

## Giants Edge Cards On Thomson's 4-Run Home Run in Ninth

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This time practically everybody in the Polo Grounds expected it to happen — just like last October 3.

And this time Bobby Thomson didn't fool around. He leaned into the first pitch like a man who knew his business and the ball arched into the upper left field deck for a grand slam home run that gave the Giants a fiction-finish 8 to 7 victory over the Cardinals.

Had Monday's game been in a World Series or in a crucial pennant stretch drive, the finish would have been immortalized just as was that golden victory

that clinched a pennant for the Giants over Brooklyn last October. As it was, folks who saw it won't forget it for a long time.

**Ended Slump**  
What increased the impact was that it was Thomson who was fated to supply the dramatics again at a time when he had been in a miserable slump—hitless in his previous 17 times at bat.

In the final playoff game when Thomson's three-run homer gave the Giants a 5-4 victory over Brooklyn, a relief pitcher, Ralph Branca, was summoned to handle the dangerous Bobby. That was the parallel again Monday as Manager Eddie Stanky hauled Rookie Willard Schmidt from the bull pen to sink or swim.

It took Branca two pitches to blow the game—and the pennant. He at least got one strike on Bobby. But Schmidt fired the first pitch exactly where the slender Scot wanted it.

**Cards Rallied**  
The Cards, trailing most of the way, had rallied late to go ahead with pairs of runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh, as they hammered out a total of 16 hits. They increased their margin to 7-4 with a final run in the ninth as Enos Slaughter and Peanut Lowrey set the pace with three hits each.

Sal Maglie, who had been kayoed Sunday by the Cards, had been tapped for what appeared to be the winning runs in a relief role. But again providing a remarkable parallel, Thomson took him off the hook with his homer, just as he had done in the playoff game in which Maglie was about to be charged with defeat.

## Betsy Rawls Seeks Title In Western

Chicago —(U.P.)— The biggest money winner in 1952 women's golf, Betsy Rawls, a 24-year-old pro from Austin, Tex., aimed for another \$1,000 paycheck Tuesday against a veteran competitor, Mary Agnes Wall, a Menominee, Mich., school teacher.

Miss Rawls, who has earned \$9,450.33 on the fairways this year, including a \$5,000 paycheck for capturing the 144 hole coast to coast Weatherlane event, won medalist honors in the 23rd Women's Western Open at Skokie Country Club Monday with a one under par 74.

But she must tangle with Miss Wall in the first round of match play over 18 holes, a route that will lead the consistent winners into a 36 hole final match for the top prize Saturday. Miss Wall qualified with an 83.

Two veteran pro's, Louis Suggs, Atlanta, Ga., and Patty Berg, Minneapolis, were runner-up for medalist honors with 78.

Tuesday Miss Berg was paired with Beverly Hanson, a willowy blonde from Cincinnati who qualified with an 83, in a first round match while Miss Suggs meets Pat Lesser, Seattle, Wash., a semi-finalist in the National Women's Collegiate last week, who qualified with an 84.

## Hal Gregg Leads Coast Pitchers

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Hal Gregg, recently sold by the Oakland A's to the New York Giants, leads the Pacific Coast league pitching regulars with an 11-2 record, according to statistics released Tuesday and including games of June 15.

Veteran Johnny Lindell of Hollywood, who has a 10-3 mark, is tops in strikeouts with 73.

For the second straight week, first baseman Bob Boyd of Seattle topped the hitters with a .340 mark, eight points below a week ago. Max West of Los Angeles leads in homers with 16, while Jack Graham of San Diego is tops in runs-batted-in.

## Portland Trio Wins

Portland —(U.P.)— Roy Atkins, Ed Vanderberg and Billy Lees will represent Portland in the national public links championships at Miami, Fla., July 7 to 12.

Lees and Atkins tied with three - under - par 141's for the top spot on Portland's three-man team in Monday's 36 - hole qualifying play at Rose City golf course. Lees went on to win the No. 1 post in a sudden-death with Atkins.

Vanderberg fired a par 144 over the course to win his berth in the tournament.

## Softball League Games Tonight

Mobilgas, rained out of its first scheduled game in the Medford softball association men's league, will get into action tonight in one of two games at the senior high stadium.

The Flying Red Horsemen will battle Camp White in the nightcap. Time of the contest will be about 9 o'clock.

Girls' league play will get underway tonight. Medford's entry in the circuit, the Crater Babes, will tangle with Eagle Point. Game time is 7:30 o'clock.

Camp White has posted one win in the men's league, shelling National Guard, Heavy hitters for Camp White in that game were Russ McKechnie and Don Beverman. A number of ex-Medford and ex-Jacksonville high athletes are on the roster of the Mobilgas crew.

Tigard, Ore. —(U.P.)— Johnny Frederick, Jr., son of the one-time Portland Beaver outfielder, pitched a no-hit, no-run game Monday night as his Tigard American Legion Junior baseball team downed Beaverton, 4-0. Frederick struck out 13.

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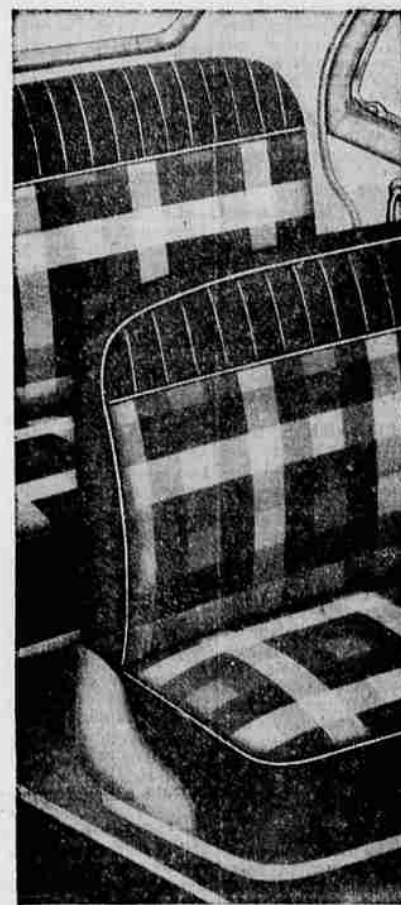


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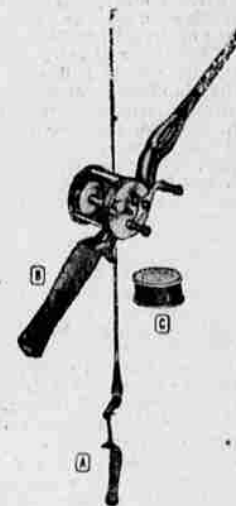
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