

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Brooklyn Dodgers apparently pulled the biggest bonehead play of the year — and possibly quite a few years — when they "accepted" the resignation of Chuck Dressen and optimistically uninstalled Walt Alston as manager.

Dressen actually was fired because he couldn't win the World Series. Anybody, the Brooklyn front office figured, should be able to win the National League pennant with this team.

But, obviously, just "anybody" can't. Certainly it appears as if Alston can, unless he changes his slow and unsure tactics. He has, simply, slowed a hell-for-leather ball club to walk until they are just about beaten. He'll have to start gambling, and so will the players, to get back in the race.

And how that Dressen must be laughing at the Brooklyn "brains" which announced before the season that "we aren't worried about the pennant — it's the World Series we want."

Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday: Today, Johnny Wyrostek 35, Glenn Dobbs 32 and Paul Runyan 46. Tuesday, Mickey Walker 53; Wednesday, A. B. Happy Chandler 56, Johnny Murphy 46 and Claude Harmon 38; Thursday, Bruce Edwards 31; Friday, Larry Jansen 34.

The National League has been getting a bit cocky about its four straight wins in the All-Star game, to be played at Cleveland next Tuesday, but actually all that does is match a former American League feat — and the American League led in the overall box-score, 12 games to 10 the American League won their four in a row from 1946 through 1949.

Durocher And McGraw

Memory Lane: Just 52 years ago this week the great John McGraw began a 30-year stretch as manager of the New York Giants in which he won 10 pennants and despite the sharpshooters, Leo Durocher might be there that long, too, if he wins this one.

Because a U. S. Senator had a race track on his estate, the 1954 U. S. Amateur golf championship will be played in Detroit next month. Michigan Senator James McMillan took up golf while serving in the Senate in the mid-30's. Returning to Detroit, he had a course laid out on the infield of his private race track — which eventually became the Country Club of Detroit.

Duke Snider of the Dodgers, leading the National League batting race with a mark in the .370's, doesn't believe he can maintain that pace until season's end. The Duke figures he'll have too many strikeouts but hopes to stay up around .345.

Dunn In Sports

By ABE ELMORE

Hal Jernigan, local pro at Chirora Country Club, reports that there were a large number of persons participating in golf during the week-end. The heavy rain on Friday put the greens in good shape and the weather was very good for playing, except for the strong wind on Sunday. The wind kept the scores very high but the number playing did not seem to mind too much. The lowest score shot over the week-end was by Frankie Steel of Lillington, who had a 74.

The plans for the Annual Members meeting are all complete said Jernigan. The meeting will be during the afternoon and evening of July 21, 1954. During the afternoon Scotch Four Ball, and Driving Contest will be held for the men, while the Women will participate in a Ringer Tournament are William Corbett of Dunn and Frankie Steele of Lillington, each of these persons has a 60. William had been leading during the past week but Steele cut one stroke off his score yesterday to put the tournament in a two-way tie.

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Baseball Notes From Dugouts

NEW YORK UP — They say in the dugout:

Third baseman Eddie Yost, disturbed by stories that he's in line for Washington's managerial job, insists he wouldn't accept it even if it was offered him.

"I still have several active years left," says the 27-year old infielder, "and I never would consent to being a playing manager."

Some guys don't know when they're well off, like Cub relief pitcher Jim Brosnan who dreams of becoming a short story writer.

For a fellow who can't find his shoes under the bed in the morning without his glasses, Clint Courtney of Baltimore certainly has an extra-ordinary eye at the plate. He hasn't struck out even once this season.

MARION TO COACH

Marty Marion of the White Sox became one of the few men in baseball ever to serve on both the National and American League All-Star teams when he takes over one of the coaching lines for Casey Stengel next Tuesday.

Mickey Vernon has pulled up his batting average 80 points in the past two months but nurses little hope of successfully defending his American League batting title. "I got off to too slow a start," claims the Senator first sacker.

Willie Mays' comment on the Dodgers' announcement of one of his homers over their public address system:

"I wish they wouldn't do it anymore — especially if the Brooklyn players don't like it."

BOUDREAU FORGOT

Lou Boudreau recently benched Jim Piersall for light hitting 259, apparently forgetting that he once said he would keep the brilliant defensive outfielder in the Red Sox lineup even if he hit into a double play every time up."

Dick Littlefield, the fast-ball pitcher who came to Pittsburgh from Baltimore, was tickled to learn the Pirates travel by plane. He claims he never learned how to sleep on a train.

One big league road secretary has no problem distributing meal money to the players. Armed with the money, he goes up to the hotel floor where the players are staying, knocks on all their doors, waits for them to poke their heads out, then tosses the dough up in the air with the shout: "Fight for it, ya sonasguns, fight for it!"

The city Softball League will get underway for their last five games of the 1954 season tomorrow night. The first game of the night will be between Skinny's Esso and Johnson Cotton Co. The Johnson team has been getting stronger all season and have been beaten only twice. Both at the hands of Skinny's. Skinny was defeated 16-2 in his last game for his only defeat of the year. The game tomorrow night should be one of the better ball games of the season.

The other two games will be between the American Legion and the Jayces. The third game will be played by the National Guard and Cannady's Store.

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Four-Square Tournery Set For Tyler Park

The Recreation Department supervisors at Tyler Park report that Volley Ball and Four Square were the two outstanding games last week.

