L.L. DISTRICT FINALS START TODAY

Four Top All-Star Teams Seek Title

Semi-final and final District 3 Little League tournament play matches the Peninsula All-Stars against the Torrance American All-Stars this evening, and the Lomita-Harbor City All-Stars versus the Torrance National All-Stars tomorrow evening, with the winners of these semi-final games meeting for the district title Saturday. All games to be played at Dominguez Field.

In today's game Torrance American represents Area 2 on wins over Torrance Pacific, 9-2, and North Torrance, 9-0. The Area 1 champion Pennisula All-Stars have recorded wins over Rolling Hills, 4-3, and Palos Verdes, 2-0.

Nationals Take Area 4

The Torrance Nationals drew a bye in the first round of Area 4 play, then took their title on a close 3-2 win over East Lakewood. Lomita-Harbor City passed on their first round then beat Lomita-Harbor City Western 3-0 for the area 3 crown.

In games played to date the local American mound staff has allowed but two hits in two games, while their batting order has pounded opposition pitching for nine home runs.

The Nationals took their win last weekend on Steve McGuire's fourth inning homer, while pitcher Bruce Smith allowed but five hits by East Lakewood batters.

Starting Time

Starting time for games scheduled today and tomorrow at Dominguez Field is 5:30 p. m., with action slated to begin at 2 p.m. for the title tilt on Saturday.

The team emerging victorious in the District play-offs will travel to Santa Ana next week for the Section 3 trials.

Last year the American All-Stars moved through the Area, District, and Section finals, before dropping in the Region 8 semi-finals at Santa Monica.

Nationals Beat East Lakewood, 3-2

Home runs by Jock Caganan and Steve McGuire provided enough power to give the Torrance National All-Stars a 3-2 win over the East Lakewood stars at East Lakewood last weekend.

Bruce Smith went the route for the Nationals on the mound to take pitching credit for the local's first Little League tourney win.

Terry Greason and Ray Wilson teamed up to put out one East Lakewood fire with a sharp double play, Greason scooping up a hot grounder, tagging second to force the East Lakewood base runner, then lining the ball to Wilson at first for the second out.

The National All-Star starters were: Bruce Smith, pitcher; Steve McGuire, catcher; Ray Wilson, first base; Terry Greason, second; Larry Anderson, shortstop; Newell Robison, left field; Howard Taylor, third base; Pete Moore, center field; Jock Cagaanan, right field.

Next game for the Nationals is tomorrow evening at Dominguez Field against the Lomita-Harbor City All-Stars. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

Sport Slate

FRIDAY

Little League Tournament: Torrance National vs. Lomita-Harbor City All-Stars; Dominguez Field; gametime 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Blue Streak: Elks Club vs. Torrance Gardens; Lutheran Men vs. Columbia E.R.A.; Walteria Park; first game 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

BASEBALL

Little League Tournament: Winners of Thursday and Friday games play for District 3 championship; Dominguez Field; game time 2 p.m.

Form Followed In N.T.L.L. Final Games

Final games in the North Torrance Little League went according to form last weekend with the Indians trampling the Trojans 20-5, and the Bruins running over the Bears 16-6.

The Tribe's final performance was sparked by Joe Castorena's grand slam homer, and Nick Hanlon's three run round tripper. Chance hit a grand slammer for the Trojans, and Dennis Welch had another out of the park blow, with none on.

The Bear-Bruin match was decided in favor of the Bruins before the game started as the Bears were unable to field an eligible pitcher. Don Fleps had the best batting mark for the Bruins, three hits in five at bats. Terry Freisner came through with two for two and two runs for the Bears.

Earlier in the week the Indians scored an 8-6 win over the Bears on home runs by Castorena and Hanlon, while Freisner and Jim Carrico were homering for the Bears.

The Bruins edged the Trojans by a 5-4 count to take over second spot in league standings.

KIWANIANS TREK TO ANGEL GAME

A group of Kiwanis Club members traveled by bus to Wrigley Field yesterday for the Los Angeles Angels-San Francisco Seals Pacific Coast League baseball game.

The Kiwanians enjoyed the game in a section reserved by the Wrigley Field management for their use. Over 50 local members signed up to make the jaunt.

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BLUEBIRDS IN CLOSE 4-3 WIN OVER STARS

A scratch single by Bob Carter, a bunt by Jim Murphy, and Sherwood Tiernan's infield out were totaled up by the Bluebirds Sunday for two runs to give them a come from behind 4-3 win over the Normandale Stars at Torrance Park.

