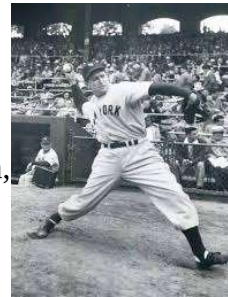




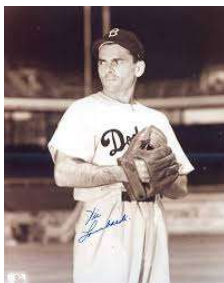
Strato Replay of the Historical World Series: Brooklyn Dodgers vs. New York Yankees



Game one at Yankee Stadium
Ralph Branca vs. Spec Shea: In the replay, Branca had gone 19-12, 3.02, a bit below his historical stats, but a solid season. Spec Shea, a rookie, went 16-6, 2.33, nearly matching his stellar debut.



Dixie Walker led off the Dodger 2nd with a double and Gene Hermanski immediately singled to drive him in. The Yankees tied it up in their third when Phil Rizzuto, leading off, lifted one over the fence. Both pitchers got in a groove after that. Heading into the 9th, Branca had surrendered just five hits, as had Shea. Shea got past a two-out single from Bruce Edwards in the Brooklyn 9th. In the Yankee 9th, George McQuinn led off with a single. Billy Johnson bunted him over and Johnny Lindell singled to cash him in and win the game 2-1. Heartache does seem to follow Branca around. Tough loss. Yankees up 1 game to none. Lindell at left in photo to the right, flanked by DiMag and Henrich.



Game two at Yankee Stadium, Vic Lombardi vs. Allie Reynolds: Lombardi went 10-5, 3.04 and Reynolds went 18-10, 3.08 (Shea and Reynolds were not to blame for the Yankees' poor showing in the regular season).



Yankees jumped out first, in their first, on McQuinn's two-out, rbi single, plating Lindell who had also singled. The Dodgers came right back, in their 2nd, when Dixie Walker walked, then stole second, and moved to third on a wild pitch. Reese eventually cashed him in with a single. Then the Dodgers took the lead in their third, when Jackie Robinson ripped a one-out double and one out later Dixie Walker, having a day, launched a two run homer. Meanwhile Lombardi made some big pitches and stranded 8 Yankee runners. The People's Cherce, as the Dodger faithful called Walker, later walked and singled, leading Brooklyn to a 5-2 victory to even the series at one game apiece.



Game Three in Ebbets Field: Bobo Newsom vs. Joe Hatten: The 39 year old Newsom came to the Yankees in July, going 8-6, 3.26 down the stretch. Hatten went 17-10, 3.99 for the Dodgers.



The Dodgers erupted for three in the 1st inning. Eddie Stanky opened by reaching first on a HBP. Robinson bounced into a force play, the beginning of a 0-5 stretch in this game. But then Pete Reiser, Dixie Walker, and Hermanski all singled. Brooklyn added one more in the 3rd when Stanky doubled home Spider Jorgenson who had walked. Back to back errors from first base man Jackie Robinson kept a two-out rally by the Yankees alive, resulting in 2 runs. 4-2 Dodgers after 3. Johnny Lindell's leadoff homer in the Yankee 5th made it 4-3. Clyde King replaced Lombardi to get out of the 5th. Yankee relief ace Joe Page kept it right there through the sixth and seventh. Karl Drews took over for the Yanks and pitched around a single and a walk. In the 9th Brooklyn's relief ace, Hugh Casey came on for the save.



But Stuffy Stirnweiss singled to open the frame. Tommy Henrich bunted him over. Lindell flew out but some guy named Joe DiMaggio singled home Stirnweiss to tie the game. It came down to the 11th inning with Drews still on the mound (as Casey had been in the top of the 11th). Jorgensen singled to open. Casey bunted him over. Stanky fouled out. Jackie



Robinson, 0-5 with two errors on the day, up to bat. He singled home the winner to give Brooklyn a 5-4 victory and a two games to one lead in the series.



Game Four: Bill Bevens (of near no-hitter fame in the historical game) vs. Harry Taylor. Bevens went 9-10, 3.94 for the Yanks while Taylor put up an 8-10, and a 3.94 era as well. An even matchup, perhaps.



Brooklyn dented the plate first, in their 2nd, when Edwards, Jorgenson, and Stanky all singled. Yankees tied it in their third on Yogi Berra's two-out single, a walk to



DiMaggio, and McQuinn's single. It stayed right there, Bevens and Taylor dodging trouble (21 runners were left on base in this game). In the Dodger 7th, Stanky doubled and Reese grounded out for the first out, Stanky to 3rd. Robinson walked. Dixie Walker up and he singled home Stanky. Robinson then scored on Hermanski's sacrifice fly. 3-1 Dodgers and Taylor made it stand up. Dodgers take a commanding 3 games to one lead in the series.

Game Five: Spec Shea vs. Ralph Branca (historically, Burt Shotten had lost faith in Branca and started Rex Barney; I decided to give Branca a chance, as he had pitched brilliantly in game one only to lose).

Yankees drew first blood, when Henrich doubled with one out in the 1st. Stanky's error and McQuinn's single made it 1-0 Yanks. Stanky doubled in the 1st and Shea doubled in the 2nd but their teams wasted their efforts. In the Dodger third, Branca worked a one-out walk. Then Stanky lifted one to left that eluded Lindell for a three base error. Robinson's sacrifice fly made it 2-1. Dodgers added three more in the 5th when Shea issued one-out walks to Branca (inexcusable) and Stanky. Shea then got Robinson to line out. But McQuinn booted Reiser grounder to extend the inning. Shea then walked two more, Walker and Hermanski. Edwards singled to cap the inning, with Brooklyn winning 5-1. Yankees showed some life in their 6th. DiMaggio laced a one-out triple and McQuinn followed with a homer. 5-3 Dodgers but the Yankees never got closer. Branca pitched a complete game and, at the plate, went one for one with two walks and two runs scored. Dodgers take the game, and the series, 6-3. Nice

redemption for Branca.
Jackie Robinson finished
the series batting .100,
but it was an eventful
.100 as the above recaps
attest. Dixie Walker
finished at .588.



Figure 1: Jackie Robinson, Pete Reiser, and a showered Ralph Branca after a tough game one loss