Wait ‘til Next Year!
The 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers, the 2004 Boston Red Sox, and the 2016 Chicago Cubs
Class 1
Agenda – Brooklyn Dodgers

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Brooklyn Robins 1916/1920 Pennant Teams

- **1916**: 92W – 62L, Won by 2.5 games over the Phillies
  - Lost the Series to Boston 4-1.

- **1920**: 93W – 61L, won by 7 games over the NY Giants
  - Lost to Cleveland in the Series 5-2
  - First Series Unassisted Triple Play and Grand Slam
Stars of the Brooklyn Robins
1916/1920 Pennant Teams

Dazzy Vance  Casey Stengel  Burleigh Grimes  Zack Wheat
Stars of the “Daffy Dodgers”
1920s-1930s

‘Dem Bums

Al Lopez
Babe Herman
Van Lingle Mungo
Dolph Camilli
Lefty O’Doul
Del Bissonette
Charles Ebbets

- Charles Ebbets was President and Primary Owner till 1925
  - Innovator: Ladies Day, Rain Checks, Expanded season from 140 -> 156 games, put numbers on hats & sleeves
  - Built Washington Park (1999-1912) and Ebbets Field (1913-1957)
Some say it was located in Flatbush, others in Crown Heights.
Ebbets Field
At the intersection of Bedford Avenue, Sullivan Place, McKeever Place, and Montgomery Street
Capacity Varied Over the Years
Anywhere from 18,000 to 35,000

From 1949 – 1954: 32,111
From 1955 -1957: 31,902
The Rivals

Either the Dodgers Giants, or Yankees would participate in every World Series from 1949 to 1966.
### W/L Percentages by Decades

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The Giants and the Dodgers
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The New York Giants 1949-1955
.551 Win Pct, 2 Pennants, 1 World Series (1954)

Al Dark
Hoyt Wilhelm
Wes Westrum
Johnny Antonelli
Bobby Thomson
Monte Irvin
Leo Durocher
Willie Mays
Sal Maglie
Hank Thompson
Brooklyn Dodgers 1949-1955
.627 Win Pct., 4 Pennants, 1 World Series

Billy Cox
Clem Labine
Gil Hodges
Don Newcombe
Jackie Robinson
Walter Alston
Roy Campanella
Pee Wee Reese
Gene Hermanski
Duke Snider
Preacher Roe
Carl Furillo
Roe
.639 Win Pct., 6 Pennants, 5 World Series (1949-53),

Yogi Berra
Billy Martin
Joe DiMaggio
Hank Bauer
Eddie Lopat
Vic Raschi
Mickey Mantle
Casey Stengel
Allie Reynolds
Whitey Ford
Phil Rizzuto
Larry McPhail

• Team President 1938 – 1942
• Renovated Ebbets Field
• Raised the status of the Dodgers
• Introduced in NYC:
  • Night Baseball
  • Radio Broadcasts
  • Flying teams between cities
Branch Rickey
“Luck is the residue of design.”

- St Louis Cards “Business Mgr” 1919-42
  - Created the “Farm System”
  - Turned the Cardinals into Champions
- Dodgers President/GM 1942-50
  - Integrated MLB in 1947
  - Developed the “Dodger Way”
  - Introduced batting helmets, batting cages, pitching machines, and statistical analysis
The Dodger Front Office Changes of 1950

Branch Rickey  Walter O’Malley  Buzzie Bavasie
Dodger Strategic Focus after 1950

• “We are going to concentrate on winning pennants.”
  - Walter O’Malley

• Double down on scouting and player development
  • Jim Gilliam, Johnny Podres, Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale...
  • “The Dodger Way”

• Anticipate retirements and future needs

• Think creatively on how to expand the Dodgers’ income and brand
Please rise while Gladys Gooding plays “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” on her Organ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drOdOCuWNRY
1955 Brooklyn Dodgers
The 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers

• Great Offense, Great Defense, and Pitching was surprisingly good
• Quiet Manager – Walter Alston – whom people had doubts about
• An older team. Average age 29.8 years.
• The team had been together for the entire decade
• Won their first 10 games in a row
• 52-19 by June 30. Clinched by Sep 8
• They led the NL from the first game to the end
• Finished 98-55, 13.5 games ahead of the Braves
Part 3 - The 1955 World Series
### 1955 World Series

**Dodgers vs Yankees**

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Game 1 – Wednesday, September 28, 1955, Yankee Stadium – Attendance 63,869
Game 1 starters: Ford vs Newcombe
Dodger Line-up – Game 1

1. Gilliam LF  Sw
2. Reese SS  R
3. Snider CF  L
4. Campanella C  R
5. Furillo RF  R
6. Hodges 1B  R
7. Robinson 3B  R
8. Zimmer 2B  R
9. Newcombe P  L
The Yankee Line-up Game 1

1. Hank Bauer – RF - R
2. Gil McDougal – 3B - R
3. Irv Noren – CF - L
4. Yogi Berra – C - L
5. Joe Collins - 1B - L
6. Elston Howard – LF - R
7. Billy Martin – 2B - R
8. Phil Rizzuto – SS - R
9. Whitey Ford – P - L
Where was Mickey Mantle?

• Mickey had a bad right leg.
• His last complete game was Sep 14.
• He would start WS Games 3-4, and pinch hit in Game 7
• He was visibly limping, and running slow
• Stengel had to move him to right field
• Did his injury cost the Yanks the Series?
The top of the 2nd, Furillo hits a solo home to RF for a 1-0 Dodger lead

Robinson follows with a triple to LF. He came home on a Zimmer sacrifice fly. 2-0 Dodgers

In the bottom of the 2nd, Howard homers to deep left field. Howard and Collins score to tie it at 2-2.
Top of the 3rd, Duke Snider hits a home to deep RF off of Whitey Ford. 3-2 Dodgers.

The Yankees generate a run in the 3rd.

Tied at 3-3

Joe Collins hits two home runs to RF in the 4th and the 6th for 3 total runs. Yanks lead 6-3 after 6 innings.
Newcombe is Ineffective

• Gives up 6 ER
• Lasts 5.2 innings
• Comes out after Collins 2\textsuperscript{nd} homer
• Admits to having arm problems
• Will not pitch again in the Series
• Alston starts to burn through his bullpen
In the bottom of the 6th, Billy Martin triples. He then tries to steal home. Campanella knocks him backwards for the third out.
Top of the 8th. Dodgers stage a comeback. Furillo singles.

Robinson reaches on a throwing error by McDougal.

Men on 2nd and 3rd, 1 out.

Zimmer hits a sacrifice fly. Furillo scores. 6-4 Yankees.

Robinson goes to 3rd base, with 2 outs.
In the Eighth, Jackie is on third. Ford is pitching.

Pinch Hitter Frank Kellert is batting
Yogi Berra moves up to catch the ball

Jackie starts to slide as the ball arrives
SAFE!!!!
Yogi will argue the call for the rest of his life.
Game 1: A 6-5 Win for the Yankees

• **Yankees:**
  - Ford not sharp, but goes 8 innings. Gives up 3 ER.
  - Home runs by Howard and Collins (2), provide 5 of the 6 runs.
  - Martin caught stealing twice – including out at home, after a triple