

# Yanks Victors In Series Opener

## Casey Gambles With Lefties Against Bums

By LEO H. PETERSEN  
NEW YORK (UP)—Cocky Casey Stengel, having gambled and won with his first southpaw starter, nominated a second one, icy-nerved Tommy Byrne, to face the Brooklyn Dodgers today and put the New York Yankees two games up in the 1955 World Series.

Dodger Manager Walt Alton countered with right-hander Billy Loes, who has proven Brooklyn's most consistent pitcher during World Series competition against the Yankees.

Although no left-handed pitcher had gone the route against the Dodgers and won during the regular National League season, Stengel took a chance with left-hander Whitey Ford in the opener Wednesday and Ford was credited with the Yankees' 6-5 victory although right-hander Bob Grim mopped up in the ninth inning.

Stengel doesn't feel his pressing his luck with the left-handed Byrne today and neither do the

odds-makers, who have installed the Yankees 6-5 favorites for today's contest and 2-1 favorites to win their sixth world championship in seven seasons.

Byrne, at 35, has been "around the block," as the ballplayers say. He has pitched for the Chicago White Sox, Washington Senators and St. Louis Browns as well as for the Yankees and he isn't the kind who gets rattled in the clutch.

"I got a lot of faith in him," Stengel insists. "He won 16 games for me this year and he didn't pick on any one pitcher, either. He works against the toughest clubs in the league and he showed 'em all he was boss. He's what I call a brave pitcher. That's what I call a brave pitcher. That's what I call a brave pitcher."

UNPREDICTABLE  
Many observers believed that the unpredictable Loes, who pitched only one victory against the All-Star game this year, could hold the key to the Dodgers' series chances. If he stops the Yankees today, the Dodgers will square the series at one game and be in a strong position when the series shifts to Ebbets Field for three games starting Friday.

Loes, who had a 10-4 record during the season and completed only six games, raised Alton's hopes with two fine tune-up performances toward the tail-end of the campaign. Loes beat the Yankees in a World Series game in 1933 and pitched well against them in the 1952 classic, only to lose because of a balk and a grounder which he claimed he "lost in the sun."

Stengel, who was the picture of confidence before the series started, saw nothing to dampen his spirits Wednesday although he admitted he would like to see Mickey Mantle back in the lineup.

Mantle, hobbled by a pulled hamstring muscle in his right thigh, sat out Wednesday's game and wasn't very hopeful about seeing action in any of the future days.

"I felt worse today than I did yesterday," he said glumly, after Wednesday's contest. "I guess I tried to run too fast a little too quickly."

The Yankees didn't miss Mantle's bat too much in the opening game of the series as first baseman Joe Collins hammered two homers to drive in three runs and left fielder Elston Howard, first Negro ever to win a job with the Yankees, knocked in two runs with another homer.

HOMERS  
Duke Snider and Carl Furillo each homered for Brooklyn but unfortunately from the Dodgers' viewpoint, both blows came with the bases empty.

Big Don Newcombe, the Dodgers' 20-game winner, was no great

shakes Wednesday as the Yankees raked him for eight of their nine hits and shelled him from the mound after 5 2-3 innings.

Jackie Robinson, who may be putting in his last season with Brooklyn, supplied the most electrifying play of the game when he stole home in the eighth inning as Yankee catcher Yogi Berra angrily protested plate umpire Bill Summers' "safe" decision and looked for a brief moment like he might even climb all over the veteran arbiter.

Billy Martin, an old Dodger plague — he tied a series' record against them with a total of 12 hits in 1953 — took right up where he left off before entering service with a triple and a single. Following his sixth-inning triple, he tried to steal home with pinch hitter Ed Robinson at the plate but was thrown out.

"It was a dumb play," Martin admitted later. "I went on my own and I thought I had a good chance. But as it turned out, I outsmarted myself."

Stengel and Alton indicated there would be no change in either lineup for today's game.

The weather forecast was fair and cooler for the second game of the series and the attendance was expected to approach Wednesday's paid total of 63,869.

NEW YORK (UP)—Box score of the first 1955 World Series game:

NEW YORK (A)	AB	R	H	O	A
Bauer, rf	4	0	2	3	0
McDougal, 3b	4	0	0	4	0
Noren, cf	4	0	0	4	0
Berra, c	3	1	1	5	0
Furillo, rf	4	2	3	1	0
Hodges, lb	4	0	1	12	1
J. Robinson, 3b	4	2	1	0	2
Zimmer, 2b	2	0	1	1	3
Newcombe, p	3	0	0	0	1
Bowman, p	0	0	0	0	0
b-Keller	1	0	1	0	0
c-Hoak	0	0	0	0	0
Labine, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	10	24	13

at bat for Rizzuto in 6th when Martin put out trying to steal home.

