Braves Win Series As Yanks Collapse

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Once Over Lightly

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As I watched the Milwaukee Braves win the World Series Thursday I recalled a conversation with a veteran baseball man back in 1948.

It was then he called the shot on the Braves . . . that within a few years they would become the dominant club in the National League, perhaps of all baseball.

At the time, it appeared as if he was basing his belief more on wishful thinking than on fact.

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It turned out, as always, that he knew what he was talking about.

The man is Bob Hughes, one of the outstanding members of Long Beach's baseball fraternity.

Hughes, in various capacities, has been responsible for furthering the careers of many of Long Beach's leading diamond products.

Among other things, he was partly responsible for Bob Lemon's great pitching career. When Lemon appeared unlikely to make the majors as a third baseman - outfielder, Hughes, knowing of Bob's great throwing arm, was the first to suggest he try pitching.

In 1949 Frank Followell, a lefthanded pitching sensation at Wilson High, was one of the most sought-after prep stars in th country.

Frank and his father asked Hughes if he would advise them on the many offers that were rolling in.

Bob thoroughly investigated every deal offered by the various major league scouts.

It was somewhat of a surprise when Hughes called us in one evening and announced that Frank had just signed with the Boston Braves.

The Braves at that moment were languishing in last place in the National League.

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I QUESTIONED BOB on the deal. Hadn't the Followell youth been approached by most of the pennant-contending clubs.

"Yes," Bob admitted, but went on to explain that "we picked the Braves because we're looking at it from the overall picture rather than merely the quick returns from a bonus payment and an immediate salary.

"We took a little less in this respect in joining the Braves, but feel that Frank will make it back many times over if he makes the grade. There are many benefits to be derived from baseball, especially if you are with a leading club. The World Series money is one of the important factors to consider."

"But the Braves are in last place," I protested.

"Yes," Hughes agreed, "but by the time Frank is ready to go up to the majors, the Braves will be one of baseball's leading clubs."

He then pointed out that the Braves had instituted one of the most vigorous youth movements in baseball history. Rather than continue trying to build a ball club through trades, the Braves had embarked on a long-range program of developing their own talent.

"When this talent jells in four or five years, the Braves will move into a contending position . . . and once they reach the top they'll stay there for at least 10 years—not necessarily win the pennant every season, but at least be 1-2. That period will pretty much cover Frank's career and that's what we're mainly interested in at this time."

Well, Frank didn't make the grade. His arm went bad. They tried to make a first baseman out of him, but it was too late by then.

However, the advice he received from Hughes was 100 per cent correct.

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THE SAME YEAR that Followell signed, the Braves picked up another California youngster from Santa Barbara. His name? Eddie Mathews.

"There's the prize catch of the year," Hughes told us. "That kid can't miss. He has everything to become one of the game's top stars."

Bob was right again. Mathews today in reaping the dividends that Bob figured was bound to come when he advised Followell to cast his lot with the Braves . . . who later were to move to Milwaukee and start a colorful new chapter in baseball's exciting history.

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That Milwaukee is destined to be the dominant club in the National League for the next 10 years is clearly seen by most baseball men.

No other organization at the present time in the senior circuit is so fortified for the long haul of the next decade.

The Braves are in a better position than any of their rivals to stand pat, but they are looking forward to an even stronger aggregation next season.

They can fill most of their needs for '58 from their farm system which has produced something like 11 or 12 pennant-winners in the minors in the past two seasons . . . but possibly may go out on the open market and attempt to land a catcher who can supply more consistent hitting than Del Crandall and Del Rice.

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RIVAL NATIONAL LEAGUE clubs already are reported to be clearing the decks for one of the most hectic trading seasons in recent history as they realize that they must act quickly to meet Milwaukee's growing power.

