

Hawks Get One More Shot at North

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Dodgers Sign Up

More than half the Dodgers have signed their contracts for 1968, E. J. Buzie Savasi has announced.

Headed by Don Drysdale, whose contract-signing was revealed earlier, 21 players have autographed their papers or agreed to terms by telephone.

Much of the negotiation has taken place on an across-the-desk basis at Dodger Stadium where players living in this area have been working out Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the hope of getting an early jump on a bounce-back campaign.

There are some salary increases being given to Dodger players but, coming off a second-division finish, there also have been some salary cuts. Savasi visions no great difficulty in swinging the remainder of the squad into line long before the team heads for Florida Feb. 24.

Three men acquired in trades this winter have signed their first Dodger contracts—shortstop Zolito Versalles, pitcher Jim (Mudcat) Grant, and utility infielder Paul Popovich.

Versalles and Grant came to Los Angeles in the deal which sent John Roseboro, Ron Perranoski, and Bob Miller to the Twins. Popovich was part of the Lou Johnson deal with the Cubs.

The Dodgers are basing much of their hope for a comeback in 1968 on Versalles and Grant. Versalles was most valuable player and Grant the No. 1 pitcher in the American League in 1967, but both fell on lean seasons last year.

A change of uniforms may help them. Versalles is rated one of the finest shortstops in baseball. Grant will be asked to move into the bullpen ranks but also could become one of the club's five starters. In an earlier visit to Los Angeles his left knee, which bothered him last season, was examined by Dr. Robert Kerlan and a program to strengthen the muscles was outlined for him.

Both Grant and Versalles will be in Los Angeles for the Baseball Writers Dinner at the Hollywood Palladium Feb. 9.

In addition to Drysdale and the new Dodgers, the list of signed players includes pitchers Jim Brewer, Bill Singer, John Duffie, Larry Staab, catchers Jeff Torborg, Jimmy Campanis and Ted Sizemore, infielders Bob Bailey, Tommy Dean and Billy Grabarkewitz, and outfielders Willie Davis, Willie Crawford, Al Ferrara, Fon Fairly, and Len Gabrielson.

Slapsie Maxie Rosebloom, light-heavyweight boxing champion from 1934-1935 declares there must be many changes if boxing is to return to its former importance.

The Champ, who will attend a meeting of boxing executives in Palm Springs, is a candidate for the Hall of Fame. He will leave for Vietnam within a week to entertain the troops.

"Boxing no longer requires that a boxer come up from the ranks, fight amateur fights, then slowly work his way up. We must get back to that system if we are to make boxing the attraction it once was. I don't want to say anything against the sport. It has been good to me. But changes should be made. In the old days, Cassius Clay, who talks loud and big, would not have become what he is.

"The biggest purse I ever received," Maxie declared, "was \$4,000. Out of that I had to pay many fees, including agents and sparring partners, so I had only a few hundred left."

Maxie, who comes from the lower Eastside New York, for many years was proprietor of a famous nightclub on Wilshire in Los Angeles. "My name Slapsie was given me by Damon Runyan. I used it for my club," he said.

More recently, Rosenbloom has been active in motion pictures and television. He summarizes his philosophy by stating, "I believe that whatever good we do for others will always be repaid—somehow."



BASKETBALL JUNCTION... Running out of room at the end line, Jack Peterson (31) of South High failed to control a ball patted away from Kirk West of North High in their game last week. South will have home games this week against Hawthorne and Inglewood. North defends its 4-0 record against Inglewood at home Friday night (Press-Herald Photo)

Compton Record Is 20-0

Settling down to routine, Compton leads the weekly prep basketball poll for the fourth straight week. The Tarabes pushed their record to 20 wins in a row. On the "AA"-"A" level, San Luis Obispo, rolling through all competition in the San Luis Athletic League, kept top position. The Tigers (20-1) edged San Gabriel, North of Riverside. Bishop Montgomery and Verbum Dei.

