

New York Captures NL Pennant

Dodgers Slower Under New Boss

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—Specialists who have examined the Brooklyn Dodgers minutely in an effort to discover what happened to their internal machinery this season are able now to report that the defending league champions simply came down with the slows under the direction of their new manager, Walt Alston.

If the Brooks continue for the remainder of the week at their present mad pace, they will finish the season with approximately half as many stolen bases as they racked up for aggressive Chuck Dressen last year—45 as against 90.

They will have grounded into about 35 more double plays than the 115 that were chalked up against them when Dressen was

signaling for the hit and run. Their opponents over the season will commit some 35 fewer errors than they did last year, when they were jittery under the pressures of the Dodgers' running game.

There is no disposition to blame Alston. He inherited a club which had aged one year, and he probably was told that he could sit back and let his veterans drive the runs across. If so, he was a victim of poor advice.

They'll have to peddle the Philadelphia Athletics to some section of the country other than Texas. A recent week spent in that state disclosed that the desire to possess a big league team of any description has abated to the vanishing point.

"It was silly in the first place," asserted a leading citizen of Dallas, which only a few months back was yelling its civic head off. "If this town couldn't support a professional football club, how could it expect to support big league baseball?"

Another discouraging item is the heat. The record spell of 100-degree weather they've lived through around Dallas and Fort Worth this summer would have made an awful ordeal of daytime ball.

Ran into the master, Frank Leahy, at San Antonio, and can report that the man who gave up coaching Notre Dame to give his nervous insides a fighting chance already looks about a dozen years younger.

A citizens Olympic committee, numbering 180 of Melbourne's civic leaders, has been organized to arrange for the bedding down of the thousands of visitors expected for the 1956 Olympics in that Australian city.

As Melbourne boasts only about 4 1/2 hotels of any size, it is planned to stake out sufficient private homes far in advance to take care of the great overflow.

Did you know that Willy Mays, at 23, is only the fifth right-handed batter in all the history of the National League to hit as many as 41 home runs in a season? Well, he is. The other four to have equaled or bettered the figure—Hack Wilson, Ralph Kiner, Rogers Hornsby and Roy Campanella—all were comparative veterans when they did it.

Dressen Back To Majors

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It appears that Charlie Dressen, who has been in baseball 35 of his 55 years, is on his way back to the majors for a manager's job.

Dressen, whose Oakland team finished third in the Pacific Coast League pennant race this year, told reporters Monday during a meeting of league directors that he had had feelers from major league clubs for 1955.

The Los Angeles Examiner reported that Dressen has agreed to terms but said his sources were not at liberty to name the club. The paper said plans are to make the announcement after the World Series.

Dressen managed Brooklyn in 1951-52-53, winning the pennant the last two years. This year he took over the managerial reins of Oakland.

The Examiner said he will leave for New York by plane Wednesday to confer with "his new bosses."

Cleveland Tries For 110th

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Indians try Tuesday night to win victory 110 and tie the 1927 New York Yankees as the biggest winners in the American League's 54-season history.

In the afternoon, some 250,000 persons are expected to line the route of an hour and a half long parade from east side to west side. The Tribe will ride in decorated convertibles, accompanied by three bands to whom it up.

Three and a half hours after the scheduled end of the parade to celebrate Saturday's pennant-clinching, the Tribe takes to the field at Municipal Stadium against the Chicago White Sox whom they beat 7-4 Monday night and play again Wednesday.

The Indians are riding an 11-game winning string—equal to their longest previous one this year and two behind this season's league mark held by the Yanks. The White Sox were the villains who ended the tribe's 11-game run in Chicago May 25 when Al Rosen incurred his famous finger fracture.

Even if they lose Tuesday night, the Indians will have four more games in which to get the two victories they need to better the winning record of the 1927 Ruth-Gehrig Yankees. The Yanks of that year did not win their 110th until Oct. 1.

Art Houtteman was manager Al Lopez's choice to hurl against Chicago's go-go boys who have held the league leaders even so far in their inter-club series-10 games to 10.

PCL Drops Post Season Cup Playoffs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Governor's Cup playoffs in the Pacific Coast Baseball League were a financial flop this year and as a result there won't be any next season.

The Pacific Coast League owners, meeting here, made that decision Monday. The 1953 season will start on April 5 and end Sept. 11, with each team playing about 166 games.

It was learned during the directors' meeting that Tommy Heath has been signed to a new two-year contract as manager of the San Francisco Seals, the fourth-place club in this year's pennant race.



THE BIG ONE That didn't get away is shown proudly by Virginia Pelletier of Klamath Falls as she holds this 13 pound four ounce rainbow after landing the big trout from the Williamson River. She caught the trophy catch on cluster eggs while fishing with her husband Charles Pelletier and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Overson Sunday evening.

Giants Didn't Want Grim, But Yanks Did

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Anton Grim has been mostly good, not grim, news to the Yankees this season. The 24-year old pitcher is a leading candidate for the American League's "Rookie of the Year" award.

The big righthander wasn't even on the Yankee roster when spring training started in St. Petersburg. But Manager Casey Stengel and coach Jim Turner noticed the youngster had the stuff. Now, as the season draws to a close, he is the top pitcher on the New York squad and stands a good chance to win 20 games.

A native of Brooklyn, Grim was sought by several teams when he was in school. He chose the Yankees instead of the Dodgers because the Yanks promised they would start him playing as soon as he finished high school in mid-season of 1948.

baseball and about controlling my pitches was worth a college diploma.

