

Ott Honored as Brooklyn Beats Giants in Night Game; Yanks Divide

53,997 SEE DODGERS CRUSH HUBBELL, 8-4

Five-Run Seventh Routs Giant Hurler as Fitzsimmons Wins 11th With Tamulis's Aid

WALKER DRIVES FOUR HITS

Homer and Triple Included—Ott Receives Gifts Before Game at Polo Grounds

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New York and Brooklyn baseball fans, setting aside time-honored enmity for a few minutes, joined forces in an amazing demonstration at the Polo Grounds last night, when the season's record nocturnal crowd of 53,997 thundered a rousing tribute to Melvin Thomas Ott, perennial boy wonder of the Giants.

But no sooner had the matter of showering Master Melvin with gifts been completed than the Brooklyn contingent veered off on its own course and with a barrage of fourteen hits, paced by Dixie Walker, the Dodgers hammered the Giants into submission, 8 to 4.

The victory, coming on the heels of another defeat for the Reds earlier in the day, moved Lippy Leo Durocher's flamboyant Flatbush flock within five games of the National League leaders.

Walker, who in the Monday night conflict at Ebbets Field had peppered Giant pitching for four hits in five times at bat, duplicated this performance, getting two singles, his fourth homer of the year, and a triple.

To add to the Brooklynites' cup of joy, their idolized Freddy Fitzsimmons, though he passed out for a pinch-hitter in the seventh, received credit for the victory, his eleventh against only two defeats.

Camilli Slams Triple

For in that delirious seventh the Dodgers, riding on the crest of triples by Walker and Dolph Camilli, routed Carl Hubbell with a withering five-run blast at the moment King Carl was striving his mightiest to make a complete success of Ott Night.

In the ceremonies before the battle, the largest gathering ever to attend a nocturnal game in the National League behaved as one in letting Ott know in what high esteem he is held by friend and foe alike.

As a large delegation advanced toward the plate, accompanied by the players of both clubs, a table, draped with a Giant banner upon which was embroidered Mel's familiar "4," was brought forth and unveiled, revealing a solid sterling silver set of 208 pieces along with another solid sterling silver tea service. This was a gift from the fans who had been contributing for weeks, and the presentation was made by Paul Douglas, radio commentator.

In addition to this, Hubbell, on behalf of his team-mates, presented his roomie and bosom pal with a complete set of matched golf clubs and bag while the New York baseball writers, whose favorite Ott has been for more than a decade, conferred upon him a gold life membership card to their organization.

Ott Expresses His Thanks

In response, Mel, still the retiring fellow who reported to the late John J. McGraw as a little shaver of 16 just fifteen years ago, thanked his admirers briefly but sincerely, "not only for these gifts but for the loyalty you have shown me in all these years."

Mighty cheers from all sides of the packed arena greeted this, and with the battle under way the Giant rooters cheered still more lustily as Hubbell, facing his old team-mate, the stoutish, 39-year-old Fitzsimmons, went off to a two-run lead in the second when Mickey Wittek and Burgess Whitehead outgalloped infield hits and Joe Moore, still another McGraw product, scored both with a triple.

But that came close to being the high-water mark of the Giants' fortunes for the evening. Walker, having warmed up on wasted singles in the first and third, larrupped a homer into the upper right field tier in the fifth to make the score 2-1. A moment later Camilli tore off another terrific drive that looked good for extra bases, but Ott made a phenomenal catch in the Giant bullpen that did much to brace Hubbell.

In the same round the Giants even succeeded in getting another tally to restore their two-run margin when Ott, Harry Danning and Babe Young clicked off singles.

Coscarart's Hit Starts Rally

But in the seventh the Giants came down with a crash. Pete Coscarart, batting for Fitz, singled to left and Pee Wee Rees followed with another one-base blow.

Walker then walloped the ball to deep right center for a triple, tying the score, and a moment later Camilli untied it with another triple, a towering smash that just missed going into the right-field stands for a homer. That shot finished Hubbell, and Hal Schumacher was rushed to the relief of the veteran screwball maestro, who went down to his first defeat in three nocturnal starts.

