

# BANK OF AMERICA TO ENTER NAT'L SEMI-PRO GAMES AS STATE CHAMPION

## HOW THEY SCORED THIS WEEK

Thursday night—Bank of America 10, No. Am. Aviation 2.  
Friday night—Pismo Beach 6, L. B. Refinery 5. (11 innings Refinery eliminated.)  
Saturday night—Bank of America 6, L. B. Elbees 5. (11 innings—Elbees eliminated.)

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### FINAL RATING

Team	Won	Lost
Bank of America	7	1
S. P. Longshoremen	4	2
Pismo Beach Merchants	4	2
Long Beach Elbees	3	2
L. B. Harbor Refinery	3	2
No. American Aviation	2	2
Wilmington Merchants	2	2
Chet Relph's Chev.	2	2
Lockheed Aircraft	2	2
Dr. Ross Dog Food	1	2
S. M. Trainmen	1	2
Gaffers & Sattler	0	2
Hartwell Aviation	0	2
Pepsi-Cola	0	2
Standard Oil	0	2
Tor-Lom. Indians	0	2

### Dove Season Dates Announced

SACRAMENTO (U.P.) — The California Fish and Game Commission today recommended the federal government set the 1940 dove season from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, with the exception of Imperial county, for which a season of Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 was recommended.

The recommendation was also made to the United States Wildlife Service that shooting hours be from sunrise to sunset, rather than from 7 a. m. to sunset, as was the case last year.

## Record Crowds See Tourney End as Longshoremen Fail to Hold Bankers

Romping over the weakened San Pedro Longshoremen 10 to 4, the Bank of America ball club won the 1940 California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at Torrance city park Tuesday night with a capacity crowd of more than 2,500 spectators present. The Longshoremen, who had put up a stiff battle the previous night before suffering their first defeat of the series at the hands of the slugging Bankers, 8 to 5, were handicapped in the final game by injuries and lack of pitching reserves.

The last two games of the tourney, which began July 6 with 16 contenders, drew the largest crowds ever to attend any Torrance City park contest. As a result of their driving finish—during which they won four straight games—the Bank nine was presented with the huge gold trophy and the right to represent the state in the National Semi-Pro Congress games at Wichita, Kans., this month.

The Bankers will enter the national tournament, according to A. K. Kiester, director of athletics for the financial institution. He said the team will leave Los Angeles in a special car in ample time to reach Wichita a few days before the big series begins on Aug. 16.

**Teams Share Gate**  
As result of their Garrison finish, Manager Dick Bonnelly and his club received a check for \$259.61 from Dale Riley, state semi-pro commissioner in charge of the tournament for the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The Bankers will receive \$241.39 more—to make a total of \$500—on arriving in Wichita, Riley said.

The San Pedro Longshoremen received \$241.39 for second place money while the other cash awards were: Pismo Beach Merchants, \$120.65 for third, and Long Beach Elbees and Long Harbor Refinery, \$60.30 each for tie for fourth position. The 15 outside clubs (Torrance-Lomita Indians were the home team) will share in a pro rata distribution of \$241.39 for mileage. Pismo Beach will get the major share because its club made three trips from the farthest point away from the tournament.

North American Aviation, Wilmington Merchants, Chet Relph's Chevrolests and Lockheed Aircraft were all balled up in a four-way tie for fourth place while Dr. Ross Dog Food and the Santa Monica Trainmen shared the fifth spot.

**Hit Hard and Often**  
In the tourney finale the Bankers rapped out 14 hits, driving Ky Patalano from the mound after three innings and giving Frenchy Gendreau considerable trouble in the relief spot. The Bank scored eight of its tallies in the first three innings and were never headed.

