Babe Ruth All Stars Enter Playoffs Saturday

Good Try

Longren Leads Champs to 7th, Choke in 11th

In a last, desperate bid to stop the relentless march of the Marine Clerks toward the City Softball title, the doughty Longren Aeros pushed the league leaders to an 11-inning, last minute win, led 3-1 up to the last inning and missed winning the game in the eighth inning by two inches Monday at Torrance Park.

After fighting the Clerks on their own ground for ten frames, the Aeros ran out of poop in the eleventh and blew up, allowing the first-placers to score eight runs for an 11-3 victory.

But until the seventh, the Aeros were headed for upset land. They scored singletons in the first three stanzas and Charlie Camou baffled the Clerks with one run—a single by Bob Schroeder in the second that rolled far enough to turn into a homer.

With spectacular fielding plays by Aeros Vic Ordaz and Larry Roy, who each raced to the wall to pull down Clerk blasts, the Aeros headed into the seventh with a 3-1 lead and it looked like the Clerks' perfect 10-0 win-loss mark was going to be trampled in the mud.

But Hank Olsen started the seventh by getting on on an error on shortstop Jack Gorman and Larry Benedetti and Miley Cowart followed him with safeties to tie the fray up.

In the eighth frame, the Aeros shot their final salvo, and it almost worked. Willie Sims doubled to right and advanced to third—the potential winning run—on John Podgurski's roller.

Then Ruben Alvarado laid down a perfect squeeze bunt and Sims sailed home as chucker Olsen scooped up the ball and fired it to Catcher Schroeder.

Willie slid and the umpire's hands came down in the safe signal—then he looked again. The runner's front foot still rested two inches from home plate—even though he had beaten the throw. So the ump's thumb went up, and the winning run was nullified.

The disheartened Aeros held on until the 11th, then blew up. Four hits, four errors and it was all over. So the Clerks have erased the last threat to their supremacy in city play and should coast easily to the finale on Aug. 18. The Aeros remain in second place.

In a second Monday game, the last place Harbor Hornets team pulled a minor upset by dumping the Dow Styron squad 14-3. Sam Gober and Ted Nash paced the ash wielders with 2 for 2 and 2 for 4 respectively. Nash touched all four in the sixth.

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Marine Clks.	010	000	200	08—	11	10	1
Long. Aeros	111	000	000	00—	3	7	5

Olsen and Schroeder.
Camou and DiSante.

Harb. Hornets	4	3	6	0	0	1	0—	14	12	3
Dow Styron	2	1	0	0	0	0	0—	3	9	4

Wiley and Reece.
Council and Turner.

FUTURE ALL-AMERICANS . . . The rugged Bay League was well represented in the Shrine Hi Football game last night at the Coliseum. Cavorting for the South were, left to right, Dick Dorsey, Santa Monica end; Ed Powell, Torrance's All-CIF tackle; Dan Peterson, Santa Monica center; Barry Billington, Inglewood halfback, and Doug Dick, Redondo halfback. They were under the watchful eye of Coach Bob Stillwell of Santa Monica, right, co-coach of the South squad. Game was played too late for THE HERALD deadline.

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Seals Land Four On '54 All-Stars

The league-leading Seals placed four men, the second-place Angels three, and the Rainiers three on the Babe Ruth All-Star team, which will carry the Torrance banner into the Southern California championships Saturday at Brookside Park in Pasadena.

Following are the members of the All-Star team:

POS.	NAME	TEAM
P-1B	Ron Anderson	Angels
P-C	Tom Mills	Rainiers
P	Russell Baker	Seals
OF	Duane Cooke	Rainiers
OF	Dave Gilbert	Solons
OF-P	Bob Clifford	Beavers
2B	Roy Rusk	Beavers
3B	Jim Schmidt	Beavers
SS	James Martin	Rainiers
SS	Kenny Simpson	Seals
OF	Bill Burgess	Angels
C	Bob Grajeda	Seals
3B	Mike Bertolet	Seals
OF	Joe Venable	Stars
C	Stan Fittinger	Angels
Mgr.	Joe Kling	Angels
Asst. Mgr.	Chris Zelis	Rainiers

ROD and GUN Chatter

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

By DONNA BARKDULL

A slight increase in tempo concerning the albacore situation was noted over the week-end with boats from the various landings checking in a few more than previous. Private charters also connected with good-size schools around the east end of Catalina and on the other side of San Clemente. Not enough action to constitute a major run, but it shouldn't be long now as the long-fins are moving in closer all the time.

