

Dodgers Lead Slashed to 2 1/2 Games; Reds Help Out Giants

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It's up to the San Francisco Giants to overtake the Los Angeles Dodgers now—thanks to a last-gasp victory by the Cincinnati Reds.

The Reds dropped the first two games of their crucial three-game series with the Dodgers and are all but mathematically out of the National League race but their 5-4 victory Thursday night kept the Giants within range of the front-runners.

Turning into the last month of the season, the Dodgers hold a 2 1/2-game lead over the Giants and a 3 1/2-game bulge over the Reds.

The Reds' Thursday night victory followed the Giants' 3-2 triumph over the Milwaukee Braves and means the Giants can still strike paydirt with a fast finish. The Reds? Well, it sure was a brilliant coup they pulled off in 1961. But this is 1962.

The Giants moved to within 2 1/2 games of the lead when Jack Sanford, aided by five relief pitchers, ran his personal winning streak to 13 games and raised his season record to 19-6. The Reds just did hold on, after scoring four runs in the first inning and cruising behind the shutout pitching of Jim O'Toole, when the Dodgers rallied for four runs in the last of the ninth.

Jim Davenport, returning to the lineup after missing 14 games with a homer in the sixth inning, Willie Mays hit his 40th homer and Orlando Cepeda hit his 32nd as the Giants dealt 14-game winner Warren Spahn of the Braves his 12th defeat of the season.

The Reds tagged Stan Williams for four runs in the first inning and it looked like an easy victory for them until the ninth when the Dodgers scored four runs before Jim Brosnan finally retired the side. It was the 14th win of the season for O'Toole, who has lost 13 games. Tommy

Davis had three hits in four tries for the Dodgers. The Philadelphia Phillies defeated the New York Mets, 8-7, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs, 5-3, in other National League games while the Chicago White Sox shaded the Detroit Tigers, 5-4, and the Washington Senators beat the Baltimore Orioles, 3-2, in the only American League games.

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SPORTS

Kennel Club Show Here This Sunday

Dogs from 21 states and from Canada will be shown before judges here on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The occasion is the annual dog show and obedience trial of Southern Oregon Kennel club. This American Kennel club-licensed event will be conducted at the senior high school stadium.

Judging will start at 9:30 a.m. in three rings. It will continue through the day.

Entry totals 682 dogs. Judges will include Charles F. Hamilton, Omaha, Neb.; the Rev. William S. Walsh, Ashland; Robert W. Waters, North Surrey, B.C.; Mrs. Anna Young, Anaheim, Calif.; F. W. Bilger Jr., Orinda, Calif.; and Miss Joy M. Curran, Vancouver, B.C.

Hardtops will race on Sunday. There will be hardtop races at Medford Speedway Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3. Time trials are at 1 p.m., races at 2 p.m.

Out of town cars will run for top money with local drivers out to stop them. There will be stock car races Sunday, Sept. 16. Anyone wishing to build stock cars for races may get more information as to rules by attending the race club meeting at Carter's tune-up shop, 2752 North Pacific highway, Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m., or by telephoning Ray Reed at 773-3323 or Johnnie Jones, 772-4434 days or 772-9968 evenings.

Green Springs Bow Hunt Set. By United Press International. Oregon's fall hunting season begins Saturday morning with the opening of several bird seasons and some special big game hunts.

Mourning dove and band-tail pigeon season opens throughout the state, with the best shooting prospects in northeastern Oregon. Doves are reported fairly numerous near grain fields and water in Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties; the Dayville and Kimberly-Monument region in Grant county, and in the Wallowa, Grande Ronde and Baker valleys.

The season on blue and puffed grouse opens in western Oregon, but birds are reported scattered.

Controlled deer hunting begins in the Wallowa, Minam Paek and Waldport-Mapleton units. Several units also open for archers, with best prospects reported in the Green Springs unit and near farmlands in the Deschutes unit and in Northeastern Oregon.

Higher elevations in the Wasco unit also promise good shooting. Elk are scattered in the archery areas.

EMERSON PLAYS. Forest Hills, N.Y.—UPI—Roy Emerson of Australia, probably the only man in the field capable of wrecking Aussie Rod Laver's bid for a grand slam, was to open defense of his U.S. tennis singles championship today in a tough first round against Mexico's Davis Cup captain, Pancho Contreras.

12 MEN STRANDED. San Francisco—UPI—When you leave 12 men on base and only score two times, just who are you going to beat? So asked Manager Birdie Tobets of the Milwaukee Braves Thursday after the San Francisco Giants had turned back his club, 3-2, in one of the wildest cliff-hangers ever produced at Candlestick park.

Padres Clinch Crown in PCL. United Press International. Somebody mention 13 was unlucky?

Not for Tom Taitouris, San Diego pitcher, who Thursday night clinched the 1962 Pacific Coast league pennant for his club.

Taitouris scored his 13th win of the season with a 3-2 decision over the Vancouver Mounties to nail down the pennant. The Padres then romped off with the second game of the doubleheader, 6-3.

HOUSTON CHAMP. Washington, Pa.—UPI—A Houston, Tex., team regained as 1962 PONY League baseball champion today—and it has left-hander Hugh Hamilton to thank for the title.

Hamilton throttled a previously hard-hitting Greensboro, N.C. club Thursday night on four hits, as the Texans captured the 11th annual PONY World Series with a 4-1 victory.

Florists Trim Phoenix Nine. Stratford, Conn.—UPI—The once-beaten Erv Lind Florists of Portland were one of four teams remaining in the double-elimination Women's World softball tournament today.

The Florists defeated Phoenix, Ariz., 2-0 here Thursday. Defending champion Whittier, Calif., edged Stratford, Conn., 1-0 and Orange, Calif., nipped Reading, Pa., 1-0.

The Florists meet Orange today. The winner plays Stratford for the right to meet unbeaten Whittier in the final.

Crater Football Tickets on Sale. Central Point—Reserved seat tickets for Crater high school football games are now on sale at the high school office here.

Price for tickets, which will be for seating in the new grandstand, is \$1.50 each. A season ticket for four games may be purchased for \$5.50.

Crater's first home game will be on Friday, Sept. 14, against Bend.

High school office hours are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BOWLING. FUN & PROLIC LEAGUE. Jokers Four (10-14) Jeff Hutton 483; Hopefuls (2-14) O. Fred Bennett 397.

Confused (10-6) 3. Dick Geary 539; Gypso (8-1) 1. A. Smith 523; White Range (4-6) 3. Norm