

# FOUR TEAMS FIGHT FOR PARK

## Requests Come Hot and Heavy For Ball Field

Torrance Park, which has not felt the spikes of an adult Sunday baseball team for two years, found itself suddenly popular this week as managers from four hardball teams asked the Recreation Department to be allowed to use the greensward for Sunday ball.

The latest request comes from George Vico, former first baseman for the Detroit Tigers, who wants to form and manage a Sunday semi-pro team composed of high school talent.

**French Has Team**  
An earlier request has come from Jack French, who plans to enter a team in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation playoffs Aug. 16 then continue on and play Sunday baseball in Torrance.

Requests also have come from Chandler Sand and Gravel and a team sponsored by local area car agencies.

**Want Merger**  
Athletic Director Red Moon and Recreation Chief Harry Van Bellehem agree that the best solution is for Vico and French to get together and agree to use the field every other Sunday, on a home-and-home basis.

Vico says that he can obtain uniforms from the Boston Red Sox. The talent would be drawn strictly from the local area, he said, and hotshots from other cities would not be imported as ringers, squeezing out local players.

Moon recalled a situation several years ago when local players were benched by Big League representatives who wanted to watch their own boys play.

**Van Bellehem Agrees**  
Van Bellehem echoed this by stating "We don't want players coming in from South Podunk just to see how they can play."

"We want to see Vico and French get together," he added. French has lined up players from the Torrance area for his team and has on his roster Harry Theodosios, former California League star, Gil Bennett, former pro, Burt Smith, High School CIF star, and Swayne Johnson of the Torrance Police Department.

Vico, who played with Port and in the Coast League in '46 and '47, prior to a two year hitch with the Tigers, and who returned to Seattle for three years in 1950, started this year with the San Francisco Seals but was stopped by a freak eye injury when a rock flew up from the road and hit him while he was driving his car.

**Will Ask Merchants' Aid**  
He plans to ask for merchant aid in sponsoring the team, when queried about Big League Scouts, Vico stated, "They'll come out to see why you're winning."

Moon stated that an ideal solution would put French's Municipal team for adults on the diamond one Sunday and Vico's

**Two No Hitters Chalked Up in Girls' Softball**  
Two no-hitters sparked Girls' Softball play Tuesday.

Lila Cordray fired a no-hitter and her Lomita teammates belted 10 hits to inundate the Rookies 4-1 Tuesday at Welteria, and Sue Albertson stopped the Stars with no hits the night as the MGs won 19-3, only run off Miss Cordray in the second frame when Cordray and Marilyn Edwards and lowered her to score. The mta flinger whiffed 12 in six innings.

Trafe boomed a triple, and a single to lead a hit parade. The committed a total of 13 error than two per in-

**Move To Fourth**  
The league standings by the North Stars. The scored three runs in the on two walks, a fielder's and an error.

and at the rest of the game, it was the MGs. A home run by Barbara Hester, plus a double by Joan Vachalek and singles by Sue Camp and Karen Hester started them off with four runs in the first inning and they scored in every succeeding frame except the sixth.

Martha Williams got a double and two singles for the highest number of hits.

## ROD and GUN CHATTER

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

**By DONNA BARKDULL**  
Deep sea addicts chasing long-line are still in for some pretty long boat rides with the abacore remaining out off the west end of San Clemente and vicinity. There also is a smattering of blue-fin tuna mixed in. From Catalina, white sea bass, bull bass, a few barries and tuna are checked into local landings daily, besides the nice barracuda taken from Huntington Flats.

Netting one lone jig ablie on the Outrider from Joe Marten's landing last Tuesday, was Bob Clayton, Willys Blount, Leon and Roy Smith, Walt Gilliard, Gene Moacher, Jim Krueger, Jess Holmes, Sam Coast, Bob Owens, Ruel Moulton and Marion and Henry Grubbs. Leon boated the long-fin somewhere in the deep between San Clemente and Santa Barbara Island, but Clayton scooped up the jackpot when they fished Catalina. He picked up four or five bull bass, with one sinking the scales at 10 lbs. 2 oz. Should have seen rod and gun members drool!

