# Marine League Baseball Season Gets Under Way Friday Afternoon

## GARDENA HOLDS EDGE FOR TITLE AS RESULT OF FINE SHOWING IN DORSEY MEET

Tomorrow afternoon when the 1940 Marine League baseball season gets under way at two diamonds, the four competing teams will be gunning for each other AND for a team which opens its league campaign a week hence. Torrance goes to Banning and Narbonne travels to San Pedro to start the diamond sport which will end on April 12.

Gardena, which draws a bye date for the opening games, is the favorite to capture the Marine championship in view of the Mohicans' splendid performances in the Dorsey invitational tournament. Coached by Loren Peake, the Gardenans were surprise finalists in that event that attracted 16 city school teams.

They contributed the biggest upset of the tourney Saturday morning when they eliminated Fremont in a wild 13-12 melee and then were edged out of the championship by the host Dorsey high team in a brilliant 1 to 0 thriller. Little Don Belton, who weighs about 115 pounds, has a dazzling assortment of curves which will give the Marine teams plenty of trouble before the season is over.

Narbonne was defeated by Fairfax, 6 to 5, in the consolation semifinals of the Dorsey tourney, Stan and Titus serving on the mound and Dumphy and Cheek as backstops for the Gauchos. Narbonne defeated Venice 10 to 7 last Friday with Snyder pitching and Cheek catching. This game went an extra inning.

Marine games are to be played each Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock. The Torrance high home games will be played at the Torrance city park diamond.

### Marine Baseball Schedule Starts Friday Afternoon

Announcement of the Marine baseball schedule, which begins tomorrow, was made this week. The games are:

**Tomorrow, 3 p. m.**
Torrance at Banning.
Narbonne at San Pedro.
Gardena bye.
**Tuesday, March 5, 3 p. m.**
Narbonne at Torrance.
Gardena at San Pedro.
Banning bye.
**Friday, March 8, 3 p. m.**
San Pedro at Torrance.
Banning at Gardena.
Mt. Carmel at Narbonne.
**Tuesday, March 12, 3 p. m.**
Gardena at Narbonne.
San Pedro at Banning.
Torrance bye.
**Friday, March 15, 3 p. m.**
Torrance at Gardena.
Banning at Narbonne.
San Pedro bye.
**Tuesday, March 19, 3 p. m.**
Banning at Torrance.
San Pedro at Narbonne.
Gardena bye.
**Friday, March 29, 3 p. m.**
Torrance at Narbonne.
San Pedro at Gardena.
Banning bye.
**Tuesday, April 2, 3 p. m.**
Torrance at San Pedro.
Gardena at Banning.
Narbonne bye.
**Friday, April 5, 3 p. m.**
Narbonne at Gardena.
Banning at San Pedro.
Torrance bye.
**Friday, April 12, 3 p. m.**
Gardena at Torrance.
Narbonne at Banning.
San Pedro bye.

## STATE PICNICS

**CODY, WYO. CLUB** . . . All former residents of Cody, Wyoming are urged to attend the picnic Sunday, March 3, at Sycamore Grove Park, in Los Angeles.

**WESTERN STATES** . . . Four western states, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah will hold picnic reunions in separate sections of Sycamore Grove park Saturday, March 9.

**MONTANA** . . . The postponed Montana picnic reunion will be held Sunday, March 10, in Sycamore Grove park.

Buy, sell, rent, swap, exchange or hire, thru a want ad in our papers. Just call Dottie Lee, Tor. 444.

### Second Charity Day at Santa Anita Next Tuesday

Additional assistance will be given the fund-raising efforts of Los Angeles County Community Chests by the proceeds of a second "Charity Day" for their benefit at Santa Anita Park Tuesday, March 5. A full and special card of good racing is to be provided.

First racing day for the benefit of County Chests was Jan. 3, when a generous amount was realized for distribution. Officials are sanguine that equal contributions will be the outcome of next Tuesday's meeting.

What the small man seeks is in others.

## Zamperini Back In S. C. at End of Eastern Tour

After an intermission of more than two months, during which he participated in five eastern indoor meets, Louis Zamperini resumed his studies at U. S. C. Tuesday morning. He returned from his eastern tour late Sunday night by plane but because of weather conditions, motored from Palmdale, where the plane was grounded, to Los Angeles and then home to Torrance.

