As Dodgers Top Cincinnati;11-7

Rookie Ties Strikeout Mark

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	3	0	1.000	
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	1
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	1
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	1
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1½
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	2½
New York	0	1	.000	2
Milwaukee	0	3	.000	3
Chicago	0	3	.000	3

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 8, Milwaukee 4
Houston 2, Chicago 0
Los Angeles 11, Cincinnati 7
Only games scheduled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For a youngster making a record tying debut in the major leagues, 22-year-old Pete Richert of the Los Angeles Dodgers may have felt like he was back in the minors.

As the Dodgers prepared to begin a three-game series with the Milwaukee Braves against an old nemesis, Lew Burdette, tonight, Richert was the main topic of talk after emerging as the winning pitcher over the National League champion Cincinnati Reds 11-7.

A turnout of 24,570 fans watched in Dodger Stadium Thursday night as the Dodgers rapped four Cincinnati hurlers for 16 hits. But what must have puzzled Richert, who spent 1961 with Spokane in the Pacific Coast League, was this:

There were five errors, four by the champion Reds, two wild pitches, one passed ball, one hit batter and two balks. And seven Dodger runs streamed across in the fifth inning.

Richert came into the affair with two out and the Dodgers trailing, 0-4, in the second inning.

The fast-ball tossing southpaw proceeded to tie three major league records as he struck out six successive batters.

He matched the record for a rookie making his first appearance in a major league game set by Karl Spooner of the old Brooklyn Dodgers in 1954.

The string of six also tied a record for a pitcher coming on in relief, set by Jack Meyer of Philadelphia in 1958.

And, in one of those oddities of baseball, he was credited with striking out four batters in one inning, the third.

In order they were Frank Robinson, Gordy Coleman, Wally Post and Johnny Edwards. Coleman, to explain the feat, got a base on a passed ball, charged to catcher Johnny Roseboro.

Ryne Duren of the Los Angeles Angels accomplished the same thing against Washington last year. Catcher Del Rich was charged with a passed ball on that occasion.

Richert's string of strikeouts, starting with Vada Pinson in the second and concluding with Tommy Harper as the leadoff man in the sixth, was admittedly against some dangerous batters.

The man who snapped the string was starting pitcher Joey Jay. Joey grounded out to first baseman Ron Fairly.

Richert set a Southern Association record for strikeouts in 1960—251 in 225 innings. He was Dodger-bound last spring but injured his arm and spent most of the year nursing it back to condition.

		R	H	E
Cincinnati	040 000 021—	7	7	4
Los Angeles	000 073 01x—	11	16	2

Jay, Miller (5), Hillman (5), Klippstein (7) & Edwards; Williams, Richert (2), Mueller (6) & Roseboro, M. Sherry (9). W—Richert (1-0), L—Jay (0-2). HR—Cincinnati: Post (2), Lynch (1).

Houston, 2-0

HOUSTON (AP)—Dean Stone, a 32-year-old former American Leaguer, gave up only three hits Thursday as his Houston Colt .45s took their second straight shutout victory from the Chicago Cubs 2-0.

Stone was the third straight left-hander manager Harry Craft used against the Cubs as Houston swept the three-game series marking its National League debut.

Stone, a Washington pitcher from 1953 through 1957, struck out nine batters and permitted only one man to reach second base.

The game was a battle of left handers the first seven innings with Stone holding a narrow edge over Chicago's Jack Curtis, who gave up only three hits before going out for a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

An error and two wild pitches figured in Houston's scores but both runs were earned.

Cubs	ab	r	h	rb	Colts	ab	r	h	rb
Brock'cf	3	0	0	0	Asprt'3b	3	1	1	0
c-McNlgt	1	0	0	0	Amlto'2b	2	0	0	0
Mrphy'rf	0	0	0	0	Gernt'1b	3	1	1	0
Hubbs'2b	4	0	1	0	Mejias'rf	3	0	1	0
Wilam'lf	3	0	0	0	Smith,c	3	0	1	1
Banks'1b	4	0	0	0	Pndltn'lf	3	0	0	0
Altmn'rf	4	0	0	0	Heist'cf	3	0	0	0
Santo'3b	3	0	1	0	Spangl'r	0	0	0	0
Rodgs'ss	3	0	0	0	Budin'ss	3	0	0	0
Thackr'c	2	0	0	0	Stone'p	3	0	0	0
a-White	1	0	0	0					
Curts'p	1	0	1	0					
b-Barag'c	1	0	0	0					
Gerad'p	0	0	0	0					
Andrsn'p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	30	0	0	30	Totals	26	2	4	1

a—Grounded out for Thacker in 8th; b—Popped out for Curtis in 8th; c—Safe on Buddin's error for Brock in 8th.