Already such established National League stars as Al Dark, Wally Moon, Ken Boyer and Del Ennis of the Cardinals; Granny Hamner, Willie Jones, Richie Ashburn and Robin Roberts of the Phils; Wally Post, Ted Kluszewski, Smokey Burgess of the Redlegs; Don Newcombe of the Dodgers, plus Johnny Antonelli, Bob Rush, Frank Thomas, etc., are reported to be on the trading block.

Key to the '58 pennant race will be this brisk trading which is expected to produce some of the biggest deals in recent years. But whatever happens, the Braves are still the team to beat—next season and for many years to come.

Stengel Lauds Haney

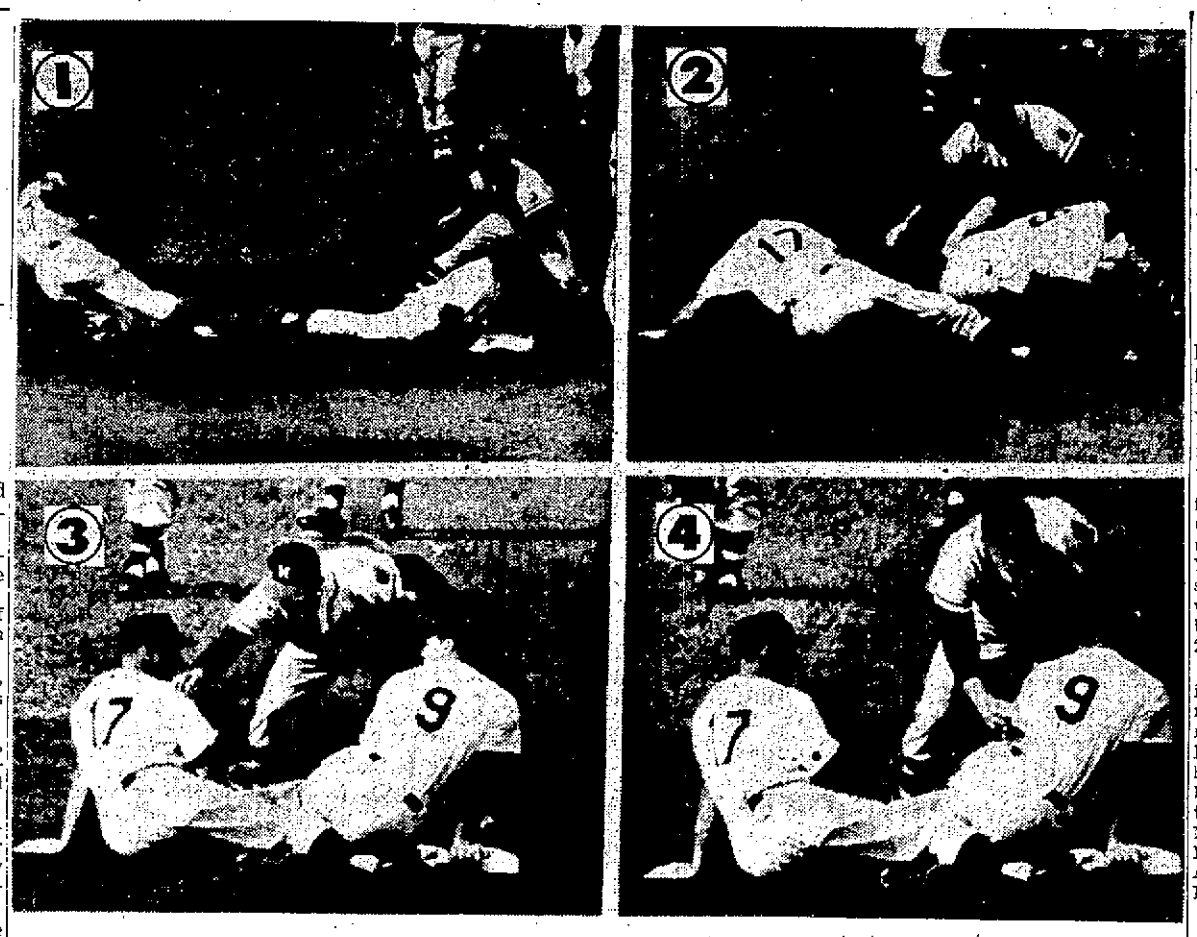
NEW YORK (AP)—Four months ago they hanged Fred Haney in effigy. Thursday he was being eulogized as the greatest manager in baseball.

