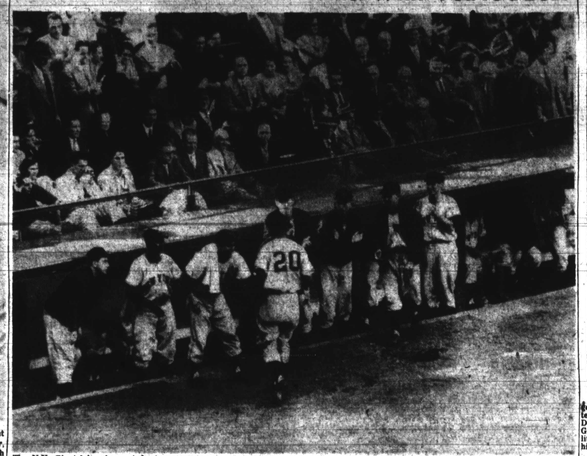
Durocher's Miracle Men

Joins Giants Lineup

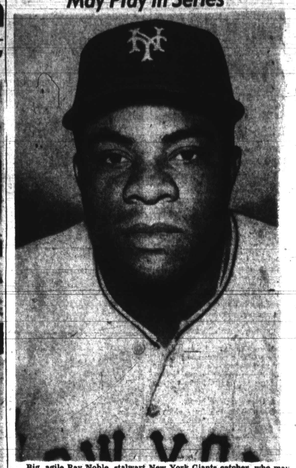
Fleet, hard-hitting Hank Thompson, a former Giant regular at third base, got into the World Series on opening day after Mueller, regular outfielder suffered an injury in the last pennant game with the Dodgers. Thompson immediately justified Manager Durocher's confidence by scoring in the early inning of the initial World Series tilt.

Durocher Greets Irvin After Homer With 'You're a Beat'



The N.Y. Giants' bench erupted to greet Monte Irvin (20) when he returned after clouting a home run in the eighth inning of the first playoff game at Ebbets Field Monday to stretch the Giants' margin to 3-1. Irvin's homer, his 24th of the season, landed in the left field stands and Manager Leo Durocher greets him with the explanation, "You're a beast." Giant fans in the stands went wild with glee.

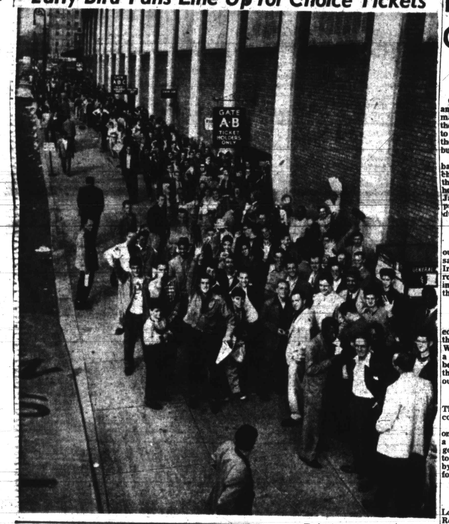
May Play in Series



Big, agile Ray Noble, stalwart New York Giants catcher, who may get into the World Series as replacement for Wes Westrum, if the tension and grind of the pennant playoff against the vanquished Dodgers begins to tell on the regular Giants catcher. Noble impressed Giant fans early in the baseball season, but was benched and saw little service as the run to the wire got underway. He is a strong hitter and a good steadying influence on Durocher's moundsmen.

Sports announcer beaming accounts of the World Series to fans all around the world have speculated in recent days on the pronunciation of Ray's surname. Although the spelling is commonplace, the pronunciation sounds like "noblay," according to the man who owns the name.

Early-Bird Fans Line Up for Choice Tickets



Enthusiastic Brooklyn Dodger and New York Giant fans lined up early at the ball park to get tickets for the crucial National League playoff games. The games drew capacity crowds each day.

Dodgers' 10-0 Victory Over Giants in Detail

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

POLO GROUNDS, New York — Monte Irvin up — strike one outside corner, strike two, inside corner. Irvin singled to left between shortstop and third base.

Lockman struck out. Thomson fouled out to Walker who was catching in the place of the injured Campanella.

