

Johnson May Be Forced to 'Fold-Up' Police Nine

Rascals Cop Second Round Major League Crown--The Rascals!

Mickey Colmer went on a scoring spree and racked the hoop for a season record of 26 points as Ragsdale's Rascals outscored Goodyear, 66-45, last Monday evening at Torrance High School and thereby won the Major Division second round title. The winners swept through five contests with an undefeated record.

Tony Prodan of the victors added another "18" digits while Woody Coleman topped Goodyear with 19.

Although the Rascals were favored to smother the losers, the addition of Coleman to the Goodyear squad made the bat-

Jayvees Take Opener, 4-3

Making their debut a winning one, the Torrance High Jayvees outscored St. Anthony's 4-3 in a terrific battle last Monday at the city park.


Pitcher James Miller won his own game when he stepped to the plate and blasted out a hit in the final inning with two outs and bases loaded. Previous to Miller's single the Saint pitcher had passed three straight batters.

St. Anthony took an early lead in the wild and woolly game when they staged a double steal and wound up with one run. However, the local rookies came fighting back to shove across two runs. The visitors regained the lead in the fourth frame and retained it until Miller clouted out his important hit.

After the thrilling game Coach Cosby commented:

"With 21 men seeing action for our club its hard to pick out any stars. Lets just say we have a lot of varsity material coming up in the future."

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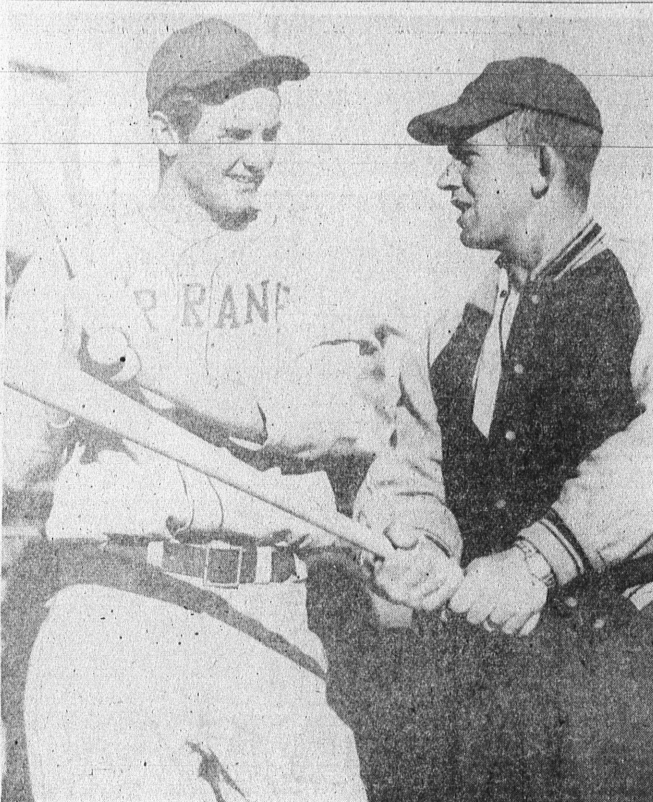
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Sports



TAYLOR MADE... Coach Bob Cosby gives a few hints on bat-swinging to Jim Taylor, up-and-coming catcher for the Tartar horseshiders during workouts at the city ball park.—Herald Photo.

High School Nine Seeks To Hit Winning Stride

Attempting to even the count, Saint Anthony next Tuesday, while Oxy downed the Tartars by a 5-2 count last Friday at Eagle Rock.

Lack of hitting power at the right time was the chief cause of the local's downfall in Friday's battle. The Tartars, although improving rapidly in hitting, failed to clean up at the plate and left 12 men on the sacks.

Two round-trippers of the fluke variety aided the Occidental cause. After a long fly bounced from the field into the stands for the first four-bagger, Max Robinson lost a hard-hit ball fly in center field and the winners added another homer.

According to Bob Cosby, Tartar coach:

"The Keystone combination of Vaughn and Chambers looks excellent on double plays and they give an indication of being double-killers before the season terminates. Harry 'The Gal' Theodosis teled the final innings and besides his mound duties looks like a big gun at the plate. In fact he hit one through the box so hard that the umpires were clawing dirt."

