

FIRE TEAM 'A' NABS BLUE STREAK TITLE

Crush Local 1135 20-8 In Final Game

Fire Department A smashed through to the 1956 Blue Streak championship with an overwhelming 20-8 win over Local 1135. To all intents the result of the game was determined in the first three innings as the Firemen ran up 13 runs.

The eight Local scores came on a six run rally in the bottom of the third and two in the fourth frame.

Bob Obradovich swung the big bat for the winners with a double, three singles, and two runs in five at bats. The Local's Angie Solis had the longest hit of the evening, a lead-off homer in the fourth.

Blues Undisputed

The National Blues took undisputed possession of the second spot in league standings with an 11-1 win over the Lutheran Men. Al Tipton homered for the Blues, while George Ahrendt, Wally Williams, Pee Wee Jones, and Jimmy Carlin were poking out doubles, a pair of the twin sackers credited to Jones. Carlin and Jones shared top hit honors for the evening, both slugging coming up with three for four marks.

The game was won for the Blues in the second inning, as Carlin and Dave Golden crossed the plate. An insurance run was tallied in the third, then ice was well distributed in the fifth as six more scores poured in.

WEDNESDAY

Final play in the City League had Potter's Local 218 moving into a play-off game with Pittsburg Paints on the basis of a 7-0 shut-out win over Longren Aeros.

Both Potter's and Pittsburg completed the regular City season with 10-4 records.

Hank Olson pitched a two-hitter for the Potters' win, while D. Thomas and C. Hamm provided the necessary batting power. Thomas hit a homer in

the fourth, while Hamm socked a two run triple in the third.

Dick New pitched a fine game for Longren, allowing but three hits for the seven inning match. Olson had a game mark of 15 strikeouts, while New chalked up seven.

Other City Game

The only other City League contest went to Gladding McBean, by forfeit, over Rome Cable. The win, coupled with Longren's loss, put Gladding into a tie for third place in final standings with the Aeros.

Over in Service Club play Fire Department B ran up a 12-1 count over the Kiwanis Club, thus assuring them at least a tie for top spot in final results. The only team with a statistical chance of finishing even with the Fire outfit is the Optimist Club.

Moffitt Missed

Pitcher Moffitt, missed a shutout win in the fourth inning as Clyde Baumgartner scored for the Kiwanis on Jay Barrington's double. Second baseman Ward had a big night at the plate for Department B with a pair of doubles and a triple in four at bats.

In the only other Service Club game played, the Rotary Club moved into a three way tie for third place in league standings with a 4-0 win at the expense of the Junior Chamber team.

Scoring Monopolized

George Post and Bob Leach monopolized the Rotary scoring, each coming home with a run twice, both in the first inning, and again in the second. John Tweedy twirled the five hit, shut out win for the Rotarians.

Due to an error on the part of the HERALD's stacion, Columbia E.R.A.'s Blue Streak team was not included in the league's published standings last Thursday. At that time Columbia was in a four way tie for third place in the league with a six win, and seven loss record.



MINOR CHAMPS . . . Members of the Torrance National Minor Little League Cardinals pose after winning the 1956 city minor league championship in play against the top teams of the American, North Torrance and Pacific minor teams. Front row (kneeling, left to right): Jerry, George Crandell, Billy Armstrong, Pat Lynch, Bruce Corder, Steve Combs, John Weston, and Dale Wilson. Rear row (standing, left to right): Ronnie Van Dyke, Jack Bynum, manager; Joe McManus, Dennis Albright, Gerry McLean, Tommy Cooper, Terry Taylor, Don Caughlin Jr., Don Caughlin Sr., manager, and Tommy Watson.

Standings

GIRLS SOFTBALL		BLUE STREAK		SERVICE CLUB		CITY LEAGUE	
Trojans	W 10	Fire Department A	12	Fire Department B	12	Pittsburg Paints	10
National Blues	7	National Blues	10	Optimist Club	10	Potter's 218	10
Duffers	6	Christian Men	6	Rotary Club	7	Longren Aeros	9
Esabes	5	Columbia E.R.A.	7	Lions Club	7	Gladding McBean	9
Hot Shots	4	Torrance Gardens	6	American Legion	5	Rome Club	7
Esabes	3	Ludgeran Men	6	Junior Chamber	4	Borders Market	6
Alphas	3	Esabes Club	5	Kiwanis Club	4	Alden Equipment	6
Esabes	3	Local 1135	3	Walteria B.M.C.	0	National Guard	6
Stripes	3	Games behind the leader	11	Games behind the leader	12	Games behind the leader	14

Nat Minor Cards Top N.T. Trojans For City Crown

Terry Taylor and Dennis Albright teamed up on the mound to lead the Cardinals of the National Minor Little League to a 12-5 win over the Trojans of the North Torrance Minor Little League, and the city minor league championship.

Timely hitting by Jerry McLean and Billy Armstrong aided the Cards in taking down the win.

The Cardinals got to the finals by defeating the American Minor Dodgers 2-1 in a first round game, while the Trojans eliminated the Pacific Minor Little League's Solons in their play-off opener.

Cardinal spokesmen credit much of the minor champions' success to the support afforded the team by Dean Stewart's organization of a cheering section.

BLUEBIRDS TOP PETE'S TORTILLAS

The Bluebirds barely got over their first hurdle in the Southern California Municipal Baseball Tournament Wednesday as they pushed across three runs in the eighth, and final inning, to edge Tortilla Pete's nine 6-5 at Will Rogers Playground.

A near-riot almost ended the game in the top of the eighth, the locals' big frame, but wound up with the shortstops of both teams ordered from the contest.

