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K.C. Jones hired to coach Celtics

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BOSTON—K.C. Jones has just taken on an occupation with speculative considerations — the head coaching position of the Boston Celtics. Jones, who was a defensive standout in nine seasons with the Celtics in the 1960s, Tuesday took over from the departed Bill Fitch as head coach of the troubled basketball team.

Jones believes that although flashy offense gets the headlines, it's tenacious defense that earns the wins.

"The first place I'd like to build on and see if my ideas work is the defensive end," said Jones, as Celtics President and General Manager Red Auerbach sat next to him, puffing his ever-present cigar.

"I'm very happy to be home," Jones told a news conference in Auerbach's cramped Boston Garden office. "It's a fantastic opportunity for me."

"My first priority now is to sit down with Red and see what he has in his briefcase. They don't call him a genius for nothing."

Auerbach said, "The qualities I see in K.C. are, one, as a player he was a great defensive player and defense is the name of the game. He has compassion, he has knowledge and he can be tough when he has to be."

Jones, an assistant coach with Boston for the past five years, and assistant coach Jimmy Rodgers, both were given multi-year contracts. Further

details were not released. His appointment makes Jones the ninth coach in the 37-year history of the franchise. Except for Fitch, who left two weeks ago and has since signed to coach the Houston Rockets, all the Boston coaches since Auerbach have been former Celtic players.

"This makes it all in the family," said Auerbach. "We feel we have to make a few moves. Some people will not be back. But the basic nucleus of our team will remain intact."

The appointment of Jones, whose retired No. 25 floats from the Garden rafters, is the first step in stabilizing a team shocked twice in the past month by resignations.

Popular team owner Harry Mangurian announced he wanted to sell the club because of a conflict with the owners of the Garden, then a week later, Fitch, the target of criticism after the Celtics were eliminated from the NBA playoffs in four straight games, announced he was leaving.

In his five years of coaching with the Celtics, Jones developed close relationships with most of the players, so much so that many were publicly rooting for him to get the job.

Asked if he thought it was important for a coach to be liked by his players, Jones replied, "It would be nice, but it's not important. If it is, then I'm in trouble."

"The main thing is to be respected," said Auerbach.

National

Errors pave way in Braves' 4-1 win over Los Angeles

United Press International
WEST met for the first time this season Tuesday night and the Los Angeles Dodgers held a give-away that would have made TV game show host Monty Hall proud.

Throwing errors by second baseman Steve Sax, third baseman Pedro Guerrero and first baseman Greg Brock—all in the seventh inning—enabled the Atlanta Braves to score two runs and paved the way for a 4-1 triumph.

With the Dodgers ahead, 1-0, on Pedro Guerrero's second inning homer, Dale Murphy led off the seventh with a grounder Sax threw into the dirt past Brock at first, enabling Murphy to reach second. Bob Horner then grounded to Guerrero, who made a wild throw into the dirt past first base, enabling Murphy to score and Horner to

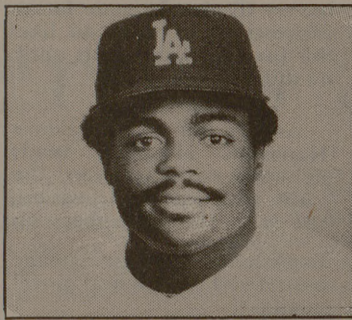
reach second. Horner took third when Brock threw wildly to the plate to try to get Murphy and scored on Chris Chambliss' sacrifice fly.

Claudell Washington added a two-run homer in the eighth for Atlanta to clinch the triumph.

Said Dodgers' Manager Tom Lasorda, "It's just one of those things. But the errors hurt us."

The three errors gave the Dodgers 60 so far this season, a staggering total, especially for a team considered a pennant contender.

"That won't happen too often," Atlanta Manager Joe Torre said. "They play too good baseball for that to happen frequently."



Pedro Guerrero

Elsewhere in the NL, St. Louis edged Philadelphia, 2-1, Houston downed San Francisco, 4-2,

Chicago topped New York, 6-1, Montreal beat Pittsburgh, 3-2, and San Diego defeated Cincinnati, 7-3.

