

Bluebirds' Home Opener Set For Sunday

Top Merchants 7-2; Take Harbor Lead

Fresh from a 7-2 win over the San Pedro Merchants, the Torrance Bluebirds make their home opener against the Gardena Aztecs at Torrance Park, Sunday, Game time 2 p.m.

The Gardena club took its first Harbor League win last week against the San Pedro Dodgers, while the local nine has a two-win and no-loss record in loop play.

Bluebird pitchers Jack Schlarb and Charlie Camou teamed up with second baseman Hank Camous' two home runs to take the win and the Harbor League number one spot.

Schlarb Starts
Schlarb started on the mound for the locals and pitched a one-hitter for the first six innings. Charlie Camou relieved in the final three and gave up the only other run scored by the Merchants.

Hank's first homer came in the first inning and gave the Birds an early lead. In the fourth frame they put together three hits for three more runs and were never threatened from that point on.

Kuhn Celebrates
Bucky Kuhn celebrated the birth of an 8 lb. son, born early Sunday morning, by pounding out a double and single in four times at bat.

The twin homers hit by Hank coupled with a single and double gave him a four for five mark at bat, tops for the local order.

Kuhn, B.	AB	R	H	E
Camou, C.	5	2	4	0
Roy, J.	4	0	0	0
Johnson, W.	3	0	0	0
Cater, E.	3	0	0	0
Wendler, T.	3	0	0	0
Cravford, W.	3	0	0	0
Murphy, J.	3	0	0	0
Strong, C.	3	0	0	0
Schlarb, J.	3	0	0	0
Camou, C.	3	0	0	0
Total	30	2	7	1

Mattias, M.	AB	R	H	E
Bennie, B.	4	0	0	0
Zankich, J.	4	0	0	0
Brakovich, W.	4	0	0	0
Podus, J.	4	0	0	0
Guadalupe, G.	4	0	0	0
Quintana, R.	4	0	0	0
Holman, S.	4	0	0	0
Vitshorn, S.	4	0	0	0
Kennedy, K.	4	0	0	0
Carlson, P.	4	0	0	0
Raymond, R.	4	0	0	0
Guadalupe, T.	4	0	0	0
Total	36	0	0	0

Standings

Pirates	12-5-1
Tigers	10-7-1
Dodgers	8-9-1

Yankees	10-6-1
Stars	9-7-1
Cardinals	8-8-1

Angels	7-1-1
Cubs	6-2-1
Stars	5-3-1

Potter's #218	6-2-1
Romero Astros	5-3-1
Fitzburg Palms	4-4-1

Fires Dept. B	5-0-1
Optimist Club	4-1-1
Lions Club	3-2-1

National Blue	5-1-1
Fires Dept. A	4-2-1
Lutheran Men	3-3-1

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New League To Start In South Torrance Area

Little League-type baseball is now being organized for the boys in the Hollywood Riviera, Ellinwood, Walters, Pacific Hills, and Victoria Knolls areas of Torrance who were unable to play in other leagues this year.

The new loop, called South Torrance Baseball League, started registering boys last Saturday at the Riviera Elementary School.

Additional registration will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. and the next two Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Riviera Elementary School. Parents should accompany boys to the school for registration, league officials announced.

Age limits for registrants has been established as follows: eligible boys include those who were eight as of Jan. 1, 1956 up to and including those who were 12 as of July 31, 1956.

First game for the new league is set for Saturday, July 21. According to Pastor Lyle B. Gansel, chairman of the executive board, at least four teams will be fielded, with more to be added if there are boys to play.

Pastor Gansel further stated that "the purpose of this new league is to give every boy in the south Torrance area an opportunity to play ball this summer."

Breal Rowe Hits 2 for 2, Both Homers

Recent action in North Torrance Minor League play was sparked by the batting performance of Breal Rowe, of the Bears.

Rowe came to the plate three times in a game against the Minor League Indians. In his first appearance he took a full swing and belted the ball far field for the first homer hit in North Torrance Minor play this season.

