

Dodgers Win Playoff; To Meet White Sox In Series Opener Thursday

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Dodgers finally took care of the Braves and their promise today was "Now we'll take care of the White Sox."

They played in here today after having defeated Milwaukee, 6-5, in 12 innings at Los Angeles to win the National League pennant and their first playoff in three tries.

Manager Walt Alton, who said, "I thought we'd win it all the time," had his World Series pitching plans all mapped out.

"I don't know what the other guy is going to do, but I'm going with my big guys. That means Roger Craig in the first game Thursday."

"After that it will be Larry Sherry, Johnny Podres and Don Drysdale. They will do the job."

The Dodgers did it the hard way in smashing the Braves, in a four hour and six minute marathon at the sunbaked then shadowed Los Angeles Coliseum Tuesday to climax the greatest comeback in baseball history.

For no other National League team ever before had fought its way back from seventh place to the flag in one brief season's jump. And it was a battle, because as late as the last half of the ninth inning the Dodgers—beaten twice before in playoffs for the flag—again faced failure.

A Wild Finish
But, after 155 games and nine innings they had squared it up with one of those wild and wonderful finishes which were their trademark back in the old days in Brooklyn.

And after 12 innings which ended a 156-game campaign in ear-jarring jubilation, they had earned the right to face the rested White Sox in the best-of-seven classic opening Thursday at Chicago.

It was—in the final analysis—a gift as well as a hard-won prize.

For there were two out and two on in the 12th inning when Carl Furillo crashed an infield single just wide of second base. Felix Mantilla had no play on what should have been a bases-filling single still leaving reliever Bob Rush and the Braves alive.

But the slender Puerto Rican took a daring gamble and fired to first—fired it into the dirt and past straining Frank Torre as Gil Hodges trundled all the way home from second with the run which completed the Dodger odyssey and sent them winging off to Chicago for the Series.

There it will be another knock-out brawl against an American League champion which has had time to rest its staff and will send 22-game winner Early Wynn against them in the opener.

Craig To The Mound
For the Dodgers it will be Craig, the 28-year-old fastball

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Williams' Career Apparently Ended

BOSTON (UPI) —The tempestuous career of slugging star Ted Williams appeared at an end today, his retirement signaled by the firing of a lowly clubhouse attendant.

Although Williams, "unavailable" on a hunting trip in the wilds of New Brunswick, had not formally announced his own retirement from baseball, his Boston Red Sox employers for the past 20 seasons summarily fired the man who has been virtually Ted's personal valet during his often explosive career.

The announcement that Johnny Orlando, an employee of the Boston organization since he was hired as a bat boy in 1925, had been fired, came as a distinct shock to the obscure locker room caretaker.

It was immediately seen by veteran baseball writers as a sure and certain sign that Williams, at 41, had decided to call it quits on a career twice interrupted by war.

Orlando, who rose to local fame through his ministrations to the six-time American League batting king, was "let go" by the Red Sox at the end of the season.

"I don't know," Orlando said. "I don't know what it's all about. I was through. I'll have to wait and talk to Ted when he gets back."

pitcher who has an 11-5 record this season—and who sat in the bull pen idly Tuesday as five Dodger pitchers trudged to the mound before 23-year-old Stan Williams won it with three innings of shutout relief pitching.

Lew Burdette, the loose and easy man from the mountains of West Virginia, almost squared it up against the Dodgers in that second game Tuesday—almost made it necessary for Craig to go out and face Milwaukee in an end-of-the-road third game today.

But Burdette, staggered often yet never quite put down, finally took the count in a dramatic ninth inning which turned the tide and set up the heroics—and collapse—in the 12th.

Wally Moon, Duke Snider and Hodges chased him with three straight singles which filled the bases. Don McMahon came on in an attempt to stem the tide but Norm Larker singled off the screen in left to send Moon and pinch runner Bob Lillis racing home and Hodges to third. The Braves came next with Warren Spahn, their great lefthander, and Furillo flied deep to right, Hodges scoring after the catch with the tying run.

Sudden Death
Now it was sudden death and the crowd of 36,528 groaned into the lengthening shadows as the Braves filled the bases with two out in the 11th. Williams got them out, though, and the groans changed to cheers as the Dodgers filled 'em up in their half and then couldn't pull it off.

Then it was the 12th and, after the Braves went down in order, so, too, did the first pair of Dodgers.

Now it was Hodges and he drew a walk. Pignatano stepped in next and singled to left, Hodges going to second.

That put Furillo, one of the old Flatbush heroes, in the box and he rapped that hit on which Mantilla took the greatest losing gamble of the season.

Adams Central Net Schedule Is Announced

The Adams Central Greyhounds will open their 1939-40 basketball schedule Friday, Nov. 6, entertaining the Monmouth Eagles at the Adams Central gym, according to the schedules announced today by Amzie Miller, head coach.