Jack Schlarb went eight innings for the locals to gain win honors in the pitching department. Tom Vanderpool came in as Schlarb's relief in the ninth and put the Stars down with no trouble.

Only Hitters

Bucky Kuhn, Cater, Murphy, and Schlarb were the only Bluebirds to tally safeties in the Harbor League game.

The local club took a one-run lead in the second inning. Normandale went in front with a pair of tallies in the fourth. Torrance came back with a run in the fifth to even the count up at 2-2. Normandale went in front again in the sixth by a 3-2 margin, then the Bluebirds came back to take the lead and the game with the two run rally in the eighth.

The win put the Bluebirds way out in front of the Harbor League race with a seven win and no loss record. They need but one more game in the win column to clinch the league title for the second straight year.

Next Sunday Torrance will host the San Pedro Merchants at Torrance Park.

NORMANDALE STARS (3)

	AB	R	H	E
Algarme, cf	4	1	0	0
A.buckle, ss	3	2	1	0
Bromwell, 2b	4	0	1	0
J. Thomas, rf	2	0	0	0
N. Thomas, 3b	4	0	0	0
B. Thomas, lf	4	0	0	0
Bardwell, 1b	3	0	0	0
Grimes, 1b	1	0	0	0
Hollis, c	2	0	0	1
Carter, c	0	0	0	0
Kell, p	3	0	2	2
R. Hollis	1	0	0	0
	31	3	4	3

TORRANCE BLUEBIRDS (4)

	AB	R	H	E
Kuhn, cf	4	1	1	0
Strong, 2b	2	0	0	1
Crawford, ss	2	0	0	0
Cater, 1b, rf	4	1	1	0
French, 1b	3	0	0	0
Bishop	0	1	0	0
Vanderpool, lf, p	1	0	0	1
Murphy, 3b	4	1	1	1
Tiernan, c	3	0	0	0
Schlarb, p, lf	4	0	1	0
	27	4	4	3

IT'S A GONER . . . Phil Nicholson, home run slugger for the American All-Stars, and Jim Hutchison, catcher for the North Torrance All-Stars, watch the baseball fly over the fence in the first inning of Saturday's Little League play-off game won by the Americans, 9-0.

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CAIRNS TWIRLS 9-0 NO HIT WIN

Torrance's American Litte League All-Stars took the Area 1 title and moved into the District 3 semi-finals with ease Saturday on Jim Cairns' 9-0 no-hit win over the North Torrance All-Stars at Dominguez Field.

Cairns' near perfect game, only three NT batters reached first, was coupled with another demonstration of slugging prowess on the part of Bob Kittell, Tom Standley, Phil Nicholson, and the winning pitcher, who came through with five home runs. Nicholson's big bat accounted for two of the round trippers.

Two of the three North Torrance players to draw walks were put out before they could reach a scoring position, Joe Castorena caught stealing second in the fourth, and Jeff Bell nabbed at third in the fifth.

The American sluggers struck three times in the game. Nicholson hit his first out-of-the-park ball in the initial frame with Walker and Kittell on. In the third inning Kittell and Cairns each lofted one out of the field and Nicholson pounded another over the fence.

In the fourth inning, the last in which the fatal foursome appeared, Standley clouted his round tripper with Cairns on base.

Nick Hanlon started on the mound for North Torrance and was relieved in the third inning by Cary Hubert.

Box scores:

North Torrance (0)

	AB.	R.	H.
Cordova, rf	1	0	0
Castorena, rf	1	0	0
Ault, ss	0	0	0
Welch, ss	2	0	0
Hubert, 1b, p	2	0	0
Mack, 2b	0	0	0
Williams, 2b	2	0	0
Freisner, 1b	0	0	0
Hanlon, p, 1b	2	0	0
Wallace, cf	2	0	0
Mooney, lf	0	0	0
Bell, c	1	0	0
Hutchison, c	0	0	0
Trevathon, 3b	2	0	0
	15	0	0

Torrance American (9)

Walker, 3b	4	1	2
Kittell, c	3	2	2
Cairns, p	2	2	1
Standley, rf	3	2	1
Nicholson, cf	2	2	2
Perry, 2b	1	0	0
Gresham, lf	2	0	0
Venable, lf	1	0	0
Mahan, ss	2	0	0
Appleby, 1b	3	0	0
	22	9	8

(Herald Photo)

LOOKING AHEAD . . . The Torrance American All-Stars, winners in their first two Little League tournament play-off games, Torrance Pacific 9-2 and North Torrance 9-0, will be looking for their third straight triumph this evening against the Peninsula All-Stars. Front row left to right, Richard Nix, Doug Perry, Dan Lenahan, Richard Gresham, Bill Oberhaus, Jim Cairns, Ray Walker; Back row left to right, Jim Nix, manager; Pete Venable, Jake Mahan, John Appleby, Bob Kittell, Jeff Herford, Phil Nicholson, Tom Standley, Tommy Thompson, manager.

