



# SPORT PAGE



## Neva Declared A Free Agent

Louie Neva was declared a free agent at the meeting of the National League board of managers held at Garden Grove last week and will continue to pitch for the Huntington Beach Oilers with whom he had signed up recently. Neva was given his release by Manager Spud Murphy last April and was supposed to go to the Hollywood club of the Federal League, but signed with the Oilers instead. Chico Sabella, star pitcher for the Oilers, has been turned loose and may sign with the Long Beach Admirals.

## He's Still Champ

### Zamperini Closes High School Career With Brilliant Victory; Undefeated

The smiling champ is still champ. Louie Zamperini, world's champion miler, retained his crown when he defeated Phil Graves, of Hollywood, handily with some 20 yards to spare, in the feature race of the high school meet held in conjunction with the Ohio State U. S. C. affair starring Jesse Owens last Saturday afternoon at the Coliseum. Louie's crown didn't even wobble in this event, which had been ballyhooed by the metropolitan papers as one of the high-

lights of the afternoon, with the possibility that Graves might knock Louie out from under his laurels.

The champ ran his usual smart race and had plenty in reserve at the finish which found Graves run off his legs, a sadly disheartened and disillusioned kid. Graves as usual took the lead. Louie dropped back to about seventh place for the start, but moved up in the second lap to fall in behind the Hollywood kid. There they stayed until the final round when Zamperini took the lead on the north straightaway only to have Graves make a determined effort which put him alongside of the champ on the turn. His best was not good enough. Louie passed him of the turn and they came into the straightaway neck and neck. Fifty yards from the finish the champ unwrapped a sprint which left Graves standing up. The Hollywood lad slowed almost to a walk when he saw the flying Zamperini heels in front and finished second, four seconds behind Louie, who ran the event in 4:23.3. Madrid of Belmont, who had hung on with the leaders, was third.

Graves had been touted as "the boy who doesn't know how fast he can run." He roused out Saturday.

Dates of the Far Western meet at San Diego, which have been erroneously announced as this week-end, will be next Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 and 27. Louie will enter the 1500-meter run in the junior division, which will be run off on Wednesday. Just what competition he will have has not been learned but it is safe to say that he will meet some formidable college stars who will keep him stepping.

On the following Sunday Louie, accompanied by his big brother Pete, will leave for Lincoln, Nebraska, to take part in the National A. A. U. junior championship meet which will be held July 5 and 6. His entry blank reads: Louie Zamperini, representing the Torrance Kiwanis Club, unattached.

These two meets coming up will give a fairly reliable picture of what the Torrance lad can do in ultra-fast company, and determine his prospects for making the United States Olympic team in 1936. Followers of the boy's career, which has been an unbroken series of victories for the past three years, are confident that he will be able to match strides with the best of them.

Since he is competing in the junior division he will not meet such stars as Cunningham, Venke, or Bonthron, but should he win in his event at Lincoln he will be in line to enter against them later on.

Pete Zamperini, who gave U. S. C. their first point in the mile run last Saturday, will also be entered in the meet at San Diego, probably in the senior division, and in the junior division at Lincoln.

## McQueen Places In All-City Meet

John McQueen, Narbonne half miler, placed third in his event at the All-City meet held Saturday at the Coliseum. John, Hubert Luck of Torrance, who placed fourth in the 440, Gregory of North Long Beach, and Henderson of Gardena, were the only Marine League athletes to place in the variety finals.

The Torrance team was second in the mile relay which was won by a negro team from Jacob Rhs, with Gardena third. Hubert Luck put on a great sprint at the finish of the anchor lap to beat out Henderson for second place. None of the Torrance or Narbonne entries in the junior divisions placed.

## Ohio State's One Man Team



Jesse Owens, Ohio State University's one-man track team, sprints to a close victory over George Boone, in the 100-yard dash in the recent University of Southern California-Ohio State meet. Boone will have an opportunity to even the score in the N.C.A.A. meet at Berkeley this weekend.

## First Shut-Out Game

### All Stars Stagger In Sea of Sand At Terminal Island, Lose 9-0

A sea of sand in the outfield and a poor infield slowed up the Torrance All Stars to such an extent Sunday afternoon that they went down for the first shut-out this season at the hands of the Terminal Island gang at their field, 9-0. The boys did their best but the going was too tough, and coupled with the stellar pitching of M. Madrid, they had very little chance to chalk up a win.