- "AAA" TOP TEN**
1. Compton (20-0)
 2. North Torrance (20-2)
 3. Huntington Beach (15-3)
 4. Corona del Mar (13-2)
 5. Marina (17-5)
 6. Aviation (19-3)
 7. Millikan (18-2)
 8. Glenn (16-1)
 9. Monrovia (16-3)
 10. Morningglade (21-4)
- "AA"-"A" TOP TEN**
1. San Luis Obispo (20-1)
 2. San Gabriel (18-3)
 3. North Riverside (18-2)
 4. Bishop Montgomery (19-3)
 5. Verbum Dei (14-4)
 6. Villa Park (14-3)
 7. Hemet (16-4)
 8. Valley Christian (14-1)
 9. Cabrillo (12-3)
 10. Bell Gardens (14-4)

Pony-Colt To Sign Up Next Week

Torrance Pony-Colt League registrations are to be at Greenwood School Room 30 on Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The league is for boys 13, 14, 15 and 16 years of age. Tryouts will be Feb. 17 and 24 at Torrance High School field located near Crenshaw Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Tryouts for Pony League (13 and 14 years old) will be at 9:30 a.m. both days and tryouts for Colt League (15 and 16 year olds) will be 1 p.m. both days.

A registration fee is \$10 and \$5 for each additional boy in a family, it was pointed out.

Spokesman for the league is Joe Ankerberg at 375-0868.

Little League Sign Ups Set For Saturday

Registration for the North Torrance West Little League will be held Saturday at McMaster Park, 3624 Artesia Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participation in the league is limited to boys born between Aug. 1, 1955 and July 31, 1960 and who live within the area bounded by Redondo Beach Blvd. on the north, Glenburn and Falda on the east, 190th Street in the south and Hawthorne Boulevard on the west.

Each boy must be accompanied by a parent and bring his birth certificate.

Prep Basketball

Bay League			
W	L	PF	PA
North	0	0	0
Redondo	0	0	0
South	0	0	0
Santa Monica	0	0	0
Hawthorne	0	0	0
Mira Costa	0	0	0
Inglewood	0	0	0

Friday's Results			
North 100	Santa Monica 68		
South 82	Mira Costa 69		
Inglewood 59	Hawthorne 41		

Games Today			
Hawthorne at South	Mira Costa at Redondo		
Santa Monica at Inglewood	Santa Monica at Redondo		
Redondo at North	Mira Costa at Santa Monica		
Inglewood at South			

Camino Real			
Montgomery	4	0	287
Ferrin Lasuen	3	1	184
St. Bernard's	3	1	352
Crespi	0	4	160
St. Monica's	4	0	184

Thursday's Results			
Montgomery 47	St. Bernard's 45		
St. Bernard's 77	Crespi 47		

Sky League			
Morningside	4	0	353
Beverly Hills	3	3	263
Torrance	2	2	224
Seagrave	3	2	290
Culver City	2	3	253
Rolling Hills	0	3	228

Friday's Results			
Torrance 61	Laurel 57		
Morningside 66	Rolling Hills 64		

IT WAS JUST AUG. OF '64 THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB TO HOLD AN ANNUAL RACE SERIES... NOW IN JUST FOUR YEARS, THE CONGRESSIONAL CUP HAS BECOME ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST RACES WITH TEN SKIFFS GOING OFF THE LONG BEACH MARINA IN 45 SEPARATE SKIFFS ON FEB. 1, 2, 3 AND 4...



HOME COURT ADVANTAGE ELIMINATED

Gary and Montclair basketball fans are finding it a bit confusing to go to basketball games involving the two schools. If last Friday night's game had been scheduled according to sites used, it would have read "Montclair at Gary at Montclair."

The game, won by Gary, 68-64, started a Gary, but a leaky gym roof became unbearable with about four minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Rather than postpone the game, school officials decided to move it to Montclair, so players, fans and officials piled into buses and automobiles and traveled across town where the game was completed. It was clearly a case of neither team having home court advantage.

Recreation Basketball

TUESDAY NIGHT OPEN LEAGUE AT TORRANCE HIGH			
V.I.P.	4	0	1,000
Techni-Tools	3	1	750
Bombers	2	2	500
Teachers	2	2	250
Matt's	1	3	250
Tankers	1	3	250

Friday's Results			
V.I.P. 51	S.B. Bombers 51		
Matt's 58	Teachers 50		
Techni-Tool 71	Tankers 59		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WATSON LEAGUE AT NORTH HIGH			
V.I.P.	1	0	1,000
D.E.R.	1	1	500
Redondo Jets	1	1	500
The Manhattan	0	1	500

Friday's Results			
Redondo Jets 71	Manhattan 69		
V.I.P. 41	D.E.R. 35		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6' AND UNDER LEAGUE AT NARBORNE HIGH			
Local Union 458	4	0	1,000
Bryants 89	1	1	750
Parent All-Stars	2	2	500
Subsonics	2	2	500
Foods Co.	1	3	250
P.F.G.	0	4	000