Outshining the albies, at least for the time being, are the scrappy bluefin tuna at Catalina Island. Only a small percentage of those hooked have been brought to gaff as they are lunkers that even the experts find hard to handle. An awful lot of line is lost almost every day by anglers who are finding it impossible to stop them once they have been hooked.

Barries Plentiful

Those wanting an easier time of it can still get plenty of action from the barries that are more than plentiful around Catalina and off local banks, besides the nice size bass.

Top boat Sunday for private charters connecting with albacore, was the Herby Two, skippered by Carl Dalton. The 15 anglers on board traveled to the other side of San Clemente, bringing up several schools of ocean beauties and landing a total of 26, ranging from 16 to 33 lbs.

Super School Found

Working off the east end of Catalina Sunday, Rosey and Johnny Cohoe, Harry Seeman, Shorty Allen, Dewey Fix and Harold Smith surfaced a super school of long-fins, but only boated four onto the Happy Jack. As usual, Skipper Carl Hanni farmed a lunker he battled for 35 minutes, but so did most of the rest. Anyway, the four taken were dandies, going between 19 and 25½ lbs.

Wonder if Carl ever thought of taking instructions on how to land a fish when hooked? Might get assistance from some of the members of the Gardena Rod and Gun, that is when they get the knack of it themselves. Sure a lot of farmers going fishing of late. Personally, I would like to hook something to farm!

Also netting a total of four albies Sunday were Ben Smith, Ernie Maloy, Russell Flowers, Johnny Rowe and Archie Watson on the Alua, skippered by Morris Maloy. Somewhere off the east end of Catalina, Ben horsed in the top long-fin, sinking the scales at 23 lbs. 6 oz.

Surf Fishing Good

Almost forgotten in the excitement of blue fin and albacore is surf fishing, which is yielding some pretty fair corbina at present. Eddie Dumont reeled in four from in front of the Hollywood Riviera Friday morning, two of them topping three pounds. At crack of dawn Sunday he tried again, netting one corbina around two pounds and two pan-size surf perch. The corbina, by the way, seem to be hitting best on the sand worms dug at the beach.

The Torrance Rod and Gun sponsors what promises to be one of the nicest summer dances ever held, this Saturday night at Trade Winds Cove at White's Point. Whispering palms, sandy beaches, pounding surf, a nine-piece band, a moon — well, part of one anyway, and of course refreshments. (New name for it. It should be an unforgettable event for those who attend.

Crowley Angling Good

With less than two weeks remaining in the huge man-made reservoir's 1954 season, angling at Crowley Lake in the Eastern High Sierras is now rated "good", it was reported this week by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department.

Pasadena Site of So. Calif. Championships

A hardy crew of lean and hungry young sluggers, fresh from the first season of Babe Ruth baseball in Torrance, will charge into Brookside Park in Pasadena Saturday to fight it out in a sudden-death playoff for the Southern California Championship of the national league.

The 15 members of the All Star team worked out together Tuesday in a practice fray against a team from the twilight league in preparation for the first playoff game.

Meet Pasadena

The All-Stars will meet Pasadena in the second game of a doubleheader, scheduled to start at 2 p.m. at the Pasadena diamond. Members of the league are selling tickets for the game this week and League President Bill Deasy said Tuesday that all of the players in the league will make the trip to watch their teammates in action.

The '54 All-Stars are under the managership of Joe Kling of the Angels, who is assisted by Chris Zelis of the Rainiers.

Ladder Told

If Torrance wins Saturday, they will play the champ of the Central Division on the following Saturday at Brookside. The winner of that game vies on Aug. 1 against the Northern California titlist for the championship of California.

