

Brooklyn Blowing Lead Margin 10 Games Week Ago, Now Only 5

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The frantic Brooklyn citizenry was wondering today whether the coroner would supply an affidavit to the effect that the current Dodger "corpus delicti," which has dropped five of its last six games, is the same very much alive body which boasted a 10-game lead only a week ago.

Last night the Boston Braves made it two out of three with a 7-3 victory over the Brooks, the very same bunch who entered St. Louis last week with a seven-game lead and walloped the runner-up Cards three straight times to apparently sew up the National league flag.

While Brooklyn has been getting belted three straight times in Chicago and twice in three starts in Boston, the Redbirds have roared back with six straight victories including last night's 6-3 win over Cincinnati to trail by five games. The Dodgers definitely are in a tough spot now despite the fact that they come home tomorrow following the series finale with Boston.

With Larry Jansen, the Pacific Coast league righthander continuing his excellent mound work, the New York Giants knocked off the last place Philadelphia Phillies 5-2 in a daylight game at the Polo grounds. Jansen scattered eight hits for his 12th victory against four defeats.

The Pittsburgh Pirates snapped a 2-2 tie with a three-run rally in the sixth and added two more in the ninth to defeat the Cubs in Chicago 7-2. Roger Wolff, former American leaguer, won his first National league victory.

Bobo Newsom, the much traveled veteran righthander, suffered his first setback as a member of the New York Yankees when the Athletics nipped the Bronx bombers 5-3 in Philadelphia. Newsom blew up in the sixth after yielding only one hit in five innings as the A's batted around for four runs. Bobo has won four in a Yankee uniform.

Yankee Bill McMan went the route for the A's to register his third win.

The Detroit Tigers moved into second place 13 games behind the American league leading Yankees by taking both ends of a double header from the Cleveland Indians 13-6 and 7-5.

The Boston Red Sox dropped into third place one game behind the Tigers when Washington beat them for the second straight night 1-0. Lefty Mickey Haefner limited the Red Sox to six hits for his eighth triumph, four by shutouts. The Senators got only two infield singles off starter Earl Johnson and Mickey Harris, but placed them together in the opening inning and aided by an error by Bobby Doerr, scored an unearned run.

The Chicago White Sox bunched five of their 10 hits in the second inning to score five runs and defeat the Browns in a night game in St. Louis 7-3.

Ross Agrees To Open Card

Chubby Tony Ross of Salem, long one of the primary figures on the Northwest wrestling circuit, makes his untimely return debut in the armory ring Friday night, fighting the silent redhead, Lou Savoldi.

Their match is slated for the opener spot, a three round effort. Only very seldom does Tony Ross stoop to fight the prelims, but this time is apparently an exception and if he makes any more Klamath Falls stops this spring he will assuredly be demanding his share of the main event assignments.

Most wrestlers are touchy about that sort of thing and Promoter Mack Lillard says he's growing prematurely old trying to keep on good terms with all the fellows with whom he does business.

Ross particularly can be a hard man to match for fights if he is in a truculent mood, but this time he apparently is at peace with the world and willing to sacrifice his pride by going out in the opener.

The rest of the card is made up of five-rounders. Mad Leo Karlinski will scrap with Tex Hager, and the Jap wrestler and sleeper hold artist, Sugi Hayamaka, is paired with Al Szasz.

Valsetz Nine Meets McElroy's

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—The unscored on and unbeaten Valsetz Millers will meet McElroy's of Portland tonight for the championship in the state semi-pro baseball tournament.

Paul Gehrman, ace checker of Valsetz who pitched a no-hit, no-run game last week, is expected to be on the mound for the Millers. A single win would give them the title.

McElroy's, which slugged out a 10-4 win over the Portland firemen last night to gain the finals, needs two wins to claim the crown, having been beaten once earlier in the double elimination tournament.

Old Timer Dead
BOSTON, Aug. 7 (AP)—Eugene J. (Gene) Good, 54, baseball player with the Boston Braves in 1906 credited by some with recommending Grover Cleveland Alexander for the big league, died last night.

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Rickey Built Dodgers In Three Years

Balance Of Power In National Moved Out Of St. Louis

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (NEA)—The rise of Branch Rickey from a major-league catcher of doubtful talent to the dominating executive figure in baseball rivals fiction's most fantastic developments.

