

Torrance Teams Triumphant in Lomita Leagues

Three Torrance teams, Howard Realty, the Green Streaks, and the Hi-Y's, wound up on top of Lomita Park softball leagues this week as the summer season drew to a close. The girls from Howard clinched the championship of the women's competition with a convincing victory over collar-dwelling Dana Strand, 25 to 3, losing only one league game while winning seven.

Regular midget league season closed last week with the Torrance Green Streaks on top with seven wins and one loss, closely followed by the Lomita Deceux with a six and two percentage. Champion of this league was decided in playoffs last Tuesday night.

Torrance's Hi-Y's had a clear margin in the senior boys competition, with Walteria, second and Lomita, third. The Lomita boys, however, went into the county playoffs, losing 2-1 in the semi-finals to Whittier, who eventually took the county title.

Standings follow:

GIRLS LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Howard Realty	6	1	.857
National Home	4	2	.666
Lomita Deceux	3	4	.428
Dana Strand	0	5	.000

MIDGET LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Green Streaks	7	1	.875
Deceux	6	2	.750
Optimist	4	4	.500
Shamrock	2	6	.250
Aces	1	7	.125

SENIOR BOYS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Torrance Hi-Y	6	1	.857
Walteria	3	3	.500
Lomita	3	3	.500
Redondo	1	5	.200



LOSERS EVEN HAPPY . . . From the smiles it would appear that everyone is happy over the outcome of the Seventh Annual Semi-Pro Tournament. The Deceux Trojans lost the final game Sunday night to the undefeated Long Beach Rockets. Left to right, Al Russell and Raul Deceux of the Trojans; Jim Wayt, chairman of the American Legion Baseball Committee; Walter Carlson and Bill Finstner of the Rockets. (Herald Photo).

Rockets Win Annual Tournament as Legion Starts 1949 Plans

With the Long Beach Rockets taking home the trophy that read "Southern California Semi-Pro Champions" the Torrance American Legion Seventh Annual Tournament came to an end Sunday night before 1500 fans.

Members of the Bert S. Crossland Post, sponsors of the event, who had worked on the month-long tournament began planning what they would do, now that they had a "night off".

"Next year I'll let somebody else have my job," was the much heard remark of the evening, yet in the same breath, "I wonder if the Rockets will win it next year," and "Next time let's do this . . .".

And consequently plans are already formulating for the 1949 contest. But more about that when the time comes!

The 1948 tournament wound up in this order:

- 1st—Long Beach Rockets (undefeated)
- 2nd—Deceux Trojans
- 3rd—Alloy Diecraft
- 4th—Burkes Service (Tie)
- 4th—L. A. Police (Tie)

ALLOYS vs. TROJANS

In the semi-final the lead changed hands three times before it settled in the lap of the Trojans who came out with the long end of an 8-2 score against Alloy Diecraft.

The results of the game clinched third place for Alloy and left the Trojans to battle with the Rockets for the championship.

Tillie Schaffer went the full distance for Alloy and fanned eight while issuing three free passes to first base. Offensive power was split between the two teams with doubles going to John Garcia, Alloy's right fielder and Dick Fiedler, the Trojans starting chucker.

Line Score: R H E
Alloy . . . 000 200 000—2 3 5
Trojans 001 220 12x—8 10 2
Batteries: Alloy—Schaffer and

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Burkes vs. Trojans

Burkes got the other half of the fourth place ribbon when the Deceux Trojans eked out an 8-7 win during the quarter

SPORT SCENE

By JACK BALDWIN

When most leagues and teams end a schedule with a little left in the kitty it seems to be the policy to throw a big bang . . . it is their money and they can do with it what they choose . . . however, if we may borrow one of the orphans from W. Winchell, of hand lotion fame, we would like to toss it to the Summer Service Club Bowling League . . . The league wound up the season recently with \$56 in the pot . . . a check for that amount was written by Dr. Don C. Moshos, president of the league and given to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation . . . a much better plan we feel than some other . . . no flag wavers, us . . . it is just we think it was also gesture on the part of the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs of Torrance, the Lomita Optimists, and the Dominguez Rotary Club, all members of the league . . .

Players in the Workman's League which plays at Fern Avenue Park each week, have often stood on the sidelines and watched with amazement the speed and stuff that Al Huntsman, the Keystone Oilers chucker, puts on his pitches . . . he left the Oilers recently and joined the Barton Hill Club in San Pedro where he pitched them to the City Championship against the powerful San Pedro A. C. . . .

