

South Spikers Trounce Inglewood

The Fearless Spectator
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I make only one confident prediction about the upcoming baseball season.

Next to who wins the pennants and the Series, the biggest story of the season will be the appointment of Leo Durocher to succeed Walt Alston as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers well before September.

This has been said often before. Alston has been buried thoroughly and often since he took over the club in Brooklyn in 1954 and has revived to haunt his embalmers.

But mark my words. This is it. If the Dodgers are not commanding in front of the National League by July 4—and I think this most unlikely—Walter will either get, or already will have had, the old ax.

For the only thing that can keep the stiles turning at Chavez Ravine after another Dodger collapse—and anything short of first is a collapse there—is a man who by all odds should have been canned with rancor and dispatch after last season.

For Leo said of Alston after the Dodgers lost the playoff to the Giants, "We would have won the pennant if I had been manager." Leo denies he said it, but I happen to know he did.

A few days later Dodger general manager Buzzie Bavasi said Leo's crack was inexcusable and that there would not be room for both of them on the 1963 club. But Durocher is still around, posing as third-base coach. Actually he is manager-designate, and he knows it.

Leo is pure show biz and fits into the La Cienega scenery like a pickpocket in the rush-hour crowd on a subway.

It was Leo who said, "Nice guys finish last." And it was Leo who later denied saying it.

"You know I never said nothin' like that," said the great third-base coach indignantly. "What I said was 'If I was playing third base and my mother rounded third with the winning run, I'd trip her up.'"

And it was Leo who, even later, reported that the latter crack "upset my mother very much."

He is the only third-base coach in history who, according to a recent magazine inventory, boasts "half a dozen \$250 suits tailored for him annually by Sy Devore's shop in Hollywood, and the only one who owns 30 alpaca sweaters of every color, 75 pairs of slacks, six topcoats of different weights, four tuxedos, innumerable \$25 tapered shirts made for him by a French shirtmaker and a good many pairs of \$125 shoes."

His baseball spikes cost \$50 a copy and are hand lasted, natch.

He's a far cry from the new breed of cat who manage ball clubs. This breed is represented, archetypically, by the Giants' Al Dark, who knows baseball the way John Glenn knows orbiting, who is a devoted family man and in general about as colorful as a paramecium. Al probably thinks Sy Devore is a port on the Persian gulf.

Alston belongs to this breed, although he has been around a long time. He has always looked to me like a general manager masquerading as a coach.

Just as evidently Durocher is a superb coach, albeit a front runner who is masquerading, with small success, as a third-base traffic cop.

And there is a rumor that those long, boring afternoons that Leo has had to spend standing behind his third basemen have given him an unexpected and late-blooming interest in baseball. He used to be known as a 1:30-to-4:30 manager, who just barely allowed baseball to interfere with more important matters.

If Leo has really become hooked on the game, there's no telling what might happen. As Dodger manager, Leo might turn out a solid club, instead of an O'Malley spectacular.

Warriors Record Top Performance

Turning in its finest track performance of the season, West High captured four varsity first places Friday in a triangular Pioneer League meet with Beverly Hills and El Segundo.

Beverly Hills won the meet with 48½ points, followed by El Segundo with 46½ and West with 34.

Senior Dave Lee snared two firsts, capturing the 120 high hurdles in 15.8 seconds and setting a new school mark in the 180 low hurdles with a 20.8 clocking.

LINDY NUZZO tied the school high jump record of 5-9 in taking a first. Nuzzo jumped 10-6 in the pole vault for third behind teammate Steve McCannath who took second at 10-9.

Another new mark was turned in by Bob Thomas as he

galloped the mile in 4:52. In the half mile, sophomore Ron Pedigree won in 2:04.4 with another soph, Tom Jurco, third in 2:11.

IN THE CEE division, West lost to El Segundo, 47-44, missing its first division win as it lost the final relay by a foot.

For the Cee team, Tim Woolheater finished second in the 180 and took third in the century and broad jump. Tim Westergard took second in the 660- and 220-yard low hurdles, while freshman Jim Marshall snared second in the century and 180 and a fourth in the broad jump, as well as anchoring the relay team to a second place.

Rolfie Armstrong grabbed the lone Cee first place with a win in the 660.

