SATURDAY

BASKETBALL	Time	TV
Men's college, Ohio St. at Rutgers	9 a.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Richmond at George Mason	9 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Alabama at Auburn	9 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Miami at NC State	9 a.m.	Root
Men's college, St. John's at Creighton	9 a.m.	FS1
Men's college,		
George Washington at St. Bonaventure	9 a.m.	NBCSN
Men's college, Texas at West Virginia	10 a.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Mississippi St. at Vanderbilt	10 a.m.	SEC
Men's college, Rhode Island at VCU	11 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Tennessee at Texas A&M	11 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Seton Hall at DePaul	11 a.m.	FS1
Men's college, Fordham at Duquesne	11 a.m.	NBCSN
Men's college, Baylor at TCU	noon	ESPN
Men's college, Washington at California	noon	Pac-12
Men's college, Georgia at Arkansas	12:30 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Connecticut at Butler	1 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Texas Tech at Iowa St.	1 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Tulane at Houston	1 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, UNLV at Colorado St.	1 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, La Salle at Massachusetts	1 p.m.	NBCSN
Men's college, Oklahoma at Kansas	1:30 p.m.	CBS
Men's college, Kentucky at Florida	2 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Washington St. vs. Stanford	2 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Oklahoma St. at Kansas St.	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Santa Clara at Saint Mary's (Calif.)	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Women's college, Iowa at Northwestern	4 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, USC at Arizona St.	4 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Georgetown at Syracuse	4 p.m.	ESPN
High school, John Paul II vs. iSchool of Lewisville	4 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, Gonzaga at Portland	5 p.m.	Root
Men's college, LSU at Ole Miss	5:30 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Nevada at San Diego St.	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, UCLA at Arizona	6 p.m.	ESPN
High school, CBC vs. Bates Fundamentals	6 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, Oregon at Utah	6:30 p.m.	Pac-12
NBA, Portland at Sacramento	7 p.m.	NBCSNW
FOOTBALL		
NFL playoffs, Indianapolis at Buffalo	10:05 a.m.	CBS
NFL playoffs, L.A. Rams at Seattle	1:40 p.m.	FOX
NFL playoffs, Tampa Bay at Washington	5:15 p.m.	NBC
HOCKEY		
College, Michigan at Michigan St.	1:30 p.m.	Big Ten
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions	3 p.m.	Golf
SUNDAY		

SOCCER		
Italian Serie A, Parma vs. Lazio	5:55 a.m.	ESPN2
Mexico Primera, Santos Laguna vs. Cruz Azul	5 p.m.	FS1
BASKETBALL		
Men's college, Providence at Xavier	8 a.m.	FOX
Women's college, Davidson at Rhode Island	9 a.m.	CBSSN
Women's college, Florida at Georgia	9 a.m.	SEC
Women's college, Dayton at George Washington	9 a.m.	ESPNU
Women's college, Miami at North Carolina	10 a.m.	Root
Women's college, Saint Joseph's at La Salle	11 a.m.	CBSSN
Women's college, Alabama at Vanderbilt	11 a.m.	SEC
Men's college, Minnesota at Iowa	11:30 a.m.	Big Ten
Women's college, Oregon at California	1 p.m.	Pac-12
Women's college, Texas A&M at Arkansas	1 p.m.	SEC
Women's college, Iowa St. at Texas Tech	1 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Cincinnati at Wichita St.	1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Women's college, South Carolina at Kentucky	2 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Indiana at Nebraska	3 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Colgate at Boston University	3 p.m.	CBSSN
Women's college, Ole Miss at Mississippi St.	3 p.m.	SEC

5 p.m.	Big Ten
10:05 a.m.	ABC, ESPN
1:40 p.m.	CBS
5:15 p.m.	NBC
1 p.m.	NBC
	10:05 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 5:15 p.m.

Listings are the most accurate available. The Bulletin is not responsible for late changes made by TV stations.

PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions

Men's college, Loyola-Chicago at Drake

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ducks fall to No. 1 Stanford

BY JANIE MCCAULEY **Associated Press**

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Down three key players who are quarantined, road weary No. 1 Stanford needed every defensive stop down the stretch.

Haley Jones had 18 points and six rebounds, and the Cardinal beat No. 11 Oregon 70-63 on Friday. Stanford was playing in Northern California for the first time in nearly a month.

Francesca Belibi's threepoint play with 17 seconds remaining in the third capped a second decisive 9-0 run that period by the short-handed Cardinal (10-0, 7-0 Pac-12).

The game was played at Kaiser Permanente Arena, home of the Golden State Warriors' G League affiliate. Stanford played in Northern California for the first time since Dec. 13, and the Cardinal haven't been able to play or practice on campus since

Santa Clara County's restrictions on sports came down Nov. 28 and the team left town Dec. 2.

3:30 p.m.

3 p.m.

ESPN2

Golf

Oregon (8-2, 6-2) lost again after it fell out of the top-10 with a home defeat to UCLA that ended the Ducks' nation's best 27-game winning streak. The Ducks had won the past three against Stanford but have never beaten a topranked team.

"I'm disappointed, quite frankly," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "I'm proud of the players for how we continued to battle. But I'm disappointed we lost the game. We've won this conference three times in a row. We expect to win."

Up next

Stanford: Sunday's game with Oregon State was postponed because of COVID-19 protocols within the Beavers program. The Cardinal will play next Friday at Utah.

Oregon: At Cal on Sunday.

Oregon Lottery results

MEGA MILLIONS

The numbers drawn Friday night are: (3)(6)(16)(18)(58)(11)(2)

The estimated jackpot is now \$520 million.

As listed at www.oregonlottery.org and individual lottery websites

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs WILD CARD Saturday's Games Indianapolis at Buffalo, 10:05 a.m. L.A. Rams at Seattle, 1:40 p.m. Tampa Bay at Washington, 5:15 p.m. Sunday's Games Baltimore at Tennessee, 10:05 a.m. Chicago at New Orleans, 1:40 p.m. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 5:15 p.m.

College Monday's Game College Football Championship Miami Gardens, Fla.

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 5 p.m. (ESPN)							
America's Line							
	(Home	team in (CAPS)				
NFL							
Favorite		Current	O/U	Underdog			
		Saturday					
	Wild	-card play	offs				
BILLS	61/2	6	51½	Colts			
SEAHAWKS	41/2	3	421/2	Rams			
Bucs	7	81/2	441/2	WASHINGTON			
Sunday							
Wild-card playoffs							
Ravens	31/2	3	55	TITANS			
SAINTS	91/2	10	471/2	Bears			
STEELERS	31/2	6	471/2	Browns			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF Open Current O/U Underdog **Favorite**

GOLF

PGA Tour Sentry Tournament of Champions Scores Friday at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii Yardage: 7,596; Par: 73

Second Round	
Harris English	65-67-132
Daniel Berger	69-65-134
Collin Morikawa	69-65-134
Ryan Palmer	67-67-134
Justin Thomas	65-69-134
Xander Schauffele	69-66—135
Brendon Todd	68-67—135
Sungjae Im	67-68—135
Patrick Reed	67-68—135
Dustin Johnson	71-65—136
Jon Rahm	70-66—136
Scottie Scheffler	70-66—136
Bryson DeChambeau	69-67—136
Joaquin Niemann	69-67—136
Carlos Ortiz	69-67—136
Patrick Cantlay	68-68—136
Jason Kokrak, 71-66—137. Billy Horschel,	71-66—137.

