

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

How About an Ocean Voyage?

Is there an able-bodied man who wouldn't leave his cares, troubles and responsibilities to board a ship and head for unknown ports, if even for just a few months of his lifetime?

We doubt it.

Yet if the opportunity to take an ocean voyage arose on a raft, doubtless the answer to such a "dream" proposition would be a firm "no." For regardless of how much we like to get away from it all the dangers would frighten us and we'd rather "bear the ills we have than fly to others we know not of."



DeVERE BAKER

Such men are more than ably personified in the likes of Capt. DeVere Baker and his crew.

Capt. Baker, famed for his ocean expeditions on the previous four LEHI rafts, and his crew, consisting of six scientists and a psychologist, will set sail from Mekat, Oran, in the Red Sea for an 18,000 mile voyage encompassing points along the Indian Ocean, China Sea and Pacific Ocean.

Journey Begins in 1961

Once the LEHI V is completed—an estimated 9 months from now—the little craft will be shipped to the above mentioned port and for six months thereafter the crew will go in training before the arduous journey begins.

Sometime in 1961 the raft and its crew will leave the Indian port and head for Ceylon, Malaya, Singapore, Philippines, Japan, Redondo Beach, and conclude in Guatemala, Central America, two years later. That is if all goes as planned.

For his crew Capt. Baker has chosen six scientists from India, Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Hawaii and Mexico. The other member is a practicing psychologist from the University of Southern California. A possible seventh scientist will come from Russia if and when arrangements can be made.

Powerful Motive for Going

Having always admired men of Capt. Baker's caliber, I got in touch with him recently in hopes of obtaining the "why" of this forthcoming trip and previous expeditions.

Seated just a few yards away from the keel to raft LEHI V in King Harbor, Redondo, I listened to the dedicated and mild mannered captain relate with pride an episode that occurred just before LEHI IV set sail.

It seems that a small boy wandered over to Capt. Baker and inquired, "Why do you wanna go on 'hat (pointing to the almost complete LEHI IV) anyway, just for fun maybe?"

After some amusement, the captain answered the boy. "Well, we don't go on that raft just for fun; long ago, about two thousand years ago, a band of strong wise men and women sailed from the land of the old world, near Jerusalem, where Christ was born, to the shores of America in flat-bottomed barges or boats. And here they built a fine, bright world. Then some of the men got greedy and wanted to take away from their brother all that he had. This started a great war, which lasted so long that nearly everyone was killed. Just a few years ago the records or the story of these people have been dug up out of the ground where they had been buried, and we want people all over the world today to read that story and make sure they do not become greedy and start a war which will destroy our fine, bright world.

The boy interrupted and asked why the raft was being used. He learned from Baker—"If we want people to read the story, the record of how these people started wars and destroyed their cities, then we have to first prove it was possible for them to sail over to America on rafts in the first place, don't we?"

Stroking his bewiskered jaw, Baker told us that the expedition would also shoot much adventure film, stuff you see on television or in the movies. Also the studies made by the scientists of ocean life is of the utmost importance to men interested in what's below the millions of miles of water.

An autographed copy of "The Raft," the story of four bearded men and a canine mascot drifting on an 18 x 24 foot raft for 69 days on the Pacific Ocean, completely at the mercy of wind and waves, and published by Capt. Baker in March, was presented to me at the conclusion of our interview.

The book made better reading than anything I had ever read before. Truly a narrative worth your time.

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Tartars Invade Beverly Hills

East Los Angeles Hosts El Camino

Juggling the starting five to pick up the slack left by mid-season ineligibilities, El Camino College's cage Warriors returned to the winner's circle with an 85-67 conquest of Santa Monica and hope to continue in winning ways tonight when they travel to East Los Angeles for a 8 p.m. battle.

After starting the year like it was headed to the conference championship, East L. A. has cooled off considerably and last week sank to its low ebb of the season in a loss at the hands of Valley.

Despite the down-hill movement of the Huskies, Huey Thomas still is the individual pace-setter in Metropolitan Conference scoring.

