Jackie tops with Leo

"Games greatest," asserts Durocher

NEW YORK — According to Leo Durocher, Jackie Robinson is the No. 1 player in baseball.

Asked what he thought would be the strongest lineup the National League could put on the field in the Major League All-Star game come July 13, the New York Giants manager picked eight men as follows:

First — Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati.

Second — Red Schoendienst, St. Louis.

Third — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn.

Shortstop — Alvin Dark, New York, or Pee Wee Reese, Brooklyn.

Catcher — Roy Campanella, Brooklyn.

Leftfield — Duke Snider, Brooklyn.

Center field — Willie Mays, New York.

Right field — Stan Musial, St. Louis.

He declined to pick any pitchers, insisting that if he had those eight players, he wouldn't care who pitched.

"Those guys," said the Lippy One, "would get enough runs to make it unimportant who pitched for you."

Ted Over Gill

Durocher explained his choice of Kluszewski over Brooklyn's Gil Hodges by saying the latter can be pitched to, "He can't be pitched to, he has no weakness," Leo asserted.

He was further pressed for his reason for naming Robinson as his third baseman, it being pointed out that Jackie has been used in leftfield all season by the Dodgers.

Got To Have Him

"You've got to have a guy like Robinson in the lineup," the voluble Giants' manager said. "He belongs. He comes to play. He's the greatest competitor in the game today. He's always trying to kill you. He's my kind of guy.

"Robinson is the most dangerous guy on the bagpes. Campanella is great, but Jackie hits the ball you forget about him. But Robby is always dangerous. Campanella steals a base and he makes headlines. Robby is always stealing bases."

Playgrounds and pools open for summer months

Playgrounds and swimming pools opened for the summer season on Monday and will continue through August 20, under the direction of the Bureau of Recreation.

Swimming is available at the following pools:

Druid Hill Park Pool No. 2, Madison Ave. entrance, June 21 through August 6.

Morning—9 a.m. 12 noon.
Afternoon—1:30-4:30 p.m.
Saturday—1:30-4:30 p.m.

Chick Webb Recreation Center, 623 N. Eden St. — Monday-Friday, 12:30-8 p.m. Saturday, 1-7 p.m.

Outdoor playgrounds will be open daily Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. until dark at the following:

Playlots

Bevans Street Tollot, Bevans St., near Montgomery St.

Carrollton Street Playground, 1329-1349 Carroll St.

Druid Terrace, 1002-24 Hillock Terrace, between Riggs Ave. and Mosher St.

Mace Street Playground, 2400 block Mace St. between Howard St. and Maryland Ave.

Peach Street Playground, 1917-1930 Peach St., between Cross and West Sts.

Parks and Squares

William M. McAbee Playground, Wading Pool, Gilmor and Laurens Sts.

City Springs, Eden and Longwood Sts.

Cleverdale, Cloverdale Rd. at Druid Hill Ave. Entrance.

Druid Hill Park No. 2, Madison Avenue Entrance.

Easterwood Park, Bentalou and Baker Sts.

George Nichols Park, Edmondson Ave. and Evergreen Ave.

Harlem Tollot (2-5 p.m.), Harlem Ave. between Gilmor and Calhoun Sts.

Public Schoolyard Playgrounds

P.S. No. 111, Carrollton and Rugby Aves., Monday-Friday, 9-12 p.m.

P.S. No. 122, 500 block W. Preston St., Monday-Friday, 3 p.m. until dark.

P.S. No. 135, Chase and McDonogh Sts., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. p.m.

P.S. No. 139, Central Ave. between Lexington and Orleans Sts., Monday-Friday, 4 p.m. until dark.

P.S. No. 141, Mulberry and Payson Sts., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

P.S. No. 142, Smallwood St. and Walbrook Ave., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

P.S. No. 144, Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave., Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.

P.S. No. 154, Fairfield Rd., between Carlton and Brady Aves., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

P.S. No. 156, Puget St. near Harmon Ave., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

P.S. No. 157, 5217 Denmore Ave., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. 1 p.m.

