

North 9 Explodes in Final Game

Knights Grab Second Place

Sparkling pitching has caused the rise and fall of Bishop Montgomery's baseball fortunes all season long. A top mound staff pushed the Knights into Camino Real League pennant contention, but smooth hurling efforts also eliminated BMHS from competition. A five-hit effort by Irl Davis led Montgomery to a win on Friday in the league finale, but only after the Knights had lost sight of the crown by facing two one-hit efforts in a row.

Warrior Nine Falls In Finale

Although the baseball season just ended, West High coach Max Lomas already has a gleam in his eye regarding next year's campaign.

West dropped its final tilt of the season, 1-0 to Beverly Hills on Thursday, but the defeat has failed to dim Lomas' view of the future.

The Warriors finished with a 7-9 record, good enough for sixth place in the Pioneer League, and coach Lomas looks forward to a much stronger team next year.

LOMAS will have his entire infield back, his three top hurlers, and a group of potentially outstanding outfielders.

Topping the list of returning men will be John Marsden, one of the league's top pitchers, third basemen, and hitters, and Tim Speaks, who gave up only two hits in Thursday's loss.

SPEAKS, recovering from a broken thumb, whiffed six men and walked only three. At one point, the sophomore sensation retired 13 men in a row. One of the major disappointments for West the past season was the loss of catcher Richard Grossman for several games due to a head injury sustained in a home-plate collision.

DENNIS DODD, a sophomore catcher from Anaheim, took over and "improved 400 per cent" according to Lomas. The Warrior mentor feels Dodd may be the league's top receiver next season.

West dropped its final two tilts of the season, both to Beverly Hills, and both for the same reason—no hitting. In the final tilts, West got only eight hits, and the first five men in the Redskin batting order were responsible for only two bingles.

New Colt League Will Begin Year

A brand new Colt league will open its initial season of baseball today. The Torrance Colt League, formed this year, will begin its season today at 1 p. m. with opening ceremonies on the North High diamond. The league is composed of

boys 15 to 18. Many of the players have participated in the recently-ended Bay and Pioneer League high school competition.

Following opening ceremonies, the four teams will each have a scheduled game.

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Former Driving Ace Eyes Midget Rebirth

Midget auto racing used to be one of the fastest, most exciting and best paying shows of its type. However, through mismanagement and poor promotion it has become almost a lost art, says Jess Channon, former race driver.

Midget auto racing began in 1933 at Loyola University. On Aug. 10, 1934, it moved to the world famous Gilmore Stadium at Beverly and Fairfax Blvds. in Hollywood with the assistance of Harry Harts, Leo "Pop" Faulkner, and Dominic Destarce.

Channon was one of the first drivers. At that time Gilmore Stadium was known as the home of the "Mighty Midgets." It was the greatest racing promotion revenue-wise throughout the world excluding course, the classics such as the 500-Mile Indianapolis and the Grand Prix of Europe.

THE MIDGET Sports car is very similar in design to the world famous Volkswagen.

"With the proper promotional plan, midget auto racing can again be brought to life. A new midget sports car built to sell for \$2,500—or less by applying a race driving school—and a track designed for its competition, plus a stage plan for entertaining the racing fan or audience is as simple as one, two, three," says Channon.

The first man to meet the audience is your commentator—a man who must know the racing language and machine as did the great Graham Macknamy, who died in 1942.

THE SECOND man to meet your audience is your starter. He should always be attired in white with bright trim colors so as to be seen by both audience and drivers. Such a starter was Gilmore's famous Dominic Destarce.

The third man to meet your audience is not one but two stars in one bundle—the famous midget sports car and its versatile driver.

These are just some of the ideas that Channon has researched the past nine years.

THERE HAVE been misfortunes in the racing field except in the classics simply because racing promoters and their sanction bodies have refused to recognize there is a need for showmanship to be combined with racing. The 500-Mile Indianapolis can furnish the most desirable race of the year, but it cannot supply America with race drivers and car owners.

Thirty to thirty-one acres of ground is all that is needed to put this type of track and driving school into effect.

The junkyard racing that has infiltrated the American racing scene today has defeated racing promoters, professional racing drivers as well as fairground prices," Channon said. It is his opinion that the research and design he has made will stimulate every angle of revenue and racing. If Sears, Roebuck and Co. can park cars on an acre of ground costing \$55,000 per acre free, why can't the racing promoters of today do the same?

One must have the ability to entertain and make racing fans pleased with their promotion. In simple words of vaudeville—you apply showmanship. You dress the part, you act the part, you are the part. There is no shortcut to quality.

The United States Midget Sports Car Assn. is now being organized for the purpose of creating a new racing picture and stimulating the interest of the millions of fans.

Saxons Finally Stop Long Losing Streak

A funny thing happened to North High in its final Bay League baseball game of the season—the Saxons won. Although it was a long time coming, North ended the season with a tremendous splash, handing Leuzinger a 16-5 clubbing on Thursday. It ended almost exactly as it began for North. In the first game of the league campaign, NHS clobbered Inglewood 16-1, but from then until the final contest, only a surprise win over South was marked in the Saxon victory column.