We recently ran a squib that stated that Dick Rupert, three-way star in the Tartar backfield of last year, was a returning non-letterman . . . it should have been that he was, and in a non-returning letterman . . . Dick has gone back to Chicago, from whence he came before he starred with the Tartars . . . This scribe, being a devout southern boy, Southern California, that is, finds it difficult to understand why anyone would want to live anywhere else . . . and so in an attempt to point out to Dick the advantages of living in Southern California and in Torrance in particular, we offer the following open letter:

Dick Rupert
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Dick:
Born in Milwaukee, of which Chicago is suburb, I would like to remind you that it gets bitterly cold and snowy in the late fall. Footballs get slippery and elusive. Walking three blocks to school through ten-foot drifts is an hour-long trek.

And besides, Coach Eddie Cole could use you on the '48 Varsity.

Wasn't here in Torrance last year to see you cavort on the grilliron but from what I have learned from local football fans and from last year's clippings you could stick your cleats into a hole in the dike that threatens to break and inundate the Tartars under a flood of lopsided scores.

Many of your buddies from last year are back to pound the line for Torrance including your brother Tom. So strike up a tune like "California Here I Come" and hurry back.

Sincerely,
JACK BALDWIN

final game last Friday night. A single throw by Shortstop Art Mazmanian was the deciding play of the Trojans effort to stay in the tournament. In the ninth with bases loaded two outs, and a slow roller coming his way, Mazmanian fielded the ball and made a beautiful throw to first to catch the runner a foot from the bag. The lying run had crossed the plate—but to no avail.

Burkes . . . 010 000 600—7 11 5
Trojans . . . 204 011 00x—8 11 1
Batteries: Burkes—Knowles, Lyons and Potocar. Trojans—Pender, Schlarb, Horst and Zuber.

Validity of Lomita County Fire District Levy in City Disputed

Whether all of the assessments levied in the Lomita county fire protection district are valid for 1947 and 1948 is a bone of contention between City Attorney C. Douglass Smith and the county counsel's office, it was learned yesterday.

A portion of the city of Torrance has for some time been included within the boundaries of the Lomita County Fire protection district. Torrance became a charter city in January, 1947, but the Torrance property within the fire protection district was assessed for district purposes in 1947 and is being assessed for 1948, County Engineer C. E. Arnold said. Arnold asked the county counsel if the assessments were legal.

Deputy County Counsel John Maharg quoted Section 14540 of the Health and Safety Code, as follows:

"Except as to cities of the sixth class, whenever any portion of a district is included within a city by reason of incorporation, annexation or otherwise, such portion shall be withdrawn from the district."

Maharg then said that since Torrance became a first-class charter city and ceased to be a sixth class city, it is mandatory that the portion included with the Lomita fire protection district be withdrawn from the district. He also said that Section 14548 of the Health and Safety Code provides that as a prerequisite for withdrawal of territory from a county fire protection district that the district be relieved of all obligations under contracts for the supply of water to the withdrawn territory.

Next, Maharg quoted Section 3270 of the Political Code stating that "any change in boundaries shall not be effective for assessment or taxation purposes until a map or plat is filed with the county assessor before Feb. 1 of the year in which the assessment or taxes are to be levied."

Since Torrance adopted a charter Maharg summarized its charter-governed area should be withdrawn from the Lomita fire district which alters the district boundaries.

"We are advised that no statement or map or plat as required by state law has been filed. As a result assessments for 1947 and for the current tax year are valid and not subject to attack insofar as they impose taxes on property situated within the city of Torrance."

With this statement, City Attorney C. Douglass Smith does not agree, he advised County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy this week.

"When Torrance became a charter city," he wrote, "the only change that took place was the change of class and the resultant powers. The constitutional procedure required to make the change did not affect the boundaries of Torrance; the change was in the Lomita Fire protection district. There was no new incorporation or any annexation concerned in the change."

"In my opinion, Section 14548 has no reference to the change made from a city of a Sixth class to a charter city. Sections 14541-48 all pertain to procedure in withdrawal of territory of a city of the Sixth class and not to withdrawal of any territory of a charter city that happens to be within the district."

Smith prefaced his letter to the county counsel with the observation that "differences of opinion make horse racing sometimes profitable and lawyers' differences of opinions are the cause of a good many lawsuits."

Whether the courts will be asked to rule on the validity of the assessments appeared today to hinge on further word from the county engineer's office.

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