

# YANKEES NAB NAT PENNANT

## Home Runs Give Win Over Cards

Home runs by Bruce Smith and Steve McGuire were all the Yankees needed to take a 4-2 win from the Cardinals and the 1956 National Little League championship Saturday afternoon. The Yanks had to go all out for the win, and the pennant, as Redbird Ray Wilson was in rare form on the mound, fanning 14 batters. Smith took down twirling honors for the Yanks with a 12 strike out performance.

Earlier in the week the Stars fanned their flickering pennant hopes with a 3-4 win over the Cardinals, but the Yanks victory over the same club gave them a one game edge in final standings.

Richard Battaglia took the mound, and win, for the Twinks against the Cards, aided by hits from the bats of John Cambon, Newell Robison and Larry Anderson.

**Final Game**  
In the final National Little League game of the season the Stars edged the Braves in a high scoring, 13-12, game.

Felix Alvilar, Larry Anderson, and Robison were the top Twink hitters, while Mark Hunt, Dick Woodward, and Tom Sloat led the Braves.

Following the loop windup the all-star roster was announced by league officials.

The champion Yankees will be represented in Little

League tourney play by Bruce Smith, Steve McGuire, Howard Taylor, Terry Gresson, and Clifford Crain. Stars selected were Newell Robison, Larry Anderson, Felix Alvilar, and Dick Battaglia.

Four Cardinal players made the roster, Terry Soth, Jock Caganan, Ray Wilson, and Ronnie Campbell. The lone Brave all-star named was Pete Moore.

Steve Waters, of the Braves, was selected as the outstanding rookie of the year by the league officials.

### El Nido Tops Sportsman

The Angels of El Nido whipped Sportsman Park, 29-16, in a wild and woolly slugfest.

El Nido was led by Richard Brock's grand slam home run and Richard Bertoni's five hits, including a pair of doubles good for four runs.

The Sportsman came up with a 12-run rally in the seventh inning before being quelled by the pitching of Teddy Yamada.

# Giants, Bucs Tops In A. L. L.

## Close Wins Mark Final Loop Play

Final standings in the American Little League wound up with the Giants and Pirates all tied up for first place. In the next to the last game of the season the Pirates took a half game lead over the Giants by coming from behind in the bottom of the sixth to score a 3-2 win over the Tigers.

The season's finale pitted the Giants against the Dodgers, with the Giants taking a 3-0 win, to deadlock the standing on the outstanding pitching of Jim Cairns and Charles Thome, Cairns hurled five hitless innings, retiring 13 Dodgers in the process.

Immediately after the Dodger-Giant game, American Little League officials announced that the Pirate-Giant tie would be settled in a two out of three game play-off at a later date.

**All Stars**  
Other recent league action was highlighted by the selection of the 1956 American all-star team. Members include:

Phil Nicholson, Ray Walker, Bob Kitell, John Appleby, and Don Lenahan of the Pirates; Richard Gresham and Tom Standley of the Dodgers; Jeff Hurford, Pete Venable, Doug Perry, and Jake Mahon of the Tigers; Jim Cairns, John Bernhart, and Richard Nix of the Giants.

### Standings

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Yankees	15	5
Stars	14	5
Cards	11	12
Braves	2	13

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Giants	14	5
Pirates	14	5
Tigers	7	11
Dodgers	7	11

#### BABE RUTH LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.
Angels	3	4
Cats	7	5
Beavers	9	5
Seals	7	5
Rainiers	6	5
Dons	6	7
Padres	5	7
Mounties	5	9
Solons	2	9

## 'Bird Homers Blast Shell

Bluebird hitting and pitching teamed up to take a 19-3 win from the Shell Chemical nine in Harbor League play Sunday.

The win was the Bluebirds' fifth in as many starts in league competition, and puts the local club well out in front of the Harbor pennant chase.

Jack Schlarb went the first six innings for the Bluebirds to take credit for the pitching win.

Next outing for the Bluebirds will be a home go against the San Pedro Dodgers next Sunday, Torrance Park, game time 2 p.m.

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## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARADULLI

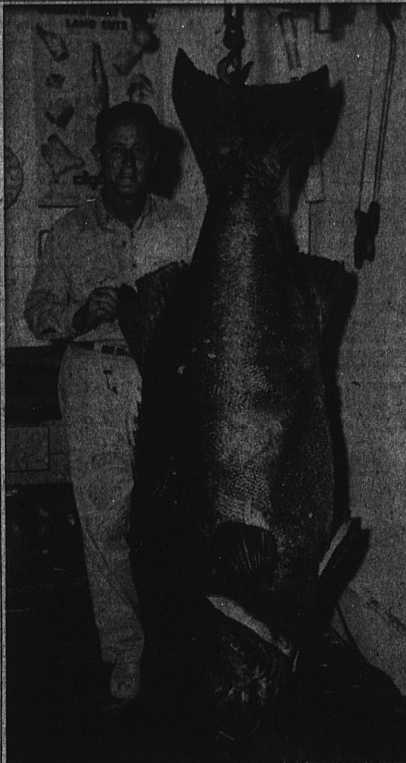
Deep sea anglers still anticipating the break on longlines. According to the experts they should cut loose in the Catalina Channel by the end of the month. Commercial boys have picked up a few already at 60 feet depth. Any albacore action on the surface still remains several hours out, except to the south of us. Been running strong about three hours out from the Point Loma docks.

Pacific Sportfishing Landing reported 758 longlines checked in last week, along with a couple of yellows, four white sea bass, 32 barracuda, and three blue-fin tuna.

Joe Martin's Landing reported 229 albies along with log barriers, bonita, bass, halibut, and a couple of small white sea bass.

Isaac Walton's still showing enthusiasm over the black sea bass around Anacapa Island. Johnny Rowe, Gardena Rod and Gun Club member, nearly squeaked Bill Williams' world record of 255 lbs. on 45 lb. test line Saturday, only Johnny's monster, sinking the scales at 338 lbs., took the bait on his 54 lb. test line rig.

The next day both Gardena and Torrance members set out from Point Hueneme for Anacapa. Gene Tolson and his dad hooked up at the same time. Must have been some feeling, having multi-hundred pounds of fish pulling the small skiff in opposite directions. Gene landed his, and another, for the day. Almost everyone had hook-ups, everyone but Clyde Bottrell. Clyde must just like the trip, took Johnny Rowe Saturday, and accompanied Walt Gilliar Sunday, with Walt taking one going 228 lbs. Clyde's been after a few fish for weeks now, everyone he takes gets one, but he doesn't even get a ding. Maybe that should be going, few fish weigh in "pretty high."



**DIDN'T GET AWAY**... Johnny Rowe with his 330 pound black sea bass taken off Anacapa Island. Local anglers had a field day on the big bass in recent excursions, as Walt Gilliard came home with a 228 pounder. Walt's catch will be displayed in Sunday's HERALD, 556 pounds of bass being too much for any paper to handle in one issue.

## SMITH SCORES TWICE AS BAY LEAGUERS WIN

Skip Smith, Torrance High's graduated griddier, came into his own Saturday night in the first Annual Optimist benefit game at El Camino with two touchdowns to spark the Bay League All-Stars to a 13-0 win over the Pioneer League All-Stars.

Smith's scores came in the second period, one from three yards out, and the other an 89-yard dazzler in the closing seconds of the half.

**Defensive Play**  
Hard defensive play was the keynote of the charity contest

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