

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ZIMMER?

Just before regular season play began in April, Don Zimmer was quoted as saying to Dodger brass, "Play me or trade me." Zimmer, a bit on the hot-headed side, but nevertheless an intelligent observer, had heard rumbles at Vero Beach that Alston favored starting hustling little Bob Lillis in the position occupied by Pee Wee Reese for many years.

However, when the Dodgers opened their '59 schedule, Zimmer was at short. And during the team's first home stay, Don sparked. His average was over .300 and his fielding was something to behold.

Then the first slump hit Don and Lillis was quickly installed. The rookie met with trouble too, it seemed. In the field as well as at the plate. In fact, we recall at least two games that were lost directly by the eager youngster.

In came the call for Don once again. Lillis was sent down, the high command didn't even bother to notify him—leaving that chore up to traveling secretary Lee Scott.

Maury Wills was brought up from the farm to back up Zimmer. Last week-end in Chicago, after the six year veteran's average had dipped to .178, Zimmer was benched and the speedster Wills was injected into the line-up.

What happened to Zimmer?

150 YEARS NOT ENOUGH

Just before the LA team entrained for their eastern junket, we mixed talk with the slumping Zimmer.

The often hurt, beamed, and roughed-up shortstop was really worried. The slump had hit him hard. So hard that even the likes of Alston, Dressen, Reese, Becker and Mullenbeyer, with their combined total of 150 years of baseball know-how, couldn't shake, no matter what they did to his stance, swing or attitude.

Why even worried fans wrote Don and suggested many cures. One reasoned that prayers would help.

Last year Zimmer had his troubles too. His hitting was spotty and his fielding at times minor leagueish. Yet, he hit a fairly respectable .262, slammed 17 homers and batted in 60 runs. It was by far his best year since joining the Dodgers in '54.

CANNOT BUY GOOD SHORTSTOP

Generally when a hitter slips a manager usually gives him a rest or continues to play him in hopes of getting him lined up with the ball again. Alston has tried both with Don and to no avail.

Perhaps Bavasi has secret thoughts of sending Zimmer back to the minors. No one on the Dodger roster can help him nor can he heal himself. However, the amiable Buzzie, when questioned on Zimmer uttered, "I can't buy a good shortstop nor do I have a good one on the farm. I've got to stick with Don and Wills and hope both of them will hit their stride."

We asked Buz if he regretted selling the versatile infielder Jim Baxes to Cleveland. "Let's not talk about that," the Veep said, turning away sadly.

Gilliam is treating the baseball like it was made for him. Hodges is reverting to his Brooklyn form, and Charlie Neal never looked better. The likeable Zimmer should be right along with this company. And if no help is at hand we doubt sincerely that the Dodgers will cop the flag.

Somewhere, someone can do much to help the scrappy Don Zimmer. Millions of dollars worth of baseball coaching and savvy are not enough. Why not write to Zimmer, care of the Dodgers, perhaps your eye is more observant than that of the high priced help.

Lomita LL

The results of Lomita Little League's games of the week are as follows:

Major League

Friday, July 3rd—Stars vs. Indians. The Indians defeated the Stars with a score of 8 to 6 to tie the Yankees for 1st place of the 2nd half of Major League Play. Each team is credited with 4 wins. Bob Patten was the winning pitcher and Phillip Hines, the winning catcher. Losing pitcher was Frank Grosch and catcher was Dick Zacher. Home run hitters of the day were Frank Grosch of the Stars for 1 and

Ron Scott of the Indians for 2 homers.

Sunday, July 5th—1st game—The Tigers defeated the Yankees by a score of 11 to 10. Mike Peace was the winning pitcher and Jim French the winning catcher. Bob Riggs was losing pitcher and Laurance Day was losing catcher.

Minor League Play

Thursday, July 2nd—Angels defeated Seals 3 to 2.

Saturday, July 4th—1st game—Padres defeated Beavers 11 to 10.

2nd game—Dodgers defeated Solons 13 to 6.

Sunda, July 5th—2nd game—Beavers defeated Seals 21 to 9.

OUTDOORS with MEL

By MEL SALTZMAN

After fishing for most of my years and operating a Sporting Goods store for many years I have finally made a startling discovery about lures and why they do or don't catch fish.

