

Dodgers trade for Blowers' power

■ **BASEBALL:** Los Angeles gets the third baseman from the Mariners for two minor league players

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers ended their search for a third baseman Wednesday, acquiring power-hitting Mike Blowers from the Seattle Mariners for two minor league infielders.

The Dodgers had said they would not exercise their option on 38-year-old Tim Wallach for the 1996 season, and instead try to find a third baseman through a trade or free agency.

"Mike Blowers gives us a quality third baseman who possesses outstanding power," Dodgers executive vice president Fred Claire said. "His 23 home runs and 96 RBI (in 1995) represent a breakthrough-type season for him."

"Mike is the guy to play third base for us. We traded two good young players; we wouldn't have done that if we didn't feel that we had acquired the player who would provide the answer at third."

In exchange for Blowers, the Mariners will get second baseman Miguel Cairo and third baseman Willis Otanez.

Blowers, 30, played in 134 games for the Mariners last season and hit .257. He had career-high totals in homers, RBI, doubles (24) and hits (113).

Blowers tied a major league record for grand slams in a month with three in August, and drove in 33 runs in that month, tying him with Edgar Martinez for the Mariners' record for RBI in a month.

Blowers, who is from the Seattle area, admitted he was disappointed about the trade at first.

"It's great; I'm excited about it now," he said from Palm Springs, Calif., where he has been playing in a golf tournament. "I've had a chance to think about it. I can't think of a better organization to go to. For me and my family, I'm excited about it."

Blowers said he believed he proved a point last season.

"I always felt like with an opportunity to get [434] at-bats like most regulars, my numbers would be very good," he said. "I think the numbers speak for themselves: 23 homers and 96 RBI in a short season."

"I think I showed everybody in the league I could come through in the big situation. I felt like if I got an opportunity to play every day, I could do those

things."

Claire said the Dodgers had received good reports on Blowers.

"I like everything about him, and we haven't even negotiated a contract yet," Claire said. "I know a lot about him concerning his approach to the game. I really believe he is a player who is just coming into his own."

"He's never had the opportunity to have 400 at-bats in a major league season. He's going to fit in just fine. He's a good defensive player, he's got an above-average arm. But it's his approach to the game that I think will really fit in with the rest of our team."

Cairo, 21, played in 107 games for the Dodgers Class AA team in San Antonio and hit .278 with one homer, 41 RBI and 33 stolen bases.

Otanez, 22, began the 1995 season with the Dodgers Class A team in Vero Beach, Fla., where he played in 92 games, hitting .260 with 10 homers and 53 RBI. He was promoted to San Antonio, where he played in 27 games and hit .240 with one homer and seven RBI.

The Mariners designated pitcher Bob Wells for assignment to make room on their 40-man roster for Cairo and Otanez.

King, Tyson strike out with Atlantic City deal

■ **BOXING:** Promoter Don King quickly switched plans and found open arms in Philadelphia

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey said no to the Mike Tyson-Buster Mathis, Jr. fight Wednesday, so Don King is taking his show to Philadelphia.

The state Casino Control Commission, which barred King from doing business with casinos here last year, rejected Donald Trump's plan to have five casinos sponsor the bout at Convention Hall.

King then decided to go west — 60 miles away — and got a warm reception from Mayor Ed Rendell and the boxing commission. King said he is licensed in Pennsylvania.

The fight will take place at the Spectrum on Dec. 16. It will be televised live on free television by Fox Sports, King said.

"Philadelphia is the home of Rocky. Philadelphia is the home of the Constitution. The Constitutional Congress met there. I think this is what democracy is

all about."

Tyson, who has recovered from the broken thumb that forced the fight's postponement, has been sparring for 1 1/2 weeks and was unfazed by the change of venue, his co-manager said.

"Mike doesn't care if it's in Philadelphia or Minnesota; he doesn't care where it is," said John Horne. "He's ecstatic that it's in Philadelphia."

King, whose trial on wire fraud charges ended in a mistrial, was still under indictment in August 1994 when the New Jersey Casino Control Commission banned him. The ban remains in place, despite the mistrial.

"I'm changing to Philadelphia because Philadelphia has the presumption of innocent until proven guilty, rather than New Jersey, which has the presumption of guilty until proven innocent," King said.

King said he didn't believe New Jersey authorities would let Tyson fight there, but that he agreed to try because Trump wanted to.

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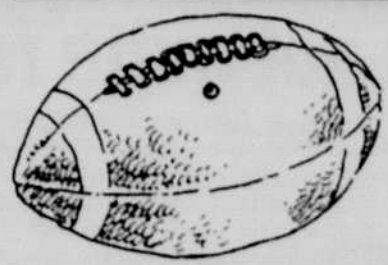
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Horoscope by Frances Drake

For Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995
ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Work interests are favored, despite the fact that a co-worker is crabby and out of sorts. Guard against being overly indulgent in the evening. Otherwise, you'll wear yourself out.
TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Some take in a lecture or seminar on a favorite subject. In general, activities of a group nature are favored. An unusual purchase is tempting, but the price tag could be extravagant.
GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
You're not connecting with that special someone, and that could mean it's time for a heart-to-heart chat. In business, keep your eyes open. After dark, you find privacy fits the bill.
CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
It's silly for you to overreact so to what you believe is a slight by a close friend. At work, it's best to stick to a behind-the-scenes method. You achieve success through further study.
LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
A friend asks you to join a club that has been intriguing you. While out and about, be careful in your use of credit. Talks on the business front yield some helpful information for the future.
VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You find yourself brimming with energy and initiative, but you could overlook important details on the job. Someone close to you is being overly sensitive and needs understanding.
LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Travel done over the weekend will prove to be quite enjoyable. However, guard against an unfortunate tendency to exaggerate while out socializing. Be sure of your facts before you speak.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You're finding it difficult to resist being extravagant, especially with credit cards so handy. Thus, you could overspend in the pursuit of pleasure. Family discussions are favored in the evening.
SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
It's a favorable time for new starts. However, when dealing with those in authority, be sure to exercise tact and diplomacy. A private discussion this evening leads to new relationship insights.
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You are at your creative best, but at work, you could let things slide a bit. What's being proposed to you financially requires you to be more careful in your scrutiny.
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A humanitarian cause has captured your imagination and you go all out for this. Others are swept along with your enthusiasm. As a result, you end the day feeling satisfied at the good you've done.
PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
A friend comes to you with a rather unusual business prospect. Couples are engrossed in fascinating conversations, rekindling the spark in the relationship. Be careful when spending money.
YOU BORN TODAY are both idealistic and practical, and you sometimes find yourself at war internally as a result. Since you're able to see the many sides of a complicated issue, others perceive you as being somewhat wishy-washy. However, you are a person of strong convictions and ultimately can convey this. You have an avid mind and are fascinated with new technology and computers.
Birthdate of: David Mamet, playwright, Dick Clark, TV personality, Bo Jackson, athlete.
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