The Western States championship games will be held on Aug. 7 and the winner gets to travel to Washington D.C. on Aug. 13 for the national playoffs.

One loss puts a team out.

Weekend Results

In weekend doubleheaders, the Stars upset the Angels Saturday 5-2 and the first place Seals remained there by trampling the Beavers 13-1.

On Sunday, the Stars edged the Beavers 6-4 and the Solons toppled the Rainiers 11-8 to go into third place.

The Stars' hefty slugger, Jerry Matthews, aided his team in the Saturday upset by slashing three for three—two doubles and a single—and is pounding a torrid .516 in league play.

Stan Fittinger was touched for the Angel loss while Stars Ken Buchanan and Tom Pfeifle were holding their opponents to four bingles.

Pair Pound Pellet

Bob Grajeda and Gene Crenshaw, with a pair of doubles and a single each, led their Seal mates in the wild 13-1 victory over the Beavers in the second Saturday fray.

Mike Bertolet toed the rubber for the Seals and limited the Beavers to five hits, three of them by Bob Clifford.

The Stars had to go eight innings Sunday to get by the upset-minded Beavers 6-4. Kerry Sexton's triple was the big blow in a two-run eighth frame rally that sewed the game up.

Up to then, rival flingers Gary Brimley and Clifford had battled on even terms.

Rally By Solons

The Solons overcame a 5-2 deficit with a five-run outburst in the fifth frame and went on to win Sunday's nightcap from the Rainiers by the 11-8 tally.

Premium raps in the rally were singles by Steve Foster and Ron

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Little Leagues in Battle To Wire for '54 Pennants

Tigers Trounce Giants by 17-3

The Seven-Up Tigers held their fingernails grimly in first place in the Southern Little League Saturday by pounding the Torrance Giants 17-3 to stay a half game in front of the hard charging Police Pirates, who dumped the Kiwanis Dodgers 6-2 Sunday.

Giant chucker Cliff Roy couldn't seem to get the seed over the dish. He walked 17 men and, to add insult to injury, Jim Hester smashed a grand slam home run to chase four runs across and Ernie Thompson, winning Tiger pitcher, drove his seventh round tripper of the year out of the park.

In the Sunday fray, Pirate Steve Mearing had a pretty good day. He fired up his seventh straight victory and got one for one at the plate to lead his team.

Even though the Dodgers outhit the Police team 7-6, the Pirates bunched three runs in each of the second and fifth frames for the win.

LITTLE LINE DRIVES

By PAUL ROETTGER

I believe the old travelogues used to sign off with, "as the sun settles in the west, we bid a fond farewell to ——etc." So it goes with the Little League season, a wonderful season for the youngsters of Torrance, and entertainment for the adults that money couldn't buy. The curtain falls on July 28, and I again want to urge all of you to attend one of these games before the season ends. All is not sadness, however, as July 31 brings the gigantic—the All Star game, between the Northern and Southern divisions of Torrance Little League. The squads consist of the ten fourteen ballplayers of each division, selected by team managers, through the medium of a thoroughly planned point system. 100 points each for batting, fielding and most important . . . attitude. It is a sudden death situation, one game only, the winner will represent the city of Torrance in Little League tournament play. Wouldn't it be something if one of these fine groups could go all the way to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.?

As if the All Star game isn't enough for one day, the same evening brings forth the Little League dance and buffet. This gala social event will be held at the Waterfall Club, on Western Ave. at Redondo Beach Blvd. All parents and friends of Little Leaguers are requested to purchase their tickets at once, from the ticket booth at the ball park, or from any team manager. Included in the one dollar per person donation, will be the fine dance music of Frank James and his orchestra, and an Italian buffet served by Mr. Schmidt, maitre de of the pleasant club on Western Ave. Buy your tickets now as reservations must be made at least a week before July 31.

