

## Clutch Man In Basketball

John Havlicek provides the Boston Celtics with a perennial problem yet to be solved after six starring years in the National Basketball Association.

It is a pleasant problem for player-coach Bill Russell but nonetheless a perplexing one.

To state it simply, what is John Havlicek and where should he play? Is he Boston's sixth man a la Frank Ramsey, the man who comes off the bench to spark the ball club with hustle and rapid-fire scoring? Or is he a starter playing the strong, steady game demanded of a front liner?

Every year he has played as a sixth man through most of the season but when the going gets really tough, often as not, Havlicek becomes a starter. The question always amuses former coach and now general manager Red Auerbach.

"What do I care whether Havlicek is a starter or not," the canny redhead says. "What matters to me is who is on the floor when the game is over, when it is decided. Havlicek is the one I always wanted there and it's the same with Coach Bill Russell."

The Havlicek enigma goes beyond his status as starter or as sixth man. How do you classify him? At 6-5 he can play with any guard in the National Basketball Association, has great speed and quickness and is as tough a ball-stealer as there is in the game. But he can also play forward as he did following the injury of Tom Sanders in the play-offs last year. John can rebound well for his size, (he was third on the Celtics in that vital department last year) he can take the ball off the offensive board with the best of them and can score consistently from the corner.

For the past three years, two of them championship seasons, the Celtics got into difficulty in the playoffs and each time the coach, first Red Auerbach and then Russell, made Havlicek a starter and each time it proved the key move.

Last year for instance he tallied 493 playoff points for a 25.9 average, five points better than his regular season average, took down 566 rebounds, second only to Bill Russell on the Green, led the club with 142 assists, shot 45 percent from the floor and 83 percent from the free throw line, and proved once again that he is one of the greatest clutch shooters in the game today.

There you have it, John Havlicek, team captain, all-around athlete, immense performer. You judge: starter or sixth man? Forward or guard?

## Taylor Having Good Start

The USC trojans, who started the season inauspiciously with two defeats on the road, toppled another national-ranked opponent Monday night for their fourth consecutive victory at the Sports Arena.

Ron Taylor of Torrance supplied the muscle and Mack Calvin came off the bench to furnish the zip that propelled the Trojans to an 83-68 win over Cincinnati, which came into the Southland with a 4-0 record.

A week ago, USC dumped sixth-ranked Houston in similar impressive fashion.

The final margin Monday night didn't indicate the superiority the Trojans displayed over the visiting Bearcats.

It took a 24-7 point comeback by Cincinnati during an eight-minute span late in the game to make the final score as close as it was. USC had a 29-point lead with 9:32 remaining.

"The first half was the best basketball we've played since I've been here," said USC coach Bob Boyd, pointing to the Trojans' 45-24 advantage at the intermission.

Boyd cited the tremendous shooting and rebounding of the fast-improving Taylor, who made 11 of 17 shots and hauled in 19 rebounds.

"Taylor is tough to stop inside against most people, and I used that 'most people' guardedly," said Boyd, obviously referring to UCLA's Lew Alcindor.

Taylor had 27 points in his best all-around performance of the season.

## Strict Regulations Govern Game Permit

The Department of Fish and Game reported it has barred 60 persons from public shooting areas and is investigating the possibility of citing them for filing multiple applications to hunt the public areas.

Fish and Game Commission regulations governing public hunting areas prohibit any person from filing more than one application for a reservation on any one such area during each half of the waterfowl season.

Since reservations are awarded on the basis of public drawings, it was noted that violators are reducing the chances of the honest applicants by filing multiple applications.

One "sportsman" filed 14 applications for one wildlife area for a single shoot day during the

second half of the season. The multiple applications were spotted by personnel of the DFG's license section and turned over to the Wildlife Protection Branch for investigation.

The department prosecuted 12 cases last year. Several resulted in fines.

The regulations also require that the DFG bar offenders of the multiple application rule from hunting any of the 14 areas on which it manages public shooting for the balance of the season.

One of this year's offenders, who filed twice for each of three areas for the second half of the season, is a repeat offender from last year.

The cases have been referred to field wardens for investigation and possible prosecution.



**PERT, BUT POOPED . . .** Bow "man" Barbara Miller falls back from fatigue and excitement as her Shell and Oar teammates cross finish line second best to another set of Cal State College Long Beach coeds (background) in first all-girl eight-oared shell crew race in Southern California history. Barbara and her teammates took part in first annual Long Beach 49er Christmas Spring Regatta at Long Beach Marine Stadium.

## Runners Receive Letters

Letters in cross country were awarded to athletes from El Camino College at a banquet last week at the Lobster House in Redondo Beach.

Bob Ames, Tony Baker, Barry Clendaniel, Ed Leighton, Phil Paulin and Doug Williams received varsity letters. Receiving special honors were Mike Ritchie, named the "most valuable runner," and Williams, selected as the "Most improved runner."

Junior varsity letters went to Bill Klein, Marc Lund, Bob Mitchell and Bob Weber.

The Warriors will probably have five of their top seven runners returning for the 1969 season. Ames, Baker, Clendaniel, Ritchie and Williams are freshmen.

