

Foulk Fans 13 as South Wins, 4-1

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Baseball Sagging

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Veteran baseball personalities—and the nation's news media—are having a field day on sagging baseball attendance.

Many have described baseball as a "pitcher-dominated sport" where few runs are scored. Where the home run and batting averages are fading.

The famed Harris Poll indicates baseball's popularity is suffering.

What—if any—single factor has caused attendance to dip; some to claim the game has deteriorated to the realm of boredom?

Rod Dedeaux, veteran and successful college mentor at powerhouse USC, and an ex-major league shortstop with the old Brooklyn Dodgers, is a keen observer of the game.

He views all types of action in Little League, high school, junior college, college, minor league and major league circles. Therefore, his knowledge is extensive.

"All sports go through a trend," Dedeaux enumerates. "There are many factors to the claim baseball is slipping in popularity. I believe the most important is that league owners have gone for baseball parks that have playing fields that are too large from a dimensional point."

Dedeaux says that as a result of such large dimensions some hitters are having balls caught that formerly would have been extra base hits or home runs. "Right away some excitement is cut down because a hitting factor is hampered by distance," he added.

"Babe Ruth made the game exciting with his home runs. People want action. They want the thrill of seeing a ball hit into the distance. They love to see the ball disappear. Excitement is what they want."

"In college baseball the games are just as exciting because the dimensions of the parks are practically the same and have not undergone drastic changes."

"If ball parks feature dimensions that are fair to both the hitter and pitcher you will see more action and more excitement and as a result more fans will return to the major league parks," Dedeaux said in conclusion.

Sulkies To Race At Night

Hollywood Park and Western Harness disclosed Friday they had reached agreement on a new long-term lease for sulky racing at the Inglewood course and that night racing is expected to begin in 1969.

The lease is for 20 years, and will replace the present three-way lease that exists among Western Harness, Hollywood Park and Santa Anita.

Thus, the sulky season scheduled to begin on Sept. 30 at Hollywood Park and last through Dec. 23 will be the last daytime harness meeting in the Southland.

Los Alamitos, which began installing lights some weeks ago, will get a jump on Western Harness by inaugurating night quarter horse racing on July 23 if a dispute between the track and mutual clerks over wages can be settled.

From 1946 through 1953, Western Harness conducted on alternate years a spring meeting at Santa Anita and a fall meeting at Hollywood Park. From 1954 through 1966, WHRA staged split meetings, racing in the spring at Santa Anita and in the fall at Hollywood Park.

In 1967, all the Western Harness dates were raced at Hollywood Park and all the sulky racing this year is scheduled for Hollywood Park, even though the three-way lease agreement among Western Harness, Hollywood Park and Santa Anita has remained in effect.

The three-way lease will be terminated at the end of 1968, and will be replaced by the new 20-year lease between Hollywood Park and Western Harness.

CIF AAA BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Andahl	000 000	0-0	3.2	
Laura	000 100	x-1	4.0	
Valentine and Mahoney; Smith and Crogan	200 001	0-4	8.0	
Azusa	300 001	0-4	8.0	
Notre Dame	300 000	x-5	6.1	
Jones and Murray; C. Vella and Learnell	600 000	0-6	7.0	
Glenn	600 000	0-6	7.0	
Dietero and Winger; Birkel, Kettle (1) and Maggard	010 000	0-1	4.1	
Muir	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Thousand Oaks	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Whitman and Swedlow; Whan (7); Phillips and Tarvin	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Urcadia	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Warren	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Larkin and Sahagun; Martine and Lawrence	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Excelsior	000 000	0-2	6.1	
L.B. Poly	120 000	x-3	9.2	
Landgreen; Poney (5) and Richardson; George and Horne	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Morningside	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Palos Verdes	100 100	x-2	3.0	
Vorheis and Boyd; Stare and Swick	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Santa Barbara	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Glendale	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Williams and Linkie; Wess and Straub	000 000	0-2	6.1	
St. Anthony	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Alhambra	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Clark and Guesco; Morales and Rice	000 000	0-2	6.1	
Gahr	000 000	0-2	6.1	
South Hills	101 000	x-2	4.1	
Orozco and Liook; Shields and Fitzsimmons	000 200	0-2	5.1	
Westminster	001 000	0-1	5.1	
Ratch and Diggle; Bane and Weider	000 000	0-1	6.2	
Costa Mesa	000 000	0-1	6.2	
Ramona	000 000	0-1	6.2	
Savanna	000 120	x-3	8.1	
Whitaker and King; Oglesby and Arulliers	000 100	0-1	9.0	
L.B. Jordan	000 100	0-1	9.0	
Kotler, Scheidt (5) and Kirksey; Scheidt, Bolanski (5) and Clendenning	000 000	0-0	3.3	
Tuesday's Pairings				
L.B. Poly vs. Laura				
Thousand Oaks vs. Rolling Hills				
South vs. Notre Dame				
Palms vs. Bellflower				
South Hills vs. Glendale				
Savanna vs. St. Anthony's				
Dominguez vs. Palos Verdes				

