

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

Dodger Most Valuable

For the past several days baseball fans, sports writers, motion picture personalities, and other assorted notables have hero-worshipped the likes of Larry Sherry, Wally Moon, Charlie Neal, Walter Alston and, for the record, almost every member of the Dodger organization.



JOE BECKER

—Press Photo shape.

In all the excitement and fanfare the spotlight of fame failed to locate the one Dodger who was the man most responsible for the team's rise to world-wide acclaim.

In future analysis the name of Joe Becker will be repeatedly mentioned by those in the know.

Master of Control

In early season Becker spent hours whipping Podres, Drysdale, Koufax, Klippstein and others into shape.

His greatest problem was getting his hurlers to master the fine art of control.

In Sandy Koufax, Becker had a mammoth job cut out for him. If you recall Sandy had much trouble finding the plate with his fast ball and curve. Even though the young lefthander pitched beautifully in spots during the year, Becker must still work with him when spring training rolls around in March.

With Drysdale, after Don had won a few, Joe had to contend with a righthander who had become star-struck. Not accredited with the credentials of a psychologist, Becker, nevertheless, helped Don to establish the 17-13 record he compiled this year. A noble feat were Drysdale the only pitcher on the squad.

In the first month of play Johnny Podres looked great. His rainbow curve, fast ball and change-up were the best pitches in the league. Then Johnny started to falter. His control was way off and the batters were finding his pitches perfect for home run hits. Podres was angry and confused. Yet Becker stayed with him and got John to regain the confidence in himself that he had lost. Although Podres cannot be rightly called a great pitcher, he, however, helped the Dodgers in key games.

McDevitt Good Example

In little Danny McDevitt, Coach Joe had his most rewarding moments. In 1957 Danny was considered wilder than an Elvis Presley song and dance routine. It seemed that Danny was destined to become the most noted free-pass giver in the business. Yet when he reported to Becker, Danny found the master giving him the advice he needed to curb his generous desires. Mac pitched beautifully in spots.

When Craig and Sherry came up, able Joe Becker was again the teacher of record. The enormous help that these two righthanders gave the Dodgers is known by all. Ask them who they owe much of their success to and they will beckon towards Joe.

Alston's Advisor

Perhaps the greatest single reason for Becker's claim to fame can be summarized by a single sentence uttered by Alston—"I ask Joe who's ready before I make a pitching change."

This confidence in Joe was not just an employer asking one of his aides to suggest a move, but rather an endorsement of Becker's ability to analyze the bull-pen situation.

As the Rams will probably tell you, it takes defense as well as offense to win a game. With the Dodgers this year it was pitching in clutches that won the title. And the man responsible was Joe Becker—who knew how to get the best from an altogether poor pitching staff.

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MONARCHS STAGE 13-0 WIN OVER SAXONS; HODGE IS BRILLIANT

By Bill Setting

A near capacity crowd of 3000 watched Friday night at Torrance High Stadium as favored Morningside High from Inglewood handed North High their first defeat 13-0.

Coach Shoup of North fielded an inexperienced eleven that played well over their heads to hold the Monarchs scoreless during the first half.

However, with just 53 seconds gone in the third quarter and on the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Jim Hodge pitched long to Bob Pier from his own 32 for the first Monarch touchdown. The play covered 63 yards. With Pier holding Hodge quickly converted and Morningside led 7-0.

Midway through the final quarter the same combination of Hodge and Pier accounted for the second score. This time the pass play went for 46 yards. A bad pass from center foiled the attempt to add the extra point.

Early in the first quarter it appeared that North was headed for an early TD. Starting on their own 26 the Saxons began to click when John McCall pitched to Merrill for a first down on their own 40. Hedgecock then carried for ten to the 50. McCall went for seven to the 43 and two plays later Mac carried to the 22. A personal foul charged against Morningside took the ball to the twelve but on successive charges thru the line the Monarchs held on to stop the

Saxons on the seven.

During the balance of the game North had several opportunities of score but lacked experience to carry the ball over. With McCall and Jerry Carothers alternating at quarterback it was evident through-out that Shoup wished his signal-callers were one as McCall is the better runner, Carothers the finer passer.