RANKED AS at least a dark-horse for the league crown at the beginning of the season, North tripped and stumbled all year long. Topping a list of bad breaks was the injury of all-league shortstop Carey Hubert mid-way through the year.

Hubert, counted on to help the mound corp, was out for the rest of the campaign with an injured elbow.

ALL WAS forgotten on Thursday, however, as the Saxons blasted a season full of disappointments and heartaches down the drain with a tremendous 16-hit barrage.

Good pitching has been a Saxon forte all year long, but heavy hitting was a thing of the past.

WINNING HURLER Dick Webster took matters into his own hands against Leuzinger, assuring himself of the win by blasting six runs across the dish including a bases-loaded home run.

Webster broke a North record for most RBIs in a single game as well as chalking up his second win of the season. Although he struck out only two men, Webster allowed nary a walk to help compensate for the 13 hits Leuzinger collected.

Leuzinger started off like a ball of fire, ripping across three runs in the first inning and adding two more tallies in the second frame off North starter Jim Jensen.

North fought right back with seven runs in its half of the second frame and eight more digits in the fourth stanza. The Saxons added an additional run in the fifth inning.

Moral conditions will be found always harmonious and health-giving. —Mary Baker Eddy

Hurlers Dominate Tordondo League

Classy throwing Bruce MacEachern hurled the Tordondo Little League Yankees to a 2-0 win over the Tigers in a red-hot pitching battle. The Yanks ripped two first-inning runs across and then were shut out the rest of the trip by Don Shockley. A leadoff double by Greg Kiester and singles by MacEachern and Ken Stichel accounted for the runs.

MacEachern sent 13 men down swinging while Shockley accounted for 12 strikeouts.

DESPITE a one-hit 12-strikeout performance by Gary Hulsey, the Braves dropped a 3-1 nod to the Cubs. Fielding mishaps proved the undoing of the Braves.

Tom Fischer grabbed the win, allowing only two hits and whiffing 12 batters.

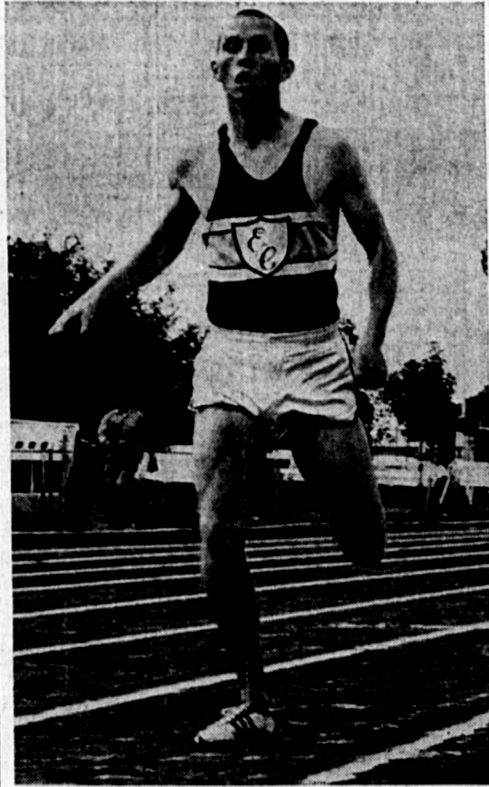
PITCHER Greg Loney sparked his own cause with three hits in four trips to the dish, including a home run, to lead the Senators to a 10-1 triumph over the Indians.

In Minor League action, the Stars earned a 9-4 decision over the Red Sox Ricky Berwick, throwing to Dan Russell, struck out nine men and allowed but two hits.

HEAVY HITTERS for the Stars included Brian Sebelis with a double and two runs driven across, and Larry Taylor, who slammed out two singles in three times at bat.

Paul Smith and Dyn Saben hurled the Giants to a 14-5 win over the Athletics, and the Beavers outdistanced the Padres, 18-9 in other Tordondo action.

Richard Senkus and George Davis shared mound duties for the Pirates. Heavy hitters for the Beavers were Bill Kalvin with two doubles and Grant Kleman with a triple, while Tom Reese, Kalvin, and Rick Mitchell pitched for the winners.



ALL OVER NOW... Former North High sprinting great Pat Lininger gave it the old college try for El Camino in the Metropolitan Conference finals last week. Despite a severe cold Lininger qualified for the 440 finals and ended up with a fifth place finish in a rapid field.

Snell Leads 'Miracle Mile'

Peter Snell of New Zealand, greatest middle distance runner of all time, has regained his famous surging power and will be his record-busting self for the "Miracle Mile" of the 23rd Annual Coliseum Relays May 17.

This is according to word from Down Under, where the 3:54.4 world record holder "loafed" through a 4:00.8 mile with a 56.8 fourth lap, in his return to competition after a two-month layoff.

Snell is coming to the Coliseum with his Olympic gold medal countryman Murray Halberg, who is setting his sights on the world 5000-meter record of 13:35.0 in another international feature of the mammoth Relays.

