Torrance Team to Play in SoCal Hardball Tourney

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Cubs Tie Cards for First Place

Kemp Shackles Braves on One Hitter, Fans 13

A brilliant pitching performance by Pete Kemp gave the Lions Cubs a 4-0 win over the Harvey Braves and a tie for first place in the Northern Division of the Little Leagues Wednesday.

Kemp blanked the Braves with one hit and whiffed 13 batters, while walking only three.

The victory gave the Cubs an 11-9 mark in league play—identical with that of the Elks Cards. The two teams will enter a play-off game for the championship of the league after the inter-city playoffs in Redondo are completed.

Tigers Southern Champs

The Seven-Up Tigers clinched the pennant in the Rebel division with a 3-2 win over the Torrance Giants Tuesday.

Cub Sluggers Donald Latham and Bobby Butcher each slammed doubles and Butcher and Kemp, himself, batted in the Cub runs.

The lone Brave hit was a single by pitcher Evan Harris, who was reached for five blows by the Cub artillery. He walked five and fanned 12.

Playoffs To Begin

The winner of the Little League All-Star game, between North and South, held Saturday, will enter the playoffs tomorrow in Redondo Beach, the first lap on the long road toward the National Little League title.

								R	H	E
Lions Cubs	0	2	0	0	0	2	—	4	5	1
Harvey Braves	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	5

Kemp and Czarske.
Harris and Tuttle.

LITTLE LINE DRIVES
By Paul Roettger

In case any of you fair neighbors called the police last Sunday, blaming G.P. for mixing a strange batch, I have news for you—the fragrant aroma in the air was nothing but rubbing alcohol and linament used in quantities by fathers of the Seven-Up Tigers, playing the same positions as their sons, battling their Little Leaguers in a softball game at El Retiro Park. With tears dripping on the keyboard I must report the boys whipped us 10 to 8. The officiating at this funfest was handled by the mothers of the boys. Too late did we learn that Mrs. Hester (whose son celebrated his birthday) only knew the safe signal. A wonderful time was had by all, and thanks again to the Hesters for supplying the ice cream and cake.—Congratulations to Cliff Roy, slugging eleven-year-old of the Giants, in leading their league in home runs, at the moment, eight!

Beavers Hot, Move to 3rd

The red hot Beavers of the Babe Ruth League won two games the past week to move from last place to third in the league.

On Wednesday, they dumped the Rainiers 10-7 to move out of the cellar, then they kept it up Thursday by topping the Solons 8-6.

The league leading Seals strengthened their hold with a 7-2 win over the Rainiers on Friday.

								R	H	E
Rainiers	0	0	4	2	1	0	—	7	4	2
Beavers	1	4	0	1	4	x	—	10	5	2

Muldoon, R. Martin (2) and Travelstead.
Day and Wyley.

Solons	0	0	2	3	0	1	—	6	8	1
Beavers	0	1	4	3	0	0	—	8	8	0

Gilbert and Foster.
Comeau and Wyley.

Seals	2	0	1	3	1	0	—	7	6	0
Rainiers	0	0	0	1	1	0	—	2	4	4

Baker and Grajeda.
Mills, Coyle (4) and Farrington, Travelstead.

PANCAKES FOR A CAUSE . . . A large crowd turned out at Roth's Market parking lot yesterday morning to wade through a pancake breakfast sponsored by Roth's for the Babe Ruth Baseball League. Proceeds will go toward helping buy equipment for next year. (Herald Photo)

HERE'S THE Pitch!

SOFTBALL

Aug. 2. Monday—Marine Clerks vs. Longren Aeros. Dow Styron vs. Walteria BMC. Torrance Park.
Aug. 4. Wednesday—Walteria BMC vs. Marine Clerks.

SERVICE CLUB

Aug. 3. Tuesday—HR Sportsmen vs. Jr. C. of C. Lions vs. Legion, Torrance Park.
Aug. 4. Wednesday—Rotary vs. Optimists. Walteria BMC vs. Moose. Walteria Park.

BLUE STREAK

Aug. 5. Thursday—Lutheran Men vs. Fire Dept. A; National Blues vs. Midland Rubber. Walteria Park. Torrance Gardens vs. Local 1135. Torrance Park.
Aug. 6. Friday—Walteria Church vs. Fire Dept. B. Torrance Park.

BABE RUTH

Aug. 1. Sunday—Stars at Solons. Angels at Rainiers.
Aug. 4. Wednesday—Stars at Solons.
Aug. 5. Thursday—Beavers at Angels.
Aug. 6. Friday—Rainiers at Solons.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Aug. 3. Tuesday—MGs vs. North Stars. Lomita vs. Rookies. Walteria Park.
Aug. 5. Thursday—Walteria vs. Flamingoes. McMaster Park.

