

Never Bet Against the Yankees!

Mantle Spark in Yank Victory

Kuzava Cuffs Bums In Amazing Relief Stint

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Two main conclusions may be drawn from the World Series which ended yesterday with Brooklyn again in mourning for the sixth time.

The first is that Mickey Mantle, a 20-year-old from Oklahoma, is destined to become recognized within a few more seasons as the greatest baseball player in the history of the game. The kid can't miss. There's no defense against him.

The second, equally inescapable, is that Casey Stengel, the demused manager of the New York Yankees, gets advance information from the elves before he makes each move. It would be difficult to prove that he isn't the smartest pilot the game has seen. His coaches are convinced that he is.

Mantle's contributions to his club's 4-2 Series clincher yesterday at Ebbets Field were more spectacular than Stengel's. Every one in the arena saw the "Phenom" clout the home run and the single in successive innings—the second right-handed—to put victory beyond reach of the Dodgers.

WHIRRING
Nobody saw the wheels whirling in Casey's head when he waved in Bob Kuzava, to pitch to Duke Snider, the hottest of the Dodgers, with the bases filled and only one out in the seventh inning. But they were whirring, all right, and it is almost certain that Stengel knew the blond scamp from Wyan-dotte, Mich., would stop the National Leaguers lead from there on.

Provided he does not go into the service, Mantle will be still better next year. In only his second season the kid has done everything for the Yanks that Joe DiMaggio did, in an inspirational way.

There was some debate last night whether Mantle or Johnny Mize, the old codger, was the outstanding Yankee in the Series. In this spectator's opinion, it was no contest.

NOT GOOD
Mize, it is true, came in when things were not looking too good midway of the series and made a number of tremendous contributions to the Yankee cause. In fact, he put them back in the contention when they appeared to be licked.

But Mantle was in there all the way, scaring Brooklyn pitchers to death and fielding like an angel.

SECRET WEAPON
And that was the point at which Stengel wheeled out his secret weapon, Kuzava, the only pitcher in the park who wasn't about to collapse of the blind staggers. Stengel used the same tactics against the New York Giants a year ago. It was Kuzava, perhaps the most obscure southpaw in modern history, who snuffed out the final three Giants in the '51 World Series.

Stengel Won't Retire

BROOKLYN (AP)—When Casey Stengel, the millionaire manager of the New York Yankees, decided to call it a career he will be best remembered for:

1. Zany antics during his career.
2. That he became the second manager in big league history to win four straight World Series.
3. That he became the third pilot in big league annals to win four consecutive pennants.

Stengel assured one and all Tuesday that he would be back in 1953 following the Yanks' 4-2 victory over Brooklyn in the seventh and deciding game of the thrilling 1952 World Series.

"I'm not thinking of retiring," the squirrel of Glendale, Calif., belted in the uproarious Yankee dressing room.

The only other manager to win four straight blue ribbon classics is Joe McCarthy, pilot of the great Yankee teams of 1936-39. McCarthy and the fiery John McGraw are the only other leaders to capture four consecutive pennants. McGraw's New York Giants won the National League flag from 1921 through 1924.



WHEEL!—Catcher Yogi Berra jumps for joy on pitcher Bob Kuzava's back after the final out which gave the Yankees game and series. Gil McDougald (left) and Joe Collins also get into the act. Yanks won final game, 4-2.

Ashland 'Breather' Friday Seen As Real Test for Pelican Team

By RED HURD
The football form charts put Friday night's Klamath Falls-Ashland game down as a "breather" for the Pelicans—but past history points squarely at an upset win for Ashland if a combination of events shoot the Pels with too much over-confidence.

(1) It could be dangerous for the Pels to be looking forward to next week's big one against Medford. The box score to date shows Ashland holding top-sided 44-6 and 64-0 wins over its smaller playmates, Phoenix and Rogue River, squared by losses to Medford and Grants Pass. The Gavemen—another case in point that mirrors the futility of trying to ignore which way the ball will bounce—trounced the Grizzlies, 32-6, yet lost to Medford, squeaky one-point winner over Ashland.

(2) The Associated Press poll jumped the Pelicans from a tie for eighth to second place on their victory over Eugene. The grid poll, which is little more than good reading, has been a whammy for the Pels in the past. It could be this time.

FAVORED
But, throwing out any psychological gimmicks that so often play a major part in prep football, the Pelicans should go into the Modoc Field game favored anywhere from two to five touchdowns.

But one matter is causing Pelican backers to view this game with tongues in cheeks, Medford, 20-13 winner over Grants Pass last week, had to scramble to edge Ashland, 13-12, in the season's opener.

Also, for some reason no one has explained probably because there is no evident explanation, the Grizzlies always rise to the heights against Klamath Falls.

Mel Taylor and Ted Tenney have been working the halfback spots for Ashland, although Jim Jeffries, a senior making his first varsity appearance, is showing late form that may move him into a starter's spot for Ashland.

QUARTERBACK
Clyde James quarterbacks the club, Wayne South is the fullback.

Forward wall stickouts are tackles Bob Delsman and Bob Platko, both scaling around 190, and ends Bill Bates and Walt McCoy.