Webb Simpson, 70-67—137. Brian Gay, 70-67—137. Viktor Hovland, 69-68—137. Marc Leishman, 69-69—138. Richy Werenski, 69-69—138. Martin Laird, 69-69—138. Nick Tay-

lor, 67-71—138. Sergio Garcia, 67-71—138. Lanto Griffin, 71-68—139. Kevin Na, 71-68—139. Cameron Champ, 71-68—139. Adam Scott, 68-71—139. Robert Streb, 67-72—139. Stewart Cink, 71-69—140. Cameron

73-68—141. Abraham Ancer, 70-71—141. Andrew Landry, 70-71—141. Kevin Kisner, 70-71—141. Tony Finau, 74-68—142. Hudson Swafford, 73-70—143. Mackenzie Hughes, 73-71—144. Hideki Matsuyama, 73-75—148.

BASKETBALL

Men's college PAC-12 CONFERENCE Conference All Games						
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	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
UCLA	4	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Oregon	3	1	.750	8	2	.800
Stanford	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Washington St.	2	1	.667	9	1	.900
Southern Cal	2	1	.667	7	2	.778
Arizona	3	2	.600	9	2	.818
Colorado	2	2	.500	8	3	.727
Arizona St.	1	1	.500	4	4	.500
Utah	1	2	.333	4	3	.571
Oregon St.	1	2	.333	5	4	.556
Washington	0	4	.000	1	8	.111
California	0	5	.000	5	7	.417
Thursday's Late Games						
Washington St. 71, California 60						

UCLA 81, Arizona St. 75, OT Saturday's Games Washington at California, noon Washington St. vs. Stanford, 2 p.m Southern Cal at Arizona St., 4 p.m. UCLA at Arizona, 6 p.m. No. 17 Oregon at Utah, 6:30 p.m. Oregon St. at Colorado, ppd.

TOP 25 SCORES Friday's Games No. 3 Villanova vs. Marquette, ppd Purdue 55, No. 23 Michigan St. 54

Women's college							
P	PAC-12 CONFERENCE						
	C	onfer	rence	Α	ll Ga	mes	
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Stanford	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000	
Arizona	6	1	.857	8	1	.889	
Washington St.	4	1	.800	6	1	.857	
Oregon	6	2	.750	8	2	.800	
UCLA	4	2	.667	6	2	.750	
Arizona St.	3	3	.500	7	3	.700	
Colorado	2	4	.333	4	5	.444	
Southern Cal	2	5	.286	4	5	.444	
Utah	2	6	.250	3	6	.333	
Oregon St.	1	3	.250	3	3	.500	
Washington	1	5	.167	4	5	.444	
California	0	6	.000	0	9	.000	
Friday's Games							
No. 1 Stanford 70, No. 11 Oregon 63							
Southern Cal 60, Utah 59							
Oregon St. at California, nnd							

Friday's Boxscore No. 1 Stanford 70, No. 11 Oregon 63

Arizona St. at Washington St., ppd

Colorado at No. 9 UCLA, ppd. No. 7 Arizona at Washington, ppd.

OREGON (8-2) Boley 5-8 0-0 10, Sabally 5-13 0-2 10, Mikesell 3-12 0-0 6, Paopao 5-9 0-0 12, Shelley 0-3 0-0 0, Giomi 0-0 0-0 0, Chavez 1-3 3-4 6, Dugalic 1-3 0-0 2, Parrish 5-11 1-1 14 rr 1-4 0-0 3, Watson 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 26-66 4-7 63.**

Belibi 3-9 1-1 7, Hull 1-4 0-0 2, Jones 8-18 2-2 18, Williams 3-13 8-9 14, Wilson 3-42-4 11, Prechtel 3-5 0-0 6, Brink 2-4 0-0 4. Van Gytenbeek 3-3 0-0 8. Totals 26-60 13-16 70.

20 13 14 16 — 63 Stanford 14 18 28 10 - 70

3-Point Goals—Oregon 7-19 (Mikesell 0-3, Paopao 2-3, Shelley 0-1, Chavez 1-2, Dugalic 0-1, Parrish 3-7, Scherr 1-2), Stanford 5-16 (Hull 0-2, Williams 0-6, Wilson 3-4, Prechtel 0-1, Brink 0-1, Van Gytenbeek 2-2) Assists—Oregon 9 (Shelley 2), Stanford 8 (Hull 3).

