

TORRANCE NABS LITTLE LEAGUE TITLE

Cairns, Gresham Pace 1-0 Victory

Speedballing Jim Cairns tossed his second straight shutout and allowed only a single safety yesterday afternoon as the Torrance American Little League All Stars edged a big Lomita-Harbor City crew, 1-0, for the district flag at North Torrance's Dominguez Field.

Cairns pitched a no-hit, 9-0 win over North Torrance in his last outing. Leftfielder Richard Gresham, a mighty mite with the bat, lined a single to right-center in the top of the fourth to drive in Phil Nicholson with the locals' only run. Nicholson had walked.

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WRESTLING CLUB SET UP AT LOCAL Y

Ted Peckham, wrestling instructor at the local YMCA, has announced that an amateur wrestling club is being formed at the new Y, corner of Washington and Arlington. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 will be eligible to join the new organization. Competition, within the club, and possible inter-Y matches, will be conducted under AAU regulations.

Peckham, a graduate of Redondo High and former Bay League, CIF, and state light-heavyweight wrestling champion, will be assisted in the instruction of the novice wrestlers by Howard Mann, and Harold Billareide, master wrestling instructor at the San Pedro YMCA.

Reflections

BY J. HUGH SHERREY, JR.
OPPORTUNITY
Most of us are slaves to habit. We do what our neighbors do, slavishly follow the crowds, make life a burden for those around us, leave home on the minute and arrive back again at a precise time; our newspaper is good or had according to our concept of sports or sensational journalism. We are so immersed in habits that opportunity for better things can't squeeze in.

Opportunity is a NEW IDEA. We plant a seed; it must germinate in warm earth. It must be tilled, nurtured and eventually it will produce a harvest. Opportunity is like that seed; first it is an idea, you take it to your heart, nurture it, warm it with care and industry and eventually you have a harvest.

To be a slave to habit is to be in a rut. Be still. Listen to that idea. Take it to your heart. Nurture it. There is opportunity, waiting to sprout, grow and give you a bountiful harvest.

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4-2 LOSS TO L-HC ELIMINATES NATS

National errors and an inability to master the pitches of Lomita-Harbor City's hurler, Kenny McIntyre, resulted in the elimination of the National All-Stars from the district finals for a 4-2 count at Dominguez Field, Friday evening. The contest was a close-played affair from the start with the pitchers mastering the batters, McIntyre giving up two hits, while the Nationals' Pete Moore was tapped for two and his replacement, Howard Taylor, allowed one.

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THE FOUNDING FIVE... Planning further activities for the South Torrance Baseball League at recent opening game ceremonies were (left to right) Dave Watson, Grant Van Zandt, Tom Coleman, Clyde McArthur, and Pastor Lyle Gangel, directors of the newly formed Junior circuit.

Salton Sea Record Set

Richard Easton, Westmoreland sport fisherman, has become the first person ever to make a verified hook-and-line catch of an ocean corvina from Imperial Valley's Salton Sea. Research biologists working on the California Wildlife Conservation Board project to establish a sport fishery on Salton Sea recently reported that Easton scored his history-making catch late in June at the mouth of Salton Creek, using a shrimp for bait. They report two more verified catches have been made since then.

H. A. Chemnitz, 523 Judy Drive, Redondo Beach, took the second Salton Sea corvina using a bass plug for his lure. Easton scored again early in July, using shrimp. The first two fish taken weighed just under a pound, and the third weighed approximately two pounds. All three fish were examined by the project biologists.

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Long Hitters, Strong Pitchers Win 3 for A.L.L.

After three Little League tournament games the Torrance American All-Stars have compiled an impressive set of team, and individual statistics. The local All-Stars have scored 24 runs in taking three wins, on 26 hits, to the opposition's three safeties. The American team batting average is .366, led by Bob Kittell's individual mark of .625.

Extra Bases
American sluggers have tapped 13 extra base hits, nine homers and four doubles in the three games played.

