

Mi'e Callas



STEVE BILKO DOESN'T RATE THIRD CHANCE IN MAJORS

When the PCL's Los Angeles Angels broke up in favor of O'Malley's Dodgers, many felt cheated. They reasoned that big Steve would no longer be around to thrill Wrigley field crowds with numerous fence busters. Most of the then baseball fans were outright indignant at the Brooklyn lads for removing the one bright spot in minor league baseball. Some were so mad, that first major league year in 1958, that they refused to patronize the intruders from the East.

Minor league fans cooled off somewhat when they learned that Bilko had made the big time finally with the Chicago Cubs. Later they got the surprise of their lives—Bavasi and O'Malley made a deal that brought Bilko back to the West Coast as a Dodger to back up star first baseman Gil Hodges. The crowds came in mass only to be disillusioned by Steve's inability to hit major league pitching. As is always the case with fickle, demanding baseball fans—the holler was out—"get rid of Bilko, he's all washed up!" Steve had become but a tarnished memory to the once patronizing Angel fans. The always jittery, afraid to lose his job Buzzie Bavasi remedied the situation by sending the balloon-built initial sacker to Detroit.

Beer and Training Downfall

The Tigers gave big Steve his second chance to succeed in the money league. Ball players seldom get this opportunity. Bilko started off good. Detroit writers were saying that Bavasi was a sucker for letting him go. However, it happened again. Steve lapsed into a third-rater once more when American League pitchers found his vulnerable spots. It wasn't long before the owners of the junior circuit club discovered that they had been taken. Prior to the conclusion of the '60 season Steve found himself in the minor leagues again.

While Bilko was with the minor league Angels, rumors filtered through the barrage of club publicity that Steve was a heavy drinker—nothing too strong, just the stuff that made some Wisconsin town famous. It was also noted that ponderous Steve was prone to not obeying training rules. When Bilko was with the Dodgers your reporter inquired of other players if it was true that Steve imbibed to the extent of hurting his playing. The rumor disappeared as I learned that the swatter was guilty of these practices. Babe Ruth was another who liked his suds and looked the other way whenever rules were posted on clubhouse walls. Perhaps Bilko wanted to be another Bambino—but possibly forgetting that Ruth had a tremendous eye for major league pitching while Steve was focusing on the lesser twirlers of minor loop caliber.

Will Not Help Angels

Fred Haney and the new Angels gave Steve another chance—his third—this past week. Possibly because they felt the better would lure the ol' faithful once again to Wrigley Field.

With so many proven ball players around Haney and Autry and Reynolds must just be considering the draw of the new American League club. For as likeable a fellow as Bilko is (although a breaker of training, he has always been pleasant to reporters, baseball players and owners) I cannot imagine what help Bilko could be, playing wise, to the Angels. It may be the same field where Steve once captivated lovers of the diamond sport, but they'll be major league pitchers out there throwing that little pill.

For the sake of the fans and Bilko primarily, it is our sincere wish and hope that he makes it this time. He still has playing years ahead and if he can prove to his new bosses that he is a new Bilko I'm sure the turnstiles will click more frequently and begin a new hitter era for the man crowds learned to love quicker than any other player in the history of West Coast baseball.

LOSES BUT WINS

Wayne B. Wright of 18328 Roslin Ave., Torrance, lost his chance of winning a free record album when he failed to stump KBIG disc jockey Joe Niagara with a favorite tongue-twister. But by losing he did win an album for the

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

20.4 percent of all reportable traffic accidents involved drivers who had been drinking.

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North High Takes One First at Novice Meet Thursday



MIGHTY MIDGETS—Two top contenders for the 95-lb. title at the novice wrestling meet hosted by North High Thursday were Salsido of Redondo Beach High and Vickers of South

High. Both were nudged in the finals by Guevara of Inglewood High. Nearly 400 novice grapplers appeared at the meet, which lasted for eight hours.

NHS's Stinger Cops First in 103-Pound Class

Varsity grapplers of North High School's Coach Chuck Bash Thursday played host to more than 400 wrestlers from each high school in the Bay area.

Novice tournament of the Bay League featured presentation of individual awards to the wrestlers. No lettermen or first or second place winners of previous tournaments were allowed to enter the competitions.