But it was no more astonishing that Rickey's feat of transplanting the balance of power in the National league from St. Louis to Brooklyn in three years.

Baseball men long since came to know that where Rickey walks victory flourishes.

Where the Mahatma rests is the abode of power.

If you doubt that statement you have only to look at the Dodgers and Cardinals. Rickey has quickly built in Brooklyn the same sort of diamond empire he had in St. Louis.

In St. Louis he succeeded under distressing circumstances—small attendance, little cash, etc., so in switching from Sportsman's park to the gold mine of Ebbets field his job was a comparative breeze.

He lashed his young team toward the championship with velvet thongs, observing with no sorrow the troubles of the Redbirds, once the mightiest force in the National circuit.

Currently the Dodgers are out front by around six games ahead of the Cards.

Rickey is ministerial in speech on three hits for eight innings and are trailing 1 to 3. In the final frame Portland opened up a four-run spree with a single by Third Baseman Harvey Storey. Wenner homered Storey and Reich home and Silvera followed with another circuit clout.

The Sacramento-Hollywood series stood tied at a game apiece after the Sions' Charlie Ripple, making his first start for Sacramento after being acquired from Seattle, outpitched Ed Albosta to defeat the Stars 3 to 2. Ripple gave up but four hits.

Rickey inaugurated the chain store system, born of necessity. As astute a baseball man as the late Col. Jacob Ruppert once called it "Rickey's folly" but the brewer soon learned better and called on the Yankees to build a mighty chain.

The Sunday doubleheader was Rickey's idea, and he and Larry McPhail were the leading protagonists of night baseball. Rickey restored the holiday sequence—morning and afternoon games for one admission to each contest.

The big thing for Brooklyn is not whether Leo Durocher comes back, but that Rickey is firmly there and where Rickey walks victory flourishes. His motto always has been: "Get the ballplayers and the rest will take care of itself."

In spite of considerable activity in real estate during the first quarter, total life insurance company holdings on March 31 showed little change. Purchases of \$31,000,000 in the three months were offset by sales of \$24,000,000 worth.

Straus Saved From Drastic Punishment

EPHRATA, Wash., Aug. 7 (AP)—U. S. Commissioner of Reclamation Michael W. Straus was "arrested" by the sheriff of Ephrata's Columbia Basin Jubilee yesterday and found guilty of a charge that "he failed to get \$50,000,000 out of an economy-minded congress."

He was saved from his "sentence"—a plunge in the town tank—by a purported message from Washington's congressional delegation stating that "he did all he could."

Erosion Loss Held Big In Northwest

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 7 (AP)—Pacific Northwest farmers are losing 32,000 acres of topsoil annually to erosion, George T. Hudson, Wenatchee, of the department of agriculture, said here yesterday.

He told extension directors of 11 western states that reclamation projects were necessary to prevent a decrease in food-producing capacity.

Hudson urged multi-purpose projects in the Columbia basin as the only ones financially feasible.

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Australian-born Big Jim Ferrier is one of the hottest of golfing pros because he's an analyst of greens, and to be an analyst you have to get your nose in the dirt. He won the PGA title at Detroit, is now firing in Spokane's Emeralds and next week will play in the Portland Open.

Hoot Mon Trots Through Hambletonian Sulky Win

GOSHEN, N. Y., Aug. 7 (AP)—Seventy-one persons were injured in a shattered grandstand as a black streak of lightning tagged Hoot Mon steeplechase to a smashing victory in the biggest run of the Hambletonian.

The black son of Scotland came roaring home in the second and third heats after being beaten by the giant favorite, Rodney, in the first go-round. All Hambletonian gate and betting records were broken during this 22nd running of the Corn Tassel derby.

On the darker side of the picture was the collapse of three sections of the temporary bleachers fronting the head of the stretch. The accident occurred just as the first heat of the program went to the post.

With interest focused on the horses, few others than those in the sections immediately adjoining knew of the mishap until the public address system broadcast an appeal for doctors and an ambulance.

Thirty-three persons were treated at Goshen hospital.

Hoot Mon, winner of the race, is the highest priced horse ever to run in the Hambletonian. He cost his owners \$50,000 just a year ago. He was piloted by old Sep Palin, Indianapolis wizard of sulky drivers.

