

# Larsen Hurls Yanks To Lead With Perfect Game

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Larsen of the Yankees pitched the first perfect game in world series history and Mickey Mantle hit a telling home run Monday as the Yankees whipped the Dodgers 2-0 in the fifth world series game and took a 3-2 lead in the series. Larsen didn't give a hit or a walk. And not a Dodger reached first base.

beyond third as he was trapped on Mantle's grounder to first and the Dodgers turned it into a double play. The previous record for a starting pitcher in setting down the opposition in order was 22 in a row. Herb Pennock of the Yanks set it in 1927 against Pittsburgh. A. G. H. in 1927 against St. Louis. Schoolboy Rowe equalled it against St. Louis in 1934.

The series returns to Brooklyn's Ebbets Field for the sixth game Tuesday with either Johnny Kucks (18-9) or Bob Turley (8-4) slated to pitch for the Yanks against Don Newcombe (27-7) or Clem Labine (19-6).

**VICTOR'S LINER**  
It was a game of spectacular defensive plays on both sides, with the big crowd "ooing and aahing" almost every inning.

The first dazzer that brought the crowd to its feet came in the Dodger half of the second inning when Carey deflected Jackie Robinson's hot smash to the left of third base into the hands of Gil McDougald, who was coming over from short. Gil rifled the ball to first to nip Robinson by a half step and rob Jackie of what would have been a sure hit.

After Mantle's homer in the fourth, Yogi Berra drove a hot shot to center and Duke Snider came in on the dead run, dove, and caught the ball, rolling over on his shoulder in the grass.

**GREAT CATCH**  
Mickey then duplicated his rival centerfielder's defence gem with a beauty of his own in the Brooklyn fifth. With one away, Gil Hodges slammed the ball to deep

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PEE WEE REESE

history has there been a no-hit game, much less one in which a team failed to get a man on base. Larsen, a 6-foot, 4-inch native of Michigan City, Ind., who now lives in San Diego, Calif., pitched superbly with the peculiar no-windup style he adopted during the regular season. He struck out seven, including last man to face him, pinch hitter Dale Mitchell.

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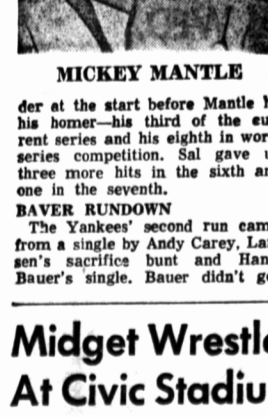
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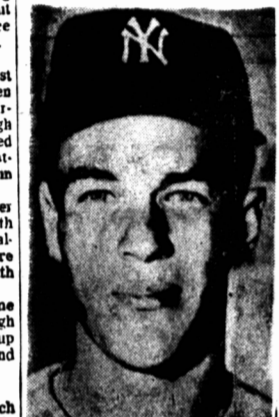
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**Colonel Dan Gets First Victory**  
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Col. Dan, a Fredericton horse, gained its first win of the season in harness racing here with the fastest time in Monday afternoon's program—2:13 4/5.

Bob Volo was the only double winner, finishing second in one dash but awarded first place when Shandon was set back for lapping at the wire. Single wins went to Dark Mercury, Totem Boy, Frank's Buffalo, Time Table and Orlan Adams.



ANDY CAREY

left center and Mantle made a great running, backhand catch of the ball as he was headed full tilt towards the bleachers.

The customers had hardly cooled off from that one when in the last half of the same inning Enos Slaughter walked, but was forced at second on Billy Martin's attempted sacrifice. Then McDougald drove a terrific liner over short. Pee Wee Reese leaped, deflected the ball, then caught it and threw to Hodges to double Martin off first.

Two long drives by Brooklyn batters missed being homers in the early innings, both going just outside the foul pole in right. Snider pulled one in that section in the fourth, and Sandy Amoros planted another foul in almost the same spot an inning later.

**BUTTE CHARGES**  
In addition to Robertson, major league pitchers credited with perfect games in regular season competition were John Richmond of Worcester against Cleveland and John Ward of Providence against Buffalo in the old National League in 1880; Denton T. (Cy) Young of Boston against Philadelphia in the American League in 1904; Adrian Joss of Cleveland against the White Sox in 1908 and Ernie Shore of the Boston Red Sox against Washington in 1917.

Shore's performance wasn't recognized for many years because he didn't start the game. Babe Ruth was the starting pitcher and he was chased from the game by the umpires after walking the first man, who later was retired trying to steal second. Shore relieved and didn't let a man reach base.

**Midget Wrestlers To Perform At Civic Stadium Tonight**  
Something new in the wrestling game for these parts will be seen at Summerdale Civic Stadium tonight. Midget Wrestlers, including Little Beaver who is the world champion and comes straight from Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, will be doing their stuff in Summerdale. Turner has it that the midgets put on the most dazzling, daredevil type of wrestling seen in the ring.

