

CHARLEY NEAL (43) and Don Hoak rush into the fray started by Raul Sanchez and Jim Gilliam, and abetted by Roy Campanella at Ebbets Field the night of July 11.

PARTICIPANTS in the mass brawl included George Crowe (15) and Carl Furillo (bareheaded in group in left foreground); Catcher Smoky Burgess (upper right), held by Walt Alston, and the restrained Gilliam (lower right).

GIL HODGES (14) and other players restraining Hoak after hostilities had begun to cease. An alleged beanball tossed by Sanchez started the scrap.

Hoak and Neal Main Eventers in Mass Scrap

Gilliam and Sanchez Launch Ruckus, But Other Reds and Dodgers Join Battle

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It wasn't one of the better exhibitions of what the late W. O. McGeehan dubbed "The Manly Art of Modified Murder," but it was a dilly while it lasted.

Your temporary boxing expert is referring to the free-for-all, battle royal—or whatever one may want to call it—that was staged by the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds on the evening of Thursday, July 11, at Ebbets Field.

Back in the days not long after World War I, Humbert Fugazy used to stage fights in the old ball yard, featuring such outstanding "leather pushers" as Paul Berlenbach, just to mention one—and many others whose names do not come immediately to mind. But Fugazy's promotions were billed as fights and the customers came expecting to see fights—and were seldom disappointed.

The folks who came to Ebbets Field on July 11, however, arrived to witness a baseball game. That they also saw a fight was merely a dividend on the price of admission, and most of them thought it was a pretty fair dividend.

Neal and Hoak Principals

The principals—if this bout could be said to have been confined to two men, which it couldn't—were the Dodgers' Charley Neal and the Reds' Don Hoak. These two didn't start the fight but they did supply most of the fireworks.

First, perhaps the sequence of events should be set down. It went like this:

In the fifth inning, Jim Gilliam dragged a bunt down the first-base line and Raul Sanchez, the young Cuban righthanded pitcher, fielded the ball almost on the foul line.

Gilliam crashed into Sanchez a bit short of first base and sent Raul sprawling over the bag, where the pitcher dropped the ball.

In the seventh inning, Gilliam came to bat again. Sanchez threw one ball, then the next one went directly at Gilliam's head. On the next pitch, as virtually any observer knew would happen, Jim tried to drag another bunt.

He popped it foul and pretty obviously out of Sanchez' reach. But Raul went for it anyway and—also as expected—met Gilliam on the base line. The Dodger had the better momentum and in the collision Sanchez went down.

Gilliam paused briefly, setting himself for some punching, while Sanchez came to his feet. In another moment

Fines and Warnings From Giles Follow Hostilities at Ebbets Field

Pilots of All N. L. Teams 'Cautioned' to Prevent Rowdyism

CINCINNATI, O.—Warren Giles, National League president, not only slapped fines of \$100 each on two Reds and two Dodgers for their participation in the brawl at Ebbets Field, July 11, but warned the players that any repetition of the hostilities would be "dealt with severely."

At the same time, Giles asked the managers of all National League clubs to caution their players against "rowdyism," which the league president said, would bring suspensions.

In telegrams to Raul Sanchez and Don Hoak of the Reds and Charley Neal and Jim Gilliam of the Dodgers, July 12, Giles said:

"For your part in the melee at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, last night you are fined the sum of \$100, payable at league office prior to game time, July 17. Such actions are not a part of the game, are not helpful to what the game stands for and are not to be engaged in. Any revival of the affair or repetition will be dealt with more severely."

Earlier on July 12, Giles wired Hoak as follows:

"You are quoted in the morning paper here as saying you 'will get him in the ball park or outside.' The 'him,' no doubt, refers to Neal. I do not have the umpire's report of the incident at Brooklyn last night and will deal with it when I have that report. In view of the quotation in the morning paper, however, I feel impelled to advise you that any revival of the



Warren Giles

incident whether it be off the field or on the field will be considered a serious offense and dealt with accordingly. You owe it to yourself and your club not to revive the incident."

'Fisticuffs Have No Place in Game'

Giles' message to all National League managers said:

"I realize the tension under which games are played and the kind of pennant race we have where every play could mean a position in the race, but ball players are adults and can be aggressive and play hard without engaging in fisticuffs. Such activity has no place in the game and players have a responsibility to the millions of decent fans and the youngsters who do not want to think of baseball as a rowdy game and I do not intend to let National League games develop into brawls regardless of the tenseness of the race.

"Suspensions of players work a hardship on the whole club and in many cases on the fans. I know neither you nor your players want to lose the services of a key player because of some act that can be controlled, particularly where the loss of the player's services might affect the final standing of your club.

"I personally do not like suspensions as a form of penalty but will impose them if necessary to enforce discipline either in prolonged and serious arguments with umpires or in case of fights or a melee on the field.

"I am asking all managers to caution their players about this so we can have spirited, closely-contested games without rowdyism."

Giles' Edict Tough, Declare Pilots Tebbetts and Alston

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Managers Birdie Tebbetts of Cincinnati and Walter Alston of Brooklyn declared that they may be helpless to comply with National League President Warren Giles' edict making pilots responsible for future fights.

Tebbetts, suggesting a rule that any players not involved in a fight, who comes out on the field, be thrown out of the game, said, "I say let the umpires, coaches and managers break up the fights. Then there would be no difficulty. Otherwise, someone is going to be injured. If they put in such a rule and I still can't control my players, then I'd be remiss."

Alston, pointing out that it would be difficult for any manager to control his men once a free-for-all started, asked, "What am I supposed to do if someone pokes one of my players? Am I supposed to tell my player not to retaliate because I'm to be held responsible?"

Pointing out that all he could do was talk to his players, the Dodgers' skipper raised another question, "What can any manager do when there are 50 players running for each other?"

fered with Hoak's progress, Gil Hodges, always and forever a peacemaker, did. Big Gil, whose strength never really

has been tested, enveloped Hoak in his arms and all forward progress ceased as of that instant.

Shortly after the brawl Hoak, still incensed, was threatening that he would "get" Neal, "on the field or off of it." And at the time fiery Don rejected all suggestions that he might have cooled off by the next day.

"I'll Whip His Hide"

"I'll cool off like hell," he said. "I'll get him. I'll whip his hide and his wife won't know him when I get through."

But, as everybody knows by now, Don did cool off the next day. He may have been influenced by the wire he got from Warren Giles, the National League president, warning him not to go through with his published threat.

At any rate, Hoak was quoted as saying that "Charley is all right. I'd just as soon forget the whole thing now."

The inception of this affair wasn't on that night in Brooklyn. It started on the Dodgers' western trip when they visited Cincinnati. The boys, notably Campanella, insisted that Sanchez knocked them down repeatedly and Campy was pretty much irked by it.

Neal was hit in the back by a Sanchez pitch and Raul twice "lowered the boom" on Campy. That's

Don Ordered to 'Cool Off' on Fight Talk

Warnings Come From Frick, Giles and Paul After He Threatened 'To Get' Neal

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Don Hoak, the Cincinnati Redleg third baseman, made a promise. And, in short order, he received four telegrams warning him not to keep it.

Two came from Warren C. Giles, the National League president. The others were sent by Commissioner Ford Frick and Gabe Paul, the Cincinnati Redleg general manager. All carried the same implication: "Lay off or you'll be sorry."

Hoak's promise was to whip the Brooklyn Dodgers' Charley Neal "either off the field or on it." And, Hoak had added, "I'll muss up Neal's face so much that even his own wife won't recognize him."