The slugging portion of the order, Kittell, Jim Cairns, Tom Standley, and Phil Nicholson, has scored 21 runs on 17 hits, nine of these homers. Nicholson holds the top slugging mark, with three homers, and is runner-up in individual batting performance with a .571 average. Standley ranks third in percentage with a .500 mark and is second in slugging with a pair of four-baggers and a double.

Pitching Tops
Cairns is tops in pitching with a no-hit win to his credit, six hitless and scoreless innings, while Ray Walker has pitched 12 frames and allowed but three hits and three runs, being credited with two wins. Walker also has an individual average of .454, while Cairns boasts a batting mark of .444 and two homers.

LONG BLOWS SPARK FIRE STREAK WIN

Fire Dept. A took its tenth Blue Streak win at the expense of the Christian Men by a 6-4 count. The winners were sparked by Sam Martin's triple and Steve Obradovich's double, both blows coming in the fifth inning.

The National Blues stayed within tying distance of the Fire team with a 12-8 win over Local 1135. With the two games remaining, Dept. A must lose both and the Blue win two for a tie. Any combination of a Fire win, or Blues loss will give Blue Streak first place to the pace setters.

Local 1135 took a short lived 8-4 lead in the fifth inning on hits by Charles Waite, St. Whitman, Angei Solis, Cy Bailey, Ed Lochmis, and Richard Garcia. Then the Blues came back with 8 runs in the sixth, while Mike Michael, Mel Swanson, Al Tipton, Wally Williams, Scott Albright and George Ahrendt doing the hitting for the win. Wednesday

Longren took a come from behind 4-3 City League win from Border's Market at Torrance Park with a three run rally in the top of the sixth. Joe Prenevost homered, and Dick New doubled to pace the winners' batting.

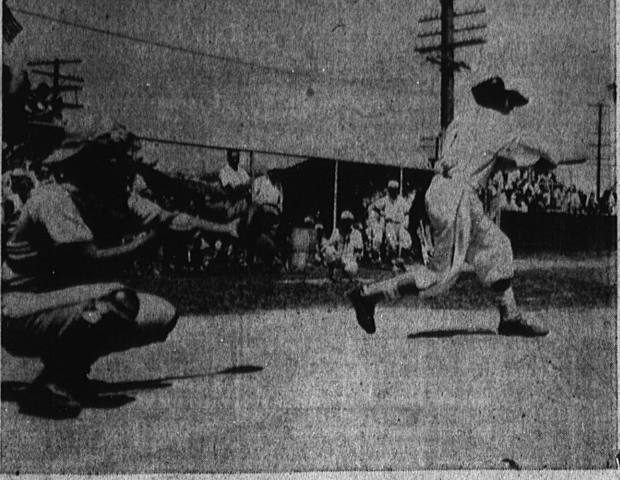
Fire Dept. B took its tenth win to no losses in Blue Streak play on a 6-0 shut out win over the Rotary Club. Ed Graboski homered for the winners, while Bob Moffitt took top pitching honors.

In the second game the American Legion ran over Watteria B.M.C. by an 11-6 margin, Bill Johns hitting a pair of triples for the winners. E. Hobbs hitting one triple and a double, and Rob O'Kain garnering a pair of singles.

Nen Woods, Ernie Ferris, Kriz, Jack Geddes, Don Matthews, Virgil Hancock, John Kudana, and Pat Cooney hit for the losers.

Carl Steele in 23-22 Win Over North Midgets

Carl Steele boys defeated the North High Midgets by a score of 23-22 in McMaster Park Midget League. The Steelers scored 13 runs in the last inning to take the win.



TAKING CUT... Ray Walker, Torrance American lead-off man, swishes air when he takes swing as first batter up in game. He later grounded out. Americans relied on one-hitter by ace Jim Cairns and timely hitting of Richard Gresham in turning back Lomita-Harbor City yesterday, 1-0, for district title. It was Torrance's fourth straight win in tournament play. Walker and Cairns each have notched a pair of victories on the mound.

