SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

Roared From Behind

SAN Francisco Giants surely proved just about everybody wrong when they roared from behind last week in sensational fashion to force a playoff with Los Angeles Dodgers for the National League crown.

Alvin Dark's boys were given up for dead but folks who figured that way had not figured on the Alstonites doing the dive that they did. In six home games against Houston Colts and St. Louis Cardinals, the Dodgers were able to capture only one of them. Just imagine. Had the Dodgers been able to play .333 ball the final week of the schedule, a playoff would not have been necessary.

But they didn't and Giants and Dodgers are now tangled in this best-of-three playoff.

NOW is the time that both teams are looking back at ball games they handed away. Those losses in early season didn't look important but now they figure in thousands of dollars to each ball club.

Those infield errors that gave Houston the first game of the series last week and robbed Don Drysdale of another triumph must be haunting the Dodgers today. The stroll by Willie Mays and that balk by the Giants' hurler must surely be torturing the Giants. One more win by either team and they were in there against the New York Yankees. One of them will be in there Thursday as the series opens against the defending champions of the baseball world. However, the team that is left on the sidelines will definitely be maintaining to themselves that they should have made the grade. It will be worse than finishing 20 games behind the leader.

DODGERS are old hands at this playoff business. They were in such setups in 1942, 1951, 1959. In 1942 the Cardinals ousted the Brooklyn Dodgers in two straight. In 1951 Giants won the opener but Clem Labine blanked the Giants 10-0 in the second game. The Dodgers appeared to have the series wrapped up in the third game when they led by two runs in the final frame. However, Bobby Thomson belted one of Ralph Branca's pitches for a three-run homer to send Giants into the fall classic against the Yankees.

The tide turned, however, in 1959 when Dodgers took care of Milwaukee Braves in the minimum two games. After winning the first at home, Dodgers trailed 5-2 in the ninth in the second at County Stadium. Then the Dodgers went to work and tied the score in that eventful ninth and went on to win the contest in extra innings.

What will happen in 1962.

MOST folks think that these playoffs ruin the chances of the National League team to cop the series. Let's look at what happened to these other victors in post season playoffs.

Cardinals dropped the first game to the Yankees in 1942 and then roared back to win the next four. Giants were beaten 4-2 in games by Yankees in 1951 but gave a great account of themselves in the world series. The Dodgers had no trouble whatever in beating the White Sox in 1959.

All in all, it doesn't appear as though the extra contests have ruined the teams participating. In fact, Ralph Houk thinks it makes them a harder fighting ball club. Ralph isn't figuring that this playoff is any break for his Yankees. He would much sooner get this series away on Wednesday.

THE interest around these parts is terrific in this Giants-Dodgers series.

The phone kept ringing continuously all Sunday night at The Guardian as folks wanted to know the way things ended up. In fact, we believe the world series will be an anti-climax after this great league race. Just about everybody is baseball-conscious these days and will remain that way until a world series winner is declared.

We wouldn't dare predict a winner in this National League playoff after the way things went last week. These teams can do the strangest things and the Dodgers were surely doing them in those last six games.

However, all that is forgotten as the two clubs battle for that great chance at the Yankees.

Who will it be?

LEWIS CROWDED

Winnipeg halfback Leo Lewis (29) hugs the ball as he tries to escape a horde of Montreal players intent on bringing him down in a Canadian Football League game at Winnipeg. Montreal players include Ed Learn (17) grabbing Lewis' legs, Dick Schnell (42) and Bobby Jack Oliver (63).

(CP Wirephoto)

Giants Crush Dodgers 8-0 In Pennant Playoff Opener

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Willie Mays blasted two home runs and Jimmy Davenport and Orlando Cepeda chipped in with one each to lead San Francisco Giants to an 8-0 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers Monday and a 1-0 lead in their best-of-three playoff for the National League pennant.

Billy Pierce, 35 - year - old lefthander, went all the way for the Giants and limited the slumping Dodgers to three hits. The Dodgers now have gone 30 innings without scoring a run.

The playoff now shifts to Los Angeles where today's games, and Wednesday's if necessary, will be played. The Giants will try to wrap it up with Jack Sanford (24-7) going against either Don Drysdale (25-9) or Stan Williams (15-12).

Mays's second home run was No. 49 of the season and enabled him to jump into the major league lead over Harmon Killebrew of Minnesota Twins, who had 48.

