

WILL MAYS KEEPS FIRE BURNING AS SF GIANTS NIP HEELS OF DODGERS

By MARTIN LADER
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If you're interested in one good reason why the San Francisco Giants are giving the Los Angeles Dodgers another slow hotfoot, take a closer look at Willie Mays.

Wonderful Willie got off to a slow start this season and the Giants had trouble keeping pace with their California neighbors. But Mays is warming to his task again, and in the Giant scheme of things he's the man who keeps the fire burning.

Just three weeks ago today Mays was hitting .277 with 22 home runs and 55 runs-batted-in. Respectable, but not up to par for a man with a .315 lifetime batting average. Oh, yes, San Francisco trailed the Dodgers by eight and one-half games at that time.

In big ways and small, Mays has lifted the Giants back into the race over the last few weeks. His latest contribution was a routine, single that drove home two runs, including the winning tally.

as San Francisco whipped the Cincinnati Reds 6-3 Thursday night.

Hitting .293
The Say-hey kid now sports a .293 mark with 29 homers and 73 RBIs. The Giants, coincidentally, have won 17 of their last 23 contests and trail Los Angeles by three games.

The Dodgers broke a three-game losing slump by overcoming the Milwaukee Braves 7-5 in the National League's only day game Thursday, and in other night contests the Houston Colts defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2, the Philadelphia Phillies edged the Chicago Cubs 4-3, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets 8-2.

Cincinnati got off to a 1-0 lead on Vada Pinson's 15th home run in the first inning, but the Giants retaliated with four runs in the fifth to go ahead for good. Mays drove in the final two runs of the inning after Joe Nuxhall hit Willie McCovey with a pitch to load the bases. Tom Haller homered for the Giants in the sixth and they added another run in the eighth.

Sanford Pitched Five
Jack Sanford pitched only five innings for San Francisco, but it was enough to register his first triumph against the Reds since 1961. Billy Hoelt hurled scoreless ball over the final four innings to enable Sanford to even his season record at 12-12.

Strong relief pitching by Ron Perranoski enable the Dodgers to top Milwaukee. Ace Los Angeles Southpaw Sandy Koufax was knocked out after just one-third of an inning, the damaging blow being a three-run homer by Gene Oliver. Tommy Davis slammed a two-run homer to give the Dodgers a 5-4 lead in the third and they scored the winning run on John Roseboro's sacrifice fly in the seventh.

A three-run homer by John Bateman provided the difference for Houston and the Cardinals added to their own downfall with careless base-running. Don Notbart gained credit for his seventh victory although he needed ninth inning help from Hal Woodeshick.

The Phillies rallied for four unearned runs after two were out in the seventh to overcome a 3-0 Chicago lead but an Ellis Burton three-run homer, Starter Cal McLish won his 12th game.

Don Cardwell went all the way for the Pirates to pick up his 10th triumph and he aided his own cause with a two-run single during a four-run uprising by Pittsburgh in the fourth inning. Starter Galen Cisco was the loser for the Mets.

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San Francisco 6-3, 52, 567 3
St. Louis 6-3, 58, 550 3
Cincinnati 6-3, 58, 528 7 1/2
Philadelphia 6-4, 58, 525 8
Chicago 6-1, 57, 517 9
Pittsburgh 6-3, 58, 519 9 1/2
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Houston 4-2, 58, 517 24
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Nelson struck out 10 and walked one and allowed just one runner past first base. In other games in the PCL Thursday night San Diego shut out Seattle 3-0, Spokane downed Denver 6-3 and Hawaii came from behind to clip Portland 11-8.

LA Dodgers Have Series With Mets

New York -UPI- This may not be home, but it was the next best thing to it today for the staggering Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Dodgers, 6-6 on the road during this critical phase of the National League season, opened a four-game series to-night against the Mets. The Mets send former Dodger Roger Craig in search of his fourth win against 20 losses, and Johnny Podres, 11-8, is the Los Angeles probable starter.

With each member of their "big three" bombed on successive nights, the Dodgers had to turn to the bullpen to salvage a 7-5 victory over Milwaukee Thursday. First Dick Calmus turned in an effective four innings after Sandy Koufax was clouted for four runs in the first inning.

Then Ron Perranoski, the top bullpen for the Dodgers, shut out the Braves for 3 1/2 innings in perhaps his finest effort in the last month.

Davis Homers
With that kind of pitching, the Dodgers overcame the Braves 4-3 lead built in the first inning.

Tommy Davis, who has collected six hits in three games since first wearing glasses when hitting, rocketed his 13th home run with one man on in the third to give Los Angeles a temporary lead. The Braves tied it, but the Dodgers went ahead in the seventh on a walk to Al Ferrara, double by Ron Fairly and a sacrifice fly by John Roseboro.

