

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

Post Dated Contracts

Immediately after the Sugar Bowl game New Year's Day all heck broke loose. It appears as if a certain football All-American with the booming name of Billy Cannon got caught with his signatures on two different contracts.

Reportedly Cannon was signed to a Ram contract just after the close of regular season play. Pete Rozelle of the local club released the information, however, not bothering to inform the public that his contract was post dated. Under NCAA rules a player participating in a post season game is not supposed to endanger his amateur standing until after the contest. In other words if LSU had won instead of Ole Miss then somebody could call the game unfair.

Last year, I mean 1958, the NCAA ruled that SC could not play in the Rose Bowl game because of infractions of their rules. Therefore the Huskies of Washington were permitted to play Wisconsin.

Now the NCAA is fully aware that practices of professional football clubs include such irregularities as getting college players to pledge their play with post dated signatures. It has been going on for some time and the rulers of the NCAA have closed their eyes to it.

Oilers Should Get Cannon

Wire service reports have it that a court battle is imminent. Bud Adams of the Houston Oilers and Ram brass will have to fight it out for Cannon before jurists.

Actually Cannon is not that good. However, the NFL wants no part of the AFL and this court action is supposed to be a test of some sort. Adams charging the Rams with attempts to "sabotage our league" and in using "unethical practices" to do it.

For many years this corner has been against some of the ways in which pro clubs have handled collegiate draft choices. Chief of which is the post-dated contract.

The NCAA has allowed this practice, never shouling the pros. If they had this battle would not be making headlines today. If this group of college professors feels one or two players of a college team were induced to join the school by "unethical methods" they immediately ban the entire school. As in the case of the Trojans in 1959. Why not go a step further and keep pro clubs from making pros out of college players until after their amateur standing is over?

The NCAA should decide this issue and not some court with second hand knowledge of football doings.

It is our opinion that Cannon be permitted to play with the Oilers of the AFL. Rozelle and the Rams were "guilty" of infractions that the NCAA should have outlawed a long time ago.

Players, Fans Gain

It is also unfair to abolish competition. And in this case Cannon got the better offer from the Houston club. Perhaps Cannon should be reprimanded for signing two contracts, however, as a college student seeking to play pro ball he should not be permitted to play with a team because they happened to get there first with the paper.

Its good that this incident occurred for the court action is sure to abolish post-dated contracts and rule the NFL guilty of unfair practices.

The American Football League is a definite threat to the long established NFL and owners of the senior circuit have just begun to realize how serious it is.

It may not be healthy for business, competition that is, but cousin it sure is welcomed by college players and fans alike. Ask Billy Cannon, he's getting \$100,000 for three seasons. Not bad when you consider that the highest paid NFL pro is getting slightly more than \$20,000 per season.

Colts, Giants Hold Key to Pro Bowl

Seven key members of pro football's New York Giants will try to avenge their world's championship defeat against the same number of players from the team that did it—the Baltimore Colts—in the 10th Annual Pro Bowl game, from Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

In accordance with National Football League rules, the game will not be televised within a 100-mile radius of the Los Angeles area.

The annual Pro Bowl classic, started in 1950, features outstanding players from the Eastern Division of the NFL against the Western Division. Profits are distributed among charities. In nine previous encounters, the West has won five times, so a victory for the East this year would even the score at 5-all.

The East won last year, 28-21. Place Seven Men. The Colts, champions of the West, defeated the Giants, champions of the East, 31-16, for the

world's title last Sunday (Dec. 27) and each club placed seven players on its respective division's all-star squad—the most any team is allowed.

Led by star linebacker Sam Huff and halfback Frank Gifford, voted Pro Bowl "player of the game" last year, the seven Giants will form the nucleus of the East Squad. Other New Yorkers include ends Bob Schelker and Andy Robustelli, defensive backs Lindon Crow and Jim Patton and tackle Roosevelt Brown.

The West will be spearheaded by Colt quarterback Johnny Unitas and his two favorite targets, end Ray Berry and halfback Lenny Moore. Other Pro Bowling

Phillies Move Baldwin Up

PRESS Sports



YOUNG SAILOR and his water-lovin' dog set their course straight for the Southern California Marine Association Boat Show at Great Western Exhibit Center, Jan. 8-17th. The biggest marine exposition in the West will bring to the public new models in boats (all sizes), motors, and marine accessories.

Boat Show Opens Friday

Western America's biggest Boat Show opens up a smash 10-day run Friday, Jan. 8, at Great Western Exhibit Center, Santa Ana Freeway at Atlantic Blvd.

Show hours are 1 to 11 p.m. Producer H. Werner Buck expects all previous boat show attendance records to be broken.

On view in the giant 150,000 square foot permanent building plus additional tent annexes are hundreds of boats of every price and class, as well as motors, water skis, boat trailers and accessories.

