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PRESS Sports

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WRITERS FIND PLAYERS, SCOUTS SIGN THEM, MR. CAMPANIS!

To many sports writers, announcers, commentators, Bill Keene of CBS sports is considered second rate as sportscasters go. On a show aired last Saturday, Keene had as his guest Al Campanis, director of scouts for the Dodgers. A seldom interviewed executive, in the hands of a more trained and better qualified questioner, Campanis might have looked and sounded more ridiculous than evidenced when the discussion centered on bonus players, the system used, and what the league owners are conjuring up for the youth of the nation.



In a sincere gesture of mind and body, Al blamed sportswriters and 'casters for the high prices paid for aspiring youngsters anxious to crash the big time. The nervous Dodger stated that the press was responsible for jacking up the loot to make better headlines, thereby bringing out the greed in player and family alike.

If Keene had reacted like a Tommy Harmon or Chick Hearn or Hunter or Hafner, he might have asked Campanis what sportswriters or commentators are expected to write or speak when salary

figures are never given by clubs for publication. Sometimes, Al, the press guesses right, and perhaps that's what annoys you and others in positions similar to yours around the league.

NOT ENOUGH SCOUTS

Going into third gear without benefit of second, Campanis wasted no time in riding the press further. He told Keene that writers should not consider themselves scouts. He said they were hardly qualified to judge material.

Every hamlet in the country that's big enough to have a name of its own almost invariably has a newspaper, whether it be monthly, weekly, or daily, large or small, or hardly there. On the staff generally is a baseball lover. He could write sports if the sheet merited it or he could just love baseball. Whatever the case, he usually has more of a chance to see his local players in action. If he thinks a player has what it takes to go all the way up the ladder he contacts a scout and asks him to come have a look-see. Fearing that he may miss another Mays, DiMaggio or Snider, the scout usually comes to the city, town or crossroads to see what the writer is praising.

That's where the writer's "meddling" ends, Mr. Campanis. In reality it's the scout who signs or rejects the "find."

It's common knowledge that there are too few scouts carried on the payrolls of major league clubs. The majority of these hard working agents are grateful to the press for their assistance in these matters.

The way Al talked, writers were not even necessary evils. It would take many times the size of this column to mention writers who were responsible for the numerous stars of today.

The present bonus system and what's in store for the kids of the future were also topics of discussion. To sum it up for those who missed the broadcast, owners are sure to find a way of getting players cheaply.

Despite the faults of the present system, it's still the best around. Why? Because the youth has a chance to select the team he wants to play for, and, together with his parents, is able to negotiate for what he thinks is the right price. If owners and scouts like Campanis think that this much money is too much for an unproven player, it stands to reason that the kid is also green when he thinks he can place his whole future at the mercy of big business baseball.

Dodger-Card Game Tagged "CYO Nite"

"CYO Night With the Dodgers" this year will be Monday, August 14, when the title-bidding home team meets the St. Louis Cardinals at the Coliseum in what might well be a crucial game in the championship march.

Select \$3.50 box seats and \$2.50 reserved seats have been made available to the CYO by Walter O'Malley and the Dodgers for the third consecutive year.