Top Team Efforts Guide Easy Triumph

Finally beginning to reach its spike potential, South High demolished Bay League rival Inglewood, 62-42 on Friday. After falling topowerful Santa Monica and Mira Costa to open the league campaign, the Spartans have now bounced back to bomb Hawthorne and the Sentinels. Topping the afternoon was the South sweep in the low hurdles. Chuck Hanson won in 20.9 seconds followed by Bob Palmer and Mike Balstad. Hanson also picked up a victory in the high hurdles, winning in 15.6 seconds. Bob Dobbie snared a third in the high timber battle.

McClain, Alworth Guide Knight Win

Hurrier Pat McClain and sprinter Bob Alworth combined Friday to pace Bishop Montgomery's 72½-31½ Camino Real League track victory over St. Bernards. McClain captured the 70-yard high hurdles in 9.9 seconds, finished second in the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.9 seconds, and nabbed a first in the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet.

Cardinals Drop Nod To THS

Several outstanding individual performances featured a 66-38 win for Torrance over Lawndale Friday in a Pioneer League track encounter.

The top effort came in the broad jump where two Tartars sailed over the 20-foot mark for the first time this season. Bob Romero exploded for a 20-7 leap for first place.

However, the stunning blow came when Lynn Archibald, entering his first meet of the season, took second with a leap of 20-5 feet. Archibald was the big gun on the Tartar basketball squad, gaining all-league honors.

BRUCE HENDREX moved in for a share of the glory with a 49-1 effort in the shot put, his top effort of the season.

Strong as usual in the distance events, Torrance captured the mile as Dennis Dyer turned in a 4:42 and snared a first in the 880 as Ivor Sampson ran the two turns in 2:03. Neither runner was pushed.

MIKE HATTER, recovering from a kidney ailment, captured the high hurdles in 16.1 seconds. In the low hurdles, Charlie Meyer finished second.

Torrance, running all of its meets away from home since its new track has not yet been completed, will travel to Lennox on Friday for a 3 p.m. encounter.

Torrance Netter

Former Torrance High netter Bill Herrmann is currently the fifth man on the Whittier College freshman tennis team. Hermann, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herrmann, 2556 El Dorado, is a 1962 graduate of Torrance High, currently majoring in pre-med.



HOT TEE . . . El Camino golfer Steve Hallberg is leading the Warriors in defense of their Metropolitan Conference dual meet championship this season. Hallberg has consistently shot in the low 70's and appears to be a definite threat to nab the individual state junior college crown.

Alworth came through with a 24.1 second clocking in the 220-yard dash for first, captured the century in 10.6 seconds, and anchored the winning half-mile relay team.

IT WAS Montgomery's initial league spike victory, evening its record at 1-1. The Knights will get a chance to improve the mark on Friday at 3 p.m. as they host Pater Noster.

Backing up Alworth in the 100-yard dash, Zac Nazarian earned a second in 10.7 seconds and John O'Rourke completed the sweep with a 10.9 clocking. Nazarian also gave BMHS a third-place tie in the furlong.

CHARLIE SANFORD, who tripped on the first hurdle in the 70-yard high timber chase, came back to snare the 120-yard high hurdle event in 14.7 seconds.

Another Montgomery sweep occurred in the shot put. Pete Fernandez went 42-2 feet for first. Mike Garcia was second at 41-7, and Tim O'Keefe earned the show slot with a 40-11½ effort.

BRUCE SMITH gave the Knights a half mile victory with a 2:08.8 jaunt. Mark Salcido came in second at 2:09. In the quarter mile, Chester Faurholt took second in 55.5 seconds.

James Moritz captured the pole vault at 10 feet, just one-half foot of the school record, and also earned a third in the broad jump with a 17-10 effort.

TYING MORITZ for top honors in the pole vault, but losing out on more misses, was Bob Vogt. With a leap of 5-6, Carlos Del Valle tied for second in the high jump.

Responding with a 1:37.6 time, O'Rourke, Nazarian, Bruce Smith and Alworth led Montgomery to victory in the final relay.

In the mile, Pat Byrnes captured second in 4:58.6 and Bob Vasquez picked up a third in 5:01.8.

ANOTHER Spartan sweep occurred in the mile where junior Bruce Hamilton, finally getting the green light from coach Dick Scully, unleashed a 4:30 effort to win. Dave Ledford trailed in 4:36.4 followed by Dennis Garner.

Two other top performances were turned in by South. Marty Bakker, inching toward a new school record, won the shot put with his top performance of 52-6½. Bakker was followed by John Daugherty with a put of 48-7.