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oregon 37 (Sabally 4-11), Stanford 39 (Brink 3-6). **Total Fouls**—Oregon 18, Stanford 7. **Technical Fouls**—None. **A**—0.

NBA

Sunday's Games

No. 7 Arizona at Washington St., 11 a.m.
No. 11 Oregon at California, 1 p.m.
Utah at No. 9 UCLA, 1 p.m. Oregon St. at No. 1 Stanford, ppd. Arizona St. at Washington, pp Monday's Game Colorado at Southern Cal, noon

EASTERN CONFERENCE								
	W	L	Pct	GB				
Phila.	7	2	.778	_				
Indiana	6	2	.750	1/2				
Boston	7	3	.700	1/2				
Orlando	6	3	.667	1				
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	11/2				
New York	5	4	.556	2				
Brooklyn	5	4	.556	2				
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2				
Atlanta	4	4	.500	21/2				
Charlotte	4	5	.444	3				
Chicago	4	5	.444	3 3 5				
Miami	3	4	.429	3				
Detroit	2	7	.222	5				
Washington	2	7	.222	5				
Toronto	1	6	.143	5				
WESTERN CONFERENCE								
	W	L	Pct	GB				
L.A. Clippers	6	3	.667	_				
Phoenix	6	3	.667	_				
L.A. Lakers	6		.667	_				
Dallas	4	4	.500	11/2				
Utah	4	4	.500	11/2				
Golden State	4	4	.500	11/2				
Portland	4	4	.500	11/2				
San Antonio	4	4	.500	11/2				
Sacramento	4	4	.500	11/2				
Oklahoma City	4	4	.500	11/2				
New Orleans	4	5	.444	2				
Houston	3	4	.429	2				
Denver	3	5	.375	21/2				

Thursday's Late Game Portland 135, Minnesota 117 San Antonio 118, L.A. Lakers 109 Dallas 124, Denver 117, OT

.250 .250

3½ 3½

Minnesota

Memphis

Friday's Games Detroit 110, Phoenix 105, OT

Oklahoma City 101, New York 89 Boston 116, Washington 107 Charlotte 118, New Orleans 110 Houston 132, Orlando 90 Brooklyn at Memphis, late Utah at Milwaukee, late Chicago at L.A. Lakers, late L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late

Saturday's Games

Denver at Phila., noon Atlanta at Charlotte, 4 p.m. Miami at Washington, 4 p.m. Phoenix at Indiana, 4 p.m. Cleveland at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. San Antonio at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Orlando at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. Portland at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Late Boxscore

Trail Blazers 135, Timberwolves 117 MINNESOTA (117)

Culver 3-6 0-0 7, Hernangomez 3-8 4-4 12, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Beasley 3-13 3-4 12, Russell 9-16 5-6 26, Layman 2-4 0-0 4, McDaniels 1-3 0-0 3, Reid 4-7 4-7 13, Vanderbilt 4-7 2-3 10, Edwards 9-21 5-7 26, Nowell 1-3 0-0 2, Rubio 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 39-93 25-33 117.

PORTLAND (135)
Covington 1-40-03, Jones Jr. 3-42-29, Nurkic 8-10 1-217,
Lillard 13-21 6-7 39, McCollum 6-14 4-4 20, Anthony 4-9 0-0 9, Giles III 1-3 0-0 3, Fileby 1-1 2-2 4, Hood 1-6 0-0 2, Little 1-1 0-0 2, Trent Jr. 2-7 3-4 9, Kanter 5-5 0-0 10, Blevins 0-0 0-0 0, Simons 3-5 1-2 8. **Totals 49-90 19-23 135.**

29 27 24 37 — 117 Minnesota Portland 28 47 36 24 — 135
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 14-41 (Beasley 3-6, Russell 3-7, Edwards 3-10, Hernangomez 2-5, Culver 1-3, McDaniels 1-3, Reid 1-3, Layman 0-2), Portland 18-41 (Lillard 7-12, McCollum 4-9, Trent Jr. 2-5, Jones Jr. 1-2) Simons 1-2, Covington 1-3, Anthony 1-4, Hood 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 48 (Vanderbilt 10), Portland 44 (Kanter, Lillard, Nurkic 7). Assists—Minnesota 24 (Rubio 10), Portland 25 (Lillard 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 19, Portland 23.

