

7 Seconds More Luck NY Desire

By EARL WRIGHT
New York—(UPI)—The New York Giants will be satisfied this year if their luck lasts seven seconds longer than it did last season.

A team needs luck to win the championship in the well-balanced National Football league. Just seven seconds remained—snap your fingers seven times for an estimate of the time—when Steve Myhra's field goal last December enabled Baltimore to tie the Giants and set up a 23-17 Colts' triumph in an unprecedented "sudden death" overtime period.

The 1958 Giants showed what a team can do with a combination of spirit, luck and a stout defense. They may have to depend on the same 1-2-3 punch to defend the Eastern Division title this year.

The defense again promises to be one of the league's best, but the offensive unit probably will lack speed at end and in the backfield just as it did in 1958.

About Same Team

The Giants will field virtually the same team they used last year so it might be worth mentioning how they became the NFL "miracle team" of 1958.

They trailed the Browns by two games after the season was only five weeks old and took a 17-7 deficit to the dressing room at halftime in the sixth game at Cleveland. They rallied to win the game, 21-17. That was the turning point. They got timely assists from their rivals in crucial games after that.

In the 11th game, they trailed Detroit in the final quarter but stayed "alive" by scoring after Yale Lary tried to run on a snowy field instead of punting on a fourth-and-21 situation on his own 44. The Giants tied for the Eastern title in the final regular season game when Pat Summerall booted a 49-yard field goal in a snowstorm to beat the Browns in the final minutes. In this game, the Browns tried a run from field goal formation on a snowy field and failed while leading, 10-3, in the third quarter.

The Giants then shut out the Browns, 10-0, in a playoff for the Eastern Division title and held a 17-14 lead over the Colts when their luck finally ran out in the championship game.

PENNANT RACE ODDS
Las Vegas, Nev.—(UPI)—Legal betting emporiums here have made the Milwaukee Braves a 5-8 favorite to win the National league pennant. The Los Angeles Dodgers, tied with Milwaukee for first place, are 6-5 underdogs while the San Francisco Giants, two games behind, are listed at 20-1.

SHAVE WHILE RIDING
New York—(UPI)—A fleet of New York taxicabs set out today to give businessmen an extra 10 or 15 minutes sleep in the morning. The cabs are equipped with electric razors.

Experience, Pitching, Miracle Involved in Down-to-Wire Race For Pennant In National League

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
One of the National league's most fantastic pennant races reaches the final week end with the Braves counting on experience, the Dodgers on pitching and the Giants on a miracle.

All that's certain is that nothing is certain. The next 72 hours can produce a new champion, the league's third post-season playoff between two teams or the first triple first-place tie in major league history.

The odds-makers are betting there'll be a champion Sunday night—in fact, they're laying 8 to 5 the Braves will be the fifth team in NL history to win three straight pennants. The 1942-43 Cardinals were the last team to turn that trick and it hadn't been done for 20 years previously.

The Braves appear to have the edge because their final three-game series is at home in Milwaukee against the last-place Phillies. The Dodgers and Giants finish on the road—the Dodgers against the Chicago Cubs and the Giants against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The action starts in Chicago, where the Dodgers are sending a side arm fastballer Don Drysdale against the Cubs' hard-throwing Glen Hobbie in a day game. Dry-

Sam Jones Called Upon By Giants

By DENNIS MCCARTHY
St. Louis—(UPI)—Sam Jones tonight might be the San Francisco Giants' last pennant hope as they face the St. Louis Cardinals.

If the Giants lost and Milwaukee and Los Angeles win, it will be all over for San Francisco.

Jones, who has a 20-15 mark, will be trying to end a five-game Giant slump which all but ruined the club's pennant chances.

A well-rested Vinegar Bend Mizell (13-9) will be pitching for the Cards.

"Mizell ought to give the Giants trouble if he's sharp," Cardinal manager Solly Hemus said.

But Giant manager Bill Rigney kept hopes alive.

"We're going to have to win our last three and Los Angeles and Milwaukee are going to have to lose two," Rigney said. "That's all there is to it."

"I think we can beat the Cardinals in all three games but they're not patys. I'll know for sure Sunday night."

The record book is in Rigney's favor.

The Giants have a 14-4 edge over the Cardinals this season and downed the Redbirds seven out of eight times in St. Louis.

dale, 17-13, has been shaky all during the second half of the season but has won two of his last three decisions including a 1-0 three-hitter against the Phillies. Hobbie, 16-13, has lost to the Dodgers twice this season.

Manager Walt Alston plans to come back with Johnny Podres (14-8) against Art Ceccarelli (5-5) Saturday with Roger Craig (10-5) slated to go against Bob Anderson (12-12) Sunday. The Cubs have a surprising (10-9) season edge over Los Angeles.

The Braves, who have won 14 of their last 18 games, are firing Lew Burdette (21-14) against Don Cardwell (9-10) tonight and manager Fred Haney plans to follow with Warren Spahn (20-15) on Saturday and Bob Buhl (14-9) on Sunday. Robin Roberts (15-15) is expected to be Philadelphia's pitcher on Saturday with Jim Owens (12-11) scheduled for Sunday.