THEY WILL be accompanied

this time by their coach and trainer Arthur Lydiard whose arduous training methods of long, slow work and constant road running paid off for both.

After a disappointing winter season, although he did run 3:58.6 outdoors in February, Snell was ordered by physicians to rest.

HIS COMEBACK is everything Lydiard and the MD's hoped for.

When he ran the 56.8 last quarter of that easy 4:00.8 mile he was under wraps. Wrote track critic Norman Harris of the New Zealand Herald: "The spectators must have been disappointed at seeing such power so thoroughly disguised."

NEW ZEALAND'S top track

authority Clive Spilsted says "Snell will be in his top shape for the Coliseum Relays; all that his opponents will see will be the seat of his pants."

Foes of the 6 ft. 178-pound power runner in the 1962 Coliseum Relays had a good view of his back on that scorching fast furlong. Snell ran the final 220 in 24.5, the last 120 yards (after a 3:42.7 1500 meters) in 13.4. Previous all-time best was 14.2 Snell's mile of 3:56.1 was an American all-comers record.

DYROL BURLERSON, former U.S. record holder (3:57.6), finished second in 3:57.9 yet was obliterated by that final shock. Said Burlerson, who again will try May 17, "That Snell is a sprinter, not a miler."

Well, he holds the world half-mile record of 1:45.1 and metric record of 1:44.3, too.

HALBERG, a slightly built 5-11, 136-pounder, can run anything from the mile (3:57.5) through 10,000 meters (28:48.0) but the 5000 is his best distance. Two years ago he was within two-tenths of Vladimir Kuts' 13:35.0 record, and en route he set a world three-mile record of 13:10.0.

He won the 1960 Olympic Games 5000 in 13:43.4, and this season in tuneups for his Coliseum race was timed in 13:45.0 and 13:41.2 in races within three days.

Final fields to face Snell in the mile and Halberg in the 5000 will be announced in a few days.

FEARLESS SPECTATOR

When Experience Mounts the Pulpit—Listen

By CHARLES McCABE, Esq.

I'd go a lot more for reformed sinners if the reformation didn't so often come at an age when the jokers weren't much able to sin any more, anyhow. On account of the blood and bones beginning to sag.

Some of these virtuous fellers, like some deathbed repentances, do not throb with conviction.

I have been as sacrilegious as to question, on occasion, the bona fides of one of my great heroes, St. Augustine. Because he wrote his marvelous "Confessions" when he was well into his 40s, and perhaps blighted with the merest tincture of ennui.

A while back the Nat'l Pastime came up with something along these lines, which may be a lesson to us all. Or maybe not.

Rube Marquard, a leftie who threw 19 consecutive wins for John McGraw and the New York Giants in 1912, got up on his pulpit and handed out some hot spiritual advice to two young pitchers of the Los Angeles Angels—the Messrs. Bo Belinsky and Dean Chance.

Bo and Dean are alleged to enjoy the mondain life, and even to court temptation in the form of strong booze and weak broads.

Brother Rube, who is now 73, offered the pitchers the following advice, absolutely free:

"I'm afraid these young men don't realize they're just throwing their money away. When they can't win regularly—and it always happens to those who follow the night-life crowd—they'll find out these associates will drop them like a hot potato.

"If they stay away from the night life, they'll not only help their own careers but they'll help their ball club and their teammates."

This advice, with which no one can argue, surely, comes with singular grace and felicity from Mr. Marquard. He knows what he is talking about. Or, as they say in show biz, which he once graced on the old Orpheum time, he's been there.

At the time he was throwing those 19 straight

wins for McGraw, Rube was carrying on a torrid and highly publicized romance with a pretty and famous ragtime singer named Blossom Seeley.

After the 1912 season was finished, things got so hotted up between Rube and Blossom that the lady's husband, an actor named Joseph Kane, sued Rube for \$25,000 damages for alienating his wife's affections. (And isn't that a delicious phrase?)

The angered husband traced Rube with his wife to an Atlantic City hotel room—the very symbol and ensign of illicit stuff in that age—but they eluded him.

Next year Rube married the lady in San Francisco. But not until he had paid Mr. Kane a settlement of \$2200—the amount he received as his share of the World Series money that year.

Rube and Blossom traveled for years in a vaudeville act. He pitched and she sang. The hours did not necessarily agree with those expected of a Giant hurler, and example to the nation's youth.

After Rube won his 19 straight, he complained

to McGraw about being tired from too much baseball; and possibly the robust charms of Miss Seeley.

Characteristically, the irritable McGraw started him in the next game—a St. Louis summer double-header, which is as near as you'll ever want to get to hell, brother.

Rube fell apart in the second inning. McGraw took him out of the game. Sourly.

As Rube said then, "I thought he'd see that I was all in and going to pieces, but not McGraw. He sent me in to start the second game of the double header."

He was pulled out again by McGraw, who growled to him:

"You've been dissipating."

Rube was divorced by Blossom in 1920, after a turbulent marriage which gave rise to one of baseball's funniest stories, which unhappily is a bit too ribald for most ears.

As I say, Rube sure knows what he's talking about when he mounts that old pulpit.