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Brooklyn Remembers Disastrous '51 Close

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NEW YORK (UP)—You can't blame the Brooklyn Dodgers for playing two seasons at once but PeeWee Reese insisted today that "harrowing total collapse" the team won't lose this season as it did in 1951.

Give-A-Way Rescheduled For Race Fans

Klamath Racing Association, disappointed over the fact of not losing any of their \$1,000 in last week's give-away, have rescheduled the money event as a special attraction for this Friday night's hardtop racing show.

Time trials are set for 7 o'clock and the first race of the evening will open one hour later at 8 o'clock. The admission charge is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Last Friday evening, Lucille Bender of Klamath Falls was the lucky ticket holder and made a desperate attempt of sweeping clean the \$1,000 prize, but before she could complete the course, the lead became too heavy and she dropped the loot-filled bag.

Hardtop officials guessed Mrs. Bender had over \$500 in the cloth sack. The contestant has three minutes in which to stuff the sack with change, then she must walk a straight line back to the finish line without stumbling, falling or dropping the sack.

Club president Benny Morrison said this week, this is just one way we can show our appreciation to the fans who have been helping us with the new track. When the event didn't pay-off last Friday night we decided to give some woman hardtop fan another crack at our money.

Besides the lucrative special event, there will be three or four heat races, the final heat if three heats are run, the two trophy dashes, a 15 lap B-main and a 25 lap A-main.

Last week, Johnny Hiltson won the main event and showed for the first time this season flashes of the old Johnny who walked off with last year's high point honors. So far this season Hiltson has had car troubles, but Friday night's performance added doubts as to the fact K-7 still has troubles.

All-American Preppers Meet

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Youngsters who hope to crash the headlines as future college stars meet here tonight in the seventh annual All-American Prep Football game.

The battle is expected to feature a pass-loaded West offense against the ground game of the speedy Eastern stars.

Sammy Baugh, former college and professional passing star is head coach for the West while Harold (Red) Drew, former Alabama coach, heads the East coaching staff.

The West has yet to win a game in this annual summer classic. Last year the two teams fought to a 6-6 tie, the best showing made by the west yet.

Rock Said In Shape
GROSSINGER, N.Y. (UP)—Harry Wills, a former boxing great, observed today that heavyweight Rocky Marciano is in wonderful shape for his title defense against Archie Moore on Sept. 20. But Wills said he thought the champ was "muscle bound in the legs and thighs and it's probably a result of too much road work."

time to time, particularly when we hit a slump," the little captain confessed. "It's still hard to realize that we blew that one."

"That one" was the penultimate game in which the Dodgers had a 13 1/2 game lead over the Giants at the top of the ninth and dropped it all in a playoff with the miracle Giants.

"I've been through a couple of them," Reese grinned wryly as he recalled the 9 1/2 game August slug which the Dodgers blew in 1942 to the Cardinals. "Sometimes, right now, it makes my meals look downright cold and I have trouble eating."

PANIC CHATTER
"But we'll win two or three in a row and stop all this 'panic' chatter," he added. "It doesn't seem possible that we could lose this one. This club hasn't let down, the players are hustling, we're getting good pitching and the only thing wrong is that we aren't hitting at the right time."

In answer to those who are predicting another el fold for the Dodgers, there are a number of statistics which stand out in cold rebuff.

The most important is that in 1951, the year of the great collapse, the Dodgers held only a six-game lead over the Giants at this exact stage of the pennant race. This is predicated on the exact number of games the Dodgers now have in the book—with a 12-game lead.

In a mere two-week span that season, they dropped seven and one-half games of their lead. From then on they rallied to fight right down to the wire. Two weeks ago they held a 16 1/2 game lead. They have dissipated 4 1/2 games of that lead.

NO TENSION
"But now we should be about ready to snap out of it," Reese explains. "Maybe it's a case of being so close to the woods that you can't see the trees, but I honestly can't feel any tension or see anybody being jittery on this club."

There is another great difference.

Back in 1951 the Giants were an inspired, hungry outfit convinced that they were destined to charge on to victory. They were led by a banking little man named Eddie Stanky and were getting yeoman service from such as Al Dark, Monte Irvin, Larry Jansen and Sal Maglie.