RECREATION

Aug. 2-7 is "Swim for Health" week in the City Recreation Program, which will feature bathing beauty contests for children.

Young Splashers Set For Junior Olympics

When the 1954 AAU National Junior Olympics Swimming and Diving Championships are held at the Los Angeles Swimming Stadium the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, a flock of 13 to 16-year-old splashers from 25 municipal pools will be in the thick of the competition for individual and team awards, according to Supervisor of Aquatics C. P. L. Nicholls.

Firemen Dump Blues to Hop Back to Top

The see-saw battle for first place in the Blue Streak League continued Thursday when the Fire Department Bs trimmed the National Blues 4-1 to replace the Blues in the lead slot by a half a game.

Managers of the two teams have agreed to a playoff game if the season ends with the squads only a half a game apart—as it looks like it might.

The B team plays less games than the Blues because they cannot meet the Fire Department A team during the season.

The Firemen's first three batters scored in the first inning and they held the lead, adding a solo in the seventh.

Midland Upset

A mild upset was registered in Thursday's Torrance Park game when the Torrance Gardens outfit dumped Midland Rubber 8-5. Midland rides in third place in league standings and the Gardens team is fifth.

In the second game at Walteria, the City Workers and Lutheran Men meshed gears in a thriller which the Unionmen won 2-0. The loss pushed the Church team further down into the cellar.

On Friday night, the Fire Department "A" squad moved into third place by belting the Walteria Methodist Church 9-3 at Torrance Park.

Fire Dept. B	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	4	
Natl. Blues	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	

Langum and White.
Albright and Swanson.

Midland Rubber	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	—	5	
Torr. Gardens	3	0	0	0	0	5	x	—	8	

Beggerly and Holdsworth.
Tatum and Allen.

City Workers	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—	2	
Lutheran Men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	

Crawther and Williams.
Langum and DeMente.

Free Baseball Gloves Offered

Timed to coincide with the height of the Little League baseball season, one of the country's leading toothpaste manufacturers is making available free professional-type baseball gloves to the small diamond stars.

To get a glove, a boy collects 35 Kolynos toothpaste cartons, or, if he prefers, he can send $3.50 and two cartons for a glove.

Local drug stores, and food and variety stores are helping make the gloves available.

Another offer being made is that of a free recording containing separate lessons on a phase of baseball and narrated by such big league stars as Yogi Berra, Ralph Kiner, Richie Ashburn, Phil Rizzuto, Bob Feller, and others. A record is sent free for one carton and the boy's name and address.

Sore Arm, Feet Result of Game

Jan Brimley has a sore arm today and the members of the Flamingoes in the Girls' Softball league are nursing blisters.

The cause of the afflictions rests in a Thursday night gathering at McMaster Park, called by some a Softball game, by others, a massacre.

The final score, after four lengthy innings, was 28-11 in favor of the Flamingos, who are in second place in league standings.

Brimley Goes Route

Miss Brimley's arm is sore because she served up the ball for those four innings and watched it sail past her into the far reaches of the outfield more than several times. The Birds slashed 13 hits in compiling their four touchdowns, and Miss Brimley lasted out the route (or rout).

Judy Viveros, Flamingo hurler, missed a no-hitter by a mere 11 hits, three by leadoff smacker Connie Erickson.

Virgie Camou had a fair evening at the dish for the Flying Squad. She maced a home run, three singles and a triple in five ups. Miss Brimley gave up nine bases on balls and her teammates committed 11 errors.

Rookies	4	1	2	4	—	11				
Flamingos	5	10	4	9	—	28				

Brimley, Jan, and Sass.
Viveros, J. and Viveros, D.

Braves Split Pair of Tilts With Orioles

The Orioles and the Braves of the Twi-light league split a two-game series Monday and Tuesday with the Braves winning the first 6-4 and the Birds taking the second fray 8-4.

The league, coached by high school Mentor Dick Leech, is the forerunner of what is scheduled to be an intercity baseball league for boys over 15, who have been graduated from Babe Ruth play.

Hurlers Pair

Gene Crenshaw and Herm Cobrea teamed on the mound to give the Braves their Monday win and Jess Hanon absorbed the loss. The Orioles outhit the Indians 10-9 but fell short in the scoring department.

On Tuesday, the Orioles pulled the same twin-pitcher stunt and it worked. Mike Bertolet started and Tom Vanderpool relieved him in the fourth. They held the Braves to eight hits as Sherwood Tiernan paced their own eight-hit attack with a triple and single in three ups.

									R	H	E
Braves	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	—	6	9	2
Orioles	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	—	4	10	3

Crenshaw, Cobrea (5) and Gates.
Hanon and Tiernan.

Orioles	2	0	0	4	2	0	—	8	8	1
Braves	0	1	1	0	0	2	—	4	8	2

Bertolet, Vanderpool (4) and Tiernan, Days.
Gallagher, Anderson and Foster, Gates.

