

# CITY MAY SEEK STATE SEMI-PRO BASEBALL TOURNEY

## Chamber Head to Urge Quest for Franchise

The biggest sports attraction ever to be held in Torrance the state semi-pro baseball tournament—looks as a possibility today as result of a dinner-conference held last night by Mayor William H. Tolson, City Councilman Tom McGuire, President Alden W. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Director Dale Riley and Michael Strasser of The Herald with Dewey Widner, chief umpire of the Southern California Umpires' association.

It was agreed by the Torrance men that the state tournament would be a worthy event for sponsorship by the chamber and Smith said he would take it up with his board of directors Monday afternoon and personally urge approval. If the chamber agrees to underwrite the baseball series, it will apply immediately to President Raymond Dumont of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress at Wichita, Kan., for the state franchise.

Umpire Widner, who has officiated at many games here, declares that the Torrance ball park is "second to none in Southern California." He first proposed Torrance as the site for the state tournament to Dumont and the latter wrote the chamber last week asking if this would be interested in holding the event.

**Split Gate Receipts**  
San Pedro conducted the tournament two years ago. It was held in Los Angeles three years ago and the 1939 meet would be the third. There was no tournament last year in California.

Widner recalls that 24 teams participated in San Pedro baseball tournament. They came from all parts of Southern California, with several northern and central teams in the schedule.

The sponsor, or state commissioner (which would be the Torrance chamber if it is elected by the national association) would have to put up a \$50 deposit, which is returnable; furnish the park, baseballs and umpires, printing, reports and other incidentals.

The gate receipts would be 50-50, with half going for prizes and traveling expenses to participating teams and the remaining half being claimed by the sponsor. Games would be held Saturday and Sundays during July.

It was the local men's opinion that such an event is just what Torrance needs. They realize it would mean much publicity—not only locally but nationally for the city and furnish a summer event of much interest.

Mayor Tolson declared that the city would back the chamber in its endeavors to obtain the franchise necessary to hold the tournament.

**Merchants' Cage Results Reported**  
Results of basketball games Tuesday and last Thursday night in the Torrance Merchants league were as follows:

Tuesday: National Home Appliances 38 and Harbor City 22; Claflo club 33 and the Lomita Gauchos 20.

Thursday: Long Beach Platters 38 and A. & P. Market 29; Torrance Merchants 47 and Harbor City 39.

## The Herald's Sport Page

### SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN

Don't Say I Didn't Tell You

SCOOP, or is it? Now don't go around betting any money on this story. It is on the "grape-vine" spring, a big time gambler in Los Angeles, that Howard Harding Jones, great Southern California coach, will resign his job before the Fall Season of football starts in September (this year). Now this does not make sense to me, inasmuch as Jones has probably a National Championship team coming up for him this year, with some of the greatest material in the nation's football history, four deep.

BUT the "big boys" say that Jones will resign from U.S.C. before September, and RETIRE from active duty. . . believe it or not! I am stunned, and will have to hear from the University before I give it credit. . . But thought that I would pass along the news to you while it is hot! So, watch, listen and beware!

**New Angle on Baseball for Marine League**  
Last week your correspondent mentioned the fact that Banning high school of Wilmington would win the Marine league championship in baseball. . . Well since then the outlook is entirely different. . . It seems as though the two best pitchers in the entire league, both attending Banning, have dropped out of school.

Early this week, Coach Gene Patz of the Pilots announced that his two strikeout kings, the best of the school has ever had, and sensation of the league last year, Paul Angelich and Archie Petrovich, had turned in their test books, and quit school. Angelich, according to reports had to go to work to help support his family, while Petrovich gave no reason for his sudden leaving.

Well, this certainly gives a new angle in the baseball circuit, and leaves the championship tilt wide open.

The Parters of Torrance, according to Coach Barr, have a fair team this year, and will be fighting all the way. . . Torrance opened the league against Gardena, on the local field, March 3.

**Torrance Boy Fights Tomorrow Night**  
Young Frankie Pugamoto, local fighter, will enter the Wilmington Bowl arena in the second round of the evening tomorrow night, at the weekly amateur fights. Pugamoto takes on Tino Sanchez of Downey. The first bout goes on at 8:30 sharp.

Main event of the card, Jack Townsend, Golden Gloves star heavyweight vs. Dave Johnson. Other bouts of the evening are:

Salvo Bisby vs. Joe Chavez; Flash Robinson vs. Don Theriot; Joe Riche vs. Gilbert Lopez; Charles Dilworth vs. Eddie Moore; Elmo Rice vs. Danny Costello; Byron Gray vs. Nate Jackson.