BLUEBIRD STATISTICS

Player	BATTING RECORDS (BASED ON 25 AT BATS)							
	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	PCT.
Kuhn	14	54	29	28	8	3	1	.518
Cater	12	44	14	22	3	0	2	.500
Roy	13	63	21	28	4	2	2	.444
Johnson	14	56	23	23	2	0	4	.410
Camou, H.	11	48	11	18	7	0	2	.375
Crawford	14	59	16	21	6	0	0	.355
Murphy	13	49	17	17	4	0	2	.346
Vanderpool	13	26	7	7	2	0	0	.269
Strong	13	50	15	12	2	1	0	.240

PITCHING RECORDS

Player	IP	ER	SO	BB	W	L	PCT.	ERA
Schlarb	33	11	37	22	2	0	1.000	2.99
Camou, C.	30	12	23	12	5	0	1.000	3.60
Vanderpool	50	26	80	34	6	1	.857	4.68

Americans Dump Peninsula 6-1

Torrance's American All-Stars moved into the Little League District finals on the three hit pitching of Ray Walker with a 6-1 win over the Peninsula All-Stars Thursday at Dominguez Field.

Walker's pitching job was supported by Jim Cairns' three hits, including a double, at the plate, and a land slide of stolen bases coming from Tom Standley, Phil Nicholson, Doug Perry, Bob Kittell, and Cairns.

Come from Behind
The Americans were forced to come from behind for the win as Peninsula pushed across a run in the first inning and held the locals scoreless until the third.

In the third batting power was stressed as the American's slugging order, Kittell, Cairns, Standley, and Nicholson, came to bat. Kittell singled and went to second as Cairns singled, both scoring on Standley's double, who went to third on the play at home, and then scored on a steal.

Nicholson Scores
Nicholson was walked, as was Perry, both moving to scoring position via the stolen sack route. Nicholson then came home on Appley's single.

The four runs scored in the big third were enough for the win, though two more were added in the fourth when the top of the order made another appearance at the plate.

Kittell Singles, Steals
Kittell singled, stealing second and scoring on Cairn's double, who moved to third on Nicholson's single, then scored on Perry's double.

Following the first inning score, Walker was in complete control of the game, allowing but two, well separated hits, facing only 17 batters in the last five innings.

PENINSULA ALL-STARS							
Player	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	PCT.
Brewster, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Shaw, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Madden, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Williams, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
S. De Vire, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Fain, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Ward, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Blanford, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Pattison, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
K. De Vire, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kennison, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Nicholson, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Perry, J.	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000

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Cairns, J. 2 2 1 1 0 0 0
Nicholson, J. 2 1 1 1 0 0 0

Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER
Inasmuch as next week end will be rodeo time in Torrance, I thought it might be worth while to brief the local novice fans on what they might be seeing in and around the main arena.

According to the Rodeo Cowboy's Assn. there are five standard events of competition in all rodeos, including saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding.

Calf roping is probably the least deadly of all the events. Skill and speed are stressed in the race down the ring, the cast of the loops, and the rapid tie. Most apt to be injured is the contestant's pride, if the calf to be roped turns out to be one of those shifty, low-type calves that skitter and dodge all over the place, requiring a long and embarrassing chase around the arena.

In steer wrestling all the cowboy has to do is dive from a galloping horse over the horns of a running steer, then grab those same horns and toss the reluctant beast on its side. Not much of a challenge if you have a complete disregard for life and a few limbs.

The final standard event is bull riding, a sport which probably would never catch on among bull fighting aficionados. The riders are mounted, temporarily, on immigrant-type Brahma bulls. The ride lasts eight seconds, sometimes, and is only the first part of the rider's adventures. The getting off and to safety part of the event often provides more excitement than the actual ride.

All in all, the action going on in the arena will be some of the toughest to hit Torrance since the RCA cowboys and the rodeo animals mixed it up last year.

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