Clerk 16-Hit Attack Foils Styron 19-0

The Marine Clerks sprayed 16 hits in four innings, with Hank Olsen, Sam Cappelle and Larry Benedetti leading the way with three for four each, to smash Dow Styron 19-0 Wednesday in City Softball play.

The Styrons were able to get only two hits off pitcher Olsen—both of them by Bob Turner, who had a perfect two-for-two night.

The game was called at the end of four-and-a-half frames when it became obvious that the Dowmen were outclassed.

Dow Chucker Ray Council gave aid and comfort to the enemy by walking four men in a row in a second-inning, seven-run rally.

Pair Touch Four

In the fourth, Jim Jackson and Cappelle both bombed home runs to centerfield in a display of hitting power. Adding to the fourth inning outburst were singles by Bucky Kuhn, Olsen and Benedetti, and double by Roy Pederson.

Old Bluebird Suits Shaken Out of Mothballs for Team

Torrance will be represented in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation baseball playoffs, which begin Aug. 16, according to Red Moon, city athletic director.

The old Torrance Bluebird semi-pro uniforms will be pulled out of mothballs to be used by a new city hardball team which will be managed by Jack French, former professional ballplayer with Albany in the Class "A" Eastern League.

Roster of the new team will be packed with local talent, including Burt Smith, Torrance High outfielder, who made third string All-CIF in baseball this season; Harry Theodosis, who pitched last year with Bakersfield in the California League; Gil Bennett, former Pioneer League player; and Swayne Johnson of the Torrance Police Department.

Ask Merchant Support

The team will ask for support from local merchants, whose names are inscribed on the backs of the Bluebird uniforms. Their first games will be sponsored by the city, which will pay for the umpires, bats and balls.

The new Bluebirds will meet a team from the Dick Leech Twi-light League tomorrow and Tuesday evenings at 5 p. m. at Torrance Park, to get into shape.

The Muni Tournament will be held in South Gate, Lynwood or Huntington Park.

Following the tourney, the team will continue playing on Sundays, probably at Torrance Park.

Deadline Told For Entry Fee

Team managers face a deadline of next Wednesday for filing entries and fees for the 1954 Southern California Municipal Baseball Championships, the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department reported yesterday.

The playoffs will start Aug. 16 and continue through Aug. 29 at several county and city diamonds, according to Dudley C. Shumway, supervisor of municipal sports.

Shumway pointed out that the championships are open to all Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation teams. Completed entry forms should be submitted to Charles Bolinger of the County Department of Parks and Recreation, 834 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 15.

Lions to Fight Legion for Top Spot on Tuesday

The American Legion squad moved to a full game lead over the Lions in the nip-and-tuck Service Club pennant chase Wednesday, but the Lions will get their chance at a first place tie Tuesday when they clash with the Legion at Torrance Park.

The Legion registered a 13-6 win over the Rotary Club Tuesday to raise their win-loss status to 11-1, compared to the second place Lions' 10-2. The Lions were idle Wednesday, but get their shot at first on Tuesday eve.

Sportsmen Win

In a second game, the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen drubbed the Optimists 14-9 with careless ease. Optimist log-swingers Stew Meyers, Cliff Graybehl and Art Woodcock tried in vain to spark a rally after a first frame in which the Sportsmen scored six runs.

The win broke a tie for seventh place in the league.

American Legion	4	3	0	2	2	2	0	—	13	
Rotary Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	—	6	

Hood and Maine.
Blount and Harbison.

Optimist Club	0	4	1	0	0	4	0	—	9	
HR Sportsmen	6	1	0	4	0	3	x	—	14	

Weaver and Westfall.
Wood and Moss.

Standings

LITTLE LEAGUES
(Final)

North	W	L
Elks Cards	11	9
Lions Cubs	11	9
Harvey Braves	10	10
Pacific Yanks	8	12
South		
Seven-Up Tigers	17	3
Police Pirates	15	5
Torrance Giants	5	15
Kiwanis Dodgers	4	17
SOFTBALL		
Marine Clerks	12	0
Longren Aeros	9	3
Pre-Cast Concrete	8	4
Walteria BMA	3	9
Dow Styron	2	10
Harbor Hornets	2	10
SERVICE CLUB		
American Legion	11	1
Lions Club	10	2
Walteria BMC	7	5
Rotary Club	6	6
Junior C. of C.	6	6
HR Sportsmen	4	8
Optimists	3	9
Moose Club	1	11
BLUE STREAK		
Fire Dept. B	9	2
National Blues	9	3
Fire Dept. A	7	4
Midland Rubber	7	5
Torrance Gardens	6	6
Walteria Church	6	8
Local 1135	4	8
Lutheran Men	1	11
BABE RUTH		
Seals	11	4
Angels	8	4
Beavers	6	7
Stars	5	7
Solons	4	7
Rainiers	4	9
GIRLS' SOFTBALL		
Lomita	6	0
Flamingos	4	2
Walteria	3	3
MGs	3	4
North Stars	2	4
Rookies	1	5

Graduation Set For Skin Divers

In the nation's first public graduation of a skin diving class, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation will award approximately 100 diplomas to men and women who have reached a high degree of proficiency in under water sport diving, on Sunday, Aug. 15, at Torrance Beach.

