

New City Baseball League to Get Started Saturday



RAINIERS . . . The Rainiers will clash in the first game of "Babe Ruth" League baseball in Torrance on Sunday at Torrance Park. Pictured above, they are, first row (left to right) Epefano Vincent, Dava Travelstead, Bill Morris, Buddy Shipley, Manuel Alvarez, Bob Farrington, and Eric McMichael. Second row: Harry Hanson, coach; James Martin, James Coyle, Duane Cooke, Tom Mills, Joe Rubio and Chris Zells, manager.

Downtown Parade to Form at Noon; Exhibition Games Set

A baseball league for boys, founded in the memory of one of the greatest players of all time—Babe Ruth—will be inaugurated in Torrance Saturday with a festive downtown parade starting at noon.

All of the members of the new "Babe Ruth" league will suit up and climb into trucks at Post and Cravens Aves. and will parade via Post, Cabrillo Ave., Marcelina Ave. and Arlington Ave. to Torrance City Park, where exhibition games will be held.

Sunday, the first official games will be played with the Rainiers meeting the Seals in the opener of a doubleheader, and the Angels vying with the Stars in the nightcap.

The league is for the express purpose of providing recreation for grads of the Little League. Boys ages 13-15 play in the "Babe Ruth" group, which is a national organization. At the end of the regular season, an All-Star team will be chosen from Torrance to compete in the district playoffs. Sheriff Eugene Biscualuz has been invited to ride in the downtown parade and toss out the first ball in the new league. Youths will play single games on Wednesdays through Fridays at Torrance Park beginning at 6 p.m. and doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.



SEALS . . . Above are the members of the "Babe Ruth" League Seals who will play the Rainiers in the opening game of play Sunday. In the first row, left to right, are Kenneth Pevic, David Pace, Kenny Simpson, Joe Hedgecock, Tommy Dorman, Ricky Baker and Tony Berollet. Second row: Bill Dorman, Mgr.; Emil Capik, William Moore, Gene Crenshaw, David Stillwell, Russell Baker, Mike Berollet, David DeFrance, Bobby Grajeda and Kenneth Simpson.

HERRING NAMED 'ATHLETE OF YEAR' AT EL CAMINO

Al Herring, cage and diamond star, was named "Athlete of the Year" at an El Camino College awards banquet recently and Ken Swearingen was honored for the "Outstanding Athletic Performance" of 1953-54.

Herring made the first string All-Metropolitan Conference basketball and baseball teams this year and ran up an 18-game hitting streak in the latter sport. He also was named to the first string cage squad in the previous year's selections.

Swearingen got the "Outstanding Performance" award for stepping from his halfback post to quarterback in the El Camino vs. Valley JC game and performing like a pro. Swearingen, who had never played the position for the Warriors before, was called on when regular QB Bill Crawford was injured.

Intramural "Man of the Year" is Ted Disparte, who starred in intramural ping pong, in which he took the championship, football, bowling, basketball, softball, volleyball and track.

Dan Rohrdanz was named most valuable tennis player and other outstanding athletes and their sports were Herring, basketball; Herring and Jerry Siegert, baseball; Gordon McClenathen, track; Al Chandler, the National Junior Champ, golf; Tedd Wall, wrestling.

Wall was one of two wrestlers who went into the national finals in his weight class recently in San Diego.

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Aeros Fail in Upset Bid 3-0

Two unearned runs in the third frame gave the Marine Clerks enough cushion to sail past the second-place Longren Aeros Monday night and remain undisputed and undefeated Kings of the City Softball League.

The Aeros, rated as having the best chance of upsetting the league leaders, fell before the sly underhandings of the Clerks' ace arm, Hank Olsen. The chucker stifled the Aeros 3-0 and yielded only two hits to add yet another shutout to his long string.

The Clerks set up a rattling symphony of seven hits to hand Chuckin' Charley Cannon his second defeat of the season.

