

Dodgers Off Tightrope; Second Time In Two Years

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Los Angeles Dodgers manager Walter Alton led the team to a second straight year in which they won the National League pennant for the first time in two years.

It was the first time a team had won two consecutive league titles since Milwaukee Braves did it in 1957-58.

Los Angeles was only 1 1/2 games in front of Pittsburgh Pirates when manager Walter Alton led the Dodgers to Chicago for the first of the last 11 games.

Tension is old stuff in Dodger history since they moved to Los Angeles. In 1955, the pennant was not decided until the day before the season ended.

For Alton, this was his fourth National League crown since the club came to Los Angeles in 1958 and the sixth since he took charge of the team in Brooklyn in 1954.

GAINED LEAD SEPT. 11
The Dodgers took over the lead for good Sept. 11 when Sandy Koufax pitched his 23rd victory against Houston Astros.

Prospects were hardly bright when Los Angeles came off its previous trip. They trailed the Pirates and San Francisco Giants by three games Sept. 5. But the Dodgers put together an eight-game winning streak, their longest of the season. Included were the first two games in a battle at home with the Pirates.

Pittsburgh broke the string in the third game.

The Dodgers split four games with Philadelphia Phillies and then hit the road for the final drive.

It was a long and challenging year for the Dodgers.

A two-prong problem quickly developed when the team gathered at Vero Beach Feb. 27 for spring training. A couple of players were missing, and would stay missing for a full month. They were Koufax and Don Drysdale.

STAGED HOLDOUT
The pitching stars, who had won 49 games between them in 1965—Sandy had 26 and Don 23—staged one of the most famous holdouts in baseball history.

The pair combined negotia-

tions and asked for \$1,000,000 for three years, to be split evenly. Finally, on March 30, Sandy, Don and vice-president Buzzie Bavasi settled the matter, Sandy getting \$125,000 and Drysdale \$110,000.

They joined the club 12 days before the season began.

Prior to gaining first place for good, Los Angeles crept to the top of the standings Aug. 7—by a percentage point—and this time they blew a three-run lead the next day at Atlanta.

But the Dodgers remained in contention most of the way. The low mark came May 13 at Houston when they were fourth, seven games from the top.

Drysdale got off to his worst start as a Dodger. It wasn't so much Don's pitching as the lack of runs his mates got for him.

Veteran catcher John Roseboro also got off to a poor start but hit a hot streak from June 1 to July 17 and raised his batting average from .233 to .306.

INJURIES HURT
Injuries, as usual, hurt Ron Fairly had a rib cage injury that sidelined him a week or more.

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Chargers And Jets Remain Undefeated
By THE CANADIAN PRESS
San Diego Chargers and New York Jets kept their unbeaten streaks alive in the American Football League Sunday while Kansas City Chiefs had their broken at three games by defending champion Buffalo Bills.

Steven Tensl, playing before a hometown crowd at San Diego, tossed four touchdown passes to give the Chargers a 44-10 victory over the winless Miami Dolphins.

Buffalo, led by a great defensive unit and with quarterback Jack Kemp back in the groove after a slump, downed Chiefs 29-14 before a record Kansas City crowd of 43,885 who were watching their team's home opener.

Joe Namath fired two fourth-quarter touchdown passes then set up Jim Turner for a field goal with 32 seconds left in rallying New York to a 24-24 tie with Boston Patriots in one of the two cliffhangers of the day.

KICKS FIELD GOAL
Gary Kroner kicked a 46-yard field goal with 27 seconds left to give Denver Broncos a sensational 49-38 victory over Houston Oilers in the day's other game.

The upstart Dolphins kept San Diego off balance for the first half, taking a 10-6 lead. Then Tensl replaced veteran John Hadl at quarterback and pulled his team in front.

A New York Jets Namath was held in check for most of three periods. He exploded in the fourth quarter after Patriots had taken a 21-7 lead with a pair of second-half touchdowns.

Kansas City's defeat was the worst this year. The Chiefs had not been held below 31 points in winning four exhibition and two regular season contests.

RUNS UP THE FLAG
Ruth McDuff, 70, who plays Grandma Hanks in Pistols 'N' Petticoats, lays claim to being the oldest series regular in TV.

RECEIVES TROPHY
Hamilton Douglas, the chairman of the Provincial Legion Sport Committee, looks on as Earl MacFarlane, the winner of the P.E.I. Legion Golf Championship, receives the trophy.