"Little Beaver" stands 42 inches high and weighs 92 pounds. Tiny Tim Girard, the smallest wrestler in the game, will also be seen at Civic Stadium. He is 3 feet 8 inches and tips the beams at 79 pounds. He is said to have one of the most perfectly proportioned bodies in the athletic world. He is also one of the few living men who can drop

kick and land on his own feet. Major Tom Thumb and Tiny Roe are the other members of the tag team. This show is a "must" for all wrestling fans, and even those who are not particularly sold on the grunt and groaner can hardly pass up a spectacular show of this kind. Some of the big boys including Manuel Cortez and Jackie Nicholson, will also stage bouts, but the midgets will naturally be the main attraction.

**Landy Expects To Be In Top Form For Olympics**  
MELBOURNE, Australia (Reuters)—Australian distance runner John Landy, who injured his leg recently, expects to be in top form again for the Olympic games after an encouraging training run during the weekend.

Landy, fastest miler in the world, moved more freely in his run and is hopeful his heel tendon trouble will clear up quickly.

He has been told by Gordon Pirie, Britain's distance runner who arrived here last week, of an "infallible cure." Neither described the cure but it is understood to consist of blistering the affected area with a poultice—similar to the old-fashioned racehorse practice of "firing the tendon."

## MAIN OBJECT WAS TO WIN

# Don Says He Was Weak In The Knees In Ninth

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP)—"I was so weak in the knees out there in the ninth inning, I thought I was going to faint."

Big Don Larsen, admittedly "in a daze," said he also mumbled a little prayer for help before he finally completed his perfect no-hit, no-run, no-man-to-first game against the Dodgers in the fifth world series game.

It was the first no-hit game in world series history and the first perfect game—no man reaching base.



DON LARSEN

first—since another obscure pitcher, Charles Robertson of the Chicago White Sox, did it in 1922 against the Detroit Tigers.

**KNEW FROM 7TH**  
Larsen said he realized in the seventh inning that he had a no-hitter going, but added: "I didn't get nervous—my main object was to win the game."

Then, he said, came the ninth, and he felt the full impact of his performance. "The thing I wanted to do was get out of the ninth inning," he said. "Once I mumbled a little prayer to myself, I said, 'please help me get through this.'"

The towering righthander from San Diego, Calif., said nobody on the Yankee bench mentioned he had a perfect game going.

"The only word said to me was by Yogi Berra," Larsen said. "Yogi hit me in the seat of the pants and said, 'go out there and let's get the first batter.'"

**MANTLE EXUBERANT**  
The Yankee dressing room—the dressing room of the "old pros"—was bedlam for the first time during the series.

Yogi grabbed Larsen around the neck. Mickey Mantle, normally quiet and retiring, let out a "Beautiful, beautiful," said Carey.

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Stengel, the Yankee manager, his creased face breaking into a broad smile. "This kid is a good pitcher."

Walter O'Malley, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, came in. **CREDITS BERRA**

"You beat us and I'm not happy about that," he said, elbowing his way through the crowd around the beaming pitcher. "I have to congratulate you—do me a favor will you? Sign this ball."

Larsen, who came to the Yankees in December, 1954, as an insignificant part of the 19-player deal with Baltimore which brought the Yankees Bob Turley, said Berra's crafty signal-calling and the Yankees' fine defensive play deserve equal credit for his feat.

"I was pitching fast balls and sliders mostly," he said. "But mainly I had pretty good control. I only shook off a couple of Yogi's signals, but he stuck with them, so I went ahead and pitched what he called, 'I'm glad of it.'"

**AMOROS, SNIDER CLOSE**  
The six-foot-four, 225-pound Californian said his heart sank when Sandy Amoros, the Brooklyn leftfielder, hit that shot in the fifth inning which went foul by inches into the righthand stands.

"I thought sure he had it," Don said, "and I also thought Duke Snider's long foul in the fourth might have gone in. I was relieved when the ump motioned 'foul.'"

Larsen was lavish in his praise of third baseman Andy Carey, who before Monday had been the "goat" of the series with fielding errors and impotence at bat. **CAREY REDEMPT**

"That was a great stop Andy made on Jackie Robinson's hot liner in the second inning," he said, "and he made a beautiful play on Gil Hodges in the eighth. They saved the game for me. And also Mickey Mantle's fine running catch of Hodges' hard-hit ball to left center in the fifth."

Larsen said he changed his delivery about two weeks ago to eliminate the windup. The absence of the routine pitchers' windup was a unique part of his delivery, as the 84,519 fans and the millions of others on television may have noted.

"I just decided I could pitch better without it," he said. "Nobody gave me the idea. I figured I could get better control. And I believe I can."