Exciting baseball all last week — Cliff Roy of the Giants blasted his fifth and sixth home runs against the Dodgers on Tuesday—one of the best games of this or any other season was played on Thursday between the league leaders, the Tigers and the Pirates—a 2 to 0 thriller won by the Tigers. Brilliant pitching by Kurt Probst of the Tigers and Rickey Boucher of the Pirates highlighted the game. Jim Hester of the Tigers blasted a grand slam home run against the Giants on Saturday to lead his team to a 17 to 3 victory. ——Stuck around Saturday to watch the Braves play the Cubs——glad I did, because Evan Harris (who seems to do everything well) of the Braves, put on a personal demonstration of how the game should be played ——pitched a shutout for his team striking out fifteen batters, and had three for three at bat, including a home run over the left center field fence.

EVAN HARRIS BURNS UP NORTHERN LITTLE LOOP

Evan Harris of the Harvey Braves is burning up the northern Little League.

Not only is the youngster leading all stickers with a hefty .480 batting average, but he is also the winningest pitcher in the league with a six won and one lost mark and a 1.36 earned run average, according to statistics compiled this week.

Following are leading batters and pitchers in the northern division, as of Sunday, July 18.

LEADING BATTERS — NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE
As of July 18, 1954

		AB	H	AVG.	2B	3B	HR
E. Harris	Braves	50	24	.480	5		4
K. Gates	Cards	50	22	.440	3		
G. Desmond	Braves	48	21	.438	8		1
D. Clutter	Cubs	39	15	.386	3		
R. Wilson	Cards	35	11	.315	2		
G. Schmidt	Braves	42	12	.282	1		
M. Andrews	Cards	59	16	.271	1		
P. Griff	Braves	45	12	.267			1
C. Coberly	Cubs	44	11	.250	2	1	3
N. Brummett	Cards	57	14	.246	1		
N. Harty	Cards	50	12	.240	3	1	2
P. Olivarez	Yanks	30	7	.233	1		
A. Wicker	Yanks	44	10	.227	3	1	1
J. Austin	Cards	38	8	.210	2	1	
J. Simpson	Cubs	48	10	.208	2		

PITCHERS' RECORDS

		W	L	ERA	AB	R	H	BB	SO
Harris	Braves	6	1	1.36	179	16	27	37	104
Kemp	Cubs	4	2	0.50	180	10	17	16	113
Harty	Cards	4	2	1.69	201	22	41	20	83
Gates	Cards	6	4	1.55	185	26	40	14	76
W. Morris	Yanks	4	3	2.74	233	32	59	21	78
Coberly	Cubs	2	2	2.76	38	10	9	8	11
Simpson	Cubs	3	4	1.85	160	26	31	15	67
Desmond	Braves	2	5	4.00	165	14	40	39	67
Grajeda	Yanks	2	6	5.25	123	31	31	23	57

Cards' Moment Of Glory Ends

The Elks Cards bounced into and out of third place in the Northern Little League by trampling the Pacific Perforating Yanks 13-6 Sunday then dropping a 5-3 decision to the Cubs on Tuesday at Little League Field.

The Cub victory gave them first place in the league and ended the Cards' brief moment of glory, which flared after their Sunday win, during which they pounded Yank flingers Jack Tarney and Ken Ehlers for ten hits and bunched eight runs in the second frame to take the game.

Kenny Gates bombed three for four and batted in three runs in the game for the Cards. On the pitcher's mound, however, he had less luck. He hurled three innings and was reached for all of the Yanks' six runs.

In Tuesday's hassle, the Cubs' Pete Kemp stopped the Redbirds with three hits and struck out 12. John Simpson led the Cubs at the plate with two for three.

Nat Harty got the win for the Cards and Tarney was the loser. The Northern league is tighter than a drum, with only three games separating first and last teams.

On Saturday, the Harvey Braves' Evan Harris stifled the Lions Cubs 3-0 and gave up only two hits while whiffing 15. The young star also got 3 for 3, including one homer.

The Braves pulled the home run play to score all their runs. Harris helped his cause with a four-pad rap in the fourth with none on and Dennis Hansen pulled a spectacular bit of baseball by smashing a homer with his brother, Eric, on base in the fifth.

