

Dodgers use homers to even World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — It was an explosive combination that should protect New York City from power blowouts for a long time.

Catch Hunter, a home run pitcher, was throwing big, hanging baseballs to Los Angeles Dodgers' home run hitters and the results were predictably powerful — particularly since Hunter hadn't pitched since Sept. 10.

The Dodgers walked four homers off Hunter in the first 2-1-3 innings, and blasted New York Yankees 6-1 Wednesday night, evening the 1977 World Series at one game apiece.

The ninth matchup of these historic baseball rivals now shifts across the country to Los Angeles for the third game Friday night, with Dodger left-hander Tommy John, a 20-game winner, hooking up with big Mike Torres, a right-hander with 17

victories in the regular season.

Meanwhile, Wednesday night, the Yankees felt meekly to right-hander Burt Hooton's baffling smutty-curves with just five hits, saving their best hitting for the locker room, as has been their custom for much of their wacky, but winning season.

WONDERS WHY

"What's he doing starting Catfish?" wondered Reggie Jackson, second baseman and manager, Billy Martin.

"This is the World Series," Hooton said, lacing his remarks with a more-than-occasional epithet. "It's not fair to the Cat and it's not fair to us."

The Dodgers, lambs in the locker room, were lion on the field, as has been their custom all season, when they belted a National League-leading 191 homers. Four Dodgers, Reggie Smith, Ron Cey, Steve Garvey, and Dusty Baker — smacked 30 or more homers, the first time that has been accomplished in the major leagues.

"Our guys are capable of hitting them out of the Grand Canyon," said Dodger manager Tom Lasorda.

Martin agreed with that assessment. "They were no cheap homers," said the fiery Yankee skipper. "They hit 'em a long way."

"That was the best he's thrown since opening day," said Martin, referring to Hunter's velocity, not his control. "I would definitely use him again."

Hunter, a control pitcher, said the long layoff was "like starting from scratch."

"It was like spring training for me," said the Yankees' first expensive free agent. "I'm not tired. I didn't pitch very long."

Hooton, of course, lasted a long time in nine innings. "I feel I pitched my normal game," said Hooton, who admitted losing his cool over some umpire calls in the NL playoffs last Friday, when he walked four straight batters. "I kept my head. Nothing bothered me."

Certainly not the Yankees' left-handed power hitters, who continued to have their post-season problems and have yet to collect an extra base hit. Jackson, Chris Chambliss and Craig Nettles each have one hit in the series.



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Gustavus Construction recently captured the Vernon juvenile girls' soccer championship by blanking Vernon Optical 3-0. Members of the winning team are from left, back row: Nadine Robertson, Coacha Rena Brand, Rosinda Kirschner, Tina Ryll, Bonnie Chandon, and Jackie Neill. Front row: Janine Karagiannis, Sheila Chandon, Susan Stanley, Susan Brand, and Misty Campbell. Missing are Sylvia Kruger, Cheryl Turkaitke, Valerie Buggie, and Wendy Woolgar.

(Daily News Photo)

SPORTS ALERT

SKIING
7:30 p.m., Vernon Lodge Hotel, Silver Star Ski Club annual general meeting. All skiers welcome.

MINOR HOCKEY
Civic Arena: 3:30-7 p.m., senior pub house; 7:00-9 p.m., mid-level houses; and 9:10 to 10 p.m., juvenile pub.

MAJOR HOCKEY
Centennial Rink: 7 p.m., Vernon Lodge Tigers vs. Nipers; 8 p.m., Nipers vs. Lumbersmen.

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
Vernon Curling Club Manager

The ice is in at the rink and the curling season is here again.

This year the enthusiasm is greater than ever and we have turned some people away.

There are still a few openings in the Sunday Men's Commercial League and the Sunday Afternoon Mixed League. To register, phone 643-4713.

MIXED LEAGUE
Mixed League curling starts this season Friday and Sunday. It is a fun league which runs for 18 draws and winds-up in March with a weekend banquet, banquet, and dance.

