

NY Faces Shantz Tonight

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Two one-time door mats of the major leagues, each fortified by one of baseball's top hitters, and two teams which definitely are not going anywhere in this year's flag race, will play an important role in the selection of world series opponents.

It wasn't so many years ago that the Phillies and Athletics were considered easy pickings but today they both are fighting for third place berths and a slice of the world series payoff.

And one could go back only to last year when the Detroit Tigers, current doghouse tenant of the American League were far from a push-over. The Boston Braves, fourth of the quartet, can't do anything for themselves financially with sixth place the best possible finish but like the other three they are in the spot to cause trouble.

NINE TO GO

As the pennant contenders entered the lists today for the final tilt after a day of rest, the schedule for the remainder of the season calls for the potent Phillies to meet the pace-setting Brooklyn Dodgers three times and clash with the challenging New York Giants on six occasions. Three games separate the Braves and Giants. Each has nine to play.

It is just the reverse for the Braves. They meet the Dodgers six times and the Giants seven. At the same time in the American League, the World Champion New York Yankees' chance for their fourth straight pennant depends largely on their ability to whip Jimmy Dykes' dangerous Athletics. They meet six times. The Yanks other three games are with the Red Sox, also hoping for a first division berth, at Boston.

TRAIL YANKS
The Cleveland Indians, trailing by 2½ games, tangle with the Tigers in a six-game set and meet the Chicago White Sox in the other two of their eight remaining games.

Today's lineup calls for the Phillies to play first under the lights in the Giants in the first of a three-game series at Shibe Park. It'll be Sal Maglie against young Curt Simmons.

Before the Shibe Park lights are turned on the Braves will face the Dodgers in the first of a three-game set at Boston. Manager Chuck Dresser has nominated Preacher Roe to oppose Max Surkont.

Although today's results are important, the most important role is expected to be played by Philadelphia's Robin Roberts, baseball's winningest pitcher with 23 victories. He figures to face the Dodgers at least once and the Giants twice. Against the Dodgers the Michigan State alum has had a five for five record this season. But he hasn't been so fortunate against the Giants, who have beaten him three out of four and 11 out of 16 since he came up to the big leagues in 1948.

The Yankees line could well be Bobby Shantz. The Athletics' little southpaw has won 23 games but has a 3-3 split with the Yanks. He'll be on the mound against Vic Raschi when the lights are turned on at the Yankee Stadium tonight.

At Cleveland, also at night, the Indians will turn their pennant hopes over to Early Wynn, one of their 20-game winners with a 21 and 12 record. Against him will be the hard working Ted Gray, who has won 12 while dropping 15 this season.

Other games in the National League send the St. Louis Cardinals, battling to ward off the Phils' third place drive, against the Cubs at Chicago and the Cincinnati Reds against the Pirates at Pittsburgh in a night affair.

Boston will play the Senators a night game at Washington in the only other American League contest.

Sedgman Wins In Marathon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Queen Maureen Connolly and women's singles players, along with men's doubles combinations, took over the main course in the Pacific Southwest tennis tournament Friday.

But talk still centers around Thursday's sizzling duel between Thelma Houston and U. S. National champion, Frank Sedgman, and America's 1950 champion, Arthur Larsen of San Leandro, Calif.

Sedgman, two sets down, rallied to win in a battle that raged for two and a half hours, but Larsen may have made a strong bid for Davis Cup consideration.

Sedgman's victory was by scores of 6-10, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

The win sent big Frank into the semi-finals Saturday against Dick Savitt, East Orange, N. J., who beat Ken Rosewall, Australian 17-year-old, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

The other semi-final will be between Herb Flam, Beverly Hills, another cup team hopeful, and the cup team captain, Vic Seixas of Philadelphia.

Flam wore down a tired Ted Schroeder, 8-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Seixas eased by Noel Brown, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.

SPORTS MIRROR

By The Associated Press
Today a year ago — Rocky Graziano knocked out Tony Janiro in 2:36 of the tenth round.

Five years ago — Tony Janiro won a 10-round decision over Tony Pellone at Madison Square Garden.

Ten years ago — Alvin Karpis was hanged by a noose in a \$25,000 match race.

Twenty years ago — Lefty Grove of the Athletics won his 25th game, defeating the Chicago White Sox, 9-6.

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By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Southern California and Washington State, two West Coast powers with open bowl ambitions, collide in Los Angeles tonight to start a hard-fought battle for the title of college football season.

Before the week end is spent, four of the top 10 teams in the Associated Press pre-season poll — Maryland, Georgia Tech, California and Texas Christian — will have tested their biceps against respected opposition.

Most of the spotlight action is centered in the Pacific Coast, Southwest and Deep South areas, with the Los Angeles conflict an unusually strong contender.

VETERAN
Southern California's Trojans, with a 7-4 record last year that almost landed them in the Rose Bowl, return a veteran squad with a newly adopted single wing attack built around tailbacks Jimmy Sears and Al Carmichael.

Coast observers admit they threaten to be a major factor in the race for conference honors, ranking perhaps with California

and UCLA. Washington State, with Al Kipper moving up to the head coaching job, is said to boast the best material since the Rose Bowl team of 26 years ago. The Cougar attack is built around an ace half-back consisting of power Bob Burkhardt and receiver Ed Barker.

LIGHT SIDE
Other football activity tonight is a bit on the light side with Alabama playing host to Mississippi Southern and Mississippi engaging Memphis State. Alabama and Ole Miss are heavily favored.

The boys get really serious tomorrow with nearly half a hundred games involving major teams from coast to coast.

TELEVISION
The game at Lawrence, Kan. will be the first of the season to be under the NCAA restricted TV program. The battle will be beamed across the country by NBC, starting at 3 p.m. (EST). Maryland, the Southern Conference stepchild which was suspended a year after accepting the Sugar Bowl bid, takes its No. 2 pre-season rating behind Michigan State, rating Missouri at Columbia. Georgia Tech, No. 3, is host to The Citadel. California, No. 4, entertains a strong West Coast independent, College of the Pacific.

Hollywood Tops Bevos

By The Associated Press

It's all over but the shouting as the Hollywood Stars journey to Seattle Friday to display their wares before the Rainier fans in a twin bill.

The Stars showed who's boss in this man's Pacific Coast League Thursday night by blasting out a 6-2 triumph over Portland, which needs every game it can win to stay in the first division before the final curtain comes down.

Flag-winning Hollywood was never in trouble as they polished off the Beavers in the final meeting of the two teams for the season. The Stars took a two-run lead in the third frame as Red Munger, helping his cause along, started things rolling with a single.

Oakland showed how it nipped at Hollywood's heels during the season as it socked three consecutive runs against San Diego. The homers were good for a total of four runs, enough to cinch the game, 6-3.

Seattle played the part of a not-so-perfect host as it unleashed its heavy artillery against San Francisco. The Rainiers' win, 8-1, also was Al Widmar's 19th victory of the year in 21 starts. The Seals never got started as they were only able to garner five hits.

Sacramento's Solons may be saying, but they forced Los Angeles to put on steam before the Angels squeaked through with a 4-3 win.

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