Single for Besant in 8th.  
3-Run for Keller in 8th.  
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E — McDougal, RBI — Furillo, Zimmer, 2, Howard 2, Snider, Noren, Collins 3, J. Robinson stole home in 8th. 3B — Robinson, Martin, HR — Furillo, Howard, Snider, Collins 2, SB — Robinson, SP — Zimmer, DP — Zimmer-Hodges; Martin-Rizzuto-Collins; Hodges-Reese-Hodges, LOB — Brooklyn 9, New York 2, BB — Ford 4, Newcombe 2, SO — Newcombe 8 in 5 2-3; Besant 0 in 1-3; Ford 0 in 8; Grim 1 in 1; Labine 1 in 1. R&ER — Newcombe 6-6, Ford 5-3, Winner — Ford, Loser — Newcombe. U — Summers (A), plate: Ballanfant (N), 1B: Honoohick (A), 2B: Dascoli (N), 3B: Flaherty (A), left field: Donatelli (N), right field: T-2: 29. A-43,869.

CHICAGO (UP)—Gene Fullmer, a West Jordan, Utah batter who last week was ranked as the world's fourth middleweight, was another run-of-the-mill prize fighter today after a 10-round defeat at the hands of Bobby Boyd Wednesday night.

Boyd, a 22-year-old Chicagoan who has been knocked out four times and lost six of 43 matches, had no trouble with the Utah star who won 31 straight fights before he lost to Gil Turner and who since then has won two more bouts.

Fullmer, though, gave away weight at 154 pounds to Boyd's 151½, and he was at a disadvantage too in height and reach. Boyd took full advantage of these breaks to pile up points steadily with his counter-punching.

# Herald and News Sports

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## Durocher, Marion In Line For SL Position

By MILTON RICIMAN  
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NEW YORK (UP)—If their new general manager has his way, the St. Louis Cardinals' field manager for 1956 will be either Leo Durocher or Marty Marion.

The United Press has learned that Frank Lane, who resigned as general manager of the White Sox last Sunday and will be officially named general manager of the Cardinals within the next 72 hours, is going after Durocher or Marion, promptly signed as a talent contact with National Broadcasting Co. An NBC spokesman revealed Wednesday, however, that the studio "would not stand in his way" if he decided he wished to return to baseball.

It is known that Durocher has conferred with August (Gussie) Busch, president of the Cardinals, and Cardinal General Manager Dick Meyer since he left the Giants Sunday. Busch told Durocher the Cards would like to have him as their manager.

One thing Lane made clear in his negotiations with the Cardinals was that he was to have "full and complete say" in handling the personnel of the ball club if he took the job. Busch agreed that his hands would not be tied.

Lane leans toward Durocher as the man to replace Harry (The Hat) Walker at the Cardinal helm, but if Durocher makes good his determination to stay out of baseball—and even he admits he might "change my mind"—Marion is the man who Lane would like.

Only recently, Marion signed a contract to continue managing the White Sox during 1956 and 1957, but the White Sox undoubtedly would let him out of that contract if he so desired, just as they let Lane out of his contract which still had five years to run.

Marion, who led the White Sox to third place the past season, is "very, very happy" in Chicago, but he would be ecstatic with joy to go back to St. Louis.

## Italian Honeymoon

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UP)—Detroit Harvey Kuenn of the Detroit Tigers will go honeymooning in Italy with his bride, Dixie Ann Saretch, Miss Wisconsin of 1954, Kuenn disclosed Wednesday that he had been offered the honeymoon trip to Italy with all expenses paid if he will teach Italians the finer points of baseball.

## MINOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

Ring's Fountain Lunch	W	L
Al Longe to Bing's 4	6	6
Roundup Tavern	6	6
Roundup Tavern	6	6
Greens Mfg.	1	3
Al Longe Realtor	0	4

## MAJOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

Bill Davis' Associated	W	L
Pelican Motors	8	4
Al L. Johnson	7	5
Haley Herford	4	7
Gregory Wheeler	3	8

## Automotive League

Motor Investment	W	L
Quaker State Oil	7	5
Commercial Shell	7	5
Balsiger Motors	7	5
Bob's Union	7	5
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## So. Cal., Uclans Favorites

By HAL WOOD  
United Press Sports Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—On the basis of losses suffered by Stanford and UCLA over the past weekend, this department dropped from first to eighth in the national ratings of pigskin prognosticators.

But the season still is young and the battle for the national picking championship still is wide open—or we may make the Rose Bowl yet.

Last week had some time pointers. For instance, picked USC to beat Oregon by 30. It was by 28. Illinois over California by six. The Illinois won by seven. Even picked Fresno State to upset San Francisco State.

Of course these were somewhat offset by the Oregon State victory over Stanford and Maryland's win over UCLA. Our selection department has agreed there will be no more flukes like that.

USC over Texas: Some experts claim the Trojans "can be had." So don't think Texas is the club to do it. Jess Hill again has the horses. Now if they only will run in the right direction, the Trojans by 12.

UCLA over Washington State: "Those po' Cougars are going to suffer for that beating the Bruins received last week from Maryland. O' Red Sanders will be pouring it on — if he gets a chance — by 34.

Stanford over Ohio State — The upset of the week for the national TV viewers. Buckeyes had trouble last week with the weak Nebraska team, while Stanford was upset. But this Indian team has the makings of a pretty fair club. By seven.

