



LOCAL BLUEBIRDS PLAY FIRST HOME GAME FRIDAY NITE

Huntington Beach Oilers Will Open the Ball Season on the Home Field With All Former Stars in Their Lineup; New Outfielder For Birds Will Play in Right

Tomorrow night is the big night. Spud Murphy's Bluebirds will entertain tomorrow night at the municipal baseball park in the first home game of the 1934 National Night Baseball League season, with Joe Rogers and his gang from Huntington Beach to furnish the opposition.

The Birds may be attired in their new uniforms, furnished by the Chamber of Commerce, and then again, they may not, because up to today the uniforms had not arrived. The boys may not look so hot in their old rags, but their game will be hot enough, or so Spud says, to satisfy any fan.

Last year's champs are out to better their record of 35 games won during the season. They finished the first half of the regular schedule with 18 wins out of 21 games, the second half six out of 14, and topped off by taking four games from Huntington Beach to cop the N. N. L. pennant, four from Rialto of the American Night League to clinch the championship of Southern California, and won three games out of four exhibition contests after the season closed.

This record ought to satisfy anybody as to the caliber of the Torrance baseball team. Practically the same line-up is on deck for the new schedule. George Watson is second in line because his job takes him out of town frequently and he would not be available for regular duty. Walter Wolfe, last year's first baseman, has gone north. Spud has filled up the holes left by the absence of these players by putting Metha on second and Hal Farney on first.

Last Monday night Spud worked out a new player who he thinks will be a valuable addition to the squad. Bob Decker, former full-back with the U. C. L. A. football team last year, is the lad. Stocky built, weight 190 pounds and a powerful hitter, Decker will be sent into right field in place of Thomas and according to Murphy his ability to cover that garden is topnotch. This, coupled with his hitting qualities, will give the Birds a powerful boost. Decker will play tomorrow night, and unless he fails to come up to the promise shown in his preliminary workouts, will occupy that post as a regular. If he falls down Spud still has Thomas or that well-known and reliable standby, Tony Alesso, to throw into the trenches.

The Huntington Beach Oilers will come over with about the same line-up as last year. A new chucker, Bill Cornutte, is about the only addition to the squad. Bill is said to be even better than Chico Sabella, who made life miserable for opposing teams last year. Chico is still on the payroll, and Howard Morgan is also retained. Merry Lower, ex-Torrance player, is catching, Osborne, Smith, Murray and others of the Oiler team of last year will be seen tomorrow night.

Next Tuesday night the Bluebirds go to Long Beach to meet the Acorns, renamed Admirals. Games in the resort city will be played in the enclosure on Ocean Avenue where the Hotel Virginia used to stand, at the west end of the pike. The addition of a Long Beach team will give Torrance a break in regards to attendance here as the cities are near enough together to make it easy for followers of the games to drive over. And vice versa. Torrance fans can go to Long Beach very easily and so will have a chance to enjoy more games without traveling long distances.

Narbonne Qualifies One In Socal Finals

Narbonne high school qualified one man in the Southern California preliminaries, Class A division, at Los Angeles high school field last Saturday. Slomer Angelich placed fourth in the high hurdles, with McGaughey of Fairfax, Olson of Manual Arts, Reece of Jacob Hills. Heats to eliminate all but four of the contestants from the various districts will be held next Saturday morning prior to the opening of the regular Socal finals at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. In the first trial heat Slomer will go against Leroy Kirkpatrick of El Centro, holder of the low mark of 14.5 for this event. Kirkpatrick is expected to win easily, and may equal the senior world record of 14.2 held by Percy Beard. The El Centro boy is also expected to equal the senior low hurdles record of 23 seconds.

YELL LEADER

Mickey Mulhern, former Narbonne high school student, was elected yell leader at Loyola University by unanimous vote recently. Mickey held the job as assistant last year and gave first class service.

N. N. L. GAMES TUESDAY

TORRANCE at Long Beach.
Fullerton at Westminster.
Anaheim at Santa Ana.
Olive at Huntington Beach.

THURSDAY
Long Beach at Olive.

FRIDAY
Santa Ana at TORRANCE.
Huntington Beach at Fullerton.
Westminster at Anaheim.

SCORES
Tuesday, May 15
Westminster, 4; TORRANCE, 3.
Fullerton, 2; Long Beach, 0.
Huntington Beach, 3; Anaheim, 1.
Olive, 1; Santa Ana, 0.

