

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

## No Second Guessing

Since the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to Los Angeles over two years ago, producers, directors, and big-time dealers of the film world have tried upen times to corral a Dodger star into signing a celloid contract.

They reason that extra eyes will be watching their TV program or film at a neighborhood theater. Dodger Veep, Buzzie Bavasi has recently announced in Vero Beach that he wants no "Hollywood Stars" on the ball club. "They're too tempted to start second guessing," Buz was quoted as saying.

During the 1959 season, during which I attended more than over half the home games, I watched the big and little Dodgers being approached by film moguls who did not have baseball in mind.

## Stay Out of Baseball

After Bavasi made his views on the subject public earlier in the week, a noted sportscaster was heard uttering that if Buzzie wants no Hollywood shannigans at the Coliseum he should bar the press and radio from all home games. The sportscaster obviously missed the point. From my corner on the field in '59 I heard no legitimate reporter or broadcaster talk motion pictures with the Dodgers. It was unauthorized film personalities that whispered the make-believe world to attentive Los Angeles ball players.

If the Dodgers are to repeat their performance of last year Bavasi must make good his boast in keeping the boys concentrating on baseball. The clever Dodger charged with personnel doings should bar these undesirable from coming onto the field, dug-out, and club house if he intends to keep film thoughts away from his players.

Film producers and those employed by them should stay out of baseball! By this inference we mean that they should come and see a ball game like any paying baseball lover. Interest should stop here, however, and not on the field prior to a Dodger contest.

## Club's Fault

Generally if it becomes known that film greats come to baseball games it also follows that the gate usually swells to a few hundred or a thousand more. Fans who follow the diamond sport are no exception—they still want to tell their friends that they sat next to so-and-so.

Dodger management has taken advantage these past two years and permitted film names to be associated with the crowds who attend their games. Good publicity no doubt and as I pointed out earlier it made a difference at the box office.

However, while permitting this practice, they exposed the imaginations of their ballplayers to roam far from baseball. As an eavesdropper on conversations between the Hollywood set and Dodger players I saw many baseballers wide-eyed after a talk with the film notables. The men who play baseball are no different than you and I. They are just as awe-struck when thrown together with famous personalities.

While stressing the need to keep motion picture people away from baseball men we do not want to infer that film producers producing films about sports be kept from mingling with the players. An example last year was Sam Balter's TV interview program in which the living room set was allowed to hear and see a baseball great discussing the national pastime pro and con. Sam's program was filmed yet it kept the player concentrating on his job.

The type coming under scrutiny here are those who make all kinds of pictures such as westerns and musicals. I need not mention Dodger players who make an ass of themselves during and after last year's baseball season—you watched them in "action" and like me you wondered why a producer would be permitted to show such garbage in our living rooms.

# Ganz Bolsters Warrior Gymnasts



PRACTICING for this afternoon's gymnastics meet in Bakersfield is Tom Ganz, who does a handspring vault on the longhorse. The El Camino College performer also participates in the sidehorse and free exercise event.

With but one returning letterman, the El Camino College gymnasts meet the powerful Bakersfield Renegades in their first conference meet at 3:30 today in the Renegade gymnasium.

Leading the list of musclemen is Joe Kalina, who placed fifth in the conference in tumbling last season. Kalina's performance is doubtful because of a broken wrist from last season.

With Kalina as the only returning letterman, the Warriors will have to depend upon new talent.

Dallas Griffin from Narbonne High School is a strong contender in the parallel bars and should come through in the rings, high bar and the long horse. He will also be entered in All-Around.

Tom Ganz, who is just out of the service, will bolster the Tribe attack on the long horse and free exercise.

Mike Brunetto, Washington High School graduate, will strengthen the Indians on both the side horse and the parallel. He lettered at Harbor two years ago.

"Mouse" Inove, a ring and parallel man from Gardena High School, is another who will be instrumental in the Warrior attack.

Jim DeCarli leads the rope climbers with a time of 5.4. Ray Chemis from Westchester High has not yet been timed.

## Babe Ruth Tryouts Set for Saturday

The Torrance Babe Ruth League tryouts will be held at Torrance Park, Arlington and Santa Fe, Saturday at 9 a.m. March 5. It was announced today by Harvey Casson.

Casson said that this was the last opportunity to register for '60 play and that each boy wishing to play must be accompanied by his parent, father or mother.

## Three Drivers Vie in CJA Race

Three top drivers are favored for Sunday afternoon's CJA hot rod races at Gardena Stadium. Favored to take top honors are Jack Austin, Downey; Bob Hogle, Buena Park; and Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower.

Hogle, Austin, and Van Eyk will be challenged by a newcomer, Ron Garriott of Huntington Park who captured his first main event win at the stadium two weeks ago, when he road to victory over Van Eyk. Garriott had led the weeks previous in main until he was flagged off the track, when his gas tank was leaking. He is the son of the former L. A. Angel center fielder, Cece Garriott. Cece is now mechanic on the car.

An eight event racing program is on the card, topped by a 30 lap main event. Racing will begin at 2:30 p.m. Time trials are set for 1 p.m.

Austin has won three main events at the track this year, while Hogle a long time favorite, has failed to have a victory yet this season. Van Eyk, the 1959 CJA Champion also is a strong threat.

Other top drivers entered include: Ray Bunch, Bell Gardens; Bud Astory, Lakewood; Chuck Townsend, Gardena; Bill Mangold, Compton; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Bill Cantrell, Fontana; Audie Madron, Compton; Art Atkinson, Pasadena; Termitte Snyder, Los Angeles; Bucky Stoner, El Monte; Freddie Thompson, Downey; and Wayne Page, San Bernardino.