Chicago	000	000	000—	0
Houston	000	100	01x—	2

E—Santo, Buddin. PO-A—Chicago 24-9, Houston 27-7. DP—Aspromonte, Amalfitano and Gernert; Rodgers and Hubbs; Hubbs, Rodgers and Banks. LOB—Chicago 5, Houston 4. 2B—Hubbs. SB— Aspromonte.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Curtis (L, 0-1)	7	3	1	1	3	3
Gerard	⅔	1	1	1	1	1
Anderson	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Stone (W, 1-0)	9	3	0	0	2	9

WP—Gerard, Anderson. U—Smith, Steiner, Boggess, Landes. T—2:02. A—7,838.

(AP Wirephoto)

Snow Full A heavy spring storm, dumping over six inches of snow on the Twin Cities area, makes the bleachers and field at Metropolitan Stadium a bleak place Thursday and causes the postponement of Friday's Minnesota Twins baseball opener against the Los Angeles Angels. Here Ed Weller mans a shovel to try and clear the bleacher area.

(AP Wirephoto)

Casey Comes Home Wrapped in ticker tape, Casey Stengel, a long-time fixture on the New York baseball scene, tosses plastic baseballs from a car during a parade and reception on lower Broadway in New York City Thursday en route to City Hall for official welcome. Casey returns as skipper of the New York Mets baseball team, a National League affiliate which will play its home games at the Polo Grounds.

Billy Pierce Eyes Fourth Giant Win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Left-hander Billy Pierce, who pitched 189 victories in 14 American League seasons, makes his first National League start tonight, Friday the 13th, for the San Francisco Giants.

Billy isn't superstitious and he isn't worried about making the change in leagues as he comments. "The distance to the plate is the same in each."

Three starting San Francisco pitchers have notched victories as the Giants grabbed three straight in the opening series from the Milwaukee Braves — the finale 8-4 Thursday. Pierce gets acquainted with the Nationals by opposing the defending champion Cincinnati Reds.

"I've faced a few of their batters in Florida during previous springs," he points out. "And I watched the World Series on television.

"Sometimes you can see things better on television than you can from the dugout, but that doesn't hold true all the way."

Early in the spring, Pierce had nothing but trouble as opposing batters whacked him freely. But in his final two outings against the Cleveland Indians he showed enough to win a starting assignment.

"Everything went wrong at first," he admits. "Then things got better and I got stronger."

Billy spent all but one of his American League seasons with the Chicago White Sox.

With lefty Jim O'Toole slated to hurl for Cincinnati tonight, manager Alvin Dark moves right-handed hitting shortstop Jose Pagan into the No. 2 hitting spot.

Pagan, who weighs just 164 as the smallest Giant regular, knocked in four runs and scored once himself Thursday. He smashed a triple off loser Bob Buhl with the bases loaded in the first inning, a double and a single.

Righthander Jack Canford won credit for the victory although needing help from ace reliever Stu Miller in the eighth after Joe Adcock walloped a grand slam homer. Previously Juan Marichal and Billy O'Dell had gone the route in besting the Braves 6-0 and 3-1.

"We're getting runs, that's the main thing," Dark commented after the series sweep. "We had a couple of gift runs, but they counted just the same."

Milwaukee's outfield defense looked ragged throughout the series. Thursday, Mack Jones dropped a Willie Mays fly that appeared of a routine nature and helped the Giants to a pair of runs in a fourth inning when they didn't have a hit.

After hitting homers in the first two games, Mays went hitless Thursday but reached base three times—twice on walks.

Braves	ab	r	h	bi	Giants	ab	r	h	bi
Bedell,lf	5	0	2	0	Kuenn,lf	4	2	2	0
Jones,rf	3	1	1	0	Hiller,2b	4	1	0	0
H. Aarn,cf	5	1	1	0	Mays,cf	3	2	0	0
Mathws,3b	4	1	0	0	Cepeda,1b	2	0	0	1
Adcock,1b	3	1	1	4	F. Alou,rf	2	2	1	1
Crandall,c	4	0	1	0	Bailey,c	3	0	1	1
Bolling,2b	3	0	0	0	Pagan,ss	4	1	3	4
Samuel,ss	4	0	0	0	Dvnprt,3b	4	0	1	1
Buhl,p	1	0	0	0	Sanford,p	3	0	0	0
Nottebrt,p	1	0	1	0	Miller,p	0	0	0	0
a-Klmchck	1	0	0	0					
McMahn,p	0	0	0	0	Totals	29	8	8	8
b-Torre	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	4	7	4					

a-Grounded out for Nottebart in 7th; b-Lined out for McMahon in 9th.

