

# Legion Semi-Pro Tournament To Start August 5

## YMCA Softball Tournament 'Crowd Getter'

The opening games of the Y.M.C.A. boys' softball tournament were held Tuesday night under the lights of the Torrance Park. Over 100 boys, in three age classifications, will participate in the five day tournament. The final game will be played on Tuesday of next week.

In Tuesday's games, 11 year olds, V. T. Vanderpool's lads beat Fred Solace's boys by a score of 6 to 3. In the second game of 14 year olds, Paul Ponce's team nicked Marvin Goettsch's boys in an extra inning by 5 to 4.

Under the direction of volunteer leaders the boys are putting on a real show for softball fans. Double-header games will be played every night this week, except Saturday. The public is invited. No admission charge is made.

**UMPS ARE TOO WARM**  
Lefty O'Doul, vice-president and manager of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League, thinks the blue serge that umpires wear is too hot for summer comfort and that it adversely affects their decisions. He advises tennis shorts and light-colored sports shirts.

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## APPLICATION BLANKS SENT TO 118 TEAMS

This year's American Legion Semi-Pro Tournament will start under the lights at the local park on August 5, Jimmy Way, chairman of the Legion's baseball committee said Tuesday night.



**JAMES WAY**  
"Batter-up" August 5.

Currently in the mail are 118 applications for entry in the month-long tournament. Sixteen of the top semi-pro teams in the Southland will be chosen to fight for the championship of Southern California.

Under the sanction of the Southern California Baseball Managers Association the tournament will start on the first Friday in August and will continue nightly for 30 or 31 nights (weather permitting) until each of the 16 teams (with the exception of the winner) has been defeated twice.

Expected to be back again this year to defend their crown is the present So. California title holders—the Long Beach Rockets.

On the Legion's baseball committee are Louis Deininger, Harry Atwood, Lyle Madsen, Verne Babcock, Les Fix, and Charlie Dunham.

Dale Riley, city superintendent of recreation and longtime active participant in the annual affair will represent the city, Way said.

## Lomita Girls' Softball Nine To Make Debut

The Le-Whi's Lomita Park girls' softball team, opens its season under the lights tonight against a Torrance Park feminine nine at the local park diamond.

Members of the Lomita team plan to make up a regular schedule of games at the local park throughout the summer. Tonight's contest starts at 8 p.m. Players giving their all for the Le-Whi's will be Co-Captains Helen Jones and Laura Hodges, Alice Crane, Gavin Brown, Joan Bell, Pat Merrell, Rachel McDonald, Loretta Horney and Ann Anderson.

## Carrell Menu Calls for Rods, Cycles

There's racing—and plenty of it, family style—on the menu at Carrell Speedway this weekend.

In fact, starting tomorrow night with another big hot-rod show, manager Emmet Mulloy has booked some big programs.

Hot rods of the CRA, which have decided to make Carrell their "home" every Friday night for the summer season, race tomorrow, stock cars of modern vintage, with several new 1949s in the field, hold the spot light on Sunday, while big road-type motorcycles return to their special dirt track inside Carrell's paved half-mile on Tuesday.

Each show begins with trials at 7 p.m., while the trophy dash gets the green flag at 8:30 p.m.

Big four of the "rods"—Roy Prosser, George Seegar, last week's winner; Dempsey Wilson, driving the latest creation on the track, and Lou Figard—will resume their interesting duel for top honors in the hot rod contest, which is headed by a 30-lap main event.

Bob Denny took one of last week's 25-lap mains, losing to Seegar in the run-off, and could cause the leaders plenty of trouble.

## Play Starts In Two Park Softie Loops

Play was under way this week in two Lomita Park kids' softball leagues and was scheduled to start next week in a third circuit.

