

DODGER'S LOSS TO PHILADELPHIA STRENGTHENS BRAVES' LEADERSHIP

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Games remaining:
 Milwaukee (3), Away (2)—St. Louis, Sept. 28, 29, 30.
 Brooklyn (3), Home (3)—Pittsburgh, Sept. 28, 29, 30.
 Cincinnati (2), Away (2)—Chicago, Sept. 29, 30.

By MILTON RICHMAN
 United Press Sports Writer

Fred Haney says the Braves will clinch by Sunday, Walt Alton says the Dodgers will battle their way into a playoff and Casey Stengel says "c'mon anybody," because his Yankees are restless and eager to get the World Series started.

All clubs in the majors had an off-day today and no one was enjoying it more than Haney, whose Braves boast a full game lead with only three left to play.

"We're going to win it by Sunday," beamed the little Milwaukee skipper. "We're not going to need any playoff."

It was Haney's first real show of confidence in two weeks and the big factor behind that optimism was Philadelphia's 7-3 victory over Brooklyn at Ebbets Field Wednesday. Even with the setback, though, there was no all-is-lost attitude by Alton.

"We'll win three from the Pirates, the Braves will lose one to the Cards and the season will open here all over again next Monday," Alton declared.

Robin Roberts, who racked up his 19th victory, was the one who did the Dodgers dirt Wednesday even though he was tagged for a pair of homers by Duke Snider, Roberts limited Brooklyn to five hits and the Phils jumped in front to stay when a second-inning error by left-fielder Sandy Amoros paved the way for three runs off loser Don Newcombe.

When the shooting resumes Friday, Haney will send either Bob Buhl (18-8) or Lew Burdette (18-10) against Tom Poholsky (9-14) of the Cardinals in St. Louis. Haney appeared to be leaning toward Buhl, especially since Burdette hasn't won a game since Sept. 3.

Roger Craig (12-11) already

USC Trojans Picked Over Oregon State

San Francisco — (UPI) — The berry patch known as college football is easy for an expert prognosticator.

For instance, this department had eight out of nine last week — and we'll probably be even better this time. Who said that? We chose Washington over Idaho by 33 — and the Huskies won by 32; Stanford over WSC by 34, and they won by 24; COP over Colorado A&M by 19 and they won by 2, and so on through the list.

With the big intersectionals this week things may be a bit tougher, but here are the goodies:

Michigan State over Stanford; Biggie Munn believes the Spartans have a better team than last year, when they clobbered the Indians. By six.

Illinois over California: The Golden Bears haven't — Pappy Waldorf would say — jelled at this early stage. By 13.

Michigan over UCLA: The days of the Bruin powerhouses apparently are gone. The Uclans had a tough struggle to get by Utah last week. Michigan has another good team. By 20.

Southern California over Oregon State: The Trojans proved last week, when they smothered Texas, that they have the makings of one of their better clubs. Beavers may be tough, but not tough enough. By 12.

Oregon over Idaho: The Webfoots should romp in this one. They walloped Missouri last week and this breather should be easy. By 26.

San Jose State over Washington State — Coach Chuck Taylor of Stanford says the Cougars have a "weak team, right now." The Spartans should win, although WSC will be better later. By seven.

Washington over Minnesota: This is the real close of the day. Huskies have the advantage of a game under their belt and playing on their own ground. Washington won last year at Minneapolis. By one.

College of Pacific over Kansas: The Tigers stepping up to Big Seven. But if Dick Bass has a good night, the Bengals will be as tough and tough as any team on the coast. By seven.

Arizona over South Dakota State: If the Wildcats can't win this one with all their talent, then they better give up. By 20.

Also: Arizona Tempe State over North Texas State; San Diego State over Pepperdine; Occidental over Santa Barbara; Fresno State over Willamette; Cal Poly over New Mexico A and M; Los Angeles State over State over Chico State; San Francisco State over Nevada,

has been named as Alton's choice against Bob Friend (17-16) of the Pirates. Friend defeated the Dodgers, 6-5, in a game that knocked the Brooks out of first place last Monday but, Alton insisted, "he doesn't worry us."

