

Dodgers Nip Braves 6-5 in Playoff For National League Championship

Face Chisox In Series Thursday

NATIONAL LEAGUE (Final Standings)

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	88	68	.564	
Milwaukee	86	70	.551	2
San Francisco	83	71	.539	4
Pittsburgh	78	76	.506	9
Chicago	74	80	.481	13
Cincinnati	74	80	.481	13
St. Louis	71	83	.461	16
Philadelphia	64	90	.416	23

x—Won pennant in playoff.

Tuesday's Results
Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 5 (playoff, 12 innings)

Chicago—(UPI)—The Chicago White Sox are favored at 6-5 to defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday in the first game of the World Series.

The White Sox also are 6-5 favorites to win the best-of-seven classic.

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Chicago—(UPI)—The Dodgers finally took care of the Braves and their promise today was "Now we'll take care of the White Sox."

They planned in here today after having defeated Milwaukee, 6-5, in 12 innings at Los Angeles to win the National League pennant and their first playoff in three tries.

Manager Walt Alston, who said, "I thought we'd win it all the time," had his World Series pitching plans all mapped out.

"I don't know what the other guy is going to do, but I'm going with my big guys. That means Roger Craig in the first game Thursday."

"After that it will be Larry Sherry, Johnny Podres and Don Drysdale. They will do the job."

The Dodgers did it the hard way in smashing the Braves, in a four-hour and six-minute marathon at the sunswep then shadowed Los Angeles Coliseum Tuesday to climax the greatest comeback in baseball history.

For no other National League team ever before had fought its way back from seventh place to the flag in one brief season's jump. And it was a battle, because as late as the last half of the ninth inning the Dodgers—beaten twice before in playoffs for the flag—again faced failure.

A Wild Ninth
But, after 155 games and nine innings they had squared it up with one of those wild and wonderful finishes which were their trademark in the old days in Brooklyn. And after 12 innings which ended a 156-game campaign in ear-splitting jubilation, they had earned the right to face the rested White Sox in the best-of-seven classic opening Thursday at Chicago.

It was in the final analysis—a gift as well as a hard-won prize.

For there were two out and two on in the 12th inning when Carl Furillo crashed an infield single just wide of second base. Felix Mantilla had no play on what should have been a bases-filling single still leaving reliever Bob Rush and the Braves alive.

But the slender Puerto Rican took a daring gamble and fired to first—fired it in to the dirt and past straining Frank Torre as Gil Hodges trundled all the way home from second with the run which completed the Dodger odyssey and sent them winging off to Chicago for the Series.

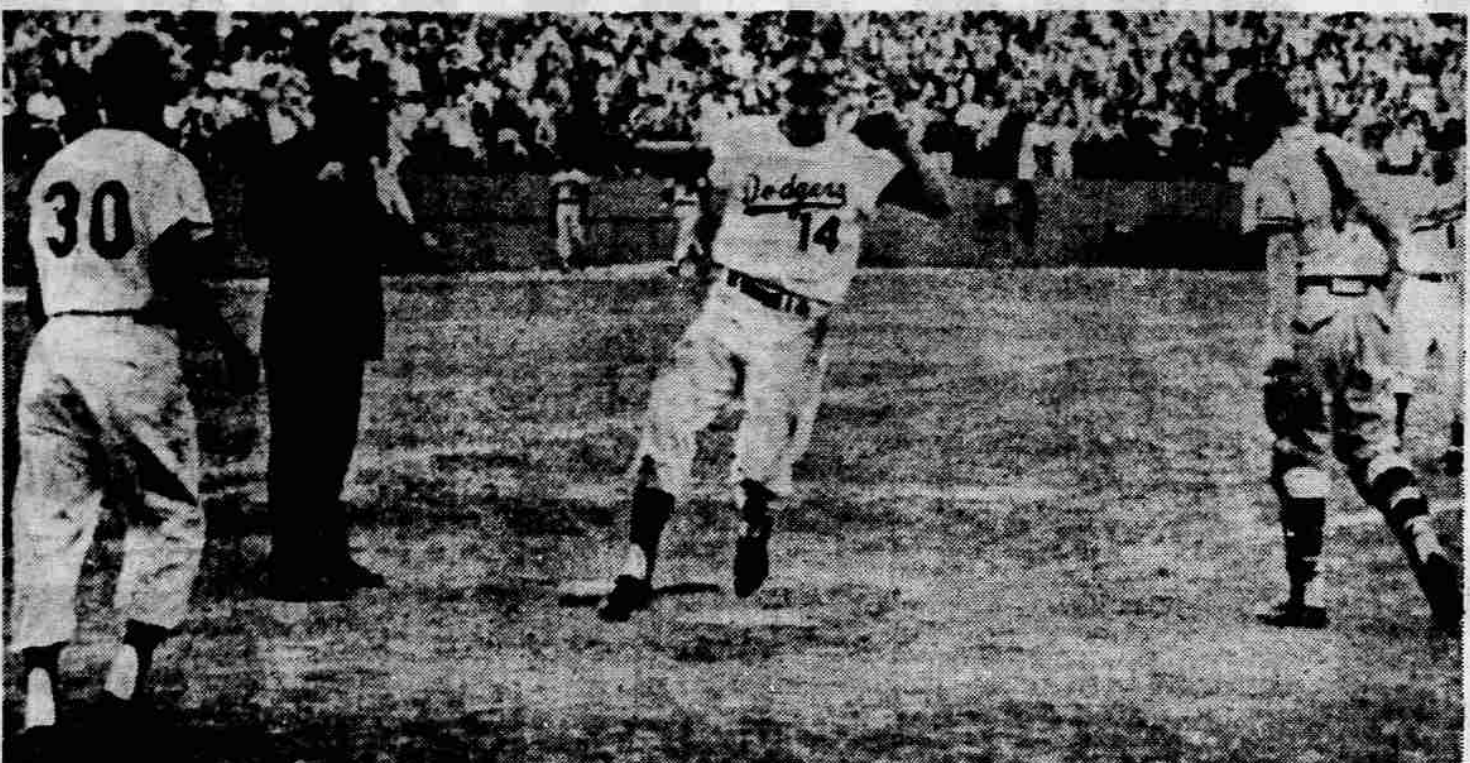
There it will be another knock-down brawl against an American league champion which has had time to rest its staff and will send 22-game winner Early Wynn against them in the opener. **Craig To The Mound**

