



**FIRST IN LINE . . .** City Manager George Stevens takes the first tickets from ticket manager Lody Popovich for the Memorial Day opening of the Centinela Valley Junior Baseball league here in Torrance Park. The boys selling the tickets are asking donations of 50 cents for the afternoon of baseball and entertainment. (Herald photo).

## Ticket Sales Start For Baseball League

Plans for the Memorial Day opening of the Centinela Valley Junior Baseball League here took a big step this week when the local ball club met and chose officers and started checking out tickets for the six-team baseball jamboree.

Jim Nady, Tartar first baseman, was named president of the boys' baseball club to be known as the Torrance Junior Horsehide Boosters Club. Bill Crawford, shortstop and pitcher, was named vice president; and Duane Mittan, track star and relief pitcher, was named secretary-treasurer.

### GALA OPENING

The league will be officially launched into the 1951 season here next May 31, when teams representing Culver City, Hawthorne, Gardena, Torrance, Lynwood and the Harvard Play-ground meet in an afternoon of baseball and entertainment at the Torrance Park.

The donation of 50 cents asked for each ticket to the opening games will go far in financing the officiating of the league games during the season, according to Elmer Moon, president of the league.

### TICKETS OUT

City Manager George Stevens started the ball rolling last Monday when he bought the first ticket off the book from Lody Popovich, one of the four ticket captains. Heading the other ticket teams are Jack Fees, Irwin Kasten and Donny Babbitt.

A tentative five-round schedule has been drawn up for the Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon games. Each team will play 25 games from June 3 until the final games on August 26. Torrance will open the regular season play here against Culver City Sunday afternoon, June 3.

### LAW APPROVED

Completion of the constitution and by-laws for the Centinela Valley league were drawn up and approved at a meeting of league representatives last week. Stated as the purposes of the league were:

1. To provide an opportunity

for the youth of the community involved to play baseball under conditions which approximate those of major league clubs.

2. To develop in individuals and teams the importance of sound physical and mental health habits, and good sportsmanship.

What finer aims could any league have? Some of the leagues now operating for high school players could well pattern their actions after the above credo.

Play in the Centinela Valley loop will be under the Golden State Junior Baseball Association, an organization of several leagues.

## Schindler's Thinclads Blasted By Harbor Tech, Bakersfield

Coach Amby Schindler's El Camino thinclads suffered their third and fourth dual meet losses of the campaign when Harbor Tech and Bakersfield followed it up with an 80½ to 40½ setback. Bakersfield dumped Harbor 72 to 50 to wind up the final dual competition. Last Friday's meet was the second

straight conference engagement held on the new Warrior oval.

The Warriors will host their third home track test tomorrow at 3 p.m. when they take on East Los Angeles and Santa Monica in a dual meet.

Hank Compagnon and Boyd Crawford provided the only Camino blue-ribbons last week. Compagnon reeled off a jump of 20 ft. 4 in. to cop the broad jump, while Crawford had to settle for a tie for first in the pole vault with Jim Biller of Harbor. Both cleared the bar at 12 ft.

100-Packard (B), Buschler (B), Wise (B), Hinds (H), Buschler (B).

## Roadsters Slate Carrell Contest

Carrell Speedway returns to activity Sunday afternoon with the California Roadster Association sanctioning the 50-Lap Gold Cup Sweepstakes.

Bob Denny, George (Eager) Seeger, Yami Oka, Johnny Garrett, Leroy Nooka, Ross Rousel and all the rest of the Roaring Roadster fraternity, will be on hand for the speedfest.

It will be the first event for the roadsters since March 18, when Yami Oka and Seeger gave Bob Denny a wild time in the March Sweepstakes.

The Roadster racers have produced many of California's greatest drivers. In fact, quite a few including Troy Ruttman and Manuel Ayala will race at Indianapolis this Memorial Day.

The 50-lap Gold Cup event will be the first auto race at Carrell since the 100-mile NASCAR Stock Car classic.

Team managers of teams entered in the city's 1951 season of softball league play are hurrying their players into shape in preparation for the start of the league May 7, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, athletic director.

Only one spot remained open this week as 17 teams signed up for one of the three six-team leagues. The teams are already practicing every evening at the Torrance Park and Valleria diamonds in an effort to regain lost batting eyes and work the links out of long unused muscles.

Team managers are looking over the classifications and picking their spots, although the first round of play in each of the three leagues will be used to determine the closest possible classification for each team.