IN THE pole vault, Steve Wells went out at 12 to gain a first and turn in the top effort of his career.

Jeff Fleener, finally rounding into shape, finished second in the century in 10.3, his top performance of the season, followed by Lance Bennett in 10.4 seconds. Bennett finished second in the furlong in 22.6 seconds with Fleener third.

HALF-MILER Doug Hall won in 2:01.6 with Steve Donohue third. Junior Randy Siller, up from the Bee team, turned in a shocking 52.8 in the 440 for first. Siller was followed by Dobbie in third.

Broad jumper John Anderson captured a second with a leap of 20-5 feet.

SOUTH WON all three divisions, capturing the Bee classification 79-16 and taking the Cees by 67-19. The Spartan Cee team remained undefeated.

Three Cee marks were broken. Wes Fox ran a 1:28.8 in the 660 to break his own record, and Barry Goza went 5-5 in the high jump. A 440-yard relay team composed of Mark Fletcher, Barry Rathin, Fox, and Bob Johnson set a new mark at 46.2.

On Tuesday, South will host rugged Leuzinger at 3 p.m.

Torrance Maintains Title Hope

Keeping a hand in the tight Pioneer League baseball chase, Torrance took advantage of six Lawndale errors on Thursday to post a 4-2 victory.

Torrance is one-half game out of second with a 3-2-1 mark. Aviation remains in first at 5-1 with West standing at 3-2.

Mike Blankenship, throwing a four-hitter, went the route and earned the win. Blankenship struck out 10 men and gave up four walks.

THE TARTARS pushed all of their runs over in the first two frames. In the opening stanza, Ernie Clayton opened with a single, and then stole second. Clyde Taylor hit a ball back to the Lawndale pitcher, and in a vain attempt to keep Clayton on second, the hurer threw the ball into center field, allowing Clayton to move to third and Taylor to advance safely to first base.

As Taylor started to steal second, the Cardinal catcher chucked the horsehide into center field and both runners scored.

HARD-HITTING first sacker Rod White accounted for the other two Torrance runs with a second-inning triple.

On Tuesday at 3 p.m., Torrance coach Irv Kasten will throw veteran pitcher Don Coil against Lennox on the Tartar diamond. Coil currently has a 2-0-1 record.

Figure-Eight Races

Figure-eight stock car racing, where the autos cross each other's path twice a lap, will be featured this afternoon at Ascot Park.

A field of 60 cars and drivers will begin racing at 2:30 p.m., preceded by qualifying runs at 1 p.m.

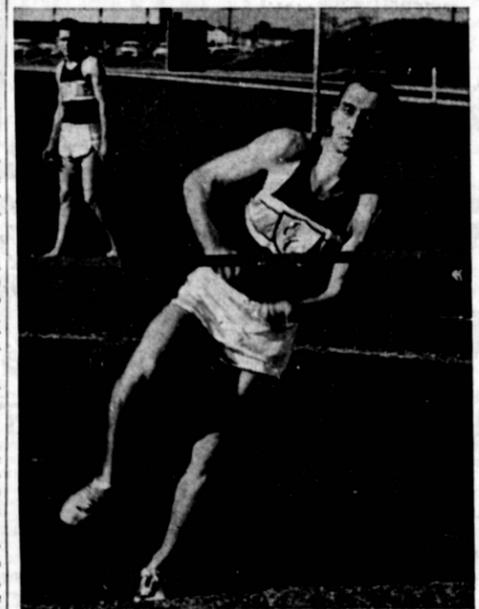
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Disaster May Stymie West Crown Chances

Double disaster hit West High Thursday as the Warriors dropped a 6-5 Pioneer League baseball nod to Culver City and lost the services of catcher Richard Grossman for possibly the remainder of the season.

Grossman, termed by coach Max Lomas as "the finest receiver in the league," suffered a broken nose and a slight concussion in the seventh inning



JETT THREAT . . . Dennis Jett, a triple threat spiker from El Camino, almost single-handedly pulled the Warriors by Cerritos on Friday. Jett won the century, the furlong, and the 220-yard low hurdles as Camino came within 11 points of knocking over the top dual meet team in the Metropolitan Conference. He has also gone 6-3 in the high jump.

when Culver catcher Don Manning slammed into him attempting to score.

The senior catcher was hitting at a .444 clip and led the team in home runs and extra base hits. Grossman was also the team leader and "a real field general" according to Lomas.