California over Pennsylvania: Golden Bears, with young team are improving. Penn hasn't had it so good, either, losing last week to Virginia Poly. Cal by six.

Washington over Oregon: It may be that Coach Johnny Cherborg has come up with something. This Husky crew destroyed heavily-favored Minnesota last week, 30-0. Oregon smashed by USC, 20-0.

Idaho over Arizona, San Francisco State over Nevada, College of Pacific over Cincinnati, Wilworth over Western Washington, Pepperdine over Chico State, Pomona over Los Angeles State, San Diego State over Cal Poly, Santa Barbara over Occidental, Fresno State over Williamette, Humboldt State over Cal Aggies, College of Idaho over Linfield, Lewis & Clark over Central Washington.

NEW YORK (UP) — The New York Yankees were quoted as 6-5 favorites to win today's second game of the World Series and 2-1 picks over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series.

The odds against the Yankees making it in four straight are 6-1.

## TIME OUT



"Oh dear! To be caught right here on Flatbush Avenue when the Dodgers have just blown one!"

## Sports World Shorts

MONTREAL (UP) — J.C. Caroline, who won All-American honors at the University of Illinois two years ago, stepped in at the right halfback spot for the Montreal Alouettes of the Big Four Football Union today.

The speedy back signed a Montreal contract Wednesday and it was believed he agreed to take considerably less than the \$15,000 once promised him by the Toronto Argonauts.

Caroline was released by the Argonauts last week, allegedly because his abilities didn't measure up to his high price tag. The Alouettes took him on after the Ottawa Tiger-Cats both waived on him.

NEW YORK (UP) — Bill Terry hastened today to correct an inadvertent remark that was construed into a report that he had made an offer to buy the New York Giants.

"Yeah, I'd like to buy the Giants," his former manager, now a millionaire businessman, said. "But I've made no offer no I intend to make one for them. Nuts, there's a lot of things I'd like to have."

HAMBURG, Germany (UP) — Max Schmeling, who was warmly congratulated by the German press Wednesday on his 50th birthday, said today he plans to visit the United States in November.

"It will be just a private visit," he said. While in America he may purchase some cattle and hogs for his large farm near Hamburg.

The former heavyweight champion appears remarkably fit at 50, but he no longer talks of returning to the ring.

## Ore Tech, EOC Meet Here For OCC Open

Oregon Tech's Owls and the Mountaineers from Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande will kick off the Oregon Collegiate Conference football race this Saturday evening on the Modoc Field turf.

The grid encounter for the Owls will be their first step toward defending the co-championship earned last season when the Mile High Campus club finished in a dead-heat with the strong Oregon College of Education Wolves.

Head Coach Rex Hunsaker sent his chargers through regular drills this week as he prepared for another tough battle from the Owls' OCC opponents, who are definitely stronger this year than they were last season in dropping a lopsided 45-6 tilt to the locals.

So far this year, both clubs have found the going rough. The Owls faltered in their only game by dropping a 33-7 trounce to the semi-pro Seattle Ramblers, while EOC has been derailed twice, once by Westminster of Utah and last week by Yakima Junior College.

Although completely outclassed, and somewhat bewildered by the eridron savvy of the Seattle Ramblers last week, the Owls held more than their own as far as Hunsaker and his coach staff were concerned.

Especially pleasing was the showing of freshman end Al Van Leuven from North Bend and veteran guard Olen Ragan in the line. Backs Willie Stinson, Cal "Sugar Jet" Smith, Bill Farrell and Don Stonehill all looked promising for the season's first outing, and against the experienced power house of the nation's semi-pros.

Expected to be back in top shape this weekend is letterman quarterback Dave Thomas who sat out last week's opener against the Ramblers because of a leg injury. Hunsaker said early this week that Dave will probably be ready to go against the Mounties.

The squad came through the Seattle game with minor aches and pains, but all are expected to be in first-class condition by game time Saturday evening.

EOCE's coaching staff is led by Archie Dunsmoor who is in his first season as head man on the Eastern Oregon football scene. Assisting him is Dr. W. Douglas Spear.

The turnout for the Mounties this season numbered approximately 35, of which 15 were returning lettermen. Quarterbacks Jerry Brantow, Arlen Smith and Mel Victor, halfbacks Dick Quinn and Terry Greenmeyer, and fullbacks Richard Sherrill and Lowell Kolbaba lead the list of experienced footballers that greeted Dunsmoor.

Another added surprise package was on hand when Eastern Oregon's football picture began to take shape, the presence of Big Bill West. A two-year Oregon State football letterman, West returned from service with Uncle Sam and enrolled at EOC instead of Oregon State for his final two seasons of education and football activities.

West is a former La Grande High School athletic star. Another large turnout of football fans from all parts of the Basin is expected this Saturday night for the OTI-EOCE grid fracas.

Last Saturday's opener drew approximately 2,000 people, the largest number ever to attend an Oregon Tech home game. Hunsaker said he was not only pleased with the player's performances, but was glad to see the support of the "towns-people" behind the Tech squad.

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