

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.
Hall of Famer

Take any record book and try counting the major leaguers who have a lifetime batting average of .340 and you'll find you might get past your 10 fingers. During baseball '59 we got the opportunity to visit with one of the greatest hitters of all time—Hall of Famer George Sisler, now a batting coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

When first we approached the 66-year-old ex-first baseman, we met with resistance, for the cagy old gentleman was busy instructing youngsters like Dick Stuart on the fine points of hitting the ball past the infield. Several minutes later George beckoned us to the Pirate dugout and for the next 20 minutes we were treated to the most pleasant and informative interview we have had all year.

Pitchers Faster

"Fire away, young man," we were told.

"When did you break into major league baseball?"

Back in 1915 with the St. Louis Browns as a pitcher. Later when they found out I could hit better than pitch I was converted into an infielder.

"The record book says that you had a lifetime batting average of .340. Could you do the same if you were playing now?"

"Maybe better. Pitchers in those days were faster. Besides, my eyes were always sharp. I hit over .400 twice during my career.

"How long did your major league career last?"

From 1915 to 1927 with the Browns, then from '28 to '30 with the Boston Braves.

"What was your greatest disappointment?"

"Not playing in a single World Series game."

"Then what was your greatest thrill in baseball?"

"I've had many but actually my greatest thrill came on the last day of the 1951 season."

"How that?"

"My son, Dick Sisler, hit a home run in the ninth inning with Philly to put his team in the 1951 World Series."

Musial and Williams

"When were you elected to the Hall of Fame?"

"In 1939, nine years after I hung up my cap."

"Of present day ball players, whom would you like to see make it?"

"Stan Musial and Ted Williams."

"How are players now selected into the Hall of Fame?"

"First of all, those who vote must have at least 10 years' experience in writing sports or in the game that long in other capacities. Secondly, a list of 140 names is submitted to the electors. Each voter then puts down 10 men he thinks deserving. If 75 per cent of the votes show the same man, he is admitted into the Hall of Fame."

No Politics

"Do you agree with this system?"

"Partly."

"What part do you object to?"

"The list. Voters should pick the players without consulting a ready batting order."

"Do you have any suggestions?"

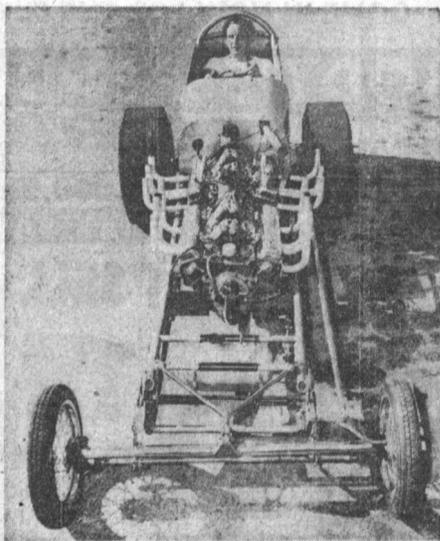
"Yes. All selections should be based on ability, such as statistics showing a player batting more than .300 for 10 years or more. Politics and sentimentality should be done away with."

"Of players already in the Hall of Fame—in your opinion are there any who are not deserving according to your standards?"

"There are too many in that don't belong and many out that do belong."

"What are your future plans?"

"Although I was born in Manchester, Ohio, I live in St. Louis during the winters—aside from this I hope to stay in baseball as long as I live during the spring and summers."



DOUBLE THREAT?—When the west's top gas-dragster drivers clash Sunday at Lions Associated Drag Strip, Long Beach, in the big Leap Year meet, Allen (Lefty) Muderbach hopes to regain world speed record he held a brief two weeks, only to lose it to Tommy Ivo, TV actor. Ivo set a mark of 168.22 m.p.h. from standing start in 1920 feet. Muderbach will have a three-engine "railbird" out to succeed this two-engine speedster, and may drag both. The day-long meet will start at 8 a.m. with top eliminator heats going from 1:30 p.m.

Pacific American Babe Ruth League Announces '60 Plans

There will be a general meeting of the Pacific American Babe Ruth League Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Newton Elementary School cafeteria, 23741 Nancy Lee Lane, in Ellinwood, it was announced today by league President Ralph E. Brogdon.

Listed for discussion are try-out registrations, introductions of new officers, plans for the year, and rules arbitration. The latter concerns efforts to prevent any boy from playing the bench for the season.

