



SPORT PAGE



Ghosts Blank Birds

Excellent Game Tuesday Brings Real Entertainment to Large Crowd

The largest crowd of the season watched the Sioux City Ghosts blank the Bluebirds at the municipal ball park Tuesday night, thereby winning, 4-0, their 48th game out of 52 games played this season. Wilkinson, Ghost hurler, was invincible, and although the Birds had men on third in three innings they died there when the dusky hurler tightened up to strike out the last man up.

Slugging Gobs Rematched For Friday Night

Topped by a re-match between the slugging navy heavyweights, man-killer "Wild" Bill Boyd of the U. S. S. Idaho and Earl Collisen of the U. S. S. Minneapolis, another capacity crowd is expected Friday night at the Westside Auditorium, 615 West Anaheim street, Long Beach. More than 3,300 fans witnessed last week's clash between these two boys and pronounced it a modern Dempsey-Firpo battle.

Although Boyd knocked out Collisen last Friday night with a ripping punch to the solar plexus in one round, Collisen rocked Boyd with heavy punches early in the round that he almost had him out. After the fight, Collisen begged to be given another chance at Boyd this coming Friday. With another week in which to get in shape, Westside officials considered that a re-match between these two boys would only be fair owing to the showing Collisen made against Boyd.

Sailor Casey Kimball of the U. S. S. Idaho who got the best of "Ace" Winchester last Friday, will have a tough assignment in Indian Ralph Holquin in the semi-final. Holquin is mighty tough and is also a hard hitter and when Kimball stacks up against him he will know that he is in a fight.

"Ace" Winchester, Golden Glove champion of Tennessee, all-around athlete, football and basketball player, is meeting that tough Santa Ana boy, Young Romeo Lomon in the special event.

Jack Wallbridge and Benny Robello who put up such a whup of a fight last Friday will meet in a re-match this Friday. Last Friday these boys had the fans on the edges of their seats during all four hectic rounds. Both boys threw plenty of leather and threw it hard.

Nat Mills, veteran welterweight who is being trained by Kid Mexico to win the California Golden Glove title this year, will meet the most popular man in the navy, Sailor Clyde Newton, of the U. S. S. Idaho. Mills holds a recent win over the champion Harrington and will be even money to best Newton.

In all there will be eight bouts, with the curtain raiser going on at 8:30 p. m.

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BLUEBIRDS FACE CRISIS

What the baseball fans of this city do in the next few weeks until the end of the second half of the Federal League night baseball schedule is going to spell survival or abandonment of a well known community entertainment asset, the Torrance Bluebirds. The Birds have reached a crisis in their affairs, from which they can be extricated only by loyal support, not of a handful of enthusiasts, but the support of every citizen who wants to see this sport perpetuated in Torrance.

When the Bluebirds won their state championship in 1933 they had lots of friends here. The team was a credit to the community and was rightly so acclaimed. The following year because the Birds failed to repeat their spectacular performance, attendance at the games began to drop. All would have been well if the Birds had gotten into the play-off at the end of the season. The reason for their failure to do so is well known to all followers of the team.

This year the team has struggled along in hard luck ever since it switched to the Federal League. In the light of afterthought, the switch from the National League was no doubt a mistake, but it seemed like a good idea at the time to form a new league in a territory closer to home, which had never been granted night baseball, and consequently could be expected to support the game liberally. This has not been the case.

The team itself has been remodeled, revamped, players added and discarded, in an effort to find a winning combination. The forced changes have not added anything to its success.

Were the Bluebirds a strictly commercial proposition, owned and run as a money-making affair, there would be no excuse for their continuing the game, for they have been losing money for their backers for two years. In their best year, 1933, they barely broke even. But the proposition as it stands is not a commercial proposition.

The point is, do the fans of Torrance want league ball to continue. Do the fans of Torrance want to hold this organization together until the young ball players who are making names for themselves in the junior leagues, are old enough and strong enough to take over the job of representing Torrance in the league games.

There are some mighty fine young players coming up in Torrance, who will be ready in another year or two to take their places on the firing line. At present they lack age, weight, and experience. The Bluebirds are already trying out some of these young players to see what they can do in fast company.

For the sake of these young players, the Bluebirds must not be allowed to drift into oblivion. For the sake of the additional recreation on the Torrance program, the Birds must be saved from the fate that stares them in the face.

It is a lot easier to carry on with a weak team than to get back into a league after dropping out. Two years hence the Bluebird roster will probably carry the names of the young boys who are known to every follower of baseball in the city, instead of the names of a lot of imported talent whose ability is unquestioned but who are strangers to the community.