The Redleg third baseman's vow for revenge came after he had been decked by what he termed a "sucker punch" thrown by Neal during a free-for-all between the Redlegs and Dodgers, July 11, in Ebbets Field.

And while the free-for-all may not be the last in the National League this season, it will, if Giles has his way, be the last in which the principals involved aren't dealt a suspension.

Hoak, along with Teammate Raul Sanchez, a rookie Cuban righthander, and Dodgers Jim Gilliam and Neal, was handed a \$100 fine for his role in the ruckus at Ebbets Field.

Penalties Will Be Stiffer

Since, though, Giles has promised that the penalty for such displays of rowdyism will be much stiffer.

In a telegram to National League clubs, the league president warned that suspensions would be forthcoming if there were recurrences of the recent fights on the field.

And, it was added, "managers should caution their players about this so we can have spirited, closely-contested games without rowdyism."

The pyrotechnics between the Redlegs and Dodgers on July 11 didn't explode until two were away in the seventh inning. But the spark had been smoldering since late in June, the last time the Dodgers visited Crosley Field.

That's when Roy Campanella, the Dodger catcher, left Cincinnati hurling charges that Sanchez, the rookie Cuban, threw "beanballs."

So it wasn't surprising that Sanchez should wind up as one of the principals in the Ebbets Field battle. And it wasn't surprising that a Sanchez pitch, which sailed dangerously

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Alston Warns Bums They Must Put Out 'Little Extra'

Brooks Take Brace After Long Clubhouse Meeting; Cimoli Follows Orders—and Hits Three-Nothing Pitch

By ROSCOE MCGOWEN
IN THE WEST WITH THE DODGERS.



Gino Cimoli

And your correspondent also is in a slight fog, as who wouldn't be, what with a prolonged absence from the Dodgers and the state of the National League race.

In many another year it would have been possible—and logical—to say that this western tour would be "the tell" on whether the Brooks were going to win another pennant. But who's going to be clairvoyant enough to say right now what club will be the winner in the five-sided battle among the Dodgers, Braves, Reds, Cardinals and Phillies? But what about these Dodgers? It may be that Walt Alston's confidence in their ability to win is undiminished.

However, the skipper, who had seen his heroes drop three straight games to the Phillies and then went into the All-Star affair and came out a losing manager, must have felt that his boys needed a little needling. At any rate, he kept them in the clubhouse for a pre-game meeting so long—and this was the night of the big brawl with the Reds, July 11—that there was no time for infield practice. So the Dodgers took the field "cold," then grew very hot indeed and wound up winning the thing.

Nobody, except the players themselves, knows what Alston had to say in this prolonged meeting—and they weren't talking.

This is not to imply that anybody came in for a severe castigation, for it does not appear that any of the Dodgers rated anything of that sort. But Alston, when it comes to a showdown, does not lack words to put over his points.

Let's just say that he reminded the Dodgers of the facts of life and that winning another pennant would require putting out a little extra.

"Putting out a little extra" was very well demonstrated in the "big brawl" game and perhaps even more so the following night in Roosevelt Stadium at Jersey City.

Gino Crosses Up the Pitcher

The Dodgers came up in the eighth inning of a 1 to 1 tie of a pitching duel between Don Newcombe and Johnny Klippstein. Jim Gilliam walked, Duke Snider fouled to the catcher and Elmer Valo singled to right, putting Gilliam off third base. This brought up Gino Cimoli and Klippstein threw three straight balls to him.

Cimoli then violated one of the cardinal rules of the pitchers' union by belting the three-nothing pitch to right-center field for a two-run triple to win the game.

"We finally got a guy to swing at one of those pitches after giving him the hit sign 25 or 30 times this year," said Billy Herman, Alston's first lieutenant.

"Most of the times they didn't swing at it, because I guess they'd rather get a base on balls."

Cimoli, exuberant about his big hit, pretty much corroborated the Brooklyn coach.

"I remember a couple of times when I got the hit sign on a three-nothing pitch," said Gino. "Once I missed it and the next time I popped up. But this time I didn't miss and, boy, it felt good."

Alston's comment on the situation revealed a logical attitude.

Alston Scorned Base on Balls

"A base on balls," he said, "wasn't going to do us any good at that point. We had a lot of chances if we let Cimoli swing. An infield out, a fly ball, or a hit could score the winning run. So we gave Gino the go-ahead and it worked out much better than we thought. Besides, if Cimoli had walked, that would have set up a force play all around—maybe a double play—and we'd have been out of it without a run."

The ineffable Mr. Newcombe, incidentally, enjoyed coming up with his ninth victory and his fifth in a row. He struck out seven Reds for a new season's high, pitched his eleventh complete game—tops for the league at the time—and failed to issue a pass for the fifth complete game he had worked.

The big lug is quite a pitcher—if your correspondent may be permitted to say so, or even if he isn't.

It also may have been a minor source of satisfaction for Newk to know that he had just run the Reds' losing streak to seven games—with, of course, the help of his manager, Cimoli and Gil Hodges. Mr. Hodges' triple in the second inning led to the first

Hodges' Homer Gives Podres His First Win Over Braves

IN THE WEST WITH THE DODGERS—The top moment in the life of Johnny Podres, of course, was that October day when he shut out the Yankees in the seventh game of the 1955 World's Series to give the Dodgers their first top title.

But Johnny's next big moment must have been in the ninth inning of the game with the Braves at Ebbets Field on July 14. The young southpaw had just gone back to the bench after seeing Frank Torre and Andy Pafko put a pair of doubles together with two out in the top of the ninth inning for the one run that seemingly had won the game.

Then Johnny watched Gino Cimoli look at three wide pitches from Bob Buhl, watch a strike go by, foul off the next pitch, then trot to first base with the potential-tying run.

Podres didn't have to fidget around on the bench long to see what happened next. Gil Hodges belted Buhl's first pitch deep into the lower left field stands and the game was over.

It was the first time since Podres became a Dodger that he ever had been returned the winning pitcher over the Braves, and Johnny was one of the first among the welcoming committee at the plate to greet Gil. Not for a long time have all the Dodgers erupted so suddenly from their dugout to pay tribute to a conquering hero.

An added touch of irony was that this was the first complete game Buhl ever had pitched at Ebbets Field—and it was a losing effort.

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run of the game, which proved quite important after the Reds had scored one in the seventh inning.

Oil for the Lamps of Flatbush: The Dodger brass was a bit incensed about the calling off of the game with the Reds on Saturday, July 13, after only a 40-minute wait. Although there had been a deluge in other parts of the city, it didn't rain hard at Ebbets Field and the rain had ceased not more than half an hour after the game was called, about 3:30 p. m. There were about 6,000 cash customers among the ladies' day gathering. "I don't know why the umpires were in such a hurry," said Buzzie Bavasi, the Brooks' general manager. "I've seen 'em wait much longer after a very much harder rain. What burned me a bit," he added, "was that we lost \$25,000 from the 'Game of the Day.'"

Alston was mildly annoyed by the cancellation. His team scored two runs in the first inning and had the first man on in the second inning when time was called and the field covered. Forty minutes later the umpires, of which Jocko Conlan was the senior, called the game without even notifying Harold Parrott, the ticket manager, who had no advance warning, therefore, to open the exits so that the fans could get out. Bavasi said he would offer no official protest to the National League office, however. Randy Jackson was back in that game for the first time since his left knee had a ligament torn at Pittsburgh on April 26 in a first base collision with Frank Thomas. Randy signaled his return by lining a single

Birdie Retracts Charge Hurlers Aim at Robinson

'I Was Mad,' He Confesses; Said Slugger Was Target 'Because He Is Colored'

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Frank Robinson

Manager Birdie Tebbetts of the Reds was a man of numerous statements after Pitcher Ruben Gomez of the Giants had struck Outfielder Frankie Robinson of the Reds with a pitch the night of July 16, the blow sending Robinson from the Polo Grounds to Harkness Pavilion in an ambulance.