First Inning

DODGERS

Crowds rhythmically stamped and clapped as Furillo, leadoff man for Brooklyn, fouled off and then filed to right. Reese, singled to right field. Monte Irvin boggled the ball and then threw to second but Reese did not try for it.

Jackie Robinson, first time at bat, was alternately booed and cheered. He hit the first ball into the lower left field stand for a home run. Brooklyn fans roared. Jackie circled the bases and added pats on the back strode into the dugout.

Score—Brooklyn 3; Giants 0

GIANTS

Stanky struck out. Dark went out, Cox to Hodges. Muller was safe on Hodges' error; Monte Irvin after taking ball one, hit a roller to Reese who threw to Robinson at second, forcing for the third out.

2nd Inning

DODGERS

Hodges singled to left. Cox bunted and was safe on Jones' high throw to Stanky. Hodges took third. Walker was safe at first on a fielder. Hodges was run down between third and home. Cox took third on the play. Labine struck out.

GIANTS

Lockman out, Labine to Hodges. Thomson doubled to the left field corner.

Willie Mays took strike one, ball one then the Speedy Mays beat out a slow roller to Reese, Thomson going to third. Westrum filed out to Cox. Jones' grounder was taken by Reese who threw to Robinson, forcing Mays.

3rd Inning

DODGERS

Reese bounded out, Stanky to Lockman. Snider walked. Jackie Robinson took ball one; a foul strike and ball two wide, then singled to right. Snider stopped at second. Sheldon was knocked out of the box. George Spencer replaced him. Pafko's infield fly was taken by Dark. Hodges rolled weakly to Spencer and was safe at first on a poor throw. Lockman threw to catch Snider trying to make home. Snider slid in ahead of the ball, but Umpire Goetz ruled that the runner failed to touch the plate.

GIANTS

Stanky was safe at first when Reese fumbled his easy grounder. Dark forced Stanky at second in a sensational play in which he fell on his back while throwing to second. Mueller singled to right. Dark took third.

Monte Irvin popped out to Jackie Robinson on the first ball pitched. Lockman walked filling the bases. It was the Giants' first real opportunity to score Thomson struck out.

4th Inning

DODGERS

Cox grounded out, Thomson to Lockman. Walker singled to right. Labine flied out to Stanky behind first base. Furillo lined out to Lockman.

GIANTS

Willie Mays hit a foul strike then grounded out, Reese to Hodges. Westrum's hit a stinging line drive to Cox. Sencer singled to right on a fast play. Furillo nearly threw him out. Stanky singled to left. Dark lined out to Cox for the third out.

5th Inning

DODGERS

Reese flied out to Irvin in left. Snider's screamer hit the left field wall and Irvin climbed up in senior effort to reach it. It was a double.

Jackie Robinson took a ball inside, then singled solidly through Spencer's legs. The pitcher did well not to stop the ball.

Snider scored on the hit. Willie Mays' throw in was cut off and Robinson went back to first.

Pafko's grounder was taken by Dark, who turned it into a double play.

GIANTS

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Monte Irvin up — strike one outside corner, strike two, inside corner. Irvin singled to left between shortstop and third base.

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6th Inning

DODGERS

The lights were turned on.

Hodges bounced into the upper left field seats. Cox hit to Thomson who fumbled then overthrew first base. Cox went to second. Walker flied out to right and went to third. With a squeeze play on, Spencer pitched out and Cox was caught between third base and home on a run down. He was called out however when Spencer dropped the ball.

It was beginning to rain.

Labine walked.

The fans in the open seats started for the grandstand.

Furillo flied out to Irvin.

At 3:12 it was raining furiously. The umpire called time. A swift-moving ground crew quickly pulled a spun-glass cover over the entire infield. The light material enabled the men to take it on and off in a matter of a few minutes. The lights were turned on in the top of the sixth.

Play was resumed at 3:53 p.m. Reese was at bat with Labine on first. Two were out. Reese singled to right. Labine slide safely into third on the throw in.

Snider singled to right as Labine scored. Reese raced to third. Jackie Robinson stepped to the plate. He fouled the first four pitches out of place. The fifth, lifted over first base side, was caught by Lockman to retire the side.