A strictly home team is popular, as shown by the success of the All Stars, Sunday afternoon hard ball team, whose members are all home

STATE FAIR SEEKS MORE PULL



This span of Belgians on an Ohio farm now holds the heavyweight pulling championship of the world, but the title may move west in the draft team pulling contest which will be one of the many added features of the California State Fair, opening for ten days in Sacramento beginning August 31. The teams will throw their strength against special weights mounted on an automobile chassis. Prizes of over \$500 will be awarded in the contest.

Warm Weather Brings Improvement In High Sierra Fishing Conditions

Warm, clearing weather throughout the High Sierra has made a marked improvement in fishing conditions. Good reports are being received from practically all sections. Passes into the higher elevations are all open. Weather is ideal and excellent fishing the rule.

Fishing is excellent at Shotgun Lake, limits of 11-inch fish being caught. Little Five Lakes basin is good. Streams now producing well are South Fork Kaweah, Whitman, Coyote, Cliff and Rattlesnake Creeks; Kern River is fair. Streams are high and clear, fish rising to flies.

Kern river in Fairview district is improving and should be good by latter part of July. Some nice catches have been taken from above Edison intake to Bridge.

Anglers are having good luck in Mammoth Lakes trolling with large spinners or still-fishing with worms and eggs. Angling is also good with trout-oreno or large fly late in evening. Best results on streams with worms.

A report from Glacier Lodge, Big Pine, states lake fishing good, streams fair, weather ideal. Parties at upper camp having good luck.

Rock Creek Lodge reports fishing very good in upper basin lakes. Mono Creek and Golden Lake produced several limits the past week.

Anglers are enjoying excellent fishing in East and Reflection Lakes with black gnat and Royal Coachman flies.

June Lake area is still good with fine catches from June, Silver and Grant Lakes. Trolling with grub bait; salmon eggs good for still fishing.

Lower Owens River has improved. Fishing is good in Bishop and Plute Creeks. Lochleven, Golden and Desolation Lakes very good at this time.

Lakes One and Nine of the Hilton Lakes group are best at present time. Fish taking flies. Limits of golden trout are the rule at Nine Lake.

Excellent fishing in Olancha district lakes and streams. Should be good for rest of season; weather ideal.

Water conditions in northern part of state are better and fishing improved. Word from Klamath indicates plenty of small trout being taken early mornings and on Sundays during low water.

San Pedro Medaks Take Opener

Spud Murphy's Bluebirds dropped the opener of the second half Friday night to the San Pedro Medaks, 12-9. The Birds lead until the seventh when the visiters scored five runs and added two more in the next two frames. Butcher, San Pedro catcher, was responsible for six of his mates' 12 runs when he slammed out a homer, a double and three singles in five times at bat.

Joe Taylor pitched for Torrance and Robbie Robinson for the Medaks. Each pitcher was touched for 14 hits. The Elder boys, Lendel and Bobby, were in Bluebird uniform Friday night, and both these young hopefuls were plenty good.

The Bluebirds must be rebuilt from the same kind of material, and in order to do this the team must carry on. It is up to the fans to decide what they want. Cast your vote for a home town team two years from now by turning out to the Bluebird home games from now on until the season ends.

SPORT SHOTS

Nearly every day readers of Sport Shots ask yours truly where the various athletes of Torrance high school are going to enter college this fall. Well I have been doing a little scouting around and have some information for your benefit.

Most readers are interested to know where Louis Zamperini will finish his education. That is a question that I cannot answer, as the champion has another half year of high school and will not graduate until January, along with Hubert Luck, Johnny MacFadden, Jack Javens and Chuck Smith.

Louis will not give out any information as to where he will finish his college running, but I believe that he will enter one of the following schools, Stanford, San Francisco University, Compton Junior College, Fresno State, California, Notre Dame or the University of Southern California. One of the last three schools mentioned will no doubt be his final choice.

As far as I can find out the following football players of Torrance have made applications to enter New Mexico State Teachers College, Silver City, New Mexico; Ted (Slav) Adzovich, halfback; Bill Acree, halfback; Hal Smith, quarterback, all three of the boys were outstanding players on the local high school team last year, and were factors in winning Torrance's first football championship. Dan Barford, former Torrance high and U. S. C. Fresh-Tuback has also made application for entrance along with Adzovich, Smith and Acree. If these boys' applications are accepted by the school they plan to leave Torrance September 7, with Forrest McKinley, who also starred for Torrance a few years ago. Forrest will be a junior this year and earned his letter and sweater at New Mexico last year playing tackle. If these four boys go to New Mexico this year, Torrance will be well represented on the football squad, making a total of five local players on the team.

Playground NOTES

Last Thursday, July 19, a group of 50 Torrance children, under the care of Mr. Dow and Mr. Donahue, traveled to Cabrillo beach where many events were indulged in such as water polo, football and baseball. Several students who were unable to swim were given lessons in how to keep afloat and move in the water. Another beach party is planned for today.