Milwaukee	000	000	040—	4
San Francisco	401	200	10x—	8

E — Jones, Pagan (2). PO-A — Milwaukee 24-8; San Francisco 27-14. DP — Samuel and Bolling; Nottebart, Samuel and Adcock. LOB — Milwaukee 9, San Francisco 7. 2B — Crandall, Kuenn, Pagan, Jones. 3B — Pagan. HR — Adcock. SF — Cepeda, Bailey.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
x-Buhl (L, 0-1)	2	6	5	5	4	1
Nottebart	4	0	2	0	4	1
McMahon	2	2	1	1	0	1
y-Sanford (W, 1-0)	7	6	4	3	5	3
Miller	2	1	0	0	0	2

x-Faced three batters in 3rd. y-Faced four batters in 8th.

PB — Crandall. U — Pelekoudas, Walsh, Conlon and Burkhart. T — 2:45. A — 9,177.

Twins Win, 9-5

Kansas City Halted By Guy Named Joe

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	1	1	1.000	
Washington	1	0	1.000	
Minnesota	2	1	.667	
Chicago	1	1	.500	½
Boston	1	1	.500	½
Cleveland	1	1	.500	½
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	½
Kansas City	1	2	.333	1
Baltimore	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 5
Los Angeles 1, Chicago 0
Detroit at Washington, rain
Only games scheduled

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The Minnesota Twins have been tabbed as a club with some talented baseball players and a pitching staff made up of Camilo Pascual and a guy named Joe.

Catcher Earl Battey, shortstop Zorro Versalles, first baseman Vic Power, and outfielders Harmon Killebrew and Bob Allison spell out the nucleus of a good baseball club. And anyone who has watched Pascual spin a curve will swear the ball breaks for five minutes.

But this is not the story of Killebrew who can hit up to 50 home runs in a season or of the lithe Versalles who makes all the plays of a great shorstop.

This is the story of Joe—Joe Bonikowski, slender 6-footer who pitched his first major league victory Thursday against the Kansas City Athletics 9-5. That isn't exactly a giant killing job but for a man of 21, who has been in organized baseball only three years, it was quite a thrill.

After throttling the A's with three hits in a 5⅔ inning relief stint, the young righthander told newsmen:

"When manager (Sam) Mele told me to get ready I was the happiest guy in the park. I want to work from the bottom to the top."

If Joe pitches like he did Thursday, he will be at the top far ahead of schedule. Last season Joe had a 3.21 earned run average in the triple A International League with Syracuse. The year before at Wilson in the Carolina League he pitched a no-hitter and faced exactly 27 batters—par for the course.

Spring is a wonderful time for lovers and successful young ball players and either or both often fade in the heat of July and August.

But Joe didn't fade Thursday when he had the bases full, the score tied and only one out in the fourth inning. He blazed a sinking fast ball to Leo Posada, who hit into an inning double play. And with the bases filled again in the seventh, he struck out Posada to retire the side.

If Joe pitches the same way the rest of the season and Pascual keeps sweeping his curves by the hitters, who knows? Maybe they won't win a pennant for Minnesota but they can cause a lot of trouble for the club that does — and the runners-up.

		R	H	E
Minnesota	013 020 201—	9	9	0
Kansas City	010 300 010—	5	12	0

Lee, Bonikowski (4) & Battey; Bass, Segui (5), Pfister (7), Osinski (9) & Azcue. W—Bonikowski (1-0). L—Bass (0-1). HR—Minnesota: Battey (2); Kansas City: Howser (1).

Los Angeles, 1-0

CHICAGO (AP) — Outfielder Leon Wagner's ninth-inning homer, barely clearing the right center bleacher wall, decided a brilliant mound duel between Los Angeles' Ken McBride and Chicago's rookie Joe Horlen for a 1-0 Angel triumph over the White Sox Thursday.

The game was played before only 1,087 in murky, drizzling weather with the Comiskey Park lights lighted from the third inning.

McBride, 26-year-old righthander who had a 12-15 mark last season, hurled superbly after a bit of first inning trouble and held the White Sox to only four hits, striking out six.

Horlan, 24, also a righthander, scattered five hits, fanning five, but Wagner's clout on an 0-1 count ruined a fine performance.

		R	H	E
Los Angeles	000 000 001—	1	5	0
Chicago	000 000 000—	0	4	1

McBride & Rodgers; Horlen & Lollar. W—McBride (1-0). L—Horlen (0-1) HR—Los Angeles: Wagner (1).