Reeds garnered the opening round of the Minor Division and will play either the Crenshaws or Columbia for the Minor championship.

After the one-game playoffs between the first and second round winners of the respective leagues, the Major and Minor titleholders will gun for the city crown in a two-out-of-three series of tilts.

If Columbia wins tonight's big game the division titles will be decided Monday evening at the high school with the initial minor league contest starting at 7:30.

However, if the Crenshaws upstage Columbia the two opponents would collide again in the Monday night preliminary and the victor would meet Reeds the following Thursday.

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'Hat' with Little Else Than The Lining Given as Reason

Swayne Johnson, manager of the Torrance Police nine complained this week that unless the community of local ball fans do not indicate some additional support of the club he will be forced to fold-up.

The player-manager's ultimatum was made after he took a look (one was enough) into the "hat" after if made the rounds of the fans in the stands last week, and saw little more than the lining.

Redondo Sports Editor Reports On 'Scuttlers'

Now that baseball season is practically on us, we asked Bill Miller, Sports Editor of the Redondo Daily Breeze, what he could tell us about the Torrance Scuttlers, National Littleball team that played here last season.

Dick Cuttle, franchise holder, moved his team to Redondo and signed a pact with the Redondo Elks championship softball team to use his franchise in the National loop.

Here is what Miller had to report:

"There's been all kinds of talk circulating through the South Bay about the Redondo entry in the National Softball League this year. Local fans have been wondering how many of last year's state champion Elks Manager Hodie McBride is going to use on this year's club. As we all know, the Elks have taken over the Torrance franchise in the National loop and will use the new South Bay Memorial Ball Park as their home field.

The jump to the National loop, which boasts a much faster style of play than any league the Elks have run up against in the past, will mean changes on the local team's roster. But how many? There were many good ball players on last year's Elks club and it's going to be tough to subtract a few.

I had an opportunity to discuss this point with McBride the other night at the annual Elks "Sports Night." According to Hodie, any fellow who can hit the pitching of Ted Carlsgaard or Phil Knight during practice this spring will be on his roster. Now, according to that statement, no definite decisions have

been made on this year's team and there won't be any until the boys have run through their paces a few times—which is the way it should be.

Softballers who already have a pretty sure job with the Elks are the likes of Wally Johnson, Nick Boden, Carlsgaard, Knight and Bill Wenzel. Johnson, Wenzel and Knight are from last year's Elks nine and Carlsgaard and Boden made up last year's Torrance Battery. That leaves plenty of room for the remainder of last season's Torrance and Redondo players who'll be fighting for a position on the roster.

In Boden, the Elks have the finest backstop in the National League. He batted over 300 last year in the National League and handled Knight, who pitched a few games for the Torrance nine, and Carlsgaard in excellent fashion. Those of us who saw him in action know that McBride will have to go a long ways before finding a better man.

Looking over last year's Elks roster, there are several men who will give anyone a run for his money while trying out this year. For instance, the remainder of the Elks infield (Johnson was the third sacker) is mighty potent. Gar Johnson at short, Jackie Pearson at second and Kenny Wright at first comprised the best defensive infield some of us have ever seen. Ozzie Grimes and Buddy Bertsch completed last year's outfield and they, too, were excellent men."

City Cage Teams Ready for '48 Season Finale

Culminating a highly successful season enjoyed greatly by the sports minded citizens of Torrance, the 1948-49 city league basketball season, with the exception of the playoffs, draws to a close tonight.

This evening's first tussel—a tilt between Columbia and the Crenshaws—will have an important bearing on the playoff dates.

National Supply's bucket brigade and Ragsdale's fast finishing Rascals have captured the first and second rounds respectively of the Major Division and will battle for the championship of the Majors. The Rascals edged out the Nats earlier in the year with a close 42-40 overtime win.

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Second Round Minor Loop Title at Stake

Columbia's high flying quint and the Crenshaws battle tonight to settle possession of the second round Minor Division title in the opening 7 p.m. contest at Torrance High.

Since the Steelmen walked off the courts with a decision over a strong Reed five last week and boast an undefeated record, they are strong favorites.