Plans for the big field day that is going to be held on Friday afternoon, August 2, are progressing rapidly and the following events have been definitely decided on: 50-yard dash for boys under 12; 75-yard dash for boys from 12 to 15; 100-yard dash for boys over 15. Shot put for all groups. Cycling the bases for all groups. Baseball throw for accuracy and distance for all groups. Football throw for distance for all groups.

Major League Playground Big Six Batting Averages

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Winkler (Angels)	5	4	.800
Sleeth (Vankoes)	12	7	.583
Elder (Athletics)	7	4	.571
Nady (Angels)	9	5	.555
M. Richardson (Vankoes)	9	5	.555
J. Brissinger (Angels)	10	6	.600

Home Run Leaders

Player	Runs
Nady (Angels), 3	3
J. Brissinger (Angels), 2	2
Winkler (Angels), 2	2
Rossett (Angels), 2	2

Redondo Police Again Defeated

Torrance police team defeated the Redondo Beach squad in the pistol shoot held last Saturday morning at the local range. Score was 1921 to 979. Individual scores were, for Torrance, Travolt 214, Stroh 137, Ashton 219, Bennett 241, Schumacher 210; for Redondo, Johnson 204, Delatour 236, Servens 176, Kipp 116, Chittenden 217.

Ace Hurler Gets Autographed Ball

Charlie Elman, former Torrance business man, who still pays frequent visits to the community and takes an interest in affairs here, is a rabid baseball fan. Charlie says he never misses a game up town, unless it's physically impossible for him to get there. During his frequent visits to Wigley park he has gathered a fine collection of autographed baseballs. This week he brought one of them to Torrance and presented it to Carl Paxman, ace hurler for the All Stars, a souvenir and a token of Elman's appreciation for his good work. The ball given to Carl bears the autograph of H. L. Baggersley, president of the Coast League.

French Comedy Sunday

Lots of Laughs Afforded in One-sided Game at Municipal Park

The All Stars ran wild over the French Athletic Club Sunday afternoon, in the first game since their entry into the Southern California Association, to the immense amusement of the 364 spectators, the team and the visiting club, which took their defeat in all good nature and got a laugh out of the comedy situations that dropped up all afternoon.

The French boys were badly handicapped for lack of a battery. The boys who filled in did their best but the All Stars were just too good. The home boys soon found out that the French catcher couldn't peg to second and ran wild on the bases, engineering single, double and even triple steals at will.

Manager Jack Saunders finally got big-hearted and loaned them Lendel Elder who stopped the base running. Harry Atwood, playing at short, got a big hand and a big laugh from the crowd when he launched a 10-second sprint to tag a runner between second and first. Harry has been playing ball around Torrance for a long time but can still go with the best of them.

Next Sunday the All Stars will have a tougher opponent when they go against the California Milling Company team. Paxman has been selected for the mound duty. This afternoon's pastime will be a double header, with a Columbia Steel team furnishing the opposition in the second game. Willis will pitch in this game.

On the following Sunday Manager Jack Saunders has secured the Gioco team, whose roster contains the names of Homer Summa and four other ex-Coast League players. This game should be a tight one. Other games coming up will be of equally good caliber, as the Southern Association is made up of the best in this section.

Box score:

FRENCH A. C.			
	AB	R	H
Summa, ss.	5	0	2
Cannon, 1b.	3	1	2
Cutter, 2b.	4	1	2
Parker, cf.	4	0	0
Brown, 2b.	4	0	0
Cameron, c.	2	0	0
Elder, c.	1	0	0
Vick, lf.	4	1	2
Howard, c.-p.	3	0	0
Goss, p.-rf.	2	0	0
Weeks, rf.	0	0	0
Bell, 2b.	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	9

ALL STARS

	AB	R	H
Montgomery, cf.	5	3	3
Rios, 3b.	3	1	1
Atwood, ss.	5	3	2
Venable, 1b.	3	2	2
Kreiger, 2b.	3	1	2
Willis, lf.	6	2	2
Johnson, rf.	6	0	3
Wynegar, c.	4	1	1
Paxman, p.	3	2	2
Stark, 2b.	2	1	1
Totals	40	16	17

Summary: Home run-Venable. Two-base hits-Atwood, Willis. Base on balls-Off Paxman, 3; off Goss, 7. Struck out-By Paxman, 4; by Goss, 2. Hit by pitcher-Goss, 3. Double plays-Kreiger to Venable; Venable to Kreiger to Venable. Stolen bases-Montgomery, Rios, Venable, Kreiger, Willis, Johnson, Wynegar.

Twilight League Starts Play Monday

In the Twilight League warm-up game played at the high school field Tuesday night, Kiwanis defeated Union Pool, 2-1. Warm-up games will be played by the six teams this week and the regular league tournament will start next Monday evening. Games are called at 5 o'clock.

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