GIANTS

Willie Mays flied out to Snider in deep center. estrum flied out to Snider. Bill Rigney, batting for Pitcher George Spencer, drew a walk. Stanky fouled out to Cox.

7th Inning

DODGERS

Al Corwin pitching for Giants. Pafko drove a homer deep in the left field stands, making it 7-0. Hodges drew a walk. Cox flied out to Irwin. alker—single got by Mays for a two-base error and Hodges scored as Walker went to second. Labine struck out. Furillo lines out to Dark.

GIANTS

Dark lined out to Cox. Mueller fouled out to Robinson, who in a brilliant fielding play back of second held onto the ball. He lost his cap in the chase as usual. Irwin lined out to Cox.

8th Inning

BROOKLYN

Reese tapped a dribbler to Stanky. Snider hit a high foul to Lockman. Robinson drew boos and applause as he walked to plate. After two strikes had been called he hit a long foul to the right field lower stands. On the fifth pitch, he hit a hot grounder grabbed by Stanky, who threw to Lockman for the out.

GIANTS

Lockman lined a hot one to Reese, who caught it low to his left shoe top high. Thomson thrown out by Reese. Mays thrown out by Reese.

9th Inning

BROOKLYN

Newcombe announced on the public speaker as Wednesday's pitcher. Gordon McRae, radio announcer, says it will be Roe or Erskine, that Newcombe's hand is so weak, he can't close his fingers. Pafko flies out to Mays. Hodges thrown out by Thomson. Cox walked. Walker hit a towering home run over the right field roof, scoring behind Cox. The score: Brooklyn 10, Giants. 0. Labine struck out. The Giant players brought their gloves in.

GIANTS

Westrum walked Williams is to run for him. Henry Thompson, hitting for Corwin, fouled out to Hodges. Stanky drilled a liner to Cox, who threw to Robinson, forcing Williams. Stanky safe at first on a fielder's choice. Robinson jumped over Williams to make the play. Reese ran to his left to pick up Dark's grounder and threw him out at first by a step.

Final Score: Dodgers 10; Giants 0.

SECOND GAME

DODGERS

FIRST INNING — Robinson hit first pitch by Sheldon Jones into lower left stands (345-feet) for homer with Pee Wee Reese aboard.

THIRD INNING — Robinson singled to right on a one - strike, two balls pitch sending Duke Snider to second with one down; both were left stranded.

FIFTH INNING — Robinson punched a single through the middle to score Snider from second, his third hit and his third RBI. He was erased on the front end of a doubleplay by Pafko.

SIXTH INNING—Robinson fouled off five successive pitches before popping out of a foul near the first base field boxes for the last out of inning, with runners left on first and third.

EIGHTH INNING — Robinson bounced out, second to first, on a two-two pitch.

GIANTS

FIRST INNING—Irvin took one ball, then rolled to short for a force out on Don Mueller.

SECOND INNING — Mays beat out a bouncer to short, putting himself on first and sending Thomson to third where both were left.

THIRD INNING—Irvin swung on the first pitch and popped to Robinson. There was one out, and runners on first and third at the time.

FOURTH INNING—Mays, after fouling off first pitch, drove sharply to short for the first out.

FIFTH INNING—Irvin slapped a single through the left side with one away, but got no further as Lockman fanned and Thomson fouled out.

SEVENTH INNING—Irvin drove a one-and-two pitch to left of third, Cox making a fine gloved - hand stop to throw him out.

EIGHTH INNING—Mays hit the first pitch and went out, short to first.

NINTH INNING — Hank Thompson, pinch hitting, fouled out to Hodges after working a full count.

.....SAM LACY

TAN PLAYER PERFORMANCES

Third Game

Dodgers

First Inning—Robinson rammed Maglie's first pitch through left side, scoring Reese; left stranded on second.

Second Inning—Newcombe took two balls, popped to third.

Fourth Inning — Robinson hit three-and-one pitch, rolled out, second to first.

Fifth Inning—Newcombe bunted four for two strikes, forced Cox at second; left as Furrilo filed out.

Sixth Inning—Robinson belted three-and-nothing pitch over left stands four, then walked; left on first.

Seventh Inning — Newcombe bounced to second on first pitch.