Th Dodgers used a ball dozen pitchers in a vain effort to stem the Giants' long-ball hitting.

Mays hit his first homer in the first inning with Felipe Alou on base and his second in the sixth with none on. Davenport hit his in the second and Cepeda blasted his in the sixth right after Mays.

In the eighth, the Giants, loaded the bases with one out on walks to Mays—who had a perfect day with two homers, a single and a base on balls—Davenport and Ed Bailey. Jose Pagan lined a 3-2 pitch to right centre. Willie Davis tried for a shoestring catch, but the ball got away from him.

Mays and Davenport scored and Bailey also scored when Frank Howard's back-up throw hit Maury Wills in the face. Howard was charged with a throwing error. Pagan was given a double.

The only Dodger hits were singles by Andy Carey and Ken McMullen and a double by Doug Camilli. Starter Sandy Koufax, who lasted less than two innings, was the loser.

A throng of 32,660 saw the Dodgers put up their only scoring argument before the game even started, when they argued successfully that there was so much loose dirt around first base their speedy runners would be hampered. Umpire Jocko Conlan ordered the excess dirt removed.

But the Dodgers had just four base runners — two of them pinch-hitters. The Giants, meanwhile, pounded 10 hits off six Dodgers hurlers to give Pierce his 16th victory, keeping his Candlestick Park record unblemished at 12 triumphs and no defeats.

Lefthander Koufax, forced out of action July 17 with an ailing finger, didn't have his stuff Monday. He was relieved in the second by Ed Roebuck, who checked the Giants in the four innings he worked.

But Larry Sherry, hero of the Dodgers' 1959 World Series victory, retired only the leadoff Giant in the sixth. Then Mays and Cepeda hammered back-to-back homers and Davenport singled. Jack Smith came in to end that inning.

National League Playoff

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Koufax (14-7) Roebuck (2) L. Sherry (6) Smith (6) Ortega (8) Perranoski (8) and Roseboro; Pierce ,16-6) and Bailey. Hits: SF—Mays 2 (49) Davenport (14) Cepeda (35).

San Francisco leads best-of-three playoff 1-0).

Alston Says Dodgers Due For Win Streak

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — "This club," said manager Walt Alston of Los Angeles Dodgers, "is due to go on a two-game winning streak.

"We're sure as hell overdue."

It was a characteristic piece of Alston understatement. With their 8-0 loss to San Francisco Monday in the first game of the best - of - three National League playoff, the Dodgers now have lost their last five games, seven of their last eight and 11 of their last 14. They haven't scored a run in 30 innings.

Alston was a polite if not enthusiastic subject during the clubhouse interview. But he lost his temper once.

That was when a reporter asked him whether Dodgers reliever Ed Roebuck was acting on orders from the bench when he brushed back Willie Mays with a pitch in the third inning—two innings after Mays hit his first homer of the game.

Alston turned on the reporter and snapped: "You've got better sense than to say something like that. You better not ask Roebuck that question or you'll get hit right in the nose. You ought to check the records and see if our pitchers hit more people than the others."

Alston might have left himself open to some second-guessing when he announced he will stick with his original decision to pitch righthander Stan Williams in the second playoff game today at Los Angeles.

Many felt that if the Dodgers lost the first game, they would almost have to go with their act righthander, Don Drysdale, in the second.

"I could take a chance," Alston said, "and pitch Drysdale with two days' rest. But he pitched hard his last time out.

Races Held At Sydney

SYDNEY (CP) — Josedale Courier was the only double dash winner at the Cape Breton Sports Centre Monday winning the first and fourth dashes.

Single dashes were won by Dale Try Win, Patricia Scott, Dance Me Loose, Duration, Denny Lad and G.I.C.

Real Gold, Miss Kemble Are Double Dash Winners

Real Gold, a six-year-old bay mare owned by Stanley Mayhew and driven by Clarkie Smith and the Don MacNeill driven Miss Kemble notched double victories at the Charlottetown Driving Park last night. Real Gold, who won a cooler donated by LL-Col. D.A. MacKinnon, also stepped the fastest time of the night, 2:11.3, in capturing the sixth dash of the evening. Her first mile was in 2:11.4.

Col Dan presented the cooler to driver Clarkie Smith.

Other winners on the card were Coltnik, Helen's Dream, Ray Grattan Up, Mai-Kai, Paula Clegg and Miss Kemble.