Thomas is averaging around the 27-point mark, including two games with 32 markers and a season high of 35 in one contest. Thomas has potted an average of 11 field goals per fray.

Coach George Stanich feels the Tribe is ready to meet the challenge, especially after the way the Indians man-handled Santa Monica.

Hot Duels Feature of Indoor Games

Three outstanding duels are set for the First Annual Los Angeles Times Indoor Games at Memorial Sports Arena Feb. 13.

One battle will be fought between Don Bragg, world indoor pole vault champion, and Bob Gutowski, holder of the world outdoor record of 15-8 1/4. "Tartar" Bragg's record is 15-9 1/4.

Also fighting it out on the boards will be champion hurdlers Lee Calhoun, Olympic and national outdoor 120-yard champion, and Elias Gilbert, National AAU indoor 60-yard hurdle champ. Calhoun and Gilbert will be pitted against each other in the 60-yard hurdle event.

Parry O'Brien, world champion shot-putter, again will meet the young challenger Dallas Long, a sophomore at SC. O'Brien's best is 63-4 outdoors and 63-1 indoors—the latter made at the recent Los Angeles Invitational but set aside because the shot-put was four ounces underweight.

This will be Long's first indoor try with the leather covered ball. His best to date outdoors is 63-7, accepted under NCAA standards, but not by AAU or world federation.

Long and O'Brien met four times last year with Long turning in a 63-2 at Santa Barbara Easter Relays to equal O'Brien's then world record of 63-2.

Relay fans will be in for a program loaded with top-notch university and high school talent. Eleven relay races are on tap and include the full gamut from a four-lapper for high schools to the university two-mile event.

Universities represented in the relays include Stanford, SC, UCLA, California, Occidental, Illinois, Oklahoma State, Arizona State.

Tickets are now on sale at Southern California Music Co., 797 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, and all Mutual Ticket Agencies.

South High Hosts Wrestling Finals

South High gym will be the scene of the Pioneer League Wrestling finals today at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. it was announced this morning by Joy Bebbiling of South High.

According to Bebbiling South has a good chance of taking many top honors with Dave Birmingham, Dennis Pointon, Stan Fleener, Dave Vogl and Ernie Iwata among the top contenders.

A large turnout is expected with admission free to Pioneer League ASB card holders, 25 cents for students without cards, 50 cents for adults.



TARTAR JV BOB CLARK (10) jumps high with two Eagle forwards in quest of the ball during Torrance-El Segundo game Tuesday afternoon. JV's didn't fare well, losing to the Eagles 57-50 as the varsity romped to a 79-56 victory.

THS Upsets Eagles; Weister Top Scorer

By John Whitacre
Torrance High's varsity cagers travel to Beverly Hills today to meet the Normans in a Pioneer League game beginning at 3 p.m. The Tartars defeated El Segundo 79-56 in a mild upset on the THS home floor last Tuesday.

Welcomed back, Bill Reinert was the story of Tuesdays game, as the senior guard led the Tartars to a two way tie with the Eagles for fourth place, Bill scored 18 points and cleaned off 20 rebounds to lead the THS men.

Reinert had been absent from the Tartar lineup for two weeks, but still remains as one of the top scorers in the league.

THS was behind 12-11 at the quarter mark but scored 21 points in the second period to lead the Eagles 32-31 at the half. The Tartars pulled away in the second half with 20 digits and 27 in the fourth.

Bob Weister kept his Pioneer League scoring lead with 22 digits, the "Blonde Bomber" now has 169 points in eight league games for a 21.5 average.

The junior forward only needs 40 points in the last four games to break Richard Roffells 434 points as a junior, Roffell went on to score over 500 digits in his senior year to become the greatest scorer in Tartar history.

Lynn Keller and Howard Taylor come up with both their best games this year, scoring 20 and 10 respectively.

In today's game, THS goes into the contest with a 3-6 record while the Beverly team stands 5-3 in league play, in the first round the Normans won out 65-54 on the Tartars court, but with Reinert back in form this reporter leans toward the Will Boerger men.

