

# Sports

## Yanks must stop Dodgers tonight

# Series getting more bizarre

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NEW YORK — What this World Series needs is a little pizzazz.

After all, besides the Los Angeles Dodgers making their usual comeback, the New York Yankees owner breaking his hand in an elevator, the Dodger infield playing in handcuffs, the Yankee outfield performing in leg irons, the Dodger manager hugging everything that moves, and the Yankee baserunners acting like confused roadrunners on a freeway, what has really happened?

Well, Dodger right-hander Burt Hooton opposes New York lefty Tommy John tonight, weather permitting, with a chance to give the Dodgers their first North American title since 1965. A forecast of rain could put the game in jeopardy, though. No, Johnny Carson will not be the home plate umpire.

"This team is loose and that's one big reason why we do so well in tight situations," said the Dodgers' Jay Johnstone, who clouted a key two-run, pinch homer in Game 4 to spark an 8-7 triumph.

If the Dodgers are loose, they sure belong in this Series. They have yet to play a crisp, flawless game and they still lead, three games to two. New York once led this affair 2-0 and has taken considerable pains to wind up in the

danger zone.

"The last two games we beat ourselves," understated Yankee catcher Rick Cerone.

Yankee outfielders Reggie Jackson and Bobby Brown helped cost the Yankees a game with fielding blunders. Larry Milbourne and Aurelio Rodriguez have made basic baserunning mistakes. And \$20 million man Dave Winfield was so happy about finally getting a hit he called for the ball.

But like a team serious about winning, the Dodgers are making sure to capitalize. They have already come back in two postseason series and need just one victory in two games in Yankee Stadium to complete a third. They believe this is their year.

Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda just keeps praising and hugging. You get the feeling that he'll put the ballboys in the Hall of Fame if he wins this thing.

"The three games we just played in Los Angeles, that we each won by one run, were three of the most exciting games anyone could associate with," said Lasorda, who also chanted, "The Fall Classic, The Fall Classic."

Yankee owner George Steinbrenner added more daffiness to the Series Sunday night by reporting he had scuffled with two belligerent

Dodger fans in a hotel elevator, breaking a hand.

"I was coming down the elevator to have dinner," Steinbrenner said in an interview with ABC television Monday night. "There were two people, one in the elevator and one holding the door. One had a beer in his hand. Then he said some things about New York City and the people who live there.

"The next thing I knew he hit me. I'm getting too old for that. I don't condone that sort of thing. I get tired once in a while of people knocking New York. The fight was started not by me. We were treated beautifully in Los Angeles.

"I'll say something for Tommy Lasorda and the Dodgers. They never gave up. He kept saying they wouldn't give up and they didn't. It's a different team than the ones we saw in 1977 and 1978."

Hooton and John have faced each other already in the Series, with John emerging the victor in Game 2.

"I'm hoping and praying Hooton can lock it up tomorrow because he was the guy who pitched the big one against the Astros and the Expos," said Lasorda.

John said he will take a relaxed attitude to the mound and hope for the best.

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# Penn State stays on top but it's getting tougher

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NEW YORK — Penn State coach Joe Paterno realizes the difficulties facing his top-rated Nittany Lions.

Penn State, now entering the most difficult part of its schedule, became just the second team this season to successfully defend its No. 1 college football rating Monday in balloting by UPI's Board of Coaches.

The Nittany Lions, 6-0 following a 30-7 victory over West Virginia, now must prepare for Miami (Fla.) — rated No. 19 this week — on the road.

"They are one of the better

teams in the country," said Paterno of Miami (Fla.), 4-2 with two losses coming to Texas (14-7) and Mississippi State (14-10). "I think Miami down there will be our toughest football game so far and that includes Nebraska."

Penn State, which moved into the top spot last week for just the second time in their history, received 40 first-place votes from the 42 coaches who comprise the UPI's Board and accumulated 628 points out of a possible 630.

Pittsburgh, a 23-10 winner over Syracuse, held steady at No. 2, receiving the remaining two first-place votes and totaling 587 points.

North Carolina, rated No. 3 last week, suffered its first defeat in seven games — a 31-13 loss to South Carolina — and tumbled to No. 11.

Southern California, the only team other than Penn State to hold the No. 1 rating for more than one week (three weeks), defeated Notre Dame 14-7 and moved into the No. 3 spot, followed by No. 4 Clemson, 7-0, and No. 5 Georgia,

the defending national champion. Rounding out the Top 10 are No. 6 Texas, No. 7 Alabama, No. 8 Mississippi State, No. 9 Nebraska, and No. 10 Iowa State.

Penn State has five games remaining, including three against ranked teams. After Miami (Fla.) and a game against North Carolina the following week, Penn State is at home to Alabama and Notre Dame before a possible national championship game with Pittsburgh to close out the regular season.

The second 10 consists of No. 11 North Carolina, No. 12 Washington State, 6-0-1, No. 13 Oklahoma, No. 14 Michigan and No. 15 Washington.

Also, Iowa, rated seventh last week, fell nine spots to No. 16 after losing 12-10 to Big Ten rival Minnesota. Florida State rated No. 17, followed by No. 18 Ohio State, No. 19 Miami (Fla.) and No. 20 Arkansas.

Ohio State, after a three-game absence, returned to the Top 10 while Missouri and Butte Young dropped out of the race.

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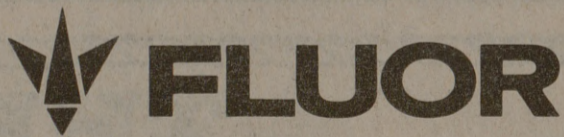
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