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ALSTON SHOULD JOIN RIGNEY

No matter how long or how studiously I follow the game of baseball, I sometimes get downright furious over decisions involving personnel changes.

Last week pennant hungry Horace Stoneham of the San Francisco Giants fired hard-working, hard-thinking, and hard-fighting manager Bill Rigney.

To the press the transplanted New Yorker mumbled that "this is not so much a criticism of Rigney's managing as it is a move to lift and inspire the players."

Is Stoneham catering to a hand full of stars who have almost openly shown their resentment of Rigney's way of doing things?

The San Francisco boss got trigger-happy. It's early yet and losing four in a row is certainly no extra valid excuse to bump a man so devoted to winning as Rigney was.

The man who should do like Stoneham is Buzzie Bavasi of the Los Angeles Dodgers. His outfit won the pennant and World Series last year. Nevertheless the team is floundering in the second division with virtually the same aggregation of personnel as in '59. What then is Walt Alston doing as skipper of the Dodgers if you follow the Frisco train of thought?

Put Bragan in Charge

Most assuredly I do not condone the Frisco fiasco. Rigney is a darn good man. In the past two years he has made brilliant trades to bolster a team that could only brag about its hitting and maybe one good pitcher. If Stoneham had left well enough alone Rigney would have gotten the Giant cry-babies in a win streak to atone for their showing thus far.

The San Francisco case is over, however. In Los Angeles the Dodger brass seems content with Walter Alston. I am not! I'm sick of the second division and I resent the way Smokey has managed the club during the past home stand.

Like we said before it's early yet. And perhaps Bavasi thinks Alston will start to make the right moves any day now. I don't think so.

I, myself, don't like second guessers. I hate to think I'm one of them. It sounds like it now, however. Regardless, I would rather see Bobby Bragan running the Dodgers now, before its too late to do anything about the pennant chances of the Los Angeles club.

Alston Bench Happy

I have talked with Smokey on numerous occasions this year. I never got intimate with him other than a strict press relation. None the less I believe him to be a capable manager. But not for a team like the Dodgers.

In '59 Alston made the right moves. There was team spirit on the club. This blessed emotion went a long way in favor of Smokey. In many instances he was lucky.

Even in the beginning of the season I evidenced a lack of this thing called spirit. Everything and everyone went about their business in mechanical fashion. Peppery Bobby Bragan also seemed subdued. Did the Dodgers become over-confident? It appears so and if I am right Alston should have done something about it.

Smokey hugs the bench too much. He doesn't (verbally that is) fight hard enough on decisions with the umpires. He's too quiet. In days gone by he could count on many of his ballplayers to do these emotional things for him.

This year Alston has some new key personnel. They need guidance and they are not getting it. Bragan, however, is that type of man. A manager who fights and instills that type of ingradient termed "teaching spirit."

I'm sure that Bragan is just killing time as the Dodgers' third base coach. He's kept still because of his respect for Alston and the Dodger high command. Were he offered the Giant job I'm sure he would turn it down. Eventually he will be the new Dodger manager. The sooner the better.

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PRESS Sports

Lindell at Clinic for Lomita Kids

The 7-Up Youth Foundation will conduct a kids baseball clinic for the Lomita boys organizations Saturday, June 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It was announced today by the Lomita Little League.

Johnny Lindell, former great Yankee outfielder, will be on hand with his staff of instructors.

The results at the end of the 3rd week of play in the 2nd half at Lomita Little League play are as follows:

Monday, June 13th, the Tropical Bowl Tigers defeated the Chandler Yankees by a score of 8 to 3. Mike Peace was credited with the win and Bob Riegs was credited with the loss.

Wednesday, June 15th, the 7-Up Indians defeated the Cal Bank Stars with a score of 13 to 10. The winning pitcher was Pete Giacomini and the losing pitcher was Terry Hicks. Pete Giacomini of the 7-Up Indians hit 4 home runs, one of them a grand slam home run.

Friday, June 17th, the Chandler Yankees defeated the Cal Bank Stars by a score of 9 to 4. Steve Warren received credit of the win. Jimmy Gazeley was credited with the loss. Barry Hyde of the Yankees hit a home run.

Sunday, June 19th found the Tropical Bowl Tigers defeating the 7-Up Indians in a very exciting game by a score of 4 to 0. Truman Cogins received credit for the shutout and Pete Giacomini received credit for the loss.