While Haney and Alton were laying last-ditch pennant plans, Stengel and his Yankees were hoping they would hurry and get it over with so that they, themselves, don't lose their edge standing around during a possible NL pennant playoff.

Stengel's starter for the opening game of the World Series, southpaw Whitey Ford, looked sharp even though he dropped a 1-0 decision to the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday. Baltimore

long run came in the third on singles by Tito Francona and Bob Nieman and Ford's wild pitch. Rookie Charlie Beamon, pitching in his first big league game, tossed a four-hitter at the Yankees.

Left-hander Herb Score became Cleveland's third 20-game winner of the season by beating Kansas City, 8-4, with a seven-hit effort.

Paul Foytack, Detroit's pitching "find" of the year, fired a three-hitter in beating Chicago, 4-1, for his 15th victory. The Red Sox handed the Senators their 11th straight loss, 8-4, as Ted Williams collected a double and a triple in four trips.

In the only other game, Solly Drake singled home Gene Baker

from third base with two out in the 13th inning to give the Cubs a 3-2 decision over the Cardinals.

LINESCORES:
 National League
 Philadelphia — 631 000 300—7 10 1
 Brooklyn — 110 001 000—3 5 1
 Boston — 400 021 012—8 12 2
 Roberts (13-11) and Lopata (Newcombe, Bessent (6), Lahue and Campanella, Loser—Newcombe (26-7) HR—Snider (2) (40th & 41st), Ennis (25th).

(11 Innings)
 St. L. — 100 010 000 0—2 15 1
 Chicago — 000 020 000 —3 5 0
 Dickson (13-11) and Smith, Davis, Hacker (6), Brown (11) and Chitt. Winner—Brown (5-9).

American League
 Washington — 201 000 100—4 8 2
 Cleveland — 400 021 012—8 12 2
 Abersnathy, Byrby (7) and Berberet, Fitzgerald (6), Sullivan (14-7) and White, Loser—Abersnathy (1-2).

New York — 000 000 000—0 4 0
 Baltimore — 001 000 000—1 8 0
 Ford (19-6) and Berra, Beamon (1-0) and Triandos.

Chicago — 000 000 010—1 3 0
 Detroit — 020 200 000—4 8 1
 Harshman, Howell (7) and Lollar, Foytack (15-13) and Wilson, Loser—Harshman (15-11), HR—Tuttle (9th), Doby (23rd).

Kansas City — 100 003 000—4 7 1
 Cleveland — 103 210 100—8 12 2
 Dittmar, Brunet (3), Herriage (5), Harrington (6) and Smith, Score (20-9) and Hegan, Loser—Dittmar (12-22).

SPORTS

GIANTS OF SOUTH TO MIX ON TORNADO FIELD FRIDAY

The Giants of the South collide Friday night on the Medford Senior High school gridiron and, as in recent years, Oregon prepdom will be awaiting the outcome.

Marshfield, unbeaten over 26 contests, is regarded as the favorite over much of the state. But in Medford, where the raging Tornado is definitely the "sentimental choice," supporters close to the home team feel that the 1956 aggregation have the wherewithal and fighting spirit to halt the Pirates.

No official laurels will be at stake when the Tornado and the Gray Horde come together at 8:15 p.m. Friday. But the issue will be the No. 1 ranking in the polls and the victor will be marked as the team to beat in the annual chase for Oregon's Class A-1 diadem.

To Medford the Pirates bring their prestige as 1955 state tit-

lists and co-champions of the previous season. Both crews put unbeaten records on the block. Marshfield has whipped Benson 33 to 6, Coquille 46 to 6 and Grants Pass 20 to 0. Medford thumped Jefferson of Portland 34 to 12, Milwaukie 37 to 6 and Roseburg 40 to 14.

Rugged Lines
 Both clubs will field rugged lines and backs with great break away ability. The Pirates of Coos Bay will have the margin in weight up front but Medford has been conceded the edge in line speed and has shown quick hard charging so far this season.