Remaining games in the leagues are set as follows:

- JUNIORS**
- July 11—Optimists vs. 20-30 Club, 6 p.m.; Angeles vs. YMCA, 8 p.m.
- July 13—YMCA vs. Harbor Hills, 8 p.m.; Optimists vs. YMCA, 8 p.m.
- July 25—Angeles vs. Harbor Hills, 8 p.m.; 20-30 vs. YMCA, 8 p.m.
- August 1—Angeles vs. 20-30, 6 p.m.; Harbor Hills vs. Optimists, 8 p.m.
- August 8—Angeles vs. Optimists, 8 p.m.; Harbor Hills vs. 20-30, 8 p.m.
- MIDGETS**
- July 12—Sack Sliders vs. YMCA, 4 p.m.; Gauchos vs. Deuces, 5:30 p.m.
- July 13—Sack Sliders vs. Deuces, 4 p.m.; YMCA vs. Gauchos, 6:30 p.m.
- PEEWEEES**
- July 11—YMCA vs. Den No. 1, 1 p.m.; Wolverines vs. Gismok, 3 p.m.
- July 13—Den No. 1 vs. Den 1, 1 p.m.; Farmers Exchange vs. YMCA, 3 p.m.
- July 15—Wolverines vs. Den 1, 1 p.m.; Gismok vs. YMCA, 3 p.m.
- July 20—Den 8 vs. Farmers, 1 p.m.; Wolverines vs. YMCA, 3 p.m.
- July 21—Den 8 vs. Farmers, 1 p.m.; Gismok vs. Den 8, 3 p.m.
- July 27—Wolverines vs. Farmers, 1 p.m.; YMCA vs. Den 8, 3 p.m.
- Aug. 1—Den 1 vs. Gismok, 4 p.m.

# Sports



**NO MAN'S LAND**... Umpire Roy Kulp, sole male in the picture, oggles while Cathy holds mirror for June Johnstone who is powdering-up to make a big hit for National Supply—their sponsors. Teammate Wanda Moore would appear disgruntled by the "shiny nose" delay. The girls play in the Powder Puff League at Fern Avenue Playground on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

## 'It's A Young Man's Game,' Gar Johnson Laments

Gar Johnson, in the pitching corner of the locally famous Johnson workhorse quartet of baseball boys, decried the game for youngsters last Sunday and hung up his spikes and gloves.

The decision to hang upon the wall his well-worn cleats and mitt until his sons grow into them, came after the Torrance Police went down before St. Mary's last Sunday, 20-2.

Brother Swayne, manager of the local nine, sent Gar to the mound in the seventh to relieve Tom Akers, who at that point had 18 runs against him. Gar allowed two more.

"Getting too old to do that kind of duty," moaned 34-year-old Gar.

"Fiddlesticks," the 36-year-old Swayne.

But Gar held by his decision to devote more Sunday hours to teaching his two boys, Donnie, seven, and Bobby, five, the finer points of horsehiding.

Gar is the second of the Johnson brothers to retire from the player lineup. Brother Bill, now 42, hung up his spikes some two years ago. He is currently managing the Columbia Steel softball nine.

Claire, the "youngster" of the Johnson clan at 25 years, is still playing the game and is likely to be among the roster of players to see action in the coming semi-pro tournament.

Along those lines, Brother Swayne is holding a pre-tournament workout at the local park this Saturday at 10 a.m. All players who would like a berth on the local nine are invited to join the workout, says Swayne.

Between now and tournament time the local nine will meet the Fireside clan for a little chat on July 10. On the 17th they will meet Angus Lumber Co. Memorial Truck will be the visitors on the 24th and 31st the Police nine will meet the Harbor Giants—an all-colored team.

## U and the 'Y'

By A. WISEMAN

Campers, don't forget the physical examination to be held on Monday night at 7 at the Torrance High School gymnasium. Complete instructions for boys going to camp have been mailed. If there are any questions, call the Y.M.C.A. office.

Stamp club meets again tomorrow night at the library. Don't forget to bring stamps for trade. Sgt. Herbert Knight has some U.S. mint stamps. Stamps received from you for the mint stamps will go to our new project in assisting Vets in the hospital.