BANK OF AMERICA	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Shelley, cf.	4	1	3	1	0	0
Allaire, ss.	5	1	0	2	2	0
Shively, 2b.	5	2	2	3	2	0
Walsh, rf.	5	2	3	2	0	0
List, 3b.	5	1	2	0	1	0
Cuio, lf.	5	1	1	6	0	0
Dunnigan, c.	5	0	1	5	0	0
Brandt, lb.	4	1	0	8	0	0
Brondell, p.	1	0	1	0	1	0
Reichle, p.	3	1	1	0	3	0
Total	42	10	11	27	8	1

LONGSHOREMEN	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Van Tress, rf.	3	1	1	5	1	0
Zini, lf.	5	1	1	4	0	0
Gibson, cf.	4	0	2	0	0	0
Hanck, lb.	5	0	1	9	0	1
Pomeroy, 3b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Mele, c.	4	1	2	2	1	0
Colman, ss.	4	0	0	1	4	0
Ripps, 2b.	3	0	0	5	0	0
Patalano, p.	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gendreau, p.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Total	36	4	8	27	7	2

Score by innings: 1-2-0-0-10-1-10-10-14  
Hits: 522-001-102-14  
Longshoremen: 210-000-100-4  
Hits: 120-001-211-8  
Summary—Innings pitched, by: Brondell 2 (3 runs, 3 hits), Patalano 3 (8 runs, 10 hits); winning pitcher, Reichle; losing pitcher, Patalano; home runs, Cuio, Shively, Walsh; 2-base hits, Walsh, Gendreau, Mele; bases on balls, off Brondell 1, Reichle 1, Gendreau 1; struck out, by Brondell 1, Reichle 4, Gendreau 1; Patalano 1; hit by pitched balls, Van Tress, Patalano (Reichle); stolen base, Allaire; double play, Walsh to Brondell; left on bases, Bank of America 8, Longshoremen 10. Umpires, McDonald, York, Hess, Kulp. Time of game, 2 hours 15 minutes.

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## Stars of Series to Stage Benefit for Red Cross

A benefit with a triple purpose will be staged Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock at the Torrance city park baseball diamond when the All-State team of amateur players picked by a board of experts from the Semi-Pro Tournament will meet an All-Star aggregation picked by Pete Sanchez from Tournament players.

All of the proceeds will be given to the Torrance Red Cross War Relief Fund—that's the first and foremost benefit. The second purpose of the game is the chance to see how the All-State team would look in action and the third is ditto for the fans in regard to Sanchez's picks.

Arrangements for the "super-game" were completed Monday night. Sanchez, who piloted the Shell Refinery club to the California state semi-pro championship in 1939 and then took his squad back to Wichita, Kansas, where the Shells placed seventh, has selected the following for his "All-Star" team:

**Pitchers**—Bus Bachtelle (Long Beach Harbor Refinery), Bill Salverson (Long Beach Elbees), Jim Fitzgerald (Pismo Beach Merchants), Art Petrovich (Wilmington Merchants) and Kenneth Brondell (Bank of America).

**Catchers**—Tommy Kincannon (Long Beach Harbor Refinery) and Jack Mele (San Pedro Longshoremen).

**First base**—Harry Sketchley (Chet Relph's Chevrolests).

**Second base**—Ralph Ripps (San Pedro Longshoremen).

**Shortstop**—Tom Stringer (North American Aviation).

**Third base**—Dale Woline (Long Beach Elbees).

**Utility infielder**—Stan White (Long Beach Harbor Refinery).

**Outfielders**—Kirkland Sinclair (Chet Relph's Chevrolests), Nick Palica (Dr. Ross Dog Food), Eddie McKenzie (Long Beach Elbees).

**Utility outfielder**—William Schieber (Bank of America).

The board of experts named Bob Hughes, mentor of the Long Beach Elbees, youngest club in the tournament, "All-State Manager" in recognition of his fine direction of the youngsters who were eliminated by the Bank of America Saturday night after winning three games and losing two.

Umpires who officiated at the games voted Art Shively, Bank of America second sacker, "best player in the tournament."

Commissioner Riley pointed out that the selections for the "All-State" team were made from the ranks of young players who have never been under contract to a major or minor league club and who displayed outstanding promise of development into the big league stars of tomorrow.

Each one named will receive a certificate of merit from the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress.

Only one 1940 "All State" is a double winner of that honor. He is Jim Fitzgerald, Pismo Beach's sensational pitcher, who was given "All-State" rating in 1939.