He said he was in excellent physical condition with the exception of one tonsil which gave him trouble during the past two weeks. On advice of Coach Dean Cromwell, Trojan track mentor, he is having his throat treated and will not undergo a tonsillectomy.

Zamperini is scheduled to run in San Francisco Saturday, March 2, in a sports benefit for the Finnish relief fund. He is also booked to fly back east to compete in the Knights of Columbus meet at New York March 9. Following these two engagements, the U. S. C. track captain will begin training for a busy season with the Trojan team.

Last Saturday night, a few hours before he enplaned for home, the Torrance flash ran his final indoor mile of the season, placing third behind Chuck Fenske who scored his sixth straight win in 4m.8.8s. in the National A. A. U. meet at New York.

Fenske won by eight yards over Venzke. Glenn Cunningham, who stumbled on the curb coming down the straightaway to go into the final lap and took a full somersault, managed to place fourth.

Zamperini appeared in his first indoor mile Jan. 27 and took fourth in the race at Boston won by Fenske in 4m. 10.3s. On the following Saturday, Feb. 3, he was fourth in the Wanamaker mile at New York, which was won by Fenske in 4m. 7.4s. Zamperini was clocked in 4m.8.2s. On Feb. 10 he placed second in the Hunter mile in Boston, Fenske winning in 4m.11.2s. In the Baxter mile at Newark, N. J., Zamperini was second to Fenske again, the winner's time being 4m.7.4s, while the Torrance youth was stopped in 4m. 7.9s.

**MAY COMPETE WITH FINNISH RUNNER**

When Taisto Maki, Finnish distance star touring the country to collect funds for relief of his warring countrymen, races at the L. A. Coliseum May 11 he is assured of all-star competition.

Mentioned as possibilities for stellar competition are Louis Zamperini, I. C. 4-A and N. C. A. A. champion of U. S. C.; Chuck Fenske, the year's outstanding indoor miler, Glenn ("Old Master") Cunningham and Gene Venske.

## THE SPORTING THING
BY LANG ARMSTRONG


"That's for Smith, he got a hole-in-one!"

## BALL FIELD BEING ENLARGED FOR SEMI-PRO TOURNAMENT

In preparation for the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament which will be held there starting July 13, the Torrance city park baseball damond is being enlarged and plans are being completed for erection of two additional dressing quarters.

Dale Riley, city recreation director who is state commissioner for the semi-pro games, is directing the moving of the right field fence back to the tall poles supporting the flood lights. The fence moving will extend the field to 342 feet from home plate and the foul line will be 331 feet long.

The new dressing rooms will be located on an extension of the grandstand out into right and left field. Each will accommodate one ball club. The dressing quarters under the grandstand have facilities for two teams, making a total accommodation for four clubs when double headers are scheduled.

**Brawley Seeks Games**

Riley is busy trying to line up district tournaments, the winner and possibly second place team from each to be qualified for the state-wide competition here next July. He has received a request from a group of Brawley sportsmen to hold such a district elimination event in their city in March or April before it gets too hot.

Because this is well in advance of the time allowed for district tournaments by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, Riley has written President Raymond Dumont of that controlling organization for special permission to authorize the Brawley games. Other district tournaments will be sought in Montebello, San Bernardino, Orange, San Luis Obispo and Kern counties.

### Maki May Race Zamperini In L. B. Relays

Effort was being made in Long Beach today to secure Taisto Maki, the Finn, as an entry in the "Frosty" Martin Invitational Mile, feature of the 12th annual Long Beach Relays at Stephens Field March 16. Maki would oppose Louie Zamperini in the duel. The Trojan flash has two legs on the huge trophy and will retire it with another victory this year. Hence, efforts to secure the best of talent.

Louie himself was even recruited to scout for rivals on his Eastern trip, but wired back recently: "Have contacted all milers. None will be on the Coast at time of Relays." Indications point to a record entry in the meet. Stanford and U. of California are coming South; Southern California A. A., composed largely of ex-Trojans; U. S. C. with 60 entries and all the minor colleges and junior colleges have joined the carnival.

