

Foreign Marks of Past Seasons Forecast Stiff Competition

American Olympic contenders will have a full day's work ahead of them to hold their own with the foreign competition that is lined up for the games next month. Marks made by the foreign element in the past two years give the sport fan something to ponder over, and it is to wonder if the boys from the States will find the going quite so rosy as they anticipate.

The following is the best time recorded for 1935 and 1936 in the Olympic events:

100 meters, Yoshioka, Japan, :10.3.
200 meters, Hanni, Switzerland, :21.1.
400 meters, Shore, South Africa, :47.3.
800 meters, Kucharski, Poland, 1:51.6.

1500 meters, Beccali, Italy, 3:52.
5 Mile, Wooderson, England, 4:10.8. Record made this year.
110-meter hurdles, Finlay, England, :14.3.
400-meter hurdles, Kovaca, Hungary, :53.2.
Broad jump, Long, Germany, and Letchum, Germany, 25 feet, four and three-quarters inches. Record made in 1936.
Hammer throw, Jansson, Sweden, 175 feet three inches. High jump, Metcalfe, Australia, 6 feet 7 inches. Pole vault, Oye, Japan, 14 feet 2 7/8 inches. Record made in 1936.
5000 meters, Lehtinen, Finland, 14:36.8. Record made in 1935. Murakoso, Japan, 14:41.4. Record made in 1936. Cerati, Italy, 14:45. Record made in 1936.
10,000 meters, Salminen, Finland, 30:38.2. Record made in 1935. Murakoso, Japan, 30:41.6. Record made in 1936.
Hop, step and jump, Metcalfe, Australia, 50 feet, 4 3/8 inches. Record made in 1935.
Javelin, Jarvinen, Finland, 253 feet 4 1/2 inches. Record made in 1936.
Discus, Schroeder, Germany, 174 feet 2-9-10 inches.
Shot put, Woelke, Germany, (Continued on page 6B)

LOMITA MERCHANTS PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY



These are the boys who have brought fame to Lomita thru their long campaign in the Greater Southern California Semi-pro League which has brought them to the verge of a championship. Front row, left to right: League, catcher; Stanley Venable, first base; Whitey the bat boy; Walter Morris, manager; Patalona, pitcher; Polica, fielder. Back row: Yelovich, pitcher; Markham, third base; Correll, fielder; Stahnke, utility; Joe Venable, fielder; Weddle, short stop; Eppley, pitcher; Sibon, assistant manager.

Firestone Meets Lomita Here In Championship Game

Third Game of Important Series Will Be Played Sunday At Park

Championship baseball will be on tap at the municipal park Sunday afternoon, July 26, when the Lomita Merchants meet the Firestone Service team in the third and deciding game for the semi-pro championship of Southern California. The Merchants won the first, the Firestone the second game of the series, each by a close score, and this time the battle will be hot, fast and furious.

The Merchants have been deprived of their home grounds in Lomita by the sale of the land to Bob Ueda who is planning to erect a greenhouse there. This leaves the boys without a home park and arrangements were made to bring the big game of the season to the Torrance park. Accommodations for spectators will probably be taxed to capacity that day for the Lomita team has a large and enthusiastic following.

Firestone will come with a big delegation too, and all local fans who like to see a fast game with plenty of action will be on hand.

The local aggregation is confident of taking the championship this time and will give their best to put the game away in decisive fashion.

Game called Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

Palos Verdes Golf Tournament

Qualifying rounds in the annual invitational tournament at Palos Verdes golf course will get under way July 29 or 30, according to announcement sent out this week. The meet is a fore-runner of the state amateur championship meet to be held at Pebble Beach late in August.

The Palos Verdes affair always attracts the cream of the amateurs, and the list of contestants already contains some top golfers. Jack Munger of Texas was the winner last year, with Frank Hixon of Midwick taking qualifying honors with a card of 70. Golf sports writers will be guests of Al Gruber, club pro, next Monday on a preview of the course.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS (Continued on page 6B)

STARS OF OTHER DAYS TO SHINE ON LOCAL DIAMOND

Lomita Merchants Will Move to Torrance City Park for Sunday Games; Firestone Team Starts Schedule

Walt Morris's Lomita Merchants, who have lost their home in Lomita thru the sale of the grounds, will move into Torrance Municipal park, starting next Sunday and will play here every Sunday afternoon indefinitely. The Merchants start their season here with the championship game against the Firestone team, and hope to celebrate their arrival with a victory.

Battery for Sunday's game will be League, catching, and Yelovich, pitching. The Merchants' line-up includes Stanley Venable, first base; Hamilton, second base; Markham, third base; Weddle, short stop; Polica, Correll, Joe Venable, outfielders; Manager Walt Morris and Stahnke utility; and Eppley and Patalona, reserve pitchers.

The game will be called at 2:15 sharp.