Eighth Inning: — Robinson worked count to three balls, one strike and was put on intentionally (man on third, one out), reached second end Pafko's infield hit scored as Cox singled to left.

Ninth Inning — Newcombe grounded out, second to first.

Giants

Second Inning—Irving bounced out, short to first on one-ball count. Mays lined out to left on one-ball pitch.

Fourth Inning—Irvin grounded out, third to first.

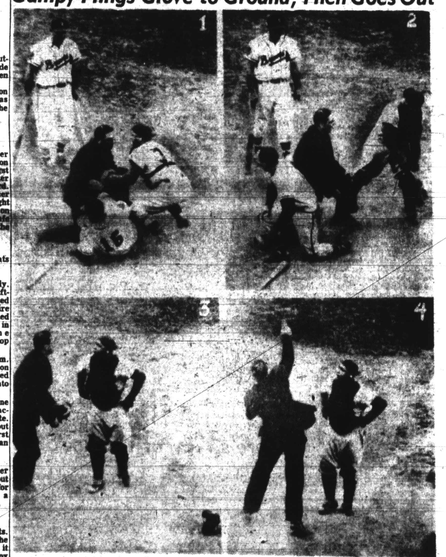
Fifth Inning — Mays, one ball, two strikes, struck out.

Seventh Inning — Irvin, one strike, doubled to left, slid safely to third on fielder's choice; scored on Thomson fly to center. Mays banged into double play.

Eighth Inning—Thompson pinch hitting for Maglie, bounced out, first to pitcher covering.

Ninth Inning—Irving, one-and-one, popped foul to first.

Campy Flings Glove to Ground, Then Goes Out



This picture sequence (left to right, top to bottom) shows the rimbark which developed after Umpire Frank Dascoli ruled Bob Addis of the Boston Braves safe at home in the eighth inning of the Dodgers-Braves game Thursday. In photo No. 1, Roy Campanella jumps up to protest the decision (Brooks lost 4-3), and in No. 2 flings his glove to the ground calls for an automatic ejection of the offending player. In photo No. 3, Campy turns to confront Dascoli again, and in last shot Dascoli orders the Brooks' catcher from the game. Dascoli said later Campy did not use any profane language and insisted he tossed him out because of the throwing of the glove to the ground.

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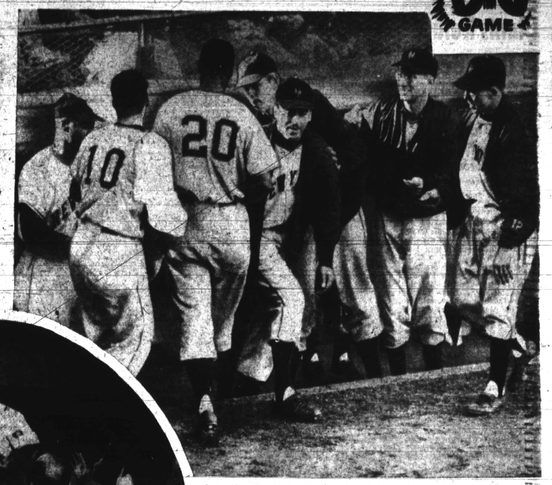
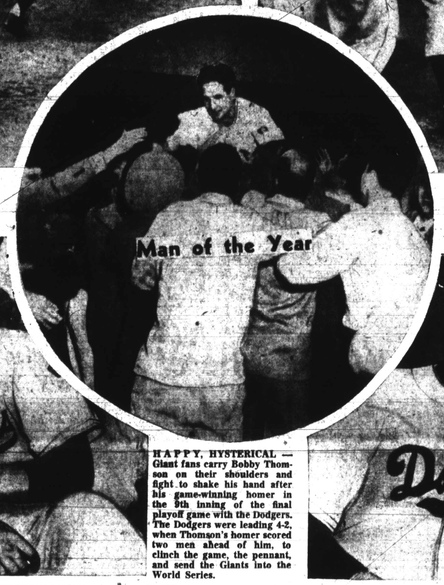
THE BIG GAME — Highlights of Giant-Dodger Tight Playoff — THE BIG GAME

SEE JACKIE ROBINSON MISS THAT BALL — A third strike on the Dodgers' Jackie Robinson bounces out of the glove of Giant catcher Wes Westrum (note ball in air) in the seventh inning of the first game in Ebbets Field. The Giant catcher backed up Jim Hearn's nerveless 8-hit, 3-1 victory over the hard-luck Dodgers. Umpire at plate is Bill Stewart.