Brogdon also stated that try-outs will be held at the following dates and places: Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at South High School diamond, Sunday, March 13 1:30 p.m. at South High, and Saturday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at South High also.

Registration for tryouts may be made by phoning, mailing or making a personal appearance appointment with Joe Burden, player agent. Burden can be reached by calling FR 5-0950 or by writing to 264 Paseo de Gracia, Hollywood Riviera, Redondo Beach, California.

The following facts were also released for publication by Brogdon:

Board of Directors and officers, 1960 season:
President—Ralph E. Brogdon, 4802 Greenmeadows Ave., Torrance, FR 5-1995.
Vice President—Bill Lee, 5401 Paseo de Pablo, Hollywood Riviera, FR 5-4676.
Secretary—Howard Rollins, 5845 Reese Road, Torrance, FR 5-1441.
Treasurer—John McKinnon, 308 Via Buena Ventura, Hollywood Riviera, FR 5-4254.
Player Agent—Joe Burden, 264 Paseo de Gracia, Hollywood Riviera, FR 5-0950.

Sponsorship—Markle Sparks, 420 Paseo de las Estrellas, Hollywood Riviera.
Manager—Player Acquisition—Truman Adkins, 131 Via los Miradores, Hollywood Riviera, FR 5-2193.
By-Laws, Publ.—M. C. (Bob) Spaulding, 5314 Calle de Ricardo, Hollywood Riviera.
Equipment Mgr.—Rev. O. W. Fish, 24416 Hawthorne Avenue, Torrance, FR 5-7788.
Equipment Mgr.—Jay B. Mad-

den, 421 Paseo de las Estrellas, Hollywood Riviera.
Players Eligibility:
Age Limits—Any boy born prior to Sept. 1, 1947 and on or after Sept. 1, 1944 is eligible.
Tryouts—Attendance at at least two of the three scheduled tryouts, unless special arrangements for good cause are made through the League's Player Agent.
Boys returning from last year's squads are not required to try out.
Boys participating in High School Organized Sports MAY REGISTER with the Pacific American Babe Ruth League, but MAY NOT Tryout, Work out, or play in Babe Ruth during the Organized High School Sport Season, to protect their eligibility for High School Sports.
At the conclusion of the Organized High School Sports Sea-

son, the boy may then participate in Babe Ruth League Baseball. Boys who fall within this category MUST REGISTER FOR BABE RUTH with the LEAGUE PLAYER AGENT and notify him of this situation, in order that arrangements for participation and/or tryouts may be made.

Previous Registration or Tryout with Other Organized Baseball Leagues does not make you ineligible for Babe Ruth League play.

Boundaries:
Torrance city area South of Pacific Coast Highway, bounded by Lomita, Rolling Hills and Palms Verdes on East and South, Redondo Beach on the West, and North of Pacific Coast Highway, bounded by Redondo Beach city limits on the West, Sepulveda Blvd. on the North, Madrona Ave., Lomita Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd. on the East. Holly-

wood Riviera is WITHIN the boundaries.
Team Makeup:
(a.) Minimum of EIGHT (8) Teams.
(b.) Each team is composed of the following:
(1.) A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) 13 year olds.
(2.) A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) 15 year olds.
(3.) A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN (15) boys, ages (league) 13, 14, & 15.

Registration:
By phone, mail or personal appearance at General Meeting and Tryouts, THROUGH MARCH 19, 1960.
Opening Day—Tentatively, May 14, May 15, 1960.
Location of Ballpark:
South High School Baseball Diamond, South High School, Torrance. Same as last year.

WEISTER SHATTERS RUFFEL'S RECORD

PRESS Sports

Blond Bomber Paces THS to 86-36 Win

Torrance High Tartars after rolling over hapless Lennox 86-36 Tuesday, play host to third place Aviation tomorrow night in the last basketball game of the season for the fourth place Tartars.

Bob Weister THS's pride and joy scored his highest output of the season 29 didgets to up his Pioneer League scoring lead to 220 points in 11 games for 20 per game average going into tomorrow's 1960 final.

Coach Will Boerger's crew jumped off to a 21-14 first quarter lead and lengthened it to 38-23 half time score and poured it on for 48 in the last two stanzas to become the second highest output of Torrance High history which was set when Rich Ruffel was a senior in 1957 of 91 points.

