

Championship Ball Game at City Park Here Sunday

S. C. TITLE AT STAKE

Altho Manager Walt Morris is not offering any alibis for the defeat of his Lomita Merchants by the Gaffers and Satter stovermen in the second game of the title series for the Southern California Baseball Association crown, nevertheless this happened last Sunday at Bell.

The manager of the G. & S. club asked Morris's permission to substitute an ineligible man for his catcher. The request was granted and then the first time the ineligible came to bat he cracked out a two-bagger which brought in the tying run. The Merchants lost, 12 to 9.

But that defeat has only made the Lomita club eager to get on with the final and deciding game of the series next Sunday at the Torrance city park diamond. Both teams having won a game each, the contest will be decisive for the title. The Merchants picked the G. & S. squad for 14 hits last Sunday while Pat Malone and Morris allowed 10 bingles, Morris pitching the last inning.

Grant to Pitch
Malone will not be in the lineup next Sunday as he has gone to Porterville to visit his parents over Easter. Manager Morris will use Lefty Grant, who has signed with the Chicago Cubs as pitcher, and Grant is expected to come here from the training camp at Catalina for the final game.

Palica was sensational in his fielding last Sunday but took one on his "crazy-bone" that rendered him hors de combat for a time. He will be in condition for the playoff game.

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BEARS QUEST FOR DIAMOND

Asking what had become of the \$100 that was appropriated by the city last year to provide a ball diamond at the Pueblo for his Torrance Bears, Manuel Alvarez, manager of the team, appeared at city council meeting Tuesday night. He was informed by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett that the money had been spent for recreational purposes and was advised to see Dale Riley, head of the recreation department. Riley is said to be planning the installation of a playground at the Pueblo which the Bears can use for their coming games.



Sport Shots

By Bob Lewellen

Letter From Former Great Ball Player

March 22, 1937.

Dear Bob:
Thought it might be time to drop you a few lines and let you know that the time of year has arrived when softball is "just around the corner". That will no doubt be welcome news to hundreds of fans in Torrance. As you are well aware, the game started on the comeback trail last year when City Softball league composed of eight teams was formed and played a schedule starting May 12th and ending with the playoff for the league championship on September 1. Approximately sixty games were played between the shop teams and exhibition games with outside teams.

The estimated total attendance for the league games was "believe it or not" 14470 with another 3545 attending the other games making a total of 18015. Isn't that a "comeback"?

The enthusiasm and steady attendance of the fans showed that they want softball in Torrance of the clean aggressive type with as many local players as possible in the lineups.

The league was fortunate in securing as its president Ed Day a long time Torrance resident who has been interested in softball since the start of the game in this city in 1928. Under his able and wise guidance the league was a success from the start and finished its first year in a blaze of glory. Never once were his decisions on disputed points questioned of his loyalty to the welfare of softball doubted. That is the kind of a man local softball needs and here's hoping that he can see his way clear to spare the time to again head the league and that he is reelected.

Believe One Game Is Better

As for the season of 1937 I have a few suggestions which I believe might help to further the success of the game.

1. That double headers be abolished. Only one game of nine innings be played each night instead of two seven, inning games. When two games

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MORRIS HAS EXCEPTIONAL BALL RECORD

With the record of three championship years and a fourth one looming after next Sunday's deciding game with the Gaffers and Satter stovermen at the Torrance city park diamond, Lomita's baseball teams with Walt Morris at the helm have won the admiration of thousands of fans throughout the Southland.

The Lomita Merchants won the Long Beach Inter-City league title, the Greater Southern California association and Southern California semi-pro crowns and now await the crucial game with the G. & S. squad that will end the S. C. Baseball association season. The Lomita's string of eight or nine consecutive victories was broken last Sunday by the stovermen at Bell.

Players on the Lomita club give all credit for their team's sensation progress to Morris and the skipper, commenting on the success of his team, says: "My players are contented, get along fine with each other, and have played together long enough to permit shifts to obtain the most beneficial results."