The desperate Giants, who only a week ago appeared to have San Francisco's first pennant within their grasp, are reeling under the blows of five straight defeats and even manager Bill Rigney remarks wryly: "My pitcher? I guess I'll just roll the ball down the dressing room aisle and my pitcher's the first guy strong enough to pick it up."

Actually, Rigney is expected to start the San Francisco funeral march with Sam Jones (20-15) opposing Vinegar Bend Mizell (13-9) tonight; Jack Sanford (15-12) and Johnny Antonelli (19-10) undoubtedly will start Saturday and Sunday unless they're used in relief or the axe falls.

The Giants' position is as follows: To win outright, they must sweep their three-game series while the Braves and Dodgers both lose all three, and two victories by either the Braves or Dodgers officially eliminate the Giants.

**Cubs Rely
On Hobbie**

By ED SAINSBURY
Chicago—(UPI)—The Chicago Cubs will rely on Glen Hobbie today to harpoon the Los Angeles Dodgers' chances for the National league pennant in the opener of a three game series which Los Angeles must sweep to insure the title, or part of it.

Hobbie, though he has a 16-13 record for the season, has yet to beat Los Angeles this year, taking two defeats against the Dodgers. But he rates as the leading pitcher on manager Bob Scheffing's staff, and Scheffing nominated him for the starting assignment on the theory of "make it tough for the league leaders."

"We're not going to be any breather for them," he said. "We're still playing for fifth place, and we're just as anxious to win as they are. We'll throw our best pitching at them, the same as we did against San Francisco."

Elsewhere in the state, Willamette university's Beards will try to get on the winning track against Western Washington of the Evergreen conference. Willamette dropped its opener to Whitworth.

Pacific Goes South
That same Whitworth squad will collide with Lewis and Clark at Spokane in another interleague squabble.

Pacific university will journey south to tangle with the touted California Aggies at Davis.

Back on the Oregon grid scene, College of Idaho will invade La Grande for a clash with Eastern Oregon College.

Oregon Tech will test El Camino Junior college in California while Oregon College of Education from Monmouth will tangle with Humboldt State at Arcata, Calif.

Southern Oregon college travels to Chico State for the remaining clash.

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Dragsters Wind Up 1959 Racing Slate With UMC Benefit

Sunday's United Fund drag races at the Camp White drag strip marks the conclusion of the 1959 season of racing activity sponsored by Southern Oregon Timing association.

All proceeds of this meet are slated to help fill the coffers of the United Medford crusade and the Ashland-Talent Youth fund.

Keen competition is expected in many classes as drivers gun their cars through the one-fourth mile timing clocks for the final time this year. Some contestants will be shooting for new class marks while others vie for class trophies with local and regional entrants.

Medford's Noel Black, driver of the Black & Roberts Oldsmobile-powered dragster, reported yesterday he will be running in the special Open Fuel class inaugurated two weeks ago at the big Centennial championship meet. He will be shooting for a speed

in excess of 160.87 miles per hour, the top time recorded by the Glass Slipper in winning this class at the last meet.

Alcohol
Black will be burning a fuel in his engine that consists mostly of alcohol in his assaults on this mark. He ran alcohol fuel at Redding drag races for the first time last Sunday and recorded speeds up to 134 mph. In doing so he topped top eliminator awards at the northern California meet.

With Black not competing in the gas division of the races leaves this section wide open for top eliminator honors. Some of the strong contenders for Sunday's top gas honors would include Lou Wolff's quick-starting Ford-powered dragster from Ashland, the Wheelers Club A Competition "Zombie" from Medford, Chuck Strawns A class cycle from Medford, and the Oldsmobile-powered dragster belonging to the Road Knights club in Ashland.

Time trials open at 9 a.m. and eliminations will be run off after lunch. The public is invited. There will be an admission charge.

Small Colleges Have Big Slate This Week End

By United Press International
Oregon's "small college" football teams face a big slate of grid clashes this weekend.

The top tilt will pit Linfield of the Northwest conference against Portland State of the Oregon Collegiate conference in a Saturday night clash on Roosevelt high field in Portland.

Linfield registered a lopsided 52-6 win over Oregon college in its first outing while PSC was on the short end of a 13-0 Vi-Pi game in Portland against Lewis and Clark.

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**Stoneham
Denies Leo
Pilot Talk**

San Francisco—(UPI)—Is Leo Durocher waiting in the wings to reclaim his old job from manager Bill Rigney of the stricken San Francisco Giants?

President Horace Stoneham of the National league club played it close to the vest Thursday when asked if such rumors were true.

"Leo called up a couple of days ago," Stoneham said. "He just wanted to say he felt sorry that things were going a little rough for us. I haven't discussed a change in managers with anybody."

Durocher's name flared into prominence locally after his apparent "near miss" with the Cleveland Indians.

