

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

California Still Has Much Gold

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants lost four games in a row and so they fired manager Bill Rigney.

These people out here by the Golden Gate should live by the Detroit Tigers' motto. Major League baseball has been on the West Coast only three years; time and defeat will season new fans to disappointment.

The Giants haven't improved under the guidance of "interim manager" Tom Sheehan, so their weeping and concern are in the land of hills, restaurants and beaches. Sheehan's reign may be very "interim," Sheehan, 46, was head of the Giants' scouting system and ostensibly knows his talent. At least that's what Giants owner Horace Stoneham said after dismissing Rigney.

HORACE as much as promised San Francisco fans to remain the season after the Giants almost won last year. Stoneham apparently wasn't sold on Rigney, but the club had shown improvement during its two-year stay here, after moving from New York, so Rigney was retained. But when the Giants faltered during a brief start, Stoneham acted.

There was some grumbling by the fans, and San Francisco newspapers were complaining over the move. The club mildly, that was enough for Stoneham. The Rigney firing immediately brought a diverse reaction from newspaper columnists, but nothing serious. They waited a long time before major league baseball out here and did everything possible to keep the Giants from New York. So there's little inclination to criticize the heroes severely.

One columnist's comment after the Rigney firing proved enlightening. After much thought, he analyzed that the Giants really moved to Stoneham, not the fans of San Francisco. That's the way it goes in the account of the National Edition company, the official name of the Giants company, and not into the City of San Francisco treasury.

AND HORACE takes a lot of loot to the vaults these days. The close of the season stands here, the Giants had attracted 1,028,000 fans into their new home, Candlestick Park. At prices higher than the average in major league ball, too. San Francisco continued to attract fans to the club at a cost of some \$15 million, so Stoneham has a good thing working for him.

Next year, the Giants and the Dodgers, down in Los Angeles, start collecting million dollars each for closed circuit TV rights. It's all part of the package which lured the club to the money army. The closed circuit probably won't be ready to operate, but the Giants and Dodgers act like they're ready. That's the way it was, moving west, as they say in TV circles.

The Dodgers, incidentally, received \$500,000 this year for the TV rights, back to Los Angeles, for the 11 games the club plays in San Francisco. So Walter O'Malley has spiritual sustenance while fighting local roadblocks. The new stadium construction of his master stadium in Los Angeles' Chavez Ravine.

STONEHAM and O'Malley imported their top aides from New York when shifting franchises. Recently, the New York Yankees and New Yorkers at heart, yearning for the "big city." The big city, apparently, is a new class of "home-some rich."

The experience of the Giants and Dodgers companies has been the major professional sports. The coast definitely is the land of gold. Big game is rich and the money made really hasn't been tapped yet. Population booms and interest in all sports blossoms.

San Francisco's Cow Palace sits invitingly not far from Candlestick Park, waiting for professional basketball and hockey. Basketball, in particular, has proved extremely popular in the bay area over the years. It's almost unbelievable that while two or three National Basketball Association clubs struggle to make a dollar, a bonanza awaits in San Francisco.

OTHERWISE sophisticated San Francisco has accepted the Giants with small-town enthusiasm. Press, radio and TV allot unusual space and time to the Giants. The city's large array of sports columnists scramble for tidbits about the club.



R. J. Henry piloting his Mark II silver Lotus on the inside and J. C. Kilburn in his Lotus XV on the outside, as the two drivers take the first turn in the seventh race Sunday at the Waterford Hills Road Course. The race was a part of the two day racing spectacle sponsored by the Sports Car club of America, in connection with the Oakland County Sportman's Road Racing corporation.

B'ham Sports Car Drivers 'Burn Up' Waterford Course

By DON PEMBER Staff Writer

The roar of engines and billows of exhaust mixed with the tension in the pits. WITH each wave of the starter's hand, the engines reached a higher crescendo.

Then, the green flag was down. At that instant \$50,000 worth of betting, rambling, precision-built automobiles were on their way down the straightaway and into the first turn.

Still dangerously hunched, each car strained to take the lead in the short straightaway between turn two and three, a Lotus XV and a modified Corvette led the rest of the pack and headed into the first turn.

THAT'S THE WAY it looked at LeMans, France last weekend, that's the way it looked at the Michigan Grand Prix a few weeks ago, and that's the way it looked at Waterford, Michigan Saturday and Sunday.

AND MORE than 5,000 spectators lined the track, watching one of the few displays of European style road racing in this part of the country.

The race, conducted by the Detroit region of the Sports Car club of America in cooperation with the Oakland County Sportman's Road Racing corporation, featured over 100 cars, including Lotuses, Healeys, Corvettes, Porsches, and many other models from high performance classes B and C through the lower class G and H.

FIVE LOCAL MEN were entered in the competition, and several others were active in "behind the scenes" activity.

Another local man, Ralph Duran, 445 Mustang Trail, Bloomfield Township, took third in the semi-final event which featured all classes of cars, except Class A. Duran drove an Arnold Bristol, class D car.

Other Birmingham men were Charles D. Moore, 543 Berwyn, Birmingham, with his Triumph; John Baldwin, 1551 Derby, Birmingham, who entered a Corvette; and a Lotus XV, and one Corvette, 132 Graefield Court, Birmingham, who drove a Sprite.

THE WATERFORD Hills course, unique in this area of the country, is a 1.5 miles long "tight course" with a lot of "hairly turns."

In racing line this means the many sharp turns which limit the speed of the course, making it safer in some respects.

The straight-a-way on the back stretch is the only one in which a driver can "get through the gears" or get his car into high gear and begin to attain a high speed.