## Caught Off Base . . . At the Tourney

**BECOMES HISTORY** . . . The 1940 California Semi-Pro Tournament passed into sports history Tuesday night with the extinguishing of the lights that had blazed down the Torrance city park field every night but one since July 6. With the presentation of the gold trophy to A. K. Kiester, director of athletics for the Bank of America, Manager Dick Bonnelly and G. A. Wheaton, president of the Bank of America club, State Commissioner Dale Riley concluded a big job.

**"RAY FOR RILEY"** . . . No other man entitled to such credit for the smooth-running of the series as Riley. It was a day and night assignment and Dale performed his duties in tip-top fashion. He deserves whatever praise may be accorded the sports event of the year here for his fine work.

**BANKERS' TRIUMPH** . . . In winning four straight games and five within the week, the Bank of America squad proved they are real champions. If they continue their steady, even, hard-hitting pace back in Wichita at the National Semi-Pro Congress games they should go far—and a national championship is not beyond their powers.

**EVEN SERIES** . . . By tuncing seven base hits in three innings and taking full advantage of every scoring opportunity, the Bankers evened the race for state honors Monday night in defeating the San Pedro Longshoremen 8 to 5. They overcame a run-in lead with rallies in the fourth, fifth and seventh frames.

**HITS AND RUNS** . . . According to the tourney's demon statistician, Bud Edwards, there were 28 home runs clouted (four in the

final game, by the way), 18 three-baggers poked, 88 doubles rung up and 420 singles binged during the series. All this hitting accumulated exactly 350 runs. (Now here's a chance for some mathematician to figure just how far a man would have to travel to walk the distance around the bases 350 times—any answers?)

**ANOTHER IN 1941?** . . . It wishes of fans who jammed every available inch of seating space—and a considerable amount of standing room—Tuesday night are followed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce there most certainly will be a 1941 Tournament next July. But it's no secret that the cold nights at the start of the series cut attendance—and the all-important gate receipts—way below the 1939 figure and the club is a deficit facing the sponsors of the event. However, the Tournament is still an infant so far as development into a fine community enterprise—so let's have another in 1941!

**BLASTING BANKERS** . . . In defeating No. American Aviation 10 to 2 last Thursday night, the hard-hitting Bank of America uncorked a display of slugging that carried them into the finals. The Bankers poked out 18 base hits against the Aviators. Nyulassie was forced to retire as result of spiking—by whom no one probably ever will know—but he and Lefty Grant exchanged fistcuffs just prior to the injury.

**MAJOR UPSET** . . . Pismo Beach scored a major upset in the race Friday in the ninth and 10th innings to defeat L. B. Harbor Refinery's youngsters, 6 to 5. Bus Bachtelle, Long Beach harborer who was named on the All-State team, had a no-hit, no-run game until two

were out in the ninth. His team went into that frame with a three-run lead. However, Pismo rallied to even the frame and came back in the final part of the tenth to score three more for the win.

**SIGNOR SIGNORELLI** . . . Red-whiskered Signorelli, Pismo first sacker, rapped out the hit that brought home two runs in the tenth for the Pismo triumph. Bachtelle, who had fanned 49 batters in the first four games, ran his string to 63. Tommy Kincannon, former Narbonne catcher and another "All-State," rapped three hits for the Refiners.

**ELBEES ELIMINATED** . . . That team of youngsters who captured the fancies of many a fan during the Tourney, the Long Beach Elbees, were finally forced out of the running Saturday night by the Bank of America in an 11-inning thriller that ended 6 to 5. The Elbees took a one-run lead in the eighth, 5-4, with a two-run surprise, but errors in the ninth and eleventh handed the victory to the Bankers. Bobby Salverson, an "All-State" infielder, pitched the entire game for the Elbees, whiffing eight and issuing four bases on balls. Six double plays were staged, three by each team. One of the bankers' twin killings broke up a desperate Elbee rally in the 11th.

**FIELDING GEM** . . . Clark Esser, Elbee outfielder, pulled the fielding gem of the tourney, catching a long fly against the right-field fence and throwing a perfect strike to home plate to nab a runner stealing home from third.

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