The Major League standings for the end of the 3rd week are:

STANDINGS	W	L
Indians	5	1
Tigers	3	3
Stars	2	4
Yankees	2	4

The Minor League scores for the week are:

June 14, Dodgers 11, Angels 10.
June 16, Padres 11, Seals 8.
June 18, Beavers 13, Padres 6.
June 18, Dodgers 11, Solons 6.
June 19, Angels 8, Seals 5.

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Local Babe Ruthers End First Half; Elks on Top

With a record of 8-1, the Elks of the Torrance Babe Ruth League were leading the loop at the conclusion of the first half, Sunday June 19.

During the past week League action saw Richard Masaki, 14 year old pitcher of the Dons, set a new record by fanning 20 and giving only one walk as the Dons beat the Angeles 3-2. Ervin Palica, 15 year old first baseman for the Beavers, connected for three home runs, two in one game.

Norm Casson, 14 year old twirler for the Salons gave three hits and fanned eleven as his team defeated the league-leaders 6-2.

STANDINGS	W	L	T
Elks	8	1	
Dodgers	7	2	
Solons	7	2	
Beavers	5	3	1
Seals	4	5	1
Angels	4	5	
Padres	3	5	1
Dons	3	6	
Oaks	2	7	
Mounties	1	8	

Scores of games for week ending June 19th:

June 13, Dodgers 13, Dons 1.
June 14, Beavers 5, Solons 7.
June 15, Elks 2, Seals 1.
June 16, Angels 7, Mounties 5.
June 17, Dodgers 14, Solons 11.
June 18, Dons 3, Padres 2.
Angels 10, Oaks 8.
June 19, Beavers 13, Dons 10.
Solons 6, Elks 2.

Jelinski Twirls Win

The Harbor Savings Roans kept pace in the Pacific-Rivera Pony League last Sunday at Kissel Field by defeating the Wranglers 8 to 2.

The hitting and pitching of John Jelinski was the difference as he pitched a four hitter and drove in six runs with a single, double and a homer.

The first half winners, Hayden Lee Broncos also stayed in the fight by beating the Pintos 7-2. Jack Dozier stretched his unbeaten record to nine games as he twirled a five hitter and John Minech provided the batting punch with two singles and a homer.

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Tickets on Sale for Professional Pin Tourney

Public ticket sale for the first annual \$24,200 added Southern California Open, July 6-9, featuring stars of the Professional Bowlers' Association summer tour, opens today at the Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance.

All tickets for afternoon and evening programs for the four-day championship can be obtained at the Bowl-O-Drome (21915 Western Ave., Torrance) or by calling FAirfax 8-3700 or SPRuce 5-1326.

The tickets also will be available at Victory Bowling Center in Van Nuys and at Santa Fe Lanes in Long Beach.

Richarson to Pitch for City's Post 170

By John Whitacre

A pair of wins by Torrance legion post 170, over the weekend tightened up the Bay League American legion post, to a two way tie between Torrance and South with 4-1 records.

Torrance Post, defeated Lomita 8-6 in a 10 inning affair on Saturday. On Sunday they whipped Hawthorne 8-0 while South Torrance was blanking Redondo 7-0.

In Sunday's Hawthorne game, Tom Richarson notched his fourth win, scattering six hits and fanning 13 batters.

This Saturday, the central team will travel to El Segundo, where Richarson "gundos" Joe Parente. Game time 1:30 at Recreation Park.

South will host hapless Hawthorne, Bob Werehan will be trying for his fourth victory in as many starts, against Ron Baldwin at the lovely confines of Torrance Park.

Rodeo Finalist Attends Contest

Winner of the Torrance Junior Chamber sponsored Teenage Rodeo, James Masaki, Torrance High School student, leaves tomorrow for the California State Finals to be held at Santa Cruz.

The winner of the State finals goes to Washington, D.C. for the national contest. Second place of the local contest was won by Harry Veder of South High School. Third place winner is Glenn Child of South High School.

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Post time for the first race is 8:30, with time trials starting at 7.

Incidentally, Ascol Stadium, located at 182nd and Vermont Ave., is now more accessible than ever. The Harbor Freeway has been extended to within a mile of the track.

The other handlebar jockeys figure they had better stop Gunter soon or he will build an insurmountable lead in the 1960 race.

Lee, the 1959 Southern California champion, is one rider who figures he's about due. Little Troy has been riding in tough luck all season. Tanner is another who has yet to ride back to his sensational 1959 form.

Preston Petty continues to carve a hot pace in the novice division, with Elliott Schultz his closest pursuer.

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