Tournament, which began at 2:30 p.m., drew to a close about 10 p.m.

Although North High School managed to get eleven men to the semi-finals of the tourney, only one representative won a first place berth.

OUTSTANDING GRAPPLER Judged to be the outstanding wrestler of the meet was 95 pound Guevara of Inglewood High School.

Results of the meet:

Guevara, 95 lbs, Inglewood High; Stinger, 103 lbs., North High; Etienel, 112 lbs., Hawthorne High; Peterson, 120 lbs., Mira Costa High; Harrington, 127 lbs., Inglewood High; Clark, 133 lbs., Redondo Beach High; Newby, 138 lbs., Mira Costa High; Schaffer, 145 lbs., Morningside High; Goodman, 154 lbs., Leusinger High; Carnes, 165 lbs., Mira Costa High; Jory, 180 lbs., Mira Costa High; a n d Conrad, 215 lbs., Mira Costa High.

Basketball Leagues Report January Schedules of Play

First announcement of the 1961 basketball schedule was released this week by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Heading the list is the Torrance Area Church League, which will play Thursday evenings in the Torrance High School gymnasium.

Starting January 5, the league will play three games each Thursday evening, the first at 7 p.m., the second at 8 p.m., and the third at 9 p.m.

FIRST ROUND

Schedule for the first round is:

January 5: South Bay Church of God vs Torrance First Lutheran; Rolling Hills Covenant vs Hermosa Nazarene Church; St. James Church vs Community Baptist Church.

January 12: Community Baptist vs Rolling Hills Covenant; Hermosa Nazarene vs South Bay Church of God; Torrance First Lutheran vs St. James Church.

January 19: Rolling Hills Covenant vs Torrance First Lutheran; South Bay Church of God vs St. James Church; Hermosa Nazarene vs Community Baptist.

January 26: Hermosa Nazarene vs St. James Church; Torrance First Lutheran vs Community Baptist; South Bay Church of God vs Rolling Hills Covenant.

February 2: South Bay

Church of God vs Community Baptist; Rolling Hills Covenant vs St. James Church; Hermosa Nazarene vs Torrance First Lutheran.

OPEN LEAGUE

In the first round of play for the Open League, which will be played in the South High School gym, the following schedule will be in effect:

January 3: Mehan's Mobilgas Saints vs Redondo Ward; Palos Verdes Bombers vs Cavaliers; Kenny's Shoe Repair vs Williamson Plastering.

January 10: Williamson Plastering vs Palos Verdes Bombers; Cavaliers vs Mehan's Mobilgas Saints; Redondo Ward vs Kenny's Shoe Repair.

January 17: Bombers vs Redondo Ward; Mehan's Saints vs Kenny's; Cavaliers vs Williamson.

January 24: Cavaliers vs Kenny's Redondo Ward vs Williamson; Mehan's Saints vs PV Bombers.

January 31: Mehan's Saints vs Williamson; PV Bombers vs Kenny's; Cavaliers vs Redondo Ward.

ANNOUNCED LATER Schedules for two other leagues in the Recreation Department roster will be announced later. Groups are the Combo Basketball League Monday nights at South High and the Industrial Basketball League Tuesday nights at North High.

FATAL ACCIDENTS 30.8 percent of all fatal traffic accidents involved drivers who had been drinking.

CJA Hot Rods to End 1960 Season At Today's Meet

CJA Hot Rods wind up their 1960 racing season, this afternoon, when over sixty cars and drivers will see action at Western Speedway in Gardena.

With some \$1500 in point money at stake, the drivers will be battling right down to the wire for championship points. The first five drivers in standings are with in 100 markers of each other and any one of them could walk off with the coveted championship.

Leading the list of entries is, Bob Simmons of South Gate. Simmons streaked to victory last Sunday in the Hot Rod division, at the gigantic Speed Carnival at Ascot Stadium. Simmons will pilot the same purple car he drove last week, powered by a cross-fire Ford V8, with a 180 degree crank.

MAJOR COMPETITOR

His major competition will come from Art Atkinson, Pasadena; and Jim Rosseler, San Bernardino. Both are out for the championship and will not let anyone stop them.