In a last cause it was refreshing to note that Steve Sandberg played an inspired game on defense. His ability to foresee Monarch plays put him on the scene most every time.

Right halfback Eddie Williams, perhaps the fastest man on the North team, showed enough in power plays thru center and tackle to assure him a berth on Shoup's young crop of griders.

STARTING LINE-UPS

North	Morningside	
Merrill	LE	Rhodes
Chadwick	LT	Mengel
Hyatt	LG	Ersdall
Divino	C	Miller
Sibley	RG	Kross
Davis	RT	Eaton
Claxton	RE	Sangster
McCall	QB	Hodge
Williams	RH	Irwin
Linninger	FB	Peterson
Busch	LH	Pier

Doubler Header on for Racing Fans

Sunday is going to be a big day at the Gardena Stadium, where a big double header of racing is on tap for racing fans. Sunday afternoon it will be the new Claiming Stock Car races, while the evening show will feature the big Destruction Derby.

Heading the field for the new afternoon program in which any 1941-52 automobile may compete will be such drivers as Ben Thomas, Canoga Park; Bill Foster, Newhall; Arley Scranton, Compton; Gene Peltier, Torrance; Jim Cook, Anaheim; Lamar Anderson, Redondo Beach; Howard Walton, Gardena; Louis Hasler, Huntington Beach; Johnny Gray, South Gate; Frank Franklin, Manhattan Beach; Gene Millard, Lynwood, and over 70 other drivers will be on hand for the program of slam-bang action.

A 30-lap main event will top the 11-event program of races over the one-third mile clay oval. Admission for adults is set at just \$1.50 with juniors \$1 and kids under eight free.

The evening's program of crashing featuring the wrecking of over 60 automobiles will begin at 7:30 p.m. in order to let fans out at an early hour so they can get to work the next day. Nine separate events, 12 cars each, are on the card. A special race for women drivers will also highlight the program. Out to win his third main event will be Howard Walton of Gardena. Tough competition will come from Lamar Anderson, Bud Bean, Johnny Foster and Clyde Smith.

State Game Wardens Find Two Lost in High Sierras

Two hunters lost in the wilds of Northern California within the last two weeks were found by Department of Fish and Game wardens who had joined volunteer search parties.

Fifty-year-old Helen Long of Daly City was found northeast of Nevada City by Warden Jack Witwer of Grass Valley, and 16-year-old Sue Shippen of Marysville was found in the Quincy area by Warden Paul Keherer of Quincy.

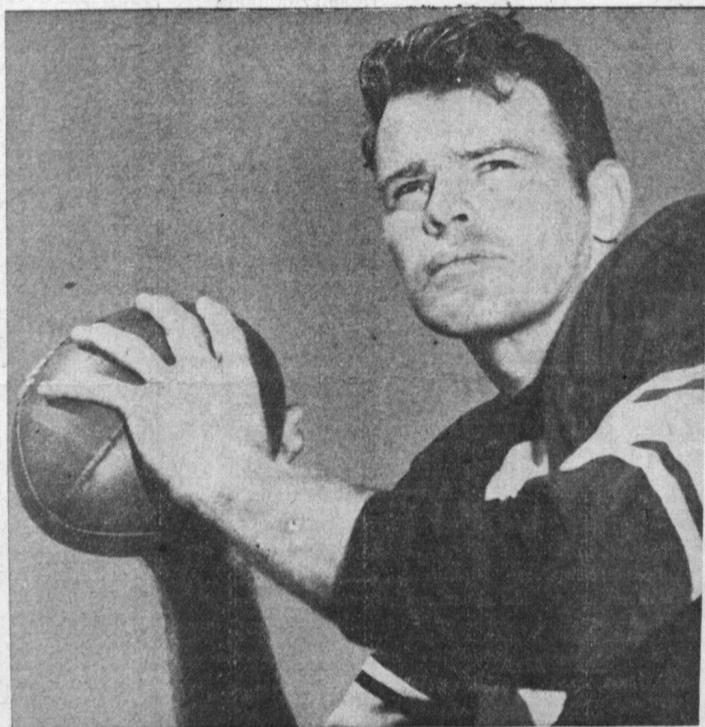
Both were cold and hungry after spending the night in freezing weather in the high Sierra, but were otherwise in good condition.