Rounding out the Tartar scoring was Mike Challis 8, Lynn Keller 13, Bill Roberts 8, Howard Taylor 9, Terry Taylor 2, and senior guard Bill Reinert with 16.

Kite Contests Slated at City Parks Saturday

Junior-grade aeronautical engineers will test their creations Saturday when seven Torrance play areas conduct kite-flying contests.

The events are slated for 2 p.m. at El Nido, Walteria, Riviera Parks, Wood, Hamilton, and Anza school playgrounds and at 3:30 p.m. at El Retiro Park. The El Nido event will be combined with that at Flavian School playground.

Winners will be chosen from among design and performance classifications.

PONY League Tryouts Saturday

President Ron Hiner announced that registration and tryouts for the North Torrance Pony League's 6 teams will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Torrance High School, 3620 W. 182nd St.

Hiner said that a work party is scheduled every Saturday and Sunday from now on at the Baseball Field located at El Nido Park, 182nd & Kindsdale Ave., Torrance. The work parties will start at 9 and work through the afternoon. Hiner urged fathers and those interested in Youth Baseball to participate in these activities.

Managers for the 1960 season were announced recently. They are:

- Giants—Mike Dominguez.
- Braves—Adam Tseko.
- Pirates—John Robisan.
- Cubs—Russ Pausch.
- Dodgers—Bob Crampton.
- Cards—Herb Price.

Little League Sponsors Dance

The Central Torrance Little League's Benefit Dance will be held this Saturday evening, Feb. 27 in the American Legion Hall in Torrance from 9 to 1 a.m.

Funds derived from the dance will be used in the construction of a building and spectator stands at Mobil Field, 190th and Crenshaw.

Tickets are still available from team mothers or may be purchased at the door the night of the dance. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pony League Dinner Friday

The women's auxiliary of the North Torrance Pony League is having a Dime A Dip Dinner tomorrow, Friday, at MacMaster's Park for the financial benefits of the League, it was announced today by Mrs. Robert Williams, publicity chairman.

The dinner will be in progress from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Favorite foods will be offered buffet style and there will be a drawing for a new television set.

Lomita-HC Babe Ruthers Slated to Meet March 3

Registration of players for the Harbor City-Lomita Babe Ruth League will take place on March 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will take place in offices of John N. Conshafter, 1716 Lomita Blvd., Lomita.

Any boy born between Sept. 1, 1944 and Sept. 1, 1947 is eligible to play Babe Ruth League Baseball.

Boys who have played Babe Ruth baseball in previous years are reminded they MUST re-register to be eligible for play in 1960.

All boys must present a birth certificate and be accompanied by one or both parents. Fee for registration is \$2 per boy.

Boys are urged to register on one of these dates for sure, as only those who have completed registration will be eligible for try-outs on March 13.

Adults who are interested in managing, coaching, or otherwise assisting the league are urged to contact Mr. French at DA 6-0960 or Mr. Christofferson at DA 6-5042.

Big Field for Economy Run

The biggest field of late-model American automobiles in the 24-year history of the Mobilgas Economy Run will leave Los Angeles on April 2, bound for Minneapolis, it was announced today by A. C. Pillsbury, chief steward.

The 1960 passenger car classic will take off from the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, roll more than 2,000 miles over the longest course in the run's record, and finish five days later on April 6 in downtown Minneapolis.

Pillsbury predicted that nearly 50 new cars will be entered this year. He said they will range from high-price luxury models to a full complement of the new compacts.

An economy winner will be named in each of the six classes, and results will be measured in actual miles-per-gallon. There will be no overall mileage champion.

The field will be divided into the following classes: (A) compact; (B) low price, six cylinders; (C) low price, eight cylinders; (D) low medium price; (E) upper medium price; (F) high price.

The 1960 Mobilgas Economy Run will be governed and conducted by the United States Auto Club. Its officials will be responsible for selecting competing cars and seeing that they run without special gadgets or trick driving techniques.

Cars may be entered by manufacturers, dealers, dealer associations, or individuals. U.S.A.C. officials will select the entrants at random from assembly lines, dealer showrooms or warehouses. The cars will be immediately



ALL ROADS LEAD TO MINNEAPOLIS as far as the 1960 Mobilgas Economy Run is concerned. Chief Steward Art Pillsbury shows Doris Hancock, Misses Minneapolis, possible routes the cars may take from Los Angeles, April 2-6, to her hometown.

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