DEALS

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with LHP

SEAT ILE WARNINGS — Agreed to terms with LFP Roenis Elias, 3B Jantzen Witte and RHP Paul Sewald to minor league contracts. FOOTBALL National Football League BUFFALO BILLS — Promoted WR Duke Williams and OL

Jordan Devey to the active roster.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed S Jovante Moffatt on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated C Javon Patterson from the practice squad reserve/COVID-19 list.
DENVER BRONCOS — Claimed LB Natrez Patrick off

waivers from LA Rams.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Chris Blair, S Innis Gaines and LB Ray Wilborn to reserve/future contracts for the 2021 season. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Promoted OT Jared Veldheer

and RB Darius Anderson to the active roster. LOS ANGELES RAMS — Activated DL Michael Brockers from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed RB Raymond Calais on injured reserve.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Announced the contract of

MINNESUIA VIKINGS — Announced the contract of senior defensive assistant Dom Capers will not be renewed. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Activated S C.J. Gard-ner-Johnson from the reserve/COVID-19 list. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed CB Kevon Seymour to a reserve/futures contract for the 2021 season.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Promoted RB Alex Collins to

the active roster.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Promoted CB Herb Miller, DL Benning Potoa'e, LB Deone Bucannon and OL Ted Larson to the active roster. Waived LB Chapelle Russell. WASHINGTON FOOTBALLTEAM — Promoted WR Don

Seahawks

Continued from B1

Seattle (12-4) will be hosting a playoff game for the first time since January 2017, the last time the Seahawks claimed the NFC West title. They were carried to the division title this season not by an otherworldly season from Russell Wilson, although he was very good. But it was Seattle's defense making a 180-degree flip from the beginning of the season that led the Seahawks' late charge.

Seattle allowed just 16 points per game over the final eight games, the best in the league. The Seahawks had 37 of their final 10 games.

If Seattle is going to make a run in the postseason, Wilson will play his role. But how long the Seahawks stay around will be determined by Jamal Adams, Bobby Wagner and others.

"We've got to make it our mission to do the same thing," Seattle linebacker K.J. Wright said. "We had a great game against them two weeks ago and so we've got to make it our mission to repeat that and have another successful game."

Getting better

Whether or not Goff plays,



Seattle Seahawks linebacker K.J. Wright (50) and defensive end L.J. Collier (91) celebrate a stop against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in Glendale, Arizona.

the Rams should be getting even more help for their flagging offense, which hasn't scored a touchdown in two games. Left tackle Andrew Whitworth plans to return after being out since he tore ligaments in his knee during the Seahawks' visit two months ago. Cooper Kupp, the Rams' leader in receptions and yards receiving, also should be back in the lineup after missing last week's game on the reserve/ COVID-19 list. Whitworth could provide a boost to an offensive line that struggled in the run game last week.

Home-field advantage?

Seattle has won 10 straight home playoff games. Its last home postseason loss came in 2004 when the Seahawks fell to the Rams 27-20 in a wild-card

game. But this will be a playoff game unlike any of the rest, with Seattle's notorious home fans absent due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Seahawks have played the entire home slate without fans and went 7-1, their best home record since 2016. Seattle was a combined 14-10 at home between 2017-19.

"I miss the stadium shaking literally on the field while you're standing there," Wilson said.

Getting defensive

The Rams' defense was the best in the NFL by most statistical measures this season, finishing tops in both total yards allowed and points allowed while boasting the No. 1 pass defense as well. Those numbers aren't tremendous comfort against the Seahawks, who have already seen this defense twice. The Seahawks are averaging 27 points per game in the Rams' last three visits to Seattle.

