

# Final Games of State Ball Tourney May Run Overtime to August 1

## Seven Clubs Remain in Race for State Title

With seven teams still remaining in the running for the state championship, the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament appears certain to continue at least thru Monday night, July 31, before the final playoff is finished and the large gold trophy awarded to the winning club.

There is a possibility—and a not too remote one at that—that the tourney, which began at the city park diamond July 8, may extend thru the night of Aug. 1. Tonight, San Pedro Longshoremen and Standard Oil, both having won two games and lost one, will meet at 8 o'clock and one will be eliminated, leaving these teams in the title race:

Shell A. C. and El Centro, each having four straight victories; Torrance-Lomita Merchants and North American Aviation; each with three wins and one defeat, and Glendora, which has two credits and one loss.

Dale Riley, state commissioner in charge of the games, has games scheduled in advance for only to night and tomorrow night. Tonight the San Pedro Longshoremen meet Standard Oil Refinery from El Segundo at 8 o'clock. Friday night's game will be between Shell A. C. and Glendora.

**Announcement Nightly**  
"We've got to wait until each game is played after Friday night to determine the teams that will take the field the following Saturday afternoon for a double-header and Saturday night," Riley said today.

"It is impossible to schedule the tournament farther ahead than that because we're nearing the close and each game determines whether or not a team remains in the race."

Riley declared, however, that there would be two games Saturday afternoon and one that night. He is not sure about a double-header on Sunday afternoon. Announcement will be made each night at the ball park concerning the next game contestants.

**Drawing Crowds**  
As the state championship series continued this week, larger crowds were on hand every night to see the outstanding semi-pro teams of the Southland state spirited battles for the right to represent the state in the National Semi-Pro Congress games next month at Wichita, Kansas.

Hosts of supporters for each club have been attracted here and the games have drawn splendid patronage from fans in other cities. Sunday afternoon's double-header packed the grandstand for the first time since the ball park was laid out.

**Features of Games**  
Team standings and results of games since Thursday, July 20, are published in the adjoining column. Highlights of the week's contests to date were:

**Thursday, July 20**—Grant, Shell's bespectacled and good first baseman, started Illinois Cleaners on their way out of the tournament by cracking a home run in the fourth with Daws and Rozelle scoring ahead of him. Shell won, 3 to 1. Lightfoot, the Oilers' ace, scattered five hits and fanned nine. Erickson allowed the winners six bingles, whiffed five.

**Friday, July 21**—U.S.S. Vestal scored four runs on five U. S. Rubber errors in the sixth without a hit. Courts' homer in the eighth scored James and McMurray for the Rubbermen. Doskey, Vestal pinch-hitter, became a hero by poling a double in the ninth, scoring Kinlaw and Welch. Vestal 7, Rubber 5.

**Saturday, July 22**—Pismo Beach dumped Dr. Ross out of the series 13 to 5 in the opener. The Rossman made their tallies in the fifth while the Clammers scored in every inning but the fifth and ninth. Two Ross pitchers, the dusky Clark and Red Zar, failed to stem the rush.

Hudson, first batter to the plate, smashed out a home run. McNeely, fourth man up, followed suit with "Willingham aboard for El Centro. Hermosa's N.Y.A. kids tried hard in the second game to break into the scoring column but did so only in the fourth, getting two runs. El Centro's Willingham lifted the third homer of the game in the eighth with two aboard and the southerners won 11 to 2. Reichert allowed seven N.Y.A. hits, fanned seven. Schwabenland and Pacio were nipped for 14 hits.

Two errors in a row accounted for two runs for T-L Merchants when Johnson and Markham came home in the fourth, giving the local team a lead that was never overtaken by North American Aviation. De Hoag struck out 13, allowed six well-spaced hits. Scheube and Van Peit were touched for four hits. T-L Merchants won 4 to 3.

**Sunday, July 23**—It took an extra inning for El Centro to beat Pismo Beach in the "north vs. south challenge of the tourney," 9 to 8. Nace (El Centro) and

## The Herald's Sport Page

### Seven Local Golfers In P. V. Tourney

Seven local golfers are entered in the annual Palos Verdes golf tourney, which is having its final qualifying rounds today. Ray Stepp is leading the Torrance contingent with a 76, scored yesterday. Others who qualified yesterday were George Probert, Henry Ulbricht and B. J. Scott.

The other three local entrants are Wallace Post, Dr. C. L. Ingold and Joe Klink. The Palos Verdes event has attracted a field of about 110 golfers. Finals will be shot Sunday. A number of outstanding players are entered in the championship flight.

Efforts are being made to hold a Torrance tournament among golfers at Palos Verdes sometime next month.

### Junior Teams Playing Twice Weekly Here

Going into the third week of Junior Softball league play, the A & P Market team defeated the Police and Fire department nine, 10 to 8 Tuesday morning. The boys are putting some real pep into their games. After the contest this week, the managers of the two teams treated the players and 15 or 20 other youngsters attending the game to a watermelon feed.

The junior games are played Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the city park diamond. A trophy is to be awarded the winning club the first week in September. This morning National Home Appliances was scheduled to take on M & M Transfer. Next Tuesday, Aug. 1, National Home meets the Police and Fire team.