Dudley Signs With Detroit

DETROIT, Aug. 7 (AP)—Bill Dudley, the National Professional league's most valuable football player, gave up plans to retire yesterday and signed a contract with the Detroit Lions calling for an estimated \$25,000.

The one-time All-American, a Pittsburgh Steeler in 1946, agreed to terms with Lions' Owner Fred L. Mandel in a deal with the Pittsburgh club involving five other players.

Transferring to Detroit with Dudley will be End Jack Dugger, ex-Ohio State, and in exchange the Lions send out two players, Bobby Cifers and Paul White, both backs, and future rights to two others, Michigan's Bob Chapuis, and the Lions' first draft choice next year.

Brush Cleared Off Scenic Drives

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—Roadside brush is being cleared away on scenic drives in Portland and along the Columbia river highway.

State and county officials said complaints that visitors no longer could see Oregon's rivers and forests for the trees resulted in work crews being sent out.

Under landscape engineers and supervision of forest rangers, they are working upriver as far as Hood River.

TOUGH INDIAN CANYON LAYOUT DARES GOLFERS

SPOKANE, Aug. 7 (AP)—Rugged Indian canyon bristled its pine clad back today and dared a flock of the nation's toughest professional and amateur golfers to do something about its lengthened holes and lessened par in the four-day \$10,000 Emeralds Open which began at 10 a. m.

Ben Hogan of Hersey, Pa.; Western Amateur Champion Bud Ward of Spokane and Jim Ferrier of San Francisco—who has been hotter than Spokane's current weather—were among the early favorites among the 125 entrants.

Hogan, Furgol and some of the others who recall what Byron Nelson did to Indian Canyon two years ago—he was 22 under par for 72 holes and played No. 1 as though it was grooved—found some changes had been made when they toured the route in practice yesterday.

No. 1, which Nelson eagled three times in four tries, has been lengthened a bit and about 50 yards has been tacked on No. 18. Par on today has been cut from five to four and regulation figures for the 18 now stand at 70.

There will be 18 holes of play daily and the 60 low scores, plus ties, will survive for Saturday and Sunday rounds. The winning pro will pick up a check for \$2000 from the athletic round table, which named its annual tourney the "Emeralds" after its mascot, a toothy horse.

Among the standouts in men's play were Tab Boyer, co-medalist and twice winner of the city crown, who eliminated Lou Tobin, 1 up. Another, Lou Stafford, defeated Norm McClane, 2 and I. J. E. Block, Portland, defeated Bob Sederstrom, Salem, 2 up.

Grace De Moss, Corvallis, reached the semi-final round in women's play by defeating Mrs. Shelby McCool, 6 and 5. She will meet her co-medalist, Mrs. Floyd Cocklin, today.

Whitman Has New Coach

SEATTLE, Aug. 7 (AP)—Two Washington colleges had new athletic coaches en route to their camps today as the approaching end of summer brought the fall sports season near at hand.

At St. Martin's college, the Right Rev. Raphael Heider disclosed appointment of Xavier Nady of Des Moines, Ia., as the new director of athletics and head coach of the Winko entry's football squad.

And in Decatur, Ill., Don Lindenberg, head baseball and basketball coach at James Millikin university, announced his resignation to accept similar duties at Whitman college.

Nady, who played end and half-back for Parsons college, Ia., comes to St. Martin's off four years of high school coaching.

Lindenberg coached Millikin's first undefeated baseball team in the spring of 1946 and last winter tutored his basketball five to the college conference of Illinois title.

At Whitman he also will assist Dave Strong with the football chores.

100 G's Run Date Okayed

CHICAGO, Aug. 7 (AP)—Two big money-winning horses—Assault and Armed—will race each other at Washington park on August 30 for the first time in their careers in a \$100,000 winner-take-all match race.

In the richest match event in turf history, each horse will carry 120 pounds over a mile and a quarter route. The race may also turn out to be a spectacular riding duel between two of America's best riders—Eddie Arcaro on Assault and Doug Dodson on Armed.

Armed has poured \$568,785 into the till for his owner, Warren Wright of the Calumet farm stable. Assault has earned \$623,370 for his owner, Robert J. Kieberg of Texas.

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