A T-formation club, Marshfield has speedy elusive runners in Roger Johnson and Jack Shanley and Hardy Spurgeon is the hefty fullback. Medford has shifty catbacks in Gary Riley, Eldon Francis and Gordon Owsley and plungers in Dick McLaughlin, Bob Gee and Loren Christian in its versatile T and

single wing offensive.

The opposing aggregations have the potentials which could mean a grinding defensive game which could be decided by a few explosive offensive thrusts.

Most observers feel that morale and the breaks will play key roles in the conflict. A high pitched fighting spirit and high desire to squelch the Pirates has been reported in the Tornado camp. The Medfordite's can be expected to be "up"—fired high—on Friday night.

But the squad is reportedly somewhat battered up and hampered by colds this week as it prepares for the Pirates. There was a favorable note last night as Coach Fred Spiegelberg indicated that scrimmage yesterday went much better than the day before.

Usual Starters

The head mentor is expected to call on his usual offensive club with Dick Cople and Mike Stearns, ends, Neil Plumley and Larry Cranston, tackles, Tom Merton and Bob Apple, guards, Dick Swinney, center, Dick McLaughlin, Quarterback, Gary Riley or Gordon Owsley, left half, Eldon Francis, right half, and Bob Gee, fullback.

On defense it may be Cople and Stearns, ends; Cranston and Plumley, tackles, Apple, middle guard, Merton, McLaughlin and Jim Funston, linebackers, Francis and Riley, halfbacks, and Owsley, safety.

If the sometimes Golden Pirates and other times Gray Horde come to Medford in full health Chuck Ambary and Jim Johnson likely will be at ends for offense, Barry Bullard and Dale Cardwell at tackles, Dave Bingham and Jerry Tankersley at center, Clayton Smith at quarterback, Roger Johnson at left halfback, Jack Shanley at right half and Hardy Spurgeon at fullback.

Two Changes

Only two changes in the Marshfield line-up are likely to provide the first line defensive unit. Tim Bullard would go in for Larry Tankersley and Larry Bick for Smith. Ends would still be Ambary and Jim Johnson with Barry Bullard and Cardwell at tackles. Bingham and Tim Bullard would be at guards with Jerry Tankersley, Roger Johnson and Shanley linebackers and Bick and Spurgeon, halfbacks.

Ends are actually floaters on the flanks for Pete Susick's Pirates. They don't set right on the line nor are they in exactly linebacker spots.



SCATBACK!—California's left halfback Nat Brazill (41) scampers for an eight yard kickoff return against Baylor university in the first quarter at Berkeley. Baylor's left tackle Charles Bradshaw reaches out in vain as the 142-pound Brazill whizzes by him. Baylor squeezed out a 7-6 victory over Cal.

Friday Night Trojan Game May Answer OSC Question

Corvallis — (UPI) — How strong a football team does Oregon State have this year? Do the Beavers have a chance of equaling their Pacific Coast conference second-place finish of a year ago or even improving on it.

The Beaver win over Missouri last Saturday by a 19-13 count has a few OSC partisans feeling a little heady but for the majority they admit it will be Friday night before the answers to those questions are known.

Missouri was supposed to be up this year, listed as a probable second place finisher behind Oklahoma in the Big Seven. A win over the Tigers was a big step for the Beavers but loyal followers confess that Friday night's Oregon State-Southern California tilt in the Los Angeles Coliseum will be a far more reliable index on how to rate Coach Tommy Prothro's single-wing club this season.

The Beaver club this year has to go along way depending on inexperienced sophomore talent. Prothro has been working hard with these first year men, attempting to help them take the big step and become PCC calibre performers. A lot depends on how fast they come along.

In the line, Prothro counts on big John Witte to anchor the Beavers defense. He has three lettermen ends back in Bob De-Grant, Dwayne Fournier and Norm Thier but only two veterans at the tackle and guard berths and a long letterman at center.

The Beaver backfield scheduled to go against USC — Tom Berry, Joe Francis, Gerry Laird and Sam Wesley, are all veterans. Much of the Beaver offense for the season will rest on this quartet. Reserves are limited.

Schedulewise the Beavers aren't too bad off. Following the USC game they meet Iowa, a non-counter, then draw California and Washington State before entertaining UCLA. Washington, Stanford, Idaho and Oregon round out the OSC schedule.

