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Old Jinx Working As Dodgers Wallop N. Y. Giants 17-7

(By The Canadian Press) Leo Durocher lead his Flatbush ballers to the most convincing victory recorded in the National League so far this season when his unpredictable Dodgers bounced their arch-rivals, the New York Giants 17-7 at Ebbets Field yesterday.

The Pittsburgh Pirates consolidated their hold on second place by edging out the Chicago Cubs 4-2, while the Cincinnati Reds squeezed out a 5-4 triumph over the Cardinals. In the only other N. L. game played, the Boston Braves dropped a 4-2 decision to Philadelphia.

The old Ebbets Field jinx and 20 Dodger hits smashed the league-leading New York Giants right between the eyes. Three times the Brooks battled all the way around. Nine men faced the Giant pitchers in the first, nine more in the second and a big 10 in the sixth when they exploded six runs.

Rookie Preston Ward hammered a grand slam homer in the second off Thornton Lee, a single in the fourth and a double in the sixth. Catcher Bruce Edwards joined the fun with four hits, three singles and a double. Pete Reiser drove in five runs, three on a homer in the sixth. Earlier, Pete hit a two-run triple.

Hank Sauer and Johnny Wyrostek joined forces today to break up a 14-inning ball game, the longest this season in the National League, and give Cincinnati Reds their victory.

Wyrostek doubled in the 14th and was chased home with the winning run by Sauer's single. Both had homered earlier in the game. Sauer's fifth career blow of the year coming in the eighth and deadlocking the game 4-4. Wyrostek hit his second homer of the season in the third inning.

A crowd of 2,232, which turned out in chilly weather for the game, saw Harry Gumbert pitch the final inning and gain credit for the victory after Kent Peterson, the second Redleg hurler of the day, had held the Cards hitless for the six previous frames.

Old Elmer Riddle did it again for Pittsburgh, scattering seven hits. It was the season's second win for 31-year-old Riddle, who last week blanked the Cubs 3-0 with a two-hitter.

The Pirates belted starter Hank Borowy, Paul Erickson and Emil Kush for 10 hits, including a double and two singles by Frankie Gustine.

Gustine drove across two runs and talked another himself. Frank homers by Dick Slater and Harry Walker enabled Philadelphia Phillies to pull out a win over Boston Braves to split a two-game series.

Slater put the Phils into a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning by launching a drive against the right field foul line. It caromed back onto the playing field for an automatic four-bagger.

In the next game, also against starter Johnny Beazley, Walker hit the first pitch into center field after Ralph Cabellero and Richie Ashburn had singled. The ball took a bad bounce past Jim Russell and went for an inside-the-park homer.

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Only Six Starters Likely In Running Of Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, April 29 (AP)—Only four horses were considered certain tonight to have a go at the terrible twins, Citation and Coaltown, in Saturday's 74th running of the Kentucky Derby.

It might be said that Warren Wright's Calumet Farm has turned the pages back 40 years, for it's necessary to thumb through a field of only six starters to find a field of only six starters in the \$100,000 classic.

When the final entries are dropped into the secretary's box at Churchill Downs tomorrow morning, the expectation is that these four brave animals will find themselves committed to the mile and a quarter tussle against the Calumet beauties: Ben Whitaker's My Request, W.L. Brann's Escudry, Mrs. J.P. Adams' Grandera, and R.W. McIlvain's Billings. Local bookmakers were reported still of-fense one of the four finishes better than third.

Two other colts, Dixiana Stables' Shy Guy and C.A. O'Neill's Galeo, remained among the "probables" but apparently only by courtesy of the management. Shy Guy's trainer, Jack Hodgins, said flatly he didn't think the horse belonged in the race, and O'Neill is toying with the thought of starting Galeo only if the track is fellock deep in mud.

Of the four steeds expected to challenge Coaltown and Citation, My Request bears the most distinguished record. Whitaker's colt is undefeated in four starts this year. He won the Wood Memorial and both experimental handicaps at Jamaica in recent weeks and chilled the hopes of a lot of other Derby nominees.

While it may not be good for the Mike Jacobs build-up, which will ask \$50 a copy for ringside seats for the match, Louis questions Walcott's ability to "make a fight" of this return go.

"I don't think he'll want to fight" the Bomber said, "I believe he'll try to run away. That makes it my job to catch him and tag him."

Louis leaves no doubt that he expects to win the fight by a knockout. "It takes time before you really get into the feel of a fight and can judge things," the champion says, "so right now I wouldn't name a round when it will end. After I move from here and train at Pompton Lakes for a couple of weeks, I'll know more about that."

The big question fight experts have raised about Louis' return bout with Walcott is the champion's ability to get into top condition. They cite his usual to keep his weight down to a respectable level. There isn't a scale in this camp, which is a luxury estate of Irving Roane, a Detroit businessman.

"I haven't weighed recently," Louis said, "but I'll go about 225 right now." When Louis won the heavyweight championship from Jim Braddock back in 1937, he weighed 197½ pounds. Last December against Walcott, the Bomber hit 211½, the highest of his career.

