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Nothing Wrong in Being Polite

It is disgusting to read what national magazines, metropolitan Los Angeles newspapers and other media have been saying about towering Dodger Frank Howard.

The writers of these "literary" pieces, their material full of innuendos, have been poking fun at Howard because he happens to be one of many gentlemen, in baseball, who still refers to most everyone in conversation with the prefix, "Sir." These compilers of baseball news describe Frank's character as "bush" and "green."

It was back in the thirties when I first became interested in the sport. The days of Ruth, Terry, Gehrig, Gomez, etc. Since that decade I have followed the game closely, as a fan and as a sportswriter. Most all of these play-for-pay boys were known to me, either by reference or personal interview.

"Writers Create Characters"

Very seldom have I met a blase type. One who wants you to believe he knows everything there is to know about the game and accepts things matter-of-factly.

Howard is not "bush" and green as most rookies go in the game. He reminds me of Lou Gehrig, just about the finest gentleman the game ever produced.

What most writers suspect as being raw habits in a youngster is in reality a fault in their own character. Seasoned veterans, and other ballplayers past their first season, possess the polite qualities writers see evident in Frank's make-up.

Perhaps it's because the sportswriters I'm speaking about are watching Howard too close. Besides being a good hitter and a prize specimen of a ballplayer, Frank's every move is observed in hopes of giving the reading public a new slant on the Dodger rookie.

Howard should not be made a writer's "character." By that we imply that big Frank should be made to feel he is part of the game and not a freak. In this way the mammoth Howard would begin to relax, and become accepted.

Pressure Great

In most every job there is, some sort of pressure goes with it. Just name any position and you'll find that someone is always looking over somebody's shoulder regardless of their stature.

In baseball, pressure is so great that one Dodger has to drink milk in the dug-out to quiet his aching ulcers.

A writer's job, in my opinion of course, is to state fact and give his candid view on what his eyes behold. It is not to create fiction and ridicule. Frank Howard has become a victim of this type of reporting. It would be best for him to shun these kind of prose men and stick to reading Allan Roth's statistics.

Pre-Olympic Spikefest

Australian Distance Ace Vies in Long Beach Meet

Al Lawrence of Australia, the Aussie's No. 1 10,000 meter runner for the Olympic Games and winner of his country's tryouts for Rome at this gruelling distance, will lend international color to the huge Long Beach Pre-Olympic Track Meet Friday evening, Aug. 5, at Long Beach Memorial Stadium, Lakewood and Carson.

Lawrence, who has been attending Houston University and training in this country for the Olympics, yesterday accepted the invitation of Long Beach meet director Herschel Smith.

Major Tuneup

The little 29-year old Aussie, who stands 5-7 and weighs 130 pounds, will compete in the 10,000 meters in the Aug. 5 night meet that features the United States Olympic team, along with alternates, in a major tuneup for Rome. Bob Soth of Long Beach and Mal Robertson of Los Angeles are expected to provide Lawrence's competition, and head Olympic coach Larry Snyder is hopeful he can pull the Americans under the Olympic qualifying standard of 29:40.

Although he won the Australian 10,000 Olympic tryout race, Lawrence's best 1960 time was in Houston, Texas, when he clocked 29:36.4, knocking for a loop the former American record of 30:11.4, set by Poland's Janusz Kusocinski in the Tenth Olympiad at Los Angeles in 1932.

Best Race
Lawrence, however, ran his greatest at Melbourne in the '56 Olympics when he took the third place medal in 28:53.6, behind Vladimir Kuts, Russia, 28:45.6 and Jozsef Kovacs, Hungary, 28:52.4. All three smashed the former Olympic record of 29:17 and the world record of 28:54.2, both held by Emil Zatopek, the tireless Czech.

Addition of Lawrence, one of the truly distance greats of modern times, is expected to spur up ticket sales for an already hot meet and Smith is preparing for a capacity crowd of 12,500.

