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THE UNORTHODOX SLUGGER

There have been outfielders, since Willie Mays broke into the major leagues, who have tried to impersonate the fun-loving number one ball-hawk of the San Francisco Giants.

Most of the ball chasers have tried the Willie belly catches and have come up with errors. Mr. Mays, besides being a king-pin at the plate, is the only one who has been able to roam the centerfield confines with razor sharp accuracy.

In the past two years, however, a rightfielder on the Pittsburgh Pirates has been making like a junior Willie Mays. He's maintaining a batting average that has stayed slightly over .300 for some time now.

Shy One

Roberto Clemente, a Cuban by birth, is as fast as foot as Willie but as shy as the Dodgers' Frank Howard.

When we talked with "Bob," during the World Champions' last home stand, he opened up for a few minutes prior to the game in the Pirate dugout.

The writers and the fans are beginning to compare you to Willie Mays. How do you feel about the comparison?

Whatever they say is O.K. with me except maybe if they say I make the kind of money he does.

Did you conscientiously try to "copy" Willie out there in the outfield?

I learn to catch before I know he around.

English Better

To what do you attribute your present hitting success? I don't know. I hit the same way I did last year. I'm just hot. I hit high ones, outside ones, and even balls around the ankles. Looks like everything I get bat on falls in for single or double. Just lucky, I guess.

I talked with you briefly in 1959. Your English seems to have improved. Did you study the language during the off season?

No, I just listen and pick up words.

Do you remember, during a Dodger-Pirate game here last year, when umpire Vinnie Smith threw you out of the game?

Yes, I recall. He call me out on a ground ball. I safe. I swear at him in Spanish. He no like and tells me to say it in English. I'm mad and tell him. He points finger at me and says I'm out of game. I say more bad words in Spanish and go to dugout.

Pirates to Win

Did you get a fine slapped on you from the National League office?

No, I lucky.

Do you think the Pirates can go all the way and win the pennant?

Yes. We have a good young club. Pitchers better than last year. I like extra money ballplayers get for World Series. I like to hit like this for rest of season. See you again. Got to get batting practice. Thank you mister.

At this writing the hustling young Pirate outfielder is still an unorthodox slugger but if he keeps it up no one can say he didn't try to put the Pirates into first place permanently.



CLEMENTE

—Press Photo



HERE'S JOHNNY OSSZEWSKI wearing his famed zero. He'll help carry the offensive backfield load of the Washington Redskins when they collide with the Los Angeles Rams August 19 in the Coliseum.

Mountain Camp Hosts Torrance Nine-Year-Olds

Five Torrance youngsters are attending Cedar Falls summer camp this week, 6000 feet above sea level in the San Bernardino mountains.

They are Cynthia Sue Eggs, 22129 Palos Verdes Blvd.; Beverly Grace Cox, 22032 S. Neptune; Donald Ray Dix, 22032 S. Neptune; Neil E. DuBose Jr., 21639 Howard; Jennifer C. Padlock, 22125 Palos Verdes.

The Torrance youths are attending an "adventurers' camp" for nine-year-olds with 200 youngsters from Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Located about 20 miles from Mentone, Calif., the camp is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During their 10-day camp stay, the youngsters will learn wilderness survival techniques, study various phases of nature and attend outpost pioneer, frontier and Indian areas of the camp.

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In the playoffs at Blair Field, one team will be determined to represent the West in the World Series. To receive the crown, the candidate must have been selected by her city to be the CML queen and then must have sold the most tickets to the playoffs. Each ticket that is sold is worth 100 points to the queen hopefuls. The winner then will be given tourney World Series tickets to St. Joseph, Mo.

The tickets have been distributed within the past week, and at the moment a queen hopeful is selling the tickets in Torrance.

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Ten-Event Card Slated at Gardena Oval

Today will be a double-header day at the Gardena Stadium, when Stock Car Racers take over the track for a 10-event racing program in the afternoon, followed in the evening by the gigantic 100-car Destruction Derby.

Heading the list of entries for the Stock car races will be four top pilots, Jim Blomgren, Norwalk; Termitte Snyder, Los Angeles; Johnny Jones, Hawthorne and Bruce Worrell, Lakewood. Over 40 cars are expected to be on hand for the first race at 2:30 p.m. Admission for adults is \$1.50 with kids free.

This evening the famous Destruction Derby takes to the track in an eight event show featuring the wrecking of more than 100 automobiles. Leading fender-bender will be Dick Adkins of Canga Park, a newcomer to the winner's circle at the track, who captured last week's main event.

His top competition will come from last week's second and third place finishers, Jud Grant, Venice, and Harry Nobel, Westminster. Both drivers pilot Chevrolets and are running the top 10 in championship points.

Other top pilots entered include Howard Walton, Hawthorne; Bob Goddard, Malibu; Roger Hazher, Torrance; Gene Millard, Lynwood; Lamarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Ike Valdez, El Monte; Orvill Allen, Monrovia; Lloyd Brooks, Los Angeles and Dite Wall, Lancaster.

Also carded on the program are several team races, headed by the all-negro team led by Woody Pridgett against the All-Star team captained by Howard Walton. The first event will begin at 8 p.m.

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