

Saxons Head Off Inglewood with 3-2 Win

Heaven Help the Angels

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles, by the Press' baseball authority Mike Callas, dealing with Los Angeles' newest major league organization, the Angels. On these revealing installments the writer, in Palm Springs during Angel spring training, will tell you how the organization came into being; why certain men were chosen to lead the destinies of the club; little known facts on the ballplayers who are on the Angels; the team's chances for becoming a pennant contender in the next five years; and why Heaven is needed to help the Angels.

BY MIKE CALLAS

In the nineteen thirties a multi-millionaire bought a major league baseball team. The writers and the public addressed him as Tom Yawkey and the club he purchased was the Boston Red Sox of the American League. Presumably on the grounds that wealth can buy anything, including a championship organization. Almost immediately Yawkey began to shed banknote after banknote. He acquired the best players available to strengthen the club Boston fans claimed as their own. In slightly less than 30 years, the high-salaried, expensively-gotten ballplayers awarded him with one—just one—American League pennant. World Series? They didn't, and still don't know, the meaning in the Bean City.

On Monday, December 5, 1960, another heavy bank depositor decided to make like Yawkey by buying into the baseball business. Famed as a cowboy singer the world over during the era of quickie westerns, Gene Autry climaxed the fulfillment of a dream. The new American League franchise, Los Angeles, was his. Before he and his partners—Bob Reynolds; former two-time All-American football star at the University of Stanford and presently a radio station executive with Autry's KMPC in Los Angeles and Leonard K. Firestone, of the rubber company that made his name synonymous with auto tires—could field a major-league baseball team in the 1961 campaign the trio had kissed off slightly over five million dollars. Unlike Yawkey's purchases, more than two million went for a motley collection of players ranging in length from fading semistar of the game to rookies so uncertain that their minor league owners were overwhelmed with happiness after the transaction.

COMMON KNOWLEDGE

It's common knowledge, to all followers of Autry's that Gene was discovered by the great American humorist Will Rogers. It's also on record that the ex-western cowboy star possesses a sharp business mind. It's also true that Los Angeles baseball fans supported the National League Dodgers beyond even the already vivid imagination of prexy Walter O'Malley. In three years almost six million loyal diamond lovers passed through the turnstiles of the Los Angeles Coliseum, home of the Dodgers. Autry's vision was twenty-twenty and it wasn't difficult for him to reason that a portion of the multitude would come to see his Angels play. How many is now the Wall Street question of the day among Los Angeles sportswriters and wire services. The prediction, among the writers covering the team, is that Gene made the biggest mistake of his business career.

As a young man in Oklahoma, Autry followed the exploits of his home state heroes—the Waner boys, Pepper Martin, Dizzy and Paul Dean, and Carl Hubbell, among others. He played semi-professional ball and when the chance for a tryout came he did not take advantage of it. Perhaps he lacked confidence in his baseball ability. Still his love of the game, as a fan, grew and grew. Later, in 1958 and '59, his radio station carried the Dodger games at home and away. He made more money and was seen at the Coliseum almost regularly. Just before the '60 season got under way, O'Malley bolted and shifted his love to KFI, a member station of NBC's vast network hook-up. Autry felt like a lassoed calf, dragged away from his huge morsels of food.

Next Sunday the writer tells why Autry and Reynolds were given the American League Los Angeles franchise.

School Coaching Assignments

Opening day coaching assignments for Dodger players at Leo Durocher's California Baseball School were announced Saturday. Six top Dodger stars will take charge of classes at six locations next Saturday morning (April 15). Instructor assignments send pitcher Don Drysdale to Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, the outfielder Tommy Davis to Serra High in Gardena, pitcher Johnny Podres to Mormon Temple Field in West L.A.,

second baseman Charlie Neal to Pius X High in Downey, pitcher Larry Sherry to Rosemead High and outfielder Duke Snider to Mt. San Antonio College.

Vice-president Danny Dare announced that openings remain available for boys between 8 and 15 at each of the six locations. Enrollments are being taken at 490 S. San Vicente, Los Angeles, 48, Olive 3-6930.

Bruins Head League at Basketball Playoffs

The WALTERIA Park Bruins finished the season last week with a top record of 18 wins and two losses, it was reported by officials of the City sponsored youth basketball league.

Playing in the Skyline League, for 5th and 6th graders, at South High against nine other teams, they ended up in a three way tie for first place with the Palos Verdes Redskins and the Hillside Cowboys.

In the playoffs they edged the Cowboys, 12-11, on two clutch free throws by Chuck

Fernandes in the last nine seconds of play.

In the championship game they lost to the Redskins 27-17. The Redskins, twice winners against the Bruins, were the only team to edge the diminutive five.

29 POINT AVERAGE

In their 20 games, the Bruins averaged 29 points per game while holding their opponents to an average of 13 points.

High scorers for the Bruins were Chuck Fernandes, with 130 points and a 7.2 point average; Donald Hunt, 43 points, 5.9 average; and Gary Mousseau, 88 points, 4.6 average.

Bruins scored 53 points in a single game at South High, which is the Skyline League record.

Each team member received a trophy after the final game on March 25 and individuals will receive sportsmanship trophies and most valuable player awards at a picnic this afternoon at WALTERIA Park.



TOP TEAM—Members of the Bruins, top team in the city sponsored youth basketball league that completed play last week, posed yesterday for their official pictures. Shown are Mike Sampson, coach, top; Bobby

Brooks, Don Hunt and co-captain Gary Mousseau, second row; and Greg Goble, Paul Padmos, Louis Reyes, Dickie Campbell and co-captain Chuck Fernandes, bottom row.