Following that game, Tebbetts told newspapermen in his team's dressing room, "I am making no accusations but suggest you check on what Gomez said the other day after he and Sam Jones of the Cardinals had been 'throwing' at each other."

Gomez was quoted as saying: "If I had had a gun, I would have shot Jones right through the heart instead of throwing at him."

Later that night (July 16) while riding to town in a cab with Leonard Koppet of the New York Post, Birdie accused National League pitchers of "throwing at" Robinson solely because he is a Negro. He evidently forgot that Gomez and Sam Jones also are Negroes.

Still later that night, Tebbetts made the same remarks about pitchers "throwing at Robinson because he is colored" in Toots Shor's restaurant with a few sports writers and broadcasters among his listeners. But at that time he stipulated he was talking "off the record."

Birdie Withdraws Remarks

The following afternoon, before the start of the game with the Giants at the Polo Grounds, Birdie held a press conference in front of his locker in the Cincinnati team's dressing room at the ball park and retracted all remarks he had made about pitchers "throwing at Robinson because he is a Negro."

"I know what I said last night wasn't true," the Cincy manager told writers. "I lost Don Hoak. I lost Ted Kluszewski. Then I saw Robby lying there on the ground and I was mad. I don't feel it's a discriminatory thing. I said it to help out Robinson."

"Now I realize that by making the statement I did an injustice to every pitcher."

Robinson, incidentally, was discharged from the hospital midway of the morning of July 17 and played the entire game, for the Reds in left field that afternoon, showing no ill effects of being dazed by his "beaning" the night before. He ran hard in the field and on the bases under a broiling sun and, after the game ended, said he had felt no dizziness, nor had he been bothered by any headache except for a slight pain at times over his left eye.

Asked for his version of the "beaning" incident, Robinson accused the Giants, Dodgers, Cubs and Pirates of "always throwing at me. I can always count on being in the dirt sometime in every series against these clubs."

President Warren Giles of the National League, after talking with Tebbetts, said he talked with Umpire Frank Secory, who was behind the plate the night Robinson was hit and "he advised me there was no word or act which would cause him to believe there was any intent to hit Robinson."

"There is entirely too much loose talk of so-called dusters," the National League head continued. "I was glad to know directly from Tebbetts that his remarks were unwarranted."

to left-center field on his first time at bat. . . . Clem Labine was sidelined on July 14. He had run into a fence in Jersey City, injuring himself under the left arm. However, he previously had had some pain in that region before his argument with the fence.

Gil's Squeeze Play on Hoak



THE REDS' DON HOAK was the center of attraction at this point of the Ebbets Field rhubarb, July 11. However, his "adversary" on the right is Gil Hodges, who merely put a bear-hug on belligerent Don. Coming to Don's aid at the left is Pete Whisenant of the Reds.

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over the head of Gilliam, should touch off the fireworks.

A hint that a free-for-all was in the making came as early as the fifth inning. That's when Gilliam sent Sanchez sprawling on the ground as the hurler attempted to tag the Dodger second baseman after fielding a bunt down the first base line.

Two innings later, when Gilliam again stepped to the plate, Sanchez apparently felt a knockdown pitch was his just retribution. The Dodger second baseman wasn't in agreement.

Gilliam Uses Football Block

He popped a bunt foul down the first base line on the next pitch and then threw a body block into young Mr. Sanchez as the two met on the baseline.

Down the two went to the ground, with Gilliam landing on top. In a matter of seconds, Campanella was on top, too.

It was then that Hoak, running from his station at third base to the scene of battle, encountered the right fist of Neal.

After landing the punch, Neal disappeared among the lunging forms of other players. He was next seen in the Dodger dugout with an irate Hoak trying to fight his way to him, but finding the clinching arms of the Dodgers' Gil Hodges too much with which to cope.

Meanwhile, the Redlegs' Pete Whisenant had pulled Gilliam off Sanchez and taken him to a neutral corner. For a while it looked as if the Redlegs' George Crowe and the Dodgers' Carl Furillo might fight in the battle royal wind-up, but they, too, were discouraged by peacemakers.

But while Neal had the first and last punch, Hoak had the last words. "I'll get him," vowed the spectacular Redleg third baseman, "on or off the field."

Hoak Out With Injuries

Even if a rematch were permitted, a postponement would have been necessary. Hoak wound up with a couple of swollen knuckles on his right hand, which sidelined him for four days. Whom did he punch? "I don't know," the third baseman replied, "somebody I guess."

Commented Redleg Pilot Birdie Tebbetts after the brawl: "When one of my players gets knocked down twice like Sanchez did, I expect him to fight back."

The Redleg pilot was aggravated by the fact that Sanchez had been banished from the game along with Neal, Gilliam and Hoak.

"No pitcher," argued Tebbetts, "should be banished unless he's the aggressor. Sanchez wasn't."

When the Redlegs lost Sanchez, they also lost the game. Because Tom Acker, the Cuban's successor on the mound, served up the second of Duke Snider's two homers, which gave the Dodgers a 5 to 4 triumph.

Before his departure, Sanchez had blanked the Dodgers for three and two-thirds innings while yielding only one hit.

The next night, when the two clubs met again at Jersey City, everything was peaceful.

Hoak had the only reminders of the previous night's brawl—a sore hand and the telegrams.

'Just Missed Being Strike,' Says Burgess of 'Beanball'

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Catcher Smoky Burgess of the Reds insists that the alleged beanball which Raul Sanchez is accused of throwing at Jim Gilliam, as one of the causes of the July 11 brawl at Ebbets Field, wasn't any beanball at all.

"Why, that pitch didn't come close to Gilliam's head—it just missed being a strike," the catcher explained.

"If Gilliam decided to 'get' Sanchez because Raul 'threw' at him, he was mistaken, because Raul did not do anything of that sort," Burgess added.

Regardless as to whether it was a beanball or not, it was a painful experience for Sanchez, both physically and financially.

In addition to being involved in the scrap, he drew a fine of \$100 from the league.

Sanchez speaks and reads so little English that some of his mates, who can speak a little Spanish, told him what was in the telegram he received from President Warren Giles.

When he heard the news, he made a wry face and, so interpreter Tom Acker reports, said: "I have to pay income tax on that hundred in Cuba and also in the U. S., and then pay the hundred, too. Wish I could pay him (Giles) in pesos, Mexican pesos." TOM SWOPE.

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why, perhaps, Roy was one of the first fellows to arrive at the scene of battle.

It is conceivable that Campy would not have been averse to a bit of "punchmaking" on Sanchez, had he found the opportunity.

Hoak Forced to Miss Game

Hoak wound up as the only real casualty. Somehow—he claimed he didn't know how it happened—he came out with the ring and little fingers of his right hand so badly bruised and swollen that he couldn't play the following night in Jersey City.

Another sidelight, gleaned from my friend, Buck Canel, the bilingual broadcaster, concerns Sanchez. Raul doesn't speak English to any extent but expresses himself volubly in Spanish.

"I knew that bunt was going foul," he told Buck. "But I was going over there anyway."

Buck added a comment: "He's a pretty tough youngster, as well as being a good pitcher."