The second time the pint-sized slugger came to bat he lofted another one for the four bases. Next time up, the opposing pitcher decided discretion was the better part of valor and gave him an intentional pass.

Rumor has it that the cellar dwelling Major League Bears are considering bringing the minor star up to bolster their sagging batting order.

Line Scores

Gladding McBean	140-42-7-1
Shore's Maroon	100-30-5-3

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Tigers	8-9-1
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A FULL SWING... Mike Appleby, Dodger left fielder, takes a hefty cut at a likely looking pitch in American Little League action at Plaza Del Amo Park. The Dodgers are the current inhabitants of the American loop's cellar, but have hopes of emerging behind the bats of Appleby and his mates.

Columbia In 5-2 Win Over Elks Club

After a shaky start pitcher Ronnie Chase shut out the Elks Club for six innings as Columbia E.R.A. scored a 5-2 win in Blue Streak play at Torrance Park.

The only Elk scoring came in the first inning on singles by Carl Gotts, Roger Holmes, and Bob Schooley, scoring Holmes and Lewis Smith.

Columbia's scoring was led by Steve Resister, and Art Celio, with John Gliner and Carlos French taking top honors in the hitting column.

In the second game the Christian Men put together a two run rally in the last inning, but fell short as Torrance Gardens-Plaza took a close 9-8 win.

Bill Parker had the big hit for the losers, a homer in the third, while Burt Belzer, A. Janasik, Jim Forell, and Ken Collins topped the Gardens hitting list.

Fire Dept. A kept pace with Blue Streak league leaders, the National Blues, with 13-4 win over Local #1135 at Torrance Park.

Sam Martin pitched the win while Dick DeArmitt, Pete McCown, and Jerry Hollomon shared top hitting honors with perfect bat marks of three for three. DeArmitt and Hollomon also split scoring honors as both tallied thrice.

In the second game the front running Blues scored a neat 6-3 win over the Lutheran Men on homers by Cleon Michael and Al Tipton.

Mel Swanson pitched the win for the Blues, while Wayne Branum contributed a home run to the Lutheran's cause.

Competition Set for Cars

South Bay T-Timers and local police are co-sponsoring a reliability and poker run. Application blanks may be picked up at the Torrance or Redondo police departments or at several stores in both towns.

The run is not held for "hot" cars, according to a T-Timer spokesman, but does require precision driving. Anyone may participate with the family car, the spokesman said.

All clubs in the area and individuals are invited to participate.

Prizes, including a trophy for the first place winner and merchandise, will be given to the top finishers.

There will be five check points on the run, which will last for 80 miles. Entrance fee

SMITH TOPS IN NAT'L BATTING

Player	Team	AB	H	Avg.
Smith, Bruce	Yanks	56	25	.446
Cagaanan, Jock	Cards	55	23	.418
Soth, Terry	Cards	46	19	.412
McGuire, Steve	Yanks	57	23	.404
Robison, Newell	Stars	54	21	.390
Greason, Terry	Yanks	51	18	.352
Alyllar, Felix	Stars	51	18	.352
Wilson, Ray	Cards	46	16	.348
Moore, Pete	Braves	46	16	.348
Battaglia, Dick	Stars	30	10	.333
Taylor, Howard	Yanks	43	14	.325
Anderson, Larry	Stars	53	17	.321
Waters, Steve	Braves	39	14	.318
Crain, Cliff	Yanks	48	15	.312
Crawley, Ernest	Stars	50	15	.300

STATISTICS RELEASED

The North Torrance Little League officials have released statistics for the first half of the minor affiliates' play.

The Trojans lead the pack with an eight win and two loss record, Bruins in the runner-up spot with a five, five mark, while the Bears and the Indians share the last spot on the loop totem pole with a three win and six loss record.

Leading batsmen in the North Torrance minor circuit are: Doherty, 636; Bruins; Swaine, 590; Trojans; Leather, 500; Trojans; Kawaguchi, 450; Bears; Rowe, 433; Bears; Nelson, 416; Indians; Walters, 359; Bruins; and Sandrene, 344; Indians.

