

## Classic Match-up Comes to Life

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Pee Wee Caro & Say Hey Matsuda

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At the beginning of the Moraga Baseball Association season, some of the players and parents (many of whom are Giants and A's fans) were told they were going to be the Dodgers. They responded with resounding boos and hisses at the idea. Vince Caro found a solution. "No problem," he said. "I've already got it figured out. We're going to be the Brooklyn dodgers. Gotta love dem bums!"

Caro found a reproduction vintage cap online, and away they went. Taking the gesture to heart, James Matsuda of the Moraga Giants purchased a vintage New York Giants cap, and told Caro that the next time they played each other, he would wear it . . . so it could be just like the "old days" of the Giants vs. Dodgers at the Polo Grounds or Ebbets Field.

Caro told Matsuda, "Great! Call me Pee Wee, and you can be

the Say Hey Kid!"

In true Giants/Dodgers tradition, the game on DATE turned out to be a classic match-up come to life, the only thing missing was the sound of Red Barber's voice. The teams played great. The lead changed four times. There was great pitching, long drives and "small-ball", a home run and out's at the plate, great plays in the field, and a come-from-behind victory for "The Boys of Summer."

"It was one of those games you hate to see one team come out on top -- both teams deserved to win," Caro said.

"While the Giants lost this heart breaker," Matsuda said, "I congratulate the Dodgers for their win. As a person who bleeds orange and black, it was painful. As a little league coach I was very proud in the way both teams played."