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CASEY STENDEL

his glove, faces the batter and lets fly.

**COOL BEFORE GAME**  
Known among his teammates as a good-time-Charley, the big righthander said he didn't fret and worry Sunday night about starting Monday's game.

"I drank a couple of beers and went to bed," he said. "What time?" somebody asked. "About midnight," Larsen replied.

Larsen was asked about some of the statistics of his historic feat. Did he know he only got as many as three balls on one Dodger batter—that being Reese in the first inning.

"Is that right?" he said. "No I didn't. But I did realize I was getting the first pitch across pretty well. That kept me ahead of most of the batters."

Did he know he pitched only a total of 97 pitches in retiring 27 straight men?

**ROBINSON A THREAT**  
"No, but I sure was scared of some of them. I think I was more afraid of Robinson than anybody else. But I knew they were all great hitters and might get to me at any minute."

"I was afraid of Snider, Hodges, Amoros—all of them."

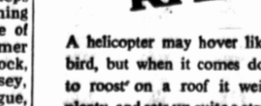
Until late this year, Larsen was almost excess baggage on the Yankees.

In 1954 at Baltimore, he won only three games while losing 21, the season's high for defeats.

In 1955 the Yankees sent him to Denver where he pitched well. Returning to the New York roster, he won eight of his last nine games and started the fourth world series game, being kayoed in the fourth.

He was also kayoed in the second inning of the wild second game this year at Ebbets Field—a game in which Stengel wound up using a total of seven pitchers.

Stengel said the Yankee players were popping up and down on



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**Yankees Made 3-1 Favorites**  
NEW YORK (AP)—With a 3-2 edge in games, New York Yankees Monday night were made 3-to-1 favorites to win the world series from Brooklyn. Today's sixth game was rated even in the betting—11 to 10 and four pick.

## BOX SCORE

NEW YORK (AP)—The official box score of the fifth game of the 1956 world series:

| BROOKLYN (N)  | AB | R | H | O  | A  | E |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Gilliam, 2b   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Reese, ss     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 4  | 2  | 0 |
| Snider, cf    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Robinson, 3b  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 4  | 0 |
| Hodges, 1b    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 1  | 0 |
| Amoros, lf    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Furillo, rf   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Campanella, c | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 2  | 0 |
| Maglie, p     | 2  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| A-Mitchell    | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Totals        | 27 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 10 | 0 |

| NEW YORK (A)  | AB | R | H | O  | A | E |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|
| Bauer, rf     | 1  | 0 | 1 | 4  | 0 | 0 |
| Collins, 1b   | 4  | 0 | 1 | 7  | 0 | 0 |
| Mantle, cf    | 3  | 1 | 4 | 0  | 0 | 0 |
| Berra, c      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 7  | 0 | 0 |
| Slaughter, lf | 2  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0 |
| Martin, 2b    | 3  | 0 | 1 | 3  | 4 | 0 |
| McDougald ss  | 2  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0 |
| Carey, 3b     | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 0 | 0 |
| Larsen, p     | 2  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0 |
| Totals        | 26 | 2 | 5 | 27 | 8 | 0 |

A-Called out on strikes for Maglie in 9th.

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New York (A) 000 101 000—2

RBI—Mantle, Bauer, HR—Mantle, S-Larsen, DP—Reese and Hodges; Hodges, Campanella, Robinson, Campanella and Robinson, Left-Fielder (N) 0, New York (A) 2. BB—Maglie 2, Slaughter, McDougald, SO—Larsen 7 (Gilliam, Reese, Hodges, Campanella, Snider, Maglie, Mitchell), Maglie 5 (Martin, Collins, Z. Larsen, Bauer), R-ER—Larsen 0, Maglie 2.3, W-Larsen, L-Magle, U - Pinell (N) Plate, Soar (A) first base, Boggess (N) second base, Napp (A) third base, Gorman (N) left field, Ruge (A) right field, T—2:02. A—64,519.

## SERIES FACTS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

| Standings     | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| New York (AL) | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Brooklyn (NL) | 2 | 3 | .400 |

Financial figures—fifth game  
Attendance—64,519  
Net—\$413,003.05  
Commissioner's office share — \$1,350.46  
Club's and leagues' share—\$351,652.59  
Total five games...  
Attendance—278,897  
Net—\$1,737,633.69  
Commissioner's office share — \$250,645.06  
Total players' share (first four games only)—\$693,561.63

Clubs' and leagues' share—\$801,427.00  
the bench in the ninth inning but weren't saying a word.

"I didn't say anything," Casey said. "Except on the last two outs we had a couple of arguments out-fielders wrong."

Stengel said he had Whitey Ford working in the bullpen.

"But I didn't need him," the crusty Yankee skipper added with a ring of seriousness. "Larsen did everything right. He even laid down a perfect bunt with two strikes on him."

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By TED SMITS

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