Rally Sews Up Game
The game was sewed up in the third when Clerk Dee Burgess led off with a walk, Bucky Kuhn made base on an error and Jim Jackson sent them both flying home with a single to left, Jackson later came in on a fielder's choice to end the night's scoring.

The Aeros failed to get a runner as far as second base off Olsen. Their two hits were singles by Vic Ordaz in the sixth and John Podgurski in the seventh.

Styron Wins First
The Dow Styron team had to pull a thrilling, last second rally to win their first game of the season Monday over the Harbor Hornets 7-6.

After the lead jumped back and forth for the first six frames, the Downmen came to bat for their last ups starting at the Hornets' 6-4 lead. But, after two were out and all looked lost, things began to happen.

Bob Turner got on second on an error and Lloyd McCurdy maced a single to right to send him plateward. Bud Lowry kept the flames high with a two-pipe to right, scoring McCurdy with the tying run, and Lowry scored on an error to sew the game up.

Lowry Hero
Lowry turned out to be the hero of the fray. Besides mashing his game tying double and scoring the winning run, he pounded a home run in the third

SINGLE WING VS. T IN SHRINE FOOTBALL GAME

Single wing style of football, exemplified by the North, will battle the T-formation to be used by the South in the Annual Shrine charity football game in the Los Angeles Coliseum Wednesday night, July 21.

Big Ed Powell, the only unanimous All-Bay League choice this season and an All-CIF first stringer, will utilize his destructive 200 lbs. and 6 ft. 2 in. from one of the tackle slots on the South squad.

Ed learned how to knock 'em down from Torrance High School Coach Cliff Graybehl.

Rusky Richard Elliott, six feet two in., 200 pound player from Antioch and the 170 pounder Don Rodrigo of Vallejo will do the quarterbacking for the North. Elliott played both full and quarter for Antioch and scored nine touchdowns and three points after touchdown. An A student, the youngster is planning to enter Stanford.

Rodrigo scored five touchdowns, kicked a field goal and added 29 points after touchdowns to help his team win all eight Valley league games. Both are blocking quarterbacks.

The North players, coached by John Giannoni of Lodi and Rod Franz of Mt. Diablo, are counting on breaking into the win column this year.

The game is played to raise funds for the Los Angeles unit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and is sponsored by Al Malaikah Temple, William J. Vaughan, Potentate, Elmer P. Bromley and Vierling Kersey are in charge of the game.

Southern California has two fast, sharpshooting T formation quarterbacks to lead their style of play, claim Coaches Bob Stillwell and Orle Schmidt.

Joe Contestabile, who played with Hawthorne, scored one touchdown, threw 32 touchdowns and kicked 23 points after touchdowns to help his team win all eight games in the Pioneer league.



ON WAY UP . . . A famous baseball family is represented on the Torrance Giants in the local Little League. Pitcher-infielder Erv Palica, nine-and-a-half, shown above, is the son of Bo Palica, pitcher with the San Jose Red Sox in the California League; his uncle is the well known Brooklyn Dodger flinger Erv Palica. Young Erv hasn't decided yet whether he will follow in the footsteps of his father and uncle and become a pitcher, but he's got a lot of years left to make up his mind.

Little Leagues South Loop Is Runaway, North Tight

While one Little League was lighter than a drum, the other began to look like a runaway affair this week.

Only a couple of games separate the first-place Elks Cards and last-place Pacific Perforating Yanks in the North league, but in the Southern group, the Police Pirates and the Seven-up Tigers have entered a tooth and claw battle for first while the other two teams have fallen by the wayside.

The Pirates squeezed by the Tigers in a 3-2 classic Saturday to go into first place, knocking the Tigers into second. Then, on Sunday, the third spot Dodgers pushed the Giants further into the cellar with a 13-5 drubbing.

The first-place Pirates have now won seven and lost two, while the last-place Giants have a one and six record.