A good pitcher he was in that game and his banishment, along with Gilliam, Neal and Hoak, probably cost the Reds the ball game. Duke Snider of the Dodgers whacked his second two-run homer of the game of Tom Acker, Sanchez' replacement, in the seventh inning to put the Brooks ahead, 5 to 4, and that was the final score of the game.

A tip on futures: Nothing more may happen but nobody should be surprised if there is a "re-match" when the Dodgers visit Cincinnati for a three-game set this week.

GAME 6

Dodgers Lower the Boom-- Six-Run Frame Kayoes Sox



Charlie Neal

In case anyone had any doubt of the Dodgers' superiority, this game settled it beyond all recall. The Dodgers had the bigger and more powerful guns, and their pitching finally ran away from the White Sox.

Several of the old Brooklyn hands, like Gil Hodges, Duke Snider, Jim Gilliam, Carl Furillo and Charlie Neal, played a big part in the Series triumph—but it remained for a brand new Dodger, Larry Sherry, to emerge as their over-all No. 1 hero in this Series.

The pitcher who led the Dodgers to their first World's Series championship back in 1955, Johnny Podres, had a chance to do it again, a much better and easier opportunity this time than four years ago, when he had to bear down all the way to achieve the 2 to 0 clincher. But this time Johnny could not stand prosperity.

His mates presented him with an 8 to 0 lead, one in fact which he had helped set up with a crashing double to center that took Wynn out of his misery. But Podres couldn't hold it.

Sherry Does It Again

He may have been unnerved by hitting Jim Landis in the head with a pitch in the fourth inning. After that, he walked Sherm Lollar, and Ted Kluszewski pole-axed a line-drive homer upstairs to right. Then Podres lost his pitching rhythm completely.

After Johnny walked Al Smith, Manager Walter Alston, no man to tarry in this situation, yelled for Sherry, his ace in the hole and in the bullpen in the second, third and fourth games of this Series.

Once again Sherry was equal to it. He looked tired and admitted after the game he was, but he held the Sox to just three hits and shut them out over the last five and two-thirds innings. He richly deserved the victory, his second of the Series.

Long before it was over, the Dodgers knew they had it, and so did most of the fans who kept whistling to keep up their spirits. But they knew the last hopes of the White Sox were gone.

So when the final out was made, as Luis Aparicio flied to Wally Moon in short left, there was only a perfunctory celebration by the Dodgers on the field. Center Fielder Don Demeter pounded Moon on the back. Catcher John Roseboro and Gil Hodges caught up with Sherry to shake his hand, but there were none of the wild scenes that usually prevail when a team has battled down to the finish to win it.

Lopez Slow in Pulling Wynn This one had been in the bag from the fourth inning on, when the Dodgers tied their biggest inning in World's Series history—a fat six runs, climaxed by Moon's home run. And where Alston hadn't tarried a bit when Podres got in a jam, there was strong suspicion that Manager Al Lopez had gone much too far with his starter, the unbeaten Early Wynn.

The consensus of opinion in fact was that Lopez went too far by even starting Wynn only two days after he had been kayoed in Los Angeles. But Lopez insisted Wynn was his man and went mighty far with him before conceding it was a mistake.

Wynn's control was off badly. He staggered through the first and second innings, but he was almost out in the third when he passed Moon.

Then the Duke sounded the warning of doom for the White Sox, crashing a tremendous, 400-foot homer to deep

CHICAGO, Ill.

It took the Dodgers 65 years to win a World's Series for Brooklyn. But it took them only two years to accomplish the same purpose and reach the same promised land for Los Angeles.

They did it on a gray, murky afternoon at Comiskey Park in Chicago before 47,653 fans on October 8. And they did it with aplomb, dispatch and finality.

Tired of temporizing with the hard-fighting but overmatched and punchless White Sox, the Dodgers set up Early Wynn for the kill in the third inning. They flattened Wynn and Dick Donovan with a devastating blast in the fourth inning and romped to a 9 to 3 victory, which gave them the world's championship, four games to two.

'No Regrets for Having Sold Interest in Chisox'—Dorothy

CHICAGO, Ill.—Mrs. Dorothy Comiskey Rigney says she has no regrets over having sold her controlling interest in the White Sox a year before the club won its first pennant in 40 years.

"Even if I had known there was a good chance to get into the Series this year, I think I still would have sold my interest to Bill Veeck and his associates," Mrs. Rigney said while seated in a box behind home plate at the Series opener.

Asked if her stock would have been more valuable if she had sold it after the club won the pennant, she replied:

"That wouldn't have made any difference with me. I still get a lot of satisfaction from the team. I've seen some of these players come up through the minors and develop from raw prospects. I always thought John Romano, Jim Landis and Barry Latman would make it, but Norm Cash and Jim McAnany have been pleasant surprises. McAnany especially came on and really picked up the team when it was down for a while."

left-center, and the Dodgers were in front, 2 to 0.

Even with that rather obvious warning and aware that there could be no tomorrow, Lopez let Wynn bat for himself in the third and start out bravely into the fourth.

Then it was over quickly. Norm Larker singled hard and Roseboro bunted Don Demeter, running for the ailing Larker, to second. Maury Wills whacked a single through the middle to fetch Demeter home. That should have been enough, but it wasn't. Wynn was allowed to pitch to Podres, who belted the daylights out of a powerful line drive over Landis' head to the center field fence.

Moon Supplies Coup de Grace School was out then, and so was Wynn. Dick Donovan, hero of the fifth-game save in Los Angeles, came on. But Donovan was as bad on Thursday as he was great on Tuesday. He walked Gilliam, and Neal blasted a double to the far reaches of right-center for another run.

Moon then applied the coup de grace, a 375-foot homer to right-center. The Dodgers led, 8 to 0, and Donovan was led away. Turk Lown came on to put out the fire, but much too late.

That and the White Sox threat in the fourth ended the scoring until the ninth. The White Sox kept parading pitchers—Lown and Gerry Staley and Billy Pierce—and they kept the barn door closed. Pierce reinjured his side pitching in the eighth and yielded to Ray Moore in the ninth.

In that ninth, Alston sent in Chuck Essegian to bat for Snider, presumably to win his letter or something, and Chuck wrote his name in the record book. He whacked Moore's first pitch into the left field seats for a round-tripper, his second pinch-homer of the Series. No player in all World's Series

L. A. Hooray!

Los Angeles	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Gilliam, 3b	4	1	0	0	2	0
Neal, 2b	5	1	3	4	4	0
Moon, lf	4	2	1	3	0	0
Snider, cf-rf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Essegian	1	1	1	0	0	0
Fairly, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b	5	0	1	10	0	0
Larker, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Demeter, cf	3	1	1	4	0	0
Roseboro, c	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wills, ss	4	1	1	2	3	0
Podres, p	2	1	1	0	1	0
Sherry, p	2	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	38	9	13	27	12	0

Chicago	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Aparicio, ss	5	0	1	1	2	1
Fox, 2b	4	0	1	2	2	0
Landis, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
Lollar, c	3	1	0	5	2	0
Kluszewski, 1b	4	1	2	10	0	0
Smith, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Phillips, 3b-rf	4	0	1	3	1	0
McAnany, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Goodman, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Wynn, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Donovan, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lown, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torgeson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staley, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romano, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pierce, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	6	27	9	1

Los Angeles	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Wynn (L)	3 1/3	5	5	3	3	2
Donovan	0 2/3	2	3	3	1	0
Lown	0 1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Staley	3	2	0	0	0	0
Pierce	1	2	0	0	0	1
Moore	1	1	1	1	0	1
Podres	3 1/3	2	3	3	1	1
Sherry (W)	5 2/3	4	0	0	1	1

*Pitched to three batters in fourth.

