

# THS Track Coach Vern Wolfe Submits Resignation

## LITTLE LEAGUER HURLS NO-HITTER

### No-Hitter by Mearing Aids Pirate Cause

Righthander Steve Mearing pitched a no-hit game Saturday as the Pirates took the second game of a doubleheader from the Dodgers, 4 to 1.

Mearing walked only six men, while striking out 11. He also clouted a two-run homer in the second inning to assure his team of the victory.

The Dodgers' only score came in the bottom of the second when shortstop George Downing received one of Mearing's free passes, then proceeded to steal both second and third base, finally coming home when Donald Christian grounded out.

**Yanks Out of Cellar**

In the opener, the Yankees climbed out of The Southern Association cellar with a 4-to-2 triumph over the Cards.



**YOU'RE IN THERE . . .** Steve Ramirez of the Police Pirates slides safely into home plate as Catcher Milton Bowden of the Kiwanis Dodgers grabs the ball too late to put on the tag. Umpire is Fred Montgomery. The Pirates won the Saturday game 4-1 as Pitcher Steve Mearing fired up a no-hitter and whiffed 11 Dodgers. Notice the smoke from the huge oil fire in San Pedro still rising in left background. It started Friday.

### Babe Ruth League

## Minor Leagues Open Saturday

W. F. Pearsey announced today that the Babe Ruth Minor League will officially open Saturday, July 3 at Torrance Park.

Pearsey stated that this league will be open to all boys between the ages of 13 through 15. After the number wishing to play is determined, then teams will be formed and games scheduled.

At the present time there are several openings on the Major teams, due to some of the boys moving out of the city. These vacancies will be filled from boys in the junior circuit.

**Weekend Games**

The Babe Ruth League got into full swing this last weekend with double headers being played on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Angels and Seals both managed to win and remained in a tie for first place with perfect 3-0 records. The Seals took the second game on Saturday from the Stars 9 to 3, while the Angels eased by the Solons in the opener Sunday 10 to 7.

The Beavers managed to salvage one of the two games they played, topping the Solons 13 to 11, but dropping the second one to the Rainiers, 9 to 3.

**Score by Innings:**

Beavers	0 3 0 1 1 0 0 13
Solons	0 2 1 0 0 0 0 11
WP Cannon; LP Vanderpool	
Stars	1 0 0 2 0 0 0 3
Seals	0 0 0 0 2 0 0 2
WP Crenshaw; LP Pette	
Solons	2 2 0 1 2 0 0 7
Angels	0 0 3 3 0 0 0 10
WP Fittinger; LP Moore	
Beavers	1 0 1 0 1 0 0 3
Rainiers	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1
WP Smith; LP Cannon	

**Divers Find Jap Ship**

Sydney, Australia—Divers of an Australian syndicate, which has disposed rights to all ships in Rabaul and Bougainville Harbor, reported a big prize at the very outset—a Japanese aircraft carrier, with twenty planes intact on its flight deck. The salvagers estimated it to be worth around \$175,000 for scrap.

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## ROD and GUN Chatter

**Torrance Rod and Gun Club**

By DONNA BARKDULL

Local sport fishing took a nosedive over the week-end, owing to choppy seas and to many boats solidly covering the horseshoe kelp and around Catalina making the fish sound. Up until then, log barracuda and yellowtail had kept the water churning and anglers had little trouble bagging their limits of barries, the yellows have remained on the tricky side with only random catches taken. The thinning of octanarine vessels Monday had barries returning to the top, giving promise to another active week.

Of more interest than barracuda are the large white sea bass that have been taken almost every night off San Pedro. Morris Maloy, skipper of the Aluna, stumbled across a hot spot a couple of weeks ago and since then has taken anglers to the location. Among the top catches is Ernie Maloy, topping 34 lbs. 15 ozs., and Russell Flowers a hefty 36 pounds.

**Fished Off Horseshoe**

Out of Joe Martin's 22nd St. landing, on the Star Angler last Thursday, Paul Smith, Al Coast, Bill Johnson, Gary and Dean Barkdull, Floyd DeVore and myself fished the horseshoe, landing barracuda, Spanish mackerel and bass. With the help of Al, we all just about filled our limits with the top barrie snaggged by Dean, 8 1/2 pounds.

