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Dodgers Stadium Brings Memories; Not All of Them Baseball

BACK ON THE BENCH

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the Los Angeles Dodgers took the field Tuesday for their home opener, something other than baseball weighed on the minds of some of the players.

About a mile away from Dodger Stadium, the jury in the Rodney King civil rights case deliberated.

And sitting behind home plate was Rodney King, an invited guest of outfielders Darryl Strawberry and Eric Davis. Photographers were shooed away when they approached King, who left the game during the eighth inning.

"With the situation that's going down, the verdict and everything, it's good to keep it low-key. He doesn't need any more attention. He's got enough attention across the world," Strawberry said

after the game.

"You like to see a guy enjoy his life. He'll come out in public, feel relaxed, and not feel so tensed up about everything," Strawberry said.

Davis said he met King several months ago through a friend, former Los Angeles Rams player Ron Jessie.

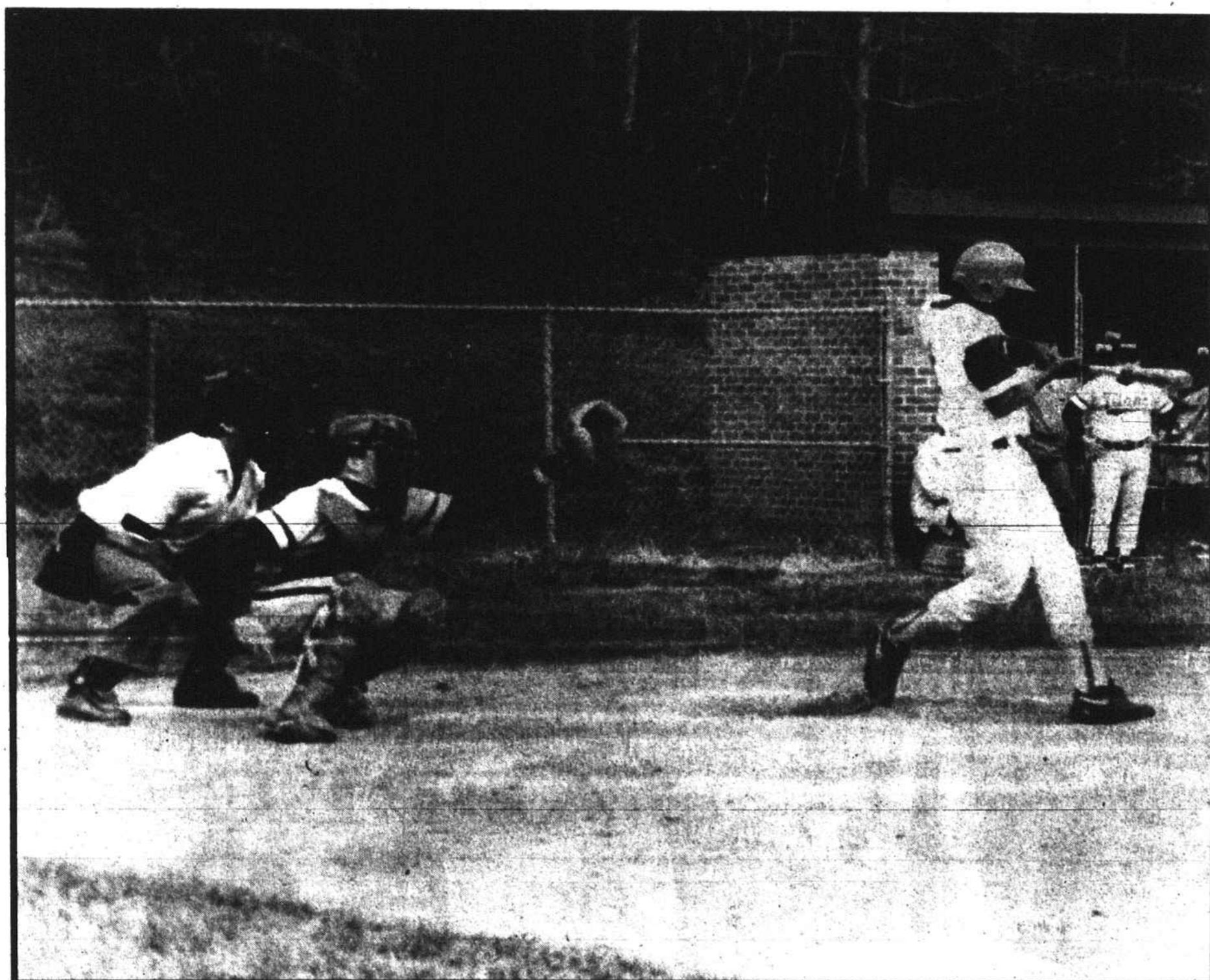
"He's a Dodger fan just like everybody else," Davis said, adding they talk baseball and that, sometimes, he offers King encouragement.