Bases on balls—Off Wynn 3 (Snider, Larker, Moon), Donovan 1 (Gilliam), Podres 3 (Smith 2, Lollar), Sherry 1 (Torgeson). Struck out—By Wynn 2 (Gilliam, Neal), Pierce 1 (Moon), Moore 1 (Demeter), Podres 1 (Wynn), Sherry 1 (Goodman). Hit by pitcher—By Podres (Landis).

aRan for Larker in fourth. bStruck out for McAnany in fourth. cWalked for Lown in fourth. dGrounded out for Staley in seventh. eHomered for Snider in ninth. fFlied out for Moore in ninth. Runs batted in—Neal 2, Moon 2, Snider 2, Essegian, Wills, Podres, Kluszewski 3. Two-base hits—Podres, Neal, Fox, Kluszewski. Home runs—Snider, Moon, Kluszewski, Essegian. Sacrifice hit—Roseboro. Double play—Podres, Neal and Hodges. Left on bases—Los Angeles 7, Chicago 7. Umpires—Dascoli (N.L.) plate, Hurley (A.L.) first base, Secory (N.L.) second base, Summers (A.L.) third base, Rice (A.L.) left field, Dixon (N.L.) right field. Time—2:33. Attendance—47,653.

history had ever done that before, either in one or total Series.

It was a rambunctious, conclusive ending to a Series which had featured, after the first game, a series of cliff-hanging contests. This one went the other way—lopsided and conclusive.

The game also was marked by the first ejection of a combatant from the World's Series since 1933. Charley Dresen, fiery coach of the Dodgers, was dismissed by Umpire Ed Hurley in the midst of the White Sox uprising in the fourth. Dresen was needling Plate Umpire Frank Dascoli about the ball-and-strike calls in the inning.

Hurley, working at first, reportedly told Dresen to "shut up." Dresen told Hurley, "You shut up." Hurley then had the final words, as usual, which were, "Get out."

The ejection was the first for misconduct since Heinie Manush of the Senators was banished by Umpire Charley Moran in the 1933 classic. After that incident, the commissioner reserved the right to dismiss Series players, and many observers presumed that Frick had signaled to Hurley to thumb Dresen. However, the commissioner's jurisdiction extends only to players and umpires still are permitted to expell non-combatants.

20,000,000 to See Movies

1,000 PRINTS OF SERIES FILMS LEW FONSECA, who produces the official World's Series films, looked up at the overcast skies before the game and longed aloud for the perfect picture-taking weather of Los Angeles. "In my 26 years on the Series films, the first time our cameras ever worked without shadows was in L. A.," Fonseca said. "It was especially great for color. We'll have a record number of 1,000 prints that will be seen by 20,000,000 people. Our top so far has been 600 prints. Our plans called for shooting 35,000 to 40,000 feet of film and we'll cut that to 3,500 feet."

President Walter O'Malley invited every Dodger employee, from the upper echelon to the very bottom, to go to Chicago for the Series windup, with all expenses paid, as his guests. More than 100 accepted the invitation.

A police-escorted bus carrying writers from the LaSalle Hotel to Comiskey Park set some sort of speed record, October 8. One of the scribes said the driver made the usual 40-minute trip in eight minutes, 50 seconds.

There was some added excitement before the game when a plump woman fan dashed from the boxes in right field and slid into second and third bases. While players and fans howled, three policemen took after the woman, caught her and escorted her from the field.

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Klu, Hodges Top Swatters at .391

By PAUL A. RICKART

Rival first basemen, Gil Hodges of the Dodgers and Ted Kluszewski of the White Sox, were the leading hitters of the 1959 World's Series with identical averages of .391. Each made nine hits in 23 times at bat, though Big Klu got more mileage out of his blows, driving in ten runs on his three homers, five singles and a double, while the Los Angeles belter sent only two mates over the plate with a homer, triple and seven singles.

Charlie Neal, Dodger second baseman, had the most hits, 10, but his swat figure was "only" .370. Jim Landis, White Sox center fielder, scored the most runs, six; Al Smith and Nellie Fox of the Pale Hose had the most two-baggers, three apiece, while Landis, with seven whiffs, led in strikeouts. Each club had a team batting average of .261.

In the pitching department, Larry Sherry won the most games, two, while Bob Shaw of the White Sox hurled the most innings, 14. For his 12 2/3 innings of relief work, Sherry had an ERA of 0.71.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS' BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES

Player-Pos.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBIS.	BB.	BA.	O.	A.	E.	F.A.
Gilliam, 3b	6	25	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	.240	4	10	0	1.000
Neal, 2b	6	27	4	10	2	0	2	6	1	.370	13	19	1	.974
Moon, lf-rf	6	23	3	6	0	0	1	2	2	.261	10	1	0	1.000
Snider, cf-rf	4	10	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	.200	5	0	2	.714
Demeter, cf	4	12	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	.250	9	0	0	1.000
Larker, rf-lf	6	16	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	.188	12	1	0	1.000
Hodges, 1b	6	23	2	9	0	1	2	2	1	.391	53	3	0	1.000
Roseboro, c	6	21	2	9	0	0	1	2	0	.429	35	4	0	1.000
Wills, ss	6	20	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	.250	10	21	1	.969
Furillo, rf	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.250	0	0	0	0.000
Craig, p	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000
Churn, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Labine, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Essegian, p	4	3	2	2	0	0	2	2	1	.667	0	0	0	0.000
Koufax, p	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Fairly, rf-cf	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Klippstein, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Sherry, p	5	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	.500	1	3	0	1.000
Podres, p	3	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	.500	0	1	0	1.000
Drysdale, p	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	1	1	0	1.000
Pignatano, c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Repulski, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Zimmer, ss	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Williams, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Totals	6	203	21	53	3	1	7	19	27	.261	159	69	4	.933

Essegian struck out for Labine in fifth inning of first game; hit home run for Podres in seventh inning of second game; walked for Wills in seventh inning of fifth game; hit home run for Snider in ninth inning of sixth game.

Fairly grounded out for Koufax in seventh inning of first game; ran for Furillo in seventh inning of third game; announced as batter for Demeter in eighth inning of fifth game.

Furillo flied out for Wills in ninth inning of first game; singled for Demeter in seventh inning of third game; struck out for Larker in fifth inning of fourth game; popped up for Roseboro in eighth inning of fifth game.

Zimmer ran for Essegian in seventh inning of fifth game. Snider hit into force play for Koufax in seventh inning of fifth game.

Podres ran for Snider in seventh inning of fifth game. Repulski walked intentionally for Fairly in eighth inning of fifth game.

Sherry grounded out for Williams in ninth inning of fifth game. Demeter ran for Larker in fourth inning of sixth game.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX' BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES

Player-Pos.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBIS.	BB.	BA.	O.	A.	E.	F.A.
Aparicio, ss	6	26	1	8	1	0	0	3	2	.308	10	16	2	.929
Fox, 2b	6	24	4	9	3	0	0	1	4	.375	14	23	0	1.000
Landis, cf	6	24	6	7	0	0	1	7	1	.292	9	0	1	.900
Kluszewski, 1b	6	23	5	9	1	0	3	10	0	.391	59	3	0	1.000
Lollar, c	6	22	3	5	0	0	1	5	3	.227	28	5	0	1.000
Goodman, 3b	5	13	1	3	0	0	1	5	0	.231	1	2	0	1.000
Esposito, 3b	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Smith, lf-rf	6	20	1	5	3	0	0	1	4	.250	10	1	0	1.000
Rivera, rf	5	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	.000	10	1	0	1.000
Wynn, p	3	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.200	1	3	0	1.000
Staley, p	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Torgeson, 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Phillips, 3b-rf	3	10	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	.300	6	3	0	1.000
McAnany, rf-lf	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	5	0	0	1.000
Shaw, p	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	.250	0	4	0	1.000
Lown, p	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.000
Cash, p	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0.000

Neal Wears Smile; L. A. Fence Closer

Charlie Only Righty to Clear
Opposite Wall; Average
Down in '58, But HRs Up

By FRANK FINCH
LOS ANGELES, Calif.