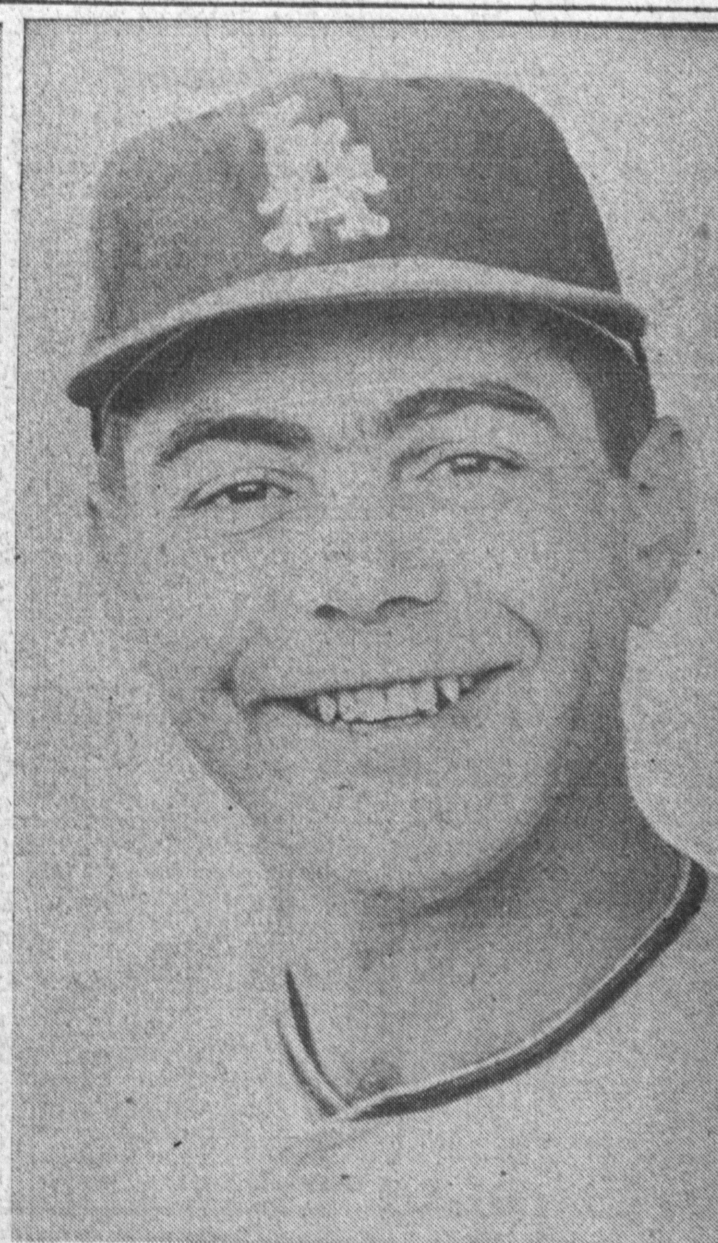
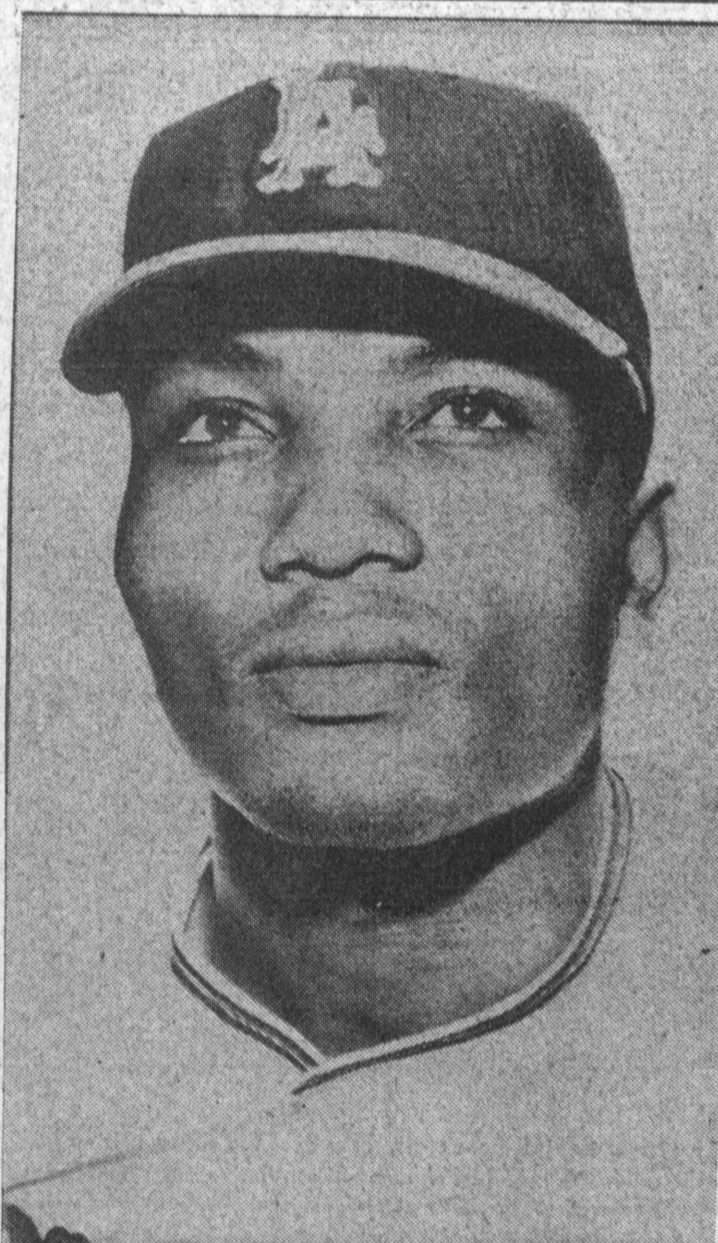
All but tax charges will go directly to the Catholic Youth Organization to assist its general work with youth, especially in areas of greatest need.

In 1959 "CYO With the Dodgers" witnessed the historic game in which Sandy Koufax chalked up a record 18 strikeouts against the San Francisco Giants.

Last year several spectacular plays marked the contest with the Phillies.

As a result of the two benefits, the CYO gained \$10,500 for its important youth work. Checks or money orders sent with ticket orders should be made out to the Catholic Youth Organization and sent to CYO Dodger Game, 1400 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles 15. Reservations also may be made by calling DUNKIRK 5-7211, Ext. 293.

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FEARSOME THREESOME—Leroy Thomas, left, Leon Wagner, center, and Ken Hunt are Los Angeles Angels who are expected to give lots of trouble to the Cleveland Indians Friday night in a contest that will be televised locally over Channel 9, emanating from Municipal Stadium in Cleveland.

Tordondo Little League Picks All-Star Players

Tordondo Little League selected their All-Star team last week for the Annual Little League tournament. When the games start league officials invite everyone come out and watch these youngsters play top grade baseball.

