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FRENCH SHACKLES OTT'S TEAM, 6 TO 0

Dodger Southpaw Holds Giants
to Five Hits—Only One of
Losers Reaches Third

TRIPLE STEAL BY VICTORS

Hubbell Is Victim of Mental
Lapses by Mates in Third
—Camilli Wallops No. 8

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The fortunes of war veered sharply to the stronger party yesterday at the Polo Grounds, and when that happens there usually can be only one result. The Dodgers walloped the Giants, 6 to 0, before a gathering of 50,363, including 1,055 service men, and thus, in grabbing the series final, gained some measure of recompense for having dropped the first two encounters to Mel Ott's men.

Larry French, spinning a masterful five-hitter in which only one Giant advanced as far as second and third, hurled the shut-out. It was the fourth victory of the year against no defeats for the surprisingly rejuvenated Brooklyn southpaw.

His vanquished adversary was another left-hander of long standing, Carl Hubbell, and this time they really left Old Hub standing practically alone. In fact, at one stage of the contest it looked as if the screwball maestro would have to sandbag both sides in order to get himself out of his difficulties.

Jarred in Opening Frame

Jarred in the first inning for two runs when Dolph Camilli dropped his eighth homer of the year into the lower right stand, Hubbell all but had the arena swallow him up in the third when the Giants, guilty of an astonishing series of mental lapses, literally fired two more runs at the National League's front-running champions. Without a mechanical error being committed, Hubbell actually had to throw six "outs" to end the inning.

First there came a short pop fly in left by Camilli under which Billy Jurgens and Buster Maynard weaved and bobbed until they let it fall for a double. Then, with two out, Johnny Rizzo rapped a sharp grounder on which Jurgens made a fine stop. But his hurried throw to first hit the dirt and Johnny Mize dropped the ball. It was scored a hit, but Johnny really should have held that ball.

Squirms Through For Score

However, that still wasn't a patch to what followed. Dixie Walker grounded to Mize, who now merely had to make two strides to first base to retire the side. But, to the consternation of one and all, Big John fired the ball home to trap Camilli between third and the plate. This so flabbergasted the Giants in this sector that they wound up by letting Dolph squirm through for the score.

Nor was this all. For now Hubbell intentionally passed Mickey Owen to fill the bases, whereupon the Dodgers electrified the crowd and practically electrocuted the Giants by turning on a triple steal, Rizzo pilfering home right under the astonished gaze of Harry Danning.

The only Giant to advance beyond first was Nick Witek, who tripled in the fourth, but this merely led to another painful Giant blunder. For Nick, probably saving himself for the two-mile run, decided not to sprint home on Ott's fly to right, and that cost the Polo Grounders their only chance to score.

Memorial Exercises Held

Before the game the Edward L. Grant Post, American Legion, headed by Commander Norman November, conducted its annual memorial exercises. With Ott, Leo Durocher and Umpire Babe Pinelli also taking part, a wreath was laid on the Grant Monument, and others were placed on the John McGraw, Christy Mathewson and Ross Young tablets in center field.

Pete Reiser, still nursing a wrenched muscle in his side, watched the game from a box behind the Dodger dugout.

The Giants' young outfield casualty, Will Marshall, also had to sit this one out, though in uniform on the bench. Three stitches had to be taken in the cut over the left eye which the youngster received when he cracked into the left field wall Saturday.