When Casey Stengel of the losing New York Yankees came to Haney's little room in the Milwaukee Braves' clubhouse after the final game, Haney was deeply moved.

"Thanks Case," he whispered with a choke in his voice. "You don't know what this means to me."

Casey said: "I want to tell you something. You beat us and you beat us right. There's no question about it. They played better than the Yankees and Haney managed better than Stengel."

Photographers were screaming for pictures, beseeching Stengel to shake hands with Haney. "Take it easy," Stengel said. "You'll get Fred nervous."



LOGAN HEAP BUSY AS YANKEE CONVERGE ON SECOND

Milwaukee Braves' shortstop Johnny Logan was a busy man in first inning of Thursday's World Series finale as Yankee base runners were coming at him from both directions. Escaping rundown, Hank Bauer (9) dives back to second base safely as Enos Slaughter (17) advances to bag from first. Logan tags Slaughter for out and plants ball on Bauer for insurance.—(AP Wirephotos.)

Burdette Toast of Milwaukee After Third Stirring Win

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UP)—The miracle came to pass for Milwaukee Thursday. The battling Braves won their first World Series on rubber-armed Lew Burdette's third victory when the whipcord man from the West Virginia hills hurled a seven-hit, 5-0 triumph over a haughty band of New York Yankees who had called Milwaukee a "bunch of bushers."

And, as the Braves wiped out forever the oft-whispered theory that they were a "fold-up ball club," it was the mighty Yankees—world champions in six of the past eight years—who collapsed with three errors before the amazed eyes of 61,207 roaring fans.

Burdette was the hero, coming back with only two days rest since his second victory, to notch a third after 24⅓ scoreless innings which enshrined him in the baseball record books along with such series triple victors as Christy Mathewson, Urban (Red) Faber, Jack Coombs, Babe Adams, Stan Coveleskie and Harry (The Cat) Brecheen.

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BUT THERE was glory enough for all as the Braves hung defeat on Don Larsen, the big Yankee who just a year and two days ago startled the baseball world with his perfect World Series no-hitter.

There were cheers for Eddie Mathews, whose double scored two runs as the Braves broke it open in a four-run third inning.

Fittingly, the crushing coup de grace was administered in the eighth when catcher Del Crandall—considered by the Yankees as one of the most overrated players in baseball—rubbed those New York noses in the green turf at swanky Yankee Stadium with a home run into the leftfield seats.

There were "goat horns," too, in the "house that Babe Ruth built." The biggest pair went to rookie Tony Kubek, a hero in the third game with two home runs but a broken-hearted young man Thursday as his error set up that big third inning. And, as the Yankees came apart at the seams, there were other misplays by such steady veterans as Yogi Berra and Gil McDougald.

But it was Kubek's error that put the Braves on top to stay. There was one out in the third when Bob (Hurricane) Hazle singled to left. Then came the break of the ball game. Johnny Logan rapped a ball to Kubek — a perfect chance for a double play that would have ended the inning.

Throwing hurriedly, Kubek pegged high and wide to second base. Gerry Coleman had to leap for it and, coming down, missed the bag and the speeding Hazle. His throw to first was late and both runners were safe. Then Mathews faced Larsen and the burly Californian whose homer won the extra-inning fifth game lashed a double to right which scored Hazle and Logan.

