

# Four Teams In Southern California Semi-Pro Playoff

## LEGION TOURNAMENT GOES INTO FINAL STAGE AS TOP SQUADS VIE FOR TITLE

The 1947 Southern California Semi-Pro baseball tournament swung into the final round this week with only four remaining teams to battle for the championship.

The annual tourney sponsored by the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion, has seen some hard fought contests in these final stages.

The Los Angeles Police squad remaining the only undefeated team in play entering the final round.

Tonight's game will match the Torrance Signal Oilers against Raul Dedeaux' Trojans in an elimination match that should furnish the fans with plenty of excitement.

The Trojans smashed out a 7-5 victory over the Kelman Electric squad Tuesday evening to oust the Kelman nine from play in a hard hitting scramble. Wally Hood was the winning hurler for the Dedeaux gang, fanning 12 Kelman batsmen.

The Oilers advanced to the final round by virtue of an 8-3 win over Tillie Schaffer and Alroy Diercraft Monday night. (See story.)

There were no results available on the game between the Montebello Dodgers and Long Beach Rockets played last night, at the time this went to press.

The winner of last evening's game will meet the Los Angeles Police tomorrow night in an attempt to halt the Police nine's win string.

The winner of tonight's game will play the winner of tomorrow's game on Saturday night. One of the best crowds of the tournament saw the Police squad knock off Montebello last Saturday night in the second extra inning game of the tourney, running across three runs in their half of the 10th inning to take the Montebello nine 5-3, the House of Rites 0-0.

The line scores of the past week's games:

Wednesday, August 6:  
L. B. Rockets 400 010 000—5 8 4  
Montebello Trojans 020 020 005—7 9 1  
Bachtelle, Caplinger and Lee, Henderson; Gilbert, Cutts and Lant.  
Thursday, Aug. 7 (elimination)  
Kelman Electric 000 043 012—10 10 2  
House of Rites 000 000 000—0 4 5  
Hart and Pfirman; Grosshans, Hunter, La Ronga and Jaekel; Hart and Pfirman.  
Friday, Aug. 8 (elimination)  
Avalon 000 000 000—0 0 0  
Huntington Park 000 000 000—0 4 3  
Signal Oilers 001 012 22x—8 7 5  
Schaffer and Lyons; Porter and Swartz.  
Saturday, Aug. 9  
Montebello D'ers 000 100 010—3 7 3  
Harner, Brendell and Arroyo; Couits and Lant.  
Sunday, Aug. 10 (elimination)  
Avalon 000 000 000—0 0 0  
L. B. Rockets 402 002 20x—10 10 1  
Goodman, Jenkins; Klubnick and Bachtelle and Lee.  
Monday, Aug. 11 (elimination)  
Alloy Diercraft 000 000 000—3 6 9  
Signal Oilers 001 012 22x—8 7 5  
Schaffer and Lyons; Porter and Swartz.  
Tuesday, Aug. 12 (elimination)  
Dedeaux Trojans 200 050 000—7 9 1  
Kelman Electric 000 000 000—5 8 3  
Hood and McKelvey; Williams, Linsinger and Pfirman.

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## Cross Channel Aquaplane Race To Be Sept. 7

By BILL TOLSON

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In its initial resumption, the race, only one of its kind in the world, will be "scratch" with all boats and riders leaving the island in a simultaneous running start.

Surveyors, he said, are now laying out a new course, starting from Seal Rocks, south of Avalon, sweeping along the island lee into the bay at Avalon and from there straight across the channel to Rocky Point, south of Redondo Beach. Racers will complete the course in front of the three South Bay communities, with the finish at Hermosa Beach.

Length of the course will remain unchanged and all riders will be shooting at the world record of one hour and fifteen minutes for the distance, set by Bob Brown, rider, Don Berry, driver in 1939.

The course will be charted and patrolled by Division Three of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, under the command of Captain Ben Wright. Capt. Wright and his command have been on the Catalina channel for the past three weeks, preparing for the race.

## Tartar Football Prospects Viewed As Season's Opening Draws Near

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Torrance might well be the dark horse of the Bay League if Coach Eddie Cole can develop the morale, spirit and playing ability to last season's stature.

