

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

Slingin' Sammy Returns

Earlier in the week Slingin' Sam Baugh signed a three year pact to coach the American League football entry of New York, the Titans, according to broadcaster and part-owner of the club Harry Wismer.

The salary figure was reported to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and it couldn't be paid to a nicer guy than the ex-pro from Washington.

Baugh, after finishing a mediocre career at Texas Christian, joined the Capitol city professional club in 1937 proving to all followers of All-American athletes that you don't have to have a million press clippings to make the grade.

In sixteen years as a paid-player Sammy completed more passes for more yardage than any player in NFL history. Papa age caught up with him however, and at 38 Sammy retired to coaching, going back to Texas and holding down the reins at Hardin-Simmons.

As a youngster back in the early days of NFL play I recall with excitement the times I watched the magnificent passer in action. Not much of a runner, Sammy nevertheless seldom got caught with the ball. He always managed to get rid of it before the ponderous linemen got to him. And talk about coolness — fella, this guy had 'em all beat.

Prior to his retirement in 1952 Sammy thrilled Los Angeles County fans every year after World War II when the Rams hosted the Redskins annually for charity in pre-season games.

Baugh's signing to coach an eleven with the American Football League is rapidly making all skeptics of the new looppf wish they hadn't slammed the League's chances of getting underway.

Haven't seen a schedule yet, but they can have my four bucks for a choice seat, if the Titans play the Chargers here in Los Angeles. Even though Baugh is "just" the coach of the club, it's worth twice the amount just to see him on the field.

Giants Over Colts

Pity the Baltimore fans for only 7000 tickets were allocated to the city for Sunday's pro-championship game against the Giants in Baltimore. Those who were unfortunate in securing ducasts must either buy a special antenna to see the game on TV or travel to nearby Washington, D.C. or Lancaster, Pa., in order to catch it on national video.

The Colts are favored by 3 points according to the latest we have on the gambling aspects of the tilt. However, this corner feels the contest should be tabbed even for the Giants are no pushovers with Connerly coming into his own as a passer equal to Unitas or better.

We look for Gifford and company to upset the Colts Sunday and gather in the championship for the Eastern Division of the NFL.

San Diego Open Shows Profit

San Diego people have found that the 1960 renewal at Mission Valley Country Club, Jan. 28-31, again will show a profit. Junior Golf is the richer.

For the first time in its seven-year history, the \$20,000 San Diego Open show a profit last January, and, weatherman permitting, there's every indication that the 1960 renewal at Mission Valley Country Club, Jan. 28-31, again will show a profit.

Success of the San Diego Open last year, financially speaking, was due to the work of Tom Lanphier Jr., San Diego aircraft construction executive, and chairman of the San Diego sponsors' Executive Committee, and his hard working staff.

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PRESS Sports

Coaches Grab Defense Stars for Pro-Bowl

The importance of defense in pro football was underscored today when two defensive players were selected as bonus choices for the All-Star Pro-Bowl game Jan. 17, Los Angeles Coliseum.

Coach Buck Shaw picked 250-pound lineman Marion Campbell as his 33rd player on the East Squad. Coach Red Hickey grabbed veteran defensive back Emlen Tunnell of the Green Bay Packers for his West team.

Tunnell, star for 11 years with the New York Giants, will be appearing in his 9th Pro-Bowl game, making him "Mr. Pro-Bowl" along with Lou Groza of Cleveland, who also has been in 9 All-Star battles.

Campbell, known as the "Swamp Fox," will be used as tackle and end and will be making his debut in the Pro-Bowl. Hickey completed his coaching staff by naming his 49'er offensive line coach, Bill Johnson, as his second assistant.

Game Director Paul Schjelsker reports ticket sales remain ahead of last year's record breaking pace. He points out public sale is underway at the Ram and Coliseum box offices, Southern California Music Co., Denels' Music Shop in Hollywood, and all Mutual Agencies.

The 10th Pro-Bowl is sponsored by the Los Angeles Newspaper Publishers Association and proceeds go to charity.

Championship Pro Tilt Sunday on TV

Chris Schenkel and Chuck Thompson on television, and Van Patrick and Byron Sam on radio, will be the commentators for NBC's dual coverage of the National Football League Championship Game between the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants at Baltimore Memorial Stadium Sunday, Dec. 27 (10:45 a.m. PST).

The broadcasting assignments for the title clash were announced by NBC Sports Director Tom S. Gallery. Schenkel, the TV announcer for the Giants, and Thompson, the Colts' grideaster, also reported the TV play-by-play for last year's championship game which the Colts won in overtime, 23-17.

Patrick was the Detroit Lions' announcer during the season, and Sam broadcast Philadelphia Eagles' games.

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JOHNNIE PARSONS, 1950 Indianapolis winner from Van Nuys, will close out his illustrious racing career, in the 100-lap USAC National Championship Midget Race, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, at Saugus Stadium. J. C. Agajanian has proclaimed it "Johnnie Parsons Day" in honor of the retiring racing champion.

Parsons to End Racing Career

Heading the imposing list of entries to honor Johnnie Parsons, the 1950 Indianapolis winner, who'll retire after this Sunday afternoon's 100-lap USAC National Championship midget auto race at Saugus Stadium, is Rodger Ward, 1959 Indianapolis victor.