All three ladies' leagues are under way and only the Wednesday A. M. League needs curriers. It could use two skips.

Men's league starts curling Monday, at 6:45 p.m., and competition will be tougher than ever. Forty-eight teams are entered with all the familiar names and a few new ones. It should be an interesting season.

CASH PLAYOFF
This weekend, the club is having a men's playoff for a spot into the Kamloops Cash Spiel. Entry fee is \$80 per team. All teams will curl their first games Saturday at 9 a.m.

Senior men's curling starts Oct. 18. All senior men interested, who have not registered, are asked to phone the club.

Next week, on Tuesday and Thursday, there will be junior curling lessons at 4 p.m. High school boys and girls are taking part in the newly-formed league, with the help of the Vernon schools and some interested curriers.

Fee for the juniors is \$10, including lessons and a season's curling.

CAR SPIEL
The big event in B.C. curling is our own Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel which will run from Oct. 27 to 31.

The club is looking for members who are willing to help with various tasks during thespiel. Anyone interested can leave their name at the club office.

Tickets for the banquets and dance are now on sale.

Officials meet for fall clinic

British Columbia Basketball Officials Annual Fall Clinic will be held in Vernon this weekend.

Registration is Friday night at the Vernon Lodge Hotel, with sessions starting Saturday at 8:30 a.m., at W. L. Seaton School.

To date, more than 140 officials, from throughout the province, have registered for the clinic.

Clinicians include Luke Fioranti of Portland, Howard Mayo of Fortland, Skip Stanish of Victoria, and Mike Woods of Vancouver. Fioranti and Mayo officiate in the B.C. Conference.

Main topics will be administration, philosophy, signals, and mechanics.

20 YEARS
Mel Briggeman of Vernon and Bob Hall of Salmon Arm will be among the referees honored at a luncheon on Saturday. The two veteran officials, along with Ernie Fairholm and Don Buckham of Kelowna, will receive 20-year service awards.

A special rate is being given to Saturday's dinner, long-time basketball referee Wink Wilcox will be roasted. Eight guests will have five minutes each to roast the old warrior. A dance will follow the dinner.

A special rate is being given to local persons wishing to take part in the clinic. Total cost of the three days is \$10.

Anyone interested, experienced or not, is asked to pre-register by phoning Briggeman at 643-9716. Sex and age are not barriers.



MEL BRIGGEMAN...hoored

Abbotsford beats Nanaimo

Tom Chisholm scored three goals to lead Abbotsford Flyers to an 8-5 victory over Nanaimo Clippers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Wednesday night.

At Kamloops, the Chiefs scored four goals in the final period to upset Kelowna Buckaroos 4-3.

Vernon Vikings are back in action Saturday when they beat Kamloops. On Sunday, Vikings travel to Merritt to battle the Centennials.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NINE GAMES
Nine matches were played Wednesday as the Major Women's Volleyball League started its season this week. Tucker edged Spedos 16-14 and 15-10; Bib and Tucker whipped Hot Shots 15-8 and 15-10; Hot Shots downed Spedos 15-10, 10-15; and 15-14; Bib and Tucker squeaked by Bumpers 12-15, 15-8; and 15-14; Bumpers beat Hot Shots 11-15, 15-11, and 15-10; and Bumpers thrashed Spedos 15-6, and 15-11. At Kal School, Coldstream clobbered Woodstocks 15-7 and 15-10; Village Green thumped Coldstream 15-12 and 15-1; and Village Green trounced Woodstocks 15-4 and 15-12.

TAKE ON BROCKINGTON
KANSAS CITY (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs signed running back John Brockington, once considered one of the most devastating rushers in the National Football League, to a contract Wednesday, Brockington, 29, who rushed for 4,999 yards in six seasons with Green Bay Packers, will become the 24th player in NFL history to reach the 5,000-yard rushing milestone if he picks up one more yard.

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