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PRESS Sports

HOLLYWOOD AND SUCH MAY BE CAUSE FOR DODGER FAILURE

Second guessing is not reserved for baseball fans alone. It's done by the players, coaches, executives of the games, and more often by writers who believe they have an insight better than the managers. In this instance everybody seems to know what's wrong with the Dodgers except Walter Alston.

After the Yankee-Angel game last night Izzy and Sam, two correspondents usually associated with this column met for a nightcap at the Plush Horse in Redondo to discuss the many woes of the club which looked like a sure winner more than just a week ago.

EVERYTHING BUT BASEBALL

SAM: We just saw the Yankees against the Angels but until a few days ago I was looking forward to see the big guys come up against the Dodgers in the World Series. It sure don't look that way now, does it Izzy?

IZZY: You give up too soon Sam. Alston and Durocher will bring in a winning team by the time it's all over.

SAM: I don't. They are all washed up... and I'll tell you why.

IZZY: Please do.

SAM: The boys (Dodgers) have been losing more at home than away and I think it's because too many outside influences have been interfering with their game... they do and talk about everything except baseball.

IZZY: How's that?

SAM: The Hollywood gang has taken over the club.

EGO'S TOO FAR OUT

IZZY: What's the stars got to do with it?

SAM: At every game I go to I notice the boys (Dodgers) talking with the movie people that gather around the Coliseum before each game.

IZZY: So.

SAM: So... the guys get affected. Take Drysdale for a ferinstance. He and that Connors guy from "Rifelman" are very chummy. He persuades Don to do a show with him during the time he was serving a five day suspension for "bean-ball throwing." Before you know it Drysdale thinks he's an actor rather than a pitcher in the big leagues.

IZZY: Aw Sam it's not that way. Drysdale is still a good pitcher in anybody's book. Look at the fine game he pitched in Frisco the other day and lost. It wasn't his fault that his buddies didn't hit behind him.

SAM: That game was an exception for Drysdale. In the Coliseum he can't go five innings. And when Alston or Leo go out to the mound and get him he acts like an actor who feels he got the wrong director. It's not only Don. Before their (Dodgers) last home stand started they met with all those Hollywood people who were in a pre-game show with the broadcasters and press. I heard many of them (actors) tell our heroes that they were a cinch to win the pennant. It blew their (Dodgers) egos way out.

WRONG CONCLUSION

IZZY: I think you're way out Sam.

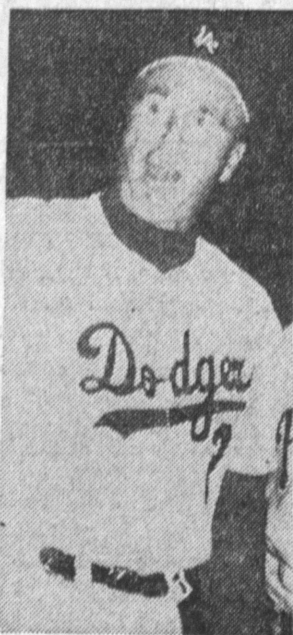
SAM: Maybe so but ballplayers have feelings and the competition maybe makes them want to get close to another trade (job) in case they get the axe.

IZZY: Really huddy I think you've come to the wrong conclusion. When the Dodgers get on the field they forget the Hollywood parties they go to, their golf game and what their wives are saying about the other guys wife.

SAM: If you think the Dodgers can go through all that and still play winning baseball you're not even an amateur psychologist.

IZZY: Forget it... let's talk about Maris and Mantle... how did you like the way...

And so it goes, day after day until the Dodgers start winning again.



ALSTON

Senators Top Tordondo Loop

Pirates Defeat Orioles 13-5 to Acquire Minor League Championship

Dick Cowden made his farewell appearance on the mound for the Senators in Tordondo Little League ball and gave the boys something to remember. He pitched his team to a 12 to 0 victory over the White Sox, struck out 11, gave up only two hits and hit a home run.

Two other graduating Little Leaguers helped Cowden dominate the game with their bats. Steve Sciarra hit 3 for 5 and Dave Mosely hit two doubles for farewell gestures. This victory gave the Senators the championship for the second year in a row.

Pirates gained the minor championship by soundly beating the Orioles 13 to 5 behind the steady pitching of Greg Keister and the reliable fielding and heads up ball playing of the entire Pirate team. Orioles matched the Pirates in hitting with both getting five hits.