Paxman walked two men in the first and was nicked for two safeties which scored two runs for the Islanders. His next two frames were tight but the Islanders' gained on him in the fourth for three hits, a walk and three runs. The sixth and seventh also were all Terminal's.

The All Stars lost a chance to score in the fourth when Gar Johnson was safe at first on Brink's error. Johns sacrificed him to second but Swayne Johnson filed out to center and Fetherolf was tossed out at first. The boys came back in the fifth when Wynegar and Rios singled into left. Paxman walked but was doubled at second when Montgomery popped to Brink who tossed to Uranga for the force-out. Edwards whooshed and Gar Johnson was safe at first on a fielder's choice which nipped Wynegar at the plate. Torrance had men on in the sixth, seventh and ninth but could not drive them around.

Next Sunday afternoon the boys return to the home lot, glad to get back where they will play the Pollock Game which will be called at 2 o'clock. Admission free. Every body welcome.

## No. 2 Team Wins Pistol Matches

Team No. 2, composed of Eckorsley, Anderle, Stanger, Peterson and Thompson, defeated Team No. 1. Glidden, DeBra, Drake, Calder and Stroh, of the Revolver and Rifle Association, during the matches held last Saturday and Sunday. Score 1:11 to 1:07. This week-end the No. 3 team will shoot against the No. 4 team. Individual averages for the month of June to date are:

Eckorsley	257.83
Glidden	245.66
Ashton	244.00
DeBra	239.00
Weston	236.27
Anderle	232.37
Drake	230.50
Bennett	227.22
Stanger	214.00
Trayvoll	207.00
Smythe	206.00
Calder	204.44
Peterson	200.00
Barnett	189.00
Schumacher	185.50
Dolton	177.33
Thompson	158.50
Stroh	158.50

Averages are based on the number of rounds shot, varying in each case.

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## SPORT SHOTS

By Bob Lewellen

Pete Zamperini leaves tonight for Berkeley to compete in the N. C. A. A. representing U. S. C. Pete has a good chance to place among the winners, as he is in great shape.

Last Saturday after the All-City meet held in Los Angeles, or should I say the All-Colored meet, Torrance high school track athletes broke training (except Zamperini) many for their last time at Torrance high school.

Old-lady hard luck persists in keeping her hand on Hubert Luck's shoulder. After taking a fourth last week in the quarter-mile run, with his bad foot driving him crazy every step, the judges of the curve disqualified Hubert. They said that he pushed another runner off the track. Younger was watching Hubert at the time, through a strong pair of glasses; what actually happened was, when Luck cut for the pole, another boy cut at the same time, but Hubert would not slow up and this boy tried to cut in without the necessary two strides required. The other athlete should have been disqualified instead of our Torrance boy.

The track meet was truly a Jesse Owens and Zamperini legend. Jesse took four first places without extending himself. Pete Zamperini took first in the mile, a big upset, according to newspapers, after outsmarting the great Ohio State runner in the first lap. Pete took the lead and made his competitor run so slow in the initial lap that he won the race, 58 seconds flat, winning by 15 yards. Louie Zamperini certainly made the great Phil Graves of Hollywood look terrible. Graves took the lead at the beginning and held it as long as he could. About 150 yards from the finish the champion of champions passed Graves up so fast that the breeze nearly blew him off the track. Louie certainly proved to the world that he is the greatest high school miler ever born, and will give the big boys, Cunningham, Bonthron, Venke and Lovelock a run for their money next year in the Olympic games. I predicted that Louie would break the record again, but his brother's last words were to just run to win.

Last week I was talking to a man that should know his stuff in night ball. He has been connected with teams ever since they started the game in Southern California. Here are a few Sport Shots of what he told yours truly.

Lionel Brown, now playing with Covina, American league is by far the greatest pitcher in night ball. Billy Weidner, local boy, employed by the National Supply Co., is playing for Covina. He is the greatest catcher in order of greatness as follows: Brown, Morrell and Louie Neva. He says Neva tops the list of night ball in being the Babe Ruth of the game.