The largest pay of the night was the quinella on the third race which returned $31.60 on a combination of Helen's Dream and Torrid Waters. The first double paid $14.10, the second double $26.10 and the exactor $26.8'.

Here are the results: —

DASH I

Coltnik (Clarke Smith)	1
Moab (D. MacNeill)	2
Hey You (E. Bernard)	3
Nellie Bangs (R. Shephard)	4
Hettie's Boy (C. Birt)	5
Countess Alice (W. Downe)	6
All Jolity (J. Arsenault)	7

Time 2.16:3.

Colmik owned by Emerson MacLeod, Glasgow Road.

Pays — 5.10, 2.10, 2.10; 2.40, 2.10; 2.10.

DASHES 2 AND 8

Read Gold (Clarke Smith)	1 1
Janet M (W. Downe)	2 2
Royal Onyx (R. Shephard)	3 6
Arturo Hanover (E. Bernard)	4dh 3
Simcoe's Magic (G. Worth)	4dh 4
Elmer C (A. Smith)	6 3
The Sheik (H. Poulton)	7 dr

Time—2.11:4; 2.11:3.

Real Gold owned by Stanley Mayhew Kinkora.

Pays 2nd dash — 7.10, 4.10, 4.10; 12.30, 4.30; 6.70, 6th dash— 3.70, 2.10, 2.50; 2.20, 2.20; 4.80.

DASHES 3 AND 7

Helen's Dream (H. Poulton)	1 2
Torrid Waters (L. Hennessey)	2 3
Ray Grattan Up (M O'Brien)	4 1
Here Am I (W. Downe)	5 4
Boomtown (D. MacNeill)	5 5
Gay Laird (Art Ford)	6 7
Dennis Herbert (S. Stead)	7 6

Time 2.15:4, 2.14:2.

Helen's Dream owned by Miss James Poulton, Charlottetown. Ray Grattan Up owned by J.R. Breen, Halifax.

Pays — 3rd dash — 6.20, 3.80, 2.70; 11.80, 3.00; 2.70, 7th dash 7.40, 3.40; 2.60, 3.60, 3.00; 3.50.

DASHES 4 AND 8

Mai Kai (L Hennessey)	1 2
Paula Clegg (M. Kennedy)	3 1
Billy G. Command (P. Thorne)	3 4
Josedale Co-Pilot (Clarke Smith)	4 5
Jeanie Brewer (S. Kennedy)	5 6
Sonay Budlong R. MacDonald	6 8
Chief Ozaukee (A. Bernard)	7 3
Babe Clegg (A. Ford)	8 7

Time - 2.15:1, 2.15.

Mai Kai owned by John Simmonds, Charlottetown, Paula Clegg owned by W.M Kennedy, O'Leary

Pays 4th dash — 8.90, 5.30, 2.90; 6.80, 3.90; 4.20, 8th dash 12.30, 5.10, 4.10; 2.80, 4.10; 8.50.

DASHES 5 AND 9

Miss Kemble (D MacNelll)	1 1
McGee Volo (J. Arsenault)	2 2
Miss Jo Jo (L. Hennessey)	3 3
True Lady Lou (R. Annear)	4 4
Ida Budlong (R. MacDonald)	5 3
Dreamy Guy (Clarke Smith)	6 6
Zither (A. Bernard)	7 8
Winston's Wish (E. Clow)	1 8

Time 2.14, 2.14:4.

Miss Kemble owned by Everett Shea, Alberton.

Pays 5th dash — 14.70, 11.10 6.80; 8.80, 8.10; 5.00; 8th dash 4.60, 3.10, 2.30; 5.40, 2.30; 3.60.

Hi Jay Captures Colonel Dan Pace

SACKVILLE DOWNS, N.S. — (CP) — Hi Jay, owned by William Boyles of Charlottetown won the $2,500 Colonel Dan MacKinnon Invitational Pace here Monday night, finishing first in the first heat and third in the second.

The seven-year-old gelding took the first heat in 2:07 1/5, fastest time on the eight-dash card.

Another Island horse, Dominion Byrd owned by Doug Hill of Charlottetown won the second heat in 2:08, but placed fifth in the first dash. Going at odds of 17-1 Dominion Byrd paid $36.80 in the second heat. Hi Jay paid $32.20 for the winning mile Tammany Hall, owned by Stanley Mayhew of Kinkora, P.E.I., and Jack Brown of Charlottetown, placed second in the first heat and fourth in the second.

