



COMPARE BATS — Dodger outfielders Willie Davis, left, and Frank Howard, compare bats before the start of the Dodgers-Mets game Wednesday night which the Dodgers won 1-0. Both bats will figure prominently in the World Series which opens in Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The Dodgers will fly to New York on Monday, Sept. 30.

Experts Give Yankees Slight Edge In Series

(EDITORS NOTE: The following is the first of three dispatches comparing the World Series rivals, the Yankees and the Dodgers. This story compares their offense; following stories will compare their defense and their pitching.)

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Rival managers Ralph Houk and Walt Alton are in complete agreement on one point — neither team has any real advantage over the other in a short series.

Both, of course, are referring to the forthcoming World Series between the Yankees and Dodgers.

Neutral observers, such as managers, scouts and players connected with teams that won't be in the Series, concede the Yankees a definite edge on offense despite the Dodgers' greater speed on the base paths.

Most of the Yankee edge, if not all of it, is based on pure power because there is virtually nothing to choose between them as far as aggregate batting averages are concerned.

The Yankees owned a .252 mark through games played Sept. 24 while the Dodgers showed .251. The big difference between the two clubs was in total homers up to that date. The Yankees had 186 to the Dodgers' 107.

Discounts Power Edge

"Okay, so we hit more homers than they did," says Houk. "What does that really prove? I've seen teams that were murdering the ball suddenly stop hitting in a World Series. And I've seen other teams who weren't hitting a lick suddenly break down the fences once the World Series started."

Despite the claim by both Houk and Alton that anything can happen in a short Series, if a game is settled by one blow the chances are it will be a Yankee hitter who settles it.

Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris are home run threats every time they step to the plate, and Mantle has the added advantage of being able to hit one out whether he's batting right-handed or left-handed.

Elston Howard, a prime candidate for the American League's most valuable player award, Joe Pepitone and Tom Tresh also are considered legitimate home run hitters, and no one on the

Dodger bench has the power to compare with such Yankee partisans as John Blanchard and Yogi Berra.

Have Only One

By comparison, the Dodgers have only one man likely to break up a ball game with one swing of the bat and that man is big Frank Howard, who can be pitched to more easily than most of the Yankee sluggers.

Next to Howard, Tommy Davis probably has the most power on the Dodgers unless you wish to include Moose Skovron, who had a disappointing season with only four homers this year.

There is one fact that thinks that the vastness of Chavez Ravine could cut down greatly on the Yankees' power advantage. Maybe so, but the first two games will be played at Yankee Stadium where the American League champions always are at their best, and the sixth and seventh games also, if they are necessary.

So there is no question that in the matter of home runs, anyway, the Yankees hold the upper hand.

Dodgers Have Speed

It's a different story on the base paths where the Yankees have no one to match the speed of Willie Davis or Maury Wills.

It should be borne in mind that Davis and Wills first have to get on base to do any damage. And it should also be remembered that Howard is no slouch at cutting runners down, nor do many rivals ever steal on southpaw Whitey Ford, who figures to pitch two and maybe even three of the games.

Another point worthwhile remembering is that the 1959 White Sox had speed to spare but it did them little good in the World Series against the Dodgers that year.

Given a choice, most managers would rather have the Yankees' power than the Dodgers' speed, especially in a short Series.

Houk and Alton still maintain neither team has any real advantage on offense.

QUICK K.O.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (UPI) — The quickest knockout in a nationally home-televized fight was over Mike Dejohn's 47-second kayo over Charley Powell at Syracuse, Nov. 6, 1959.

Pelicans View South Salem Movies As They Prep For Corvallis Clash

"What can you say after a game like that one?" summed up his feelings following a one-sided shellacking suffered at Salem.

"I don't know quite what happened," he continued, "we made a lot of mistakes and after view-

COAST FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Coach John Ralston said today he was gearing his Stanford defense to stop University of Oregon half-back Mel Renfro.

The Indians held a closed scrimmage Wednesday in preparation for the game here this Saturday against the Webfoots.

STOCKTON, Calif. (UPI) — The University of Pacific spent most of Wednesday's scrimmage working against West Texas State players. The Tigers meet West Texas Saturday at Canyon, Tex.

Coach John Rohde praised full-back Smiley Verduzen for his performance.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — San Jose State tackle Don Anderson will not see action this Saturday when the Spartans play Kansas State here.

Coach Bob Titchenal said Anderson's pulled hamstring on his left leg will definitely bench him for the Wildcat game.

BOISE, Idaho (UPI) — Two Idaho lettermen planned to fly a 43-man traveling squad west today for the big Saturday intersectional against top-rated Southern California in the Coliseum.

Coach Bud Wilkinson sent his nationally third-ranked Sooners through a lively two-hour workout Wednesday. The squad emphasized line play, tackling drills and pass defense.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — The Oregon State Beavers canceled practice Wednesday when a flu attack hit about 30 players and the entire seven man coaching staff.

Trainer Bill Robertson said today that he felt the squad would be able to practice today. Most of the players were in their residence and a few were in the infirmary.