Doherty and Walters share top hitting honors, each with a season total of 14. Leaders in the most runs scored department are Kelley, Trojans, and Doherty, both with a total of 18.

Scott, Bears, with four doubles to his credit, leads in that section, while Rowe of the Bears with one single and two home runs leads the league in both categories.

Present standings have the Seals in front with a six win and one loss record.

Crenshaw loses first game in three seasons.

The end of a long win streak came last week as the Babe Ruth League Stars dropped the defending champion Seals out of a third place tie in a 6-2 game, thus becoming the first team to defeat pitcher Gene Crenshaw in three years of play.

Crenshaw attempted to salvage his game at the plate as he tallied two of the three hits given up by winning pitcher Ron Veres.

The win boosted the Twinks closer to the league leading Angels and Oaks.

Jackie Pagac, as president of the Associated Women Students, and Erin LeGate, commissioner of finance, are assisting President Dick Rusling plan student body affairs for the coming year.

CARDS TRIP YANKS INTO TIE FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE LEAD

A two hit 15-2 win, pitched for the Cards by Ray Wilson, over the Yanks was just the edge needed by the Stars as they tripped the Braves 6-4 in a nine inning game and went into a tie with the Yanks for first place in the National Little League.

The win moved the Cards to a game behind the leadlocked leaders.

Hitting for the Redbirds was led by Jock Cagaanan with a homer in three hits in four at bats, and Rodney White who tapped two for four.

A come through effort was necessary for the Stars in their win over the Braves as the Tribe tallied three runs in the first inning for a big lead.

Pete Moore put out a solid effort for the Braves at the plate, 11 strikeouts, but hitting by John Cambon and Larry Anderson was enough to put the Twinks in front.

Cambon also took the pitching win for the Stars as he relieved starter Newell Robison with the score tied up at the end of six innings.

The Yankees took an earlier win from the Braves, 12-2, on a three hitter by Howard Taylor while Steve McGuire, Bruce Smith and Terry Greason were taking down hitting honors for the winners.

Steve Waters led the Braves at the plate in this one with a home run while Mark Hunt and Pete Moore teamed up for a double play.

The Pirates continued to close in on the leading Giants in American Little League play with a 6-1 win over the Tigers. Earlier in the week the Bucs downed the league leaders 9-2.

In the win over the Tigers Ray Walker was the determining factor as he pitched a two hitter, and struck out 14 opposing batters. Ron Kittell was the heavy hitter, with a double in the third, good for three runs.

Pitt pitched a sharp effort for the Pirates in their win over the Giants, while Danny Lenahan's bases loaded homer in the third gave the Bucs all the scoring they needed for the win.

The Tigers took a close win from the Dodgers, 5-3, on the pitching of Mike Venable, a three hit effort in five innings.

Four hits in five at bats by Randy Newell and a three hit mound job by Jim Cairns gave the Giants an easy 12-0 win over the Dodgers, their twelfth of the season.

Legion Team Splits In Recent Play

The local American Legion nine traveled to Leuninger recently to take their second win of the season, 4-3, from the host club.

Mike Bertolet had three safeties, one a double, in five at bats, while Bob Clifford was hitting three for four.

Ron Anderson was on the mound for the Bert S. Crossland post team for the win.

On Sunday the Torrance team met Long Beach Poly on the home diamond and lost a 3-0 game.

George Fouts went to the mound for the losers and pitched a three hitter but lost as the local batting order was shut out.

Ron Anderson had two hits in four times up, one a triple putting him on third, but he wasn't able to make it home.

Clifford shared long ball honors with Anderson with another three bagger but was unable to break the shutout.

Next action for the Legion club will be at El Segundo on Saturday. On Sunday they move over to Compton for a night game with the local club.

Summer Play Activities Listed at High School

Summer recreation activities at Torrance High School are being held in the girls' gym, recreation department officials said this week.

Following is the weekly schedule: Monday, badminton; Tuesday, free play; Wednesday, boys' summer basketball; Thursday, adult volleyball, mixed. All activities start at 7 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m.

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