The former OceanSide Junior big squad with plenty of depth will need a sharp passer. The Red and Gray forward wall will be built around Jack Wood, 150-lb. captain and right end. Little Jack was named on the second team All-Marine league last season for his great play on both defense and offense. Teamed with Hood to give the Tartars two strong flankers may be Bob Jones, 6 ft. 2 in., 200-lb. shot putter. Bob played good ball as a reserve last fall. He has amazing speed for a man his size, but to get the starting call must edge out Johnny Brannum, Gilbert Avalos and Keith Pearson, three rangy lettermen, as well as a host of newcomers.

Tackles will again be a strong point in the Tartar line. Gene Stirling, 6 ft., 200-lb. All-City bruiser with speed to burn, will probably be teamed with massive Doug Weever, 256-lb. bone-crusher, who also played a lot of great ball last season. Another strong contender for the starting nod will be Jack Wallis, 180-lb. letterman. Onal Harris and Don Garrison, two scrappers up from the Bees should supply the reserve strength.

Leading some 11 candidates for the call at the guards are Dick Oefinger, a letter winner who tips the scales at 180 lbs. and Albert Stevenson, 200 lb. 6 ft. 1 in. letterman tackle who may be shifted to add strength down the middle. Another strong contender is Bill Carlton, 256 lb., 6 ft. 2 in. giant who lacks experience but learns rapidly. John Schulz, a letterman, and 215 lb. Bob Denty give reserve strength along with Bill Dominy, Bill Carstens and Corky Donnel, Bee lettermen.

Eddie Fortin, last season's number one center, returns to give the Tartars a pivotman with plenty of know how. Backing up Fortin will be Pete Douroux, a Bee letter winner.

Coach Eddie Cole will greet a host of experienced backs led by Bullet Bill Morgan. Morgan was the Tartar's ace sprinter during the last track season and has power and savvy to go with his blazing speed. As well as being a fine blocker is bearcot on defense, Tom Faren, 180 lb. All-Leaguer, gives the Tartars a smashing fullback and assures them of a worthy line-backer. The return of Jack Taylor means the Tartars will have a long-distance punter and another strong runner. Three other leading contenders for the starting back field assignments are: Dick Turner, Frank Faren and Mike Goetsch. Turner is an experienced T in high school back here. Harry Theodosis, ace hurdler from the baseball team, will be out for football and hopes to match his diamond form.

All in all the material looks better than average, but such factors as entering a new league, getting a new coach, starting out under a new school setup, must be considered. Community spirit should be greater than at any period in the past as evidenced by the strong support shown the new schools already. Practice will start officially early in September and a practice game with Covina high school has been scheduled at Redondo Friday night, Sept. 26.

## Drix-Lion Cub Teams Play Twin Bill At Oxnard

Torrance softball prestige will be at stake Saturday at Oxnard when two local nines oppose the best Oxnard can produce in a twin bill.

Young diamond stars from the Lions Cubs will leave Fern avenue playground at 2 p. m., and will engage the Ellis Cleaners' boys from Oxnard at 6 p. m., as a preliminary to the Drix-Oxnard fracas.

As the championship team of the Torrance Softball League, the Drix Soap Products nine was sent in response to a message from Oxnard, addressed to Dale Riley of the Torrance recreation department, that an adult team be sent to take a "shel" lack from Oxnard's best."

Lions Cub parents will drive up to witness the game and furnish transportation for the youngsters. Elmer "Red" Moon of the local recreation staff will also accompany the team in the capacity of coach.

It is expected that arrangements for a rematch of the four teams to play at Torrance will be made while the teams are at Oxnard.

Last year the boys' teams split their series. Oxnard winning a close one here by an 8-7 count and the local nine taking a return game 6-5 on the losers' field, both games being decided in the final inning.

## Signing Of New Coach Announced By Redondo High

Walter F. "Walt" Jacobsmeier, Jr., former Riverside Junior College and University of Southern California star athlete, has been signed to the Seahawk coaching staff for the coming term. Russ Strif, director of athletics at Redondo Union High School, announced last week.

Hired to replace Harold Grant who resigned recently to accept a coaching post with the University of California at Berkeley, Jacobsmeier will be head baseball coach and assistant football mentor.

The new coach is a native of Riverside and a graduate of St. Francis DeSales High School there in 1940. He later competed in football, basketball, baseball and track at Riverside J. C., and made his varsity letter at University of Southern California in 1942 before entering the Army Air Forces.