Charlie Neal

Walter O'Malley's decision to reduce the mileage in center and right fields at the Coliseum will benefit not only such Dodger south-paw swishers as Duke Snider, Wally Moon and Johnny Roseboro, but it should turn out to be a tremendous boon to a certain righthanded hitter as well.

The guy we've got in mind is **Charlie Neal**, the slender slugger who plays second base for Los Angeles.

Neal was the only righthander to clear the right field barrier here last season, a feat he performed twice.

But **Charlie** didn't confine his opposite-field bombarding to the lopsided Coliseum by any means. He also homered to right field in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

And it was much the same story for the spray-hitting infielder in '57, when five of his 12 home runs went to right field and two to straightaway center.

When the wiry Texan tagged 22 homers last year to tie Gil Hodges for club leadership, he fractured Jackie Robinson's team record (19) for homers hit by a second baseman and moved in behind Rajah Hornsby among the National League's elite.

Until **Neal** came along and took advantage of the short left field here by flogging 14 over the screen, only two second basemen in the N. L. ever had hit 20 or more homers in a single season.

Rajah Over 20 Seven Times

Granny Hamner connected 21 times for the Phillies in 1953, while the great Hornsby accomplished the feat no less than seven times. Rajah's totals were 42, 40, 39, 26, 25, 21 and 21.

The American League's honor roll for second basemen includes Joe Gordon, who reached or exceeded the 20 mark seven times; Bobby Doerr, who did it thrice, and Charley Gehringer, who did it once.

On a pound-for-pound basis, **Neal** probably packs as much power as any hitter in the league. The L. A. roster lists him at 5-10 and 160 pounds, but he insists that he weighs less than that.

The only N. L. gunners who topped **Charlie's** home-run output last season outweighed him considerably. The heaviest, at 205, was Wes Covington. In the 200-pound bracket were Eddie Mathews, Orlando Cepeda and Frank Thomas. Harry Anderson scaled 195; Lee Walls, 190; Ernie Banks, 180; Hank Aaron, 176, and Willie Mays, 175.

Although his batting average dipped 16 points to .254, **Charlie** paced the club in two important offensive categories: Runs scored, 87, and total bases, 207.

Charlie Off to Poor Start

He got off to a poor start, but heated up by batting .291 in June and .279 in July. A bruised thumb which grew progressively worse was a factor in his .210 performance in August. Given much-needed rest, **Charlie** came back to hit at a .293 clip in 15 games in September.

Walt Alston hasn't given up on his oft-repeated prediction that the 28-year-old infielder will become a great hitter.

"Neal's got a potential that hasn't been tapped," avers Alston.

Dodger Dope: Walter O'Malley offered Promoter Bill Rosenzohn his Wrigley Field facilities rent free as a site for the Patterson-Johansson heavy-weight hassle, but if the fight is held here it'll be in the mammoth Coliseum.

Fifteen of the 41 players on the L. A. roster are 25 years of age or younger. Six others are over 30, and three are right at 30. . . . In both batting average and slugging percentage, Johnny Roseboro trailed his Milwaukee catching counterpart, Del Crandall, by one point. Del's respective marks were .272 and .457. . . . Carl Furillo had a .750 pinch-hitting average last year. In five trips he cleared the bases with a double, slapped two singles, lofted a sacrifice fly and lined out. . . . Last time the Giants' Daryl Spencer got a base-hit off Johnny Podres was on August 12, 1953, reports Allan Roth.



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Dodgers Have No Pay-TV Pact Now, O'Malley Asserts

By FRANK FINCH
LOS ANGELES, Calif.

If Dodger games are going to be piped into Los Angeles homes this summer by Skiatron of America on a pay-TV basis, it's news to President Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers.

On February 5, Vice-President Basil Estrich of Skiatron said in New York the company expects to have 100,000 West Coast subscribers by "approximately July 1," and will be ready to transmit Dodger and Giant games, as well as top college football contests, into subscribers' homes here and in San Francisco.

"The story is interesting, but we do not have a contract with any subscription TV company at this time," O'Malley commented. "No company has spoken to us on the matter in the last six months."

At one time, Skiatron and the Dodger management had a temporary agreement, and President Horace Stoneham of the San Francisco Giants reportedly has accepted a \$1,000,000 advance from Skiatron.

After the Dodgers moved here from Brooklyn, the Skiatron company obtained a pay-TV franchise from the Los Angeles City Council, but subsequently asked to have the permit revoked when a move was launched to put the issue to the voters at a special election.

A spokesman for the Pacific Tele-

Bills Pending in Congress Would Bar Pay Television

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The announced plans of Skiatron of America to carry games of the Dodgers and Giants through closed circuits to homes of subscribers this summer would be barred by measures introduced in the Senate and House during the current session of Congress.

Congressman Oren Harris (D., Ark.), chairman of the House Commerce Committee, and Senator William Langer (R., N. D.) have offered measures that would put bans on pay-TV.

Harris' bill would prohibit subscription TV, either over the airwaves or by cable, until Congress sets up conditions under which pay-TV could operate. Although he declined to discuss the Skiatron plan specifically, he said his committee will soon "inquire into the whole picture."

The bill proposed by Langer would prohibit channeling any television program into private homes for a fee.

phone and Telegraph Company, whose facilities Skiatron would need to string its cables into subscribers' homes, said that no contract has been entered into with the Skiatron company and that there has been no recent discussion about the matter.

Athletic Directors Jess Hill of USC and Wilbur Johns of UCLA also called Estrich's announcement "interesting" while denying knowledge of any documented deal for telecasting local collegiate attractions on pay-TV.

High Court Affirms Decision Okaying Dodgers' Park Pact



Walter O'Malley

and Attorney Julius Ruben, who said he was acting on his own behalf.

Walter O'Malley, president of the Los Angeles club, issued this statement following his latest victory in the long legal scrap:

"We are happy to learn that the Supreme Court has affirmed its unanimous decision. We hope to start construction work as soon as the remaining legal blocks are removed.

"Opening day in 1960 is still our goal."

However, Silver and Ruben said they are a long way from hauling up the white flag.

"We have to wait until a decision is handed down on the merits of the case," Silver said. "The Supreme Court has not yet acted on a case in which a preliminary injunction is still in effect."

"A petition for a writ of certiorari from this decision will be filed with the U. S. Supreme Court within 50 days. If the other decision goes against us, we will then have 90 days to appeal that."

There are still several matters pending on which the California high court must act, but City Attorney Roger Arnebergh considers them mere formalities in view of the thoroughness with which the current contract was reviewed and the unanimous opinion.

FRANK FINCH.

Two Rookies May Open in L. A. Lineup

Gray, Pignatano Regarded
as Good Bets for Berths
in 'Frisco Curtain-Raiser

By FRANK FINCH

TAMPA, Fla.