The Ashland coaching staff has experienced some trouble in settling on guard and center regulars.

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VICTORIES
On the Pelican side, they hold wins over Grant, Roseburg and Eugene and are charged with a loss to Redding, Calif.

Bill Salt, his throwing hand still encased in a cast, will turn over his quarterback chores to Larry Yarnell, Ken Young and Calvin Gilmore, who found their running legs against Eugene, are at the halfback posts, Jim Dougherty at fullback.

Coach Bob Henderbott will likely hang tough with his starting line—Ends Jack Horton and George Hanson, Tackles Doug

Dodgers Fail Sixth Try in World Series

By RALPH RODEN
BROOKLYN (AP)—Moon-faced Johnny Mize grinned: "It's on ice."

The good-natured 39-year-old slugger of the perennial World Champion New York Yankees was massaging his aging feet in the dressing room when Gene Woodling hauled in Prewie Reese's fly for the final out of the thrilling 1952 World Series.

While the Yanks boisterously celebrated the winning of their fourth straight championship, the vanquished Brooklyn Dodgers were bemoaning the loss of their club's sixth fall classic in as many attempts.

A damp-eyed Jackie Robinson expressed the general opinion of the crestfallen National League standard bearers.

"It was that Mantle, that Mickey Mantle killed us."

"If it hadn't been for him I think this would have been a very different series."

SO CLOSE
"We came so close, we had so many opportunities. But Mantle was the difference."

Joe Black, Brooklyn's brilliant rookie right-hander who started three of the games, winning the first and losing two including yesterday's 4-2 clincher, gloomily observed:

"It gnaws at you. It tears you inside. We got so many men on base. We kept saying to ourselves 'this is it,' and then there was that let down."

"It would have been better if we'd had our brains knocked out, about 10-0. We would have felt better about it."

Mantle, surrounded by well-wishers, was uncertain over the type of pitches he belted that decided the issue.

HIT CURVE
"I hit a curve or slider for my home run (in the sixth) and a similar pitch for my single (in the seventh)." The homer broke a 2-2 tie and the single drove in an insurance run.

"Winning the series was a greater thrill than my homers, yes even greater than my grand slammer against the White Sox during the regular season," Mantle said.

Jubilant Casey Stengel, at the Yankee helm the past four seasons, held court all over the room.

Old Case praised Mantle and relief pitcher Bob Kuzava, assured one and all that he was not retiring and then launched into a description of the game.

BUNTS
"Our first pitcher (Ed Lopat) he did real good but they crossed us up on a couple of bunts (Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella bunted in succession in the fourth after a single by Duke Snider)."

"Then our next pitcher (Allie Reynolds) pitched real good but he got a little tired and so did our next one (Vic Raschi) and that fella (Kuzava) came in there and really took me out of a jam."

Kuzava entered in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and one out. He retired Snider and Robinson on pop flies and held the Dodgers hitless the rest of the way.

The fire-balling lefthander said he was lucky in getting Snider, who tied a record by hitting four home runs during the series, to pop out.

FAST ONE
"I fed him a fast one straight

down the middle on the 3 and 2 pitch. I was lucky that he got just a piece of the ball."

Dodger skipper Chuck Dressen paid tribute to Kuzava.

"That Kuzava was burning his fast ball in there," Dressen said. "He was very quick."

Dressen also was high in his praise for Reynolds, who won two games and saved another.

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CANT HIT
Brooklyn's inability to hit with men on base were the turning points of the deciding game, according to Dressen.

"We had men on first and third once with one out, then we had the bases full with one out and again we had the bases full with none out," Chuck lamented.

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Waldorf Faces Squad-Slice

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—California's football coach, Lynn Waldorf has problems—problems another coach would gladly trade an ace halfback to have.

Waldorf is faced with whittling his 70-man squad down to 37 for Saturday's game with Oregon at Portland.

Two first string linemen, tackle Gerry Perry and guard Bill Dutton, returned to action after being sidelined with injuries. Both are expected to make the trip.

Grover Alexander's 16 shutouts over one season have never been equaled. He hurled them in 1916, breaking the mark of 13 established by Jack Coombs in 1910.

Don Heinrich Top Flinger

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Don Heinrich of Washington leads the Pacific Coast Conference in passing and California's Don Johnson, Johnny Olaszewski and Bill Powell rank one-two-three in rushing in the three games played in the loop to date.

Heinrich, the 1950 wizard, has completed 47 out of 84 throws for 539 yards and an average of .660.

Johnson, Olaszewski and Powell have earned 295, 287 and 222 yards respectively, to head up the rushers.

Heinrich leads in total offense. He lost five yards rushing but his 534 still leads the roll.

Johnson, with five touchdowns and 30 points, leads in scoring.

Bill Earley, Washington, leads in pass receiving, with 17 and two touchdowns, and Jim Pealtis, Southern California, and Milt Davis, UCLA, are tied for top pass interceptors, four apiece.

Cage Meet Billed Tonight
The new Klamath Sports and Recreation Association meets tonight at 7:30 in the City Hall.

In addition to regular business of drawing tighter organizational lines, the City Basketball League will be discussed.

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