THE LOSS left West in second place with a 3-2 mark. Aviation leads with a 5-1 record. Torrance is in third at 3-2-1. Sophomore John Marsden threw the first seven frames of the eight-inning, overtime contest and gave up eight hits while walking three and striking out six. Marsden had previously thrown two one-hitters and a two-hitter in leading the Tribe to three shutout victories.

FRESHMAN chucker Dave La Roche took over the final inning and gave up one hit, two walks, and the winning run. Culver scored on a single, a fielder's choice, two walks and a squeeze bunt in the eighth inning.

West scored in the fourth frame when Grossman singled and Marsden homered. In the seventh, Gary Loyd was safe on a fielder's choice, Dick Buchanan walked and Grossman punched a home run as West moved three runs ahead in its half of the inning.

Culver came right back to knot the count and force the tilt into extra innings.

On Tuesday coach Lomas will send Marsden to the mound against Palos Verdes in a 3 p.m. fray on the Sea King diamond.

Redondo Thinclads Nudge Unlucky North High, 56-48

Unable to win the close ones, North High fell to Redondo, 56-48, on Friday in a Bay League track encounter. It was the third straight narrow loss for the Saxons. North has now dropped tight contests to Inglewood, Leuzinger, and the Seahawks. On Friday, the Saxons will get a chance to comeback against Morningside at 3 p.m. on the NHS oval. Sprinter Alan Johnson nabbed two individual first places, but it was not enough to stave off the powerful Hawks.

Johnson snared the century in 10.3 seconds, followed by Pete Molina in 10.4 seconds.

JOHNSON came back to complete his double with a 22.8 winning effort in the 220-yard dash. Bruce Allan, a sophomore running with an infected foot, managed to capture second for north in 23.1 seconds. Molina won the 440 for North with his best time of 53 seconds. In third was Dennis Bernhart with a 53.9 effort.

IN A tantalizing pole vault duel, Darian Hannah lost out to Redondo, clearing 12-6, but losing first place on more misses. Hannah had cleared 12-6 previously, but has been in a recent slump. Gary Barron finished in third for North at 11-6. Barron was recovering from a bad fall suffered in a practice vault on Tuesday.

The only other North first place came in the half-mile relay as Johnson, Molina, Allan, and Norm Sanwo streaked to a 1:34.6 finish.

IN THE half mile, sophomore Bob Hansen clocked 2:04 for second place. Harry Phillips landed a second for the Saxons in the mile as he came in with a 4:41.9 effort.

Dale Foth went 5-8 in the high jump for second place, followed by Tim Gillibrand in third. Sanwo captured a second in the broad jump at 19-5½ as Ron Richardson snared the show spot with a 19-4 jump.

Darkhorse Leuzinger, remaining a contender for the Bay League baseball crown, ripped South, 8-3, on Thursday. Ben Warner, after a slow start, scattered five South safeties in pacing his Olympian teammates to the victory. Two sluggers, Luis Monique and Dave Rabuse, a pair of heavy-hitting outfielders, kept the Spartans off balance throughout the contest.

Monique collected three RBIs, including a home run, while Rabuse drove two runs across the dish.

South mentor Jerry McIlvaine used three hurriers in a vain attempt to halt the Olymp onslaught. Next for the Spartans will be a fray with Inglewood on Tuesday at 3 p.m. on the South diamond.

Montgomery Nabs Three-Hit Victory

Freshman hurrier Earl Davis, gaining his first varsity win, hurled Bishop Montgomery to a 5-1 Camino Real League baseball victory over St. Bernards on Friday. Davis allowed but three hits as he sent eight men down swinging and gave up a pair of free passes. The victory evened Montgomery's league record at 1-1.

On Tuesday, the Knights will attempt to impose the mark at the expense of host Pater Noster at 3 p.m.

MONTGOMERY began the contest with a bang, ramming across all of its runs in the opening stanza.

The initial Knight tally came across when Les Moore walked, Dick Carbajal singled, Tony Guggiana walked, and Dennis Blackburn lofted a long sacrifice fly.

WITH men on second and third, Doug Deedeaux responded with a two-run single. John Joseph was safe on an error, moving Deedeaux to third, and John Brogdon crashed another single for the fourth Montgomery tally.

Mike Fox walked and Davis was hit on the hand to force the final BMHS run over.

St. Bernard, able to tally only one run, in the fourth inning, used three chuckers in absorbing the defeat.