

Sports

Dodgers Whip Cardinals To Increase Lead

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The first place Los Angeles Dodgers can blow the pennant again — perish forbid — but only if they prove to be twice as bad as they were last year.

The whole thing boils down to a simple case of mathematics.

By out-slugging the St. Louis Cardinals, 10-7, for their fourth straight victory Thursday night, the Dodgers not only successfully got over the traditional Fourth of July hurdle but also increased their National League lead to 2½ games.

Exactly a year ago, they led by 1½ games but still lost the pennant to the Giants after a memorable three-game playoff.

If nothing else, the Dodgers have tradition on their side. The team leading the NL on July 5 has won the pennant 60 per cent of the time from 1900 through 1962. On the other side of the coin, however, is the haunting recollection of last year's collapse by the July 5th leader.

That didn't seem to bother the Dodgers a bit Thursday night as they routed Ernie Broglio during an eight-run rally in the sixth inning to erase a 4-2 deficit. Rookie third baseman Ken McMullen touched off the fireworks with a grand slam homer and Jim Gilliam's two-run double plus Willie Davis' two-run triple completed the carnage.

Roebuck The Winner

Ed Roebuck, the third Dodger pitcher, was the winner although he had to help from Ron Perranoski after the Cardinals raked him for four runs.

In other NL action, the Hou-

Major Leagues

National League

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	32	.595	—
St. Louis	45	35	.563	2½
Chicago	44	35	.557	3
San Francisco	45	36	.556	3
Cincinnati	44	37	.543	4
Milwaukee	40	39	.506	7
Pittsburgh	38	42	.475	9½
Philadelphia	38	43	.469	10
Houston	32	51	.386	17
New York	29	52	.358	19

Wednesday's Results

Chicago 9, New York 2.
Cincinnati 2, Houston 1.
Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 0.
Only games scheduled.

Thursday's Results

Philadelphia 1-5, Pittsburgh 0-1
(1st game 10 innnings).
Chicago 2-3, New York 1-0.
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3.
Houston 5-6, Cincinnati 2-2.
Los Angeles 10, St. Louis 7.

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	48	29	.523	—
Chicago	46	36	.561	4½
Minnesota	44	35	.557	5
Baltimore	42	36	.538	6½
Cleveland	44	39	.530	7
Los Angeles	41	42	.494	10
Kansas City	35	43	.449	13½
Detroit	32	46	.410	16½
Washington	26	56	.317	24½

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New York 5, Chicago 4.
Detroit 7, Minnesota 5.
Boston 6, Cleveland 2.
Baltimore 3, Los Angeles 1.
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Thursday's Results

Washington 2-3, Kansas 1-2.
New York 9-2, Chicago 1-4.
Detroit 5-3, Minnesota 3-1.
Cleveland 4-7, Boston 3-5 (1st game 14 innnings).
Baltimore 7, Los Angeles 4.

ton Colts bowed over the Cincinnati Reds twice, 5-2 and 6-2; the Chicago Cubs swept a twin bill from the New York Mets, 2-1 and 3-0; Philadelphia defeated Pittsburgh twice, 1-0, in 10 innings and 5-1, and Milwaukee beat San Francisco, 6-3.

Cubs Climb Up

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In Wildcat League

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White Sox Win To Boost Lead In Little League

A four-run fourth inning powered the White Sox to a 7-5 victory over the Red Sox in the Decatur Little League Wednesday evening and upped the winners' first place lead to a game and a half.

The victory was the seventh straight for the White Sox and upped their league-leading record to 7-1 for the season. A single by Terry Smith and four consecutive walks to Tyler Hill, Dave Tester, Rich Fisher and Dave Winteregg, and a single by Tom Schultz helped the White Sox to four tallies in the fourth inning and broke a 3-3 ball game wide open.

The Red Sox grabbed a two-run lead in the first inning on a walk to Tom Hullinger and singles by Kenny Gause and Craig Barkley. Tester walked to open the last of the first and rode home on Dave Winteregg's double to cut the margin to a run.

Schultz Homer Ties

Singles by Gause, Barkley and Tony Beery boosted the Red Sox into a 3-1 lead in the third, but Schultz rapped out his fifth home run of the season in the last of the third with Fisher aboard to tie the score at 3-all.