Neva's Homer Wins For Birds Against Colton

Home Run King Starts Season with 15 Strike-outs and Home Run

Louie Neva started the 1934 season where he left off last summer by winning his own game with a four-base clout, the only run scored in the practice game with Colton, played by the Bluebirds at Anaheim last Thursday night.

Young Kemp, hurling for Colton, proved to be hot. His slants baffled the Birds for the first two innings, and only four swats were registered off him in the nine frames. That was one more, however, than Colton got off Louie, and no runs were made by the out-of-town delegation.

Louie's circuit clout came in the fourth inning with nobody on base as he was the first man up in the inning.

Kemp blasted a two-bagger in the third inning, but died on second when the next two whiffed:

Box score:

COLTON			
AB	R	H	E
Alexander, rf.	4	0	1
Schletzer, lf.	4	0	0
Bramlet, 1b.	4	0	0
Stone, cf.	2	0	1
Strinate, c.	3	0	0
Comstock, 2b.	2	0	0
Hanegan, ss.	4	0	0
Balley, 3b.	3	0	0
Kemp, p.	2	0	1
Totals	28	0	3

TORRANCE			
AB	R	H	E
Moon, lf.	4	0	1
Vonderhake, ss.	4	0	1
L. Neva, p.	4	1	1
Forney, 1b.	3	0	0
Leonard, 3b.	3	0	1
E. Neva, cf.	3	0	0
Metha, 2b.	3	0	0
Fabregat, c.	2	0	0
Thomas, cf.	2	0	0
Alessio, rf.	1	0	0
Totals	30	1	4

Summary: Base on balls—Off Neva, 4; off Kemp, 0. Struck out—By Neva, 15; by Kemp, 9. Home run—L. Neva. Two-base hit—Kemp. Sacrifice hits—Comstock, 2. Errors—Bramlet, Comstock.

Pete's Ability Gets Recognition

While Louis Zamperini, young Torrance high school athlete, is striding along towards state-wide recognition, his big brother, Pete, a recent graduate of T. H. S. and present student at Compton Junior College, is making no less a name for himself in college athletics.

The commendable combination in Pete of unusual athletic ability and high scholastic rating was recently brought to the attention of Arthur G. Waldelich, principal of Torrance high school, by Paul Martin, registrar at Compton Junior College, in a very gratifying letter enclosing several newspaper clippings recounting Pete's victories.

WINNERS
Torrance high school baseball team carded another victory last week, defeating Leuzinger, 8-7. Carl Paxman, Torrance pitcher, hurled a tight game. The Tartars are on their way to a championship in baseball this year.

New City League Starts Tonight At Ball Grounds

Four Teams Organize For Thursday Night Play During Summer

A new City League with four teams taking part will be launched tonight at the municipal ball park when a double header will entertain the crowd from 7:30 on.

The first game will be played by the Pacific Electric Shops vs. the Coast Insulating Company. Second game will be between the Higley Wiglys and the Business Men's outfit.

The Pacific Electric team is managed by Harry Pierce, Coast Insulating by George Haywood, Higley Wiglys by Earl Serratt and the Business Men's team by Cecil Smith.

Admission is free, and all baseball fans are invited to come out. Games will be played every Thursday night during the summer season. All four teams are made up of good amateur players and a lot of fun is promised.

Memorial Day Air Races At Dycer Airport

West Coast Air Racing Association Plans Meet For May 30

THIS is an abundant one for used a violation, enthusiasts on Wednesday afternoon, May 30, at the Memorial Day races, to be staged by the West Coast Air Racing Association at that organization's speedway at Dycer Airport, Western avenue, south of Manchester, in Los Angeles.

Plans for the event were announced this week by Milton L. Gold, managing director.

Starting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon 11 events are to be staged on a three-mile course, which will necessitate planes flying at no greater height than 40 feet. These events include a 110-horsepower women's race; 110-horsepower men's race; 250-horsepower race for men pilots; a 550-horsepower race for men pilots; a motion picture stunt pilots race; and a model R race for specially built and licensed racing ships.

The races are fully sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association. Grandstand seats to accommodate thousands are being erected.

Entries have been received from 20 well-known aviators to date, including Lee Miles, Garland Lincoln, Bob Blair, Ralph Bushey, David Elmendorf, Jim Granger, George O. Hague, Riley Byrd, Earl H. Ortman, Walter Waterman, Ace Brugner, "Chubby" Gordon and others.