The Shippen girl credited her Hunter Safety training with helping her to avoid panic.

Other Fish and Game personnel who helped hunt for Miss Shippen were Wardens Curt Kastner of Fort Ross, Gil Berg of Biggs, Clyde Shehorn, Blairaden, and Captain David Nelson of Paradise.

Fish and Game Director William E. Warne pointed out that there are safety precautions to be taken in case one should become lost while hunting. For one thing, he said, hunters should always carry matches to build a fire, either to keep warm or to signal searchers. Warne also stresses that persons losing their way should get into an open area and remain there, if possible, making a large sign of rocks or branches so that aerial searchers can spot them.

PRESS Sports



IN CONDITION—Number one Ram quarterback Bill Wade has recovered from an injury and will return to action today against the Chicago Bears. Channel 2 will telecast the battle.

Barracuda Catch Record Shattered

California party boat fishermen, who have already landed more barracuda than in any previous year, may catch a million before the end of 1959.

The latest figures available through July show a total of 805,128 barracuda landed. The all time record was set in 1958 when 782,723 were taken by party boat fishermen. In that year the total caught through July was 435,478.

Ocean sportsmen are also doing well this year in their pursuit of California bonito, yellowtail and salmon. Comparative figures through July show: 309,000 bonito landed, compared to 237,000 for the same period last year; 190,000 yellowtail, compared to 65,000 last year; and 37,000 salmon, as against 17,000 last year.

Little League to Vote

Torrance Central Little League will hold its annual general meeting and election of officers Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Madrona School Cafeteria.

All parents of boys eight through 12 years of age are invited to attend.

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Bowling News

Bowl-O-Drome's popular Tuesday night Ladies Handicap roll into the 6th week of their winter meet with A.B.C. Bowling Supply holding a slim half game margin over second place Vel's Ford. A.B.C. racking up 16 wins to 4 in the last column, against the Ford squads' 15-one-half-one-half. Team No. 2 rides in third, 1-one-half out of first followed by West Virginia No. 1, Torrance Flower Shop and the Sport Togs. Early Season highs held by A. Coast for her rousing 562&48-610 three game effort, going the route for the Vel's Ford sob and league leading representative, L. Nelson, latching into the high game lime-fight with her powerful 238&0-238 single. What so often happens when establishing an average, did to Lorraine Berning, team No. 2 hurler. Connected her three for an impressive 604 scratch, going away with a whop-

ping 201 average. No handicap what so ever so failed to take over any season high marks.

Tuesday nights Men's "Half" Stars in a dead lock with A & W Root Beer, Torrance Van and Team No. 4 racking up 11 wins for the first four weeks of play. Pfaff and Souder Plumbing trail by one, followed by Lane & Rodrick, Paul's Construction and Charly's Barber Shop. Soderstrom Ford kegler, W. Bench out loose with the seasons series high, scattering Bowl-O-Drome

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EN ROUTE TO TD—El Camino halfback Gene Williams, 40, picks up his blockers, George Hahlbeck, 54, and Glen Koser, 36, on way to scoring last Warrior touchdown in a game played last Saturday. El Camino upset the favored Modesto eleven, 29-21.

Tartars Blast Lennox, 33-0

By Joe Dixon

The Torrance High Tartars won their third in a row Friday night by trouncing Lennox 33-0.

The game, which was played in Lennox, saw Coach Irwin Kasten's griders recover six fumbles and turn almost all mis-cues into scores.

The highlight of the game was Taylor's 88-yard kick-off return for a Tartar TD. Joe "Monk" Montgomery also spear-headed the Torrance High offense which rolled up its highest score to date.

Obedience Class Starts in Gardena

Two novice classes have been scheduled in Gardena by the Southwest Obedience Club of Los Angeles.

One began yesterday and will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. The other will start Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The courses will be held at Rosecrans playground, 149th and Vermont Ave.

Mrs. Howard E. Cross, the trainer, has taught obedience 15 years and is an American Kennel Club judge.

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