The "A" league games will be played in Torrance Park on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, while the Valleria park will be lighted each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. The "B" and "C" leagues will alternate games between the Valleria diamond and the Torrance diamond.



**RARIN' TO GO . . .** Boltin' Bob Denny, the 1950 CRA champ, eyes the 50-lap cup trophy (really) held by Jackie Park. Bob will be out to get his third win in four starts Sunday afternoon at the Carrell Speedway when the roaring roadsters get under way in the 50-lap main event.

## Shortstop Bill Crawford Wins First League Game as Pitcher

A new pitcher was added to the Tartar mound staff last Thursday afternoon when Shortstop Bill Crawford, who has pitched only a short relief job previously, turned in a winning performance against El Segundo as the heavy bats of Irwin Kasten and Al Knappenberger punched across an 8-5 victory over the Eagles.

The victory wasn't an easy one for Crawford—he was in hot water throughout a great portion of the game. El Segundo took an early lead in the game and was out in front 5-0 when the Tartars came to bat in the fifth inning. Kasten and Knappenberger each came through with three RBIs in the next two innings. Jim Nady batted one home, and one run scored on an error to give the Tartars the 3-point margin.

Kasten proved to have the heaviest bat of the day—he was

## Warriors Tied For Second In Conference Play

Taking advantage of every break and backing up their pitcher with a solid batting attack, El Camino's baseball Warriors easily conquered the East Los Angeles Huskies by the score of 11 to 5 on Friday afternoon. Don Young, Camino's ace hurler, let down the Huskies with four well-scattered hits while whiffing nine batters and issuing five walks.

As a result of the last weekend's games, Long Beach is the 1951 Metropolitan Conference Champion while a deadlock for second place honors exists between El Camino's Warriors and the Corsairs from Santa Monica. If both teams win their last two games this weekend a play-off is a possibility to determine the occupant of second place.

Tomorrow the locals play host to San Diego at 3 p.m., and on Saturday they travel to Valley for the final scheduled conference game.

As the season goes into its closing games, El Camino's leading candidates for All-Metro honors are second baseman Wayne Bird and hurler Don Young. Wayne is the leading batter on the squad with an average of .438 in conference tussles, while Don has won four games and has been beaten only once.

Line score: R H E  
El Camino 322 003 010-11 17 2  
East L.A. 021 001 020-5 4 6  
Batteries: Young and Rokes, Bird and Dee More.

## Trailing Hounds Club Plans Movies for Wives

Plans to show a wildlife movie to which wives and children will be invited is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Trailing Hound Club, which will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the new Civilian Defense building at Torrance boulevard and Western avenue, according to D. C. Cook, president.

The movies will be shown on May 18. Plans for a forthcoming hunting trip also will be discussed.

## New Promoter Named

Don Basile, former Torrance High School student and son of Mrs. Lena Basile of 1812 Gramercy avenue, has been named racing director for Carrell Speedway. It was announced this week by Emmett Malloy, operator of the raceway.

The new track manager will promote the racing cards at the Vermont avenue oval, and his first card will be the Roaring Roadster contest Sunday.

## Tankers to Host Metro Swimfest

For the second consecutive year El Camino will host the Metropolitan Conference championship swimming meet to be held on Saturday afternoon, at the El Segundo pool. The meet will begin at 2 p.m.

Other conference schools entering teams in the meet are Bakersfield, East Los Angeles, and Santa Monica.

Bakersfield rules as the team to capture the team trophy, while Santa Monica and El Camino will wage a stiff battle for second place.

Camino finmen who will compete include Joe Predisk, Barry Hamilton, Don Ballard, Don Shultz, Ron Cheadle, Al Diedo, Charles Cravens, and Bernard Berkowitz.

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## Hollypark to Be Thing of Beauty

Hollywood Park, preparing for the opening of its thoroughbred racing season May 11, will burst out with a million blooms during its 50-day meeting, according to Vice President and General Manager J. F. Mackenzie. Approximately 100,000 new plants have already been placed in the ground in the infield, grandstand and clubhouse gardens, Mackenzie said. With its thousands of permanent shrubs and trees and many acres of new lawn, he predicted that the "track of the lakes and flowers," already world famous for its beauty, will be at its loveliest for its twelfth racing season.

Trouts by Millions Planted for Anglers

Fish hatcheries of the Division of Fish and Game have provided a total of 10½ million trout which were planted in California lakes and streams during the last eight months.

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