**Rambling Around in the World of Sports**  
Jack Tweedie, Banning high forward, and Marine league star, was picked first team, All-South-

### Fifth Derby Day at Santa Anita Feb. 22

Santa Anita is setting the stage for the fifth running of its \$50,000-added Derby on Wednesday, Feb. 22, with prospects of a large and brilliant field going to the post before a record attendance.

A large number of out-of-state visitors are already checking in to see the three-year-olds run, and to remain over to witness Seabiscuit and the state stars go in the feature Santa Anita Handicap on March 4 when \$100,000 will be put up in added money.

All box and reserved seats for both events have been sold out for weeks past, and there has been an increased advance sale of clubhouse and general admission tickets. There will be no advance in price for Derby Day.

**Ronte Is Stretched**  
The starters from the Derby eligibles, which number 107, loom up as the most outstanding ever to sport silks on the Coast. The mighty Porter's Mite and the heroic Xalapa Clow are the current top candidates but the fact that the Santa Anita Derby has been stretched out to a mile and a furlong this year, instead of the 1-1/4 miles, will likely have a bearing.

The filly Sweet Nancy and A. G. Vanderbilt's Impound and Hysterical are among those who have indicated a liking to go on from the sprints that have been carded for the three-year-olds and there may be others to come along.

The number to pass the entry box will depend on track conditions. Last year 15 came out to tackle the sensational Staghound. The year before Fairy Hill led a record 21 to the wire. Weights have been set at 120. If they catch a dry track, there is a good chance of the additional \$500 being put up for at least 20 to start.

**Deer Sent to Greener Fields**  
ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah (UPI)—Deer are becoming so plentiful here that park officials have found it necessary to trap them and move them to other parts of the state.

ern California, basketball forward, by the teams Olympic Athletic Foundation committee, last week. . . Gerald McDonald, Torrance freshman, looks plenty good to these old eyes of mine. This 14-year-old lad, is really strutting his stuff in the 600-yard dash, during work-outs on the local track. Gerald, according to Coach Zamparini will run the "C" division this year, and should give the league contenders in this event plenty of trouble. The lad has a nice stride and leather lungs.

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### FIVE BOYS' RIFLE TEAMS SHOOT SUNDAY

Junior editions of such famed marksmen as Buffalo Bill, William Tell, Wild Bill Hickok and Dan'l Boone will aim their trusty small bore .22-caliber rifles in the general direction of bullseyes next Sunday morning here in high hope of winning the first 19th Legion district Sons of Legion rifle match ever held.

The event will be shot over the local Sons of Legion squadron's range near the old police pistol range off Plaza del Amo and the city dump. M. B. Airey of Harbor City, rifle chairman for the 19th Legion district, will be in charge of the match and National Junior Rifle Association rules will prevail.

In addition to the local teams, squads of boys from Whittier, Montebello, Compton and Harbor City Sons of Legion squadrons will compete for prizes that will go to the highest individual scorer and the winning team. It is possible that the first two teams in the meet will enter the state Sons of Legion match next month.

Compton's junior marksmen won the triangular meet against Torrance and Harbor City units last month with the local team placing second. The Torrance rifle squad will be composed of Charles Grubb, Marvin Lee, Lowell Beckman, Bobbie Lewellen and Dean Barkdull, with Gerald Grubb and Jim Post as alternates.

**Dr. Ross Nine Loses Close Game**

Altho John Zar turned in a six-hit pitching performance for the Dr. Ross baseball team, that squad of local and Lomita players dropped a 4 to 3 decision to Santa Monica on the winners' field Sunday. Three errors contributed to the Ross nine's downfall, while three blows, bunched in one inning, also aided the Santa Monicans. The winners scored in the eighth canto to break a tie and win.

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### Locals Defeat Theatre Nine

An 8 to 4 win was turned in by the Torrance-Lomita Merchants at the city park Sunday. The victory coming as result of good fielding behind Dick Rowin's pitching. Rowin fanned seven batters, allowed eight hits. Despite his wildness, expert fielding pulled him out of tight spots and allowed the win.

Jewell's three hits, one of which was a triple, was top batting performance of the day. Benny Markham contributed a couple of doubles while Rowin rapped out a pair of singles.

Next Sunday the T-L squad will tackle the Pacific City nine. In the last meeting of these two clubs they fought to a 11-1 tie in ten innings.

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