The Greyhounds have a full schedule of 18 games, nine at home and nine on the road. Feature of the card is the first regularly scheduled clash of the Greyhounds and the Decatur Yellow Jackets, defending sectional champions. The Jackets will play at Adams Central Friday, Nov. 20.

Miller will have only one regular returning from last season's squad, Larry Foreman, a 6-2 center, and one of the county's leading scorers last year. Other let-terms returning are Jim Brown and Dick Steiner, seniors, and Claude Striker, junior.

Miller will coach the varsity and second teams, and will be assisted by John Fruth, freshman coach, and Ron Stork, junior high coach.

The Adams Central schedule follows:

- Nov. 6—Monmouth at Adams Central.
- Nov. 10—Churubusco at Churubusco.
- Nov. 14—Hoagland at Hoagland.
- Nov. 20—Decatur Yellow Jackets at Adams Central.
- Nov. 24—Lancaster Central at Lancaster.
- Dec. 4—Decatur Commodores at Adams Central.
- Dec. 8—Chester Center at Adams Central.
- Dec. 11—Pleasant Mills at Pleasant Mills.
- Dec. 18—Ossian at Adams Central.
- Dec. 22—Berne at Berne.
- Jan. 5—Geneva at Adams Central.
- Jan. 8—Bryant at Adams Central.
- Jan. 14-15—County tourney at Adams Central.
- Jan. 22—Hartford at Hartford.
- Jan. 26—Union (Wells) at Adams Central.
- Jan. 29—Pennyville at Adams Central.
- Feb. 5—Monroeville at Monroeville.
- Feb. 13—Warren at Warren.
- Feb. 19—Bluffton at Bluffton.

- Freshmen Schedule**
Nov. 16, at Berne; Nov. 19, at Lancaster; Nov. 30, at Decatur; Dec. 3, at Ossian; Dec. 17, Portland; Dec. 21, at Bluffton; Jan. 18, Decatur Commodores; Jan. 21, Lancaster; Jan. 28, Decatur; Feb. 4, at Hoagland; Feb. 6, Fort Wayne South Side; Feb. 8, Bluffton; Feb. 9, Fort Wayne Central Catholic; Feb. 18, Berne.

- Junior High Schedule**
Nov. 16, Lancaster; Nov. 19, Geneva; Nov. 23, at Decatur St. Joseph's; Nov. 30, at Decatur; Dec. 3, at Pleasant Mills; Dec. 7, at Berne; Dec. 14, at Ossian; Dec. 17, Portland; Dec. 21, at Bluffton; Jan. 7, Ossian; Jan. 11, Poplar Grove; Jan. 21, Lancaster; Jan. 28, Decatur; Feb. 1, Decatur St. Joseph's; Feb. 4, at Hoagland; Feb. 8, Bluffton; Feb. 18, Berne; Feb. 22, at Poplar Grove.

IMAGE: A "good" town — Decatur

Colts Favored To Beat Bears Saturday Night

By EARL WRIGHT
United Press International

The Baltimore Colts are seven-point favorites to whip the Chicago Bears Saturday night in a game that will go a long way toward deciding the National Football League's Western Division race.

The remainder of the program for the league's second weekend of play is scheduled Sunday. In these games, the New York Giants are favored over the Eagles by six points at Philadelphia; the Steelers are favored over the Washington Redskins by 7½ at Pittsburgh; the Chicago Cardinals are favored over the Browns by three at Cleveland; the Detroit Lions and Packers are rated even at Green Bay, and the Los Angeles Rams are favored over the Forty-Niners by four at San Francisco.

Baltimore, the defending league champion, started its defense of the crown last Sunday, with a 21-9 victory over Detroit. The Bears, considered Baltimore's toughest Western Division rival, were upset by the Packers in their first start, 9-6.

Now the Bears face a make-or-break game against the champions and must play it at Baltimore, where the Colts have won their last nine starts.

Cleveland, generally favored to retain the Eastern Division title from New York, is in the same leaky boat with the Bears. The Browns dropped their opener to the Steelers, 17-7, and face a Chicago Cardinal team that crushed the Redskins, 49-21.

The Rams' big worry is that Billy Wade, their No. 1 quarterback, may not be in top condition for their game at San Francisco. Wade suffered a leg injury in the club's 23-31 loss to New York last Saturday night.

Pittsburgh faces a Washington team that took a tongue-lashing from its coach, Mike Nixon, after it was overwhelmed by the Cardinals.

Lions Charter Bus For Portland Game

The Decatur Lions club has chartered a 40-passenger bus to take members, wives, and guests to the Decatur-Portland football game at Portland Friday night. Herb Banning, chairman of the affair, announced this morning.

"The Lions will do their best to raise a lagging spirit on the part of the Decatur fans," Banning promised.

Lions will meet at the Fairway at 6:15 p. m. to board the bus, which will return them to the same spot after the game.

Several signs are expected to identify the bus, and those attending expect to have a good time.

