

Mike Callas Sports

CHATting WITH CEDRIC TALLIS OF THE ANGELS

Adjacent to radio station KMPC on Sunset Blvd. is a two story building, a bit on the aged side, that once housed theatrical companies intent on selling celluloid packages and talent to the motion picture industry. Some Forty days ago the second story of that tarnished edifice became the headquarters for the new American League club in Los Angeles, the Atry-Reynolds controlled Angels.

No larger than half the size of a "ma and pa" community market, the space contains the general offices of Fred Haney, general manager of the embryonic organization; Irv Kaze, publicity director; Roland Hemond, farm and scouting director Marvin Milkes, administrative head; Cedric Tallis, Fred's assistant and business manager; several secretaries, and the energy of a General Electric dynamo pumping at full capacity.

Amidst this atmosphere of well-controlled and meaningful purpose, I made my way to the office, or rather cubicle, of the power that appeared to generate the enthusiasm of the Angels' front office crew; Tallis. The six-foot 200 pounder, who looked more like an active athlete, greeted me cordially and after the usual small talk we got to the heart of the chat. "Busy group you have out there," I said relieved now that I was out of target range of rushing feet.

We've got so much work to do in such a short time, some of the staff even skip lunch. The baseball season is almost here.

How did you and the Angels, or rather Haney get together.

I was general manager at Seattle last year, and the minor league club had a working agreement with Milwaukee. When I heard of the new franchise in Los Angeles I contacted Fred, who was in St. Louis, and made my pitch. I told him that I wanted to make the major-leagues.

As a player?

No, or the job he hired me for. After 14 years in the minors a front office man feels just like a ballplayer. The majors are the place that every man in organized baseball wants to reach. Everything that has come before is preparation for the top show in baseball.

FINISH BETTER THAN LAST

It's my understanding that Fred's quite a pusher. Gets a lot from his entire staff.

Haney's a great guy. Everyone works hard for him because they respect him. His knowledge of the game, field personnel, and front office activities is infinite. Patience and understanding are clearly defined attributes of this man. All of us here are happy and proud to be working for Fred and the Angels.

The Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League got their players the same way you did. They finished last in '60. Do you think that's the way the Angels will conclude the season come October?

I don't think so. I believe we are going to surprise a lot of people including the clan you work with. Proven veterans like Duke Maas, Earl Averil, Aspromonte, Bilko, Kluzewski, Yost and Cerv may work better with a new organization than with the teams they came from. And youngsters such as Sprout, Newman, Gatewood and Fregosi, all from California, are good rookie prospects.

Bilko must be a question mark this year?

If Fred and I really thought so he wouldn't be on the club this year. Bilko rates another chance. And maybe his old ballpark will be just what he needs to prove himself major-league caliber.

MINORS DISAPPEARING

Where did you start your career in baseball? In Rhode Island, then to Montana, Canada, and then here. Class D ball and above.

Do you think that the major portion of the minor leagues will begin to diminish now that the big boys are expanding?

Yes. Triple and Double A ball will still be around, however.

Not much chance of developing a player for the majors then?

Not exactly. The winter leagues such as they have in Arizona and Florida will help. And so will the colleges when they speed up their programs. Besides there will be more A clubs than there are now. When a player is through in the majors he'll have just that brand of ball to go down too. There won't be room for players who want to kill time just by making an appearance on the field.

IDEAL WEATHER FOR PLAYERS

Because your team will play in warm weather from spring training on, at least at home, will it make a difference in play?

Decidedly! Weather out here is ideal. Take the clubs in the East who go to Florida to train and then come back to play in miserable weather up North, they've had it. The change in climate saps them somewhat, it starts to cut down the playing length of a ballplayer's career. The weather in Southern California will give added life to the veterans we have on the team.

Who's an example of what your talking about?

Spider Jorgensen of the old Dodgers. He should have been in the majors another five years. He was short and weighed only 145 pounds. The continued change in locale took away some of his endurance. In New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other places the weather got boiling hot during the greater part of the summer. In California it's partially the same all year round.

What is your chief function right now with the team? To get Wrigley Field ready, from all aspects, in time for the season, and brother I haven't much time left.

We talked some more of the game all America loves and left the emergency front office home of LA's new American League entry. It takes no great genius to realize that the Angels will have a tough time ahead. It takes less intelligence to understand that it won't be so difficult to succeed with men such as Cedric Tallis, Fred Haney, and the enthusiastic crew that surround them.