Inside Casey's Head via Fraley:

'We Beat These Here Jints...'

By OSCAR FRALEY
Of the United Press International

NEW YORK — Inside the head of Casey Stengel as the "Old Perfesser" returns to the Polo Grounds Friday for the first time in 10 years:

Say now, maybe it's some kind of a nightmare, like Western Dental College for a feller who's left-handed back there in K.C., but this here place looks horribly familiar like that there feller I had on third last year.

Cept there ain't no last year and maybe I been dreamin' all the time about guys named Mantle and Berra and even for the last dozen years or so I couldda been in a comma which in itself, like this here ball park, is a sentence anybody needs like Sing Sing, and you gotta know what I mean.

So I pinch myself because if I don't shave this morning on accounta the photographers and one thing and another, like another time I remember but can't place, why I gotta think this last time I remember is a dream about 1951 when I'm managin' the Yankees and we beat these here Jints in this here very same ball park.

Remembers Western Move

Only it can't be because the Jints is gone West, I happen to remember, it seems to me, and if that ain't so then this has to be 1943 and I'm managing a Boston team which is gonna finish sixth and that'll be the end of it for me in the National League. And if you think hat's bad, then you'd better think again.

Now as I said when we were talkin' about that feller from Joplin who came up that time with the bases loaded, and you remember the previous spring what happened and I don't have to tell you, but anyhow if I hadn't shaved this morning I'd think maybe it was 1923 all over again, and that's a year I view with rather mixed commotions.

Anyhow, that year I'm playin' centerfield for the Jints and Muggsy was quite a man himself, along with some other guys named, let's see now, the Dutchman, Frisch, and a few others, anyhow, so I hit two in the Series against the Yankees, it's a fact and you can discount the last dozen years or so, but anyhow I hits one way up there and give it the old turkey trot with the wave of the cap and all of that, hammin' it up a bit you might say for the fans, but the second one I hits way out there in that corner and I gotta leg it all the way.

Ragged Old Man

Now at this time I am a mere 32 years old, just a young squirt, you might say, but for some reason they hang an old man tag on me and when I finally get to the plate with my second homer of the series I gotta think maybe they got something there, at that, puffin' and all, and so right after that when I go West to meet Edna's family, us having decided to get married up, why they figure I'm an old man who's gonna walk in on crutches and it's quite a shock all the way around, kinda like today only not quite so bad.

So the last thing I remember is a great big ball park called Yankee Stadium and it's quite a lovely dream to take down the old pike with you but while over the years the guys from Brooklyn, where I did a stretch, too, is supposed to hate these guys over here, but I never really can get my heart into this kind of a feeling, if you know what I mean. So I'm half of one and half of another and half of something else and unless that's not enough or a whole percentage why you can take my word for a time back when I sat it out a whole season and got the cash anyhow.

Meaning it sure is all mixed up, clubs and years and things, but as I said about that feller from Joplin, that feller I got on third being what he is, like the writin' feller who said what's in a name, who cares whether it says "Jints" or "Mets" or whatever, let's get on with this here good old ball game.

Lane, Molina Meet on TV

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Undefeated lightweight boxer Luis Molina, who won notice and ranking with two victories in a week this year, figures he'll know Saturday night whether he's ready to challenge for the 135-pound title.

Home grown and home developed, the 23-year-old ex-Marine fights veteran left-hander Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich., at the San Jose Civic Auditorium in a nationally televised (ABC) 10-rounder.

"If I beat Lane, I'm going to Las Vegas and challenge the winner of the Joe Brown-Carlos Ortiz title fight," Molina declares.

He got his first chance before a video audience on short notice, Feb. 24, outpointing Texan Manuel Gonzales at Las Vegas as a substitute bout when the Brown-Ortiz match was postponed.

Willamette Victor

SALEM (AP)—Willamette University, defending Northwest Conference track champion, opened its season Thursday with a narrow 67½-63½ win over Pacific. The highlights of the meet were Tom Toombs' 21.9 220 and a 1:58.1 in the half mile turned in by Dexter Maust.

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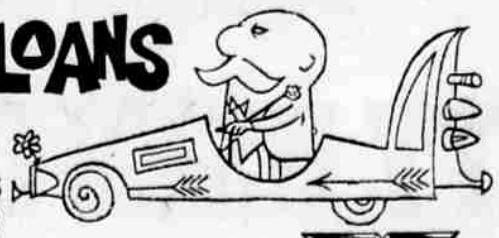

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