAMPIONSHIP—Thomason d Fullerton 2-1, Snodgrass d Barrett 4-3, Hebrard d Reber 19th, Hamilton d Hilliard 5-4.

FIRST FLIGHT—Christensen d Brayton 3-1, LeFores d Griffith 2-up, Prescott d Deihl 4-2, Sowers d Ankerberg 2-up.

SECOND FLIGHT—Bunch d Casad 4-3, Schwieger d A. Smith 7-5, Hansen d Jones 4-3, Brainerd d Sage 1-up.

THIRD FLIGHT—Campbell d Ravnos default, Landry d Martin 2-2, Lipfert d Kebs 2-up, VanDenBos d Wood 6-5.

FOURTH FLIGHT—Sater d McNew 1-up, Kevitt d Coker 19th, O. Smith d Moss 4-3, Belinap d Miller 3-1.

FIFTH FLIGHT—Bakken d Mavnard default, Petersen d Fair default.

KO WINNER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Don Jordan, one of California's more promising lightweights, Monday night stopped Billy Hartman, Long Beach, Calif., in 1:35 of the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round main event at Legion Auditorium.

Experts Fail to Pick Indians - Giants

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball experts? Not one out of a total of 181. That was the shining record chalked up by the sports writers who participated in the annual United Press pre-season pennant selections.

Nobody picked both the Giants and Indians to win. Only four writers picked the Giants and just 22 selected Cleveland. Three of those who liked the Giants envisioned a World Series with the White Sox as opponents and one writer picked both New York teams.

There were 19 out of the 22 Cleveland pickers who thought the Indians would play Brooklyn in the World Series. One thought it would be Cleveland-Milwaukee, one picked Cleveland and St. Louis and one Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Coast League Gate Increases

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Attendance at Pacific Coast League baseball games increased 13,848 paid admissions over 1953 with some teams registering sharp upswings and others steep declines.

The league, holding a meeting here, reported 1,773,643 paid to see PCL games during the past season.

Both Los Angeles and Portland suffered attendance dives of more than 100,000 but San Diego, the pennant winner, and the surprising San Francisco Seals drew big increases.

Attendance by teams, with 1953 and comparison in parentheses: Hollywood, 269, 385 (274,522 minus 5,137); Los Angeles, 238, 567 (363,818 minus 125,251); Oakland 201, 922 (135,784 plus 66,138); Portland, 135,058 (236,762 minus 101,704); Sacramento, 186, 245 (180,271 plus 5,974); San Diego, 292,487 (168,617 plus 123,870); San Francisco, 298,908 (175,459 plus 123,449); Seattle, 151,071 (224,562 minus 73,491).

You Be The Quarterback

By WARREN GAER
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Favored to win, Ohio State is behind Indiana 19-0 with 30 seconds left in the second quarter. Throughout the half, the Hoosiers have surprisingly had the edge, with one of their touchdowns the result of a sustained march, the other of a recovered fumble.

Now Ohio State has its first big break and has the ball, first and ten on the Indiana 12-yard line as a result of blocking a kick. Ohio State's pass attack has not been clicking as predicted, and Indiana has been throwing eight and nine-man lines against you and stopping your running game. Now in this spot, you anticipate at least an eight-man line against your split-T formation.

As Ohio State quarterback, rate three plays 1, 2, 3 and 4 for this situation: Quarterback keep play with halfback in position for pitchout wide if situation develops (quarterback runs parallel to line of scrimmage with ball). Deep forward pass after quarterback fakes to dive man. Handoff to halfback on quick opener. Button hook pass to end (receiver goes downfield, turns).

(Answer elsewhere on Sports Page.)

Cheney Studs Out

WATERTOWN, S. D. (AP)—Houston, Tex., went on an extrabase binge here last night to down the Cheney Studs 7-5 and eliminate the Seattle entry from the American Baseball Congress national finals.

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