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IN THE BASKET—Action-packed games of the Lasuen Padres during the coming season will be spearheaded by the topnotch talents of Jack O'Malley, Wilmington, forward; Pete Sturdivant, Rolling Hills, forward; Joe Gal-

legos, Wilmington, guard; Tracy O'Connor, South Shores, forward; and John Wolczanski, Wilmington, center. Record setting five from Fermin Lasuen High is considered to be one of the toughest contenders in the league.

Torrance Woman Will Appear in All-Star Tourney

Mrs. Marge Fox of Torrance, Calif., is ready to roll in the 20th annual BPAA All-Star Bowling Tournament which started Thursday.

She is one of only 96 women who have qualified from an original national field of several thousand men and women. The 336 qualifiers, including 240 men, represent a record number of 42 states, including Hawaii and Alaska.

This marks the initial All-Star appearance for Mrs. Fox, who was a member of the Los Angeles city women champions. Her highest 1959-60 league average was 187, with a high game of 278 and a high series of 726.

The field of 240 men and 96 women from 42 states including Alaska and Hawaii are survivors of an original record field of nearly 12,000 who attempted to qualify for 304 spots, 32 bowlers having been seeded through Bowling Proprietors' Association of America tournaments.

RECORD PRIZE

The BPAA has increased prize money to a record \$68,150, and increase of \$8,150 over last year. Top money remains at \$10,000 in the men's division and \$5,000 in women's.

Harry Smith of St. Louis and Sylvia Wene of St. Louis will defend the titles they won in 1960. The tournament began on historic Dec. 7, 1941 with a field of 71 men.

The final hour of the gruelling 10-day test will be aired over the full American Broadcasting Company television network, Saturday night, Jan. 21.

Local area outlet will be KABC-TV, starting a 7 p.m. PST.

Wrestler Gives Demonstration For THS Students

A wrestling demonstration by Bertrand Shurtleff was given to the Torrance High School students last week during the first scheduled rally of the new year. Shurtleff's performance demonstrated vividly just how professional performers help each other present their entertainment.

Various students were given the opportunity to apply holds, and Shurtleff in turn applied holds to them and explained rapidly and clearly which were truly dangerous and which were purely for the mystification and entertainment of the crowd.

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RUTH H. PETERSON Notary Public in and for said County and State. My Commission Expires June 6, 1961

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El Camino Real Basketball Launched by Lasuen 'Bees'

Padres of Fermin Lasuen High School launched into Camino Real League Bee basketball play this week with a pre-season scrimmage record standing at seven wins against three losses.

Reviewing pre-league games Coach Robert Hill noted that on return engagements with teams played in the first weeks the Padres have topped opponents with big margins. "In fact," he said, "the boys have not scored less than 50 points in each of five games."

"We got off to a slow start," the Padres mentor went on, "but we've been building strength all the time. We've got height where it counts in the front wall with players topping the six foot mark. Our guards are not far behind with an average of five feet nine or 10 and they're fast and quick-handed."

MAN TO MAN

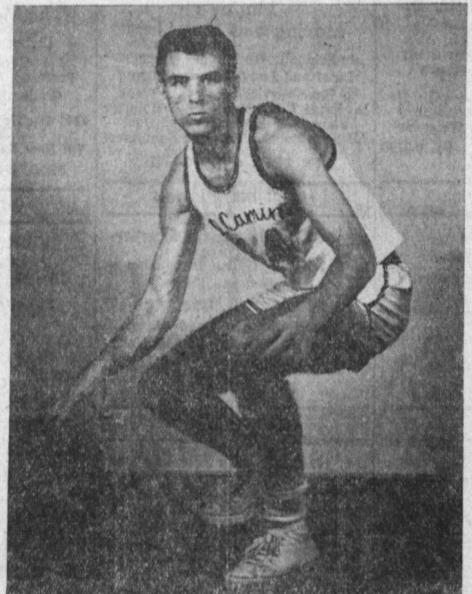
Coach Hill noted that a complete man-to-man type defense has been worked out with players geared to switch to three different types of zone defense and a tight, full court press throughout games. The Padres thorough conditioning program includes a five minute mile run daily by the squad as well as workouts with Coach Nick Uruburu's Mary Star varsity in combined practice sessions.

Asked about league championship hopes for his hoopers Coach Hill declined to prognosticate. "We haven't scouted our competition but all reports indicate it will be rugged," he added. "The fact that four of our Padres have each been high point man in different games indicates that we are well equipped to meet any type of defense." Scoring honors so far have gone to guards Mel Strapp of San Pedro and Joe Gallegos of Wilmington; center John Wolczanski of Wilmington; and forward Tracy O'Connor of South Shores.

