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Los Angeles—(UPI)—Johnny Podres managed a laugh when he saw it but there was a thinly-veiled bitterness in his tone.

The carefully knotted hangman's noose dangled limply in his locker and he knew what it meant.

He had been racked up badly in his first nine starts. His record of no victories against four defeats was a burlesque of his long-proven abilities.

"Some clown on the club," muttered the husky man with the blonde hair, "was suggesting that maybe I should go hang myself."

That was in May.

But this is October and, in the months between, the 30-year-old southpaw from Withers, N.Y., once again has become the bread and butter man of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Carries Dodger's Hopes

The man who carried all their hopes of World Series fame and fortune on his shoulders when he stalked to the mound in the Disneyland splendor of Dodger Stadium today for the absolutely last game of the National league pennant race.

"Podres pitching" long has been a symbol of success for the Dodgers, ever since he was a rookie who helped them to the 1953 pennant, won two games as they captured their first world championship in 1955, and scored another triumph when they beat the White Sox in 1959.

He is, this 190-pound six-footer, a man who likes the bright lights. And yet he is a man of courage who for years has ignored the knife-like pain of congenital back trouble to wind and twist his body as a winning pitcher.

Podres proved his class this season when he came back to compile a record of 15 wins against 13 losses. And he raged like a tiger in the Los Angeles dressing room Sunday, in the final game of the regular season, when he was beaten, 1-0, by the St. Louis Cardinals to drop the pennant race into a tie with the San Francisco Giants.

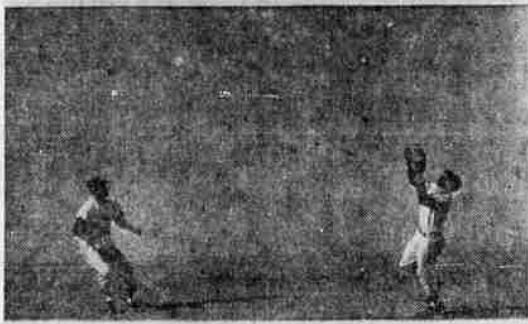
"Five hits I give up," he roared. "Five lousy hits and one lousy run and we can't win."

Break Streak

Then Tuesday the Dodgers broke a fantastically miserable streak of 35 scoreless innings—which is just one slender inning short of being shut out for four straight games—and came blazing back to tie up their best-of-three playoff with the ancient arch-rivals known as the Giants.

They whooped it up in the dressing room.

Podres perched on a stool in front of his locker watching them with a whimsical expression. The slate-blue eyes could have been asking what were their reasons for celebrating. Sure, they still were alive. But they still had the big one to win.



DOUBLE PUTS DODGERS AHEAD—Los Angeles Dodgers' Lee Walls doubles in the sixth inning at Los Angeles to score three runs in National league baseball playoff game and put LA ahead 8-5. At top, Walls swings as Giant catcher Tom Haller waits for ball. At center, Matty Alou, left, and Willie Mays go for ball which got away from both momentarily. At bottom, Walls goes into third on Mays' attempt to catch Larry Burright at the plate. Playing Conlon on the play is Chuck Hiller. The umpire is Jocko Conlon. (UPI)

Los Angeles Captures Second Game of Titular Runoff 8-7 On Sacrifice Fly By Fairly

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	102	62	.622	—
San Francisco	102	62	.622	—
Cincinnati	98	64	.605	3
Pittsburgh	93	68	.578	7 1/2
Milwaukee	86	76	.531	15
St. Louis	84	78	.519	17
Philadelphia	81	80	.503	19 1/2
Houston	64	96	.400	36
Chicago	59	103	.364	42
New York	40	120	.250	69

*Playoff

Tuesday's Playoff Result

Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 7

BY NORMAN MILLER

Los Angeles—(UPI)—You might call it perseverance, hustle or just plain luck, but whatever it was, the Los Angeles Dodgers felt they had it coming to them.

They had gone 35 frustrating innings without scoring a run and it looked like their fondest dreams of a World Series shot at the New York Yankees was dissipating in the sunshine and light haze that shrouded their second playoff game with the San Francisco Giants.

Then a few breaks finally came their way Tuesday, as they erupted with seven runs

in the sixth inning, refused to lose heart when the Giants tied the score at 7-7 in the eighth, and finally won in the eighth, 8-7, when Ron Fairly hit a sacrifice fly that brought home fleet Maury Wills.

Of course, there were some "clutch" performances by the Dodgers, in addition to the breaks, in this 4-hour and 18-minute game that was the longest nine innings ever played in baseball history.

Hits Pinch Double

There was the pinch three-run double by Lee Walls which highlighted the seven-run explosion, and the important pinch single by young Doug Camilli which kept the rally alive earlier in that inning.

There was the hitless 1 2/3 innings of relief pitching by big Stan Williams, who snuffed out the Giants' eighth-inning uprising and held them off in the ninth before the Dodgers won the game. Williams was credited

Final Game Of Playoff On LA Field

By LEO H. PETERSEN

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The Dodgers and the Giants, after six months and 164 games of battling for the National league pennant, package all that time and effort into one perilous playoff game today.

To the winner goes World Series gold. To the loser—six months and 165 games of misery.

This was it, and for the embattled Dodgers the issue was strictly up to hard-nosed Johnny Podres, the 30-year-old southpaw who did it for them in 1955.

And for the Giants, who hope to duplicate their feat of 1951 when Bobby Thomson's historic home run beat the Dodgers in the first of the four playoffs there have been for the National league flag, it was Juan Marichal, the right-hander from the Dominican Republic.

Neither manager—Walt Alton of the Dodgers nor Alvin Dark of the Giants—had any other choice.

Used Most

They used most of their pitchers Tuesday in a wild battle which saw all kinds of records broken, as the Dodgers pulled it out, 8-7, in the

ninth inning, coming up off the ground to keep alive their hopes for the pennant they seemed to have won until just last Sunday.

Now that Sunday could become the day of infamy for either the Dodgers or Giants, those old, ancient and honored rivals who used to be inter-borough rivals in New York and now are intra-state rivals in California's baseball gold mine.

They've battled down to the wire while the American league champions, the New York Yankees, wait impatiently on the sidelines to see whom they will meet in the World Series starting Thursday.

"This is it," said Alston, who doesn't talk very much either. They had no secret plans ex-

cept that they pledged they would go all out.

"We'll play them all if nec-

essary," said Alston, who used 19 players Tuesday, including five arm-weary members

of his pitching staff.

"I'll do the same," said Dark, who used 23 players, including eight pitchers—four of them in the ninth inning. It was in that frame baseball's all-time base-stealing thief, Maury Wills, scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Ron Fairly, whom the Dodgers picked up from the University of Southern California campus for a fancy \$80,000 bonus.

Alston would not say definitely he would start Podres—who hurled the Dodgers to their first world championship back in 1955 against the Yankees.

"But I think so," he declared. "Otherwise it will be Larry Sherry." Sherry, like Podres, is a

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