Other Indianapolis drivers who'll be on hand at the San Fernando Valley paved oval when Parsons brings down the curtain on a brilliant 20-year career of racing includes Jimmy Davies, Cal Niday, Earl Motter, Danny Oakes, Ray Crawford, Johnnie Tolson, Bill Chesbourg, Johnny Baldwin, Bill Homier, Dempsey Wilson, Shorty Templeman and Johnny Boyd as well as rookies Wayne Weiler, Johnny Moorhouse and Jim Hurtubise. There is a strong possibility that Tony Bettenhausen, the two-time National Driving Champion, will also be on hand when qualifying opens at 1 o'clock for the eight event program. The first race goes at 2:30 o'clock.

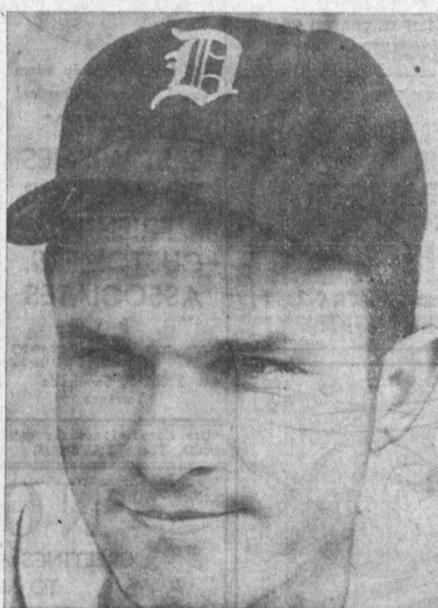
Besides honoring Parsons, the season's final go will also decide the Pacific Coast midget championship. Only 42½ points separate the top four contenders, Motter, Billy Cantrell, Oakes and Davies. A victory Sunday is worth 50 points, with the first 12 finishers in the 18 car, 100-lap feature scoring points. All starters will cut up the \$2,000 purse that J. C. Agajanian is offering against 40 percent of the gate for the "Johnnie Parsons Day" program. The top qualifier also picks up 10 points, with the fastest six also getting points.

INTEREST MOUNTS FOR POST SEASON GAME

Stock Cars on Slate at Gardena

Bruce Worrell, Lakewood will be out to protect his lead in point standings this Sunday afternoon, at Gardena Stadium, when the Claming Stock Cars take to the track at 2:30 p.m., in a full racing program. Worrell will be driving his Ford against top competition. Other threats to capture the 30 lap main events are: Jim Preston, Norwalk; Howard Falton, Gardena; Al Gileck, Inglewood; Norm Stevenson, Santa Ana; Johnny Jones, Hawthorne; Lamarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Jim Blomgren, Norwalk, and Bob Perry, Hawthorne.

A nine event program of races is on the card. Time Trials will get under way at 1 p.m. A special race for Women drivers is also listed. Leading Lady lead-foots include: Hila Paulson, Compton; Helen Knight, Torrance; Cookie Jones, Hawthorne; Gerri Lloyd, Torrance; Doris Bruntz, Alhambra; Joyce Elliott, La Mirada; Lynn Stewart, Huntington Park; Margie Boomer-shine, Lawndale; and Della Parry, Hawthorne. The Women's race will be for eight laps.



REAPPOINTED as batting practice pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1960 is George Vico, former ex-major leaguer from Detroit. Vico is employed by Dominguez Estates Co. and the coming baseball season marks his third year with the world champions.

Reaction to a post-season game to determine a city football champion was greeted in the affirmative according to Bob Prior, noted North Torrance sports figure.

Prior, in an exclusive story in the PRESS Sunday, urged the school district to schedule a contest between Bishop-Montgomery and Torrance High; the winner to take on the winner of the South-North game which has already been scheduled.

"Besides the group of home owners and merchants that I represent, Mayor Al Isen, Dick Fitzgerald of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Pat Hogue of the little leagues, and numerous others have pledged their support," Prior stated.

Recently it was learned that Bishop-Montgomery has extended its educational activities to include the 12th grade. Up to now the Catholic school only went through the 11th.

Torrance High has an open date in its schedule and Prior reasoned that the game could be played on that date.

"Proceeds of the post-season game will go to a charity," Prior said.

Write to the sports editor in care of this newspaper if you are interested in a city championship game.

Trailer Show Set for January 28

What's the difference between a plush Wilshire Blvd. apartment and the inside of a modern mobile home or travel trailer?

Not much, if any at all, except compactness and convenience, as the 1960 Trailer Life Show, the west's largest, will prove during a four day run Jan. 28-31 at Great Western Exhibit Center, Santa Ana Freeway at Atlantic Blvd.

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The El Monte drag-racing veteran earned rank as one of the all-time greats of speed in 1959.

Thompson drove his Challenger I, powered by four Pontiac engines, 363-plus miles an hour on Utah's Bonneville Flats, in October.

Though it missed the 396-mph world record of the late John Cobb of England, no American has gone as fast.

Drag Strip to Re-Open After New Year

LADS, the big 223rd drag strip of Liens Associated, near Long Beach, is closed down for extensive alterations and improvements, prior to a big re-opening program Jan. 3.

The New Year meet will be an all-day Sunday affair, said Director Mickey Thompson, bringing to action the west's hottest

TV programs will be playing. Here is a wonderful chance for everyone to get closer to the golf pro and his game. Now don't forget — The Los Angeles Open played at the Rancho Golf Course, 10460 West Pico Blvd. Jan. 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. See you there.

Next week, more on the Open.

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