

Bluebirds Move To Semi-Final Round Sunday

Broken Ribs Put Swayne Johnson Out of Tourney

Minus their slugging clean-up man, Swayne Johnson, who suffered two broken ribs in a free-for-all brawl in their first tournament game, the Torrance Bluebirds will enter the semi-final round of the Southern California Muni Tournament Sunday at Griffith Park in a doubleheader.

Johnson was attempting to break up an argument in the Bluebirds' game with the Atwater Packers last week when he was struck from behind by a flying tackle thrown by the impetuous Atwater right fielder. Swayne finished the game, making a 380-ft. homer in the process, but discovered later that two of his ribs had been broken in the hassle.

Trying to Stop Fight? The Atwater player said that he was "just trying to break up the fight."

"Hell, what do you think I was doing?" Swayne, a member of the Torrance Police Department, told him.

His brother, Clair, also is out of the lineup due to a strained leg muscle. Swayne has been ordered to stay on the bench for two weeks by his doctor.

The Bluebirds got along without the dynamic duo Monday, however. Behind a cool three-hitter by Harry Theodosis they stomped the Watts Cardinals 11-2 at Will Rogers Park to win the right to enter the semi-finals in their bracket on Sunday.

Lose One, And Out They will meet the winner of the Big Do-Nut Drive-In vs. Glendale Dons game, to be held tomorrow night, at Griffith Park at 1 p.m. Sunday. If they win, they vie for the championship of their bracket in a 3 p.m. game. If they lose, they're out.

If they win the title in their bracket, the rampaging Bluebirds will enter the Southern California championships against the winner of the second bracket.

Theodosis Hot Theodosis was wheeling and dealing Monday at Will Rogers field. He faced only 30 batters in the eight-inning, time limit, game, whiffed 11, walked three and allowed three hits. He was in trouble only in the fifth when a Watts man singled and was doubled home. Theodosis

Wrightley Field Asked as Site For Title Game

Negotiations to use Wrightley Field in Los Angeles for the championship game of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament will continue tomorrow, although things look dim, according to Al Sergiuff, Municipal Sports director.

Officials want \$300 rent for the use of the huge stadium and Municipal funds won't cover the bill. And it's against Federation policy to charge admission to any of its games.

Torrance is marching steadily toward the title in the Tourney and has two victories under its belt thus far. If the Bluebirds win a doubleheader Sunday at Griffith Park, they enter the championship game against the winner of the second bracket.

Favored to sweep through the second bracket are the Wasco Dons from Bakersfield, a group of Bakersfield Junior College and Fresno College athletes who have won the Kern County championship for the past two years.

Quickly struck out the next batter to get out of the inning.

Except for this flareup, the Cards could do nothing with Theodosis' smoky slants.

Torrance scored right away in the first when Jim Murphy slammed a triple, scoring Bill Crawford, who had doubled. Murphy had a perfect night at the dish, getting three-for-three—a triple, double and single. He drove in one run and scored three.

Rally In Fifth Carl Strong, Tex Roberts, replacement for Swayne Johnson, and Gus Muehler slapped hits in a fifth inning rally that marked four runs into the books, with the help of three Card miscues.

Strong and Muehler also starred at the plate for the home-towners. Strong mashed three for six, all singles, and Muehler drove three runs home.

The Torrance sluggers crashed out four hits in an eighth inning uprising that saw four runs score. Murphy bashed his double in this frame and was followed by bases on balls to Muehler and Hank Camou, and consecutive singles by Burt Smith, Theodosis and Strong.

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T. Bluebirds 10 34 4-11 4
Smith, Hudson (5) and Heath, Theodosis and Muehler.



Tight Game Made Runaway by Rally

One fateful inning turned a close ballgame into a rout Sunday at Torrance Park, where the Torrance Bluebirds piled up six runs in the eighth frame to end a 4-2 game and emerge with a 10-2 win over the Downey Cardinals.

It was a pitcher's battle until the eighth, when home runs by pitcher Tom Vanderpool and shortstop Jim Murphy fired a six-run blast that sewed the game up.

Dave Bishopp started on the hill for the home-towners and allowed no hits and no runs in a three-inning stand. He gave way to Larry Brinkman in the fourth and he had trouble finding the plate, allowing the Cards their two runs on three bases on balls, followed by a double in the fifth.

Torrance picked up three markers in the second. Jim Nady walked, was sacrificed to second by Jim Murphy and Larry Bryant made base on a fielder's choice that didn't work. Bishopp sacrificed the runners to second and third and Carl Strong poled a double, scoring them, then scored himself when Bill Crawford slapped a two-baser.

Bluebird bats were still un-dj) the seventh, when Murphy singled home Gil Bennett, who had made base on an error.

Relieved Brinkman on the mound in the sixth and turned in yeoman duty. He faced only 16 batters, gave up three hits, no runs, whiffed one and walked two.

Besides a sturdy pitching job, the 16-year-old Torrance High School star unloaded on a mighty 350-foot home run over the right centerfield fence to lead off the eighth inning.

This set the Bluebirds afire and started a merry-go-round during which Burt Smith walked, "Tex" Roberts, subbing for

TRACK Morgan and Porter, assistant.
CROSS COUNTRY Morgan.
GOLF Joe Stuart.
BASEBALL Varsity—Leech.
JV—Stanich.

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HERE'S THE Pitch!

GIRLS' SOFTBALL Aug. 26, Thursday—Rookles vs. North Stars, 3000—Loma Park. Aug. 29, Sunday—Lomita vs. All-Stars, Waverly Park.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL Aug. 2, Monday—Rho vs. Seaside, Hornets vs. Waverly, Waverly Park. Sept. 1, Wednesday—Torrance Park vs. North Torrance Rams, Torrance Park.