Friday's Results			
Local Union 49	All-Stars 47		
Bryants 89	Foods Co. 56		
Subsonics 63	P.F.G. 26		

THURSDAY NIGHT INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE AT NORTH HIGH			
Harbor Hornets	4	0	1,000
Foods Co.	2	1	750
Computer Sciences	2	1	667
Delta Air Lines	1	2	333
Harbor Medical	0	4	000
Magnavox Labs	0	3	000

Friday's Results			
Harbor Hornets 62	Foods Co. 60		
Computer Sciences 44	Harbor Medical 40		
Delta Air Lines 2	Magnavox Labs 0 (forfeit)		

THURSDAY NIGHT AMBLE LEAGUE AT TORRANCE HIGH			
Rat Finks	4	0	1,000
Irvine & Keahn	4	0	1,000
Fumbling 5	2	1	750
Freezers	2	2	500
Tappa Kegges	2	2	500
Daily Breeze	1	3	250
Pencil Pushers	0	4	000

Friday's Results			
Pencil Pushers 4	Daily Breeze 7 p.m.		
Daily Breeze vs. Irvine & Keahn	7:45 p.m.		
Rat Finks vs. Fumbling 5	8:30 p.m.		
Freezers vs. Tappa Kegges	9:15 p.m.		

South Is Host to Sent 5

Attendance at high school basketball games has not been overwhelming this season, but a "shot in the arm" is expected Friday night when North High is host to Redondo.

The game—first of the second round—is expected to be a rematch of the earlier 56-50 outing won by the North Saxons.

North goes into the game with a 6-0 record with Redondo (4-1) closest in pursuit. The Seahawks were scheduled to finish out Round 1 today against rival Mira Costa.

South High is host to Hawthorne today and the Inglewood Sentinels Friday night. North drew a bye today.

The Saxons broke a school scoring record Friday with a 100-62 triumph over Santa Monica.

North relies on Jim Nielson, Bill Taylor, Dan Hansen, Dan Anderson, Bob Jones and Kirk West for the bulk of action. Against Samohi, however, Coach Skip Enger used his entire squad.

Redondo will counter with the excellent shooting of Anthony Chaffins, Robbe Fowler and Mark Springer, and the all-around play of Alan Oddi, Bruce Gerhardt, and Willie Glen.

DAVE BENEDARETTI Bishop Montgomery Knights travel to Crespi Friday for the start of the second round in the Camino Real League.

The Knights went into last night's game against Murphy with a 4-0 record. The squad is led by Larry Wiggins, Bob Jamison, Steve Patterson, Jim Roach and Greg Collins.

TORRANCE runs into front running Morningside in the Sky League's top attraction Friday. Torrance will try to improve its 2-2 record against the unbeaten monarchs.

The two schools were co-champions with 9-1 records a year ago.

Once victorious West High wraps up the first half of the Pioneer League at Lawndale. Unbeaten Aviation is host to El Segundo.

South Grad Picked for All-Stars

Steve French, former South High basketball player, has been selected to play for the Air Force all-star team representing the Lajes Air Base in the Azores Islands, Portugal.

The team will participate in the Military Airlift Command Tournament next week.

Steve scored 480 points for a 15-point average as his team compiled a 23-7 record.

Rams Draft Gary Beban

Quarterback Gary Beban of UCLA was the Los Angeles Rams' first choice in the professional football draft yesterday.

Beban is the 1967 Heisman Trophy winner, emblematic of the best collegiate player of the year.

Pacific Coast Registration Is Scheduled

Pacific Coast Little League registration will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walteria Park, Boys 8 to 12 years of age are eligible. Registration will be repeated Feb. 10 at the same location. Tryouts will be March 2 and 9 at the Little League hall park. Senior Division tryouts are also included. Information may be obtained by calling Tom Cain at 325-2527 and Warren Johnson at 376-1531.

Six Members Named to Dodger Board

Two leaders in the Los Angeles community have joined the board of directors of the Los Angeles Dodgers, President Walter F. O'Malley announced today. Harry M. Bardt, retired executive vice president of the Bank of America, and H. C. (Chad) McClellan, former president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, have joined President O'Malley, Vice Presidents James A. Mulvey and Peter O'Malley, and Treasurer Sylvan Oestreicher to make up a six-man board.

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