Fisher walked to open the third, and after Winteregg flied out, Schultz connected with his fifth round-tripper of the year.

The league leaders then exploded for their big inning in the fourth to take lead they never lost although the Red Sox got two runs back in the fifth on a double by Danny Serna, Hullinger's single and an error.

Brett Lutes hurled the distance for the winners to chalk up his first victory of the season. The lefty struck out eight and walked only one, while scattering seven hits. Ken Fried and Alan Busse shared chores for the Red Sox, Fried being charged with the tie.

Rusty Staub's two-run homer sparked the Colts to their opening game victory over the Reds and Jim Campbell's grand slam homer in the eighth inning of the nightcap completed the sweep for Houston. Ken Johnson (4-11) and Dick Farrell (6-6) were the winning pitchers.

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International League

Northern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Syracuse	50	33	.602	—
Rochester	46	37	.554	4
Buffalo	42	38	.525	6½
Richmond	36	42	.462	11½
Toronto	37	46	.446	13

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	32	.584	—
Indianapolis	44	38	.537	3½
Arkansas	38	44	.463	9½
Columbus	35	46	.418	13
Jacksonville	32	47	.405	14

Thursday's Results

Jacksonville 6-1, Buffalo 2-7.
Columbus 5-4, Atlanta 1-5.
Indianapolis 11-0, Arkansas 4-3.
Syracuse 2-4, Rochester 0-1.
Toronto 5-5, Richmond 2-3.



P. L. CUBS — The Cubs, defending tournament champions in the Adams County Pony League, are pictured above. Front row, left to right — Harold Meyer, batboy; Doug Spaulding, Terry Hilyard, Pete Mayclin, Don Williams, Bob Koos, Denny Rash and Dan Strickler. Rear — manager Bob Shraluka, Rick Hackman, John Schultz, Dave Hackman, Lon Hawkins, Dan Kable, Denny Sheets, Stu Spiegel, Bill Brown, coaches Nellie Clark and Don Feasel. (Photo by MacLean)

Whitey Ford Hurls Ninth Straight Win

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Who's Ralph Houk kidding?

He claims there's still a long way to go but it figures to be mostly downhill for the Yankees to a 4-1½ game lead and Mickey Mantle due back in a week or so.

Houk is getting a little coy about any pennant talk and that's usually the tipoff on any manager who is beginning to think about which pitcher he will use in the first game of the World Series.

"Right now," Houk says, "I'm more concerned about which pitcher I'll start in Tuesday's All-Star game."

One pitcher who definitely will not start is Yankee southpaw Whitey Ford, who wasn't chosen to the American League All-Star team by Houk.

Ford could beef if he wanted to in view of the fact his 13-3 record makes him the top winner in the league. But he's just as happy to watch the All-Star game on television.

Highest Win Percentage

Whitey not only struck out 12 and won his ninth in a row by beating the Chicago White Sox, 9-1, in Thursday's opener but he also became the pitcher with the highest winning percentage in baseball history.

Ford's six-hit triumph over the White Sox, who snapped the Yankees' seven-game winning streak by taking the nightcap, 4-2, gave him a lifetime record of 118 victories against 74 defeats for a .718 percentage. He thus surpassed ex-Yankee Spud Chandler's .717 mark among pitchers with 100 or more victories.

The only run off Ford in the opener was Floyd Robinson's ninth inning homer but by that time the Yanks had the game wrapped up, thanks to Elston Howard's 16th home run and Roger Maris' 18th.

Juan Pizarro scored his 10th victory in the nightcap although he needed Hoyt Wilhelm's help in the seventh. Nellie Fox's two-run home in the sixth off loser Bill Stafford proved to be the winning margin.

Elsewhere in the American League, Detroit won its first doubleheader of the year with a 5-3 and 3-1 sweep of Minnesota; Cleveland also took two from Boston, 4-3 in 14 innnings and 7-5; Washington beat Kansas City two times, 2-1 and 3-2, and Baltimore defeated Los Angeles, 7-4, in a single contest.

Reds Lose Twice

In the National League, Houston beat Cincinnati twice, 5-2 and 6-2; the Chicago Cubs swept a pair from the New York Mets, 2-1 and 3-