Rich Prizes At 500 Mile Race At Indianapolis

Better Business Restores Speedway Purses to Former Size

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (U.P.)—A cash prize of at least \$30,000 awaits the winner of the 22nd annual 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 30. Speedway officials, confident that improved business conditions throughout the country will result in an attendance of more than 100,000 this year, have restored the prize list to its former amount. The first 10 drivers to finish will divide \$50,000, which the speedway will provide.

First place wins \$20,000; second, \$10,000; third, \$5,000; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000; sixth, \$2,200; seventh, \$1,800; eighth, \$1,600; ninth, \$1,500, and tenth, \$1,400.

In addition to the \$20,000, however, the winner is assured of at least \$10,000 more, which will represent lap prizes and awards by automobile, tire, accessory and fuel dealers.

The winner also probably will be offered lucrative contracts for the use of his name and automobile for advertising purposes.

Unfavorable business conditions last year resulted in reducing the speedway's prize to \$12,000 for the winner and \$6,000 for second place. Other prizes were proportionately lower.

Entry fees for the race this year have been increased from \$100 to \$200. Of this money, 75 per cent is placed in fund to be divided as consolation prizes. Every car which qualifies is thus assured of a small amount.

Banana Consumption Up
MONTREAL (U.P.)—It is estimated that consumption of bananas by Canadians has increased 50 per cent in the last few years.

Anglers Reaping Harvest in Big Ocean Fish

Showing three 35-pound San Diego coast yellowtail which did not go south with fisherman's tackle—and a happy Boy Scout set for a big dinner. Yellowtail are providing good sport in southern waters and, they are beginning to come North.



The outing bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California reports that boatloads of barracuda, mackerel, bass, yellowtail and enthusiastic deep-sea anglers are coming in daily in live-bait boats and from barges all along Southland shores.

Angel Workers



Three of the players that have helped put the Los Angeles Angels in first place of the Pacific Coast League are Jimmy Reese, above, whole phenomenal play at second base has captured the attention of fans; Emil Meala, pitcher, left, and Carl Dittmar, shortstop.

Second Round of Match Play Ends

The second round of match play of the Western avenue course invitational tournament was completed with players in the championship flight advancing to the semi-finals. Shooting sub-par golf, Bruce McCormick, popular Western avenue player, defeated Don Erickson, of Sunset Fields, 4 and 2. McCormick scored six on the last hole for a 69. Erickson scored 72.

Walter Johnson of Sunset Fields, defeated Phil Tupper of Western avenue, 4 and 3. Merle Jordon of Western avenue, defeated G. J. Sims, also of Western avenue, 3 and 2. H. B. Curley of Brookside, defeated Bill Schuerman of Western avenue, 6 and 5.

Miss Odell Hurt In Directing Play

Miss Josephine Odell, recreation director, is suffering from a sprained ankle as a result of her work at the playgrounds last week. Miss Odell sprained her arm in a basketball game and her ankle by stepping off a pier into water which was not as deep as she had expected. She is still able to go about her work, however.

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WESTMINSTER TAMES BIRDS IN FIRST NIGHT LOOP TILT

Pitcher Errington Holds Local to Five Hits in 12 Innings; Three Runs Scored on Wild Pitches Lose Game For Torrance

Westminster has a team this year, and don't let anybody tell you different, said Manager Spud Murphy yesterday morning when he turned in the score book on the opening game of the National Night Baseball League, which was played between the Bluebirds and the Westminster outfit at that place last Tuesday night.

The Birds went 12 innings with Westminster and then had to be satisfied with the short end of the 4-3 score. Errington pitched for the home team and won his own game in the 12th when he hit a single and scored after two were out, on a wild pitch.

Bob Decker replaced Thomas in right field after four innings but was unable to get his eye on Errington's shots and was benched in favor of Freddy Montgomery in the ninth.

In fact Errington had everything. This was proved by the scorebook which showed only five hits garnered by the Bluebirds in 12 frames while Westminster laced Louie for 14. Louie's principal contribution to the game of the evening was a homer in the sixth with one man ahead of him on the paths.

The Westminster boys stepped heavy on the Birds in the first inning and scored two runs. They added another in the third. The Birds tied it up in the sixth on Louie's mighty swat, and from then on the game was a struggle until the disaster in the twelfth when Louie put over one of his celebrated high ones.

The event will be similar to the interscholastic meet which was held annually at Stagg Field, Chicago, for several years. It is being sponsored by John P. Nicholson, veteran Notre Dame University track coach, who hopes to make the meet an annual affair.