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon's Ducks concentrated on ground defense today as they braced themselves for Stanford's running attack.

Center Ron Stratten returned to practice Wednesday after being out two weeks with a sprained neck.

SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI) — The Washington Huskies leave for

ing the films of the game last night, we feel that, to a great extent, we beat ourselves, although you have to give some credit to a surprisingly strong South Salem club."

All this week, double attention has been placed on fundamentals, and Williams indicated that his charges would taper off tonight by reviewing the film on last week's game again and then holding a skull session on what to expect from Corvallis, their Friday night foe.

The Pelicans have elected Steve Campbell and Chuck Mills as co-captains for the season.

A special pep rally is being held at Modoc Field tonight at 8 o'clock with the squad slated to leave at about 12:30 tomorrow for Corvallis and their clash with the Spartans.

Williams indicated that the flu bug has been plaguing the Pelicans throughout the week and as late as Thursday, Mills was still not at full capacity. Other than that, he said, they came through the South Salem game without any crippling injuries and should be at or near full strength for the Spartans.

Nomination for starting lineups were held up, however, until a final nose count on Friday to see who has escaped the flu bug or recovered from it.

In Corvallis, the Pelicans meet a club that is also seeking its first victory. However, Coach Lee Gustafson's Spartans looked impressive last week when they

rolled into a 13-0 lead over Albany only to have the Bulldogs roll back in the second half to gain a tie.

The previous week, Corvallis dropped a 21-0 clash to Medford. Even in this defeat, though, observers indicated that the score should have been closer.

Rick Olsson, a sophomore transfer from Albany, will get the call as signal caller for Corvallis against Klamath Falls. Bill Robertson, veteran quarterback, was injured in the Albany game. However, Olsson acquitted himself well, connecting on two of four passes for 16 yards, gaining 11 yards rushing in four carries, and scoring one of his team's two touchdowns.

Mark Gustafson scored the other Spart counter against Albany, and proved the squad's workhorse, reeling off 102 yards in 18 carries for a 5.9 average per carry.

All league halfback Dick Watenpaugh who missed the Albany game because of a knee injury may be ready for action again to bolster the Spartans backfield.

Tentative lineup for Corvallis will feature L. J. Fagnan and Jim Blackford at ends, Roger Hamlin and John Pittman at tackles, Dave Harris and Tom Emang, guards and Bob Fisher at center.

Besides Olsson at quarter, Dick Gerding and Gustafson will handle the halfback spots with either Watenpaugh, Greg Marks or Lynn Darroch slated for backfield duty.

Corvallis operates off the winged-T formation, using a split end to the strong side.

The clash is a non-conference game, but the Pelicans, smarting from last week's effort, will hit the turf determined to rack this one up in the victory column.

Apologies Given Band

ASTORIA (UPI) — Oregon Athletic Director Leo Harris has written a letter of apology to Astoria High School principal Robert Parcell because the school's band didn't get to perform last Saturday.

The band appeared at the Oregon-Penn State football game in Portland but did not perform at halftime because of an exhibition by golf professionals.

Harris said the university would pay the band's expenses for the trip and school Supt. Roy Seeborg said the offer would be accepted.

Mrs. Borst Leads Open

PORTLAND (UPI) — Defending champion Mrs. R. L. Borst continued her steady drive for the Oregon Women's Golf Association championship Wednesday with a 2 and 1 victory over Mrs. Fred Soller in quarter final action at the Oswego Lake Country Club.

Mrs. Borst's victory over the host club member sent her into the semifinals against Mrs. Russ Gustavson of the Oswego club. Mrs. Gustavson eked out a 1-up victory over Mrs. Les Darby of Riverside.

In another quarter final match Mrs. Tom Harrison, medalist from Waverley, defeated Mrs. Ray Scott, Columbia-Edgewater, 2 and 1. She met Mrs. Fred Cronin, Columbia-Edgewater, in a semi-final match. The latter won 5 and 3 over Mrs. William Colvin of the host club Wednesday.

Golf Picks J. Revolta

DUNEDIN, Fla. (UPI) — Johnny Revolta, 52-year-old pro at the Evanston, Ill., Golf Club, was named today to the PGA Hall of Fame.

Revolta was elected by the present members of the Hall of Fame.

He is the second golfer named to the Hall this year. Ralph Guldahl was named earlier in a nationwide vote by the PGA membership.

Fishing Report

PORTLAND (UPI) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Northwest: Salmon angling slowed at mouth of Columbia; Siletz and Alsea tidewater good for silvers; Siuslaw tidewater good for bluebacks.

Southwest: Sea-run cutthroat being taken on lines in lower Umpqua; lower Rogue has been excellent for salmon.

Central: Lower Deschutes fair for steelhead; Wickiup good for kokanee on troll.

Northeast: Columbia fair to good for steelhead and McNary area; Snake River excellent for smallmouth bass and channel catfish.

Southeast: Fish Lake in Harney County good.

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