For the Dodgers it will be Craig, the 28-year-old fastball pitcher who has an 11-5 record this season—and who sat in the bull pen idly Tuesday as five Dodger pitchers trudged to the mound before 23-year-old Stan Williams won it with three innings of shut-out relief pitching.

Lew Burdette, the loose and easy man from the mountains of West Virginia, almost squared it up against the Dodgers in that second game Tuesday—almost made it necessary for Craig to go out and face Milwaukee in an end of the road third game today.

But Burdette, staggered often yet never quite put down, finally took the count in a dramatic ninth inning which turned the tide and set up the heroics—and collapse—in the 12th.

Wally Moon, Duke Snider and Hodges chased him with three straight singles which filled the bases. Don McMahon came on in an attempt to stem the tide but Norm Larker singled off the screen in



WINNING RUN FOR LA—It's a joyously happy Gil Hodges crossing home plate with the winning run in the 12th inning to wrap up the National League baseball pennant for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The run gave the Dodgers a 6 to 5 nod over the Milwaukee Braves and two straight victories in the title playoff. Left is Maury Wills, next Umpire Al Barlick and at right Braves Catcher Del Crandall. Hodges scored when Felix Mantilla threw the ball wild to first base on Carl Furillo's single. —(UPI Telephoto)

Eagle Pointers Trim Crusaders

Eagle Point high defeated St. Mary's of Medford 18 to 7 Monday in a Junior varsity football game. The Eagles scored on a Rod Snyder to Dick Hertager pass, a 12-yard run by Elvin Hawkings and on a 30-yard run by Curt Fox on a hand-off swipe. Andre Knutson touchdowned for St. Mary's and scored the extra point.

left to send Moon and pinch runner Bob Lillis racing home and Hodges to third. The Braves came next with Warren Spahn, their great left hander, and Furillo fled deep to right, Hodges scoring after the catch with the tying run.

Now it was sudden death and the crowd of 36,528 groaned into the lengthening shadows as the Braves filled the bases with two out in the 11th. Williams got them out, though, and the groans changed to cheers as the Dodgers filled 'em up in their half and they couldn't pull it off.

Then it was the 12th and, after the Braves went down in order, so, too, did the first pair of Dodgers.

Now it was Hodges and he drew a walk. Pignatano stepped in next and singled to left, Hodges going to second. That put Furillo, one of the old Flatbush heroes, in the box and he rapped that hit on which Mantilla took the greatest losing gamble of the season.

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Box score of the second 1959 National League playoff game:

Playoff game:				
MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	E
Burton, cf	6	0	0	0
Snider 3b	4	2	2	0
Araton rf	4	1	2	0
Forre lb	3	0	1	2
May lf	2	0	0	0
Parko lf	1	0	0	0
Slaughter lf	1	0	0	0
Demerit lf	0	0	0	0
Chandler lf	0	0	0	0
Logan	3	1	2	0
Goehndienst 2b	1	0	0	0
Vernon	1	0	0	0
Dotson 2b	0	0	0	0
Adcock	1	0	0	0
Willa 2b	0	0	0	0
Randall c	6	1	1	0
McNally 2b-ss	5	0	1	0
Spahn p	4	0	0	0
Podres p	4	0	0	0
Pahn p	0	0	0	0
ay p	1	0	0	0
ush p	1	0	0	0
Totals				
	44	5	10	0