"Everybody has some problems in their life, but I told him that's behind him and he's got to focus on going on with his life — not to be remembered as somebody who got beat up, but somebody who had

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Rodney King



Harry Baylor at the plate is 6-0 at the pitchers mound for the JV mustangs.

Parkland JV's Hold 4-1 Conference Record

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Parkland JV Mustangs were hot on the field as they defeated West Forsyth on Tuesday, April 13 with a final score of 9-1.

JV Mustang Harry Baylor successfully pitched his sixth straight win holding a 6-0 record. Baylor went four innings with four strike-outs against his opponents, three hits and giving up only one run to South Rowan.

Relief pitcher, Johnny Williams controlled the mound for four innings with four strike-outs, one walk and three hits.

It was success once again on Thursday as the JV Mustangs wiped out Reynolds High School JV team with a 21-1 search and destroy mission.

Displaying excellent talent, Jarrett Robin was 6 for 6 scoring four runs. Pitcher, Harry Baylor went 3 for 5 with two runs; Kelly Bowen hit 2 for 3 with three runs; and Dale Fox was 2 for 5 with three runs.

Also scoring runs for Parkland's JV Mustangs were: Johnny Williams, two runs; Jason Ketchie, two runs; Nate Church, two runs; Jason Culler, two runs; and Brad Lanier, one run.

Things didn't go quite as easy for the JV Mustangs when they met South Rowan. The Mustangs had to do some hustling for their 5-3 victory. But if hustling was what it took, then the JV Mustangs did it.

Harry Baylor once again pitched a winning game. In five innings Baylor pitched one hit and six strike-outs, with a save by relief pitcher Johnny Williams, who pitched two innings giving up no runs, no hits, with one walk and one strike-out.

During the first inning Dale Fox scored on Baylors single. South Rowan failed to pass over home plate.

The second and third inning brought no success for either team with the score remaining 1-0.

South Rowan scored two runs during the fourth inning on a reach base by error and Goodmans single. This was the break that Rowan was needing to take the lead.

With the JV Mustangs down by one things looked pretty critical by now. It was during the fifth inning that Parkland came back with four runs to take the lead.

Jarrett Robins walked on a single then Williams got on base and Baylor hit a double with two RBI's. Baylor and Ketchie added two extra runs.



J.V. Mustang Dale Fox skids for 1st base scoring 3 runs against Reynolds.



J.V. Mustang Dug out was full of anticipation as each batter awaits his turn at the plate.



J.V. Mustang awaits a slow sliding ball as West Forsyth reach first base safely.

Jackson's Group Plans to Picket Game

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, accusing acting baseball commissioner Allan H. Selig of refusing to discuss a plan for minority hiring, intends to picket the Milwaukee Brewers.

Selig, owner of the Brewers, insists professional baseball has the best equal-opportunity program in the history of sports.

But Jackson's Rainbow Commission for Fairness in Athletics wants to demonstrate during a Brewers game, probably "within the next couple of weeks," coalition spokeswoman Lisa Simms said Friday.

Jackson accuses Selig of not working with his organization on an affirmative-action employment plan.

Jackson said in a statement that a study in February showed the Brewers had only seven minority people among 76 full-time front-office positions.

"Bud Selig and major league baseball refused to

collaborate with us on such a plan," Jackson said. "Thus, the next site of action will be in Milwaukee, and that will come real soon."

"I have had a lot of conversations with the Rev. Jackson," Selig said. "I believe, as does major league baseball as a whole, that we have introduced the most comprehensive equal opportunity plan in the history of sports. It is being implemented."

"The Brewers have been sensitive to the issue. We are making progress and continue to make progress. That is all I have to say," Selig said.

Jackson's group was established last fall following protests against ethnic slurs by Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, who was suspended for a year and fined \$25,000 for her remarks.

The Brewers open their home season Monday against the California Angels.

Basketball Fan Scores Long Shot

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — No NBA agents came calling for Don Calhoun Thursday, but everyone else did.

The \$5-an-hour salesman was celebrating his first day as a millionaire after flinging a basketball 75 feet into a Chicago Stadium net before a standing-room-only crowd that had come to see the Bulls play Miami.

But Calhoun ended up being the star. "I didn't get any sleep last night," he said Thursday as he joined family and friends in Bloomington. "My heart was beating too fast."

The salesman and part-time student had one try to hit the shot from the opposite foul line — three-quarters the length of the basketball court.

One try was all it took.

"I thought it was going in when it left my hands," he recalled as he celebrated with his parents, both janitors, at Illinois State University, where his mother works.

"I just wanted to get a good shot off," he said. "I'm still shook up and shocked and everything else," said Calhoun's father, Homer Calhoun, 50, who watched his son's shot on TV. "I had a fit! I never dreamed of anything like that."

Calhoun's family reported non-stop calls from media and well-wishers. His employer ordered pastries and planned a weekend promotion to congratulate him.

"It's just fantastic," Calhoun's boss, Ron Kochler, said. "Don's an outstanding individual. ...

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