At present Jacobsmeier is living in Los Angeles but is looking for a house in the South Bay area, as he will be married in September. Superintendent W. K. Cobb said that the high school board of trustees approved Jacobsmeier's appointment at their meeting Monday.

## State Department Of Fish And Game Issues Information For Hunters

Warnings for hunters to be extremely careful in the hills this year because of extreme fire hazards in practically all of the state and admonitions urging hunters to obtain permits from private land owners, or stay away from posted areas, characterize scattered reports from fish and game wardens to the California Division of Fish and Game.

The 40-day season for Black Tailed deer opened Aug. 7 in the coastal and the recently designated Southern California two deer areas.

Deer hunting apparently is ranging from poor to excellent. San Luis Obispo County offers excellent prospects, particularly in the Adelaide and Pozo areas. A recent night check near Adelaide revealed 180 deer, many of them legal bucks, in an area eight miles long and two miles wide. Old timers declare there are more deer this year in this area than they have seen in 50 years.

Bouquet Canyon is not living up to its reputation as the most promising area in Los Angeles County. Some bucks are available in the Chatsworth area, but hunters must obtain permission from ranchers to hunt as this is all private land. Fair hunting also is expected on the north slope of the Angeles Forest in the Sulphur Springs and Pinon Flat country and the open area in Refuge 4-B.

Bucks are reported to be fairly plentiful and in good condition in San Diego County, but a terrific fire hazard exists. Four serious fires already have occurred this summer and a recent blaze in the Laguna mountains drove many deer into the Laguna Refuge.

The Bureau of Patrol has issued a warning to the effect that the "accidental" slaughter of elk in the area will bring serious repercussions as the area is being heavily patrolled. Last season several head of elk were "accidentally" shot.

Orange County deer hunting prospects are blighted by the fire menace. The Cleveland National Forest is closed to trespass because of excessive fire hazards and Refuge 4-C, which was opened this year by the California Division of Fish and Game, lies within this area. The remaining hunting area lies on private lands, which the owners have closed to trespass. Unless hunters have permits to hunt from private land owners.

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**Baseball Schedule**  
FOR REMAINDER OF TOURNAMENT:

Thursday, August 14—Signal Oilers vs. Dedeaux Trojans (Elimination)

Friday, August 15—Los Angeles Police vs. winner August 13 game.

Saturday, August 16—Winner of August 14 game vs. winner of August 15 game.

Sunday, August 17—To be decided by outcome of Friday and Saturday games.

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**Last Week's Tilts In Lomita Loop**

Shamrock Cafe downed Torrance Moose, 21-6, Tuesday night after launching a 27-hit barrage in the seven inning fracas.

The Moose's nine errors contributed to their shelling. Frank Chavez's fourth inning homer and one each in the fifth and sixth frames by "Red" Blackman paced the Shamrock triumph.

Monday night Ken's Market bowed 9 to 4 to a Goodyear team which cashed in on rallies in the first, third, and sixth innings.

Check of Ken's, losing hurler, allowed 10 hits while his triumphant counterpart, Fredenburg, allowed four scattered bingles.

Ken's committed three miscues to their opponents' one. Lomita Auto Parts collected a forfeit win from Torrance Moose in Monday night's scheduled encounter.

Thursday night saw the Lomita Business Association take a 14 to 0 shelling at the hands of the Shamrock Cafe.

Although the Business group hit safely nine times they were unable to mark the score column.

Watson, Shamrock hurler, limited the Business Association to nine safeties while Roberts, opposing pitcher, allowed 14.

The previous Wednesday Goodyear downed Torrance Moose, 8 to 1.

Winning hurler Fredenburg allowed 11 hits to eight for the Moose.

Line scores:

**TUESDAY**  
Shamrocks 851 022 0—21 27 0  
Moose 020 309 1—6 7 9

**MONDAY**  
Ken's 000 110 2—4 4 1  
Goodyear 004 022 3—9 10 5

**THURSDAY**  
Shamrocks 405 104 0—14 15 0  
L. B. A. 000 000 0—0 9 6

**WEDNESDAY**  
Moose 000 003 2—5 8 1  
Goodyear 110 310 2—8 11 1

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