Let's take the average fisherman. He found a lure that caught fish for him. Its called a green eyed, herring scaled, rock popper. He swears that this lure catches fish in dry creek beds. It's the hottest thing since his great uncle invented fish. After much arguing I finally convince him that the new red eyed, rinky dink, with hand tied monkey hair hooks is really killing the bass. It was invented and field tested by a personal friend at the "testing grounds" in lower Death Valley. He decides to try one with the stipulation that if it doesn't catch fish he will be back.

The next day finds our hero out on Pollution Lake. He's cold, unshaven, and slightly smelly. He discovered that his wife put an undersized trout in the pocket of his fishing jacket on the last trip. Some Joke.

The sun rises and our hero reaches into his tackle box. Instead of trying out the new lure he goes to old faithful. He casts it, trolls it, winds it slow, fast and medium fast. He reaches deep into his mind to recall all the articles he's read by fishermen with sure fire methods to catch fish. When he's all done the sun is high in the sky and he's hungry, mosquito bitten, and sun burned. The best fishing hours have gone by. Even the seagulls have left the lake.

Now he decides that the time has come to try the new lure. He ties it on makes a cast and nothing happens. After 5 or 6 casts he heads in.

The next scene takes place the next day. He enters the store. I approach him and with a big smile I ask how the fishing was. Does anyone know how to get a hook out of my ear without too much pain? Call Mel Saltzman, FA 8-2173.

Sammy Tanner Man to Beat in Ascot Events

Sammy Tanner, the amazing little "Flying Flea" from Texas, bids to move back into the sensational leadership when the AMA motorcycles roll at New Ascot Stadium tomorrow night.

First post is 8:30, with time trials starting at 7.

Tanner lost his top spot to another jockey-sized rider, Troy Lee, while he was on tour of the East and Midwest. But he still had enough points to stay in second and could take over the top spot again by winning the main event.

Duck Shooter Nabbed

A 14-year-old youth was questioned by deputy sheriff's Monday after he shot at ducks in Alondra Park Lake with a pellet gun.

The youth was discovered banging away at the quackers by Hal V. Thompson, of Torrance, gym director at the park.

Use Press classified FA 8-2345.



HUGE HAUL—The yellowtail are really running this week, as evidenced by this catch on board the City of Redondo Sunday. Proud fishermen here stand by their catch as boated into King Harbor.

Wrap-up Dances to Raise Funds for Little League

North Torrance Little League will hold its "Season Wrap-Up Dance" Saturday, at the Gardena Elks Hall, 1735 Market Street, Gardena, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Cappers" will provide the dance music.

North Torrance Little League supports two divisions, the East and the West, which includes ten major and ten minor teams. Since this doubles their equipment needs, the League has asked for support of the dance, and wishes to extend their warm appreciation for the cooperation received during the entire baseball season.

The final event of the year, the "Installation Dance" will be held in the fall.

County Gives OK to Storm Drain Plans Contract

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported yesterday that the Board of Supervisors has approved a contract between the County Flood Control District and the City of Torrance for the preparation of plans and engineering of 1958 bond issue storm drain projects in Torrance.

Contract provides that Torrance will be reimbursed out of bond funds for the cost of preparing

Thirty Organizations to Take Part in Rancho Days Fete

Thirty Torrance community and civic organizations will participate in the 1959 Rancho Days Celebration, July 22-26 according to Concessions Chairman Ted Hill.

The sponsoring Chamber of Commerce will assess each participating group 25 percent of their net proceeds which will be presented to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association to defray costs of Torrance's entry in the Rose Parade on January 1.

Concessions on the giant midway will open at 5 p.m. on July 22, 23, 24, and at noon Saturday, July 25 and at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

The necessary plans for bond issue projects in accordance with a graduated fee schedule.

Torrance has the option of preparing the plans itself or of engaging a private engineering firm to do the work.

The contract had already been approved by the Torrance City Council and signed by Mayor Albert Isen before it was submitted to the Supervisors.

It outlines in detail the procedures to be followed in plan preparation, checking and inspection, Supervisor Hahn stated.

GAS STATION THEFT

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Paul Macias of the Tigers broke the game wide open with a triple to break a 5-5 tie with the Pirates. The Tigers went on to win 19-3.

The league-leading Braves exploded by trouncing the Indians 25-2. Ricky Schwartz and David Erlanson blasted homers.

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The tilt started off with 12 runs in the first inning. Judy Clements was the winning pitcher who assured her victory by banging out three homers, two singles

and one double in seven trips to the plate.

Standings:	Wins	Losses
Esabas	3	0
Vandals	2	1
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Mishaps	1	0
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