The public will be permitted to witness this unusual event at Los Angeles County's Torrance-Redondo Beach, according to B. P. Gruendyke, County Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

Hahn, Chace to Attend

County Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Burton W. Chace will join in awarding the skin diving diplomas to those who have completed a five week course at the Mayfair, Atlantic and Arcadia County Park pools.

In order to qualify for ocean skin diving certification, however, the advanced underwater students must submerge beyond the breaker line under tse scrutiny of county life guard instructors.

This is expected to prove the high point of interest to spectators who can obtain a good view of the rare spectacle from the Torrance Beach bluff. Some of the participants will be outfitted in their "frogmen" suits, creating an appearance of visitors from another world.

Classes Open Again

Gruendyke said that some vacancies still exist in the final self-contained underwater breathing apparatus skin diving classes which again open for five weeks, beginning Aug. 18. Applications can be made by writing County Diving Specialist Bev. Morgan, County Lifeguard Headquarters, Hermosa Beach Pier, Hermosa Beach. The telephone number is FRontier 2-2162.

The Wednesday classes in all phases of skin diving are being conducted at Mayfair Pool, Clark and South Blvd., Long Beach, The Thursday classes are at Arcadia Pool, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. Friday instruction is at Atlantic Pool, 570 S. Atlantic Blvd., East Los Angeles.

Classes at all pools open at 5.30 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

Reservations Open At Camp High Sierra

Welcome news for late-summer vacationists is the announcement by the City Recreation and Park Department that because of changed plans by several "early birds," a few reservations are available for outings at Camp High Sierra, Los Angeles' municipal playground in the scenic Mammoth Lakes region of the Eastern High Sierra.

BUS SCHEDULES FOR SWIM PROGRAM TOLD

Bus schedules for the Alondra Park "Learn to Swim" program, to be sponsored during August by the Kiwanis Club and Recreation Department, are told below.

The program will run on Tuesday and Thursday during August from 10 to 4 p.m. Children will be picked up for free bus transportation at the playground nearest their home.

Following is the bus schedule:

Park	Pick-up	Leave Alondra
Torrance Park	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Fern Ave.	9:00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
Walteria School	10:10 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Walteria Park	10:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Pueblo (203rd and Crenshaw)	10:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
174th and Crenshaw (North Torrance)	10:35 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
Hollywood Riviera (School)	10:15 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
El Retiro	10:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Seaside	10:40 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Crenshaw School	11:00 a.m.	3.30 p.m.
McMaster Park	11:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Perry (174th and Prairie)	11:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

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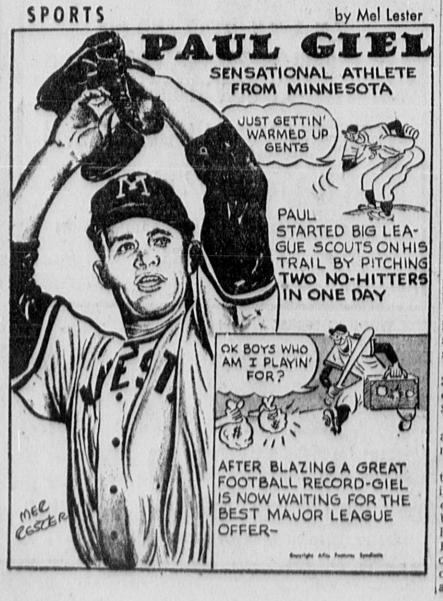
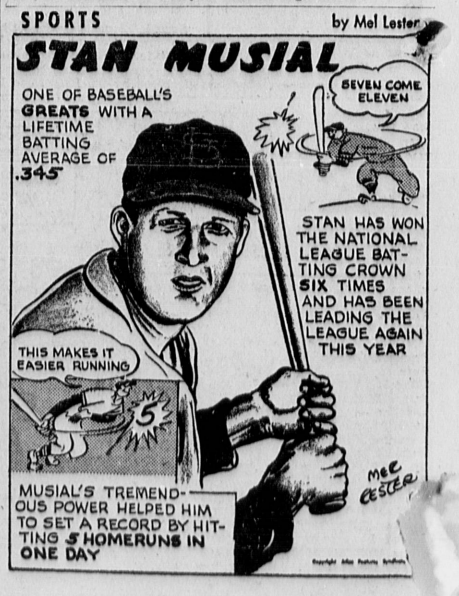
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