MONTE IRVIN A HERO — Giant players rush to congratulate Monte Irvin (20) after he clouted a homer in the 8th inning of the pennant playoff opener. Left to right are: Hank Thompson, Hank Schenk, Irvin, Sal Maglie, Clint Hartung, Bill Rigney and Eddie Stanky. Monte's "heads-up" playing and booming bat were a strong factor in the Giant's ultimate victory.

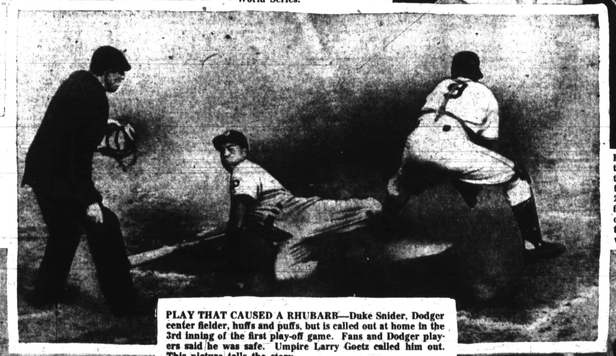
NOT ENOUGH CONFIDENCE???—Hot Stove League strategists are debating whether Dodger Manager Charley Dressen "blew" the pennant when he took Big Don Newcombe out of the game in the 9th inning of the final game. Here Manager Dressen talked over the Giant batting order with Newcombe. The big right-hander has a 20-9 record for the season and had won five out of seven games over the Giants—until Wednesday.



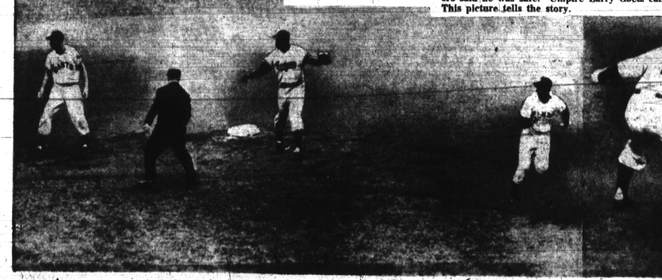
Man of the Year

HAPPY, HYSTERICAL — Giant fans carry Bobby Thomson on their shoulders and fight to shake his hand after his game-winning homer in the 9th inning of the final playoff game with the Dodgers. The Dodgers were leading 4-2, when Thomson's homer scored two men ahead of him, to clinch the game, the pennant, and send the Giants into the World Series.

BEFORE THE BIG ENDING—Don Newcombe, left, of the Dodgers, and Sal Maglie of the Giants exchange the traditional handshake before the bell as they prepared for the pay-off game. Newcombe's season's record was 20-9; Maglie's 23-6. Maglie had beaten the Dodgers five out of six; Newcombe had beaten the Giants five out of seven. But both pitchers were relieved before the chips went down Wednesday. Jansen was credited with the Giant win.



PLAY THAT CAUSED A RHUBARB—Duke Snider, Dodger center fielder, huffs and puffs, but is called out at home in the 3rd inning of the first play-off game. Fans and Dodger players said he was safe. Umpire Larry Goetz called him out. This picture tells the story.



DODGER IN THE MIDDLE—The Giants overcrowded second base in the second inning of Wednesday's final game when Thomson overran 1st base on a single to left. This unusual scene shows Lockman, left, previously on second, apparently undecided what to to next, while Thomson is hotfooting it back to first. Jackie Robinson is the dodger in the middle, as Umpire Bill Stewart waits for the final action to develop. Thomson was out at first.

DUROCHER CALLS IRVIN SAFE—Monte Irvin slides safely into 3rd base in the 7th inning of Wednesday's thrilling final playoff game. In this play Irvin was safe on Lockman's bunt despite Dodger Catcher Walker's quick throw to Cox. Umpire is Larry Goetz and that man (2) beating the umpire to the signal is Lippy Durocher who led the miracle Giants to their pennant victory.