Team	Won	Lost
A & P Market	3	0
M & M Transfer	1	1
Police & Fire	1	2
National Home	0	2

**CCC Borrows Hens**  
PASADENA (U.P.)—An SOS had to be sent out by the CCC here for the loan of 20 setting hens. The camp had been provided with 30 dozen pheasant eggs as nucleus for the first pheasant conservation project in Southern California.

getting six off Hutchenson.

**Tuesday, July 25**—The closest game of the tourney: Glendora 1, Torrance-Lomita 0. Al Goodman's double in the seventh scored Holdstock with the winning run. It was a real pitchers' battle. While Al De Hoag gave up five hits, the T-L squad got four off Ambrose Palica. De Hoag fanned 10, walked two; Palica retired eight, gave three free passes.

**Wednesday, July 26**—Two-baggers poled out in succession in the sixth by Scheube and Pope and Pitcher Carpenter's double scoring Pope—all in the sixth inning gave North American Aviation a 4 to 2 win over N.Y.A. of Hermosa Beach and eliminated the "kid wonders" of the tourney. Carpenter allowed seven hits, walked 10, fanned six. Martin, pitching heads-up ball for N.Y.A. was nipped for eight hits, whiffed 10, walked two.

### TOURNEY SIDELIGHTS

**CROWD THRILLER**... The largest night crowd of the tourney was on hand Tuesday night to see the Torrance-Lomita Merchants battle Glendora. The fans got their money's worth because they saw the closest game of the series. It went six innings before a digit was added in the scoring column—and that became the one and only.

**BROTHERS DIVIDED**... Chris Polica opposed his brothers, Johnnie and Ambrose, in the T-L vs. Glendora fray. Ambrose pitched a whale of a game, striking out eight Morrimen and allowing but four widely spaced hits. Holdstock, left-fielder, became the first outer victim of the series when he was benched in the ninth after an altercation with Umpire Jordan.

**HEAVY HITTERS**... That Shell A. C. club has a roster of clubbers who really showed what they can do in Monday night's engagement with U.S.S. Vestal. They rapped out 17 hits to amass 15 runs—both being series records. Home runs by Grant and Derrington; a triple by Shimer; two-baggers by Daws, Shimer, Rozelle, Derrington and that's the way it went.

**BE EARLY**... Next Saturday's double-header will be something worth seeing. Don't know what teams will be playing but whoever they are, you can bet they'll be playing for keeps. Better come early to be assured of a seat.

**OLD STUFF**... That venerable face-reddener, the old hidden-ball play was resurrected in the first inning of the Shell-Illinois Cleaners game last Thursday night. First Baseman Grant pulled it on gullible Left Fielder Martin of the Cleaners—to the huge delight of the few fans who actually saw him catch Martin dreaming.

**THREE BROTHERS**... Nick,

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ment, they would be sent to Wichita to compete in the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress games.

**LONG BLOWS**... Do you like to see a batter slug out home runs? Then attend the games here. So far there have been 26 poled out. Last Saturday afternoon Messrs. Hudson, McNeely and Willingham of El Centro each drove circuit cleats against N.Y.A.

**PINCH HITTER**... Mrs. Doskey's big son, Al Doskey, came thru in fine style last Friday night when he slugged out a double as a pinch-hitter for the U.S.S. Vestal in the ninth inning and scored Kinlaw and Welch ahead of him to defeat U. S. Rubber, 7 to 5.

**S.R.O.**... It was almost "Standing Room Only" last Sunday afternoon. As fans poured in the grandstand for the double-header, it was the first time the bleachers have been filled to capacity since the park was improved.

**"BLIND TOMS"**... That's the nick-name for the umpires—and in a few instances, the arbiters have merited the title. Generally speaking, however, the Umps—Messrs. Dewey and Jack Widner, Kulp, Jordan,

**Sharpshooter Rating Won by Wm. Seely**

William A. Seely, son of Gustavus W. Seely of this city, an enlisted Marine, has earned the rating of sharpshooter in the firing of the U. S. service rifle, according to word received here this week. Seely enlisted in the Marine Corps last May.

**RECORD NUMBER**... When Shell A. C. crushed the U.S.S. Vestal out of the series Monday night, the Oilers set a new record for the number of scores made in a game. They tallied 15 markers out of 17 hits.

**OVER-TIME**... Second extra-inning game of the tourney was reeled off last Sunday afternoon. It took El Centro 10 innings to defeat Pismo Beach. If Barbetini had not made an error at second in that over-time period the game might be going yet—they were that evenly matched.

### DEER SEASON COMES EARLY

More than 25,000 deer hunters in five Southern California counties will start blasting more than a month sooner this year under terms of a bill signed by Gov. Culbert Olson, the department of natural resources estimated today.

The bill sets the open deer season from August 10 to September 9 in Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and the western part of Kern county. The season formerly ran from September 6 to October 15.

**Birth Rate Sets Record**

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (U. P.)**—Babies have set two new records in Salt Lake City. With 400 births recorded with the city board of health during one month, last July's record mark of 369 babies was broken.

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