The boys' softball tournament is in session now. Invite your parents out to see some of the games at Torrance Park. Double headers every night this week and the final game on Tuesday of next week.

Attendance for the "Ghost Town" trip last Wednesday was 94. Everyone had a swell time. Tomorrow is the day for the Griffith Park trip. We will visit the zoo, picnic in the park and swim in the outdoor pool. A tour will be made to some of the interesting spots in Hollywood. You must sign up before 5 p.m. today, the cost is 50 cents.

**MAGAZINE TRIBUTE**  
An article issue of Hoofs and Horns, the "cowboy's bible," was given over to tributes to Pete Knight, world's champion rodeo performer, following his death at Hayward, California when he tried to ride the bucking horse, "Duster."

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## Work Starts on Tennis Courts At Lomita Park

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## Pitcher Irv Palica Croons On New Record

Lomita's Irv Palica, Brooklyn Dodger baseball pitcher, has turned recording artist.

According to a picture-story spread in the July 4 issue of Time Magazine, a juke-box record the Lomita first-ball artist made with his Dodger teammates is already in its second pressing of 25,000 copies.

Called the "Brooklyn Dodgers Jump," the ditty was recorded for the Leslie Records company by Palica, Outfielder Carl Furillo, and Pitcher Ralph Brubaker by an Ebbe's Field chorus.

## EIGHT FAST PANELS

The mile that a mile will be remembered among followers of the turf is the eight-panel distance raced by Equipoise on June 30, 1932. The gallant animal shattered the record while receiving 120 lbs.

## Schedule for Girls Twilight League Told

The following schedule is to be followed by the Torrance Recreation's Girls Softball Twilight League, according to Elmer Moon, city sports director.

All games will be played on the Fern Avenue Park diamonds with the call for "Batter Up" sounding at 5 p.m.

Last named team is the home team.

Friday, July 8—D2 "Y" Teen Club vs. Torrance Merchants.

Wednesday, July 13—D1, Torrance Cycle vs. Torrance Merchants; D2, L. R. Saenz vs. National Supply.

Friday, July 15—D1, Hollomon's vs. "Y" Teen Club.

Wednesday, July 20—D1, L. R. Saenz vs. Hollomon's; D2, Torrance Cycle vs. "Y" Teen Club.

Friday, July 22—D2, Torrance Merchants vs. National Supply.

Wednesday, July 27—D1, Hollomon's vs. Torrance Cycle; D2, Torrance Merchants vs. L. R. Saenz.

Friday, July 29—D2, National Supply vs. "Y" Teen Club.

Wed., Aug. 3—D1, Torrance Cycle vs. National Supply; D2, Torrance Merchant vs. Hollomon's.

Friday, Aug. 5—D1, L. R. Saenz vs. "Y" Teen Club.

Wed., Aug. 10—D1, Hollomon's vs. National Supply; D2, Torrance Cycle vs. L. R. Saenz.

Friday, Aug. 12—D1, Torrance Merchants vs. "Y" Teen Club.

Wed., Aug. 17—D1, National Supply vs. L. R. Saenz; D2, Torrance Merchants vs. Torrance's Cycle Shop.

Friday, Aug. 19—D2, "Y" Teen Club vs. Hollomon's.

Wednesday, Aug. 24—D1, "Y" Teen Club vs. Torrance Cycle.

Shop: D2, Hollomon's vs. L. R. Saenz.  
Friday, Aug. 26—D2, National Supply vs. Torrance Merchants.  
Wednesday, Aug. 31—D1, L. R. Saenz vs. Torrance Merchants; D2, Torrance Cycle vs. Hollomon's.  
Friday, Sept. 2—D1, "Y" Teen Club vs. National Supply.  
Note: All games played at 5 p.m. on Fern Park Diamonds. Last named team is Home Team

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