A high school meet will be staged in the morning, followed in the afternoon by the college and open events.

### Gauchos Treat Bats With Respect

Narbonne's baseballers don't break bats.

They know if they crack the bludgeon given them at the start of the season they'll either have to buy a new one or, as the quaint phraseology of the Board of Education goes, "do without." Coach Wayne Sloss is not taking any chances on his hitters stalking to the plate armed merely with good intentions and a strong right arm so he gave the team a lecture on the care and treatment of bats this week.

In case a Gaucho slugger cracks his bat, the woodshop department usually repairs it and Sloss says the glued sticks usually prove "as good as a new bat."

### Figueroa Street Improvement Begins In March

Minor improvements to Figueroa street between Redondo Beach boulevard and 131st street will be started early in March at a cost of $4,417, following award of a contract by the city of Los Angeles to Oswald Brothers, it was announced this week.

Meanwhile, the city of Los Angeles is rushing to completion a grade separation that will carry Figueroa street traffic under First street in downtown Los Angeles. This project is but two blocks southerly of the recently completed Temple street grade separation that permits Figueroa street traffic to pass under Temple street traffic, and thence northerly and easterly to and through the Figueroa street tunnels in Elysian park.

In style all that is required is that it convey the meaning.

### Wooldridge Writes

Herald-News Circulation Mgr.

Instead of loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better.

## Eckersley Tops Pistoleers for Past 8 Months

Hugh Eckersley of 1020 Amapola avenue is the best pistol shot in Torrance. He is qualified to hold this title by his performances at the Torrance police pistol range from July 1, 1939 to today over both police and national courses. His average for the past eight months on the police course is 274.7 for 13 strings while he averaged 260.3 for 15 strings shot over the national course.

Strings shot and averages scored by other local marksmen during the past eight months are as follows:

POLICE COURSE

| Name | Strings | Average |
|---|---|---|
| Bennett | 18 | 271.0 |
| Medicus | 89 | 267.7 |
| Stanger | 30 | 266.9 |
| Ashton | 43 | 265.0 |
| Teavioli | 30 | 258.2 |
| Berry | 68 | 257.5 |
| Green | 26 | 255.9 |
| Roberts | 26 | 255.2 |
| March | 3 | 254.0 |
| Maddux | 19 | 253.3 |
| VanGorder | 10 | 251.2 |
| Lamphear | 6 | 249.3 |
| Moore, R. W. | 4 | 245.8 |
| Moore, B. | 27 | 242.0 |
| Boynton | 16 | 240.5 |
| Darrow | 46 | 239.9 |
| Haslam | 41 | 239.5 |
| Moore, A. | 37 | 236.1 |
| Smith, Sid | 5 | 234.8 |
| Stroh | 18 | 229.7 |
| Speheger | 15 | 228.7 |
| Houndsedt | 39 | 227.3 |
| Laux | 25 | 215.5 |
| Perkin | 24 | 213.8 |
| Schumacher | 19 | 212.3 |
| Dolton | 12 | 210.5 |
| Evans | 7 | 205.3 |
| Tidwell | 8 | 201.5 |
| Lydy | 32 | 195.8 |
| Parnett | 11 | 188.8 |
| Slover | 30 | 185.3 |
| Tolson | 4 | 185.0 |
| Sciapionato | 4 | 181.5 |
| Casulle | 3 | 180.3 |

NATIONAL COURSE

| Name | Strings | Average |
|---|---|---|
| Bennett | 34 | 259.0 |
| Freeman | 6 | 256.9 |
| Ashton | 38 | 250.5 |
| Stanger | 18 | 250.0 |
| DeBra | 12 | 248.1 |
| Teavioli | 5 | 244.5 |
| Medicus | 18 | 242.4 |
| Roberts | 34 | 242.3 |
| Berry | 42 | 239.1 |
| Boynton | 3 | 236.3 |
| Green | 16 | 236.1 |
| VanGorder | 7 | 233.0 |
| Maddux | 7 | 228.4 |
| Darrow | 28 | 226.1 |
| Speheger | 4 | 218.7 |
| Stroh | 17 | 216.3 |
| Haslam | 9 | 215.0 |
| Moore, B. | 21 | 213.7 |
| Moore, A. | 14 | 213.7 |
| Lamphear | 3 | 211.0 |
| Houdashelt | 9 | 196.5 |
| Laux | 3 | 195.0 |
| Dolton | 7 | 191.4 |
| Smith, Sid | 3 | 184.7 |
| Evans | 6 | 177.0 |
| Slover | 7 | 156.3 |