As for the Dodgers, there was no checking them. Joe Medwick, the recipient of some whole-hearted jeering as he went hitless his first three times up, singled to drive in Camilli, stole second and then scored the fifth run of the inning on Cookie Lavagetto's single before Schumacher finally was able to halt the Brooklyn avalanche.

That explosion settled the ball game, for the left-handed Vito Tamulis replaced Fitz and nailed down the victory by holding the Giants to three hits in the last three rounds. Two were bunched for a final tally in the ninth, Ott ironically closing the show with a fly to Medwick in left.

Just to keep their constituents howling through the last two rounds, the Dodgers picked up a run in the eighth and another in the ninth on doubles by Medwick and Joe Vosmik.

The defeat was Hubbell's sixth against seven victories.

Among those to join in the Ott festivities at home plate were Pres-



GIANTS' CAPTAIN AT THE POLO GROUNDS ON HIS BIG NIGHT

Mel Ott and some of his friends behind table bearing gifts from fans and team-mates

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ident Ford Frick of the National League, Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants, and Vice President Leo Bondy.

The gold membership card presented by the writers is only the second of its kind in circulation and the first ever conferred upon a ball player. The first went to Eddie Brannick, Giant secretary, a number of years ago.

By 7:30 all seats save those held by reserved ticket holders were occupied.

Not to be outstripped by their rivals, the Dodgers are to have a Freddie Fitzsimmons night next Friday at Ebbets Field.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	NEW YORK (N.)
Reese, ss.....5 1 3 3 0	Whitehd. 2b.5 1 2 2 0
Walker, cf.5 2 4 0 0	Moore, if....4 0 1 0 0
Camilli, 3b.4 1 1 1 0 0	Ott, rf.....3 1 1 0 0
Medwick, lf.5 2 2 0 0	Danning, c.3 0 1 2 0
Vosmik, rf.5 0 1 0 0 0	Young, 1b..4 0 2 3 1 0
Lavagetto, 3b.3 0 2 2 4 0	Denaree, cf.4 0 0 0 0 0
Hudson, 2b.3 0 1 2 7 0	Wittek, ss..4 0 2 5 0 0
Mancuso, c.3 1 0 4 0 0	Coscarart, 2b.4 2 1 2 0
Fitzsimmons, p.2 0 0 0 1 1	Hubbell, p.3 0 0 2 0
Coscarart, p.1 1 1 0 0 0	Schumacher, p.0 0 0 0 0 0
Tamulis, p.1 0 1 0 0 0	Seeds, p....1 0 0 0 0 0
Total ..39 8 14 27 15 1	Total ..27 4 10 27 15 0

aBatted for Fitzsimmons in seventh.
aBatted for Schumacher in ninth.
Brooklyn.....0 0 0 0 1 0 5 11-8
New York.....0 2 0 0 1 0 0 1-4

Runs batted in—Moore 2, Walker 4, Young, Camilli, Medwick, Lavagetto, Whitehead.
Two-base hits—Medwick, Vosmik. Three-base hits—Moore, Walker, Camilli. Home run—Walker.
Stolen base—Medwick. Double plays—Hudson and Reese; Wittek, Whitehead and Young. Left on bases—New York 8, Brooklyn 9. Bases on balls—Ott Fitzsimmons 2, Schumacher 2, Hubbell 3.
Strike out—By Fitzsimmons 2, Tamulis 2, Schumacher 1, Hubbell 6. Hits—Ott Fitzsimmons 7 in 6 innings, Tamulis 3 in 3, Hubbell 3 in 6 1-3, Schumacher 5 in 2 2-3. Wild pitch—Tamulis. Winning pitcher—Fitzsimmons. Losing pitcher—Hubbell. Umpires—Magerkurth, Stewart and Barr. Time of game—2:25. Attendance—53,997.