"Milt is the exact type of quarterback we sought to fit into our organization," Allen says.

"Milt has the right type of maturity to prepare himself to be ready to step in and help us win games. He's a very accurate passer, he's most intelligent and he will profit by the change of scenery here."

In 1963, the Rams utilized rookie Terry Baker and second-year man Roman Gabriel at quarterback. With Gabriel now a six-year veteran and Plum an 11-year man, the Rams will present the most experienced quarterbacking duo in their history this year.

For the 27-year-old Gabriel, the 1968 season will mark only his third year as a full-time starter. But in 1967 Gabe proved he deserves to be rated among the league's top signalcallers.

His final 1968 quarterback ranking was fourth behind Jurgensen, Unitas, and Tarkenton and only Jurgenson (3.1) had a lower frequency of interceptions than Gabe. Gabriel's lifetime interception ratio of 3.5 is, in fact, the best for any active NFL quarterback.

NEW ASSISTANT COACH
Garnie Hatch, head basketball coach at Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Fla., has accepted the position as assistant coach at Pepperdine College.

CAR CARAVAN
Datsun Owners Club of America will have a car caravan to Busch Gardens Sunday. The caravan will leave the May Co. parking lot at Hawthorne Blvd. and Artesia Blvd. at 9:30 a.m.



TWO PLATOON . . . Going into the second round of the CIF "AAA" baseball playoffs, Coach Jerry McIlvaine (center) of South High has two stellar pitchers to throw against Notre Dame Tuesday. Dick Foulk (right) won the first round game from Sunny Hills Friday, 4-1, and Wade Linstad (left) will probably get a shot at the mound in the next outing. They were rotated in South High's climb to the Bay League championship. (Press-Herald Photo)

HIT BY PITCHER

Rolling Hills Wins 1-0 Game from West

Pitcher Daryl Arenstein ripped a sharp bouncer that West second baseman Skip Hogue could not handle, and the hit scored Mike Mendelson with the only run of the game and gave Rolling Hills a 1-0 CIF baseball victory Friday afternoon.

For seven innings Arenstein and Glen Males of West pitched shutout ball, but in the bottom of the eighth Mendelson walked and went to second when a bunt by Jeff Rose went through Males' legs.

Paul Fieri socked a single to left field to load the bases with no outs. Arenstein hit a ball that would ordinarily be a doubleplay ball, but with the infield playing "up," Hogue was unable to make a clean scoop on the ball. It rolled to second base and the winning run was home.

Rolling Hills had a similar opportunity in the seventh when Gary Beeks singled and

Mike Maynes was safe bunting, but after advancing on a wild pitch, Dudley Wigdahl fanned, Beeks was run down on a squeeze play, and David Gill grounded out.

Arenstein tried to steal home with two away in the sixth but was tagged out by Catcher Chris Fredericks. A moment earlier Paul Fieri was gunned down at the plate when Centerfielder Dave Boyd retrieved a base hit by Tom Schiff and made

a perfect throw to the plate. The game moved rapidly until the top of the sixth when Boyd was safe on an error, stole second, and got to third on Hogue's hit. On a delayed double steal, Boyd was almost picked off third, but he crashed into Rose at the bag and the baseball came loose from the fielder. Coach Mike Gillespie of Rolling Hills got hot under the collar from protesting the play at third. The delay lasted eight minutes. A strikeout and popfly ended the inning.

Arenstein, who won his ninth straight game, gave up five hits. Hogue got three of them. Both pitchers had eight strikeouts.

Males caught up 9 hits. Getting two each were Rose, Fieri and Beeks. One of Beeks' hits was a second inning triple, but he was stranded on third after getting there with one away.

Notre Dame Is Next Opponent

High scoring Sunny Hills High School was eliminated from the CIF "AAA" baseball playoffs in the first round by South High Friday. The Lancers got only a fourth-inning home run by Gordon Carter in a 4-1 loss to the Spartans. The game was played at windy South High where Carter's drive sailed more than 400 feet from home plate.