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THAT WAS ALL for big Larsen and little Bobby Shantz took over. But the Braves weren't to be denied. Hank Aaron greeted Shantz with a single over second base which

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Hazle,rf	4	2	3	0	Bauer,rf	4	1	2	0
d-Pafko,rf	1	0	0	0	Slaughtr,lf	4	0	2	0
Logan,ss	5	1	2	4	Mantle,cf	4	1	2	0
Mathws,3b	4	1	3	4	Berra,c	3	0	4	1
Aaron,cf	5	2	3	0	McDgald,ss	4	1	2	1
Covingtn,lf	3	1	2	0	Kubek,3b	4	1	3	4
Torre,1b	2	0	8	0	Coleman,2b	4	2	4	3
Mantilla,2b	4	0	2	0	Collins,1b	2	0	5	0
Crandall,c	4	2	4	0	Sturdivnt,p	0	0	0	0
Burdette,p	2	0	0	3	c-Howard	1	0	0	0
					Byrne,p	1	1	0	0
					Larsen,p	0	0	0	1
					Shantz,p	0	0	0	0
					a-Lumpe	1	0	0	0
					Ditmar,p	0	0	0	0
					b-Skwrn,1b	3	0	3	2
Totals	34	9	27	11	Totals	35	7	27	12

a—Struck out for Shantz in 3rd.
b—Hit into forceout for Ditmar in 5th
c—Struck out for Sturdivant in 7th.
d—Fouled out for Hazle in 8th.

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New York ..... 000 000 000—0

E—Kubek, McDougald, Berra, Mathews. RBI—Mathews 2, Aaron, Torre, Crandall. 2B—Bauer, Mathews. HR—Crandall. SAC—Burdette, Mathews. DP—McDougald to Coleman to Skowron. LOB—Milwaukee 8, New York 8. BB—Burdette 1, Larsen 1, Byrne 2. SO—Larsen 2, Burdette 3, Ditmar 1. Sturdivant 1. HO—Larsen 3-2⅔, Shantz 2-2, Ditmar 1-2, Sturdivant 2-2, Byrne 1-2. R&ER—Larsen 3-2, Shantz 1-0, Byrne 1-1. WP—Burdette. LP—Larsen. U—McKinley (A), plate; Donatelli (N), 1B; Paparella (A), 2B; Conlan (N), 3B; Chylak (A), Secory (N), foul lines. T—2:34. Att—61,207

Bums Say Coliseum May Be Used in 1958

By HANK HOLLINGWORTH
Executive Sports Editor

All Los Angeles Dodger baseball games next season may be played in the Coliseum, The Independent, Press-Telegram learned Thursday night through a telephone conversation with a high Dodger official in New York.

The official declared that Dodger president Walter F. O'Malley was the principal person in favor of playing all Los Angeles contests in the Coliseum.

"Mr. O'Malley feels he has a terrific obligation to the other National League owners," said the spokesman, "and for that reason he doesn't think he will be doing right by holding his games in Wrigley Field."

The official explained that right now Wrigley Field in Los Angeles can seat 22,000 persons. A major league rule requires seating for 25,000 fans. At least 3,000 temporary seats can be installed to meet that requirement, but O'Malley feels a 25,000-seat stadium is not enough.

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"THE OTHER seven National League clubs will spend about $30,000 additional in travel expenses next year over their 1957 sums," continued the Dodger spokesman, "so Mr. O'Malley wants them to make up that difference and he doesn't think Wrigley Field is the answer."

A number of Dodger stockholders maintain, however, that Wrigley Field should be used for week-day games, with the Coliseum (which would seat about 60,000 fans under a baseball seating arrangement) to be used on week ends and holidays.

More information on the location of games and Dodger ticket sales may be gleaned next Wednesday when O'Malley arrives in Los Angeles. O'Malley wants to get all details ironed out regarding Chavez Ravine, future home of the L. A. Dodgers, so that grading work can commence in mid-November.

Through his spokesman, O'Malley relayed the information that the Dodger ticket sale probably will start in November. O'Malley said that ticket applications are NOT being accepted now and will continue NOT to be accepted until the Dodger offices are moved officially into Los Angeles.

