

Sports

Tight Hurling Unexcelled In World Series

New York, Oct. 7. (UP)—Who said this was the era of the lively ball?

Why, this is a throwback to Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson, and even in those pulsating years there never was World Series pitching to compare with what the Dodgers and Yankees are throwing at each other.

Two games, nine hits for the Dodgers—11 for the Yankees. Only two runs, one apiece in 18 innings. And maybe more of the same today with Lefty Tommy Byrne of the Yankees going against righty Ralph Branca, the blisterball pitcher for the Dodgers, or Rex Barney.

Does that sound like a season when the Dodgers, in winning a pennant, set an all-time team record of 155 home runs and the Yankees, who once again surpassed their annual mark of 100 by getting 115, made the extra base blow their theme song?

It is a series to conjure up memories among the old guys, a series that sets the genuine baseball fans a-tingle with expectation that any one pitch may be the deciding one. But it definitely is not a series for the average modern fan—the fellow who was brought up in the era of home runs at dime-a-dozen by Babe Ruth, Mel Ott, Jimmy Foxx, Hank Greenberg, Joe DiMaggio, and Johnny Mize.

They can't help but wonder what has happened. So do a lot of experts—close to the game. They can't figure why the Dodgers who had a .270 batting average for the season, suddenly should succumb to pitching by Allie Reynolds and Vic Raschi, and drop to a .153 team average. It is just as hard to understand why the Yankees, who were very tough on the best pitchers in their own league—particularly in the final weeks—should wind up with a .267 American League batting mark and a .177 hit figure in the series.

Yankees, who once again surpass-razzle dazzle fast ball and figured to fool the Yankees with it a little. But they've been hitting hurry-up guys in the American League all year like they owned them, so it is just doggone hard to figure why they could only get five hits and get stuck for 11 strikeouts. It is the same way with Ollie Reynolds, the big Yankee Indian, who pitched two-hit ball. Reynolds, who escaped getting batted out of the box only four times in 34 games all season, whammed that ball in there like never before, striking out nine and walking only four.

So far with three pitchers going the route and the fourth being lifted only for a pinch-hitter, there

Decatur Second In Cross Country Meet

The Decatur Yellow Jackets cross country team finished second in a triangular meet at Kendallville Thursday afternoon, although Roger Johnson, of Decatur, paced the field to come in first in 19:58.

Kendallville won the meet with 24 points, followed by Decatur with 39 and Angola with 69.

In a field of 35 runners, Thompson of Decatur finished fourth, P. Johnson, Decatur, was 10th, Reinking, Decatur, was 11th and Koons, Decatur, finished 13th.

The Decatur harriers will compete against Fort Wayne Central Catholic on the Decatur golf club course Monday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock.

have been just five walks in the entire series—one of them intentional—and there have been 27 strikeouts—all of them intentional.

Newcombe and Preacher Roe, whose dippy-do curve balls did everything but follow the straight and narrow path yesterday, thus far have not issued one walk to the Yankees. Reynolds, just a touch wild, walked four on the first day, while Raschi would have escaped without any yesterday, had he not passed Campanella purposefully in the second inning.

Yesterday, Raschi and Roe each gave up six hits and relief hurler Joe Page of the Yankees, who hurled the ninth, was touched for but one.

Not a single batter on either club has gotten more than two hits and only three non-entity hitters, substitute Spider Jorgensen of the Dodgers, rookie Jerry Coleman of the Yankees and pitcher Reynolds (of all people) have collected that many.

Extra base hits? Well, there have been three Yankee doubles and Tommy Henrich's homer—the only one on either side to date. For Brooklyn there have been three two-baggers and a fluke triple by Gene Hermanski—and no homers.

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Well Done, Son!



White-throated Dodger manager Burt Shotton hugs pitcher Elwin ("Preacher") Roe after the latter's 1-0 shutout of the Yankees in the second game of the World Series. Roe allowed only 6 hits and issued no walks in making the 49 series the first with two 1-0 games. A crowd of 70,053 paid a net of \$316,294 to see the Dodgers tie up the series.

Series Facts

New York, Oct. 7. (UP)—Facts and figures on the 1949 world series:

Standings: W L
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Scores—1st game: New York 1, Brooklyn 0. 2nd game: Brooklyn 1, New York 0.