Ten Years to Go

Who is this man Morris? Well, he is 37 years old, believes he has ten more years of baseball left and hopes to continue in an active role for that long. He believes that ball games are won on the field and not thru conversation or on paper. His active interest in the sport has been one of the prime reasons for the success of the squad.

He started his baseball career at Redding Union high school where he was captain for two years prior to graduating in 1918.

He came to the Harbor District the following year and played with the Southwestern Shipyard, San Pedro Redmen, E. K. Wood Lumber Co., Long Beach Elks, San Pedro Merchants, Pacific Steamship, Standard Oil, Athlon Athletic club, Builders exchange, North Long Beach and the Torrance Blues.

During that period Walt had a tryout with the Chicago Cubs in 1922 and was with the Edmonton club of the Western Canadian league, Mitchell in the Dakota state league and Decatur in the Three-Eye league. Morris pitched for each of the teams. He jumped the Decatur team in 1925 and retired from

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REVOLVER SCORES

Averages to March 22

Strings	Av.	Score
Freeman	12	275.58
Eckersley	9	272.44
Bennett	10	270.00
Stanger	23	265.08
Anderle	8	264.13
Grant	4	263.50
March	7	260.59
DeBra	11	259.72
Medicus	8	258.00
Ashton	6	257.33
Boytton	10	256.00
Travioli	12	254.00
Green	3	248.66
Spehger	4	239.75
Calder	11	238.45
Schuerman	8	230.13
J. Morgan	10	228.90
Haslam	5	228.20
Doiton	6	220.83
Stewart	7	219.00
Sykes	4	217.50
Stroh	7	215.59
Klund	3	215.33
Evans	7	213.14
Schumacher	4	206.00
Mott	13	194.23
Colburn	4	187.50
Perkins	8	186.63

professional ball.

Twice in his career Morris hurled a no hit, no run game.

The first was for the Redmen against the Wilmington Merchants. The Redmen team won 4 to 0. The other was with the North Long Beach Merchants against the Long Beach Master Plasterers. Morris won this tilt 6 to 0. Morris hurled 154 games for the E. K. Wood nine and came out with 149 triumphs.

CITY LEAGUE NIGHT-BALL PARLEY AT C.C. TONIGHT

One certain sign of spring is the annual call to resume City League night-ball games.

This summons was issued yesterday by Pat Boyle who asks all of last year's team managers, the team sponsors and any others interested in the nocturnal sport to meet at the Chamber of Commerce tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Negotiations will be started for the summer-long series of games between local teams at the city park diamond at that session, he said.

National Supply Holds Title
Last year the eight teams in the City League played 33 games before a total attendance of 14,470 fans. The season started May 12 and double-headers were played twice a week until the middle of September. No admission was charged and none will be charged this summer.

The 1936 sponsors—Star Furniture, M. & M. Transfer, Sandy & Scotty, Lomita, Arnold and Pullman, Columbia Steel, National Supply and the Safeway Stores, paid \$20 each toward the fund for balls and bats and the city contributed the power cost. The championship was won by the National Supply team with Sandy & Scotty's players a close second.

Leuzinger Lays Out Tartars 5 to 0

Some well-timed hits and excellent fielding on the part of Leuzinger's baseball team contributed to the Torrance Tartars' second Marine League defeat last Friday afternoon at the Hawthorne school's field. The score was 5 to 0.

Elmer McGahan pitched a good game for Coach Bernie Donahue's club. The Tartars looked good and only made one error but the Leuzinger squad was a more polished baseball machine.

Gardens continued on its way to a possible championship last week by defeating Jordan, 10 to 0.

SHOP TALK

By RAY BROOKS

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POLICE TO MEET NAVY MARKSMEN HERE APR. 2

The Torrance police pistol team will meet the U. S. S. Saratoga squad on the local range, April 2. In their recent meet, the Saratogans outshot the policemen, 1109 to 1064. San

Pedro police defeated the local marksmen last Sunday, 1390 to 1308, on the port range. The two teams will compete again in San Pedro on April 4, according to Captain John Stroh.

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