While on the subject of boxing, it was learned yesterday that another top-notch main bout has been added to the card scheduled for the Charlottetown Sporting Club next week. Promoter Joey MacDonald revealed that he has succeeded in signing "Ace" McClosky, former Charlottetown boy who holds the Maritime middleweight champion, for a ten-round engagement with Johnny Moreau, 160-pounder hailing from Bangor, Maine.

Completion of details in connection with this addition to the card may necessitate a further postponement in the date on which the card is to take place, but the promoter stated yesterday that the event would be held no later than Thursday, May 6th. Final details will be announced within the next few days.

Boxing news from other parts reveals that promoter Fred Thompson of Fredericton, N.B., has again lined up a good fight card for that town. He intends to bring Phil Rodrigue of Lewiston, Maine, back on May 7th for the main bout. This time he will be matched with Alvin Upenaw of Halifax, a middleweight who has had lots of experience and who has tangled with Rockyabye Ross who has fought a Canadian title fight against Wadsworth on the 1st at Glace Bay. "Coot" O'Rea, who showed much ability in a preliminary four round bout on the last card, is being shifted to semi-final position in a six-round bout against Ted Boucher, 17 pounds, a stable-mate of Rod-

Meeting Of Summerside Ball League

The Summerside Baseball League held its second general meeting of the year at the Town Hall last night with the president-elect, Herb Schurman, in the chair. Henry Landry was re-appointed as chairman of the grounds committee and Norman MacDonald as chairman of the schedule committee. A motion was passed to the effect that the purchasing power for League necessities be in charge of the president.

The executive was drawn up to comprise Mr. Schurman, the president; D. O. Stewart, the past president; Ralph Dodds, vice-president; John McNeill, secretary-treasurer, and two representatives from each team, Clarence Steele and Bob Schurman for the Red Sox, Gerard for the Legion, Bill Fridgen and Gregory Mulholland for the Kinsmen Juniors, and Flight Lieut. Stroud and Flying Officer Ross for the R.C.A.F.

On the adjournment of the general meeting an executive meeting was held. It was decided to have individual playing contracts drawn up for the players to sign, and no player will be able to go from one club to another without getting his official release from the management concerned. The first base-ball of the season will be played on the High School grounds in the form of a double header May 24th. In the afternoon the Red Sox will play the Legion and the nightcap will be between the Junior Kinsmen and the R.C.A.F. Tentative dates for League games were discussed and May 28th selected as the day for the League opening.

It was decided to charge admission to the new grandstand to be erected, 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The matter of selling season tickets for the grandstand was discussed at length but was left over until further information could be obtained on some of the angles involved.

It was decided to pay the umpire on a sliding scale, depending on the receipts of each game, and it is believed the umpires will fare better than last year under the new arrangement.

The deadline for playing rosters to be passed into the secretary was fixed at May 21st. The meeting was adjourned until May 6th at 7.30.

Settlement Reached In Junior Protest

TORONTO, April 29 (CP)—"It sounds interesting," said Barbara Ann Scott, commenting today on reports that the Canadian National Exhibition is planning to invite her to star in its grandstand show this summer.

"But what I'd like to know," she added, "is how are they going to keep ice frozen outdoors in the summer time. Knowing Toronto, I know how hot it can be at exhibition time."

Elwood Hughes, general manager of the C.N.E., said that putting a skating rink in front of the grandstand even in the heat of summer, would be a minor problem.

ericque's, "Corky" Agnew of Fredericton and Crosby Irvine from Saint John will open the event in a four-round preliminary and Jake MacDonald of McAdam, who has a peculiar style of boxing and is handled by Billie Yerxa, will be matched against "Slasher" Sullivan from Marysville.

From Amherst comes what is believed to be the first suggestion in the Maritimes for summer curling. From the standpoint of being a novelty the suggestion might meet with success, but it is hardly likely to catch-on and become popular. The idea appears no more fantastic than our weather, however, and in the words of Dave (Monoton Times) McKay, by the time the summer of 1949 rolls around there may be a chance that sweating broomwielders may leave the curling rinks to cool off at the beaches.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN
Washington... 001 011 1000 4 4 1
New York... 010 111 0001 5 5 3
(10 innings)
Hudson, Ferrick (8); Thompson (10) and Early, Evans (10); Shea, Page (7) and Berra, Niarhos (9); Boston... 221 002 004 11 9 0

Philadelphia... 000 110 120 5 10 0
Johnson, Dobson (8) and Tebbetz, McCahan, Kellner (2), C. Harris (8) Savage (10) and Rosar. Cleveland... 100 010 300 5 13 1
St. Louis... 000 100 100 2 8 2
Lemon and Hegan; Fanning, Stephen (8) and Moss.

Chicago... 003 001 100 5 8 1
Detroit... 001 003 000 4 8 1
Haynes, Pearson (7) and Robinson; Houtteman, Pierce (8) and Swift, Wagner (8).
Games Friday: New York at Boston; Philadelphia at Washington (night); Chicago at Detroit; Cleveland at St. Louis.