Catching on

While DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett had a record-setting season for Seattle, neither has found much success against the Rams. The pair each had a combined eight catches over the two games against LA this season. Going back to last season after cornerback Jalen Ramsey was acquired, neither receiver has found the end zone in three games.

Wilson's only TD pass against the Rams since Ramsey's arrival came in the fourth quarter two weeks ago when he hit tight end Jacob Hollister, a graduate of Bend's Mountain View High, for the clinching score.

Lasorda

Continued from B1

"When people are in the cemetery visiting their loved ones, they'll say, 'Let's go to Lasorda's grave and see if the Dodgers are playing today."

Fans will have to wait a few months to do that, but Lasorda's tombstone figures to be a popular gathering place before games. He was true Dodger royalty and, along with Vin Scully, one of the last remaining bridges between Ebbets Field and Dodger Stadium.

Now he's gone, even as Vinny mourns the passing of his wife

earlier in the week. "There will never be anybody like Tommy Lasorda," said Steve Brener, the public relations director for the Dodgers during Lasorda's reign. "He was like a second father to me."

If, in the end, the measure of a man's life may be found in the number of stories told about him, Lasorda lived a life way beyond his 93 years.

He fought the Phillie Phanatic on the field after the mascot dared to disparage his beloved Dodgers, and traded punches with the hated Giants at Candlestick Park. He won one World Series with a ragtag team that probably didn't even deserve to be in it, then summoned Gibson out of the clubhouse to help him win a second.

In between he engaged in clubhouse rants, feasted on lasagna in his office with Frank Sinatra and gave his opinion to anyone who asked — and even those who didn't. The tapes of his postgame rants about Kurt Bevacqua and Dave Kingman are underground classics that will live in baseball lore forever.

So, Tommy, what did you think about Kingman hitting three home runs against the Dodgers?

'What's my opinion of Kingman's performance? What the (expletive) do you think my opinion is of it? I think it was (expletive). Put that in I don't (expletive) care," he said. "What's my opinion of his performance? (expletive). He beat us with three (expletive) home runs. What the (expletive) do you mean? What is my opinion of his performance? How can you ask me a question like that?'

Lasorda spent 71 seasons with the Dodgers, earning his first World Series ring in 1955 as a pitcher in Brooklyn. He was a better manager than a pitcher, leading the Dodgers to four World Series and winning two of them. For the last 14 years of his life he was a special adviser to the team, sitting in his seat next to the Dodger dugout at every home game, often with Don Newcombe and others beside him.

Brener, who talked on the phone to Lasorda's wife, Jo, on Thursday before he suffered his fatal heart attack, remembered him as both a master motivator and a masterful promoter who reveled in the celebrity scene around him. The Hollywood elite loved him back, making a path toward Lasorda's clubhouse office at Dodger Stadium, where there was always plenty of food to go along with the laughs.

Sinatra was a pal and promised Lasorda he would sing the national anthem at opening day if he got the Dodger managerial job. Sure enough, Sinatra was at home plate delivering the tune when the Dodgers opened in 1977.

"Nobody has to tell Frank Sinatra he is a good singer and nobody has to tell me that I am a good manager," Lasorda said.

But it wasn't all about winning games and hanging out with Sinatra, Dean Martin and Don Rickles after the games. Lasorda had time for everyone.

Brener recalled going to a hospital in San Francisco once with Lasorda, who had gotten a letter from a family whose son was in a coma.

"The parents are there and Tommy goes in and starts motivating the kid, telling him to wake up and that he was going to be the bat boy for the Dodgers," Brener said. "Well, this kid came out of the coma and the next year Tommy introduces me to the kid at Candlestick Park and says this is the kid I talked to in the hospital. The kid rebounded and was our batboy. It was the most incredible thing I had ever seen."

If the stories are legendary, so was the manager. He was faithful to his team, and always true to himself even if he didn't suffer fools easily.

Still, even those who didn't see things so Blue will agree on this: For 71 years baseball was a better game because Tommy Lasorda was in it.