Admission is just \$1.50 with juniors \$1 and kids under eight free. Fans are in for a special discount if they write their name and address on a stamped envelope, which will give them a 50 cent discount. Gardena Stadium is located at 139th Street and Western Ave. in Gardena.

# Ten 'Compacts' in Economy Run

A complete roster of ten compact cars for the upcoming Mobilgas Economy Run (April 2-6) was announced this week by A. C. Pillsbury, chief steward of the contest, which will travel from Los Angeles to Minneapolis.

Pillsbury just returned from Detroit where he picked six compact entrants—two Falcons, two Corvairs, and two Valiants—from factory assembly lines. Larks and Rambler have already been picked at random from factories, warehouses and showrooms.

Pillsbury stated that the compact entries again point up the run's influence over American car engineering during the last quarter of a century.

"Mainly, by both guiding and reflecting public opinion, the Economy Run has helped manufacturers hold down the American auto's gasoline thirst even while its size was swelling, and it was loading up with gas-gulping accessories," he said.

In 1954, Pillsbury pointed out for example, a Ford with overdrive beat its Chevrolet competitor by nearly 4 miles per gallon. Next year Chevrolet executives reversed policy and introduced their own overdrive.

In 1957 Chrysler took top honors with an improved automatic transmission. Ford, which ran far out of the money that year, promptly revamped its own transmission design—and thereby cut the gasoline bill of every man who ever drove a 1958 Ford.

The 4-cylinder "compact cars" of yesteryear vanished from the market after 1953. But by 1959 reviving interest in small, economical cars brought Rambler back, along with the new Studebaker Lark. This year we also have the Falcon, Valiant and Corvair. The

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## High School Gridders Given Goal by El Camino College

High school football players in the El Camino College district have been given added incentive to enroll in the local institution through changes made by the Metropolitan Conference guiding lights.

Free substitution will return to the Metropolitan Conference after an eight-season absence. Since 1952 the limited substitution rules have governed grid action in the junior college circuits, but now a return to the two-plateau system opens a wide field of positions and opportunities for young pigskin hopefuls.

Besides the added attraction of free substitution, El Camino will compete in Klamath Falls, Ore., in a practice game, with Oregon Tech next fall. Tech was an early-season victim of the Warriors in a home game last fall.

Coach Norin Verry is reminding athletes that recent demands by state officials to raise the entrance requirements for attending California colleges and universities will necessitate hard studying along with ball playing.

"The willingness of students to adopt good study habits is a key to their success in college," Verry points out.

"It has been extremely gratifying to learn how many of our students have picked up in their studies in junior college," Verry gleefully remarked.

With entrance standards being raised by the universities, it is safe to assume that more players will enter junior college for the first or, in many cases, second years of school.

Another prominent fact is the idea accepted by practically all four-year school coaches, that junior college football is a tougher brand of ball than freshman ball at the universities.

University teams play only four freshman games a season, in JC at least nine or 10 games are scheduled.

This is especially true in the Metropolitan Conference, where seven conference games and three practice tilts are on tab. In the past eight years Metro teams have represented the west in the Junior Rose Bowl classic at Pasadena five times.

Television will also be a feature of Metropolitan contests in 1960. The Conference is planning weekly telecasts of its featured football games, among which Verry believes will include El Camino home games against Weber, Utah, Junior College and Bakersfield, defending Junior Rose Bowl and Metro champions.

As only three stadiums in the loop are equipped with proper television facilities, El Camino included, the Warrior games could be in the limelight quite often, as was the case in 1953, when games were televised.

One thing Verry would like to remind prep athletes, "Free substitution provides more boys with the opportunity to play ball."



COWBOY ROY ROGERS, whose family type entertainment has made him America's favorite entertainer, will headline the 1960 Sportsmen's Vacation Show, March 31 thru April 10th, at Los Angeles' Pan Pacific Auditorium. The outdoor exposition brings to the public a giant "Show Case" of every type of equipment for the sportsmen.

# Roy Rogers to Head Sportsman's Show

Cowboy film star Roy Rogers, known as "Mr. Sportsman" because of his wide range of sports activities, will headline the "Parade of Outdoor Champions" during H. Werner Buck's mammoth action-packed 15th annual Sportsmen's & Vacation Show coming to Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, for an 11-day run beginning March 31.

Rogers will appear at all performances of the sensational 10-act, 90-minute stage and water entertainment program, which is held in a special outdoor arena. With him will be his amazing trick horse, Trigger Jr., the Sons of the Pioneers, famous musical group, Pat Brady, his comic sidekick with the eccentric jeep, Nellybelle, and a 15-piece band.

Additional outstanding star outdoor acts will round out the "Outdoor Champions" program, making it the fastest, funniest, most amazing in Sportsmen's Show history.

Always a mecca for Mr. and Mrs. Outdoor Fan seeking new ideas in sporting items and vacations, the main exhibition halls will be jammed with acres of 1960 model goods and services for the camper, fisherman, swimmer, boater, hunter, trailerite and traveler.

Rogers, known for his wholesome, musical, fast moving family type movies which made him Hollywood's No. 1 boxoffice star, is an all-around sportsman. He not only rides, ropes and shoots a pistol well, but is a cup-winning archer, skeet shooter and speed boat racer, and is proficient in hunting, golfing, bowling and fishing. He also races pigeons from his 136-acre Double R Ranch in West San Fernando Valley, where he keeps his \$25,000 gun collection and trophies of hunting trips, including jaunts to Alaska and Africa.

Always a favorite of the youngsters, Rogers and Buck have made arrangements to hold weekday "Outdoor Champions" shows at 4 p.m. to permit his young fans to attend after school. Saturday and Sunday afternoon shows will go on at 2 o'clock with an extra show Sundays at 4. Evening shows will

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