P.S. No. 158, Falls Road, near Cold Spring Lane, Monday-Friday, 3-8 p.m.

P.S. No. 159, 801 Bridgeview Ave., Monday-Friday, 1-7 p.m.

P.S. No. 161, Saratoga and Schroeder Sts., Monday-Friday, 2-8 p.m.

P.S. No. 162, Barre and Warner Sts., Monday-Friday, 2-8 p.m.

Centers For Boys and Men, Girls and Women

The program for the following centers include volleyball, softball, paddle tennis, table tennis and low organized games.

Chick Webb Recreation Center, 623 N. Eden St., Monday-Friday, 12:30-8 p.m.

Lexington Street Recreation Center, 732-34 W. Lexington St., Monday-Friday, 1-5 p.m.

Cherry Hill Homes Recreation Center, 2700 Spelman Rd., Monday-Friday, 1:30 p.m. until dark.

Gilmor Homes Recreation Center, 1515 Vincent Ct., Monday-Friday, 1:30 p.m. until dark.

Frederick Douglass Homes Recreation Center, Lexington St. near Caroline St., Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

McCulloh Homes Recreation Center, 1010 McCulloh St., Monday-Friday, 12-4:30 p.m.

P.S. No. 122, 500 block W. Preston St., Monday-Friday, 3 p.m. until dark.

Somerset Court, 500 N. Central Ave., Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m.

New fan interest grows for Colts in Baltimore

Judging from the returns of the recent two - week ticket drive by the Baltimore Colts, fan interest for the pro football team here is on a steady increase.

Don Kellett, Colt general manager and president, announced the results and at the same time stated that a new single-game ticket price has been set.

The two - week ticket drive produced approximately 1,000 new season ticket holders, according to an estimate from Herb Wright, business manager. This includes new season tickets on which cash payments have been made.

Wright emphasized the fact that many additional season tickets were ordered but, since no cash deposit was made to insure holding the seats, he did not count them in his tabulation.

Tickets Still Available

Season tickets are still available in the upper deck around the 35-yard line and in the lower deck around the 10 - yard line. Single game tickets can be ordered now and will be available for distribution in July.

Kellett, in announcing the price policy for 1954, on a single game tickets, stated that the Board of Directors has decided to readjust downward the overall price of all Colt single game tickets. The final outcome results in a definite reduction in the ticket price and a decided saving to the fans.

Single game tickets will be set at $3.50 per reserved seat and $4.50 per box seat. Formerly, they were $3.60 in the reserved sections and $4.80 in the box seat sections.

The decision was made in view of the recent legislation on Federal taxes and the Board decided to turn the saving back to the fans.

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Playgrounds open Monday in county

The Baltimore County Board of Recreation will open its 1954 summer playground season on Monday June 28.

Forty-six summer playgrounds will be operated by the board in cooperation with the local recreation councils. The playground program will operate for six weeks, five days per week, beginning Monday June 28 and ending Friday August 6.

Playgrounds will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. in the evening. All 46 playgrounds will be open for registration Monday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Playgrounds will be operated at the following locations:

Southern Area

Arbutus, Bannekerr, Halethorpe, Lansdowne, Relbert.

Western Area

Catonsville, Hebbville, Pikesville, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Sudbrook Park, West Hills, Woodlawn, Owings Mills.

Northern Area

Bayneville, Burkleigh Square, Cockeysville, Loch Raven, Luthorville, Overlea-Fullerton, Parkville, Villa Cresta, Ridgeleigh.

Rodgers Forge, Timonium, Carver Elementary, Timonium Junior High School, Wiltondale.

Eastern Area

Essex, Martin Blvd., Rosedale, Yawmtecr, Victory Villa, Vid-Gar, Wilson Point.

Southeastern Area

Dundalk Elementary, Edgemere, Fort Howard, Gray Manor, Sollers High, Sparrows Point Bungalows, Sparrows Point Hall, Waterside, Sparrows Point High, Patapsco Neck, Fleming

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