Some of the outstanding Volleyball players are Harry Driver, Howard Hodges, Mike Williams, Harry Tart, Claude Pope, Ray Taylor, and Frankie Bennett. With so much interest being shown four Volleyball teams are trying to be organized by Wednesday July 14. Anyone interested in playing please see one of the tentatively team captains, Harry Driver, Daley Goff, Howard Hodges, and Claude Pope. The time for these games will be between 4:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock.

A Four Square tournament will also begin this week and the probable time will be from 10:00 o'clock AM thru late afternoon and will be played only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The outstanding participants in this game so far have been Willie Tart, Bill Robertson, Kack White, Larson Bennett, Bill Joyner, and Billy Parker.

A new Shuffle Board court has been placed under the Recreation Hut in the park during the past week. Outstanding participants so far are Anne Jernigan, Skinny Ennis, Alton Bass, Beth Wilson, William Maynard.

Jackie Sturgill and Jean Johnson have been the outstanding Domino players for the past few days.

It is hoped that during the next week a Horseshoe tournament will be organized. The Tyler Park supervisors hope that at least sixty men will enter this event both for the singles and doubles championships brackets. The supervisors will do the pairings in the double championship bracket. Some of the outstanding players have been, Mac Barefoot, Gene Driver and Mayo Smith.

One of the favorite games in the park has been the Croquet set. The game is becoming more popular each day. Two of the regular players have been Becky Aycock and Hannah White.

The Recreation Department hope that they can have tournaments in all the above mentioned games. Anyone interested in participating in these games are asked to give their names to the supervisors and in what events they want to participate.

The Tyler Park supervisors, Kack White and Paul Hollingsworth, have reported there has been a slight increase in the park participation during the past week. They hope that more youngsters and adults will come out and take part in the planned recreation program during this week and the remainder of the summer.

BROOKLYN UP — Dodger star Roy Campanella, frankly fearful that paralysis of the left hand "will end my career," was scheduled to undergo a fateful medical examination today.

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Softball Team Plays Tonite

The Dunn girls softball team will meet Johnson-Lambe of Raleigh tonight at 8:00 o'clock at the Dunn ball park. This is the opening game of the season for the girls and there will be no admission charged.

Grace "Fireball" Beasley will be on the mound for the Dunnettes. Grace was one of the outstanding softballers last year and with her excellent pitching control she and her teammates are expected to handle the Johnson-Lambe nine easily. Grace's battery mate will be Sylvia Slaughter. Sylvia is one of the most versatile players on the team but she plays her best game at the catching position. She was a regular on the team last year.

The remaining line-up will probably be as follows: Janice Creech, 1st base; Janet Hodges or Joyce Camady, 2nd base; Melrose Tart, 3rd base; Mattie Ruth Godwin, shortstop; Frances Surles, left field; Rilda Hamilton, center field; Mary Faye Williford, right field.

Henry Rutaff, Recreation Director, has announced that the Dunn girls have already received an invitation to the softball tournament in Smithfield which begins July 19. The local girls were the runners-up in the 1953 tournament.

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SPORTS SHORTS

BOSTON UP — Promoter Sam Silverman hopes for 18,000 fans and \$50,000 tonight at his outdoor 10-round fight between lightweight contender George Araujo and welterweight Tony DeMarco in Fenway Park. It will not be televised.

PHILADELPHIA UP — The Philadelphia Athletics added another worry to their growing list of headaches today — the loss of hard-hitting Gus Zernial from the lineup for the rest of the campaign.

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Big Wrestling Card Slated

RALEIGH — Make way for Raleigh's and Eastern North Carolina's most popular athletic team. That's the Becker brothers, of course. George and Bobby Becker, the handsome and powerful young tag team of wrestling, headline Wednesday night's grapple card at the Memorial Auditorium here. They'll meet the rugged team of Charro Astec, the Mexican bandit, and Pat Fraley, the Yankee roughhouse.

The Beekers return here at 8:30 after a long absence during which time they rested up from the wrestling wars. And so excited have the local fans been above the duo, they

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Cardinals	2	1	.667	21 6 8
Indians	1	1	.500	AB R H
Athletics	1	2	.333	Danny Dixon 2 1 0
Dodgers	1	3	.250	C. Lee 1 2 0

The Dodgers won their first ball game of the 1954 KPL season Friday morning by defeating the Athletics 6-5 behind the two-hit pitching of Jimmy Jordan and Larry Godwin. The win for the Dodgers was their first against three defeats.

Leading the hitting for the winners were Horace Pope and J. D. Pope with three for three and two for three, respectively.

Bud Hudson was the losing pitcher for the Athletics as he gave up 8 hits and 1 base on balls. Tommy Jones and David Lee received the two hits that the A's were able to get off the two Dodger hurlers.

Only one game was played Friday morning. The Indians were supposed to play the second game but they could not field a team so the game was postponed 'till a later date.

Dodgers

AB	R	H
H. Pope	3	3
A. Bass	3	0
B. Clifton	2	1
D. Bass	3	0
J. D. Pope	3	2
H. Ruark	2	0
J. Whittenton	1	0
B. Overman	1	0
L. Godwin	1	1

Watch That Gun!
BOSTON—(UP)—Indoor shooting accidents — many of them of the didn't-know-the-gun-was-loaded variety — took more than 1,000 lives in the United States during the past year. The Institute For Safer Living also reported that such accidents caused non-fatal wounds to nearly 50,000 other persons.

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