Joe Pignatano

Although the Los Angeles Dodgers yet have to campaign in Injun country through Texas, Arizona and Nevada, there would be very few surprises, indeed, in Walt Alston's varsity combo if the season were to open tomorrow.

Alston's not saying that; we are. Walt's dues are paid up in the Managers' Union and he's not about to court complacency by announcing that this athlete or that one already has nailed down a steady job.

The fact remains, though, that there won't be more than two new faces in the Los Angeles lineup when the bell rings at San Francisco on April 15.

The possible interlopers are Third Baseman Dick Gray and Catcher Joe Pignatano.

Gray, a .297 hitter with 111 RBIs and 16 homers at St. Paul last season, has quite a battle on his hands to wrest the job from a rejuvenated Randy Jackson, an eight-year major league vet whose skillful play this spring is evidence that his trick knee has healed completely.

But Alston likes Gray's forte for pulling the ball, particularly since the Dodgers will be playing 77 games in the Los Angeles Coliseum, where some of the left field seats may turn out to be just a long putt for pull hitters.

And Gray is one of the speedier men on the team, an item that Alston has not overlooked.

Walt "Encouraged" by Catching Pignatano, a righthanded batter, stands a good chance of opening against the Giants if Southpaw Johnny Antonelli is Bill Rigney's hurling selection.

Alston says he has been "greatly encouraged" by the catching, supposedly the chink in the Dodger armor.

"Pignatano has looked the best—all-round. He's exceptionally fast, a fine receiver and I have hopes that he can hit," said Alston. In eight games for Brooklyn last year, the native Flatbusher hit .214, but in 10 games for Montreal he was only one point below .300.

Johnny Roseboro, who failed with the stick at Brooklyn but hit .273 for Montreal, is a greatly improved receiver. Capable Rube Walker rounds out a staff that will function without Roy Campanella for the first time in 11 years.

Our guess is that Gil Hodges at first base, Charlie Neal at second, Pee Wee Reese at short and Gray at third will comprise the L. A. infield in the opener, with Gino Cimoli in left field, Duke Snider in center and Carl Furillo in right.

The possibility remains, though, that Snider will play left field and Cimoli center.

Depends on Duke's Knee

"If Duke's knee isn't 100 per cent fit on opening day, he will be in left field instead of center," Alston disclosed. "And if Antonelli starts, Duke won't be in there at all unless he's in top shape."

Snider, who hadn't played left field since his rookie year in 1947, asked and was granted permission to play a few exhibition games in left beginning with the March 31 engagement with the Yankees at St. Petersburg.

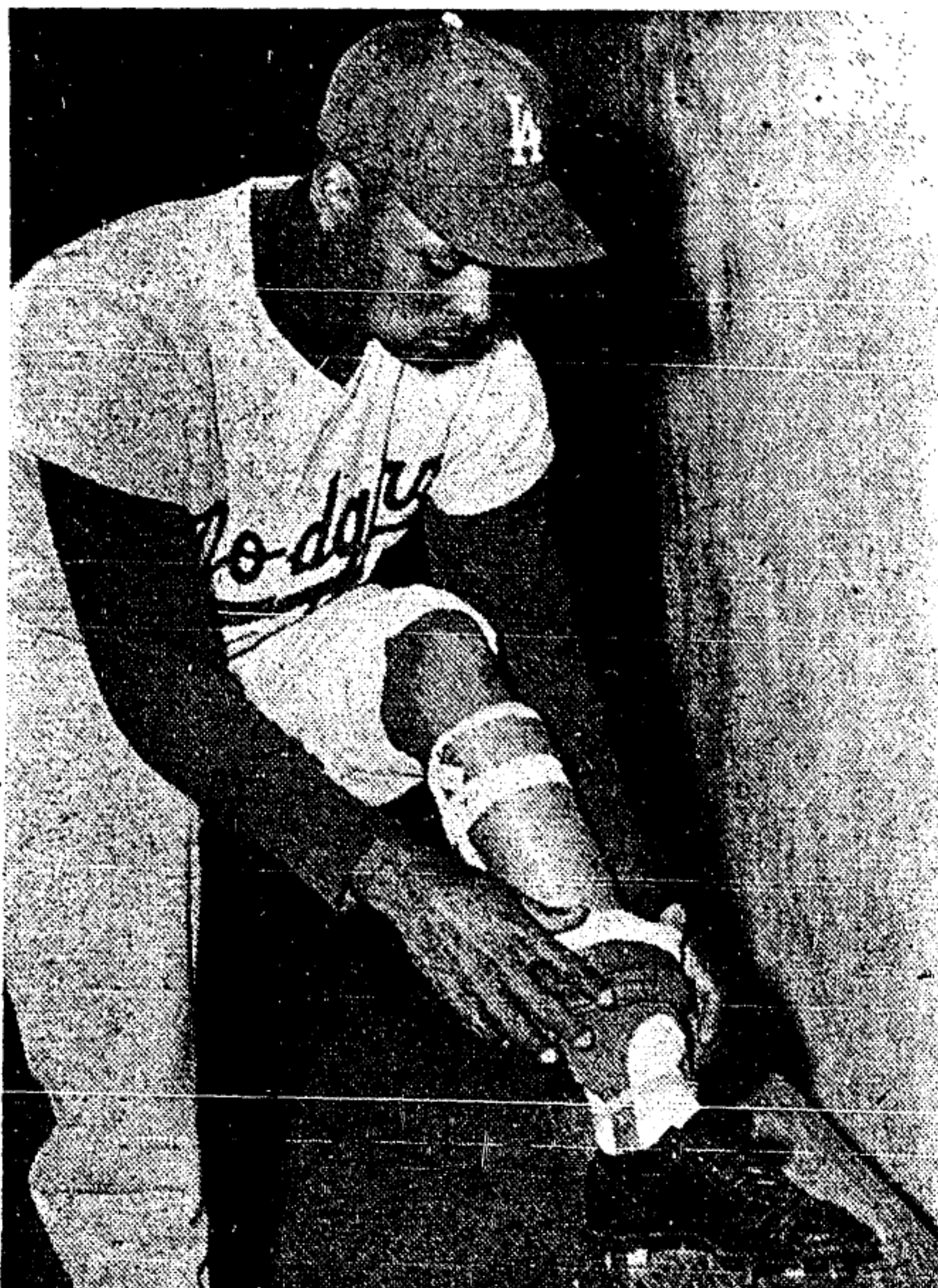
However, we believe he will be in his regular spot when the race begins.

Although they lost three in a row to the Pirates, Red Sox and Tigers, the Dodgers were coming up with the big inning—an encouraging sign—in late March.

During a five-game stretch, the Dodgers had six-run spears against St. Louis and Detroit, scored four runs in one frame off the Pirates' Bob Friend and tallied five times in the first inning against Cincinnati. The fireworks were interrupted by Boston's 2 to 1 victory.

The real Donnybrook was Detroit's 12 to 11 triumph, March 28, in which

Major Infielders Add New Armor to Protect Legs



CHARLEY NEAL of the Dodgers displays the aluminum shin guards he'll wear as protection against runners.



JOHNNY TEMPLE of the Reds wears a fibre guard to protect scar from burns on his left prop.

10 Runless Rounds in Skein Run Up by Young Drysdale

TAMPA, Fla.—Don Drysdale, the Dodgers' best bet to be a 20-game winner this season, ran up a string of ten scoreless innings to his credit.

The 21-year-old ace allowed only one run in 13 innings of work against the Red Sox, Tigers and Cardinals, and racked up two victories.