Stars of Bygone Days
Wilbur Peters, formerly of the Los Angeles Angels, will do the mound duty for the Firestone, which numbers on its roster such stars of by-gone professional days as George Kaufman, catcher, formerly of the Kansas City, American Association, team; Vern Blekiron, center-field, of the Indianapolis American Association; Tim Cushing, first base, Sacramento, Coast League.

Verne Clemons, catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1918 to 1925, is the manager for the Firestones. Clemons was here this week making arrangements for the game and visited his cousin, Mrs. Pluma Whyte, 1620 Post avenue. He pays a great compliment to the Lomita Merchants, and says they are one of the best teams in the semi-pro game, a fine bunch of clean sportsmen and clever players.

Good Games Promised
For the attraction on the following Sunday, Aug. 2, Morris says he has booked the famous Los Angeles Colored Giants, who have given the locals many a tough battle, and are looked upon as one of the best teams in any league. Morris expects to bring to Torrance the very best teams available as opposition to his champions and the baseball followers of Torrance and Lomita can expect some swell pastime in the future.

Torrance Bears Win Close Game From Westlake

Sunday's Game Is Finale For Local Team At the City Park

In a ninth-inning rally the Torrance Bears defeated the Westlake Merchants, 3-2, last Sunday in a game that was full of sharpshooter hitting but few runs. The visitors took the lead in the third only to have the Bears tie it up in their half. In the fourth the Merchants scored again and held their margin until the sixth when the score was again tied. With two gone in the ninth the Bears made out to put over the winning run.

Ernie Garcia, pitching for the Bears, allowed ten hits, but was effective in the pinches. The Bears got seven off the Merchant hurler, among them two doubles and a single by A. Gomez in four times at bat.

Until Manuel Alvarez, manager of the Bears, gets his difficulties with the park board and recreation department manager ironed out, the Bears will probably be playing elsewhere in the future. According to report the ball park has been turned over to the Lomita Merchants for Sunday afternoon games, and Alvarez is trying to make arrangements to share the dates, each team playing at home one Sunday and traveling the next. So far Manuel has not been able to make this arrangement.

Several weeks ago the council appropriated \$50 for the Bears to provide them with bats and balls and to pay their entrance fee in the Greater Southern California Semi-pro Association. They have won their last four starts and are just now getting in shape to put on some real entertainment.

Watson Clouts Another Homer

Games Tuesday night in the City Short Ball League were good and not so good. The Star Department Store trimmed the Miller Furhure by the close margin of 3 to 1. George Watson was again the hero for the Millers with a circuit swat in the third inning for their only run. This frame marked high tide for the Millers, with George's homer, singles by Chambers, P. Smith and Burmaster. Unluckily for the Millers, the Stars changed pitchers and the next two were easy outs.

Horseshoe Contest Sunday

All those prizes, donated by the Star Department Store, Beacon Drug, Bailey's Market, and the Thomas Liquor Store, looked good to the horseshoe pitching fraternity in Torrance. A lot of them have put their names down on the list of contestants in the first annual tournament to be held at the city park next Sunday morning. Contests start at 10 o'clock. The boys are working out daily at the park, to get in shape for the big contest. It's a question whether they are working out for the first prize or to be in shape to qualify for the consolation prizes donated by Bill Thomas.

Sport Shots

By Bob Lewellen

Bright and Zamperini Are Great Pals Now

The world mark for the 5000-meter run is held by Lauri Lehtinen of Finland in the very fast time of 14:17. Lehtinen's best time this year is 14:52 for the distance. Louis Zamperini, America's No. 1 man in the long grind is 14:55. It looks as the "Torrance Tornado" may have a chance in the "money." The Olympic record is 14:30... A new angle on the big race in New York a few weeks ago, according to Bill Gill, 800-meter runner of Fresno State College, who took a seventh in the finals. Gill gave this writer an interview on his return home, and says that Norman Bright and Louis were room mates while in the "Big City." Both of these great runners from the coast coached one another during the running of the race, trying to take a first and second over the great Indiana runner, Don Lash. Near the end of the gruelling grind, Bright, whose feet were in terrible shape, stumbled and nearly fell off the cinder track, Louis grabbed Bright by the hand, saving him a nasty spill, and helping him regain his stride. Bright then informed the Torrance boy to go get Lash, as his feet were hurting him too much for the last 150 yard sprint. After the race, Bright and Zamperini "really did" Coney Island. One celebrating a place on the team, while the other was celebrating his "breaking" the long training grind. During the running of the 5000-meter run in New York the temperature stood at 108 degrees. Plenty hot in any man's town.

A Few Interesting Shorts About Louis Zamperini

Here are a few remarks in recent letters from the "Torrance Tornado," Louis Zamperini. Louis received 25 telegrams from admirers after making the Olympic team... "The people from Torrance have certainly been behind me, and I really wish to thank them, and appreciate it... I will try to be in shape when I reach Berlin for the games, and will stick with the 'Finns' as long as possible, so if I tie up it won't be because I didn't try. I want to make the best showing possible." (Continued on Page 6-B)

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