Another long home run in the first inning by Jeff Wang accounted for South's first two runs. Dan Pace, who walked, scored ahead of Wang.

The Spartans got another run in the inning when Steve Trudell blooped a single, went to third on Brent Barron's hit, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Steve Shrader.

Dick Fouk, who had handcuffed the Lancers with 13 strikeouts and allowed them only six hits, helped his own cause with the bat by tripping in the sixth to score Steve Shrader who doubled.

Roy Ricks, who was inserted in the lineup at third base when Coach Jerry McIlvaine decided to switch Trudell to catcher late in the Bay League season, kept the Spartans out of trouble in the sixth with a fielding gem.

McIlvaine has become particularly satisfied with the way Ricks began swinging the bat late in the season. The coach has always been aware of the player's ability to play the infield.

Trudell is the third catcher used by South this year. He is a three-year veteran of the varsity infield.

South has a potent one-two pitching combination with Fouk and Wade Linstad. When the Spartans play Notre Dame Tuesday at a site yet to be announced, McIlvaine will have both pitchers available in the sudden-death eliminations.

Sunny Hills		South	
ab	r	ab	r
Whitler 1b	4 0 0	H'hor 1f	3 0 2
McNeil 2b	2 0 1	Pace ss	2 1 0
Staff 3b	4 0 1	Wang cf	3 1 1
Carter cf	3 1 1	T'dell c	3 1 2
Cox lf	3 0 1	Bron 1b	3 0 1
Edgard rf	3 0 0	Sh'ar 2b	2 1 1
Berry c	3 0 1	Lehto rf	3 0 0
Fowler 2b	2 0 0	Ricks 3b	3 0 0
Mcinnr ph	0 0 0	Fouk p	3 0 1
Walker p	2 0 1		
Totals	27 16	Totals	25 4 8

Eddie Sauer In 2 Events

Eddie Sauer of Torrance will invade Gardena's Ascot Park for tonight's doubleheader program of Figure 8 modified and stock car racing. Action will start at 7:30 p.m. with the first of ten races. Time trials start at 6 p.m.

Sauer, two-time figure 8 champion over Ascot's cross-course, will be driving in both the modified and stock car classes. He handles a mighty 427-cubic-inch Ford V-8 in the modifieds, and a Dodge in the stock car class.

Saxons Beaten By Bucs

Bellflower scored two runs in the first inning and two more in the sixth to hand North High a 4-1 defeat in the first round of the CIF "AAA" baseball playoffs Friday.

The Bucs' Steve Staggs greeted North pitcher Brian Smith with a triple in the first inning. After Rich Wilkens walked, Staggs scored on a sacrifice fly.

Wilkens scored on an error and Smith was in more trouble when he loaded the bases with one away, but he retired the next two in a row.

North catcher Dave Skaggs singled and scored the Saxons' lone run in the fifth on a ground out.

Bellflower scored twice in the sixth and knocked Smith out of the box. Both runs were unearned.

North's first hit off winning pitcher Mike Seberger was a fourth inning single by Art Frasquillo.

Bellflower will play Ramona in the second round of the playoffs.

Riviera League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tigers	5	2	.533	
Yankees	4	2	.667	
Orion	3	3	.500	
Angels	3	3	.500	
Indians	0	6	.000	5

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Athletics	4	2	.667	
Orion	4	2	.667	
Red Sox	3	3	.500	
Yankees	3	3	.500	
White Sox	3	3	.500	
Indians	2	4	.333	
Red Sox	1	5	.167	3

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tigers	5	0	1.000	
Angels	4	2	.667	
Indians	3	3	.500	
Orion	3	3	.500	
Yankees	3	3	.500	
Red Sox	2	4	.333	
White Sox	0	6	.000	6

WAVES SIGN HUBBARD
Vern Hubbard, a 6-10 center from Vashon High School in St. Louis, Missouri, has revealed he will enroll at Pepperdine College it was announced by basketball coach Gary Colson.



ERROR AT FIRST . . . When an infield throw to Rolling Hills first baseman Mike Maynes (left) bounced in the dirt and could not be handled, Catcher Tom Schiff went down the line to retrieve the ball. Hustling safely back to the bag is Dave Boyd of West High who was safe on the play. Rolling Hills scored a run in the eighth inning to win the CIF playoff ball game, 1-0. (Press-Herald Photo)