

SPORTS

LA Dodgers Lead League By 6 1/2 Games

BY FRED DOWN UPI Sports Writer

The Los Angeles Dodgers are opening up such a huge lead that they may be able to let the New York Mets play out the last month of the schedule for them.

It's been almost a decade—1955, to be exact—since any National League team held a 6 1/2-game first-place lead at this stage of the race and, lest it be forgotten, that was the year in which the Dodgers gave Brooklyn its one and only world championship.

Apparently determined to avoid a repetition of the collapse that cost them the 1962 pennant, the Dodgers increased their 1963 lead to 6 1/2 games Sunday when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2, in a game shortened to 6 innings by rain. The victory was their seventh in a row and their 12th in their last 13 games.

Johnny Podres continued the excellent pitching which has marked the Dodger drive with a seven-hitter for his eighth victory against six losses. Dodger pitchers have given up only eight runs in the seven-a-me winning streak and have allowed two runs or less in 12 of their last 18 games.

McLish Was Loser

Maury Wills' triple and Jim Gilliam's sacrifice fly gave the Dodgers a run in the first inning and they added two more off loser Cal McLish in the fourth with the help of Ruben Amaro's error, plus singles by John Roseboro and Willie Davis. Home runs by Johnny Callison and Amaro produced the Phillies' runs.

The Chicago Cubs defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 7-3, after a 10-3 loss, the Milwaukee Braves won, 7-6, after losing to the Cincinnati Reds, 5-3, and the Houston Colt-45s scored an 8-3 win that extends

ed the New York Mets' losing streak to 15 games in other National League action.

In the American League, the New York Yankees beat Kansas City twice, 11-6 and 5-0, Minnesota took a pair from Cleveland, 8-2 and 5-3, the Boston Red Sox blanked the Los Angeles Angels, 5-0 after a 10-8 loss, and the Baltimore Orioles split with the Chicago White Sox, losing the second game, 3-2, after a 6-3 victory. The Detroit-Washington twinbill was rained out.

The Cardinals unleashed a 16-hit attack, featuring homers by Ken Boyer and Bill White, to beat the Cubs behind the eight-hit pitching of Ray Sadecki in their opener. Ex-Redbirds Larry Jackson and Lindy McDaniel combined, in a nine-hitter in the nightcap, however, during which Lou Brock, Ron Santo and Ernie Banks' homer for the Cubs. Banks' 352nd homer of his career placed him seventh among the NL's all-time homer kings.

Red, Braves Split

Vada Pinson had three hits in each game as the Reds and Braves split their doubleheader. He and Marty Keough homered in the first game to help John Taitouris win his fifth game of the season and deal Bob Shaw his seventh set-back. Pinson also had two singles and a double in the nightcap but they weren't enough to prevent Joey Jay from suffering his 13th loss.

Big blow in the nightcap for the Braves was Joe Torre's two-run wind-blown double in the first inning.

Al Spangler's leadoff homer and John Bateman's three-run triple sparked the Colts to a seven-run first inning and Hal (Skinny) Brown took it from there with a nine-hitter that earned him his third win of the year. Galen Cisco suffered his seventh loss against four wins.

The second games in New York and Philadelphia and San Francisco's scheduled double header in Pittsburgh were rained out.

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John Blanchard and Hector Lopez, filling in admirably for the 'M & M' boys, homered in the first game at Kansas City to help the Yankees wipe out a 4-0 deficit. Al Downing, who pitched a four hit shutout, coasted to victory in the nightcap as Tom Tresh hit a pair of solo homers and Elston Howard knocked in three runs with a single, a double and a homer.



SOGGY GAME—The elements finally won out in the first game of yesterday's scheduled doubleheader between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phils. When Dodger pitcher Johnny Podres (top) slipped in the mud on a hurl to the plate and Phils' batter Don Demeter (bottom) also took a soggy fall trying to hit the ball, the game was called off. Rain had fallen through most of the game. The Dodgers won the abbreviated contest, 3 to 2. (UPI)

Yanks Do All Right Without M&M Combo

By TIM MORIARTY UPI Sports Writer

When Mickey Mantle suffered a broken bone in his left foot June 5, manager Ralph Houk of the New York Yankees insisted "we're not going to lay down and die."