Standings

HARBOR LEAGUE

	W	L	*
Torrance Bluebirds	6	0	
Normandale Stars	4	2	2
San Pedro Merchants	4	2	2
Gardena Aztecs	1	4	4½
Shell Chemical	1	4	4½
San Pedro Dodgers	1	5	5

*Games behind leader.

SERVICE CLUB

	W.	L.	*
Fire Department	9	0	..
Optimist Club	9	1	½
Lions Club	5	4	3½
American Legion	5	4	4
Rotary Club	5	4	4
Junior Chamber	3	7	6½
Walteria B.M.C.	0	9	9

*Games behind leader.

CITY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	*
Pittsburg Paints	10	3	..
Potter's Local 218	8	4	1½
Longren Aeros	7	4	2
Rome Cable	7	5	2½
Gladding McBean	6	5	3
Border's Market	5	7	4½
Alden Equipment	4	8	5
National Guard	0	12	9½

*Gagnes behind leader.

NORTH TORRANCE
(Final Standings)

	W.	L.	*
Indians	16	4	..
Bruins	11	9	5
Trojans	10	11	6½
Bears	4	17	12½

GIRLS SOFTBALL

	W	L	*
Trojans	6	0	
National Bluettes	4	2	2
Bruins	3	3	3
Esabs	3	3	3
Duffers	3	3	3
Hot Shots	2	4	4
Alphas	2	4	4
Stripes	1	5	5

*Games behind leader.

BLUE STREAK

	W	L	*
Fire Department A	8	2	..
National Blues	7	4	1½
Lutheran Men	6	4	2
Torrance Gardens	6	6	3
Columbia E.R.A.	5	5	3
Christian Men	5	6	3½
Elks Club	5	7	5
Local No. 1335	2	8	6

*Games behind leader.

Local Cagers Finish First At Gardena

In the recently completed Gardena Summer Basketball League the Torrance Bee entry walked off with top honors with a season record of three wins and two losses.

The Bees won the title with a 29-21 victory over Gardena as Lee Day cleared both backboards for eight points. Also aiding in the win were Kay Kawade Bill Schipper, Phillip Scholl, Tim Watkins, Bob Church, and Dennis Stewart.

Schipper took over all season top scoring for the local Bees with 21 points. Church was the runner-up in the tallying department with 18.

The varsity team wound up its league play with a 38-25 loss to Leusinger as Glen Christenson and Dalmus Perry provided most of the Torrance scoring punch.

Other A's playing with the local varsity were Doug Ingram, Bob Church, Cliff Witherspoon, Ron Veres, and Dave Skinner. Wayne Scholl acted as the coach of both teams during the summer season.

Lomita Area Zone Cases Approved By Planners

Zoning board cases approved by the Regional Planning Commission last week included the following in this area:

Construction of a contractor's storage yard at 1955 W. Lomita Blvd., Lomita, Chet Kohler petitioner.

Eliminated From Ruth Tourney

By RAY GRIFF

The Torrance Nationals journeyed to Sherman Oaks on Saturday and met a strong team that defeated them 7-2, thus eliminating the locals from further Ruth tournament play.

Jim Martin started on the mound for Torrance and was relieved by Larry Rose. The National nine was unable to muster a hitting attack which proved to be the decisive factor in the loss.

Sunday Play

On Sunday, playing before one of the largest crowds in Babe Ruth history, Sherman Oaks defeated Arcadia in a 5-4 thriller, while Huntington Park ran roughshod over Ventura, 18-3.

The winners, Sherman Oaks and Huntington Park, next move to Pasadena for further play-offs preceding the state finals.

Commissioner Praises

Bob Chapman, commissioner of Babe Ruth for Southern California, was on hand for the games Sunday and complimented the local park and Ruth organization for the successful management of the Torrance play-offs.

Torrance will undoubtedly be one of the key playoff centers in years to come.

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