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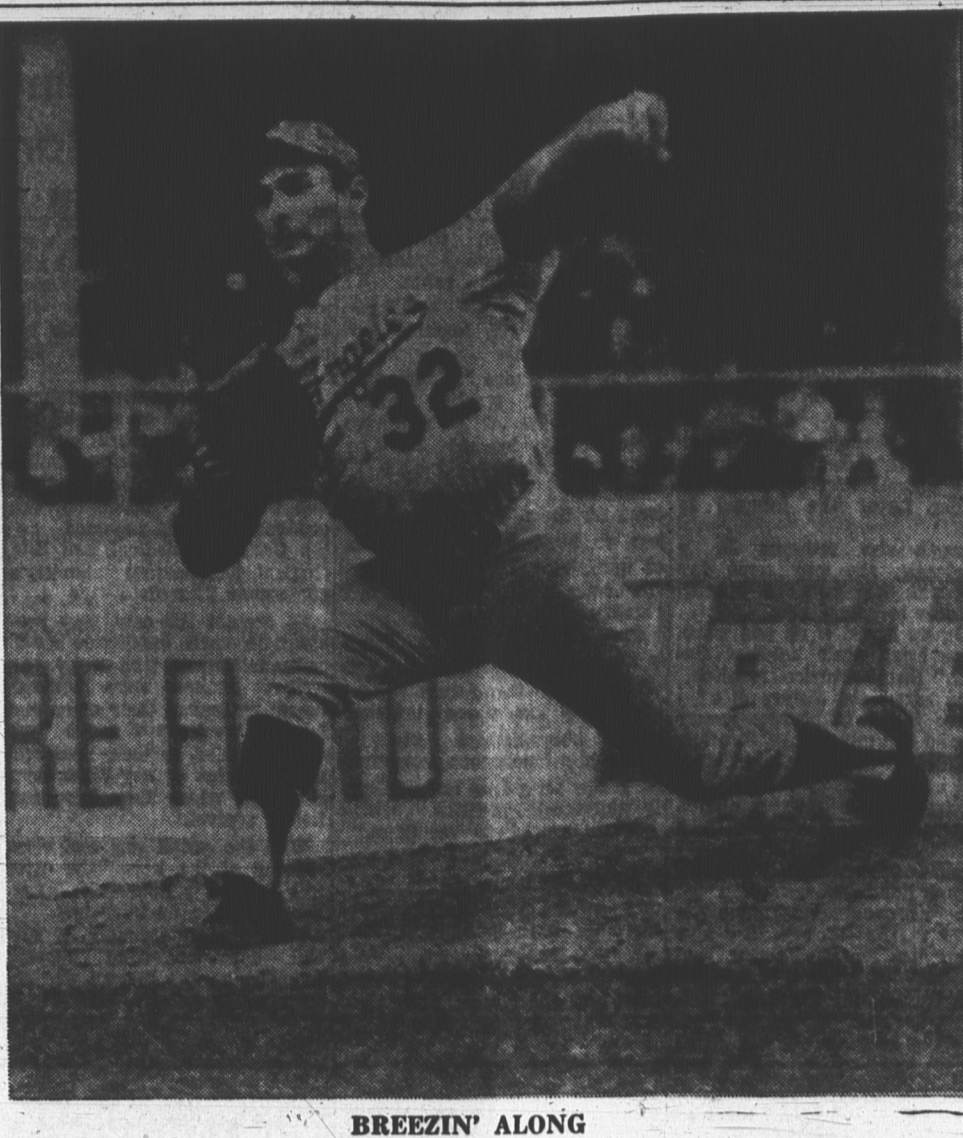
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BREEZIN' ALONG

Dodgers Win Pennant In 2nd Of Double Header

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers clinched their second consecutive National League pennant Sunday, beating Philadelphia Phillies 6-3 as Sandy Koufax, pitching for the first time this season with only two days rest, scattered seven hits.

Manager Walter Alton reluctantly called upon his brilliant left-hander to save the day after the Dodgers blew the first game of a doubleheader 4-3 on two throwing errors in the eighth inning.

With the second-place San Francisco Giants winning 7-3 in 11 innings over Pittsburgh Pirates, the Dodgers had to win the second game or send the regular season into an extra day for the second time in baseball history.

The Giants had a postponed game with Cincinnati, which would have been played today had the Dodgers lost two games to the Phillies and opened the door for San Francisco to tie the race.

There was little suspense in the nightcap, however, especially after the dramatics of the first game.

What little suspense there was came in the ninth inning. Koufax went into the inning with a four-hit, 6-0 lead, but the Phillies rallied for three runs and had Bill White at second with a no-out-two-run double.

STRIKES OUT 10
Koufax, however, bore down and struck out Bob Uecker, got pinch hitter Bobby Wine to ground out and fanned Jack Brandt for his 10th strikeout of the game.

In bringing his record to 27 victories, most of his career, and nine losses, Koufax duplicated his feat of last year when, working on just two days rest, he pitched a four-hitter as the Dodgers beat Milwaukee on the next-to-last day of the season and clinched the pennant.

The Dodgers' championship marks the first time a National League team has won two straight pennants since the Braves did it in 1957 and 1958.

Alton, who now has won six pennants in 13 years with the Dodgers, had hoped right-hander Don Drysdale would win the opener and clinch the pennant, so Koufax could rest for the opening of the World Series against the American League champion Baltimore Orioles in Los Angeles Wednesday.

But the Phillies forced his hand, and Koufax, if he is Alton's choice for the series' opener, again will have to work with two days rest instead of his regular three days.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Throwing errors in the eighth inning by pitcher Bob Miller and third baseman Ducky Schofield enabled Philadelphia Phillies to score two runs and beat Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3 Sunday in the first game of a doubleheader, and keep the Dodgers from clinching the National League pennant.

Los Angeles, needing only a single victory to wrap up its second straight pennant, led 3-2 as the Phillies came to bat in the eighth.

Rich Allen singled and raced all the way to third when Miller scooped up Bill White's sacrifice bunt and threw into centre field for an error. White wound up at second. That finished Miller and brought on the Dodgers' relief ace Phil Regan.

Regan intentionally walked Dick Groat, loading the bases. He got Cookie Rojas to tap a grounder toward Schofield at third. Schofield threw home in what seemed plenty of time to force Allen, but the slightly wide throw pulled catcher John Roseboro off the plate, allowing Allen to score and leaving the bases loaded.

Clay Dalrymple then hit a pop into short centre field under which five Los Angeles fielders converged, but the ball fell safely for a single, scoring White with the winning run. Regan, who has had 17 saves in a spectacular year of relief pitching, struck out Chris Short and retired the next two hitters to end the inning, but the damage was already done.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joey Jay capped an eighth-inning rally