The program will be comprised of five running events, two hurdle races, six field events and a half-mile relay.

All marks made in the meet will be regarded as national Catholic prep records since no official records now exist, Nicholson said.

Participants will be guests of the university from noon, June 1, to noon, June 2, sleeping in the school dormitories, which will have been vacated by graduating seniors, and eating in the school dining halls.

Winners will receive prizes and will be guests at a champions' banquet.

SHERMAN INSTITUTE RUNNERS ENTER MILE

Torrance's "Iron man" Louis Zamperini will have two more men to fight next Saturday in the Southern California finals to be held at the Coliseum. Elmo and White, Sherman Institute Indian runners from Riverside, have been entered in the mile this week, in addition to those who qualified from other schools last Saturday.

LUCK PLACES FIRST IN 440; ZAMPERINI FIRST IN MILE

Torrance Track Stars Furnish Thrills of Preliminaries Held At Los Angeles High School Field Saturday; Three Class B Men Place

Torrance qualified five men in the Southern California finals for next Saturday, two in Class A and three in Class B events.

Zamperini placed first in the mile with a mark of 4:38, and Luck sprang the surprise of the meet by copping first place in the 440 against stiff competition.

Hubert clipped 1.2 seconds off his best mark for the season in this race, winning in 51.1. His time in the Marine League finals was 52.3, a fifth of a second over the record for this league. Luck stayed out of the 100, and showed the effects of the rest by finishing three yards ahead of Hammond of Hollywood, who had been expected to win.

In Class B, Bob Wertz placed fourth in the 320, Alfred Bunde was fourth in the 1320, and Sumi Iwakawa took first in the 150 low hurdles.

Torrance had three men entered in Class C events, but failed to place. Piper ran fifth in the low hurdles, which was the nearest any of the three came to getting under the wire. However, Coach Donahue did not expect anything better of these young lads, but entered them only for the experience in preparation for next season.

With men entered in the varsity finals for the first time in many years, Torrance stands a very good chance of copping some medals. Zamperini will have a tough battle on his hands against Hooper and Jordan, but he is going to fight hard to keep his undefeated record clear. Very likely several seconds will be knocked off the Southern Cal mark of 4:29.6, held by Urruch of El Monte, which has been standing since 1927. All three of the principal contestants have already knocked this record cock-eyed this season in other meets, and the forecast is that the new mark will be under 4:24.

Hubert Luck, on the showing he made last Saturday, is now hailed as the favorite to win first next Saturday. From a dark horse, Lucky has changed to the bright shining light of the 440 event. Last year's record may be lowered, but the winner will have to travel under 48.8 to break it.

While the varsity stars are occupying the spotlight, the Class B men will no doubt turn in some good races. All three of them are expected to place.

All is in readiness for the 100-mile Targo Florio Road Race to be staged next Sunday at the Legion Ascot Speedway. Fifty world champion motorcycle riders will face the starter promptly at 2 o'clock and will be sent on their way to gold, glory and new speed records. More than 100 entries have been received for the 100-mile grind. Riders from all over the Pacific coast have responded to the entry blank sent out offering the largest cash purse known to western motorcycle racing.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock is the time designated by race officials for the qualifying trials which will limit the field to 50 starters—the largest number ever permitted to start in any one race in the history of the sport, and according to A. M. A. officials this should prove the thrill of the afternoon.

Box score:

WESTMINSTER			
AB	R	H	E
Webb, rf.	5	1	2
Haserot, ss.	4	1	1
Daley, 2b.	5	1	2
Hodson, 1b.	5	0	0
Sauers, 3b.	5	0	0
Montgomery, lf.-rf.	5	0	0
Smith, cf.	2	0	2
Nelson, cf.	4	0	1
Burkston, cf.	1	0	0
Hopes, c.	6	0	1
Errington, p.	4	1	2
Totals	49	4	14

TORRANCE			
AB	R	H	E
Moon, lf.	4	1	2
Vonderhake, ss.	4	1	1
L. Neva, p.	5	1	1
Forney, 1b.	5	0	0
Leonard, 3b.	5	0	1
P. Neva, cf.	5	0	1
Thomas, rf.	2	0	0
Decker, rf.	2	0	0
Montgomery, rf.	1	0	0
Metha, 2b.	3	0	0
Alessio, 2b.	2	0	0
Fabregat, c.	4	0	0
Totals	43	3	5

Westminster had three of their runs handed to them on a silver platter on wild pitches. Their only earned run came in the third inning on three successive singles.

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