

Sideliner

By JIM VANCE

Before he took permanent leave of Glendale High School as teacher, principal and coach for the past three years, Don Balch, one of several educators fired by the administration, submitted a defense of his three-year coaching record at the southern county school.

BALCH took difference with a statement made in the May 28 edition of this column which dealt with the Glendale teaching shake-up and which had adjudged that "Glendale athletic teams through the year continued to be in the same general slump which has plagued them for some seasons."

The 1953-54 season, explains Balch, was the first year of Class A competition for Glendale teams, and was a year also marked by the most extensive use of young and inexperienced personnel in all sports in any of the past three years against this tougher competition.

DURING its first year of Class A ball, Glendale won one football game, won eight and lost twelve basketball games, won one J.D.J. League baseball game and did not lose a track team.

But as far as desiring to disprove the "general slump" tag which was accorded Glendale and attempting to prove that progress has been made, instead, Balch's strongest argument lies in the records established by Pirate teams in 1951-52 and 1952-53 when Glendale was still a Class B school.

"ATHLETICS," charges Balch, have not been in a slump at Glendale High School during the past three years. When I first started at Glendale they were playing six-man football and basketball and baseball. In 1951 we added track and in 1952 we changed from six-man football to 11-man.

"In 1951 we started grade school basketball which included boys from the sixth to the eighth grade. This year the boys who started as sixth graders under this program won the grade school league championship. (We were a six-year high school up to this year, 1953-54.)"

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Hollywood Has Only Two .300 Men At Plate

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Hollywood stars are leading the Pacific Coast League standing but they have only two .300 hitters as of Tuesday—Jack Phillips at .330 and Dale Long at .300 even.

Third place Oakland, 6½ games off the pace, is the top hitting team with a .281 mark, while Hollywood and San Diego, the second place squad, are tied with .268.

The Pacific Coast League supposedly is a hitter's league, but there is not an abundance of select swatmen among the regulars.

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Elliott, Queen Keep Top Positions In Pacific Coast League Activity

SAN FRANCISCO — San Diego's Harry Elliott continues to top the regulars in the Pacific Coast League batting race with a percentage of .358 in 83 games.

Official statistics released by the league office here Monday also gave Elliott the lead in hits, 113.

The figures cover games through Sunday, June 27.

DelGreco, Hwd 2 6 3 .500
Nasternak, LA 12 47 19 .404
H. Elliott, SD 83 317 113 .357

Beard, Hwd-SF 78 261 89 .341
Rapp, SD 82 274 92 .336
Cutti, Oak 63 198 66 .333

Robbe, Fort 51 138 46 .333
Byrne, Sea 81 303 100 .330
Phillips, Hwd 75 293 95 .324

Other Seattle and Portland averages:
Wilson, Sea 81 337 103 .306
Judith, Port 82 286 80 .301

Austin, Port 82 339 96 .283
Schmees, Sea 56 184 52 .283
Bestell, Port 70 227 63 .278

Thomas, Sea 77 264 72 .273
Arft, Port 61 170 44 .259
Priddy, Sea 64 201 50 .249

Krsnich, Port 58 210 52 .248
Gladstone, Port 58 193 47 .244
Brunswick, Sea 39 91 22 .242

Basinski, Port 70 263 62 .236
Ortega, Sea 70 203 48 .236
Maddern, Sea 71 230 54 .235

Eggert, Port 68 213 50 .235
Tobin, Sea 62 223 52 .233
Combs, Sea-Sac 63 210 49 .233

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SAN FRANCISCO — Mel Queen of Hollywood, with 11 wins and 2 defeats, tops Pacific Coast League pitchers with a percentage of .846.

Tommy Byrne of Seattle is the strikeout king, with 103 in 151 innings, during which he won 8 games and lost 7.

The pitching statistics, including games of Sunday, June 27, are compiled by William J. Weiss, league statistician:

T. Smith, SD 8 6 10 1 0
Queen, Hwd 17 35 67 11 2
Wright, SD 10 28 29 5 1

Schallock, Oak 12 19 44 8 2
Donoso, Hwd 24 23 71 11 3
Munger, Hwd 20 43 47 9 3

Pyeche, LA 11 17 15 3 1
Candini, Sac 24 21 21 7 3
Zabals, SF 21 21 30 8 4

Chambers, SD 16 28 25 6 3
Fannin, SD 13 43 52 4 2
Walsh, Hwd 13 14 21 4 2

White, SD 10 10 11 2 1
E. E. E. 23 48 63 10 6
Bowman, Hwd 20 32 81 10 6

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N. Evans, Sac 13 29 25 5 3
Munberger, Oak 16 38 16 3 2

Murphy, Oak 26 38 31 3 2
Portland and Seattle averages:
Boemler, Port 15 66 41 6 5

Fiedler, Port 15 35 22 6 5
Byrne, Sea 19 79 103 8 7
G. Elliott, Port 16 23 61 8 7

Alexander, Port 18 47 49 4 4
Fletcher, Sea 27 10 14 3 3
Bearden, Sea 25 69 59 6 3

Eagy, Sea 13 27 23 3 4
L. Myers, Sea 18 23 29 3 3
Anthony, Port 22 10 17 2 2

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