Finance houses, who have leaped into the boat retail field with fist full of money; marinas and landings, and service and repair firms, will also be on hand to explain their various facilities.

Admission is \$1 for persons over 12 years of age, 50 cents for children 6 to 12 and no charge for youngsters up to 6.

Colts are Jim Parker, Art Spivey, Gino Marchetti and Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb.

Eighth Appearance. The East quarterbacks will be the Eagles' Norm Van Brocklin, making his eighth appearance in the annual classic, and the Steelers' Bobby Layne. To match the East's running attack, built around Gifford and Cleveland's Jim Brown, the West will counter with speedsters Moore and Jon Arnett and hard-running fullback Rick Casares.

The telecast will mark the third straight year that the NBC-TV network is carrying the game to home viewers. Co-sponsoring the coldest are the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, Inc., and Carter Products. Sportscasters will be announced shortly.

Eagle head coach Buck Shaw, making his second sideline appearance in the annual game, (he won for the West in 1955), will guide the East squad, matching strategy with the 49ers' Red Hickey for the West.

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Tomy Lee, Hillsdale to Go at Santa Anita Track Saturday

Kentucky Derby winner Tomy Lee and top-ranking Hillsdale head a stand-out field of the country's fastest sprinters to race in the \$50,000-added San Carlos Handicap at Santa Anita Park Saturday. It will be the 22nd running of this traditional and major fixture and a banner turnout of fans is expected when the gates open at 11 a.m. and the first race starts at 1 p.m.

Tordondos to Hold Meet Tuesday

Faced with their third move with only three seasons of playing ball behind them, Tordondo Little League members will hold a general meeting on Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in Carl Steele School Cafeteria.

Former plans called for the use of the present diamonds through the coming season, but a deadline of March 1st for vacating the site has been given the League. Plans for the new playing fields will be presented to the membership at this meeting.

Leo Fischer, president, announces that 1960 Membership cards will be available, and extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in the Tordondo 1960 playing season who wishes to attend this meeting.

Fifty Drivers Compete at Races

The roaring CJA Hot Rods return to Gardena Stadium, Sunday afternoon for a full eleven event program of races over the popular one-third mile clay oval.

Over fifty of the top Southland drivers will be on hand for time trials at 1 p.m. with the first race set to go at 2:30 p.m. Heading the list of drivers will be Jack Austin, Downey, winner of the last race at Gardena, three weeks ago.

Other hot pilots include: Billy Wilkerson, Temple City; Ed Van Eyk, Gardena; Termit Snyder, Los Angeles; Orville Allen, Gardena; Bob Simmons, Huntington Park; Rip Erikson, N. Hollywood; Bob Hogle, Buena Park;

Jack Kelly, Long Beach; Clyde Smith, Compton, Bud Astry, Lakewood; Ernie Young, Lakewood; Ray Bunch, Bell Gardens; and Bill Mangold, Compton.

Wilkerson returned to action here, after a year lay off last month, and captured the main event, the first time out. He will rate as a strong threat to beat the popular Austin.

Bobby Hogle, Buena Park, will be returning to action for the first time since a near fatal accident at Ascot Stadium last summer. Hogle is rated as one of the best up and coming drivers in the Southland.

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Ex-Torrance Babe Ruth League star, Bill Baldwin, of 1432 W. 223rd St., has just been promoted to Williamsport of the class A Eastern League by parent club Philadelphia Phillies, it was announced today by Harvey Casson of the Torrance Central Babe Ruth League.

Baldwin, 19, will report for spring training in Florida March 1, the Phillies announced.

Last year the Torrance youth played with class D Johnson City of the Appalachian Rookies League. As a pitcher he won seven and lost three.

Baldwin was signed to a Philly contract in June of 1959 by Philadelphia scout Babe Herman.

As a Babe Ruth player Baldwin starred for Torrance as a pitcher with plenty on the ball.



BILL BALDWIN

Legg Lake Open to Fishermen

Under a revised schedule which will be in effect until May 30, Legg Fishing Lake in the Whittier Narrows Dam Recreation Area no longer will be open on Wednesdays.

The new schedule was effective Jan. 1 and will permit public fishing only on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

There will be new fishing hours, too. Fishing will be permitted from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. The former hours were 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation announces that Legg Lake will be open daily during the summer, starting May 30 and ending Sept. 16. It will be the first time Legg Lake will have been open on a daily basis.

The address of Legg Lake is 823 Lexington-Gallatin Road, El Monte.

New Life Saving Method

Mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing will become the new life saving method used by Pacific Telephone employees in the Torrance area during 1960, according to an announcement today by company manager Dick Pyle.

The program was adopted by the company after careful medical study by the National Research Council had shown the mouth-to-mouth method superior to all other manual methods for reviving people who have stopped breathing regardless of cause.

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