The challengers this time are the Milwaukee Braves. It's a different sort of outfit. They have been accused of being "spoiled" and it seems a certainty that they lack spark and aren't "hungry." Without such spurs to goad them on their task is virtually impossible.

It would be, apparently, even for those 1951 Giants considering that the Dodger edge is so much greater now than it was that season. As Reese insists, only "total collapse" could do it this time—and such will not be the case.

Maginnis Wins Golf Tournament

WEED — Dennis Maginnis, 12, Yreka, won the children's match play golf tournament staged at the Weed course Thursday morning, August 18, with a score of 51.

Richard Granstrom and Dennis Sbarbaro of Weed, scored second with a tie of 55.

The Weed Ladies Club is arranging plans for a Handicap tournament for the women players. A 36-hole tournament play is being scheduled with the limited time of play to be announced later.

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Portland Beavers Whip Hollywood, Rainiers Bounce S.F. Seals

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The San Francisco Seals gained a split in a Pacific Coast League doubleheader with Seattle last night despite a near case of apoplexy by their pitcher, Don Fracchia.

San Francisco blew a 4-0 lead in the opener and ex-Seal Leo Righetti sacrificed the coup de grace with a sacrifice fly that drove in the tie-breaking run in the seventh and final inning for a 5-4 victory.

But in the second game starting pitcher Fracchia had a 2-1 lead going into the top of the ninth and was determined not to lose it.

BLOWS STACK
With one out, Harvey Zernia hit one to the infield and Fracchia raced over to cover first. He fell down as he made the play and when umpire Cece Carlucci ruled Zernia safe, Fracchia blew his stack.

Leaping to his feet and waving his fist, he took one step toward the ump and collapsed. He lay virtually paralyzed and had to be packed off the field on a stretcher. The club trainer reported, however, that the young right-hander had suffered only a severe case of stomach cramps.

Bill Bradford took over and preserved the 2-1 win for Fracchia, although permitting a pair of singles for one run.

The split enabled Seattle to increase its lead to four games over the second place Hollywood Stars, who lost to Portland, 2-0, and to 3 1/2 games over third place San Diego, beaten by Oakland 5-3. Los Angeles edged Sacramento, 4-3.

In Hollywood, Beaver pitcher Bob Alexander blanked the Stars on four hits — the fourth time this season he has vanquished Hollywood.

BASES-EMPTY
Wally Westlake paced Portland's attack on loser Ben Wade with three hits, including a bases-empty homer in the sixth inning.

Oakland's Brooks Lawrence, on option from the St. Louis Cardinals, made his first appearance with the Oaks and walked away with credit for the victory. He replaced Tom Borland in the sixth inning with the score tied and allowed four hits the rest of the way.

The Pads scored all their runs off Borland on homers by Ray Jablonski, Buddy Peterson and Eddie Kazak.

Oakland chased loser Lloyd Dickey in the seventh inning, scoring the winning run on Russ Rose's sacrifice fly.

Ed Wincenak broke up a 3-3 ball game in the top of the ninth

inning in Sacramento with a home run over the left field fence. It was the seventh and last hit off Johnny Briggs who gave up only two earned runs.

Don Elston yielded nine hits in the eight innings he worked to gain his 15th victory. He came up with a sore thumb in the ninth inning and gave way to Turk Lown.

The Linescores
(1st Game)
Seattle 001 003 1-5 8 2
San Francisco 400 000 0-4 9 0
Judson, Blackwell (1), Kennedy (6) and Ginsberg; Walsh, Greenwood (8), Bradford (7) and Richey.

(2nd Game)
Seattle 100 000 0-1-2 9 2
San Francisco 000 200 0-1-3 9 0
Singleton, Judson (8) and Ginsberg; Fracchia, Bradford (9) and Tormay, Richey (4).

Oakland 000 012 110-5 10 1
San Diego 010 020 000-3 9 2

Portland, Lawrence (6) and Neal; Dickey, Thomason (7) and Aylward, Bailey (9).
Los Angeles 000 200 0-1-4 7 0
Sacramento 030 030 3-3 9 1
Elston, Lown (9) and Fanning; Briggs (14-12) and Baich.
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