In American League games, Baltimore downed Milwaukee, 6-4, Detroit defeated Boston, 4-2, New York nipped Cleveland, 2-1, in 10 innings, Kansas City beat Minnesota, 9-4, Texas blanked Seattle, 10-0, Oakland topped Toronto, 5-3, and Chicago outslugged California, 12-11, in 10 innings.

CARDINALS 2, PHILLIES 1 — At Philadelphia, Bob Forsch, 4-4, pitched a two-hitter in outdueling Steve Carlton and George Hendrick hit a two-run homer to lift the Cardinals. Carlton struck out seven to raise his career total to a major-league leading 3,526.

ASTROS 4, GIANTS 2 — At Houston, Tony Scott doubled in the winning run in the seventh inning and scored an insurance run moments later to help the

Astros. Nolan Ryan struck out three giving him 3,524 and second place on the all-time list behind Carlton.

CUBS 6, METS — At Chicago, Ryne Sandberg drove in two runs and Chuck Rainey and Bill Campbell combined on a six-hitter in leading the Cubs to their sixth straight triumph.

EXPOS 3, PIRATES 2 — At Montreal, Lee Mazzilli and Johnnie Ray singled in runs in the sixth inning to help the Pirates snap a six-game losing streak.

PADRES 7, REDS 3 — At Cincinnati, Eric Show pitched a six-hitter and Terry Kennedy drove in the game-winning run with a sacrifice fly to give the Padres their victory. Johnny Bench hit a two-run homer for Cincinnati.

American

Orioles pound Brewer pitching to notch 6-4 decision

United Press International
DENNIS Martinez had a longer victory drought than Charlie Brown.

But Tuesday night he rode home runs by Eddie Murray, Gary Roenicke, Benny Ayala and Rich Dauer to his first victory since May 10, with the Orioles' 6-4 decision over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Orioles pounded 10 hits off starter Mike Caldwell, 5-5, and reliever Bob Gibson. Tippy Martinez finished for his seventh save.

"Dennis has pitched well in the last three games," Baltimore Manager Joe Altobelli said and Orioles' pitching coach Ray Miller added, "I was pleased with Dennis. He hit 90 mph on the radar gun several times tonight for the first time this year."

"We always got one run behind, but they always got the extra run that made it difficult," Brewers' Manager Harvey Kuenn said.

In other games, Detroit handled Boston, 4-2, Cleveland edged New York, 2-1, in 10 innings, Texas beat Seattle, 10-0, Oakland downed Toronto, 5-3, Kansas City ripped Minnesota, 9-4, and Chicago outlasted California, 12-11, in 10 innings.

In the National League, it was: Chicago 6, New York 1; Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 2; St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 1; San

Diego 7, Cincinnati 3; Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 1; and Houston 4, San Francisco 2.

TIGERS 4, RED SOX 2 — At Boston, John Wockenfuss capped a four-run first with a two-run homer to back the five-hit

pitching of Milt Wilcox, 6-6, in his AL-leading seventh complete game, and the Tigers' third straight win.

INDIANS 2, YANKEES 1 — At New York, Toby Harrah's 10th-inning ground single to

center field delivered pinch-runner Mike Fischlin from second base. Neal Heaton, 5-2, was the winner.

RANGERS 10, MARINERS 0 — At Seattle, Rick Hycutt, 8-3, tossed a three-hitter and Pete O'Brien homered and drove in three runs.

A's 5, BLUE JAYS 3 — At Oakland, Calif., Mike Davis drove in three runs and Tim

Conroy pitched 5 1-3 innings of three-hit relief to pace the A's.

ROYALS 9, TWINS 4 — At Kansas City, Mo., Hal McRae knocked in four runs to give Larry Gura, now 5-7, his first victory since April 26. Dan

Quisenberry hurled the final three innings to record his 13th save.

WHITE SOX 12, ANGELS 11 — At Anaheim, Calif., Greg Luzinski's two-out, 10th-inning

double scored Tony Bernazard and lifted the White Sox.

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