NATIONAL
New York... 320 100 700 7 7 0
Brooklyn... 440 116 01x 17 20 1
Jones, Lee (1) Hartung (2) McGowan (6) Hansen (6) Hallitt (7) and Westrum; Roe, Ramsdell (2) Branca (2) and Edwards.
Philadelphia... 000 000 130 4 6 1
Boston... 000 010 010 2 8 1
Rowe and Semlinick; Beazley, Hogue (9) and Masl.
Pittsburgh... 002 002 000 4 10 0
Chicago... 010 010 000 2 7 0
Riddle and Klutz, Borowy, Erickson (6) Kush (8) and McCullough.

St. Louis... 4 7 0
Cincinnati... 5 15 0
(14 innings)
Munger, Johnson (10) Wilks (10) and Rice; Rafensberger, Gumbert (14) and Lamanno, Williams (7).
Games Friday: Boston at New York; Brooklyn at Philadelphia (night); St. Louis at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at Chicago.

INTERNATIONAL
Buffalo... 100 000 020 3 5 2
Syracuse... 010 020 40x 7 6 1
Shirley, Silverman (5) and Tabacheck; Debber and West.
Rochester... 030 002 001 6 11 1
Jersey City... 000 241 00x 7 7 1
Reeder, Blake (5) and Fusselman; Kraus, Cain (9) and Yvars.
Toronto at Newark postponed, wet grounds.
Montreal... 002 101 012-7 11 2
Baltimore... 000 000 000-0 4 4 4
Behrman and Dapper; Wittig, Wolpert (9) and Robinson.

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Cleveland Tacks Up Sixth Victory With 5-2 Win Over Browns

(By The Canadian Press) Cleveland's "red-hot" Indians, with manager Lou Boudreau setting a shining example, backed up their sixth consecutive American League victory yesterday without a setback when they polished off the fourth place St. Louis Browns, 5-2.

The Boston Red Sox, pre-season co-favorites with the New York Yankees, came out of their slump with a bang to hand the Philadelphia's a resounding 11-5 drubbing. The Yanks moved into second place by edging out the Washington Senators, 5-4.

Steve O'Neil's Detroit Tigers, who started the season with three straight wins, lost their fifth straight yesterday when they dropped a 5-4 decision to the White Sox.

Lou Boudreau pointed four straight hits including a double and a home run to spark Cleveland to a verdict over St. Louis Browns.

The shortstop-manager drove in three runs and also made a brilliant play in the field before a disappointed crowd of 3,620 fans in the opener of a two-game American League series.

Bob Lemon went the route for the Indians and the eight hits he scattered included catcher Les Moss' first homer of the season, which came in the seventh inning.

The Joe Di Maggio-Joe Page combination won the game for the Yankees in 10 innings over Washington. It was the fourth straight victory for the world champs.

Di Maggio drove home Bobby Brown with the tie-breaking run with a long fly to centre after the Bombers loaded the bases on rookie Forrest Thompson with one out. Brown opened with an infield single off first baseman Mickey Vernon's glove. Tommy Henrich had a life when second baseman Al Kousser dropped a throw on an attempted force play, and Charley Keller walked.

Despite homers by George McManis in the second, Keller in the fourth and Yogi Berra in the sixth, Frank Shea couldn't go the route. Catcher Aaron Robinson's perfect day at bat today carried the White Sox to their second victory in eight starts.

Sault St. Marie Wins Hoop Opener

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., April 29 (CP)—Sault Collegiate Grout took a commanding lead in their Eastern Canada Intermediate "A" basketball finals with Montreal Montrealers, here tonight, shelacking the Quebec and Eastern champions 55-24 in the first game of a total-points series at the Techno Gymnasium.

Vancouver Wins

WINNIPEG, April 29 (CP)—Vancouver Glover Leafs tonight gave British Columbia its 20th Western senior men's basketball crown since 1923, downing Winnipeg Paulins 66-44 before more than 3,000 fans in the deciding game on a best-of-three final.

Leafs captured the opening game Tuesday 67-61, but dropped the second contest 68-68 after five minutes overtime.

Tonight's victory gives them the right to meet Montreal Y. M. H. A. in the best-of-five Canadian final opening at Montreal Saturday night.

Robinson had a homer, double, single and walk, driving in three runs, as the Sox converted an eighth-inning lead into victory for right-hander Joe Haynes, who pitched six innings before retiring for a pinchhitter in the seventh.

Rookie George Vico, Detroit's first baseman, hit his fourth homer of the season with nobody aboard in the third inning.

Boston Red Sox were out-hit but four of their nine blows were homers and carried them to an easy victory over Philadelphia.

Ted Williams, Sam Mele, Joe Dobson and Jake Bones all connected for the circuit, each with a teammate on base.

Two of the Athletics' 10 hits were homers by Elmer Valo and Buddy Rosar, but neither was as damaging, coping with the bases empty.

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