Box Score:
El Segundo 12 19 8 17-56
Torrance 11 21 20 27-79

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Bay, Pioneer League Hoop Standings

BAY LEAGUE		PIONEER LEAGUE			
W	L	W	L		
Mira Costa	10	1	Culver City	7	1
Santa Monica	9	2	Aviation	7	1
Inglewood	9	2	Beverly Hills	6	2
Redondo	5	6	El Segundo	3	8
Leuzinger	5	6	Torrance	3	5
North	3	8	South	1	6
Hawthorne	3	8	Lennox	0	7
Morningside	0	11			

Tuesday Results
Inglewood 45, Redondo 36
Santa Monica 60, Leuzinger 34
Mira Costa 71, Morningside 38
Hawthorne 72, N. Torrance 58

Tuesday Results
Torrance 79, El Segundo 56
Aviation 97, Lennox 45
Beverly Hills 45, Culver City 36
South Torrance not scheduled

Squaw Valley is Ready

Now that winter storms have blanketed Squaw Valley with long-awaited snow, everything is in readiness for the arrival of the world's top skiers and skaters for the VIII Olympic Winter Games, February 18-28.

Visitors returning from the Olympic site enthusiastically agreed that nothing is lacking for the nearly 800 expected competitors. Press descriptions of the fifty-building facility that has been five years in preparation have been glowing, indeed.

Coverage of the Games is expected to be the widest in history with up to 700 newsmen on hand.

Skiers and skaters began flocking to Squaw Valley with the first hint of snow, testing the Olympic facilities before the arrival of teams from all over the globe.

Skaters—Olympic competitors and public alike—have been using the ice arenas since the first of the year.

Dominating the Olympic Winter scene is the handsome, architectural prize-winning, Blyth Ice Arena. The 8,500-seat structure is in the center of the site of the forthcoming spectacle.

In front of the Arena is the 400-meter speed skating oval, flanked by the hockey rinks and two spectator centers. To the left of the Arena—front—is the heart of the Olympic operation: the administration, telephone, scoring and press buildings. Nestled not far away at the base of mammoth Squaw Peak is the Olympic Village, where the athletes will be housed, fed and entertained.

And there's a touch of Disney's magic, too. Huge, dramatic Snow Statues made of snow and ice line the Avenue of Athletes. A

"Salute to the Athletes of the World," they tower some 16 feet and depict skiers, ice skaters, jumpers and other Olympic participants.

An aura of anticipation fills the Valley, waiting only for the Games to begin.

Demeter 25th Dodger To Sign 1960 Contract

The signed contract of Don Demeter, rangy Dodgers' outfielder, has been tucked away in E. J. (Buzzie) Bavasi's files and now the Dodgers have 25 contented athletes as they head into the final week prior to the take-off for Dodgertown, Vero Beach, and the 1960 spring training season.

If Demeter had been able to project his brilliant 1959 get-away over the full season he would have figured high, if not on top, in the National League's Most Valuable Player poll—and the winning of the pennant would have been a lot easier for the Dodgers.

In the first two months of the season Don was by far the most timely hitter among the Dodgers and he was producing much of their convincing extra-base power. He batted in 31 runs in his first 30 games (through May 14) and in his first 64 games

(through June 24) he batted .301, hit 15 homers and drove in 53 tallies.

Battling a loss-of-weight problem, he then tailed off markedly and when the season had drawn to its close Don's batting average slumped to .256, his RBI count was at 70 and his home run production stalled at 18. Nevertheless, he led the Dodgers in RBIs until Snider passed him in August and was their top home run hitter until July when Gil Hodges caught him.

Don's 18 homers, hit against 18 different pitchers, were cudegeled against every club in the league except Cincinnati. His best record was against the Braves—5, three in Milwaukee. In one game (April 21, vs the Giants at the Coliseum) he hit three homers and drove in six runs. On June 11 (vs Philadelphia) he hit a pair out of the park and sent five runs over the plate.

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