



CROWDED—Things got a bit crowded at third base at Los Angeles yesterday when Frank Howard, left, of the Dodgers wound up on the same base with teammate Don Fairly, center in the sixth inning in game with Pittsburgh. It came about when Howard was caught off second base by Pirate...

Baltimore Fans Cheer For Robin

Baltimore, Md. (UPI)—Fans of the Baltimore Orioles are used to rooting for a succession of young players, but their new favorite is 35 years old—pitcher Robin Roberts. The fans' loyalty to the former Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kid," who came here because nobody else wanted him, never was shown more clearly than in his 3-1, 11-inning loss to Minnesota this week. Don't tell Oriole fans Roberts was the loser. Three times they gave the game veteran standing ovation. In the seventh inning he raced between his catcher and first baseman to catch Vic Power's pop bunt and threw across his body to second baseman Jerry Adair to double Lennie Green off first. In the 10th inning when he struck out Bob Allison and Earl Battey with the potential winning run on first base. Finally in the 11th inning when manager Billy Hitchcock came out to remove him—a beaten pitcher—he got another ovation.

Howard's Hitting Breaks Up Another Tilt for LA Dodgers; Single Scores Deciding Runs

Los Angeles Slugger Fulfilling Destiny

By NORMAN MILLER, UPI Sports Writer
Rogers Hornsby... Al Simmons... Jimmy Fox... Hank Greenberg... and now add the name of Frank Howard.

Howard, the massive Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder, finally has learned the strike zone and is fulfilling his destiny as the most feared right-handed hitter in baseball.

If there are any skeptics, he has a 486 hitting streak for the past 10 games to prove he's on his way.

Howard broke up another ball game for the Dodgers Thursday night when he lined a bases-loaded seventh-inning single that drove home the deciding runs in a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. The victory preserved the Dodgers' four-game National League lead, since the second-place San Francisco Giants edged the Chicago Cubs, 4-3.

Raised Batting Average
During his torrid 10-game streak, the six-foot-seven Howard has made 18 hits in 37 tries, including four doubles, a triple and five home runs. He has driven in 21 runs and raised his batting average 26 points to .320.

And that's just about what Manager Walt Alton and the Dodger brain trust had expected of Howard once he overcame his perplexity about major league pitching.

The Dodgers fell behind 0-2 in the early innings when Smoky Burgess hit a pair of Pittsburgh homers off Johnny Podres. Tommy Davis put the Dodgers back into the game with a two-run homer off Vernon Law and the Pirates led 3-2 going into the seventh.

A single and a walk off reliever Joe Gibbon brought in Roy Face, who promptly threw wildly to first on Jim Gilliam's bunt and the tying run came home. Face intentionally walked Willie Davis and induced Tommy Davis to hit into a double play by way of home plate.

Delivered Winning Single
With two out and first base open, strategy dictated a walk to Ron Fairly, bringing up Howard. Big Frank delivered his two-run single and Larry Sherry blanked the Pirates in the last two innings to wrap up Podres' eighth victory.

In other National League games, the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 5-1, the Houston Colts blanked the Milwaukee Braves, 3-0, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Mets, 9-4.

The runnerup Los Angeles Angels moved to within 5 1/2 games of the idle New York Yankees by edging the Cleveland Indians, 5-4, in the American League. The Boston Red Sox defeated the Chicago White Sox, 7-4, the Minnesota Twins rallied to beat the Baltimore Orioles, 6-5, and the Kansas City Athletics nosed out the Detroit Tigers, 5-4.

Don Larsen came to the rescue of Billy Pierce in the ninth inning after homers by Billy Williams and Andre Rodgers had brought the Cubs to within one run of the Giants. Larsen struck out pinch-hitter Bob Will to end the game and save Pierce's ninth game. The triumph also was the 198th of Pierce's major league career. The Giants scored what proved to be...

shortstop Dick Groat, right, who ran Howard down to third base. Fairly, waiting at third for a chance to score, decided to play it safe and held up as Howard came charging in with Groat behind him. Umpire Ed Vargo called Howard out. The Dodgers won 5-3.—(UPI)

STANDINGS

United Press International AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	64	39	.621	
Los Angeles	60	46	.566	5 1/2
Minnesota	59	47	.557	6 1/2
Baltimore	54	52	.510	12
Cleveland	52	50	.509	12 1/2
Detroit	51	52	.495	13
Chicago	52	53	.496	13
Boston	48	56	.462	16 1/2
Kansas City	46	61	.430	20
Washington	39	64	.379	25

Thursday's Results: Los Angeles 4, Cleveland 4; Boston 2, Chicago 4; Kansas City 3, Detroit 3 (night).