Score by Innings:

									R	H	E
Cards	0	0	8	3	0	1	0	—	13	10	2
Yanks	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	—	6	7	6

Harty, Gates and Greer.
Tarney, Ehlers, Grajeda, and Laskey, Tarney.

WP—Harty. LP—Tarney. HO—Harty 2 in 3. Gates 5 in 3. Tarney 5 in 1⅓. Ehlers 1 in ⅔. Grajeda 4 in 4. SO—Harty 4. Gates 4. Tarney 2. Ehlers 0. Grajeda 2. 2B—Andrews, Wilson, Austin, A. Wicker (2), and Olivarez. RBI—Andrews 2, Brummett, Harty 2, Gates 3, Wilson 2, Austin, A. Wicker 3, Tarney, Olivarez.

Braves	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	—	3	5	1
Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	1

Harris and Griff, P.
Simpson and Czarske.

WP—Harris. HO—Harris, 2 in 6. Simpson 5 in 6. SO—Harris 15. Simpson 12. BB—Harris 2, Simpson 2. HR—Harris, D. Hansen.

Standings

LITTLE LEAGUE

North

Team	W	L
Lions Cubs	10	3
Elks Cards	10	3
Harvey Braves	9	8
Pacific Yanks	7	11

South

Team	W	L
Seven-Up Tigers	15	3
Police Pirates	15	4
Kiwanis Dodgers	4	14
Torrance Giants	3	14

SOFTBALL

Team	W	L
Marine Clerks	11	0
Longren Aeros	8	3
Pre-Cast Concrete	6	4
Waltheria BMA	3	6
Dow Styron	2	9
Harbor Hornets	2	9

SERVICE CLUB

Team	W	L
American Legion	9	1
Lions Club	9	2
Junior C. of C.	6	5
Rotary Club	6	5
Walteria BMC	5	5
HR Sportsmen	3	7
Optimists	3	7
Moose Club	1	10

BLUE STREAK

Team	W	L
Fire Dept. B	8	1
National Blues	8	2
Midland Rubber	7	3
Fire Dept. A	5	4
Torrance Gardens	4	6
Waltheria Meth.	4	6
Local 1135	3	7
Lutheran Men	0	10

BABE RUTH

Team	W	L
Seals	8	3
Angels	7	3
Solons	4	5
Rainiers	4	6
Stars	3	5
Beavers	3	7

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Team	W	L
Lomita	5	0
Walteria	3	2
Flamingos	3	2
MGs	2	3
Rookies	1	3
North Stars	0	4

DOTTED LINE . . . Recreation worker Joan Melvin was busy Monday signing up Torrance youths for the annual "Learn to Swim" program, sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Kiwanis Club, which runs each Tuesday and Thursday during August at Alondra Park pool. Signups started Monday at all city playgrounds and will last until July 27. Above, Tommy Hood, 11, 2419 Gramercy Ave., signs on the dotted line as his grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Hood, looks on from behind him.

HERE'S THE Pitch!

LITTLE LEAGUE

July 26, Friday—Dodgers at Tigers.
July 24, Saturday—Cards at Braves; Giants at Dodgers.
July 25, Sunday—Tigers at Pirates; Yankees at Cubs.

SOFTBALL

July 26, Monday—Longren Aeros vs. Walteria BMC, Pre-Cast Concrete vs. Harbor Hornets, Torrance Park.
July 28, Wednesday—Dow Styron vs. Marine Clerks, Torrance Park.

SERVICE CLUB

July 27, Tuesday—Moose vs. Lions, Jr. C. of C. vs. Walteria BMA. Torrance Park.

BLUE STREAK

July 28, Friday—Torrance Gardens vs. Fire Dept. B, Torrance Park.

BABE RUTH

July 22, Thursday—Rainiers at Stars.
July 23, Friday—Solons at Seals.
July 24, Saturday—Beavers at Angels; Rainiers at Solons.
July 25, Sunday—Angels at Beavers; Seals at Stars.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

July 27, Tuesday—MGs vs. Lomita, Walteria vs. North Stars, Walteria Park.

RECREATION

July 19 to 24 is Track and Field Week and there will be contests and tournaments sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.