Gardena Rod and Gun members walked away with all the prizes, except one Sunday at Paradise Cove in a derby sponsored by them. Fishing was actually pretty slow, but enough halibut and bass were boated to lend a little excitement. First prize in the halibut division went to Jim Terween, a Gardena member, for his 18 pound, fat-tie Torrance Rod and Gun president Harry Seeman, was the only representative, from another club, taking a prize, coming in first in the bass division with a dandy going 7 lbs. 2 ozs. All in all, \$75 worth of fishing equipment was awarded besides a good size jackpot, split between the winners of the two groups.

Hate to admit it, but I guess there are a few fishermen in the Gardena club after all, or

maybe it's just their stinger fishing that could do with a little improvement.

**Watson Has Barrie**

Saturday on the Patsy Lee, skippered by Ernie Strong, Porter Watson and six members of his crowd bounced aboard 21 logs, 15 halibut and a smattering of bass. Papa Watson kept his standing in his family by boating the top catch, a barrie going over the 13-pound mark.

Sunday, same hot same skipper, only with Roy and Leon Smith, John Whitman, Gene Guggold, A. Brady and Jim Sides fishing the horseshoe, only four barries, 29 bass and five flyswatters were boated. Roy took the jackpot with his top barrie going 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

**Weekly High Scratch**

Team Series	Team No. 4
Team Game	Team No. 4
Ind. Series	V. Daniels
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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED FIVEMAN**

No. Team Name	Won	Lost
1 Allen Jewellers	23	12
2 Carson Liquor Store	18	10
3 Team No. 3	16	20
4 Team No. 2	16	20
5 Team No. 1	15	17
6 Team No. 5	12	26

**Weekly High Scratch**

Team Series	Team No. 8
Team Game	Team No. 8
Ind. Series	R. Gefford
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**TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED FOURSOME**

No. Team Name	Won	Lost
1 Team No. 2	23	13
2 Team No. 7	23	9
3 Team No. 1	18	18
4 Team No. 3	16	20
5 Team No. 4	16	20
6 Team No. 8	12	26

**Weekly High Scratch**

Team Series	Team No. 4
Team Game	Team No. 1
Ind. Series	D. Lawson
Ind. Game	E. Alton

**Salmon Worth \$100 in Scientific Knowledge**

Salmon tag No. 4530 wasn't one of the lucky-number tags for which the San Francisco Tyece Club is offering prizes of \$5 to \$100. But it was worth at least \$100 in scientific knowledge — or headaches — to biologists of the California Department of Fish and Game.

The big trouble was that the tagged fish didn't have any business in the ocean.

The 11 1/2-pound king was caught off the Paradise Islands recently by Emil Feltre of San Bruno.

It had been tagged during the 1953 fall spawning run by a Department of Fish and Game crew 130 miles away on the Sacramento River.

### 2nd Stringer Blasts Game Winning Hit

Substitute Ronnie Shopper's line single in the top of the ninth with two away drove in the winning run to give the league leading Seven-Up Tigers an 8-to-7 extra inning victory over the Giants last Sunday.

Jim Hester came in to relieve Jerry Schipper in the seventh inning and received credit for the victory. Although Hester and Schipper allowed the Giants only five hits, they walked ten to be in trouble most of the way.

**Hawkins Grooves One**

Jim Hawkins seemed to have the Bengals under control as the ninth frame started. Hawkins struck out the hard-hitting Hester and Gomez in succession, but then grooved the fatal pitch to Shopper.

In the second contest of the afternoon, Pete Kemp boomed out a grand slam home run in the third inning to pull the Cubs up from a two-run deficit and start them on their way to an 8-4 win over the Harvey Braves.

Kemp had been to bat some 30 times this season and had not been able to collect a single hit, until his round tripper Sunday.

**Pirates Challenge Tigers for Lead**

The Police Pirates moved closer to the league-leading Tigers by handing the Giants a 13-to-10 defeat Tuesday.

The victory gave the pirates a 10-8 record, while the first-place Bengals sport a 9-5 mark.

Steve Mearing led the winners at the plate with a grand slam home run. Ricky Bucher was the winning pitcher.

**Pheasants Liberated**

A total of 500 Chinese pheasants from the Brawley game farm were liberated near Bishop by the Department of Fish and Game during the month of June.

**Clerks Keep Hot Pace, Win 16-1**

The Marine Clerks maintained their hot pace in the City Softball League as they trampled the Harbor Hornets 16 to 1 in the second game at Torrance Park Monday night.

The victory shot the Clerks far out in front of the rest of the field with a perfect 8 record, while the defeat pushed the Hornets deeper into the cellar.

Shortstop Sam Cappelle was the potent power at the plate for the Marines as he went for the circuit twice and doubled in his other appearance. Third sacker Jim Jackson also went for another homer, while Dee Burgess got a triple and Mel Cowart a double to aid in the rout.

