

Little League's to Stage Motor Parade

Mike Callas



"PLAY ME OR TRADE ME" MUTTERS RON FAIRLY

Prior to the 1960 season, and just after spring training, Don Zimmer muttered to General Manager Buzzie Bavasi to "Play me or trade me." The Dodger boss immediately negotiated and the scrappy shortstop found himself wearing a Chicago Cubs uniform. It was that easy.

In nine days, May 12, the National League demands that a club cut its roster to 25 players. Actually the teams can carry 27 provided the extra two are on the disabled list. With Roebuck due to come off any day and Duke Snider, a Dodger mainstay, shortly thereafter, it looks as if several Dodgers should start readying themselves for the likes of Spokane.

Who's going north is not our concern at the moment. Outfielder Ron Fairly is, however. According to the rules he cannot be sent down again. He must either remain on the roster of the Dodgers or traded away.

PREFERS DODGERS—BUT
Ron was a bonus baby in 1958. An estimated \$68,000 was laid out for him. In 1959 he was carried on the Dodger playing mostly whenever righthanders were used against the Los Angeles nine. His action was limited, however. As a benchwarmer it was difficult to convince Bavasi and Alston that he was a major-leaguer. When 1960 rolled around Fairly was given his fare to Spokane. The excuse was that he missed most of spring training because of a military chore. The red headed youngster powered the pill for a better than .300 average and in September of last year he was recalled once again by the Dodgers. Again he warmed as much bench as was to be had.

Fairly prefers to stay with the Dodgers. He's an ex-SC product who's made many friends in Southern California. He was used sparingly in Florida and through last Sunday's doubleheader in Chicago his statistics show that he had come to the plate four times officially, with one big hit.

DIFFICULT FOR BAVASI
With a loaded outfield Fairly poses a problem for Bavasi. The latter realizes that were Fairly gracing the roster of another National League team his potential at the plate would come forth. In many instances against the Dodgers. On the other hand Ron wants to play regularly—even against just righthanders. Prior to the trip east Fairly told this reporter that he wanted Bavasi to "play me or trade me!" The good natured long ball hitter stated further: "I know I belong in the majors. It's the only place for a baseball player. I want to stay with the team but if it means the bench I'm for going with another club even if they are in last place!"

With Zimmer Bavasi's decision wasn't too difficult. He had Maury Wills, Bobb Lillis and Charlie Smith, the latter coming into his own in Spokane, to insert. Besides Don couldn't hurt the Dodgers—much. In Fairly's case Buzzie finds himself in a dilemma.

For my money I'm for sending Willie Davis down and retaining Ron. Davis has not proved that he is quite ready for the majors. Fairly has.

School Carnival

Excitement and anticipation fill the air at St. Margaret Marys parish as preparations for the annual school carnival are made. There is good reason for this as many

treats such as sno-cones, cotton candy, ice cream, delicious food and games will be enjoyed on the school grounds. The date for the big event is Wednesday May 10 and the time is from 12 noon until 9 p.m.



POSE WITH PRIZE—Nine members of Fermin Lasuen's undefeated baseball team pose with Grand Prize Comet which will be awarded on final evening of Lasuen's Fiesta slated for May 12, 13 and 14 on school campus at 2100 South Western Ave. in San Pedro.

Southwood LL Hosts 400 At Opening Ceremonies

An opening day crowd of approximately 400 persons were on hand at Tibben Field Saturday morning to witness opening day ceremonies.

A special plaque was presented to Ray Tibben, "Mr. Southwood Little League," for his untiring efforts of the past four year sin organizing the league an keeping it going. Dyrl Falls was selected as Crown Queen of the Southwood National Little League and selected as her princesses were Joan Bongard and Linda Wheeler.

GAME SCORES
Saturday
Cardinals 1 0 0 0 2 0-3 (Sponsored by Border's Markets)
Cubs 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 (Sponsored by Dominguez Water Co.)
Paul Gadbois, with Mike Sellars catching, was the winning pitcher, striking out 13 batters, and getting three hits to help himself. Jim Castleman, with Harold Hager catching, was the losing pitcher.
Redlegs 3 2 4 8 0-17 (International House of Pancakes)
Braves 0 0 0 1 0 1-2 (Don Wilson Builders)
Winning pitcher was John Black with D. K. Peak catching. Gary Swanson and Mike Constantino each hit home runs with one on for the winning Redlegs. Losing pitcher

Pacific-Riviera Pony Leaguers Open '61 Season

Two close pitching duels and a slugfest opened the Pacific Riviera Pony baseball league on Sunday at Kissel Field. The Colts edged the Wranglers 2-0 on Bill Beasley's one hitter and the Pintos defeated the Harbor Savings Roans 2-1. Broncos outslugged the Mustangs 12-8 in the nitecap.

The Colts scored in the second inning on an error and singles by Rod Coleman and Buddy White and added their second tally in the fifth on a walk and a double by Darrell Kirkruff. Bill Beasley hung up 14 strikeouts and allowed just one single while Doug Harvey for the losers had 8 strikeouts and gave up four hits. In the Pinto-Roan game, the first score came in the fifth inning when Bill Desmond and Tim Fitzpatrick opened with singles and advanced on pass ball. With two strikes on Mike Montgomery, he laid down a bunt which was thrown in the dirt at the plate and both men scored. Roans came up with a run in the seventh but the rally fell short. The winners collected four hits off Dale St. John and had 13 men go down via the strikeout route.

Final Tryouts For Tordena Colts Saturday

Final tryouts will be held Saturday for the Tordena Colt League it was reported yesterday by Whitney Gillibrand, president of the youth group. Teams are composed of youngsters from Torrance and Gardena.

Tryouts will be held at the North High School baseball field, corner of Yukon and West 182nd St. Two preliminary tryouts were held March 15 and 25 at the same location. Gillibrand said that the Colts will field 14 youngsters on opening day, Saturday, June 3. About 50 local youths are expected to turnout for Saturday's session.

Ray Allen allowed two hits for the Pintos and struck out 11 men. The Broncos slugged 14 hits to defeat the Mustangs led by Marc Klugman who hit the first homer of the season in the fifth inning with two men aboard. He also doubled in the first with one on.

Motorcade To Precede Sat. Tordondo LL Opener

Tordondo Little League opening day will be Saturday 11:30 a.m. at their two-diamond field, 5417 Halison St. A motorcade will precede the opener at 10 a.m. Talisman and Carmelyn in Torrance.

Major league scout George Metkovich will participate in opening day ceremonies as 344 boys start the season.

Tordondo takes pride in being able to organize these boys into 20 uniformed teams and 44 in their training school.

There are eight major teams and 12 minor teams in the league and it takes some 150 adult volunteers, participating as managers, coaches, umpires, score-keepers, team

First Baseman Will 'Teach' at Baseball School

Ted Kluszewski and four other members of the Los Angeles Angels will take charge of instruction at next Saturday morning's classes of Leo Durocher's California Baseball School.

Assignments will send "Big Klu," the slugging first baseman, to Notre Dame High (Sherman Oaks), catcher Del Rice to Mormon Temple Field (West Los Angeles), second baseman Ken Aspromonte to Serra High (Gardena), pitcher Eli Grba to Pius X High (Downy) and outfielder Albie Pearson to Mt. San Antonio College.

The Angel coaching staff alternates with a complete staff of Dodger stars, depending on which team is playing at home.

Enrollment information is available by contacting the school main office, 490 S. San Vicente, Los Angeles 48, OLIVE 3-6930. The complete eight-week course is open to boys between 8 and 15.

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