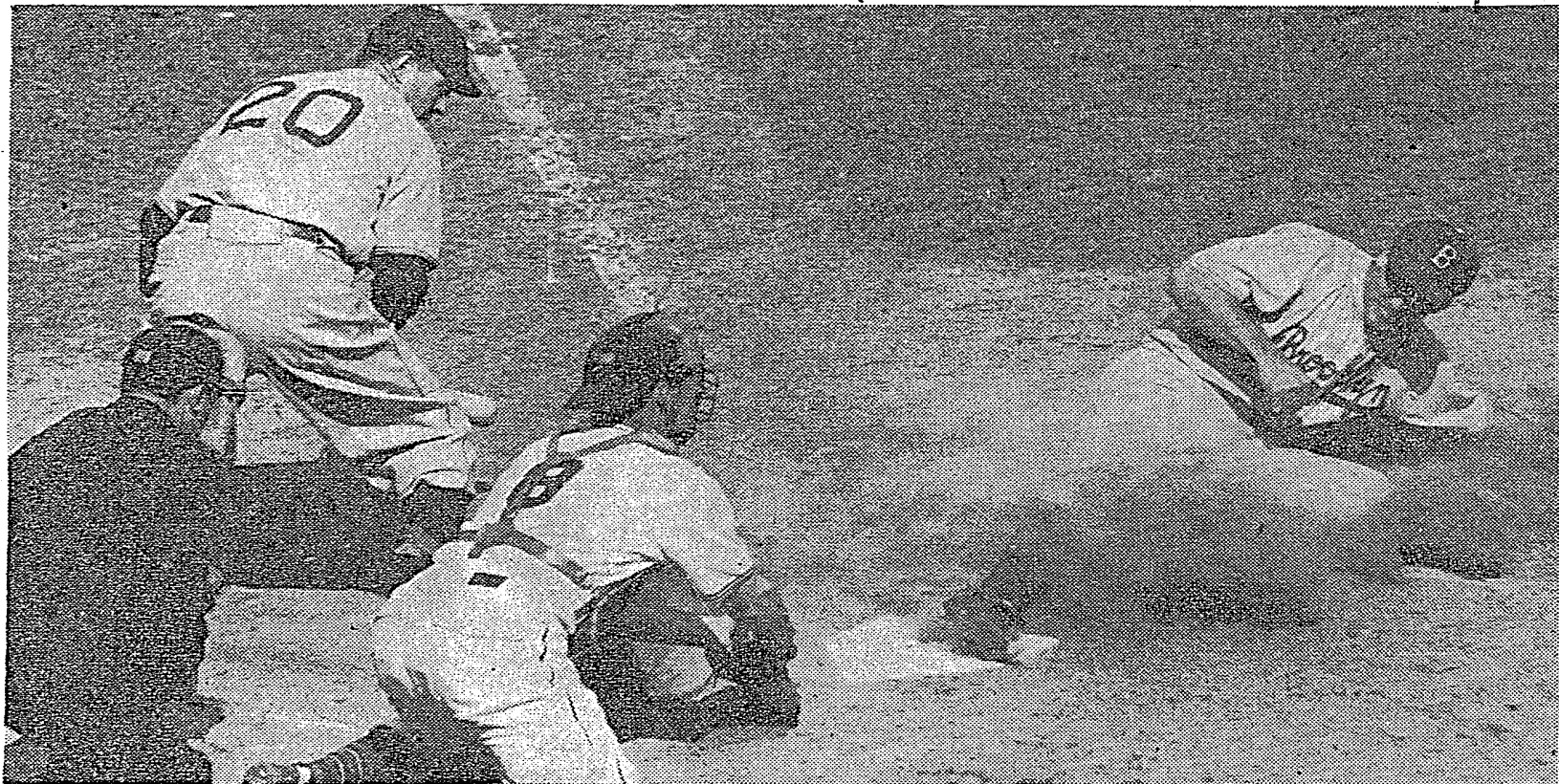
"Twilight baseball," as a substitute for the abandoned night game in the metropolitan area, will receive a test today when the Dodgers meet the Phils at Ebbets Field, the contest starting at 6 P. M. As an added attraction Camilli will receive his National League most valuable player award for 1941.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	NEW YORK (N.)
abr.h.po.a.e.	abr.h.po.a.e.
Reese, ss...5 1 1 0 5 0	Bartell, 3b...4 0 0 2 0 1
Hernan, 2b...5 1 2 2 0	Witek, 2b...4 0 1 5 0
Vaughan, 3b...5 0 1 1 2 0	Ott, cf...4 0 0 2 0 0
Camilli, 1b...4 2 2 13 0 0	Mize, 1b...4 0 0 1 1 0
Medwick, lf...5 0 1 1 0 0	Maynard, rf...3 0 1 2 0 0
Rizzo, cf...4 2 1 3 0 0	Leiber, cf...3 0 0 2 0 0
Walker, cf...5 0 3 1 0 0	Danning, c...3 0 1 1 2 0
Owen, c...2 0 1 5 0 0	Jurgens, ss...3 0 1 1 5 0
French, p...3 0 0 0 3 0	Hubbell, p...0 0 0 0 1 0
	McGee, p...1 0 0 1 1 0
Total...38 6 12 27 12 0	Adams, p...0 0 0 0 0 0
	Total...31 0 5 27 13 1

aBatted for McGee in eighth.
Brooklyn.....2 0 2 1 0 0 1 0 0-6
New York.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Runs batted in—Camilli 2, Medwick, Owen.
Two-base hit—Camilli. Three-base hit—Witek.
Home run—Camilli. Stolen bases—Rizzo, Walker, Owen. Sacrifices—French, Owen. Double play—Reese, Hernan and Camilli. Left on bases—New York 8, Brooklyn 10. Bases on balls—Off Hubbell 2. French 1, McGee 1. Struck out—By French 3, McGee 1. Hits—Off Hubbell 10 in 4 innings; (none out in fifth). McGee 2 in 4, Adams 0 in 1. Losing pitcher—Hubbell. Umpires—Ballanfant, Barlick and Pinelli. Time of game—2:10. Attendance—50,363.

A TRIPLE STEAL PAYING OFF AT HOME PLATE YESTERDAY



Johnny Rizzo sliding in to score for the Dodgers in the third inning. Catcher Harry Danning kneels for the throw, while Larry French, Brooklyn pitcher, watches tensely. The umpire is Lee Ballanfant. Dixie Walker and Mickey Owen were the other players who advanced a base. Associated Press