Pirates went hitless until a big fifth inning, but jitters and errors were the Orioles' undoing. Pirates rallied behind Keister by cutting off an Oriole rally with a triple play in the fifth inning. Orioles had scored two runs in the inning and had men on first and second. On a ground ball to second, Bryan Rodman made the put out at second, threw to Steve Faessler at first for the second put out, then got the third out at home with Don Darshay putting the tag on the runner trying to score from second.



DICK COWDEN... Winning Pitcher

PLAY OFF
In their final game, the Beavers beat the Red Sox 6 to 2, and the Giants beat the Angels 5 to 4. This last game was a play-off of an early season protested game. The starting pitcher for the Giants, Tim Netherly, had since graduated to the Yankee major team. His brother, Bruce Netherly, picked up where he left off and did a credible job, while Vince Champion hit a home run for the Angels.

Closing day saw the mothers again playing baseball. The Pink Dinosaurs devoured the Red Devils as fathers took a chance and called their wives out. This was one game in which the ump's plenty of sass and could not do much about it.

County Accepts Master Plan For Harbor Regional Park

Final drawings and a report comprising the master plan for landscape development of Harbor Regional Park, Wilmington, which is in the 15th District, represented by City Councilman John S. Gibson Jr., were approved last week by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission.

The master plan for Harbor Regional Park's development was prepared by landscape architect Warren D. Jones, La Habra, and implementation of the project will be financed under provisions of the city's recreation and park project.

FLAMING FOREST

As envisioned by Jones, Harbor Park will feature a "Flaming Forest," perhaps of coral trees, and a interior circulation road giving access to all sections of the park. Major public areas will be provided with their boundaries Anaheim St. on the south, Normandie Ave. on the west,

Vermont Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. on the north and Harbor Freeway on the east. Highlights of the development will be improvements of the nine-hole Harbor Park golf course, including new alignment of fairways, and transformation of the park's horseshoe-shaped water area into a major attraction, accommodating boating and fishing, as well as serving as a bird refuge. Sections of the existing water area can be dredged and developed into a lake, it was pointed out by Jones.

Harbor Park's existing facilities include its popular 9-hole golf course, a swimming pool, baseball fields and extensive landscaping.

DIVIDEND DUE

Directors of Harvey Aluminum last week declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 30 cents per share on the company's Class A Common Stock.

McEwen Favored In Saturday's Clash at L.A.D.S.

Tom McEwen of Long Beach will be favored over 35 dragsters in the top eliminator action this Saturday night at Lions Drag strip in Long Beach. McEwen ended Lefty Mudsbauchs string of wins at four last week when he topped Mudsbach with a run of 8.62 seconds, a new national elapsed time record for dragsters.

The major threat to McEwen other than Mudsbach will be Gary Cagle of Pico-Rivera, with Glen Stokey of Redondo Beach, Zane Shubert of Santa Ana, Bill Alexander of Glendale and Don Hampton of Bellflower not far behind.

BIKE RECORD

Clem Johnson of Pasadena will try to boost his world acceleration record for motorcycles over the 150 mph barrier this week. Last Saturday night he set the present record with a tremendous run of 149.75 mph, breaking his own mark set last fall in Pennsylvania.

Nearly all the faster cars in the area will be out this week as the NHRA Nationals start next week in Indianapolis and it will be the last chance to get in tune-up runs.

Since most of the cars and drivers will be back east for the Nationals, the Lions Clubs, which sponsor the strip, have decided to close down Saturday night, Sept. 2, however, they will be open as usual the following week, Sept. 9.

Eliminations start this Saturday night at 7:30 with time trials from 3:30.

Seventy Five to Enter Hot Rodder Lists Saturday

Seventy-five of the West's top hot rod pilots will clash Saturday at Gardena Western Speedway, where they will vie for top honors and the state hot rod championship, with over 100 laps of racing carded.

