

Headline: Los Angeles and New York in the World Series is a timeless classic

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Social: The Dodgers and Yankees are back at it, just like its 1941

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We saw it in the 40's, the 50's, the 60's, 70's, or 80's, and now it's the 21st century, and the Brooklyn, I meant Los Angeles Dodgers, are once again taking on the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Doesn't this just feel right?

Think about the rivalry and stakes at hand.

Judge vs. Ohtani, the two presumed Most Valuable Player award recipients for the regular season.

West Coast vs. East Coast. The sports-entertainment backstory within this matchup is crazy and dates back to the 1950s when New York Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio began dating the "blonde bombshell," Marilyn Monroe. Monroe was the face of *Playboy Magazine* and the most famous person on Earth, while people saw DiMaggio as a man above men and Monroe as his princess.

The first ever desegregated World Series was held between these two teams back in 1947, featuring an original Jackie Robinson as a 1st baseman, taking on the likes of DiMaggio, Rizzuto, Berra, and Mantle. Speaking of two of those names, how could we not mention the incident at home?

Jackie Robinson vs. Yogi Berra at the infamous play at home plate was and is, in my opinion, the greatest picture ever captured in sports history.

Sandy "The Left Arm of God" Koufax vs. Mickey Mantle in the greatest duel between a pitcher and batter quite possibly ever. Koufax even sat out a game or so to put his Jewish religion into celebrating Yom Kippur over the World Series. The Dodgers still won.

Who could forget about the birth of Mr. October himself? Mr. Reggie Jackson. The man behind the greatest World Series performance known to mankind, smashing five home runs, and not to get specific, but three in ONE GAME. That one game... was the one that had brought the Yankees back to glory in 1977, claiming their first title since 1962.

Lastly, I cannot continue on without honoring the late-great Fernando "El Toro" Valenzuela. While writing about this article, in the middle of researching my topics and such, I came across all of the messages alerting me of his passing the night of October 22. Valenzuela, responsible for the term "Fernandomania," due to his legendary performance in the most recent World Series between the two, dating back to 1981, is still talked about today. If it wasn't for his pitching skill, the Dodgers would not have outlasted the Bronx Bombers in a series that went to every fan's favorite number... seven. He had made an everlasting impact on how pitchers were sought out in the game of baseball, and particularly, the Los Angeles Latino community. On behalf of The Pitt News Sports Desk, may he rest in peace.

Isn't this not crazy for sports fans? Just look at all these storylines and how religion, race, and rivalry play a role in this matchup. The representation of history defining a series of such high-caliber memories from the desegregation of World Series championships from Jackie Robinson to the honoring of Jewish and Latino communities, and even present-day.

If you breakdown both of these teams and compare position-by-position, you will notice even across the diamond that we have different cultures of all kinds. The best player in this series is from Japan, and others are from all over the world. America, Canada, Venezuela, the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba.

This will surely be a World Series to remember for all of these storylines, regardless of the sport itself.

Why do I say that?

Well, you just read an entire article without the mention of the word "baseball."