Friday's Probable Pitchers: Washington at Boston (night)—Rudolph 4-4 vs. Wilson 8-3; Minnesota at Detroit (night)—Pascual 13-6 vs. Bunning 11-6; Kansas City at Cleveland (night)—Fischer 2-2 vs. Donovan 14-4; Los Angeles at Baltimore (night)—McBride 11-3 vs. Pappas 9-6.

Saturday's Games: New York at Chicago; Washington at Boston; Minnesota at Detroit; Kansas City at Cleveland; Los Angeles at Baltimore (night).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	72	36	.667	
San Francisco	68	40	.630	4
Cincinnati	62	45	.580	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	56	45	.554	9 1/2
St. Louis	60	48	.556	12
Milwaukee	55	53	.509	17
Philadelphia	51	56	.481	21 1/2
Chicago	46	67	.411	31 1/2
Houston	36	66	.350	36
New York	26	78	.250	44

Thursday's Results: Philadelphia 9, New York 4; San Francisco 4, Chicago 3; Houston 3, Milwaukee 8 (night); Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 3 (night); St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1 (night).

Friday's Probable Pitchers: Pittsburgh at San Francisco (night)—McBean 10-7 vs. Marichal 13-7; Cincinnati at New York (night)—Jay 13-9 vs. Hook 7-10; Philadelphia at Milwaukee (night)—Green 4-3 vs. Hendley 7-7 or Lester 1-1; Houston at St. Louis (night)—Bruce 6-5 at Gibson 13-7; Chicago at Los Angeles (night)—Koonce 9-3 vs. Drysdale 19-4.

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Diego	70	41	.631	
Salt Lake	63	49	.563	7 1/2
Portland	60	51	.541	10
Hawaii	55	53	.509	13 1/2
Portland	54	59	.478	17
Seattle	51	59	.464	18 1/2
Vancouver	47	58	.448	20
Spokane	40	70	.364	29 1/2

Thursday's Results: Tacoma 7, Spokane 3; San Diego 3, Seattle 2; Portland 6, Salt Lake City 4; Hawaii 6, Vancouver 5.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Tri-City	18	14	.563	2
Yakima	16	16	.500	4
Lewiston	16	17	.485	5
Eugene	13	18	.419	7 1/2
Wenatchee	14	21	.400	7 1/2

Thursday's Results: Tri-City 4, Wenatchee 2; Lewiston 5, Yakima 7; Salem 2, Eugene 0.

LINE SCORES:
American League
Los Angeles 100 109 111—5 8 0
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Drysdale Seeks 20th Victory
By ALEX KAHN
Los Angeles (UPI)—Don Drysdale tonight goes for his 20th victory of the season and the honor of being the first Dodger pitcher to reach the magic figure since the club moved to Los Angeles when he takes the mound against the Chicago Cubs.

The lanky righthander is enjoying the best season of his career with a 19-4 record and is riding a nine-game winning streak. The Cubs announced that Carl Koonce, 9-3, was their starter in the first of four games at Dodger stadium ending Sunday with a doubleheader.

The Dodgers split their two-game series with the Pittsburgh Pirates by taking Thursday night's encounter, 5-3, thanks to Frank Howard's bases-loaded single in the seventh inning which scored a pair of runs.

The Pirates loaded the bases with an intentional walk and Howard rapped a sharp single through the hole into centerfield to give the Dodgers their winning margin. The blow climaxed a wild inning in which the Dodgers twice loaded the bases, had two men erased on a double play and then capitalized on the Pirates' percentage move in reloading the bags before Howard came up.

"I'd do the same thing again," Manager Danny Murtaugh said after the game. "That was the proper move with two out regardless of the fact that it failed to work."

Howard's big single, his second hit of the game, was the big blow and diverted attention from the hitting of Pirates catcher Smoky Burgess, who drove in all three Pittsburgh runs with homers and the two-run homer by Tommy Davis that put the Dodgers just a run behind after six innings.

New York (UPI)—The United States Golf Association will sponsor its first Senior Women's Amateur championship at the Manufacturers' Golf and Country club this year at Oreland, Pa., Oct. 17-19.



