

Dodgers Bow To Yankees In Series Opener

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Five Counters In Fifth Gives New Yorkers 5-3 Win

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The greatest World Series crowd ever—72,365 paid—packed Yankee Stadium today to see New York Yankees win the opener of the 1947 classic from Brooklyn 5-3 when Brooklyn's 21-year-old pitching prodigy, Ralph Branca, blew sky high in a fateful fifth inning.

The favored Yankees poured all their runs across in the one wild, ragged frame in which they more than battled around on three hits, three walks and a hit batsman. Branca, the 21-game winner, departed in the midst of the holocaust. Except for the single eruption, the winners got only one other man on base, on a single by Phil Rizzuto in the seventh.

Seldom has a World Series game gone up the spout more quickly. After an hour's play in a chill, windy weather the Dodgers were out in front 1-0, and winging. The tall Branca, his fast ball whistling and his curve crackling, hit out the first dozen Yankees down in order, striking out five of them.

Twenty-one minutes later the worst had happened to the National Leaguers and the game was beyond recall. Manager Burt Shotton's boys hustled up a couple more runs later off Joe Page, the second Yankee hurler, but they never had a chance to catch up. Frank Shea, brilliant Yankee freshman pitcher, received credit for the victory after being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the big fifth.

The record crowd, which included 8,000 standees, surpassed the previous high turnout of 69,990 which witnessed a game of the 1943 playoffs at the Stadium between the Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. Gross receipts of \$325,820 also established a series high, the previous best having been \$269,408 during the '42 series, also between the Yankees and Cardinals.

A Good Show
Except for the one frightful inning, the two teams put on an exhibition worthy of the \$166,172 which accrued to the players' pool. Both sides fielded flawless plays, particularly a couple of catches by Carl Furillo, substitute Dodger centerfielder, late in the game.

Only Branca had regained his poise after Joe DiMaggio scratched the Yankees' first hit off him to open the fifth, the contest might have gone down as a near-draw, but the young pitcher, from Mt. Vernon, N. Y., had it bad, and there was no saving him. DiMaggio's hit was a deep ground ball between third and short, which Phil Reese of the Yankees hauled down but couldn't throw in time for a close play. With that Branca took off. He tossed four straight balls to George McQuinn, one of them even close, his fifth pitch nearly beamed Billy Johnson, the Yankee third sacker, saving himself only by taking the ball on his arm.

With the bases reeking with Yankees, big Johnny Lindell, Yankee leftfielder, lined a hard double down the left-field line to bring DiMaggio and McQuinn across. When Branca followed with another walk to Rizzuto it looked like his departure was indicated, but Shotton decided to pitch the kid one more chance.

Bobby Brown, reserve Yankee infielder, went into hit for Shea, who up to that point had limited the Dodgers to two hits and a single run, the latter the direct result of some fancy base running by Jackie Robinson, Negro first baseman, in the opening frame.

Branca reared back and sent his ball past Brown, and that was all for him. Hank Behrman, another right-hander, took over. He managed to get one strike across, but then issued a pass for Rizzuto in Johnson with the Yankees' third tally.

George Stinewiss hit into a force play, Robinson to Bruce Edwards, the Dodger catcher, for the first out of the inning. Tommy Henrich, Yankee rightfielder, followed with a clean single into left centre on which Rizzuto and Brown easily scored with what proved to be the winning runs. When Pete Reiser hit to Shea, Robinson was run down between second and third but he made such a tussle of it that Reiser was able to sneak to second. When Pete Reiser hit to Shea, Robinson was run down between second and third but he made such a tussle of it that Reiser was able to sneak to second. When Pete Reiser hit to Shea, Robinson was run down between second and third but he made such a tussle of it that Reiser was able to sneak to second.

That was the last Dodger scoring until the sixth, when they shoved another run across on

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IN THE CORNER

Expect Rugged Action In Tonight's Wrestling Card

Fold up by wet grounds last Sunday Rovers and Legion will attempt to settle City Baseball League supremacy this afternoon at the Park diamond in a sudden-death encounter, and consensus of opinion among the fans is that the season's ball finale will furnish a close-played game all the way.

Neither squad are willing to make any predictions on the outcome. Each respects the other's ability immensely and each will try to jump into an early lead, a lead they feel will be margin enough to cop the honors.

There seems little doubt that Elmer Larter, with an undefeated season's record will toe the slab for the northern team while Legionnaires will likely lose "Lefty" McAleer in against the Rovers club, and both can spell a lot of grief to rival batsmen.