Maury Willis scored fairly with a single to give an insurance tally.

Frank Howard, who probably wouldn't complain if the Dodgers played all their games at Milwaukee's County stadium, smashed his 19th homer Thursday in the first inning. The last four times Howard has been at bat against Bob Hendley he hit home runs.

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STANDINGS

By United Press International
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	70	48	593	3
San Francisco	68	52	567	3
St. Louis	66	54	550	3
Cincinnati	65	58	528	7 1/2
Philadelphia	64	58	525	8
Chicago	61	57	517	9
Pittsburgh	61	58	519	9 1/2
Milwaukee	61	60	504	10 1/2
Houston	48	74	317	24
New York	30	80	328	31 1/2

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SPORTS

Babe Ruth Memories Reviewed

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New York -UPI- Baseball fans fortunate enough to have seen Babe Ruth in his hey day have memories of the greatest Yankee of them all who died 15 years ago today.

They remember the Babe hitting one of his 714 home runs and running around the bases on legs that seemed so skinny to support his prodigious body.

They remember the Babe striking out—a sight almost as breathtaking.

Yet the men who knew him best — his teammates—remember Ruth for different reasons. Their fondest memories of baseball's greatest hero concern (A) his sense of humor and (B) his fondness for kids.

Sense of Humor
"The Babe had a great sense of humor," recalled Waite Hoyt, a pitcher on those explosive Yankee teams of the Ruth era and now a Cincinnati sportscaster. "He always got a big kick out of playing practical jokes."

"Tony Lazzeri was the butt of many Ruth jokes. In those days we'd put on our baseball pants by turning them inside out first, then put an elastic band around the knees and pull them up. One of Babe's favorite gags was to drop a cigarette into Lazzeri's pants just before he pulled them up."

"One day Lazzeri got back at him. Babe used to have a big, red handkerchief to mop his face. Just before he ran onto the field one day, Lazzeri set fire to Babe's handkerchief. There was Babe running out to right field and slapping his backside to put out the fire."

Earle Combs, who played alongside Ruth in the Yankee outfield for 11 years, remembered when the Babe toured with a vaudeville show during the off-season.

Enthusiastic Fan
"He was playing in a show in Kansas City," related Combs, "and after the performance a lady came rushing up to him and said, 'Babe you were just wonderful... you should play in Shakespeare.' Good old Babe shook his head and said, 'Hell, no, lady, I gotta be in St. Louis tomorrow.'"

Combs, an insurance executive in Frankfort, Ky., believes that the modern ballplayer would be wise to emulate Ruth's relationship with young fans.

"The Babe loved children," he asserted. "I never saw him refuse a kid an autograph. He had more patience with young fans than any ball player I have seen."

Benny Bengough and Joe Dugan, two other former Ruth teammates, echoed Combs' feelings.

Dugan added another significant thought on the greatest home run slugger of all time.

"The Babe would hit a hundred homers today," the former third baseman insisted. "Never forget that he used a 52-ounce bat and with this golf ball they use today they don't kid me about the lively ball. Ruth would have hit a hundred a season."

Ex-Dodgers Performing Well For American League Teams

By MILTON RICHMAN
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They can't do anything right in the National League but you ought to see them operate in the American.

Wait Alton undoubtedly will be delighted to know that two of his old buddies, Ed Roebuck and Don Zimmer, are performing exactly like pennant winners with Washington.

And the Dodger skipper also may break out in cheers to learn that another of his ex-employees, big Stan Williams,

suddenly has become one of the hottest pitchers on the Yankee's staff.

Combined Efforts
Roebuck and Zimmer, each of whom send Alton best regards, combined their efforts Thursday to produce a 5-4 victory for the Senators against the Angels. Zimmer had two hits and drove in two runs while Roebuck registered his first American league victory during a four-inning relief stint.

Williams, coming off a one-hitter in his previous start, fired a six-hitter against the Red Sox and struck out seven as he hurled the Yankees to a 10-2 triumph. The former Dodger right-hander got most of his help from John Blanchard.

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Links Tourney Will Include Junior Players

Because of requests, the beginners invitational tournament to be held at Cherry Lane Park Golf club under the auspices of the City of Medford park and recreation department has been expanded.

The tournament, originally scheduled for adults only, will have a junior division for golfers 18 years and under, according to Bill Mitchell, club's golf pro.

All youngsters who attended the recreation department golf classes are eligible for the tournament. Play will consist of one nine-hole round between Aug. 18 and 25. It will be the same for both adult and junior divisions with handicaps figured by a committee of three.

Southpaw Hank Aguirre checked the A's on eight hits to even his season record at 11-11. Equally important to him was the fact that he singled home one of the Tigers' runs. He'll do that now and then—like once every three years.

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