

# Balk Rulings Cause Violent Flareup in Red-Dodger Tilt

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A widely-used four-letter word touched off the biggest ruckus of the baseball season so far. The word was "balk" and it not only caused Cincinnati pitcher Jim Owens to blow his top but also produced probably the most violent demonstration ever at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

Owens hit the ceiling when three balks were called on him during the second inning of Wednesday night's game in which the Dodgers blanked the Reds 7-0.

The Cincinnati right-hander was so incensed and argued so violently that he was ejected from the game, but that was merely a prelude of what was to come.

As the umpiring team headed by Augie Donatelli summoned another pitcher from the bullpen, the angry Reds threw helmets and towels on the field until Donatelli emptied the Cincinnati bench. He told manager Fred Hutchinson he could bring in Cincinnati players from the clubhouse as needed.

Reliever John Taitouris, taking his good sweet time, warmed up 10 minutes. All told, the game was delayed nearly 20 minutes while the 19,089 fans howled, partly in sympathy with the Reds, partly against them and mostly against the umpires, who called a total of five balks in the game.

**Breaks National Record**  
Owens' three balks in one inning broke the National League record and all but overshadowed a fine three-hit performance by Dodger southpaw Johnny Podres, who had one balk called against him also.

With all the furor over the balks, three Dodger homers off Taitouris were somewhat anticlimactic. John Roseboro connected in the fourth, Ron Fairly belted a two-run homer in the fifth and Frank Howard also hit one in the same frame.

Ir less violent NL games, the Milwaukee Braves beat the Houston Colts, 4-3, the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 6-4, the St. Louis Cardinals took over first place with a 4-3 win over the San Francisco Giants, and the New York Mets blanked the Chicago Cubs 2-0.

**Spahn Wins Third**  
Warren Spahn won his third game of the season and



**EJECTED**—Cincinnati pitcher Jim Owens is ejected from the game after violent objections to the umpire calling three balks on him in one inning at Los Angeles last night. Umpire Shag Crawford, shown ejecting Owens, right, had called six balks in the game. The game, which the Los Angeles Dodgers went on to win 7 to 0, was delayed 21 minutes and the entire Cincinnati bench was cleared. —(UPI)

# Ford Frick Enters Balk Controversy; Revision Indicated

New York—(UPI)—Commissioner Ford Frick entered the growing controversy over the balk rule for the first time today and indicated it will be revised shortly following the latest flareup—and most explosive one yet—in Los Angeles.

"We have a major league executive council meeting scheduled shortly and the rule will be discussed," Frick said after National League President Warren Giles previously had indicated he may move to ease the balk rule.

Something obviously has to be done, and quickly, too, or there could be a repetition of the angry demonstration which took place Wednesday night in Los Angeles.

The game between the Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers was delayed 18 minutes by a violent argument over three balks called on Cincinnati pitcher Jim Owens in the second inning.

One balk had been called on Dodger pitcher Johnny Podres earlier and after the umpiring team of Augie Donatelli called three more on Owens, the Cincinnati pitcher objected so heatedly he was ejected from the game.

The Reds showed their displeasure by hurling helmets and towels onto the field. Donatelli, steaming himself by then, banished the entire Cincinnati team but said manager Fred Hutchinson could summon the Reds' players as needed.

As matters now stand, National League umpires are enforcing the rule rigidly—the Donatelli team has called 22 balks so far—while American League umpires are virtually ignoring it.

From his office here, Frick, who stayed out of the general controversy until now, said he wanted the rule to be "interpreted the same way for both major leagues" if it remains in the book.

"My chief concern is uniformity," he said. "At the executive council meeting

# SPORTS

## Crater Thinclads Entertain Ashland

Central Point—Persons who miss out on prep spring sports because of having daytime jobs will have an opportunity to see some high school track and field competition here tonight.

This will be the second dual event this season, between the two schools. Crater won a short distance meet from Ashland early this month. Score of 86 to 56 is an indication that tonight's encounter could be close.

Among top performers for Ashland are Tom Huff in the javelin and Gerald Brown in the mile and half-mile. Those in the Crater crew include Gary Wald in the sprints, Paul Branson in the broad jump and John Harris in the weights.

Meet time is 8 p.m. The meet is beginning then instead of earlier because of the participation of some of the athletes in student government day.

Crater and Ashland highs will battle in a dual tussle.

Frick would be called upon to interpret the balk rule would be when teams from the two major leagues met each other, such as the All-Star Game or World Series.

Otherwise, it's the league presidents' headache although Giles says he doesn't make the rules, the rules committee does.

**DARK MUTTERS**  
San Francisco—(UPI)—Manager Alvin Dark gave the ball to southpaw Billy O'Dell today along with the job of halting the San Francisco Giants' first skid of the 1963 season.

