

New York Yankees Win World Series Crown

Kucks, Berra Shine As Bombers Win 9-0

BROOKLYN (AP)—At least the end came quick and clean and decisive.

That's the best that can be said for Brooklyn today after its crushing 9-0 defeat by the new world champion New York Yankees in the seventh and final game of the 1956 World Series.

The worst that can be said about the Dodgers' worst humiliation in 44 series games with the Yankees is that it gave further evidence of a possible change in Brooklyn personnel next year.

In sharp contrast, the Yankees demonstrated in the series that they will be stronger than ever—a frightful thought for the rest of the American League. The splendid work of such young pitchers as Johnny Kucks, Tom Sturdivant, Bob Turley, Don Larsen and, of course, Whitey Ford, practically assures the Yankees of a powerful pitching staff to go along with the team's solid hitting and tight defense. Pitching was the one chink in the Yankees' mighty armor this year.

Young Kucks' brilliant three-hit shutout yesterday climaxed an astounding skein of pitching performances by Yankee hurlers in one of the most amazing turnabouts in series history. Unable to turn in four consecutive complete games at any time during the regular season, the Yankee staff which had used up 11 hurlers in the first two games, suddenly came through with five completions by five different pitchers.

FEARED SLUGGERS

In the last three games, Yankee pitching limited the National League champions to seven hits and a grand total of one run. Among them was Larsen's historic perfect performance in game No. 5. It's something the once feared Dodger sluggers will never be able to explain to the pitchers in their own league.

Brooklyn's once powerhouse array was held to a .198 batting mark in the seven games.

E. J. (Buzzie) Bavasi, the club's general manager, said:

"You can bet some changes will be made. But we're not going to become panicky. We've got a whole winter to think things out. Fortunately, we've got a fine crop of promising youngsters coming up, some of whom appear ready to step into last company."

Bavasi didn't single out any individuals but there was no doubt he was referring to such oldsters as Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Carl Furillo, Sal Maglie and Gil Hodges. The

latter, at 32, is the youngest of the sextet.

Only Duke Snider, with two singles, and Furillo, with one were able to fathom the curves, sliders and fast balls hurled at the Dodgers by the 23-year-old Kucks. In the meantime, Don Newcombe and Roger Craig, two of the five Dodger hurlers, were pulverized by a ferocious Yankee attack that included four home runs, two by Yogi Berra, another by Elston Howard and a final bludgeoning grand slammer by Bill Skowron.

LASTED LONGER

Newcombe, a 27-game winner, lasted a bit longer than he did in the second game of the series when he was driven from the mound with a barrage of base hits that gave the Yankees a 6-0 lead in less than two innings.

This time big Don lasted three innings. Until he was lifted with nobody out in the fourth, he had been clobbered for five runs on as many hits. Four of them came as a result of Berra's pair of two-run homers. The other was Howard's home run.

Skowron's base-clearing wallop came off Craig in the seventh after the tall right-hander had filled the bags with two bases on balls and a single to Billy Martin.

Berra's four runs batted in gave the sturdy receiver a total of 10 RBIs for the series, bettering the record of nine set previously by Lou Gehrig, another Yankee powerhouse, in 1928.

Kucks struck out only one and ironically, the victim was Robinson to end the game, the same Robinson whose clutch hit broke up a scoreless duel the previous day. Kucks, however, had the Brooks hitting the ball weakly into the dirt all afternoon. Only two balls, both caught by Howard in left field, reached the outfield besides the three singles.

Fights

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHTS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO — Spider Webb, 156, Chicago, outpointed Charlie Cotton, 154, Toledo, 10.

G. DeMoss Upset

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Grace DeMoss of Corvallis, Ore., the Oregon State champion, was knocked out of the running in the Trans-Mississippi Women's Golf Tournament Wednesday, losing a 2 and 1 match to Mrs. William Valentine Jr. of Palo Alto, Calif., an 11 handicapper.

Arizona Quarterback Leads Nation's Gridgers In Yards Gained

NEW YORK (UP)—Sophomore quarterback Ralph Hunsaker of Arizona clung to the national yardage lead today despite a major shakeup in the official college football statistics. Hunsaker racked up 120 yards

gained against Utah State on Saturday to run his total for the season to 628 yards gained. 554 passing and 74 rushing, according to figures released by the service bureau of the NCAA. John Brodie of Stanford is second with 541 yards. Brodie has played in only three games to completions, while Hill is the new rushing leader with 381 yards. Hill is a triple leader. In addition to holding the rushing lead, he's tops in points with 51 and in intercepted passes with five. To

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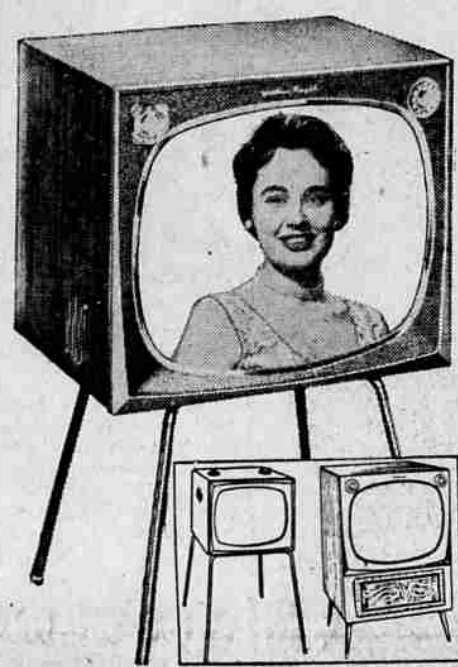
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