The Tribe finished its season by taking fifth place in the California cross country finals.

## Saxons Handle Beverly

North High has employed a running game to win its first five prep basketball games. The Saxons, along with South High and Torrance High, are competing in the Beverly Hills Basketball Tournament this week.

After beating Beverly Hills out of the Pacific Shores Tournament a week ago, 77-75, North came back to swallow the Normans alive in a non-league game at Beverly Hills last Friday, 107-91. North scored at least 25 points in every quarter.

Torrance won two games by defeating West, 72-69, and Bishop Montgomery, 76-63. The Knights have yet to win a game.

South was beaten by Oxnard last weekend.

The favorite in the Beverly Hills Tournament is Ventura.

Today's pairings are Redondo vs. Buena; Long Beach Millikan vs. Santa Monica; Culver City vs. San Marcos; and Ventura vs. Mira Costa.

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## SANTA TO ARRIVE AT PIER LANDING

King Neptune will be replaced by Santa Claus at Pierpoint Landing in the Port of Long Beach . . . at least during the holiday season. However in keeping with Pierpoint's nautical heritage, Santa will arrive by sea at the landing Saturday and Sunday. He will distribute gifts to visiting youngsters from 2 to 6 p.m. both days.

Musical salutes to the holiday season at Pierpoint Landing include a concert by the Long Beach Elks Concert Band from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Long Beach Municipal Band will present two New Year concerts at Pierpoint between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 28 and 29.

Other holiday activities at the landing will include special half-hour boat cruises to view lighted Navy ships. These cruises will leave Pierpoint every half-hour from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Fares are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Landside activities will include tours aboard a big, red London double-decker bus operating from Pierpoint between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekends.

First-time visitors to Pierpoint can spot the landing by looking south past the Queen Mary to the landing's 125-foot simulated Christmas tree topped by an illuminated 12-foot star.

## ROSE BOWL PROGRAMS FOR SALE

An attractive official Rose Bowl Game program will go on advance sale Friday.

The 96-page program contains 24 pages of color action shots of O.J. Simpson, Steve Sogge, Rex Kern, Jim Otis and other Big Ten and Pacific-8 stars.

Advance copies can be ordered by sending a \$1.75 check or money order with a return address to: Rose Bowl Program, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif., 94704.

## Blessings Counted By Rams

The Ram defense was as immovable as ever in 1968.

In producing 10-3-1 record, the Rams set new club marks in both total defense and passing defense. They limited opponents to 3,118 total yards in 14 games, bettering the old mark of 3,452, a figure achieved in 1953 when the team played 12 games. The previous 14-game record was 3,526 set last year, so the 1968 Rams topped that mark by more than 400 yards.

The current Rams also established a new pass defense record of 1,813, bettering both the 12- and 14-game records of 1,852 (1963 and 1967) and 2,373 (1961). The Fearsome Foursome also set a club record by tackling opposing quarterbacks 51 times for 383 yards.

Offensively, second-year pro Willie Ellison gained 111 yards in the 28-24 loss to Baltimore to become the club's top rusher with 616 yards on 151 carries. Tight end Bill Truax caught 35 passes to lead the receivers and Roman Gabriel completed 51.7 percent of his throws, including 19 touchdowns.

## Football Won by Fresno

Fresno Junior College, after eliminating El Camino from the state football playoffs, finished off East Los Angeles last Saturday, 16-7, for the championship.

East L.A. made it to the finals with a 17-7 win over San Diego and 17-16 over Citrus.

Back Vic Lamanuzzi ran for 170 yards on a muddy field to conquer the Huskies at Fresno Saturday.

Following a 7-7 halftime score, Fresno scored a field goal in the third quarter and a clinching touchdown in the fourth period.

Fresno had a 10-2 record. One of the losses was to Bakersfield in a preseason game.

El Camino beat Bakersfield for the Metropolitan Conference championship.

## NEW DODGER STADIUM

# How Much Difference Will Dimensions Make!

Conjecture on how much difference the shifting of home plate 10 feet toward centerfield at Dodger Stadium will have on home run production is one of the more popular guessing games in Los Angeles these days.

While Dodger Stadium retains still-lengthy dimensions of 330 feet down each line, 400 feet to center and 375 feet in the power alleys of left and right center, there are some who see the home run production doubling in 1969. That would mean, rated off last year's totals, 50 for the Dodger, 48 for the visitors.

Be that as it may, it is interesting to note that a Dodger newcomer, Tom Haller, obtained from the Giants, enjoyed the best hitting success at Chavez

## Girls Like New Things

What the world needs now are more things for girls to do. They have learned to take the bumps at Ascot Park and they look pretty rough at roller derby. So why not become jockeys or prize fighters?

A number of girls found out last Saturday at the opening of the Long Beach Rowing Association season that rowing is an attractive function, taking part in what they claim was Southern California's first all-girl eight-oared shell race.

With so much ambition, when do the girls have time anymore for touching up their lipstick and acting feminine?