**Iron Bound Cove**, just around the west end of Catalina, proved a hot-spot for Johnny and Rosie Colnoe, L. Dunham, Joe Fanning, Harry Seeman and Dewey Fix aboard the Happy Jack Sunday. Dewey, who is learning fast the art of farming, lost at least seven white sea bass, while the others lost one and two aniece as long as the squid held out.

**They Were Big Uns**  
They knew they were big bass because a skin diver came along and after going below said they were all under the boat. When most of them were hooked they

semi-pro team for youth out there next week. The teams could book away from home games on alternate weeks. Another solution would be to play doubleheaders each Sunday.

Van Bellehem stated that the matter may have to go before the Recreation Commission on Aug. 10.

**The Babe Ruth League** will be through with Torrance Park this week, leaving it idle on Sundays—a state in which it will probably not remain long.

## Slugging Clerks Win 13th in Row

In a game in which the players traded positions at will, more or less for the heck of it, the league leading Marine Clerks tacked up their 13th straight softball victory over the Harbor Hornets 18-1 in a five inning "game" Monday at Torrance Park.

Everybody in the Clerk lineup got at least one hit and Bucky Kuhn, Bob Schroeder and Hank Olsen did better than that. They each got three. Hornet flinger Bill Wiley served gopher balls to Schroeder, in the fourth with one man on, and to Roy Pederson, in the fifth with sacks clean.

**Clerks Pound 16**  
All in all the Clerks pounded 16 base hits and the Hornets got two off the spins of Olsen and Marv and Les Gebhard, who also pitched awhile.

R. L. Mullins and Bev Thompson were the only Hornets to reach base on singles. R. H. E. Marine Clerks... 1 6 0 3 8-18 16 2 Harbor Hornets... 0 0 0 0 1-1 2 4 Olsen, Gebhard, M. Gebhard L. and Schroeder, Anderson, Wiley and Gabel, Pece, Dow Styron... 0 2 2 0 0 0 0-2 8 4 Walters... 1 0 2 0 0 1 1-3 5 0 Griffith and Turner, Smith and McCleod.

**DoW went ahead 2-1 in the third** headed under a reef, sawing the monofilament. The others were just plain pooped-off. Staying in the same spot, they boated 40 bull bass topping eight lbs. brought to gaff by Harry; 21 Catalina blue perch, running between 2 and 2 1/2 lbs.; nine sheep-head, up to 15 lbs.; three bonita about three times the size of a mackerel and one flyswatter. Nice load of fish for not moving! Skipper Carl Dalton, anchored 80 feet in front of the cove, directly over the reef, in case anyone wants to try for the bass they didn't land.

**Pair Chase Abacore**  
A fair day was had Monday by Ivan Harle and H. A. Harvey aboard the Herby Two, skippered by Carl Dalton. Chasing abacore around the west end of San Clemente, Ivan boated one long-fin topping 18 lbs. and Harvey reeled in two, both going 15 lbs., of the 15 taken by all aboard. Also had one blue-fin boated.

Attempting to run down long-fins from San Clemente to St. Nicholas Island on the Kiru Sunday were 12 members of the Gardena Rod and Gun. Four blue-fin and 12 abacore were boated. Top men were Bill Williams, who horsed-in one tuna and two alba-

core; Al Coast, one tuna and two albies; Jack Pollock two tuna and one long-fin, and Oscar Kisten, two abacore, accounting for all the blue-fins and 11 of the albies taken. Bill's 17 lb. 1 oz. long-fin took the jackpot for the largest fish, while Jack took honors for the smallest, going 11 lbs.

**Meet Giant Shark**  
While on the briny deep, the group came upon a giant hammer-head shark about 13 feet long. Al tried a Tom-cod for bait, but Al didn't faze him, so he took his 9-0 Ocean City reel with 800 yards of 72 lb. test line with something like an anchor for a hook and his whole tuna for an enticing bait.

The shark took it all right, but Al didn't know how to handle all that heavy stuff so he missed setting the hook. Another one that got away!

Speaking of Al Coast, he had a pretty fair night (snicker, snicker) on the Jeffers 48 last Wednesday eve. He boounced aboard two dandy white sea bass in front of Church Rock on Catalina, weighing 25 lbs. 6 oz. and 26 lbs. 4 oz.

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