On Friday, January 13 the Padres will meet St. Bernards at 6:45 p.m. Mary Star Varsity will follow and a game between the Dockers and Kirby Shoes is scheduled for 9:30 to tie up an evening of great high school and pro basketball.

LASUEN BEE ROSTER:

Mel Strap, G. Soph.; Joe Gallegos, G. Soph.; John Wolczanski, G. Soph.; Pete Sturdivant, F. Soph.; Jack O'Malley, F. Fresh.; Tim Foley, F. Soph.; Bill Buskey, G. Soph.; Frank Foretech, G. Soph.; Bob Drohan, G. Soph.; Tim Sullivan, G. Fresh.; Stan Nowinski, G. Fresh.; Jim Ysias, F. Fresh.; Bob Bickford, G. Fresh.



STARTING LINEUP—Mike Schrader, a Leuzinger graduate, will head off Metro action for El Camino's 1961 hoopers during the entire season. Schrader, a forward, one of the outstanding players in the action against high-ranking Huskies Friday night.

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LET'S GO BOWLING

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As usual there was lots of gaiety and fun at the packed Gable House during the spare pick-up class last Thursday afternoon. Jerry Homel talked to the girls on three important facts of bowling, then let them practice. The first point Homel brought up was that 90% of a bowler's problems are in his head. As an example, a bowler worries too much about the approaches being sticky. On the final step of your approach, no one can slide freely if the leg is locked and too much weight is on it. Homel further stated that by bending your leg, proper balance will be obtained and an easier and smoother delivery can be made.



LANE ADJUSTMENT. The second point of interest was, the bowler should learn how to adjust himself to a lane. If the lane is slow and the ball is going to the left, the bowler has two alternatives—either move to the left or speed up the ball. If the going to the right, do the opposite by moving to the right or slow up the ball.

The third and final suggestion was to count five before making your approach and then walk slowly and not leap and run like a gazelle as Homel demonstrated.

To top off the class, Jerry Homel had a girl from each of the twenty lanes try to throw a strike ball. If the girl rolled a strike, she and her two partners were awarded a free game after class. Only four out of the possible twenty were able to throw strikes.

WON THREE AGAIN

Peggy Walls did it again last Wednesday. While bowling at Imperial Bowl against Cove Bowl on the Centinela Traveling League, Peggy rolled 143-230-215 for a 588 scratch series. Gable won all three games.

I witnessed a pretty spare pick-up, 6-7-10, last Wednesday morning on the Top Notchers League. Katy Gmur said excitedly, "It was a lousy delivery, but agree it was a beautiful pick up."

LEAGUE OF THE WEEK

The Dianas Club Trio is a Tuesday morning ladies handicap league. Each of the ten teams has three members. Team 8, the Paloupatts, and team 10 are tied for first place with 36 wins and 20 losses. Team 6 is one game away from making it a three way tie for first place.

Weekly high honors are HS, Lois Lester, 567; HG, Evelyn Kofahl, 208. Season honors to date are HS, Robbie McElroy, 623; HG, Lou Lancaster and Betty Jones, 237.

L. Lester holds the high league average of 139 while L. Lancaster rolled the highest scratch game of 197.

Other team names are Hits & Mrs., Dew Droppers, Spare Tryers, The Misfits, Gutter Dusters, and Die Hards.

REMINDERS

Don't forget Gable's special on Monday and Tuesdays in the Rik-Sha Room where you buy one meal and get the other free.

The Centinela Traveling League will visit Gable House next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A Gable House Bowl Association meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the banquet room.

A big welcome to the new coffee girl, Ruthie Brown. She has already had many praises for her appearance and speedy service.

Garriott Looks For Another Win In Sunday's Race

Ron Garriott, Gardena takes the role of favorite for today's CJA Hot Rod races, at Garden's Western Speedway, where over fifty top drivers will see action in a ten event racing program.

Garriott who two weeks ago, captured the opening race of the 1961 season will be back looking for another win. Ron who is nineteen years old has been driving for two years, and took his first main event win last summer at the same speedway. He is the son of former Los Angeles Angel outfielder Cecil Garriott. Cece who gave up ball playing a few years back is now content to be chief chief mechanic on his son's race car. The two make a hard team to beat, as his win two weeks ago shows.

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