"When Mr. O'Malley arrives in Los Angeles next week," the Dodger official declared, "he intends to look into some ideas incorporated by the Los Angeles Rams. He is particularly interested in the Rams' successful bus excursion deals. This has gone over in a tremendous way in Milwaukee also, so Mr. O'Malley wants it to become stylish for people throughout Southern California to attend Los Angeles Dodger games, too."

The Dodgers will continue to train at Vero Beach, Fla., O'Malley's spokesman indicated, for two reasons:

1. The Dodgers have what is considered the finest, most elaborate training site in existence today at Vero Beach, and

2. O'Malley does not want to show his club in Southern California before the regular season opens.

"No use killing the golden goose before it lays its first eggs," the official concluded. Presumably he meant golden eggs!

BOOKMAKERS HIT HARD AS YANKS LOSE

RENO (AP)—Reno's only sports book took a walloping when Milwaukee won the final game of the World Series from New York Thursday.

"We took a tremendous beating because 90 per cent of the money showed for Milwaukee," said Herman Byrens, operator of the Reno Turf Club. He declined to report any figures except to say his losses will "run into thousands of dollars."

"It's the first time in history so much money has showed for the underdog," said Byrens.

Byrens and other books quoted 17-10 in favor of the Yankees before the series opened. The odds had dropped, but they still favored New York when the series was tied 3-3.

Today's Sports Card

Prep Football—Cathedral at St. Anthony, Excelsior at Millikan, Poly at Lynwood, Wilson at Mira Costa, Jordan at Downey, all at 8 p.m.

Motorcycle Racing—L. A. Speedway, 8:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey—California's Ice Hockey League games, Pasadena Winter Gardens and Paramount Iceland, 11 p.m.

CASEY NOT HAPPY

Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees sounds off to Umpire Augie Donatelli after he ruled Braves' Johnny Logan safe at first in third inning of final World Series game. His protest did no good.—(AP Wirephoto.)

BURDETTE MOBBED

Lew Burdette, the toast of Milwaukee, is in the middle of this mob as his Braves teammates almost smother him following the West Virginian's shutout over the New York Yankees Thursday in the deciding game of the World Series. Burdette deserved the attention. He won three of the four games to give Milwaukee its first World Series championship.—(AP Wirephoto.)

Burdette, Braves Too Much—Stengel

NEW YORK (UP) — "They out-played us and the best team won this here Series," said Manager Casey Stengel Thursday in a high tribute to the world champion Milwaukee Braves.

"That big pitcher of theirs (Lew Burdette) has proved himself a very valuable man and," Casey added with a broad wink, "I don't think they're gonna trade him over the winter."

Thus Stengel took his second World Series defeat by the National League in surprising good humor for a man so accustomed to winning.

Casey refused to rap rookie Tony Kubek for his wild throw on a grounder by Johnny Logan in the third that opened up a four-run inning for the Braves. And he didn't knock his hitters because "that Burdette pitched better against us in those three games than any pitcher in a long time."

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BUT SITTING alone and brooding in a tiny lounge off the main Yankee dressing room was the kid who may have blown the series with that error in the third—blond, 22-year-old Kubek.

"I just threw the ball wild to second base," said Tony, forcing a smile through trembling lips. "I shoulda made the play. No," he said in response to a direct query, "I don't feel the error blew the series. I feel bad about the throw and about losing, too, but this is a game of 'ifs.' If a few other things had come through for us, maybe it would have been different."

Catcher Yogi Berra, between admiring remarks about Burdette's supreme control and confidence that had the Yankees hitting on the ground in three games, said he "completely lost a foul pop" by Logan just before Johnny's fateful slice down to Kubek.

"I never did see it," said Yogi.

Third baseman Eddie Matthews, whose double started the four-run scoring, drew high praise for his defensive skills as well.

"I don't know how he ever came up with that ball I hit at him in the ninth," said Bill Skowron, last man up for the Bombers with the bases loaded. "I really laid into the ball. It's hard to believe anybody could have got it."

Sports on Radio-TV

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