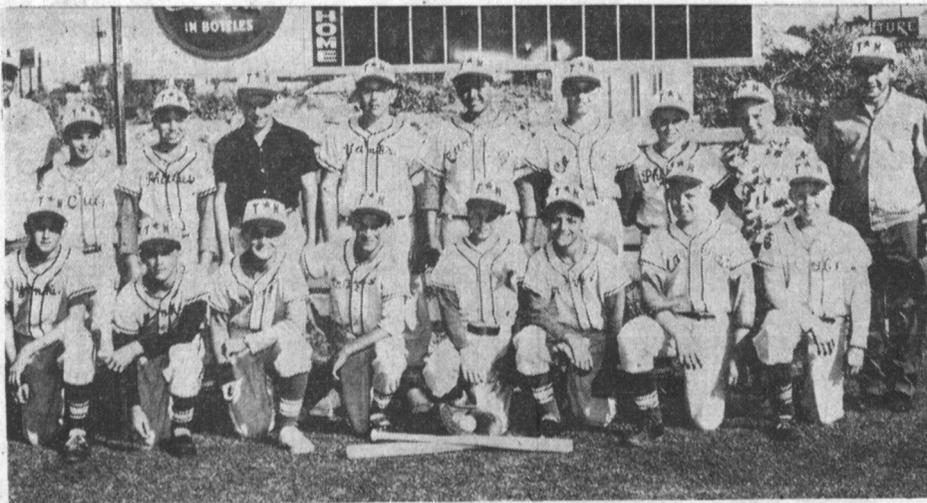
Tickets Available

He pointed out that good reserved seats priced at \$2 and \$3 are still obtainable at meet headquarters, 1250 Pacific Ave., Long Beach 13, where mail orders are being received. Public sale, at locations to be announced, will not start until Monday, Aug. 1.

The meet is sponsored by the Long Beach Century Club, and all net proceeds will help swell the U.S. Olympic fund.

Luckless Racer

"Sad" Sam Stanley of Newhall who has been plagued with problems the last few weeks, but still continues to stay in the top ten, will go again this week to see if he can't shorten the gap between third place and Gabby Garrison in second place in the P.R.A. point standings.



TORRANCE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS are (top row, left to right), Manager Sam Snyder, Freddie Wisham, Jan Chaykoroski, Mike Fornelli, Gene Cusson, Lou Maynard, Richard Thompson, Steve Horton, Jim Sonju and Coach

Andy Anderson, kneeling (left to right), Jim Hartley, Larry Snyder, Rodney Lorenzen, Ricky Moton, Danny Kling, Gary Fulton, Jim Malone and Sam Intermill.

Doubleheader Set at Gardena Oval

Sunday will be a doubleheader day at Gardena Stadium, when stock car racers take over the track in 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, Art Atkinson, Pasadena; Termite Snyder, Los Angeles; Johnny Jones, Hawthorne and Bruce Worrell, Lakewood. Over forty 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. Sunday evening the famous Destruction Derby takes to the track in an eight event show featuring the wrecking of over 100 automobiles. Leading fender-bender will be Dite Wall of Lancaster, the Second-Ranked driver at the track, who captured last weeks main event.

Stocks at Saugus Gets Under Way

Guaranteed action is scheduled for this Saturday night at Saugus Stadium when the stock cars get under way for their weekly motor classic. Saturday the 30th, Hal Grist of Van Nuys will be fighting "tooth and toe nail" to keep his slim lead over Gabby Garrison of Long Beach, for the high point lead in the P.R.A. point standings. Grist who is now leading will have a tough job staying in there as Garrison has pledged himself to an "all out campaign" to take the lead.

Brothers to Fly for Shrine Show

Ricky and David Nelson, brothers who co-star with their parents on a TV family comedy series, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," will appear in person, together for the first time, at the ninth annual Shrine Pageant and North-South All-Star High School football game, Aug. 5 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The program starts at 7:45 p.m. Ricky and David Nelson will work with "The Flying Viennas" in their sensational

Turnabout

"Mechanics demand equal time" that's the word from Saugus Stadium, where next Saturday night at 7:30 the guys who make the cars go will get a chance to drive the oval. All season the mechanics tell the drivers "how to win" so this Saturday night the fans will have a real treat when the "grease monkeys" get their chance at the track.

trapeze act. Before the Nelsons joined the troupe, "The Viennas" starred with Ringling Brothers circus.

PRESS Sports

Girl's Softball

Esabs Strengthen Hold on 2nd Spot

Tuesday night at McMaster Park the Esabs got a firmer hold on second place by defeating the Chargers 7-4. What was a close ball game, blew wide open in the bottom of the fourth inning. Leading 3-2, the Esabs sent nine players to the plate, picking up four runs on 3 hits and 3 walks. Helping to win her own ball game was Esabs pitcher Judy Clements, who had a single and a double.

Chargers 000 22-4 3 4
Esabs 102 4x-7 4 1
Burns and Reid.
Clements and Keller.

In the second game the Rebels took care of the SW Park team 8-3, behind the no-hit pitching of Jean Crans. The Rebels collected 13 hits off Janet Salby, including a home run by the catcher Bernie Harding. Miss Crans also collected a single, a double, and a triple.
Rebels 41 21-8 13 1
SW Park 20 10-3 0 3
Crans and Harding.
Salby and Hart.

The season's most one-sided game was played Tuesday night at McMaster Park. The

Esabs devoured the Sparettes 36 to 2 in a 3 inning game. The Esabs batted around once in the first, twice in the second and once in the third.
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Sparettes 2 0 0-2 4 15
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