Hawaii over Humboldt State, Sacramento State over Southern Oregon.

College of Idaho over Pacific University, Whitman over Eastern Washington, Lewis and Clark over Linfield, Central Washington over Portland State, Puget Sound over Eastern Washington, Pacific Lutheran over British Columbia, and Whitworth over Western Washington.

Sandy Amoros Under Fire As Goat in Dodger Setback

By FRED DOWN

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (UPI) — Sandy Amoros, whose great catch saved the 1955 World Series for the Brooklyn Dodgers, was under fire today as the "goat" who may have lost the 1956 pennant for them.

And it couldn't be much solace to the little outfielder from Matanzas, Cuba, that Manager Walt Alton "is sticking with him because anybody is entitled to a bad day." For Sandy was guilty of four bad plays during Wednesday's 7-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies and his own teammates made no bones about referring to them.

"There was just no excuse for it," barked Jackie Robinson, referring to Amoros' failure to charge Del Ennis' seventh-inning single. "If he'd have made one move toward charging the ball no runner in the game would have tried for an extra base."

Stan Lopata had bounced a hit off Robinson's glove with two out and Ennis followed with his hit to left field. Lopata, noticing that Amoros was not charging the ball, raced for third and made it when Sandy's throw was poor. The Phillies went on from there to score three runs and turn a tight 4-3 game into a breeze for Robin Roberts.

Campanella Comments

Catcher Roy Campanella stoutly defended 26-game winner Don Newcombe, who suffered his seventh defeat, by pointing to the first of Amoros' poor plays. That one came in the second inning when Sandy dropped Elmer Valo's easy fly with one out and Ennis on second base. That miscue — the only official error charged to Amoros in the game — paved the way for two unearned runs and a 3-1 Philadelphia lead.

"Newk was okay," Campanella grumbled. "He was having a little trouble loosening up in that cold weather but he was going to be okay. He woulda been if it hadn't been for that lousy play in the outfield."

The 240-pound Newcombe stormed around the mound and looked like he wanted to grind little Sandy under one of his ponderous feet in that second inning and relief pitcher Don Bessent stood glaring, as if in perplexity, in the seventh when Amoros went into his second

coma. But the unruffled Alton, who takes both victory and defeat with a thin smile and a glass of soda pop, refused to make Sandy the "fall guy."

Isn't Alone

"He'll be in the lineup Friday night and I'm sure he'll play the last two games of the season as well," Alton said. "He is entitled to a bad day just as everybody else on the team's entitled to the bad days they've had. If I benched every guy who's had a bad day this season, I'd sure be hard-pressed for players in the three games we've got left to us."

It was just about a year ago that Amoros was the toast of Brooklyn — along with Johnny Podres — for his brilliant catch of Yogi Berra's "wrong-way fly" in the seventh inning of the World Series. Sandy turned it into a double play that eased Podres out of his most serious jam and the Dodgers went on to win their first world championship.

Milwaukee Nine Confident After Dodgers Beaten

St. Louis — (UPI) — The Milwaukee Braves exuded confidence today that they are "in the driver's seat" for the final push in the stirring National League pennant chase.

"Everything seems to be going right now," said Andy Pafko, veteran outfielder who played with the flag-winning Cubs in 1945 and Dodgers in 1952.

But frustrated Fred Haney, whose previous managerial chores were with such lowlies as the old St. Louis Browns and the Pittsburgh Pirates, still is mapping his strategy game-by-game despite the gasping Dodgers' 7-3 loss Wednesday to Philadelphia. The result widened the



UPSETS ALREADY!—In the biggest upset of the day, underdog Syracuse upset heavily-favored Maryland university in their game at College Park, Md. Above, Glen Preisling (right) grabs Maryland's Ted Kershner who has just intercepted an Orange pass in the first quarter. Coming in too late to throw a block is Fred Hamilton (40) of the Terps. Syracuse won, 26-12.

Braves' lead to a full game. club's opening game with the "We still have three to win," fourth-place St. Louis Cardinals. Haney said on the eve of his in the last series of the season.

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