Remaining games—Oct. 7-9 at Ebbets Field; Oct. 10-11 (if necessary) at Yankee Stadium.

Probable pitchers for today's game—New York: Tommy Byrne (15-7); Brooklyn: Ralph Branca (13-5) or Rex Barney (9-8).

Odds on series—Yankees 3 to 4; Dodgers 11 to 10.

Odds on today's game—if Byrne vs. Branca: Yankees 7 to 10, Dodgers even; if Byrne vs. Barney, Yankees, 4 to 5, Dodgers 6 to 5.

Total attendance—136,283.

Highest attendance—70,053 (2nd game).

Total receipts—\$620,539.35.

Total commissioner's share—\$94,980.90.

Total players' pool—\$321,575.07.

Total clubs' and leagues' share—\$214,338.48.

Governors Seek To End Railway Strike

St. Louis, Oct. 7. (UP)—A conference by four governors with representatives of the Missouri Pacific railroad and its striking brotherhoods broke up early today with no decision for ending the 29-day-old strike.

Junior Police Plan For Hike Saturday

The Junior Police will commune with nature Saturday—that is, if nature will cooperate. The boys have planned a hike to the woods for that day, but they will call the affair off if it rains. The youthful flatfeet are requested to meet at the station with their lunches at 8:15 in the morning.

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Montreal Wins, Evens Little World Series

Indianapolis, Oct. 7. (UP)—The Montreal Royals squared the Little World Series, two all last night by knocking over the Indianapolis Indians, 7 to 1, behind the two-hit pitching of Clarence Podbielan.

The lanky right-hander ruled the diamond for all but one inning during the game. In the fourth, the Indians got to him for two hits and their lone run of the evening.

The Canadians gave their moundman a comfortable buffer of six runs during the first three innings.

Dog With Rabies Is Destroyed Here

A dog, which had run berserk in the Monmouth area earlier in the week, biting and snapping at several people there, and determined as having rabies by veterinarian Dr. Edward Peck, was destroyed Thursday by deputy Robert Shraluka.

The dog is owned by Wilfred Schirer and he, and several members of his family, were exposed and are taking treatments to avert any complications. This is the same dog which attacked Diana

Sue Cable Monday and was the cause of a search of the area.

Young Nurse's Death Is Believed Suicide

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 7. (UP)—Coroner Denzil M. Furgeson said today a full investigation would be necessary to determine whether an attractive 22-year-old nurse committed suicide.

The body of Charlotte Ann Kelly, a nurse at St. Anthony's hospital, was found in the kitchen of her home by her sister, Marcia, 11, when the latter returned home from school yesterday.

Detective chief James Evelo said the woman had been shot once in the upper part of the body just below the neck with a .45 cal. revolver, a souvenir of her father's from World War I. A burner of a gas stove was turned on, Evelo said.

YANKEES

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Dodgers—Miksis filed to Mape. Coleman threw out Furillo. Robinson walked. Hodges filed to DiMaggio. No runs, no hits, no errors, one left.

Seventh Inning

Yankees—Brown grounded out,

Robinson to Hodges. Woodling and Mape filed to Snider. Dodgers—Olmo fouled to Berra. Snider grounded out. Henrich unassisted. Campanella filed to Woodling.

Eighth Inning

Yankees—Coleman was called out on strikes. Branca's sixth strikeout. Page grounded out. Reese to Hodges. Rizzuto popped to Reese.

Dodgers—Branca was called out on strikes. Reese walked. Miksis singled to left. Reese stopping at second. Furillo filed to Mape. The runners holding. Robinson filed to DiMaggio. No runs, one hit, no errors, two left.

Ninth Inning

Yankees—Robinson made a spectacular stop of Henrich's brouder and threw him out. Berra walked. DiMaggio fouled to Miksis. Mize singled to right. Berra stopping at second. Woodling walked, filling the bases. Johnny Mize batted for Mape and singled off the right field screen, scoring Berra and Brown, sending Woodling to third. Bauer ran for Mize. Branca was replaced by Jack Banta. Coleman singled to center, scoring Woodling and sending Bauer to third. Page struck out. Three runs, three hits, no errors, two left.

Dodgers—Bauer went to right field for the Yankees. Hodges

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