

Dodgers Greet Torrance Youngsters

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COLD WEATHER ISN'T WHAT'S KEEPING DODGER FANS AWAYIT'S THE ANGELS

Since the Dodgers opened at home April 11 the loyal followers of the team that won the pennant in 1959 have been blaming the weather man for the huge drop at the gate. Conversation like: "Gee, I don't blame them (the fans) for staying away!"

And—"Its the coldest April in years!"

Further — "The Dodgers opened later last year when it was warmer."

Hogwash—dear followers of "der Walter's" team. It's the advance sale to Angels' games that hurt the crowd meter during the Dodgers' first home stand concluded last night.

Who's kidding who? It's quite simple. Whenever a team enjoys a monopoly its bound to reap all the harvests. Competition from the Angels, regardless of their lowly status, is definitely a deterrent to O'Malley's hopes of getting all the loot he needs for Chavez Ravine from this year's gate.

Speaking of the free enterprise system in football—their is none in Los Angeles. As soon as the Chargers got out of town the Rams raised the \$3.90 seats to \$5. Who's to stop them?

Same goes for baseball. It could be that O'Malley was thinking of hiking the tariff at Dodger games until the Angels and Aury announced their American League franchise.

NO ONE IS TRULY SORRY
The Angels may not win 50 games this season. However, add Steve Bilko, the clouter of Wrigley, and the new but familiar faces of other members of the junior circuit and oddsmakers are giving better than even money that they



BILKO

draw over a million this season.

No one is truly sorry that competition has come into town. Some fans are of the opinion that "Walter" and the city's deal with him for Chavez Ravine was more to the liking of O'Malley. They want to see him lose (I don't think I'll ever see the day) green and secretly they wish the Angels were more like the Yankees in player personnel.

EXPECT 16,000

Except for the World Series in 1959 baseball spenders in LA are shy when it comes to daytime games. The Angels open against Cookie Lavegetto's Twins this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Were the affair an arc contest Wrigley Field would be filled. As such the Angels should thank heaven if 16,000 show up.

According to Angel publicist Irv Kaze officialdom will be present in the likes of Ford Frick, Commissioner of baseball; Joe Cronin, American League prey; Will Harridge, former league president, and one of the game's former great players Ty Cobb.

If the sun bothers you then wait for tomorrow night. You'll be amazed at what business manager Cedric Tallis has done to Wrigley Field. However, the fences are still close enough for Big Steve's bat to renew acquaintances.



THE WATSON BROTHERS, Charlie (left) and John were treated to a Dodger game recently by the club's publicist Red Peterson after Mrs. Ronnie O'Brien of 21917 Ladeene St. wrote to Red of the boys' super wish to converse with Dodger heroes. A Press photographer went along and in photo above Frank Howard tells them how to hit in the Coliseum—homers of course.



IN THE DODGER DUGOUT awaiting "fellow" team mates' return after practice session prior to Dodger's game with Redbirds.



"OLD MOONSHOT" himself, Wally Moon, shows Watson boys the left field screen in the distance and explains his ability to loft home runs over it.

Youth Foundation Baseball Clinic Scheduled in Torrance Saturday

Seven Up Youth Foundation will conduct a Kids baseball clinic for all Torrance area boys next Saturday.

Clinic will be held on the Torrance Babe Ruth baseball diamond located on Plaza Del Amo Ave. between Cabrillo and Western Avenues. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Bittick, Rose Honored by SC Swimming Ass'n.

Charles Bittick, University of Southern California 1961 team captain, and Murray Rose, the 1961 captain elect, were the most honored athletes at the Southern California swimming Association awards banquet last week at the Statler Hilton.

Bittick, double N.C.A.A. and triple N.A.A.U. champion, was named as the outstanding performer for the '61 season. Rose, the high scorer of the N.C.A.A. meet, was awarded the trophy for the outstanding single performance in the 1961 S. C. season. Lance Larson, a Trojan team mate, was named by the Southern Pacific A.A.U. as its outstanding swimmer for the year of 1960.

Southern Pacific A.A.U. punier swimming awards went to Linda Clark of the Los Angeles Athletic Club and Roy Saari of the El Segundo Swim Club.

Warrior Nine on Warpath, Clash Friday at Harbor

After two tough week-end contests, Coach Chuch Freeman's El Camino College Warriors Friday travel to LA Harbor Junior College in hopes of victory number two over the Seahawks. In the first round the Tribe annihilated the Seahawks 18-2.

Over the week-end the Indians bounced East Los Angeles 7-6 on Friday and dropped the Saturday encounter to undefeated San Diego, 9-5.

Although the ELA contest ended in a tight score, the Warriors were never topped or put in serious trouble.

Virgil DeGeorge received the starting call but needed relief in the third when Don Tamburro took over throwing excellent ball for the remainder of the game.

San Diego, the league's only undefeated squad, handed Freeman's nine a crushing defeat which completely wipes out the Tribe's pennant hopes.

The Warriors have won all of their seven games over four-year colleges, but stand 4-4 in their own conference. El Camino has been playing

good ball and the four losses could have easily been wins with a few breaks to aid their cause.

Padre Nine Wins 11-4 Against Mariner Team

Coach Tom Robinson's Fernin Lasuen ball club slugged their way to another win this week end trimming St. Monica's 11-4 on the Mariners diamond and made it 10 wins for the season.

Padres Tim Meagher of Rolling Hills fanned eight with Bob Gonzales of San Pedro accounting for two strikeouts. Meagher and Pete Sturdivant tripled in the sixth and Vince Comparsi banged out a three bagger in the third inning.

Smiling Coach Robinson admitted he was very well pleased with his JV aggregation. He said the Padres go against Alemamy at their Encino campus on Friday.

Ruth Leaguers To Name Queen, Stage Dinner

Members of the Torrance Babe Ruth League will select their annual queen next Saturday evening during a beauty contest and chuck wagon dinner held at Torrance Park.

Proceeds from the dinner will go into the league's general fund and will be used for uniforms and equipment.

Dinner will be served promptly at 5 p.m. Mothers of the leaguers will serve and prepare the food. Visitors will be served fried chicken and all the trimmings.

Price is moderate, \$1 for adults, .75 cents for children under 10 years of age.

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Lomita League Tells Schedule For Opening Day

John Armour, Lomita Little League president, announced the following schedule of events for the opening of league play.

Saturday at 10 a.m. the Little League Parade will begin at Chandler Field, 27101 Narbonne and will cross Lomita Blvd. and Narbonne at approximately 10:30 a.m. Many other youth organizations will also be represented in the parade.

At 12:45 the opening ceremonies will be held at Chandler Field and the teams and sponsors will be introduced. Following this will be a double header featuring the Indians versus the Yankees and the Tigers versus the Stars.

Sunday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m., the minor league will open with the Seals versus the Padres and at 3 p.m. the Angels versus the Dodgers.

El Camino Track Squad at Home For Final Meet

Ray Southstone, El Camino College track coach, will display his cindermen tomorrow against powerful Bakersfield in the Warriors' final home meet of the '61 season.

The Renegades blasted East LA last week 83 2/3-41 1/3.

Bakersfield is the only undefeated squad in the conference (5-0) as Valley overcame Long Beach City College by one point to spoil the Vikes' perfect record.

El Camino sports a 2-3 record in conference action having dropped squeakers to San Diego, Valley and Long Beach.

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