In the other league, it is the opposite. The Cards won their fifth game over the Braves, 6-3, Sunday to climax an amazing rise out of the Northern league cellar, where they dwelled just last week. They replaced the Braves in first position in the pennant chase with the Sunday win.

Jumping from last to first is no easy trick, but this has been typical of Northern league play all year.

The Southern League Seven-up Tigers went back into a tie for first place with the Police Pirates Tuesday by flattening the Torrance Giants 21-1 in a sloppily played game. John Mewborn went all the way on the mound for the Giants.

Brave Leads Bat Slingers

Gary Desmond of the Harvey Braves was Big Chief Sticker of the Northern League when the Little League's batting averages were tallied recently.

Desmond rapped .600 to pace the league and was followed by Roy Hunkle of the Pacific Perforating Yanks with .420.

Following are the leading batters in the Northern loop:

Name	Team	Bat. Av.
Desmond	Braves	.600
Hunkle	Yanks	.420
Harris	Braves	.411
Clutter	Cubs	.357
Schmidt	Braves	.352
Coberly	Cubs	.350
Olivarez	Yanks	.312
Harty	Cards	.300
Simpson	Cubs	.300

HERE'S THE Pitch!

Little Leagues
June 17, Thursday—Dodgers at Pirates.
June 18, Friday—Yanks at Cards.
June 19, Saturday—Tigers at Dodgers; Cards at Cubs.
June 20, Sunday—Yankees at Braves; Giants at Pirates.
June 22, Tuesday—Braves at Cards.
June 23, Wednesday—Dodgers at Giants.
June 24, Thursday—Cubs at Yankees.

Softball
June 21, Monday—Harbor Hornets vs. Pre-Cast Concrete; WALTERIA BMA vs. Longren Aeros, Torrance Park.
June 23, Wednesday—Marine Clerks vs. Dow Styron, Torrance Park.

Service Club
June 22, Tuesday—HR Sports men vs. Moose; Rotary vs. WALTERIA BMA, Torrance Park.
June 23, Wednesday—WALTERIA BMA vs. Legion; Junior Chamber of Commerce vs. Optimists, WALTERIA Park.

Blue Streak
June 17, Thursday—Midland Rubber vs. National Blues; Fire Dept. B vs. WALTERIA Methodists, WALTERIA.
Local 1135 vs. Torrance Gardens, Torrance Park.

Babe Ruth League
June 19, Saturday—Downtown inaugural parade, to start at Post and Cravens Aves., 12 noon.
June 20, Sunday—Rainiers at Seals, Angels at Stars, Torrance Park.
June 23, Wednesday—Seals at Solons.
June 24, Thursday—Beavers, at Angels.

STANDINGS

SOFTBALL

Team	W	L
Marine Clerks	6	0
Longren Aeros	4	2
Pre-Cast Concrete	3	2
WALTERIA BMA	2	3
Harbor Hornets	1	5
Dow Styron	1	5

SERVICE CLUB

Team	W	L
American Legion	4	1
Lions Club	4	1
Rotary Club	3	2
Jr. C. of C.	3	3
WALTERIA BMA	3	3
Optimists	2	3
HR Sportsmen	2	4
Moose Club	1	5

BLUE STREAK

Team	W	L
Fire Dept. B	5	0
National Blues	4	1
Midland Rubber	4	2
Fire Dept. A	2	3
Local 1135	2	3
Torrance Gardens	2	3
WALTERIA Church	1	4
Lutheran Men	0	5

Longren Tops Pomona Plant

Longren Aircraft started what could turn into a crackerjack yearly affair Saturday when they invited the Loud Machine Works of Pomona to a softball game and party at Torrance City Park.

About 250 persons attended the affair, which climaxed with a wieners roast in the Longren patio.

Preceding the party, the Longren Aeros from the City Softball League slapped out 14 hits, including one homer, to defeat the Loud team 10-4.

Longren's Charlie Camou twirled five innings and allowed only two hits and one run while whiffing 14. Al Unsueda pitched the final two, allowing three runs on four hits.

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