He uttered virtually the same words when Roger Maris, the other half of the Yankees' dreaded "M & M" combo, was knocked out of action with a sore back nine days ago.

Houk's grammar may have been faulty but not his logic. Mantle is back with the club but it may be a few more days before Houk writes his name on the lineup card. Yet during his absence the Yankee have won 27 of 41 games. With both Mantle and Maris missing during the past week, Houk's men have won five of seven.

So who's dying?

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Lon Skinner Wins Both Ski Boat Heats

Portland — Bruce McDonald of Seattle took top honors in the first annual Portland Cup Regatta for limited hydroplanes at Willamette Park on the Willamette River Sunday.

McDonald, piloting the Lil Squirt II, won both heats in the 145-S limited inboard hydroplane class. He toured the football-shaped 1 1/4-mile course in 3:50.8 and 3:59.1.

He was awarded the Portland Cup for coming the closest to the national mark for his class.

Lon Skinner of Medford, driving the Crazy Too, took both heats in the ski boat class. His best time was 3:25.1 in the second heat.

Dark Goes To Bat For His Auto Race Scheduled Players In Dusting Case

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Alvin Dark regards the safety and welfare of the San Francisco Giants so highly that he is willing to sacrifice his own career in their behalf.

Normally a man of even temperament and of deep religious convictions, Dark went to his indignation Sunday, a day after Philadelphia righthander Ryne Duren threw dusters at Willie McCovey and Willie Mays.

"The opposing pitchers are picking our men off one by one and it must stop," said Dark. "I've made repeated protests to the umpires and they have done nothing about it. Well, if the umpires won't protect our players I will—even if I'm suspended for life."

National League President Warren Giles was informed that Dark was angry about bean balls. Giles said he hadn't heard Dark's comments, remarking "this is the first complaint I've heard this year."

"It's a subject that's brought up every year and I see nothing unusual this year and I don't think there has been any increase in the number of bean balls," Giles added.

Dark promised retaliation at pitchers who dust off his players.

"I won't stand by and see this happen," he said. "We've not started one throwing match and we don't intend to. But we have a right to fight back—not by throwing at the players on the opposing team but at pitchers who are throwing at our men."

Dark was ejected from the game in Philadelphia by plate umpire Shag Crawford Saturday after McCovey was hit by a Duren pitch and Mays was sent sprawling into the dirt.

Dark ran out to protest to Crawford.

"I asked him why he didn't warn Duren after Mays was put into the dirt and he told me 'Well, that was just a slider,' Dark said.

"I told him that Duren threw a pretty hard slider and

Some of the country's top NASCAR California cars and drivers will compete in the Northwest 250 lap championship auto races to be held at the Portland Speedway, Sunday afternoon, July 21.

The California drivers, joined by local contenders, will get under way with time trials beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the first event slated for 2:30 p.m. Bill Amick, the 1958 NASCAR champion will be the man to beat after winning three feature events in the last three outings in Portland. Speedway gates will open at 12 noon with advance tickets on sale at the Speedway ticket office all day Saturday.

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League Leaders

Table with columns for National League, American League, and United Press International. Lists player names and statistics.

Home Runs

National League — McCovey, Giants; H. Aaron, Braves, both 26; Cepeda, Giants; Mays, Giants; Banks, Cubs, all 17.

Runs Batted In

National League — H. Aaron, Braves; T. White, Cards; Santo, Cubs, both 85; McCovey, Giants; Boyer, Cards, both 28.

Pitching

National League — Koussis, Dodgers; S. Malone, Reds; L. J. Peralta, Dodgers; G. M. B. DeLoach, Pirates; J. Martinez, Giants; J. A. American League — Radatz, Red Sox; Ford, Yankees; L. J. Peralta, White Sox; R. A. Houston, Yankees; J. D. Dillies, 1489.

HITS AND MISSES

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