# SPORT SHOTS

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**Pete Zamperini Proving Capable Track Coach . . .**

Last week in the Tartars first practice meet of the 1939 season, and Pete Zamperini's initial year as track mentor for the local school, against Redondo Union high school, his BVD boys broke three school records, just to prove to Pete that they appreciate the help and information he has been giving them.

**Gerald McDonald,** 14-year-old Class C Freshman, started the ball rolling in the first event of the afternoon, the 660-yard dash, by burning the track for a new mark of 1:32.1. The old school record of 1:34 was held by Louis Zamperini, established in 1932. A few weeks ago Sport Shots told you readers to keep your eyes on this coming track star, and will again repeat the statement . . . because, before the year is over McDonald will be running around 1:30 flat. He should take the Marine League meet this year, and when they finish counting noses in the big Southern California meet held later this year, the Torrance lad will be right in the money.

**Lee Stecker,** Senior, decided in the next race, the Class B, 660-yard dash, not to be outdone by the Freshman . . . so he also established a new school record in his division. The old mark of 1:30.8 was held by Lee Kirkpatrick, and was established in 1936. Stecker traveled the distance in 1:30, and was going strong at the finish. Proving to members of the league that he will be the man to beat when the season officially opens, April 14. Stecker has also promised Coach Zamperini that he will break the 1320 run record before the year is over . . . and he probably will do it.

**Teruze Hata** was the third man of the afternoon to set up a new school mark. His was in the 120 low hurdles. Hata, competing in Class B, ran the barriers in 13.8. The old record was held by Susumi Ishikawa at 14 seconds flat, and has stood since 1933. This lad should go places this year. Watch him.

Also last week Coach Zamperini took several of his varsity athletes into Los Angeles to compete unattached against the U.S.C. Frosh and Glendale J. C. Several of the varsity boys must have decided to show the Class B and C athletes that they are not the only pebbles on the campus . . . because Bill Stewart, senior high jumper, and holder of the Marine league record in that event, showed the Trojan Frosh jumper, Gil LaCava, that he could get up in the air himself. Stewart did 6 ft. with his sweat suit on, and then tied for first place with LaCava at 6 ft. 3 in. Stewart looks strong this year, and barring accidents should take first place in all meets of the year. While Stewart was doing his stuff, Johnny Hall, 880-yard man, ran the second competitive half mile in his life, taking second place against one of the Trojan Freshmen. Hall was clocked at 1:59.4. This senior lad should break the Marine league record this year. Eugene Hatter, Tartar 440 man did his lap in 56 seconds flat, fine early season time.

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**Louis Zamperini vs. Cecil Cole This Saturday . . .**

The two best distance runners on the Pacific Coast will tangle spikes this Saturday, April 8, in the Los Angeles Coliseum, when the U. S. C. Trojans entertain the California Bears, at 2:30 in a track and field fiesta. Cecil Cole, greatest distance runner in the history of the U. of California holds three National Junior College records, namely: the mile run, 880-yard dash and two-mile run. Cole is capable of running under 4:17 in the four lap event; 1:54 in the 880 and 9:20 in the long two-mile grind. Of course Louis is capable of beating Cole in either of these events, but it will be an interesting afternoon for both the athletes and spectators. Zamperini will probably run the mile and 880, while this writer expects to see Cole run the 880 and two-mile run. We hope that Brutus Hamilton, coach of the Bears will run Cole against Zamperini in the mile run. California has seven of the best distance runners in the Pacific Coast conference, in Cole, Stanley Sadaj, Ted Vollmer, Charley Cooper, Ralph Throop, John Holland and Charley Mehlert. And to top this off, Brutus Hamilton is considered one of the best distance runner coaches in the nation. It will truly be a fine afternoon for track and field fans, and will be the best dual meet in Los Angeles this year.

# The Herald's Sport Page

## San Pedro Wins Baseball Title

By going thru the season undefeated, San Pedro high school's baseball team took the Marine League championship last Friday afternoon after scoring a 6 to 4 triumph over Banning. The Pirates won the crown, according to Joe Goss, San Pedro sports writer, "not so much on their own good play but by taking advantage of four bad Banning errors. The Pilot miscues accounted for half of the six San Pedro tallies."

Despite a wild streak that threatened his unbeaten mark, Tadashi Kishishita pitched a fine game for the winners. He allowed but four hits while his teammates were collecting six blows. The Japanese fireballer fanned 13 but walked five to get in hot water.

**GARDENA NINE BEATS NARBONNE**

Gardena high school's ball club defeated Narbonne high 5 to 3 in a final Marine League game at Gardena last Friday.

## T-L Merchants Lose to Giants

The heavy sluggers on the Torrance-Lomita Merchants baseball club were held to four scattered hits by King and Carter last Sunday when the locals bowed to the L. A. Colored Giants 6 to 1 in a league tussle at the city park diamond.

Willis, J. Venable, Markham and Rowin were the only T-L hitters to connect. Rowin pitched for the local nine, allowing 11 hits.

## STATE PICNICS

ILLINOIS . . . The annual spring picnic reunion for all former resident and visitors from Illinois will be held Saturday, April 15, at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. A program will be given at 2 o'clock.