"I still have dreams about those 106 batters I walked, just like you count sheep when you are finding it hard to go to sleep."

Grim learned the hard way this year. Once he had a 11-0 lead over the Red Sox. With the big bulge he decided to take it easy. Then the Sox started getting runs and climbed their assault with a bases loaded homer by first baseman Harry Agganis.

He bore down the rest of the way and won 14-9. But he realized what a narrow miss he had after he had eased up.

The youngster knew he had made a mistake. He explained later: "I tried to put on the pressure when I got into trouble and started rushing my deliveries. Then I got tired in a hurry. I won't make that mistake again."

MINOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
International League Semi-Finals (Best-of-7)
Montreal 3, Rochester 2 (Montreal leads 3-2)
Syracuse 1, Toronto 0 (Syracuse leads 3-2)
American Association Semi-Finals (Best-of-7)
Indianapolis 9, Monmouth 5 (Indianapolis wins 4-2)
Columbus at Louisville, postponed (Series tied 3-3)

By BEN PHEGAR
Associated Press Sports Writer
The Cleveland Indians and New York Giants open the World Series in the Polo Grounds a week from tomorrow and the flags in Florida probably are flying at half mast.

For the first time since baseball magnates became convinced their athletes would be better conditioned for the 154-game grind with the help of warm sun and palm trees in the early spring, Florida doesn't have a World Series entry.

The Indians and Giants shunned the orange juice circuit for the sands and sun of Arizona. With only the Chicago Cubs and Baltimore Orioles around for major league companions, the two clubs played each other often enough to know the players by heart.

On their barnstorming tour back to the majors the Giants whipped the Indians 13 times in 21 games, often by such scores as 20-14 or 13-9.

ALL-TIME HIGH
Al Lopez flatly predicted a pennant for his Indians and made good as of last Saturday. Now he's after a new all-time high in victories.

Leo Durocher said he never made predictions, then quickly added his Giants, with the return of Willie Mays, "will be a lot stronger."

"Brooklyn is the team to beat," Leo said in April.

He followed his own advice. He beat them opening day with Willie Mays hitting a 425 foot home run and last night in Ebbets Field, home of the Dodgers, Durocher's men clinched the pennant with a 7-1 victory.

Appropriately Willie Mays picked the occasion to take over the Na-

tional League batting lead with three hits. The "Say Hey" kid, released from the Army just in time to reach training camp, is battering the ball at a 3.44 clip.

SCATTERED
Sal "The Barber" Maglie was razor sharp as he scattered five hits. The only Brooklyn run came in the third when Maglie's control deserted him momentarily and he walked Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider with two out. Gil Hodges followed with what started out to be a routine fly, then it sank rapidly in the murky night and fell just in front of Mays, who made a belly slide on the slick turf.

The Giants jumped off to a two run lead in the first inning on a walk to Whitey Lockman, Al Dark's single followed by a sacrifice and singles by Mays and Hank Thompson.

Don Mueller's single and doubles by Thompson and Monte Irvin produced two more in the sixth and wrapped up the flag for sure.

BETTER OUTFIT
Durocher called his team a better outfit than the 1951 pennant winners who caught Brooklyn and won in a playoff after being far behind in mid-August. Wait Alston, freshman manager of the losing Dodgers, congratulated Leo and said: "There is a lot of difference between those two teams, mine and his. I only hope he can go out now and beat Cleveland."

While the Giants were clinching their flag, the Indians won their 11th straight and ran their victory total to 109, only one short of the American League record set by the 1927 Yankees.

Bobby Feller pitched the Indians to a 7-4 triumph over the Chicago White Sox with the help of home runs by Larry Doby and Vic Wertz. Cleveland has five more games to play.

TIGHTENED
The battles for fourth place, and its share of the rich World Series loot, tightened in both Leagues. Cincinnati split with Milwaukee, winning 3-1 after losing 6-2, and holds a two game lead over St. Louis. The Cardinals defeated Chicago 7-2 with five runs in the 10th inning. The idle Philadelphia Phil-

BOWLING SCORES

MOOSE MA'S	W	L
Lucky Lanes Fountain	7	1
Bing's Fountain	6	2
Schneider's	5	3
Louie's Food	3	5
Suburban Flower	3	5
Farmer's Lumber	1	7
So. Oregon Music	1	7
Klamath Flower	1	7

Lucky Lanes maintained their lead of the Moose Ma's league after last night's action, by taking four straight games from Klamath Flower to give them a 7-1 record.

In team scoring, the Lucky Lanes team swept both events as they rolled a single line total of 600, and then combined three line scores for top series honors with a 2529 pin total. Runnerup in both divisions went to Bing's Fountain with a 865 high game and a 2482 series.

Individual action was led by Millie Sheehy as she rolled a 203 high single game and then swept series laurels with her 499 three line total. Elaine Pickerrill was runnerup to Millie Sheehy in both events with her 180 single game and 488 series.

Splits were picked up by Bev Evans, the 67-10, Gladys Bingham the 5-7 and Joyce Ross the 5-8-10 to add further action to last night's league play.

NEW YORK — Luther Rawlings, 148, Chicago, stopped Frankie Fernandez, 144 2/3, Honolulu, 2.

BROOKLYN — Hector Constance 147 1/3, Trinidad, outpointed Chico Varona, 150, Cuba, 10.

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lies are less than half a percentage point behind the Cardinals.

Boston held fourth in the American League with a 5-2 triumph over the Athletics. Detroit, half a game back of the Red Sox, defeated Baltimore 4-3 and Washington, another half game behind, shaded the Yanks 3-2.

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