### Cemetery Lot Sold Thru 60c Classified Ad

Mrs. J. H. L. called at the Torrance office of The Torrance Herald and Lomita News to place a Want Ad offering a cemetery lot of three graves in Inglewood Park. She had exactly four calls in four weeks and sold the lot at a cost of 60 cents. Her name and address will be given to any interested party who desires verification of this testimonial.

Remember, three people who called and did not buy were disappointed—they may still want a cemetery lot. Have you one you would care to sell?

If not, perhaps you wish to sell your home, a car, used furniture; to rent a room, a flat or house or garage? Let a want ad help you quickly satisfy your wants. Just call Dottie Lee, Torrance 444, and she will be glad to assist you in preparation of your ad.

**SEAHAWKS WIN**

Redondo Union high's baseball team defeated Torrance high, 12 to 3, in a practice game Tuesday afternoon. Daniels and Fulton pitched for the Tartars but could not stem the Seahawks' sluggers.

## FREE LOT FEATURES OPENING OF LUNADA BAY AREA SALE

Opening of a new moderately priced residential section in beautiful Palos Verdes Estates to be known as Lunada Bay is announced today by Oscar L. Willett, manager of the Palos Verdes Realty Company, whose offices are at 301 Palos Verdes Drive.

There are 800 lots in the new Lunada Bay section, and every lot has an ocean view from scenic Palos Verdes Drive. While lots are large, prices are low and terms easy, according to Willett.

**Fine Built Homes**

Typical of the development anticipated is the two-bedroom home pictured in the firm's advertisement in this issue. It is one of five such homes just completed and is now open for inspection. Visitors are welcome any day including Sundays.

These artistic homes were designed by Arthur Munson, recognized as one of the best designers of small homes in California. They were built by Arthur Barnes, who has won a reputation for fine construction of 38 homes in the Palos Verdes Estates. Landscaping was in charge of Hammond Sadler, prominent landscape architect whose work is well known thruout Southern California.

**Offer Free Lot**

To stimulate quick interest in the new development, the Palos Verdes Realty Company is offering a lot free to the first buyer of any of these five homes who pays all cash down to the loan.

"We mean just that," says Willett. "Pick out your lot. We deduct from the regular sales price the full price of the lot. You pay for the improvements alone. But only the first cash buyer gets a free lot."

Lunada Bay section is located just ten minutes from the center of Torrance. Visitors are directed to take Hawthorne boulevard thru Walteria to Palos Verdes Drive and turn right. The office of the Palos Verdes Estates, opposite the General Petroleum Service Station.

OSCAR L. WLILETT
. . . selling ocean view lots

### Steel Bowling Teams Advance In Tournament

While the women's team from the local plant continued to hold their first place position, the Columbia Steel men's squad from Torrance advanced into second place in the U. S. Steel Subsidiaries Bowling league last Friday. Both Torrance teams hold high team series and last week captured high team game.

The standings in the league are:

MEN'S TEAMS

| Team | Won | Lost |
|---|---|---|
| Columbia, L. A. | 18 | 6 |
| Columbia, Torrance | 12 | 12 |
| Oil Well Supply | 11 | 13 |
| Boyle Mfg. Co. | 7 | 17 |

Weekly high team series, Columbia, Torrance 2,634.

Weekly high team game, Columbia, Torrance 888.

WOMEN'S TEAMS

| Team | Won | Lost |
|---|---|---|
| Columbia, Torrance | 21 | 3 |
| Boyle Mfg. Co. | 10 | 14 |
| Columbia, L. A. | 9 | 15 |
| Oil Well Supply | 8 | 16 |

Weekly high team series, Columbia, Torrance, 2188.

Weekly high team game, Columbia, Torrance 774.