Later, with uncanny control and change of pace that continually keeps the hitters off balance will be, very, very tough, while McAleer, able to blaze in fast breaking hooks for the entire distance, and as stouthearted a hurler as ever, test the rubber will be equally difficult for the Rovers.

Both are considered the best of local hurlers produced in recent years and the game cannot shape up as anything else but a hurling duel. If the defense of both squads are up to the task, there is no reason to believe they shouldn't be, it is bound to be a low scoring battle with the breaks, as has been the case all through this year's playoffs likely to play an important part in deciding the outcome.

Another event that is attracting a lot of interest is the appearance at the Forum tonight in a wrestling role of Two-Ton Tony Galento, one time challenger for the world's heavyweight boxing championship, but for the past six months performing with the wrestlers and chalking up quite a number of mat victories in his new role.

The swaggering, loud-mouthed Galento who at the same time possesses lions of courage, has been packing the fans in with every performance and always gives a good show to the customers. In meeting Ivan Kalmikoff, a European wrestler, Galento will face an equally rugged opponent and the bout should provide loads of action.

While Len Hughes and Bull Curry have been relegated to a semi-final role, their battle is very apt to steal the show. It is a known fact that there is plenty of hard feeling existing between the pair of wrestlers; their meetings usually produce a bit of everything that goes to make up the wrestling game and tonight's clash should be rugged all the way through.

Riverside race track will also draw a large crowd of spectators to its harness racing meeting this afternoon. According to the railbirds who have been following the trotters and pacers all season long today's card should provide close, split-up racing in every class and with a running and farmers' race as added attractions the program looks to be an attractive one for harness followers.

And Jackie Robinson, first negro player ever to make the big leagues, proved himself a player of the highest calibre yesterday in the Dodgers' defeat. For the first few innings Robinson stole the show with his work on the base-paths and now that Yankees have witnessed some of the first sacker's basepath lightning he will be even more closely marked from now on.

The series continues today. Yesterday's crowd of 72,000 fans saw a tightly-knit ball game all the way and today with the Dodgers seeking to get back into the running it is likely that another record breaking attendance will be on hand for the second chapter of the "subway series."



TONY GALENTO

Bowling

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

Hot Shots:—
M. L. McAleer 181 201 159
Miss M. E. Stewart 100 126 177
Mrs. J. M. Graham 87 121 135
D. N. Bell 143 144 80
Low Score 114 121 102
Total—1941.
Kilroys:—
R. J. Mahar 164 223 144
Miss M.C. MacDonell 149 161 134
L. A. MacLeod 173 218 159
Miss B. E. Nash 114 113 102
F. J. Shanahan 194 170 165
Total—2373.
High single R. J. Mahar 223.
High three L. A. MacLeod 250.
Points: Hot Shots 0; Kilroys 5.

Blue Bloods:—
A. W. Rogers 161 183 139
Miss M. F. Dowling 165 196 119
J. R. Morris 225 230 187
Miss H. A. Stewart 137 90 149
C. T. Donovan 188 133 146
Total—2448.
Hi-Jinx:—
Nell MacLeod 122 114 154
W. J. Jenkins 124 114 122
R. E. Trainor 130 117 180
Miss N. E. McMahon 157 151 122
Miss J. E. Grant 132 170 173
Total—2152.
High single J. R. Morris 230.
High three J. R. Morris 642.
Points: Blue Bloods 4; Hi-Jinx 1.

Hypertension Kids:—
L. J. Harper 204 158 149
D. G. Lewis 103 94 113
Dr. R. D. MacNeill 142 105 136
Miss F. H. Kaye 139 125 130
W. W. Kitson 169 185 153
Total—2022.
Brewers:—
F. J. Moran 120 136 174
J. J. Trainor 152 158 130
Miss J. E. Coady 114 153 157
E. G. Lewis 103 94 113
J. C. MacNeill 142 105 136
C. T. Ross 142 264 168
Total—2251.
High single J. R. Ross 264.
High three J. R. Ross 574.
Points: Kilroy 1; Brewers 4.

Mighty Atoms:—
W. F. Duffy 229 137 166
E. K. Kennedy 170 107 82
Miss C. A. Strang 102 98 90
D. J. Robertson 181 172 181
J. T. Robinson 126 97 126
Total—2076.
Manning Minnies:—
F. S. Carbonell 171 195 184
E. G. Lewis 103 94 113
Miss S. G. Jenkins 122 130 145
H. H. Hume 113 144 143
Low Score 113 130 143
Total—2253.
High single W. F. Duffy 229.
High three F. S. Carbonell and E. G. Lewis 550.
Points: Atoms 1-2; Minnies 3-2.

