

Rams get veteran Doucette as their full-time broadcaster

Uncertainty over Starr led to club's decision

Eddie Doucette will be KMPC's full-time Rams broadcaster this season.

It previously was announced by the station that Doucette would be the station's Rams play-by-play man only for games for which Bob Starr would not be available. Starr is in his first year doing radio play-by-play of Boston Red Sox games, and KMPC had planned on Starr resuming his Rams job when the Red Sox season ends.

KMPC general manager Bill Ward said the complications of negotiating a fair deal with Starr and not knowing when the Red Sox season would end made the station decide to give Doucette full-time duties.

"We think of Bob as one of the best play-by-play guys going," Ward said. "And the Rams wanted to keep him, too."

"But it seemed that sooner or later we were going to lose Bob to the Red Sox. So, instead of having a split season with Bob and Eddie, and not knowing what Bob was going to do next year, we thought we were only postponing the inevitable. It made sense to just go with Eddie as the full-time guy right now."

Starr, one of Southern California's best sportscasters, had been the Rams' play-by-play broadcaster for 10 seasons. He also has handled play-by-play for KMPC's Angels broadcasts and KTLA's Angels telecasts.

Doucette has worked on Clippers telecasts for SportsChannel and was Dodgervision's play-by-play broadcaster in 1986. He also handled play-by-play on Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers broadcasts for 16 years and 14 years, respectively.