**Zane Grey Out for Big Fish**

SYDNEY, Australia (U.P.) — Zane Grey, American novelist and sportsman, has entered the annual big-game fishing contest which will continue here until April.

## TRAVEL COSTS—SMALLEST EVER


These girls from Sally Rand's Nude Ranch, visiting the Greyhound Exhibit on Treasure Island, illustrate with "figures" the marked reduction in travel costs in California. For example, the Greyhound fare between Los Angeles and San Francisco has been cut from $13.00 in 1920 to the all-time low of $5.15 in 1939. It looks like both Greyhound's fares and the girls' costumes have reached an irreducible minimum.

## ROSS NINE TAKES FLIERS

Stretching its winning streak to three games, the Dr. Ross baseball team took a 7 to 5 win over the North American Aviation nine at Inglewood last Sunday.

Mearing led at bat for the winners, getting three hits in four trips before leaving the game after being spiked in the seventh inning. Duke Reynolds, San Pedro high school star, hit a triple and a double. Louie Polica and Bill Eagers each cracked out three blows.

Archie Petrovich went the route for the Ross club, distributing seven hits, while his mates collected 17 off the Aviation hurlers.

## Supply Quintet Defeats Medaks

Rolling up 50 points to their opponents' 28, the National Supply basketball team defeated the San Pedro Medaks at the high school gymnasium here Monday night. K. P. Cates is manager of the Supply quintet, which is composed of J. Clayton and T. Prodan, forwards; J. Schatz, center, and D. Barkdull and A. Woodcock, guards.

## Tabers Camping In Old Arizona

Charles R. Taber, retired Lomita constable, and Mrs. Taber of 2126 Lomita boulevard, are now enjoying their first vacation tour since "Charlie" left the sheriff's office recently. They are in Arizona on a camping trip.

## Slough Hunter Nabbed by Warden

Hunting with an automatic pistol in the Nigger Slough area last Sunday morning proved troublesome for Cecil Lee Womble, 23, of South Gate. He was arrested by Fred H. Albrecht, deputy state game warden, and lodged in the Torrance city jail until Monday morning when he was taken to Los Angeles to stand trial.

## Nylands Nursing Pup Survivor

Sole survivor of the late Hortense, wire-haired terrier belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barnes, is now making rapid gains toward a strong puppyhood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nyland on Hawthorne boulevard. The Barneses sent the puppy to the Nylands to be nursed by their dog after its brother failed to survive.

**Co-Eds of Two Schools Enter "Beauty Battle"**

KENT, O. (U.P.)—Armed with lipsticks and eyebrow pencils, co-eds from Akron University and Kent State University are preparing to meet in a "Battle of Beauty."

Seven from each school, chosen by "experts" from the art departments, are to compete to settle an argument which has been raging between the two schools as to their relative percentage of pulchritude. Akron is less than 10 miles from here.

**RETAINS HOME TIES**

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## Lomita Park Sale Offered

In a surprise move last Friday, the board of supervisors, at the suggestion of Supervisor Oscar Hauge of this district, voted to start proceedings toward sale of the one-year-old Lomita county park on Eshelman avenue for oil drilling.

At the same time, in answer to pleas entered by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, the board agreed to use all proceeds from possible sale of the park at 24428 Eshelman avenue for the purchase of another park site in the community.

The property, consisting of approximately seven acres, was purchased for about $1,000 per acre. It has a 400 foot frontage on both Eshelman and Walnut avenues. One Lomita realtor commented this week that with oil development which now surrounds the park, the property should be worth from $7,000 to $10,000 an acre.

Supervisors initially considered leasing the property for oil development but since this would take a special law and would spoil the site for recreation use anyway, the Lomita chamber recommended to Dr. Hauge the site be sold outright, according to Secretary H. H. Halladay.

## H. S. Alumni Meet April 11

An important meeting of the Torrance High School Alumni Association will be held next Tuesday evening, April 11, to elect new officers and make plans for the annual homecoming day program. The session will be held in the high school music room starting at 8 o'clock, according to Thomas McNeil, retiring president. All alumni are urged to attend.

**SLUGGER BEDDED**

Arvol Smith, heavy hitter on the Compton Junior College ball team and Torrance high graduate, underwent a tonsillectomy this week. He says it's more fun to steal bases.

**FLOWERS ALONG MALIBU**

Wild flowers are already blooming along Malibu highway between Santa Monica and Oxnard. Lupine, Brown Eyed Susans, Sea Coreopsis and Sea Figs (also known as ice plants) may be seen in profusion.

## U. S. Steel Board Elects New Director

At the conclusion of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corporation this week, Edward R. Stettinius Jr., chairman, announced that Robert C. Stanley who was elected a director at the annual meeting of stockholders, was elected a member of the finance committee succeeding Walter S. Gifford.

W. A. Irvin, in accord with his expressed intention of last year, and after 44 years of distinguished service with the corporation has retired from the office of vice chairman of the board, which office was abolished. It was stated however that Irvin would continue as a member of the board of directors and the finance committee. All other executive officers were reelected.

**Tiny Baby Gains Steadily**

LISTOWEL, Ont. (U.P.) — Weighing only one pound 13 ounces when she was born, Nov. 30, Betty Ludwig, has gained weight and now tips the scales at two pounds.