

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — Everybody wants to know: "What's wrong with the Brooklyn Dodgers?"
You can only get the answer by asking those close to the ball club. That means the men who travel with them every day and for various reasons can't put it into words: Well, here's what's wrong:

1. Individually, the players are getting old.
2. The failure of over-stuffed Don Newcombe and temperamental Billy Loes.
3. The abysmal nose-dive of Roy Campanella.
4. Jackie Robinson's inability to play every day.
5. A managerial mistake which stiff-necked pride won't permit the Dodger brass to correct.

All of which sums up to a bitter situation from which even die-hard Dodger rooters give the National League's best team only an "outside chance" of coming on to win the pennant.

Losing Their Drive

The first reason needs no explanation. The Dodgers are getting old in the matter of years and, as result, drive.
Going on to the second reason, pitching is ruining the books. Newcombe was counted on for 20 victories this year. He has virtually eaten himself out of baseball, as his record of six wins against six losses proves.

Robinson In And Out

Robinson has been in and out. You may well ask what difference one man makes. In this case, it is tremendous. Duke Snider, leading the league in hitting; Gil Hodges swatting the ball furiously, and PeeWee Reese, having the best year he has had in the past five seasons, all are playing as good as ever. Yet the Dodgers are staggering. The answer is that in the era in which the Dodgers have become a National League dynasty, Robinson has been the real take-charge guy of the club.

This corner has no argument whatsoever with Walt Alton, no axes to grind nor any differences to settle. But those close to the club breathe fire when they insist he is not a "take-charge guy" and brand him as a "man who simply isn't effective."

He will take the rap, they intimate, because of "string-pulling" by General Manager Buzz Bavasi in the front office. Bavasi they label as the "poor man's" Branch Rickey, with all of the Old Fox's desires but little of his capabilities.

A case in point was the sending of Bob Milliken, a good pitcher, to Montreal. They brought up in his place Tom La Sorda, described by last year's Manager Chuck Dressen as a "good Triple A pitcher."

But such don't win pennants. Neither, those close to the club figure, will the Dodgers of 1954.

The first place team, the Tigers, will meet the third place team which in not yet decided on Monday August 9, and in the second game on that day the second place team will meet the winner of the fourth-fifth place team winner. These team winners will play a two out of three series which begins on Wednesday, August 11. One game will be played on Wednesday.

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Major League Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. American League: Cleveland 71 30 .703, New York 70 34 .673, Chicago 66 39 .629, Detroit 45 57 .441, Washington 43 56 .434, Boston 41 58 .414, Baltimore 37 67 .356, Philadelphia 35 67 .343

Monday's Results: Baltimore 10 Philadelphia 2, Washington 11 Detroit 6

Tuesday's Probable Pitchers: Washington Stobbs 6-6 at Detroit Hoefft 5-12

Wednesday's Games: Washington at Detroit, New York at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Baltimore

National League: New York 67 37 .644, Brooklyn 62 42 .596, Milwaukee 56 46 .549, St. Louis 50 51 .495, Philadelphia 49 51 .490, Cincinnati 50 55 .476, Chicago 43 59 .422, Pittsburgh 34 70 .327

Monday's Results: Brooklyn 2 Milwaukee 1, Chicago 7-11 at New York, St. Louis Raschi 8-5 at Brooklyn Erskine 12-10, Philadelphia Spahn 10-10 at Philadelphia Dickson 7-11, Cincinnati Poldien 6-5 or Nuxhall 4-3 at Pittsburgh Friend 4-9

Wednesday's Games: St. Louis at Brooklyn, Chicago at New York, Milwaukee at Philadelphia, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

Cannady's Store Defeats Legion

Cannady's Store defeated the American Legion Friday night 14-13 in one of the closest ball games of the entire softball season. A big seven run inning in the fifth frame gave Cannady's their one-run margin which they were able to maintain.

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Dunn In Sports

By ABE ELMORE
Two Dunn All-Star Softball teams will be selected this week to play two Erwin Softball teams and the sponsors of the games will be the Lions Clubs of Erwin and Dunn.

Carolina Caravan BY JAKE WADE

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—In case you may have received the impression that all we have done this summer is trapeze around to beaches, today we will pass along some University of North Carolina football stax gathered in long and arduous research on some of the hottest days.

For example, if Carolina scores 66 points in any game this fall, it will be a new record... The most the Tar Heels have ever collected in a gridiron contest was 65, against Virginia Medical College in 1914 and against Wake Forest in 1928... Ditto if the Tar Heels can accumulate 483 yards rushing or 236 passing in any game... Most rushing yards ever made was 482, against The Citadel in 1939, and most passing yards 235, against Georgia in 1947.

Double Forfeit For Two Teams
Skinny's Esso and the National Guard had to forfeit to each other when neither of the teams good field a complete team Friday night.

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Indians Defeat Tigers 3 to 2

The Indians defeated the Tigers 3-2 yesterday by scoring three runs in the last inning on one hit, the only hit given up by Pitcher Joe Thomas of the Tigers.

AB R H: W. Tart 2 0 0, G. Tart 3 0 0, J. Mattox ss 2 1 0, H. Tart p 2 0 0, J. Conn c 1 0 0, F. White 3b 1 0 0, L. Bennett cf 0 1 0, G. Wullenwaber rf 2 0 1, J. Mann lb 13 3 1, Total 30 3 2

Base on balls: Tart 3, Thomas 6
Struck out by: Tart 11, Thomas 7

Athletics Edged By Dodgers 11-10

Kneepants League Standings
Team W L Pct. Tigers 9 2 .818, Indians 6 5 .545, Cardinals 5 6 .455, Athletics 4 7 .363, Dodgers 4 8 .333

AB R H: J. Jones 3b 3 3 1, J. Pope 2b 2 3 1, H. Pope 1b 3 3 3, L. Godwin p 3 0 3, B. Jernigan c 3 1 1, A. Bass ss 1 0 0, B. Overman lf 3 0 0, J. Whitton rf 3 0 0, D. Bass cf 1 1 1, J. Godwin cf 2 0 0, Total 24 11 10

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