**Dea Whiffs Seven**

Burgess went all the way for the Clerks, allowing only three hits and striking out seven in posting his win. He also ripped a sharp single to left field plus his three-bagger for a creditable performance at the plate.

The Hornet's only score came in the second inning. Sidney Garrison led off with a single to center, raced to second when Buckley Kuhn nudged a fly ball in left center and scooted home on M. D. Everett's line to right.

**Clerks Bat Around**

Meanwhile, the Clerks got off to a big start, batting around in the first frame, scoring six runs on three singles and a couple of walks. They came right back in the second to score three and countered for seven more in the next frame.

They maintained this 16-run lead for the next two frames and the game was called on a league ruling stating that when a team is leading by 14 runs or more after five innings of play, the game will be called.

**Booth, Peebles Face Dow**

The timely hitting of catcher Vern Booth and the strong right arm of Bill Peebles led Dow

**16-Event at Culver City**

Big wheels from the AMA clash for fame and fortune tomorrow night at the Culver City Stadium as a 16-event big bike motorcycle classic rolls onto the clay speedway at 8:30 p.m.

A three way battle for the checkerred flag is expected in the 20-lap feature when Chuck "Bacon" Johnny Gibson and Tex Lucey collide.

The three hotshots have been on top or near the top since racing started at the Washington Blvd. smokepath several weeks ago.

Racing director Bill McKay has announced that the motors will continue on the Friday night speed slate at the Culver speed strip throughout the summer season.

## Sports

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### Hardball Gets Underway at Playgrounds

Activity in nearby Normandale and Normont Playgrounds hit its peak this past week when hardball schedules got underway.

The playgrounds have just finished softball play, with Normandale winning the Harbor District Championship. Gerald Hughes was their top pitcher with a nifty 13-1 record, while Ken Trainer led all hitters with a .592 average.

The Normandale baseball team will see action tomorrow when they meet Anderson Memorial of San Pedro at 6:15 p.m. So far Normandale has a perfect 2-0 mark.

At Normont Terrace Playground, 101 Hwy. and Vermont Ave., play is just about set to start in a midweek hardball league for boys 8-13 years old.

Team captains will be elected Tuesday and the captains will choose their teams Thursday. The five-team league will play games on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 4:40 p.m. during the summer. Each team has an adult manager.

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"North Phoenix High is a school which spares no effort to develop top teams in track and other sports," Wolfe said. "Consequently, they always have fine teams," he said.

Wolfe, who came to Torrance High after obtaining his teaching credentials at USC, coached the Tartar cross-country team to two consecutive Bay League championships, in '52 and '53, also took a CIF group championship this past season and the JV title.

He built the cross-country team up from a total of eight boys in his first year to 45 signed up for next season.

Head track coach for the past two years, Wolfe's team was awarded a first-place tie with Inglewood this year in the Bay League when a pair of Santa Monica runners were declared ineligible, causing their school to forfeit the league title. Torrance tied Inglewood for second in the league finals.

**Hard to Replace**

Head Coach Cliff Graybehl said yesterday, "I don't know how I ever will replace him, or Coach Welch, either." Basketball Coach Rex Welch submitted his resignation a few weeks ago and will resume coaching next season at Rosemead High School.

In Arizona, Wolfe will take over as head track coach and line coach on the football team. The Phoenix school has taken the state championship in both track and football for the past two years and is a real powerhouse. It has an enrollment of 2700, including ninth graders.

**Undeclared in League**

Wolfe's cross-country teams were undeclared in Bay League competition during the two years he coached them.

The Bay League crowns won by the two teams were the first varsity championships ever won by a Torrance team since the school entered the league in 1947.

Torrance was Wolfe's first coaching assignment out of college. He started as varsity baseball, Bee basketball and Bee football coach, and worked up to head track coach and backfield coach in football.

The popular coach specialized in the pole vault while attending USC, cracked the 14-ft. mark. He resides in Gardena with his wife, Marilyn, and son Corey, 1. They will move to Arizona on about Aug. 15.

Wolfe spent three and one-half years in the Paratroops during the last war.

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**MEET THE BALL . . .** Part of the City Recreation program, being carried on during the summer on schools and playgrounds, is illustrated above at Seaside School where Recreation Director Jeff Olsen is tutoring a boys' softball team for competition with teams from other schools and playgrounds in the area. Olsen needs help in transporting his team from game to game. Any parent who can offer aid is asked to get in touch with him at Seaside School any weekday afternoon.