"We Got Beat" Dodgers' Manager Says, Nothing Else

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Manager Burton Edwin Shotton of the Dodgers put his hands on his hips, too, so much time it seemed he hadn't heard the question, and then said in that sharp, country-boy voice of his:

"We got beat. What is there to say but that."
Later, after the Dodgers in their dressing room used a good deal of private review of what had happened, he was smiling.

"If the curve ball that Johnny Lindell hit the fifth inning (with the bases loaded) had been outside instead of inside we'd still be in the ball game," said Shotton. "I would have liked to win it, certainly. But we aren't going to fold up."

"Nothing happened to Ralph Branca (who had pitched flawless ball up to the fifth inning). He just got the ball in the wrong place. That's because he's human."
As for Branca, he had been pale as a ghost and sweating before the game started. For four innings he had set the mighty Yankees down in order. Then the roof fell in.

Someone thought maybe the wind bothered him.
"I didn't even know which way the wind was blowing. You don't think I was scared, do you?"
No one did.

But Dixie Walker offered expert, outside testimony on the wind. "It was playing the fool with those balls," he said. "It was the worst you'll ever see. It was blowing more down on the gunners of those surroundings than the duck season opens and would like us to aid them in getting a duck dinner, so I say, country gunners, get wise!"

Signed,
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First game at Yankee Stadium, New York:
Brooklyn (N.L.) R H E
New York (A.L.) 5 6 0
Branca, Behrman (5), Casey (7) and Edwards; Shea, Page (6) and Berra.
Remaining schedule:
Second game, Wednesday, Oct. 1, at New York.
Third game, Thursday, Oct. 2, at Brooklyn.
Fourth game, Friday, Oct. 3, at Brooklyn.
Fifth game, if necessary, Saturday, Oct. 4, at Brooklyn.
Sixth game, if necessary, Sunday, Oct. 5, at New York.
Seventh game, if necessary, Monday, Oct. 6, at New York.
Financial figures:
Attendance—73,365.
Receipts—\$325,820.
Commissioner's share—\$48,874.30.
Players' share—\$166,172.64.
Clubs' share—\$55,290.88.
League's share—\$55,290.88.

Rovers and Legion will meet in a sudden-death game for the City League baseball title at the Victoria Park diamond this afternoon, league president Sam Doyle announced yesterday. Originally scheduled for last Sunday but postponed owing to wet grounds, the new date was announced after a conference yesterday with rival managers Fred Whalen and "Red" McInnis.
Game time is set for 2:30 sharp and a large crowd of fans are expected to watch the two evenly matched squads draw the curtain over this season's baseball activities. Starting pitchers will likely be Elmer Larter for the Rovers and Lefty McAleer for the Legion, moundmen who are very apt to be stungy with hits, due to the hooks and change of pace they both possess.
Fans are looking forward to a low scoring battle and if both teams come up with the brand of ball they have been exhibiting in the past month or so this will very likely be the case.

explaining how it happened that Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese stole second on him.
"That Robinson is plenty fast," Berra scowled, "but he also gets an advantage by having three left-handers follow him. You never can see him."

Bucky Harris Jubilant His Guess Right

(By Austin Bealmer)

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Sept. 30.—(AP)—"I could have been right or I could have been wrong," said manager Bucky Harris today after his New York Yankees had turned back Brooklyn Dodgers, 5-3 in the first game of the World Series, "but I took that chance."
The Yankee skipper was recalling the fifth inning when he lifted his starting pitcher, rookie Frank Shea, for a pinch-hitter in the midst of the Yankees' scoring spree.

"I was playing for the big inning," Harris disclosed jubilantly in his dressing room deep under mammoth Yankee Stadium.
"There was nothing wrong with Shea, but I took him out to keep the inning going. I knew Joe Page could handle it the rest of the way."

Harris named Allie Reynolds, a right-hander with a 19-8 record, as his starting pitcher tomorrow.
What surprised the Yankees was the sudden collapse of Ralph Branca after handoffing the American League champions for four innings.
"I was amazed at the way Branca blew," said Joe DiMaggio. "He was so good at first you couldn't see what he was throwing."
Catcher Yogi Berra was busy

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