TICKET RESERVATIONS—With about 50 ball champs embarked on a winning spree, capturing 14 of the last 16 games in a home stand. The Reds are still well back of the loop pacing Los Angeles Dodgers, however, and are in third place.—(UPI)

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Los Angeles manager Bill Rigney has been using his bullpen with alarming regularity, and in the Angels' 5-4 series-closing triumph over Cleveland Thursday had to put in four relievers.

McBride 11-3 hasn't needed much support this season, pitching six complete games and four shutouts. Pitching for Baltimore this evening will be Milt Pappas, 9-6, who failed to hold an early lead in his last name against Los Angeles out on the West Coast.

Out of Gas
The little motorized cart that transports the relief pitchers in from the bullpen almost was out of gas Thursday by the time Art Fowler

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Lumpke, KC 104 378 62 120 304
Horton, Was 92 348 43 95 304
Moran, LA 105 437 62 131 300
Cunham, Chi 98 340 63 102 300

NATIONAL LEAGUE
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T. Davis, LA 106 433 62 131 349
Robinson, Chi 105 398 64 134 337
H. Aaron, Mil 106 406 63 125 333
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Altman, Chi 99 362 48 118 326
Gonzalez, Phil 99 369 60 119 322
Howard, LA 84 275 49 88 320
Ashburn, NY 88 253 41 81 320
Skinner, Pitt 100 354 61 113 319

Home Runs
American League: Cash, Tigers 30; Wagner, Angels 28; Gentile, Orioles 26; Killebrew, Twins 26; Maris, Yankees 24.
National League: Mays, Giants 22; H. Aaron, Braves 20; Banks, Cubs 19; Thomas, Mets 20; Mejias, Coits, Mathews, Braves and Cepeda, Giants all 21.

Runs Batted In
American League: Siebern, Athletics 10; Wagner, Angels 7; Robinson, White Sox 7; Robinson, Twins 7; Killebrew, Twins 7; Colavito, Tigers 7.
National League: T. Davis, Dodgers 10; Mays, Giants 9; H. Aaron, Braves 9; Robinson, Reds 9; Cepeda, Giants all 21.

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American League: Wickerham, Athletics 8-2; McBride, Angels 11-3; Donovan, Indians 14-4; Wilson, Red Sox 9-3; Pascual, Twins 13-6.
National League: Dr. J. 4-1-6; Dodgers 19-4; Purkey, Reds 16-4; Face, Pirates 8-2; Wronce, Cubs 9-3; Pierce, Giants 9-3.

Roseburg Victor in Legion Play

United Press International
Roseburg and Tigard scored victories in opening games of the Oregon American Legion best-of-three semifinal baseball series Thursday night.

Roseburg, the defending state champion, collected 13 hits to defeat Bend 8-5 at Roseburg and Tigard edged David Douglas 1-0 at Tigard behind the one-hit pitching of Lee Helstrom in a contest halted after eight innings because of rain.

The series continue tonight at David Douglas and Bend. If necessary, third games will be played Saturday night.

In the sixth inning, Roseburg third baseman Bob Manning suffered a broken collarbone when he collided with catcher Jim Beamer while chasing a foul ball.

TRAINING CAMP
Portland (UPI)—The Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey league will open their training camp at Victoria, B.C., on Sept. 16, it was announced today. Coach Hal Laycoe said that he has invited 25 players to the camp, including seven rookies. There are three goalies, 15 forwards and seven defencemen on the list.

Can San Francisco Giants Win Two Tiffs in Row?

By SCOTT BAILLIE
San Francisco (UPI)—Can the San Francisco Giants win two straight?
They'll get the answer tonight when Juan Marichal 13-7, their high kicking ace of the mound staff, squares off against Pittsburgh's Alvin McBean 10-7 in the opener of a three-game series.

Billy Pierce, with a mighty assist from Lon Larsen, broke the Giants' losing streak at four Thursday by hurling them to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

It was no cinch for the veteran left-hander, who was knocked into the ropes with two out in the ninth inning when Bill Williams and Andre Rodgers ganged up on him for back to back home runs.

But then in came Larsen with his slider and he ended the game by fanning pinch hitter Bob Will.
"Pierce pitched a good game and that gave everybody a lift," said manager Alvin Dark of the Giants. "This cool weather is good for a pitcher of his age."

Pierce went 8 2-3 innings although a hard single in the first inning by the Cubs' Don Landrum raised a big bruise on the inner part of his left knee.
"I wasn't getting tired in the ninth," Pierce said of the two home run balls. "But I had started to throw instead of pitch."

BOAT RACES SET
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