Other top drivers entered included: Ronnie Garriott, Gardena; Bill Cantrell, Riverside; Chuck Townsen, Gardena; Donnie Harrison, Gardena; Paul Jones, Torrance; Jack Kelly, Long Beach; Dallas Harrison, Gardena; Jack Austin, Downey; Don Noel, Arleta; Harry Prouty, Buena Park; Frank Secrist, Bakersfield; Chuck Gibbons, Las Vegas; Bill Mangold, Compton; and Audie Madron, Compton.

Racing will begin at 2:30 p.m. with time trials at 1 p.m. Western Speedway is located at 139th St. and Western Ave. in Gardena.

ARRESTED 13,884

During 1959, members of the patrol arrested 13,884 drivers who were under the influence of alcohol. This is an average of 1157 per month, or 37 per day. This is an increase of 6.0 per cent compared to the previous year.



Christmas is only a week away and already league bowlers feel the pressure of the yuletide season. I would like everyone who visits Gable House Bowl next week to notice the decorated Christmas tree displayed on the upper lounge stairway. Vincent Morena, 63, whom you see behind the

front desk with Jack Frybaum, stated that he decorated this special tree for enjoyment of the patrons and children. He also said this was his first experience trimming a tree and he certainly enjoyed doing it.

Gable's Centinela Traveling League is really going great guns. Last week at the Cove Bowl, our gals took 2 out of 3 games from 101 Bowl. Margaret Denzer rolled a 175-178-190 for a 544 series; Ann Elliot racked a 167-188-190 for a 545; Ann Hutton shot 130-168-143

for a '441. Ann Hutton just got a new 15-lb. ball and in a period of a week has rolled three 200 games and a 196. Next Wednesday, the 21st, at 10 a.m., Gable's ladies will bowl at Rose Lanes against the Morningside group. Fans, try to take a minute from your Christmas shopping and go over and root for our team.

PICKUP CLASSES

Your reporter attended the spare pick-up classes last Thursday afternoon, where Norm Belt talked to our group about two basic faults that most bowlers have. Belt just returned from the Chicago Invitations, where he talked with the experts, Don Carter, Steve Nagy, and others. They all agreed the first fault was rushing the approach and the second was not pushing out with the ball at the same moment the approach was started.

APPAREL FOR WOMEN BOWLERS

Between instruction and bowling, I found a few minutes to ask the question: "What do you consider the best apparel for women bowlers?" Marilyn Halverson: "Slacks, I used to wear skirts, but I changed because I thought it would be easier and more comfortable to bowl"; Mary Ann Gautney: "I feel better in loose fitting capri pants. A loose blouse or sweater gives me more freedom of movement"; Bernie Miller: "I am wearing a skirt today as I had a previous appointment, but I feel that the best apparel is whatever is most comfortable to wear. Ordinarily, I would wear loose fitting capris"; Earl Miller: "I don't think it makes any difference. Barring slips and falls a dress would be fine; otherwise she should wear slacks"; Hilder Crawford: "I wear slacks, but I do think skirts are better because of the more feminine appearance. I wear slacks because of the other girls do"; Ella Pfeifer: "Slacks! There is more freedom as the skirt hampers your throw"; Ruth Woods: "Well, slacks because they stay down—there is, I hear, a good slack skirt on the market—but I feel slacks are better in case you fall."

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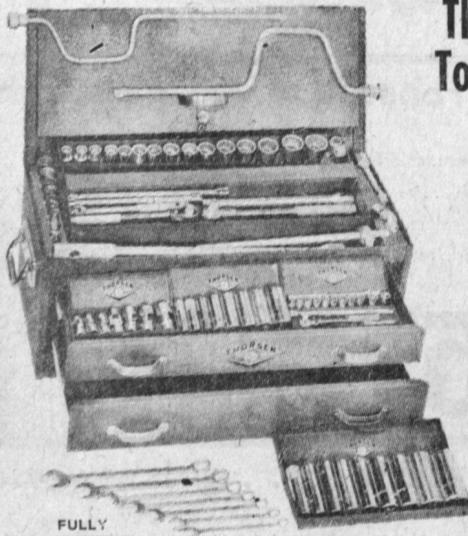
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