The underdogs have dropped but one tilt in the second round, Don Hovda, Don Wolford, and Don Merrell—the three Dons—lead the team in scoring. Maurice Ford, six-foot, four-inch center, has been tops on both defense and offense for Columbia. Hershel Dean and Milo Goettsch are also standouts for the league leaders.

Goettsch and Dean plunked in 12 and 10 points respectively last week as Columbia downed Reeds, 36-24. The Redmen took a quick 2-0 lead early in the final quarter when Bob Coleman drove in a short field goal. Joe Ban, of the winners, matched Clark's efforts and Goettsch followed with a free throw that gave Columbia a permanent lead. Clark topped the losers scoring with 13 markers.

Time and time again the outstanding defensive play of the victors slowed the Reed scoring attack to a standstill. Two Reed forwards—Jim Clark and Vail Goldring—were elected from the battle with five personal fouls. Forty fouls were called in the rough contest.

The Crenshaws had no trouble in smoldering Walteria by a 40-11 count. Don Hovda plucked the strings for 12 digits in sparking the win.

Hovda got hot in the opening quarter and burned the nets for eight quick counters while his team ran up a 13-0 lead before their opponents could dent the scoring column.

Doyle Crossiaw topped Walteria's offense with six tallies. The Walteria outfit failed to score in the entire third quarter. Guard Mott Farrell captured high point honors for the evening when he racked up 18 points for National Appliance in the 52-25 verdict over Palos Verdes. It was the fourth loss in as many starts for the defeated.

The red-hot Appliance squad started with a bang when lanky Paul Smith dropped a two-point-er in the first ten seconds. His teammates followed in rapid succession and built up a 13-3 lead before the end of the quarter.

Columbia (36) Reeds (24)
Bell (1) (10) F (4) Goldring
H. Dean C (11) B. Clark
Ford (3) C (13) B. Clark
Hovda (12) C (12) Schenk
Goettsch (12) G (4) McMahon

Half time: Columbia, 13; Reeds, 11.
Scoring subs: Columbia—R. Dean, 2; Borell 4; Reeds—Strunk 1; Walteria (11) Hovda (12) (40) F (2) Barrett
Hovda (7) C (2) R. Crenshaw
Wolford C (2) H. Dean
McBreen (4) G (6) D. Crenshaw
Merrell (6) G (1) Kuckert
Half time: Crenshaws, 18; Walteria, 14.

Scoring subs: Crenshaws—Widner 7; Palos Verdes (25) National Ap. (52) McAniff (11) F (7) L. Chambers
Trace (5) F (12) B. Chamber
Loyola (10) G (4) Small
Horn C (6) Foreman
Sprigg C (18) Farrell
Half time: Palos Verdes 7; National Ap. 22.

Scoring subs: National—R. Chambers 5.
Columbia 4 0 142
Crenshaws 4 0 142
National Appliance 2 2 158
Reeds 2 2 147
Walteria 0 0 85
Palos Verdes 0 0 77

MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS
Columbia vs. Crenshaws, 7 p.m.
Palos Verdes vs. Reeds, 8 p.m.
National Appliance vs. Walteria

Sports Quizzer

Unusual sport facts make good news. And years later, we find, those same facts when rephrased in question form, make good Sports Quizzers.

We cite as example:

In 1916 the Tartar varsity football squad was claimed to have set the best defensive record of all the 38 high schools in the L.A. system for that season.

The pigskinners went through the entire season with but six points—a single touchdown scored against them. Yet in spite of this rather remarkable feat they did not place better than second in the Marine League.

The one touchdown scored against them accounted for their only defeat of the season.

Gene Hollomon, a member of that 1916 squad remembered the incident and said so on his post card (dated earliest of all those received) and consequently received two \$2.50 tickets to the auto races at Carrell Speedway last Sunday.

A pair of ducats for the press box (best seats in the stadium) will go to the sender of the post card or letter bearing the earliest postmark and answer to this question:

There are 16 teams in a tournament. Each team must be defeated twice before being eliminated. How many games will the winning team have to play (if it does not lose a game) to win the championship?

Bay League

School	Final Standings	Won	Lost
Sanita Monica	7	2	0
Indlewood	4	3	1
Torrance	4	3	3
Jordan	4	4	3
Redondo	2	5	4
Beverly Hills	2	5	4
El Segundo	1	6	6
Leuzinger	1	6	6

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