Brown, in three games struck out 64 batters in his league. Not bad. This great battery, Brown and Weidner has been offered to play five games a week. Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Hawthorne. But are seriously thinking of accepting an offer that has been made to them recently, that of entering in the Examiner Tournament, sponsored by a movie star in Hollywood. The battery of this team would be, if the offer is accepted, Brown and Morrell pitchers and Billy Weidner catcher. According to information they have already received their A. A. U. cards. All of these boys used to play for our local Bluebirds, and should be in the line-up at the present time.

Here is an article that is a little late, but may be of interest to readers. Bob Erick of San Ramon high school, winner of the state meet, held recently in Fresno is only a junior, and has another year of school. Erick won his event in 1934. Not bad for a junior in high school.

The University of Iowa will try to break the world's records in the 40 and 80-yard relay races at the National A. A. U. meet held at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 4 and 5. The crack half mile Iowa team which ran 1:52.4 at the Kansas Relays will try for a record in the 800-meter event, now held by Southern California. U. S. C. set the mark of 1:25.8 in 1927. The American Olympic team of 1932 holds the 400-meter relay mark of 40 seconds.

The Hawks team expects to keep in training a month after the close of University classes for the Lincoln A. A. U. meet.

**Valuable Fish**  
NEW PHILADELPHIA, O. (U.P.)—A library of 400 volumes, including several foreign language books, belonging to Denton T. "Cy" Young, famous old major league pitcher, has been obtained by the Brewster high school. Young is still active and interested in baseball.

## HARGIS AND LEONARD HERE WITH HUNTINGTON PARK FRIDAY NIGHT

Former Bluebirds Will Pastime Against Their Old Mates In Last Game of First Half of Schedule

Tomorrow night's game between the Bluebirds and the Huntington Park outfit will be the last home league game played here until July 9. The first half of the schedule will be completed with this game and the teams are taking a lay-off until after the Fourth.

Huntington Park comes here for the first game on this lot. So far the series stands 1 and 1 with the Birds, who lost to the Park boys in their first league tilt and will meet them down in the second. This game will be for gore.

Pete Hargis and Dan Leonard, ex-Bluebirds, will be fighting against their old mates, with Pete in the mound and Danny covering the hot corner at third. Pete is pitching great ball this season, and Danny is still the old reliable head who saves the day in the pinches. Their friends among the fans here will give them a welcome, even if they are here for friendly enemies.

The Birds will try to make it two out of three. Encouraged by their near victory over Hollywood and their 7-2 win over Los Angeles last Tuesday night, they will carry the war to the Park camp in every inning. Joe Taylor, who has been going good in his last starts, will probably pitch for Torrance.

In spite of the numerous upsets the Birds have had this season they are a dangerous outfit in any game. All the boys are hitting above the average and they take advantage of the breaks. While they will finish this half in about the middle of the percentage column the last half will probably see a different result, as the Birds are going along well, and will win more games than they lose.

The fans need not be surprised to see them in the play-off at the end of the schedule.

## Lomita Merchants Win From Glocos

Three runs in the eighth inning gave the Lomita Merchants a decisive victory over the Glocos in a game played Sunday on the local field. The Merchants scored 7 to Glocos' 3. Vaughn, catcher, left in the hitting with a single and a double. Patatano struck out 10 visitors.

The Harbor City Merchants lost to the Cove Cafe club Sunday, 3-2.

**Sea Biscuit Hunt Staged**  
SEASIDE, Ore. (U.P.)—Between 800 and 900 "sea biscuits," little round shells picked up on the ocean beach, were turned in during the "biscuit hunt" staged by the N. C. A. U. in Gardena. Charlotte Dooley won with 400 shells.

**Good Dirt Farmer**  
SEASIDE, Ore. (U.P.)—Walter Dreibratt, Gundalsh county farmer, seeks to defeat erosion. Within the past three years he has constructed 42 terraces with a total length of approximately 10 miles on his farm.

## Hermosa Woman Wins Sweepstakes

Mrs. Alice Bailey, employe of a Hermosa Beach manufacturing concern, had not taken a vacation for 22 years. In May she purchased a ticket on the Sherbrook Hotel draw sweepstakes, the first affair of the kind she had ever taken part in. It is stated, and on June 10 she received a check for \$1,020.75. She was one of the fortunate few to draw a horse in the race. The horse placed fourth and Mrs. Bailey was a winner by something over \$4,000. She has obtained a leave of absence and will visit relatives in Canada whom she has not seen in 22 years.

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