Selected were: Johnny Cairns, Jackie Cowan, Gene Cook, Dick Cowden, Bill Bergeron, George Von Flotow, Tim Hamilton, Joel Hons, Billy Hoskinson, Charley Lee, Mike Loney, Mike Menth, Steve Sciarra and Mike White.

Alternates selected were Greg Butterfield, Mike Leake, Danny Murray, Steve Pancake and Danny Stern. Bob Hultgren was selected as his years manager and Louie Biscou as the coach.

THRILLER

Top minor league thriller of the week ended in an 8 to 8 tie between the Orioles and the Padres. Orioles came from behind to tie up the game in the sixth inning. Lanny Weissman's pitching arm did not have it and excellent relief pitching by Neil Sorenson and Bill Barto saved the day for the Orioles. In the top of the sixth Neil Sorenson singled and the Orioles' heaviest hitter Jack Duncan came through with an inside the park home run when he rattled a long drive against the fence. Then, when Wayne Mastin singled and stole second Lanny Weissman used his bat to help his team by ramming a single down the third base line into left field to score Mastin with the tie.

Official Model Of Dodger Home On Display Here

Official model of the Los Angeles Dodger baseball stadium now under construction at Chavez Ravine is on display at the Del Amo office of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The stadium will be on display in Glendale Federal's lobby until next Monday morning, according to Charles T. Cederlof, manager of the office, who invited the public in to see the model.

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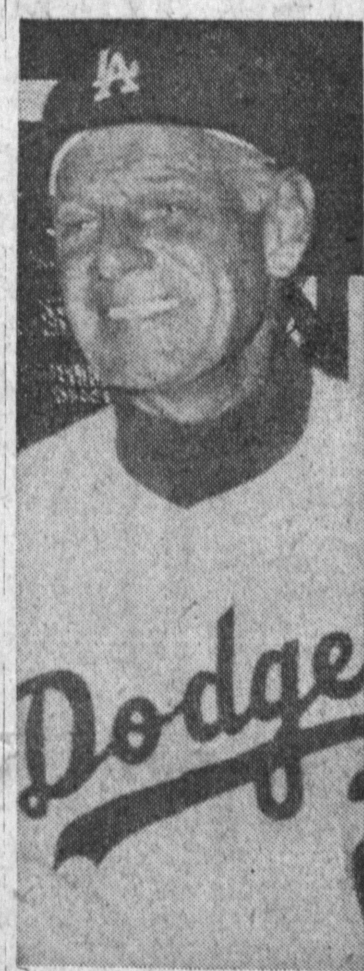
Cork Griffith was the starting Padre pitcher and did a good job for a while. He was relieved by eight year old Wayne Larson who the Orioles bullied for the tying runs.

Other Games: Athletics 12, Seals 10; Jody Dickson went the distance for the Athletics and struck out ten. Dave Rivera and Dick Sweeney went two for four for the Athletics. Curtis Sellentin and Glen Wales went two for four for the Seals but it was not enough.

Red Sox upset the Cards 12 to 11. Winning pitcher was Larry Hart who came in to do a relief job and retired the side with the bases loaded one out and a count of one strike and three balls on the batter. Winning run was driven in by pinch hitter John Johnson who hit a double to score his brother Tom from first.

Giants 20, Angels 6. Vince Champion hit a home run for the Angels.

Stars 15, Phils 12. Major League Results: Indians 8, Tigers 3; Senators 9, Yankees 2; Braves 11, Tigers 7; White Sox 4, Senators 3.



LEO THE LIP Durocher, of the Dodgers, denied rumors yesterday that he will be the new manager of the New York Mets, National League entry for '62 play.

Scranton, Cook Lead Pack in Sunday Gardena Event

Arley Scranton, Compton, and Dick Cook, Lakewood, lead a field of fifty Stock Car racers in Sunday's CJA nine event card at Gardena's Western Speedway.

Scranton leads this year's points and has won two main events driving his Oldsmobile. Cook, 1960 CJA Stock Car champ, returned to action two weeks ago after setting out a suspension and paying a fine. Two weeks ago he finished second in the feature.

Besides Scranton winning two main events this year, other drivers to have won features are: Bill Foster, Newhall (4); Marvin Heinis, Sylmar (3); Jim Cook, Norwalk (2); Jerry Plotts, Gardena (1); Jimmy Jack, San Fernando (1); Bill Ferrier, Oxnard (1); and Gene Davis, Santa Monica (1).

Racing begins at 2:30 p.m. preceded by time trials at 1 p.m. Admission for adults is just \$1 with kids under eight Free.

Western Speedway is located at 139th Street at S. Western Avenue in Gardena.

'Indy' Results

A new track record was set at Little Indy by Billy Graham last week with a time of 7:55.

Trophy dash was won by John Classen, who also led the main event with Bob Brocki a close second. Semi-main winners were Doug Crook, and Bruce Smith.

Two consolations were won by Terry Barber and Jackie Matson.

Heat winners were John Classen, Bobby Phillips, Andy Eubanks, Mike Wyrick and Gary Bernor.

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