Leo, who recently resigned from a \$50,000 post with NBC television, seemed ready to move in as manager as soon as Joe Gordon moved out. Only Gordon didn't. Despite a heated feud with General Manager Frank Lane of the Tribe, Gordon signed a two year contract on Wednesday to stay on. Joe earlier had announced he was quitting.

GAME IS SELLOUT
West Point, N. Y.—(UPI)—Army's first football meeting with the Air Force Academy at Yankee Stadium Oct. 31 is a complete sellout. Col. E. W. Amick, Army business manager, said Thursday all 66,000 tickets for the game had been allocated.

Foreigners Ahead in Net Play

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Foreign players, particularly the Australians, were far out in front in the men's singles of the Pacific Southwest International Tennis tournament.

No matter how today's semifinal matches go, it's going to be an all-foreign finale in the tournament at the Los Angeles Tennis club.

Australians Neale Fraser and Rod Laver erased any remaining American hopes in the men's singles Thursday when they ousted, respectively, Herb Flam and the U.S. No. 1 ranked Barry McKay.

Fraser outlasted a surprisingly tough Flam, 3-6, 6-3, 8-10, 6-3, 6-3, to enhance his position as the top-seeded player in the meet since the elimination of Davis Cupper Alex Olmedo. Laver, No. 3 foreign entry, topped McKay, 10-8, 8-6, 6-3 to oust the top seeded American from the tournament.

In another men's singles match, Manuel Santana of Spain and Roy Emerson of Australia duelled to a set tie before darkness halted the game. They will continue the match today with the winner playing Fraser.

India's Ramanathan Krishnan, No. 2 foreign player, polished off Hugh Stewart, San Marino, Calif., 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, earlier in the day. Krishnan is matched against Laver in today's semifinals.

In the women's singles, Americans still have a chance, though slim, according to the experts. Brazil's Maria Bueno was heavily favored to win despite Beverly Fleitz's reign over California tennis.

Miss Bueno Thursday beat Kathy Chabot, Beverly Hills, 6-2, 6-4; Mrs. Fleitz topped Mimi Arnold, Oakland, Calif., 6-0, 6-3; Karen Hantz, San Diego whipped Dorothy Cheney, Santa Monica, 6-2, 6-1, and Ann Haydon of England defeated Janet Hopps, Seattle, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Mrs. Fleitz plays Miss Hantz. And Miss Bueno plays Miss Haydon Saturday and the final match is set for Sunday.

ROUND TABLE FAVORITE
New York—(UPI)—Although Round Table is a slight favorite for Saturday's \$100,000 Woodward Stakes, Willie Molter, trainer of "Mr. Moneybags," today admitted "the breaks will decide this one."

Willie Shoemaker will ride Round Table in the mile and one-quarter event.

CASPER IN TOURNEY
Portland—(UPI)—Billy Casper and Gene Littler are among the latest entries for the Oregon Centennial golf tournament opening here next Thursday. The tourney, which runs through Sunday, Oct. 4, offers \$20,000 in prize money.

BRIBERY CHARGED—Harold Friedman, 42, part owner of a nightclub was charged Thursday with attempted bribery of an athletic contest. Humberto Robinson, Phillies' pitcher, testified that Friedman offered him \$1,500 to throw a Tuesday night game against Cincinnati.

—(UPI) Telephoto.

Humberto Robinson Pitches Win After Refusing Bribe

Philadelphia—(UPI)—Baseball and law enforcement officials joined in praise today for Humberto Robinson, slender Philadelphia Phillies pitcher who rejected an alleged \$1,500 bribe offer and went on to pitch his best game of the season.

Robinson testified at a preliminary hearing Thursday that he was offered the bribe by Harold Friedman, 42, part owner of a center-city restaurant and bar.

He said Friedman wanted him to throw the second game of a doubleheader with Cincinnati last Tuesday night. The pitcher said he told Friedman, "I couldn't do it. It's against my profession." Friedman was held in \$15,000 bail.

Robinson, 29, testified before Municipal Court Judge J. Sydney Hoffman. He told Friedman that "This is my profession. I take this money and I never pitch again. I like to play baseball."

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick who told local authorities of the alleged bribe attempt, said Robinson "nipped everything in the bud."

"Robinson came right away," Frick said. "He immediately reported everything" to Phil's General Manager John Quinn and "gave him the name of the man."

Philadelphia District Attorney Victory H. Blanc said righthander Robinson and fellow pitcher Ruben Gomez should be "commended for their fortitude" and their "distinct service" to the game of baseball.

Major league baseball has not had a gambling scandal since 1919 when eight members of the Chicago Black Sox allegedly conspired to lose the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds and eventually were barred for life from the game.

The alleged offer to Robinson could have had no possible bearing on the current three-cornered National league pennant struggle among the Milwaukee Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants.

REPORTS BRIBE—Pitcher Humberto Robinson of the Philadelphia Phillies, shown in file photo when he was with the Braves, reported to authorities that a cafe owner had offered him \$1,500 to throw the second game of last Tuesday's doubleheader with Cincinnati. He said he rejected the offer and went on to win the game 3 to 2.

—(UPI) Telephoto.

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