THE FEATURE race Sunday afternoon was won by J. C. Kilburn of Detroit in a Lotus XI. Kilburn took the lead in the first lap when leader Bob Clift, of Pontiac, in a modified Corvette, missed the sixth turn, skidded across 100 feet of field and moved down a wooden fence. Kilburn, who was close behind, jumped into first and kept the position for the remainder of the race.

There was one minor mishap during the race. A Lotus went out of control in front of the pit area and hit two spectators. The damage to the car and condition of the driver and spectators was listed as not serious.

Local Contenders Ride Off With Horse Show Honors Only 1 Serious Spill In Five-Day Events

Local riders and horses held their own in competition with many nationally famous entries in Detroit's five-day horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt.

Pleasant weather, colorful events and enthusiastic crowds made the equestrian spectacle one of the best in the show's history. One serious spill in the final day of competition, however, added misfortune to the show.

Robert C. Egan, 1281 Whitmore, Bloomfield township, won two championships on Mr. Deliberate, Flanigan. Both Crams practice four to five times a week under the instruction of Charles D. Grant. Rick has aspirations of working with horses, whether it as professional rider, trainer or



Big Horse, Little Rider

Thirteen-year-old Chris Jones, 990 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, and her mare Kid Grey clear a jump in the Junior Working Hunter event of the five-day Detroit horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt.

THE CRAMS made a family affair of the horse show with Stewart Cram as vice-chairman in charge of judges and ring officials and Mrs. Cram coordinating committee between the show and with Stamp.

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B'ham Legionnaires Drop Two, Win One

The Birmingham legion ball club lost the magic touch they had two weeks ago against Berkley as they dropped two and won one game this past week. Inconsistent hitting and poor fielding combined to create the worst opponent any team could face—themselves.

EAST WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Clawson	2	1	0	0
Southfield	1	0	0	0
Tracy	2	0	0	0
Roblesky	2	0	0	0

EAST SATURDAY'S RESULT

BIRMINGHAM	3	2	0	0
Southfield	1	0	0	0
MIFORD	3	1	0	0
Roblesky	1	0	0	0
Tracy	1	0	0	0
Roblesky	1	0	0	0

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Tracy	1	0	0	0
Roblesky	1	0	0	0
Clawson	1	0	0	0



Milford's catcher Larry Reed scratches his head, trying to decide who's right, as Birmingham coach, Kirk Black, carries on a heated argument with the umpire in the second inning of Sunday's legion ball game. The ump called out a B'ham batter who hit himself with the ball on a third strike foul tip. As usual the ump won out.

Leaguers Click For Triple Play

Little leaguers displayed some batting prowess last Thursday's Mavericks' streak for as the Mavericks' Clerks gave a solid team effort in play. With two strikes on base, shortstop Danny Schreer made a sensational dive to stish a blazing line drive.

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'Tramp Business Really Jumpin'

By LES LANGLOIS Sports Editor

A couple years ago the hula hoop mania invaded the world of pasta gimmicks and spread from coast to coast. Today, another craze, trampolining, is sweeping the country, satisfying people's recreational hunger for something new and exciting.

Instead of dying out like the hula hoop shimmy, it looks like the tramp trampoline is on its way to becoming a recognized sport. Although trampolining as a competitive sport has been practiced in several colleges and high schools, it recently has attracted popular interest.

THE BOUNCING craze began six months ago in Los Angeles, California. Since then, it has spread throughout the country with hundreds of similar centers and thousands of followers springing up everywhere. Today, there are 400 tramp centers in Los Angeles alone.

ward near 14 1/2 Mile, the first of its kind in the northeast metropolitan area, Birmingham has gotten into the swing and followed suit.

Just kick your shoes off, lean on the taut nylon webbed canvas stretched between oblong metal frames and spring into action.

Leaping like kangaroos for 50-cent-a-half hour, the bouncers anxiously check the clock, hoping their time hasn't run out. "I still have two minutes left, haven't I?" panted one young enthusiast as he waited for his turn.

PARTNERS Charles Yearn of Dues and Fred Harkley of Berkeley, both Birmingham elementary school physical education instructors manage the center and give instructions. Yearn has also been a ski instructor for six years with the Oakland Ski Instructor. Alliance in Canada and Michigan while Leigh has been physical education director of YMCA's in Detroit for several years. Leigh has turned out many diving and trampoline champions.

trampolines pretty busy as all ages share in the thrills and spills of the sport.

AS LONG as you have children and active adults, there's a place for trampolining," said Yearn. Age is no barrier. A child from 2 years old to 45-year-olds work out at the center.

Yearn said adults line the fence to watch the children and after a while the canvas over a 40 inch deep pit could be achieved by stretching the canvas over a 40 inch deep pit instead of using the customary elevated steel frame to center. But, the desperation inning ended as Laula was picked off at third.

THE CENTER now offers a children's instructional program designed to teach basic and advanced fundamentals of trampolining safely for the same period of time.

Trampolining is not just a pass-time. It is the best preparation for diving and physical fitness," said Yearn. Five or six dives can be exercised on a tramp in the same time it would take to dive into and get out of a pool, he said.

Yearn pointed out that the pit idea, developed on the west coast, was the innovation that sports trampoline as a popular sport. It was discovered that the same trick could be achieved by stretching the canvas over a 40 inch deep pit instead of using the customary elevated steel frame to center. But, the desperation inning ended as Laula was picked off at third.

MICHIGAN has only six tramp centers with four more opening soon. Garden City and Taylor Township have the only other centers in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Tumbletown is open six days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays from 12:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Floating through a back layout, 12-year-old Diane Richardson displays her ability in the sport after only one month of trampolining. It may be tiring, but that sensation of free flight makes up for it.