Although three members of the 1968 United States Olympic rowing team took part in the regatta at Marine Stadium last weekend, the show was stolen by 16 curvaceous members of the California State College at Long Beach, Shell and Oar girls auxiliary.

A team of junior and senior Shell and Oar girls defeated a freshman-sophomore boat by about a length, maintaining a surprisingly steady rowing pattern and even rhythm in one of 16 events in the first annual Long Beach Forty-Niner Christmas Spring Regatta.

Two of the girls are Alyce Dunn (psychology major from Phoenix) and Janice Ball (psychology major from Long Beach). They followed the rowing tradition by tossing winning coxswain Neil Swaigler into the chill Marine Stadium water after their triumph.

"Make sure I clear the dock, at least," Swaigler yelled frantically as the giggling coeds lifted him off his feet, marched him from the boat house to the dock and pitched him out into the wa-

ter — just barely clearing the wooden structure.

"Wow!" exclaimed blonde Miss Dunn, engaged to be married to a former Cal State crew team member. "It was fun. We'd like to try it again, against some other girls' teams."

On behalf of her organization, Miss Dunn immediately claimed the national collegiate girls' rowing championship.

Tom Beattie, a former 49er oarsman who coached the girls, was asked whether his protégés followed instructions during their brief training for the race.

"They want to talk all the time," he complained.

In the serious rowing the heroes were U.S. Olympians John Van Blom, Tom McKibbin, and John Nunn.

They added Reed Adler and a coxswain senior Bill Hankie to defeat Loyola University in the featured heavyweight fours with coxswain event and then added four more LBRA teammates to form a heavyweight eight which scored a close win in the feature race of the regatta over a combined Orange Coast College-Loyola team.

Adler, 28, actually outshone the Olympic trio by participating in four winning races.

Adler and his brother Steve, 24, upset U.S. Olympic single sculls Final Trials winner Van Blom and CSLB's Mark Hugh in a double sculls race and also captured a single event in addition to the fours and eights triumph.

The last word, as might have been expected, was that of a pert redhead while she prepared for the Shell and Oar event. She pouted, "I just can't row on the port (i.e., left)—that's my bad side!"

# Last Race Set

Best of All, the "best" older pacer in the country today, will close out a brilliant racing career Friday night at Hollywood Park when he heads a swift field in the \$75,000 American Pacing Classic.

Friday night's Pacing Classic highlights the final three nights of the 1968 Western Harness meeting at Hollywood Park. The meeting comes to a close on Monday night.

Best of All, beginning a new career at stud next year following a reported \$1 million purchase by the Hanover Shoe Farms, carries lifetime earnings of more than \$520,000 into the mile and one-eighth classic. First money in the Classic is \$33,750.

Certainly within grasp of Best of All, who earlier this season at Hollywood stopped the clock in 1:56 2/5 — second fastest mile in WHR history — is the world record for a mile and one-eighth.

The current mark of 2:09 1/5 was established in the 1966 Classic by True Duane.

Best of All's sternest competition in the Classic is expected by a pair of classy pacers, Overcall and Meadow Elva.

Overcall has three times this year pinned a defeat on Best of All while Meadow Elva has been going against the top pacers in the country and just recently captured the \$67,500 Maywood Pacing Series in Chicago.

The latest Best of All-Overcall duel came in the \$50,000 National Pacing Derby at Roosevelt Raceway in New York. Best of All "bested" Overcall by a head after a gruelling mile and one-quarter battle. The two foes were only noses apart through most the stretch.

Bobby Williams, who has been behind Best of All in his last dozen 1968 starts, will again guide the swift four-year-old son of Good Time in Friday night's 14th renewal of the Pacing Classic.

## Bill Gill Appointed Director

The United States Track and Field Federation has announced the appointment of Bill Gill, supervisor of track and field for the Centinela Valley Union High School District, as meet director for the USFFF Indoor Games scheduled Feb. 15 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

In making the appointment, Executive Director Carl Cooper cited Gill's many years of service to track and field in Southern California and his outstanding achievements over the past decade.

Gill was meet director for the 1964 Long Beach Games. Gill also coached the national country of Burma in the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo.

Gill was head track coach a Centinela High School in Compton for 15 years and coached three California state championship teams.

Commenting on the coming meet, Gill said, "We will be experimenting with a new situation in this meet in that we will host a high school invitational in the afternoon and an open invitational in the evening. We are confident that this will be one of the outstanding meets on the 1969 schedule."

The USFFF meet will feature outstanding athletes from throughout the nation, many of whom were on the medal-winning United States Olympic team which participated in the XIX Olympics in Mexico City this fall.

## South Beats Soccer Champs In 13-0 Rout

Nine players scored goals Saturday as South High defeated CIF champion Mission, 13-0, in a non-league game last Saturday.

After Steve Burks started the scoring with a 30-yard free kick, Randy Larson set a record with three goals and Burks and Brock Spear had two each.

Also scoring were Mike Brennan, Stuart Hunter, Randy Kirk, Larry LeVesque, Rick Nugent and Steve Shev.

## My Neighbors



"Watch it!—You can be replaced by a Human!"