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# Black Tornado Tips Yreka Miners 3-1

Yreka, Calif. — Medford's Black Tornado baseball aggregation was held to two hits, both by Dick Deffley, here yesterday but with the aid of walks, wild pitches, steals and an error it trimmed the Yreka high Miners 3 to 1.

Two Medford counters were put over in the third inning. The Twisters used Deffley's drag bunt single and stolen base, a walk to Dan Miles, a wild pitch and an overthrow at first base on a ground ball by Don Anderson.

Campbell doubled and Mark Root singled in the third canto for the only Miner score. Medford tallied again in the fourth stanza. Mike Barnes walked. A wild pitch, as he was stealing second allowed him to reach third base. He then went home on another wild pitch.

Deffley's other hit was a single to left field. Root had two hits for Yreka.

**Go to Roseburg**  
In his two-hitter, Miner chucker Dave Bennett struck out Medford batters 10 times and walked four.

Jack Forde pitched the first four innings for Medford. He allowed all five Yreka hits. He struck out one batter and issued no walks. Stu Young went the last three frames, walking one and fanning two.

A great running catch by second baseman Deffley in short right field thwarted a possible Yreka rally in the seventh inning.

Medford will play at Roseburg on Friday and will meet University of Oregon freshmen at Eugene on Saturday. Tornado Coach John Kovenz indicated that pitching choices likely will be among Larry Sander, Bill Enyart and John Gates. Sander has been having trouble with arm soreness but Kovenz said he would like him to throw some.

**LINESCORES: National League**

New York	010 010 000—3 6 9
Chicago	000 000 000—3 2
Wiley (1-1) and Coleman, Buhl, Toth (7) and Bencher. Loser—Buhl (1-2), HR—Hunt.	
St. Louis	000 004 000—4 7 0
San Fran.	000 000 000—3 9 0
Simmons (3-0) and Oliver. Sawatski (6), Pierce, Larsen (6) and Dodger. Bailey (7). Loser—Pierce (1-2).	
Pittsburgh	000 400 200—6 11 1
Philadelphia	101 020 000—4 10 1
Friend, Gibson (7), Sisk (7), Face (8) and Plaskett. Short, Klippstein (7), Baldechon (9) and Dalrymple. Winner—Friend (3-0). Loser—Short (0-2). HR—Bailey, Covington.	
Milwaukee	001 110 100—4 10 0
Houston	000 002 010—3 7 0
Spahn (3-1) and Torre, Farrell (1-5) and Campbell. HR—Mathews, Jones, Warwick.	
Cincinnati	000 000 000—0 3 0
Los Angeles	110 130 10x—7 9 0
Owens, Taitouris (2), Worthington (8) and Edwards. Podres (1-2) and Roseboro. Loser—Owens (0-1). HR—Roseboro, Fairly.	

**Harry Smith Victor In Masters Bowling**  
Buffalo, N. Y. —(UPI)—Harry Smith of St. Louis remained undefeated Wednesday night to become champion of the American Bowling Congress Masters' tournament.

The nervous sandy-haired pro swept to his seventh consecutive victory when he beat Bobby Meadows of Dallas, a 23-year-old salesman who defeated a fistful of famous bowlers for his shot at the title.

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**Did Oregon Win Game?**

Eugene—(UPI)—A decision was due today on whether Wednesday's baseball game between Oregon and Washington State would be ruled a 6-4 victory for Oregon or a 6-6 tie to be finished later.

The game was called at 7:20 p.m. after 2 hours and 50 minutes because of darkness. Oregon scored two runs in the last of the seventh inning to go ahead 6-4 but the Cougars came back to tie the score in the top of the eighth.

Then darkness arrived and the rival coaches were unable to agree on whether the game should revert to the last of the seventh. The game started 1½ hours late because of rain.

The big hits for Oregon were a two-run homer by Cal Dean in the fifth and a two-run triple by Jeff Allen in the seventh.

The teams were to play again today, weather permitting.

**LINESCORE:**  
WSU 000 100 32—6 10 3  
Oregon 001 030 2x—6 8 3  
Stephens, Bell (7), Foster (7) and Cleland. Snow, Callahan (8), Doerr (8) and Jensen.

**Grade School Baseball Games**

**WEDNESDAY LINESCORE:**  
Griffin Creek 209 14—7 3 2  
Jacksonville 000 00—3 3 2  
Stevie, Wirth, Rodney, Peterson (4) and Mason. Smith and Heyerman, White (5).

**MONDAY GAME:**  
Griffin Creek 3, Howard 3.

**IN TEXAS OPEN**  
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