Bettenhausen Kicks Off Ascot Midgets April 15

Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Ill., veteran of 23 years of automobile racing, heads a major league field of drivers for the USAC national championship midget car program Saturday night, April 15, at Ascot Stadium, Gardena.

J. C. Agajanian has scheduled a seven event program featuring a 50-lap main event with the fastest 24 qualifiers going to the post.

Bettenhausen, who began his career driving midgets back in 1938, has won about every eye of race imaginable save the big one at Indianapolis and he vows he'll take that one next May 30. He has competed in 14 500-milers.

Jimmy Davies of Gardena, 1960 national midget car champion, has also filed his entry for next Saturday night and he'll have a big home town rooting section. Davies drove in five Indy races and was third in his last one in 1955.

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Warriors Host Harbor in Friday Diamond Match

El Camino College's baseballers played host to Harbor JC Friday, when the Seahawks invaded Warrior territory for ECC's fourth conference encounter.

Coach Chuck Freeman's varsity nine remained idle over the Easter Vacation.

Until the week's lay off, the Indians had not lost a game on their home grounds. EC has won three victories, including an 8-3 triumph over Orange Coast, last year's State Champions.

Only blemishes on the Warrior home record were 6-6 and 5-5 standstills with USC and UCLA, respectively.

heats. There'll also be a 12-lap semi-main. Racing Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock, qualifying at 7.

Name Meschery, Burgess to Face Globetrotters

Frank Burgess of Gonzaga and Tom Meschery of St. Mary's, hailed as the two outstanding seniors of Pacific Coast collegiate basketball, this week were named to the 1961 College All-Americans who meet the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters at the Los Angeles Sports Arena April 15.

He led the WCAC the past season in rebounding with an average of 15.9 per game.

North Trails Morningside by One Game

The North High School baseball team climbed back in the Bay League race with a crucial 3-2 win over visiting Inglewood High Tuesday afternoon. The clutch pitching of Carey Hubert and the hitting of Sparky Davidson sparked the Saxon win.

Hubert struck out eight and walked two in taming the Sents. Two home runs by Elliot Mercer and Ron McClellan for both Inglewood runs. Hubert spaced five hits.

North scored its three runs in the key fourth inning. Bob Wallace singled and Gerald Colen was safe on a fielder's choice as the Sents missed forcing Wallace at second. Dave Lippman slashed a hit to center to load the bases. Gary Wright grounded out and scored Wallace. Bob Trevathan squeezed in Colen with the second run. Davidson's second hit drove in the winning run.

North is now 2-1 in league play and trails Morningside by one game. The Saxons are 7-4 on the season and travel to Hawthorne in a game that will unlock second place today.

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It is the time of year at Gable House where new leagues are beginning, others are terminating, and some are rolling their sweepstakes.

NEED TEAMS

The housewives have been notified of their league meeting dates according to the individual averages. Jerry Homel has organized some evening leagues which still need teams.

The following is a list of the league names including day and time, type, and meeting date:

- a. Stardusters — Monday, 9 p.m., Men's handicap, May 22.
- b. Merchants Handicap — Tuesday, 9 p.m., Men, April 18.
- c. Twilite 5's — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Men, May 3.
- d. Thursday Scratch — Thursday, 9 p.m., Men, May 4.
- e. Thursday Handicap — Thursday, 9 p.m., Men, May 4.
- f. Thursday Mixed Handicap — Thursday, 6:30 p.m., April 27.
- g. Sunsetters — Friday, 6:30 p.m., Mixed, May 12.
- h. Gable Owls — Friday, 9 a.m., mixed, April 21.

The leagues still need a few bowlers, so if you are interested and want some summer evening fun, sign up for one of these leagues now. The leagues will start one week after designated meeting dates.

LEAGUE OF WEEK

The NorAir Engineering three points Scratch League which bowls Wednesday nights at 6:30, takes this weeks bows. There are ten teams with five men on each.

Team two (Timber Toppers) and four (Elbow Benders) are tied for first place with 52 wins and 35 losses.

Team two members and their averages are F. Connors, 177; W. Curie, 170; A. Dalcher, 162; C. Brookley, 154; and N. Diamant, 151.

Team four members and averages are R. Jackson, 170; E. Lang, 167; A. Krauszer, 158; L. Mitchell, 156; and B. Stastny, 150.

Weekly high scores are held by HS, F. McCann, and HG, J. Wolfe, 241.

Season high totals to date credit HS, W. Curie, 650 and HG, E. Kong, 268.

Members on the weekly honor roll are F. Mc Cann, 554; V. Shiry, 546; K. Stafford, 535; F. Connors, 532; and E. Long, 530.

High game credits were rolled by J. Wolfe 241; L. Duran, 224; F. Mc Cann, 222; F. Connors, 208; and V. Shiry, 208.

These bowlers picked some original team names such as Five Hits, Lumber Jacks, Rolling Five, Arriba's, Bowllairs, Keemo Sobbies, Peaks Punks, and Woodpeckers.

GABLE NEWS

The Wednesday night men singles scratch league has gotten under way. Their averages range from 170-190. Come over and watch these guys bowl, and I'll guarantee that you will see some pretty good games rolled.

Colored league sheets will be Gable's new summer fashion. If you are tired of the plain white ones, just wait and see what color your league sheet is next week.

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