

Destiny Claims Don Larsen As It Has Claimed Only 9 Others

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Brooklyn — (U.P.) — Destiny claimed Don Larsen today as it has claimed only nine other men in baseball history.

Down through all the years it has passed to only these few to possess what the New York Yankees' 27-year-old righthander possesses today — an achievement which sets him apart for all time.

These are men who achieved immortality in varying ways — one with a stroke of his bat, another with a stroke of luck and four others with the help of each other. And yet, they stand unique to be remembered for all time because each has stood in a situation in which none other can say he has.

Larsen achieved that distinction Monday with the first perfect game in the 53-year history of World Series games. If he never retires another batter — or throws another ball — he always will be remembered for his special two hours and six minutes of consummate pitching ability.

Such an hour came to Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants on Oct. 13, 1951 when he stroked a three-run homer off Ralph Branca with one out in the last half of the ninth inning to give his team a 3-4 victory in the final game of its three-game playoff for the flag with the Dodgers. It was — and is — the greatest "clutch hit" in the game's history.

That same — and yet distinct — lightning of immortality struck for Cookie Lavagetto, Oct. 3, 1947 when his pinch-hit, two run double in the last of the ninth deprived Bill Bevens of the Yankees of a World Series no-hitter and gave the Dodgers a 3-2 triumph. He is, furthermore, the greatest of World Series pinch hitters.

It struck also for a 23-year-old rookie named Johnny Vander Meer in 1938. It lasted over a spread of five days — June 11 and June 15 — when the young Cincinnati Redleg pitcher hurled two consecutive no-hitters. He was never to be a great pitcher but he, too, stands unique in the game's annals with an incomparable accomplishment.

For Bobo Holloman, it happened on May 6, 1953, the day he made his first start as a pitcher for the St. Louis Browns. The result was a no-hitter, the only one pitched by a first-game

Giles Praises Yankee Pitcher

New York — (U.P.) — President Warren Giles of the National league, an admitted "hard loser" sent a telegram of congratulations to Yankee pitcher Don Larsen on his perfect game against the Dodgers.

"Congratulations on your masterful performance," Giles stated. "Although we dislike very much to lose, your accomplishment was one of the great ones in series history."

Japan Gives Top Play to No-No

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Newspapers in baseball-crazy Japan gave top play today to Don Larsen's delivery of a perfect game in the World Series.

The Series is attracting more than usual attention because the Brooklyn Dodgers are scheduled to arrive here Oct. 18 for a 20-game series in Japan.

Montana Faces Parks in Ring At Grants Pass

Grants Pass — The Toledo Terror, Bull Montana, will headline Wednesday's wrestling car at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Arena against the young star, Reggie Parks.

Montana will be remembered for his bloody and brutal match-

starter in the game's history. It came to Bill Wambagans of the Cleveland Indians in 1916 when a stroke of luck made him the only man ever to turn in an unassisted triple play in World Series competition.

And it came to four other pitchers in varying degrees. To Fred Toney and Jim (Hippo) Vaughan it came on May 17, 1916 when each pitched no-hit

NY Hurler Dreams of No-No Night Before

By MILTON RICHMAN
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Brooklyn — (U.P.) — No one can be perfect but Don Larsen came mighty close by "calling" his no-hitter 24 hours in advance.

There was one hitch in his prediction, though — he didn't say he would pitch a perfect game. All this came about Sunday night on the eve of the fifth game of the World Series which the big, easy-going Yankee righthander knew he was going to hurl against the Dodgers.

"I got one of those crazy feelings I'm gonna pitch a no-hitter tomorrow," he said, driving back to the Bronx hotel where he stays.

World of Offers
Today, 24 hours after making good his prediction, Larsen woke up in a brand new world of endorsement offers, TV contracts and what have you.

Through all the hoopla and holler, though, the 27-year-old Larsen is doing his best to keep his feet on the ground.

"Before yesterday no one knew I was alive," he reflected. "Today everyone is telling me they want to school with me."

Larsen's chief claim to fame before his historic performance was that he had wrapped his black and convertible around a telephone pole at 5 o'clock in the morning one day in St. Petersburg, Fla., last spring. All that did was demolish his car and put fresh polish on his reputation for being what the ball players call "a night leaguer."

Most Effective
Even so, big Don proved the Yankees' most effective pitcher during the spring but he hit a snag in May and became so dis-

gusted that he said at one point, "The hell with it, if things don't get any better for me soon I think I'll join the navy."

With some players that would qualify as an idle remark, with the unpredictable Larsen, though, it easily might have led to a recruiting office.

But things picked up quickly and he wound up the year in high style, winning 11 games and dropping only 5.

"Give the credit to Casey Stengel," he says, "he stuck with me when others didn't."

To which Casey adds: "Oh yeah, I was a genius yesterday. I didn't take Larsen out."

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SPORTS

Batter Says Last Pitch Was a Ball

New York — (U.P.) — Dale Mitchell doesn't begrudge Don Larsen anything, but he'll be convinced to his dying day that the third strike that ended Larsen's no-hitter should have been a ball.

"It was high and outside," insisted Mitchell, who was called out on strikes to end the game. Umpire Babe Pinelli, who had the only opinion that counted, said, "It was a fat pitch."

No-No Hurler Takes All Signs

New York — (U.P.) — Don Larsen didn't shake off a single sign for a pitch throughout his no-hitter, catcher Yogi Berra disclosed.

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GANGING UP—Giving it the high-low tackle on University of Pittsburgh halfback Dick Bowen (35) are University of California's John Stewart (13) and Norm Becker (83) as the Panther returned a Cal kickoff back to his own 37 yard line in the third quarter at Berkeley, Calif. Cal upset the favored Pittsburgh, 14-0.

ARMY AFTER TROPHY

New York — (U.P.) — Army, victor over Penn State last Saturday, moved from third to first today in the race for the Lambert Trophy, emblematic of

Eastern college football supremacy. Defending champion Pittsburgh, which lost to California, dropped to second and Syracuse remained in third.

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Real Test
Most of the fans who have watched Parks in action think that he will be a real test for the ape man. Montana said that he wanted to come back out to Oregon where the fans like him better than they do in Chicago. The equally attractive first mainer will mark the return of popular Billy Fletcher and he will tackle a big one in Roy Heffernan, the undefeated Heavyweight Champion of Australia. Heffernan once wrestled in Indian before 100,000 fans. He wears a cocky Anzac hat into the ring and is an agile, strong dynamo in the ring who has recently wrestled on top in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Extra seats will be set up to take care of the expected crowd.