Gail Harris' high hopper that scored Billy Martin from third base and gave the Tigers a 12 to 11 win, March 28, was the first run allowed by another Dodger deceiver, Lefty Jackie Collum, in a dozen rounds of relief against the Phillies, White Sox, A's, Yankees and Tigers.

the Tigers collected 19 hits and Los Angeles 14, both figures being new "highs" for Los Angeles.

Until that fracas the Dodgers had hit only four home runs in 17 games, but the total was nearly doubled as Carl Furillo flogged a pinch grand-slammer, Felipe Montemayor hit his second homer of the spring and Norm Larker laced No. 1.

Dodger Dope: Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale left the club at Tampa during the last week-end in March to return to Fort Dix, N. J., for their release from the Army. . . . Catcher Rube Walker says Southpaw Danny McDewitt has the stuff to win 20 games this year. . . . Norm Larker, rookie first baseman, is supposed to be a line-drive hitter, but he cleared the center field fence—a 375-foot shot on the fly—when the Dodgers slugged it out with the Tigers at Lakeland, March 28. . . . Billy Martin, who Chuck Dressen said would be a flop at shortstop for Detroit, twitted his former boss when they met, saying, "Hey, Chuck, I already got four votes for the All-Star Game." . . . Roger Craig, who has more good stuff than the law allows, has been experiencing tendon trouble in his right shoulder. . . . Slow-motion movies of Johnny Roseboro confirmed Walt Alston's suspicions that the rookie backstop was uppercutting the ball.

Alston also discovered a flaw in Shortstop Bob Lillis' batting style via the camera. . . . Manager Goldie Holt of the Dodgers' farm club at Spokane says that Frank Howard, L. A. freshman outfielder, has the greatest potential he's seen in years. . . . The players buy postcard-size photos at \$30 a thousand to take care of requests from fans. Duke Snider is stuck with 1,500 pix of himself wearing a cap with a capital "B" on it. . . . Sandy Amoros, the deposed Dodger outfielder now with Montreal, has been stinging the ball at Vero Beach.

Neal Puts Aluminum Device Over Shins; Temple Has Covering for Burned Spot

By DICK YOUNG

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The age of the armored ball player has arrived. Charley Neal, eager to play second base for the Dodgers, but not at the cost of having a leg chopped off by slashing spikes, has donned aluminum shin guards. He plans to wear them regularly as protection against base-runners who mistake his legs for second base whenever Charley tries to pivot on a DP.

This is not the male version of the sack; not a stylish fad. If anything, it figures to take hold and become an established piece of equipment for second sackers.

"I think it's a fine idea," says Johnny Temple, Cincy's second baseman. "I think all second basemen should use shin guards, at least on the front (left) leg. That's the one they go for."

Temple revealed he has been wearing a fibre shin guard throughout his career—but for a very special reason. His left leg, below the knee, was severely burned when he was 16, and a skin-graft was performed.

Guard Shaped to Leg

"If I get cut," Johnny said, "the stitches wouldn't hold, so I have to wear this guard."

He rolled down his red stocking to reveal the plastic covering. "It's made from a mold," he said, "shaped right to my leg."

Temple revealed that Johnny Logan, Braves' shortstop, planned to have a special set made. Logan was idle much of last season due to a badly gashed shin bone that festered. "A guy's crazy," Johnny has said, "not to have some protection against those guys who come at you with knives on both shoes."

Temple, oddly enough, is one of the men mainly responsible for Neal's unique armor-plate. "This is where Johnny got me last year," said Charley, pointing to a dime-sized scar on his right leg.

Charley fingered a fresher wound on the other shin. "Roseboro gave me this in a camp game," he said.

Team Trainer Harold Wendler and his assistant, Bill Bushler, put their talents together and came up with the aluminum guards—about a foot long, shaped to cover all but the rear of each lower leg, and padded inside with foam rubber. They are light in weight and do not reduce Neal's running speed.

Charley wrapped them around his spindly legs and smiled appreciatively. "They fill out my stockings. Now people will think I have big legs," he said.

Crackers Again Expected to Rate as Flag Favorite

Atlanta Seeks Third in Row;
Birmingham, Chattanooga
Looming as Challengers

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ships in the last 37 years, but still, a record for minor league ball.

This season Atlanta will be seeking its third consecutive Southern title. If achieved, this would be another record for the league.

A working agreement with talent-rich Milwaukee has been extremely profitable for the Crackers. This, plus Atlanta President Earl Mann's ability to turn up with the right player when needed, not to mention a winning tradition (four pennants since 1950), is sure to make the Georgia entry a favorite again.

Late Acquisitions Tell Tale

Actually, it is too early, even now, to venture a sound opinion on the course of the coming race. One reason is that some clubs, training at a major league affiliate's base for farm teams, don't take definite shape until just a few days before the opening game. Another is that personnel acquired at the trim-down date in the majors and Triple-A leagues can have a vital effect on the trend of the race.

Even so, Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga may be good bets at this stage to finish in the first division.

The Crackers will be guided by capable, cool Hubert (Buddy) Bates for the second successive season. He was named manager of the year in 1957 after directing Atlanta to the pennant and then winning the playoffs.

There'll be a solid corps of returning veterans as usual. They include Outfielder Billy Reynolds (.265), First Baseman Buck Riddle (.227), Infielder

Dixie Openers

April 11

Chattanooga at Nashville (day-night).
Atlanta at Birmingham (night).
Little Rock at Memphis (night).
New Orleans at Mobile (night).

Secondary Openers

April 14

Memphis at Little Rock.
Mobile at New Orleans.
Birmingham at Chattanooga.
Nashville at Atlanta.
(All night games.)

Sam Meeks (.282), Outfielder-First Baseman Bob Montag (.246 with 20 homers), Pitcher Paul Cave (3-6) and Pitcher Jack O'Donnell (16-10).

Birmingham will start with a better club than a year ago. It has been 27 years since a pennant flew at Rickwood Field. In an attempt to change that, General Manager Eddie Glennon hired Cal Ermer, 33-year-old dean of league pilots. Ermer managed at Chattanooga the past six years.

Ermer is confident of presenting a classy infield of Slugger Lou Limmer at first base, Veteran Howie Phillips at second, Frank Kostro at shortstop and Steve Demeter at third. Reliable pitching mainstays should be Bud Black and Larry Donovan.

Vet Lineup for Chattanooga

Holdovers galore brighten Chattanooga's aspirations for an all-the-way contender. Pitching may be a question mark, however. In the returning contingent are Outfielders Ernie Oravetz, Bob Allison and Vern Morgan, Infielders Jesse Levan and Stan Roseboro and Catcher Guy Morton. John (Red) Marion, Birmingham manager in 1951, will be at the helm.

Nashville, under First Baseman-Manager Dick Sisler another season, apparently will go to the post with its infield as the strongest department. The foursome includes Tommy Brown, preparing for his fifteenth season in O. B. at the age of 30, at third; Bobby Durnbaugh manning shortstop, Larry Taylor at second and Sisler, 1957 all-star team choice, at first.

Early-season scorecard sales at Russwood Park in Memphis should be brisk. Just about the only thing familiar about the 1958 Chicks is the name. Almost everything is new—major league working agreement (the switch was from the Chicago Cubs to Boston Red Sox), manager (Warren Robinson) and players. Outfielder Gip Dickens, who averaged .276 and hit 22 homers for Memphis last year, is returning.

Mobile, under Mel McGaha; Little Rock, piloted by Les Peden, and New Orleans, led by Charlie Silvera, are the other clubs with new leaders.

Silvera has the toughest task. His job is to whip up a winning club to jack up attendance figures and thus save the franchise for New Orleans.