The last free-for-all event of the season was raced on a track slowed considerably by heavy weekend rains.

Oil Capital, owned by P. J. LeBlanc of Rogersville, N.B., and Rocky Coast combined for the daily double. Harmony Bob and Victory Scott were the quinella combination. The highest paying combination of the night was the exactor of Highley's Way, owned by Stanley Mayhew, and American Pilot, which returned $27.30.

Other winners were Landy, owned by Francis Breau of Moncton, and Yankee Fire.

High Pays Feature Card

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Seplyn, owned by the Princton Stables, Princeton, Me., and driven by Aubrey Wood, was the lone double dash winner in Monday's eight-dash harness racing card at Saint John's Exhibition Park raceway.

Seplyn broke his mark of 2.11 in both trips. He was timed in 2 09 3-5 in heat three and returned in race seven to be clocked in 2:10 2-5.

Good Racing Card Set For Tonight

Harness racing goes again tonight at Charlottetown Driving Park.

It's another nine - dash card that looks like a thriller from start to finish.

Although the feature, dashes four and eight, has only five starters, this event should produce some of the best racing of the entire season. Stalag Hanover leaves on the rail and with this advantage will be tough to head Others starting are Jolly Abb, Morley's Pride, Dunlop B and Jolly Frisco.

Races three and seven give promise of plenty of action. Here Walter Kelly has the number one spot with his Willard's Choice that has raced so consistently all summer. Supplying the opposition will be Captain Chief, Jolly Dick, Royal Onyx, Ginger E and Scottish Light.

A single and two other double dashes round out the program that definitely should please the most critical fan.

Action commences promptly at 8 o'clock.

Dodgers Defeat Stars In Opener

Midget Hurler Billy Weatherbie hurled Irv MacKinnon's Dodgers to a 7-1 victory over Buck Whitlock's Stars in the first game of the best of three City Baseball League finals at Memorial Field.

The stylish youngster limited the Stars to six hits, the longest being a double by right-fielder Wayne MacDonald in the fourth inning and held the losers scoreless till the bottom of the ninth when three straight singles enabled them to count one run. Weatherbie walked one and sent seven down via the strikeout route.

Veteran Donnie 'Funnel' MacLean tossed an eight-hitter in a losing cause. He also had trouble with his control, issuing a total of nine free tickets to first while striking out nine.

Dodgers got on the scoreboard in the first inning by counting two unearned runs and then just kept adding to the score. They brought two home in the third one in the seventh and two in the eighth.

Brian Lewis led the Dodger attack at the plate with two singles in three appearances Hunter was 2-for-4 and Bernie Gallant and coach Irv MacKinnon each slashed two hits in five outings.

Wayne MacDonald was the only Star batter to get more than one hit, poling a double and a single in four trips.

The teams tangle tonight in the second game with action slated to get underway at 7 o'clock sharp.

Bill Coughlin officiated behind the plate last night with Louis Lund, Jimmy Allen and George Hawkins assisting him on the bases.

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STARTERS WITH POSITIONS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

POST TIME 8:00 P.M.

DASH NO. 1 PURSE $75.00 D.

1—Rush Hal; 2—Audrey's Pride; 3—Tommy Shanter; 4—Doctor Acex; 5—Ray Lee; 6—Miss Ellis; 7—Thoroughfare; 8—Hollybud.

DASHES 2—6 PURSE $450.00 JR. FREE FOR ALL

1—Aarmonds Buddy; 2—Santiago; 3—The Sheik; 4—Blue Sky Lark; 5—Jean Clegg.

DASHES 3—7 PURSE $250.00 A & B

1—Willard's Choice; 2—Captain Chief, 3—Jolly Dick; 4—Royal Onyx; 5—Ginger E.; 6—Scottish Light.

DASHES 4—8 PURSE $300.00 AA & A

1—Stalag Hanover; 2—Jolly Abb; 3—Morley's Pride; 4—Dunlop B; 5—Jolly Frisco.

DASHES 5—9 PURSE $200.00 C. & D.

1—Mighty May; 2—Future Chief; 3—J. Orland C.; 4—Jolly Bud; 5—Cyclone Kelly; 6—Myrtle's Boy; 7—Gary Lee Clegg.

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