Last year the Lions sponsored a kickoff for the opening home game, during which coach Robert Worthman and principal Hugh Andrews, both Lions members, were honored.

This will be the first busload of adult fans in several years to attend the game en masse.

Play Little World Series In Havana

HAVANA (UPI) — Rain and cold weather have forced Minneapolis and Havana to complete the balance of the Little World Series in Cuba.

The Millers of the American Association and the Sugar Kings of the International League split the first two games in the best-of-seven series at Minneapolis.

The third game, which was to have been played in Minneapolis Tuesday night will be staged here Thursday night.

50-yard Line Flashes By BOB WALL

The latest preparation for the Portland football game this Friday by the Decatur Yellow Jackets was the reviewing of the films of the Auburn-Decatur contest. Taken by Dr. Mel Weisman, local foot specialist, the films of Decatur's offense received close scrutiny Tuesday night at the home of Coach Bob Worthman by all the team members.

Lawrence Anspaugh, local photographer, used his projector to show the films, stopping the action when asked to by Coach Worthman, who pointed out the various mistakes made by the Jackets in that contest, which Auburn's Red Devils won with three minutes to play by a 14-0 margin.

Half and Half
Worthman and assistant coach Jerry Leitz came up with flaws on about half the plays, while the other half of the running and passing action showed the Jackets to good advantage.

In general, the passing protection was poor. Jim Reidenbach and John Cowan, who can throw long or short with good accuracy, were consistently hurried in getting off their throws, resulting in few gains. The interior line blocking was poor on line plays and the heralded running corps did little to boost their prestige as they ran straight up, allowing opposing tacklers' easy shots at them.

Backfield blocking was also poor and only on a few occasions did the films show any downfield blocking. Another feature of the films was the group tackling by Auburn. On nearly every play, the Red Devils managed to get two

or three men on the man with the ball. Coach Worthman said that the other backs were not carrying out the fakes, essential to draw linebackers and defensive backs from the actual direction of the play.

Offensively and defensively, the linemen failed to give adequate charges and stay in contact with their men. They would jolt the man once and then stand and watch the play. Coach Worthman said the linemen should remain in contact with the assigned man, and if he gets by, the linemen should go and get another man to block.

To Film More Games
Plans were also made at the

meeting to film other Jacket games as the benefit from seeing the mistakes is conducive to team improvement. Most Fort Wayne high schools use the system and other high schools in the state do also. In colleges, the game films are usually in color and show every play.

The cost of such filming is not prohibitive and in this day and age, imperative to a successful season.

The reservation for seats on the buses for Portland are being filled quickly as the Decatur Booster club has ordered two for the Friday night game. Those wishing to attend should contact Herb Banning for reservations.

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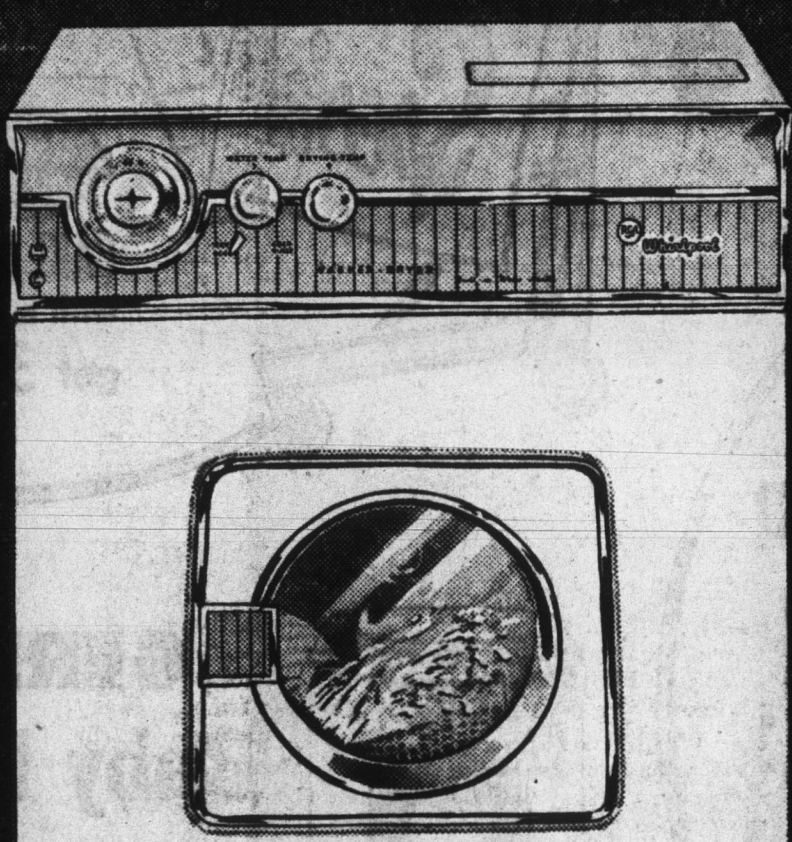
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