RECREATION Aug. 28-29 is Open House Week in summer Recreation with a program slated at the Civic Auditorium Saturday, Aug. 28, with afternoon and evening displays of crafts, posters, etc. The King and Queen of Health also will be crowned.

Cadets Clinch Title The McMaster Cadets defeated North Torrance last Friday night to clinch the Northern Division Championship of the Recreation For Wee League. The score was tied at the end of the seventh inning, but the McMaster half of the eighth inning, clever base running and timely hitting pushed across the winning run.

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American Legion Coasts To Crown Behind Shutout



GO PILLS . . . Frank Kelleher, left, Star outfielder who will retire this year from the Hollywood team, and Tommy Saffell, back, league's leading base stealer, will appear at the Jim Dandy Market, Crenshaw and Torrance Blvds., Saturday at 10 a.m. to meet the kids and sign autographs. Other members of the Hollywood team, shown above gulping down vitamin pills, are Manager Bobby Bragan, second from left, and Dale Long and Lino Donoso, right.

Giacomi Raps Homer, Single To Aid Cause

The sinewy arm of Ross Hood and large bat of Bruno Giacomi led the American Legion to the city Slo-Pitch softball championship Tuesday night at Torrance Park.

Hood fired a five-hit shoutout and Giacomi slashed a homer to help the Legion blank the Fire Department B team 4-0 in the second and deciding game of a three-game series.

The Legion, Service Club League kingpins, won the first game of the series Friday 6-1 over the Blue Streak winners.

Hood fooling the firemen all evening, allowed only one man as far as third base and two to second. His worst inning was the second. He walked John Agapito, who was thrown out on a fielder's choice when Stan Sellers grounded to short and Gerry Loy followed with a single, sending Sellers to third, but Harlan Whitacre hit a grounder that struck Loy, for the third out.

Win In First The Legion actually won the game in the first inning when Hood, the leadoff batter, rapped a double to center and continued on to score when the fielder muffed the ball. Giacomi followed this with a towering home run to center field and the Legion scored a third run when John Bennett and Bob Ernst singled and, after Bennett was thrown out trying to go to third, E. E. Hobbs hit one that got through the third sacker and Ernst scored.

The winners scored another in the fourth off Fireman Chuckie Bob Moffitt. Hobbs doubled to left and scored on an error by the left fielder.

The Legion men banged out 10 hits, with Giacomi's homer and single in three trips leading the way.

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Hood and Bennett, Moffitt and Loy.

Coaching Jobs at High School Told For '54-55 Year

Coaching assignments at Torrance High School for the 1954-55 school year were officially revealed this week through the office of Bruce Wagner, principal.

Appointed Chairman of the Physical Education program this year was head Football Coach Cliff Graybehl, who replaces Rex Welch, chairman for the past two years. Welch will coach next season at Rosemead High School.

Following are the assignments, by sports:

Chairman of Department Cliff Graybehl

FOOTBALL Varsity—Cliff Graybehl, Dick Leach.
JV—Willard Morgan.

Bee—Don Porter and John Miller, assistant.
BASKETBALL Varsity and JV—George Stanich.

Bee—Miller.
Cee—Bill Andreason.

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Adult Pair Win Prizes In Tourney

Jim Daniel was awarded a first-place trophy and Mrs. Ann Hight won fourth place in singles play in the fourth annual Surf Shuffleboard Tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Venice.

The pair represented the Torrance Adult Club in the ten frame elimination contest. Five Torrance players were eliminated in the first round, but Jim Daniel and Mrs. Hight went on to the second round on Sunday.

Teams from Santa Monica and Venice also were represented. Following tourney play on Saturday, sandwiches, coffee and cookies were served by the Venice Club at the Recreation Center.

The Torrance Adults have been invited to help the Glendale Recreation Center celebrate its fifth anniversary on Aug. 28.

Five Run Rally Ousts Torrance In Tournament

Five runs in the fifth, sparked by two homers, were enough to enable the Rosemead Apaches to eliminate the Torrance T-W-Light All-Stars from the Southern California Junior hardball tournament Saturday in Rosemead.

The tourney was for boys in the 13-16 age bracket. The Torrance team, managed by TWS Coach Dick Leach, took a 1-0 lead in the third frame but it was short lived. Rosemead broke loose with a single, two walks and two four-ply pokes to plate five runs in the fifth, then scored two cinchers in the seventh.

Locals Log Three Torrance came back for three markers in their half of the fifth on singles by Bob Clifford, Ron Anderson and Jim Schmidt after a walk and an error had put Charlie Valencia and Toby Venable on base.

Jess Hannon started on the rubber for Torrance and was relieved by Tom Miller. Clifford logged two singles in four trips to lead the All-Star hit parade.

Rosemead .000 050 2-7 0 2
Torrance .000 130 0-4 7 1
Hannon, Miller and Gates.

Student Bowling Clinic Planned

If Torrance High School students show enough interest in the project, a bowling clinic will be established for them at Torrance Bowl, according to Assistant Manager Don Lawson.

Time would be set aside on Saturday afternoons from noon to 4 p.m. for students to bowl at a special price of 25 cents a line, shoes free. Capable bowling instructors would be provided to give free lessons, Lawson said.

Students must be able to prove they are from the local area and students of either Torrance or Narbonne High Schools, Lawson

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Who Stole Second Base?



DUGOUT . . . This huge hole in the ground will be one of many problems facing fathers of Little League and Babe Ruth baseball players this winter when they begin leveling and grading land formerly used as a city dump at Plaza del Amo and Border Ave. for use as two Little League and one Babe Ruth diamond for next season's play. The city recently leased the leagues the land for five years for \$5. View is toward Western Ave. Labor and materials for the huge job will be mostly donated by generous Torrance citizens.