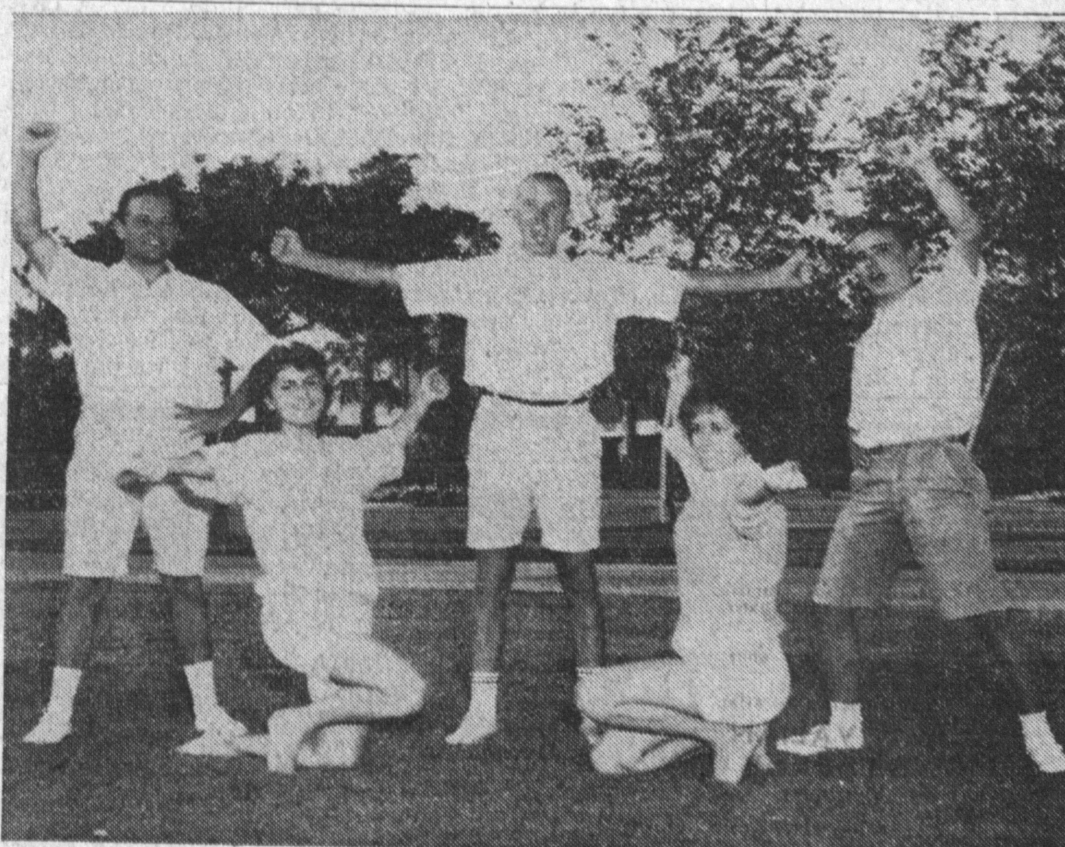
Heading the field in the six event card will be three drivers, Jim Roessler, Barstow; Billy Cantrell, Colton; and Chuck Townsen, Gardena. Roessler is the 1960 CJA hot rod champion, Cantrell is a veteran driver who is after his first championship, while Townsen is a consistent pilot who has been in the money in his last five starts.

Racing will begin at 8:15 p.m. preceded by time trials at 6:30 p.m. The one-third mile clay oval will be in a heavy condition, or favorable for the mudders, contrary to the usual Sunday afternoon races, when it is hard and slick like pavement.

MUDDERS

Heading the list of mudders who should head the field are Roessler, Cantrell and Townsen. Other drivers who prefer the heavy track are Wayne Page, Colton; Audie Madron, Compton; George Durade, Pomona; Wayne Polstin, Temple City; Donnie Harrison, Gardena; Dee Hart, El Monte; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Jay East, Colton; Steve Kennick, Inglewood and Bob Hawley, Norwalk.

If the track turns hard and slick, the above favorites will have to look out for several drivers, including Art Atkinson, Pasadena; Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower; John Turner, Santa Ana; Dallas Harrison, Hermosa Beach; Ron Garriott,



CHEERS for the 1961 El Camino College football squad are practiced in a rehearsal of newly-elected yell leaders on the Warrior campus. Working on routines are (left

to right) Larry Gordon, Los Angeles; Karen Kirby, Inglewood; Jerry Hedges, Torrance; Kay Ptaszek, Inglewood, and Bill Jackson, Manhattan Beach.

Atkinson Lands CJA Hot Rod Title Sunday

Art Atkinson, South Pasadena, moved into the lead on the 10th lap Sunday and went on to capture the 30-lap CJA hot rod main event at Gardena's Western Speedway.

Atkinson won by a car length over "Tiger" Jim Roessler, Barstow, who came up from 15th starting spot to take second. Third went to Dee Hart of Temple City. Fourth was Chuck Townsen, Gardena, with Wayne Page, Colton, fifth.

This race was a tune-up to Saturday night's big state championship races at Western Speedway in Gardena. More than 75 racers will appear in Saturday night's six-event card, topped by two 40-lap features.

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