

SPORTS

Junior High
Scores Third
Win Of Season

The Decatur junior high school team narrowly kept its unbeaten record unblemished Thursday afternoon at Worthman Field, as they squeaked out a 12-6 victory over Parkway, O.

Showing much improvement from the game Decatur won 14-0 at Parkway, the Ohio club scored once, had another touchdown called back, and just missed tying and possibly winning the game with just seconds to play when a pass was dropped in the end zone.

Two plays turned the tide for the Decatur eleven, which chalked up its third victory without a loss—a first period interception by line-backer Ron Journey and a TD pass from Jim Cass to Don Cummings.

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Dodgers Take
2-0 Lead To
Home Stadium

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The battling, underrated Los Angeles Dodgers returned home today, counting on the brilliant pitching and timely hitting which crushed the mighty New York Yankees in the first two games to close out the World Series on their own grounds.

While the Dodger players were confident they would do just that—and the oddsmakers now rate them 3-1 favorites to win the Series—manager Walter Alton cautiously observed, "We have to win two more."

He then named his big, fireballing right-hander, Don Drysdale, to pitch the third game on Saturday. Today was an open date for travel.

"It's nice we won the first two," said the conservative Dodger skipper.

"We're not throwing in the towel," said Ralph Houk, the Yankees manager who named his right-handed ace, Jim Bouton, as his third-game starter. "Teams have lost the first two games before and won the Series."

The Yankees did it in 1956 when Houk was a reserve catcher with them.

Third-Game Favorites

Although the Yankees had lost both of the first two games in which they were favored in their own park—and they have been a much better team at home than on the road—the bookmakers made them 11-10 choices to win the third game. This despite the fact the 24-year-old Bouton, a 21-game winner, never has pitched in a Series game.

The 27-year-old Drysdale, a 19-game winner, has a 1-0 Series record. He beat the White Sox with relief help from Larry Sherry in 1959 when the Dodgers won the Series. He previously had pitched two innings of relief against the Yankees in that 1956 comeback Series for the Dodgers.

Houk insisted he was thinking of no lineup changes and said that Roger Maris, who was injured in the third inning of Thursday's game, would be back in the lineup.

"That was our best ball club out there in the first two games and that's the one I intend to keep playing," said Houk, angered when a baseball writer suggested the Yankees looked "like Little Leaguers" Thursday.

Finds No Fault

Houk would have none of that, refusing to fault his club on faulty defensive play which handed the Dodgers two first-inning runs. A questionable throw by first baseman Joe Pepitone and a mishap by Maris led to the Dodgers' scores.

He admitted, however, that "it will be nice to see some right-handed pitching for a change." The left-handed pitching of strikeout king Sandy Koufax, crafty Johnny Podres and relief ace Ron Perranoski killed the Yankees in the two games in Yankee Stadium.

"I'm afraid we will see some more of them," Houk added, with a smile. And Alton promised that the Yankees would.

Alton said he was reluctant to change his lineup, although he usually platoons against right-handed pitching—putting the left-handed hitting Wally Moon in right field in place of Frank Howard and Ron Fairly at first base instead of Bill Skowron.

"But the way Skowron has been hitting, I might leave him in there," Alton explained. "And I might also leave (Dick) Tracowski at second base."

He also said he didn't want to say anything now on whether Moon will take over for Howard.

Better Defensively

Tracowski has been playing

because rookie third baseman Ken McMullen was kept out of the first two games because of a pulled leg muscle. McMullen will be ready to play Saturday, but Alton may keep him on the bench because his ball club is better defensively with Tracowski at second and Jim Gilliam at third.

Up to now, the alleged defensive shortcomings of the Dodgers have not cropped up. Actually, that superlative pitching of Koufax, Podres and Perranoski has held the Yankee power so bottled up that the Dodgers have had few difficult fielding chances.

But the usually flawless fielding Yankees cracked in the first inning Thursday and led to what turned out to be enough runs to win for Podres, who needed help from Perranoski in the ninth after he yielded a one-out double to Hector Lopez.

The Yankees were not charged with any errors in that first inning although the consensus in the press box was that first baseman Pepitone should have been.

Fleet Maury Wills started the Dodgers off against young Al Downing had Wills picked off him at bat, it appeared that Downing had Wills pickled off first, but the Dodger shortstop lit out for second and slid in ahead of Pepitone's throw, which pulled second baseman Bobby Richardson off the bag.

Wills was credited with a stolen base. He sped to third on Gilliam's single and then came a bad break for the Yankees.

Willie Davis hit a low line drive to right and it looked like Maris would catch it. But Maris slipped as he started after the ball and stumbled again when he got up. By that time, Wills and Gilliam had scored and Willie was on second.

Downing settled down then but the damage had been done.

High School Football

Terre Haute Gerstmeier 14, Brazil 6.
Evansville Central 13, Evansville Harrison 7.
East Chicago Washington 27, Gary Emerson 6.
Gary Froebel 45, Whiting 12.

Series Facts

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Facts and figures on the 1963 World Series:

Saturday's game—3rd, at Dodger Stadium, Saturday.
First game score—Dodgers 5, Yankees 2.

Second game score—Dodgers 4, Yankees 1.

Series standing—Dodgers lead, 2-0.

Series winner—First team to win four games.

Remaining games—3rd, 4th, and 5th (if necessary) at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, Sat., Oct. 5, Sun., Oct. 6, Mon., Oct. 7; 6th and 7th (if necessary) at Yankee Stadium, Wed., Oct. 9, and Thurs., Oct. 10.

Third game pitchers—Dodgers: Don Drysdale (19-17); Yankees: Jim Bouton (21-7).

Third game odds—Yankees favored, 11-10.

Series odds—Dodgers favored, 3-1.

Game time of third game—4 p.m., EDT (1 p.m., PDT).

Television and radio—Via NBC, 3:45 p.m., EDT.

Second game attendance—66,455.

Total attendance—135,455.

Second game financial figures—Receipts—\$481,342; players' share—\$245,484; commissioner's share—\$72,201; clubs' and leagues' share—\$40,914.

Total financial figures—Receipts—\$971,601; players' share—\$495,516; commissioner's share—\$145,740; clubs' and leagues' share—\$82,586.

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