Jack Schlarb was credited with the mound win for the Bluebirds, twirling the first six innings and amassing a 3-1 lead before being relieved by Charlie Samou for the final two frames.

Larry Roy and Swayne Johnson shared top Bird bat marks, both tapping twin singles in five at bats. Bob Carter had the longest local poke, a double, while Schlarb aided the hitting cause with a single.

Next Bluebird match is scheduled for this afternoon, their last Harbor League game, with Shell Chemical, at Torrance Park. Action is slated to start at 2 p.m.

TORRANCE HERALD Sports

BLUETTES SCORE BIG 7-3 WIN OVER TROJANS

Girls Softball standings tightened up as the second place National Bluettes dropped the leading Trojans by a 7-3 margin to draw within one game of top spot in the league standings.

Betty Rogers was the big difference in the two teams as she led her Bluettes mates at the plate with a triple and one run in two at bats, while holding down the mound job, limiting the Trojans to five hits.

Esabes improved their place in league standings with a 15-10 win over the Alphas. Judy Clements hit a home run for the Esabes, while Dot Nelson and Dot Searles poked round trippers for the losers.

The Duffers moved into a second place tie with the Bluettes off a 12-7 win over the Bruins. Dock Graham took credit for the pitching win.

twirling a two hitter, having only momentary control difficulty in the fourth inning, allowing four runs to score on six walks.

The Hot Shots kept moving on the leaders with a 7-0 shut-out win over the Stripes.

According to league officials the game played last week between the Alphas and Trojans was won by the Trojans on a forfeit, due to the play of an ineligible player for the Alphas.

Half Million Golden Trout Eggs Collected

Fish and Game crews have collected 558,000 golden trout eggs at the Cottonwood Lakes station in Inyo County this summer. They will be hatched at Mt. Whitney hatchery and the resulting fingerlings planted in golden trout waters.

Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Harry Van Bellehem, local Recreation Dept. director, and his rally-committee colleagues of the Harbor Sports Car Club perpetrated a traumatic experience upon Torrance area sports car enthusiasts last night.

Harry (and fellow fiends, invited rallyists to participate in the Harbor group's Anniversary Poker Rally. The victims gathered at 229th and Narbonne at 7 p.m., for final instructions before they departed on their wild flight into the night.

At this point it might be wise to offer some explanation as to what is, or makes up, a power rally. The answer is as obvious as the question. It is a driving event in which the contestants must use all their driving skill, stamina, nerve, and ingenuity to get to five specified points and draw a card at each point, the five cards selected forming a poker hand. From that point on sheer chance determines the ultimate winner, as high hands take home the trophy.

Problem was, in Van Bellehem's rally, the run was at night, flashlights were needed and permission was granted for first arrivals at the points of drawing to "move" the remaining cards within a radius of 50 feet of the original location.

After fighting their way across Torrance, through the high road and by-ways of Palos Verdes, over the hills, past Portuguese Bend, the successful, and hardest, surviving enthusiasts found their way to San Pedro, where revivifying refreshments were served at the home of Dorothy Zane, thus the anniversary portion of the rally was fulfilled.

All in all, it was quite an evening for the pilots and navigators of the imported fun cars.

Pitt, Potters Meet In City League Playoff

Play-off game for the City League championship between Pittsburg Paints and Potter's 218 is scheduled to be played tomorrow night at Torrance Park, action slated to start at 8 p.m.

Both clubs wound up the regular City season with duplicate 10 wins and four loss records.

Potter's moved into the extra game off a 7-0 win over Longren Aeros, making up a match that had originally been scheduled for July 4. Both Longren and Potter's went into the make-up with even marks, 9-4, with the winner slated to meet Pittsburg for the title.

Pitt started the first-round of City play with a loss, but reached the end of the round with a 5-2 mark. They reached their final game of the season with a 10-3 record, but lost to Potter's in a close 4-1 ball game.

Potter's also reached the end of the first round of play with a 5-2 mark, then lost a game on a double forfeit to the National Guard, but came on to move into the playoff in their final games.

The teams met twice during the regular season, Pitt taking the first round fray 5-3, then dropping the crucial second round meet 4-1.

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MISS PADDEBOARD . . . Curvaceous Shirley Witty, selected as Miss Paddleboard for the Manhattan Beach International Paddleboard Race, poses with Bob Hogan, originator and entrant in the competition, and one of the curvaceous 14-foot racing boards. Miss Witty is to the left, and Hogan to the right of the paddleboard.

Legion Bombs Norco, 13-1

Ron Anderson went to the mound for the local Legion baseball team in the first game at the Anaheim Tournament, allowed the first man to face him in the first inning to poke a single, but from that point

on was untouchable in the safe-ton department as he pitched Torrance to a 13-1 win over Norco.

Bob Clifford, three for four, Stan Fittinger, two for two, and Anderson, two for four, were the heavy hitters in the local batting order.

Torrance ran up a quick 4-1 lead in the abbreviated time limit game, then added nine more scores in a big fourth inning rally to cinch the win.

NET CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

According to club officials, membership of the Torrance Riviera Tennis Club has passed the 100 mark. Organized shortly after the construction of the tennis courts at El Retiro Park, the group has expanded from an informal gathering into one of the largest racquet clubs in the South Bay area.

One of the functions of the club is to offer tennis instruction, free of charge, for any enthusiasts. Every Monday at 3 p.m., Lynn Moss, club president, instructs beginners, regardless of age, in the fundamentals of the game. On Tuesday at 9 a.m., Joan Skinner and Pearl Brooks, stand-out club players, engage in additional instruction.

Future plans for the club include entry in the mid-cities tournament. Other member cities include Long Beach, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, and others. Tentative plans

Paddleboard Race Planned

Over 25 contestants from around the world will meet next Sunday in the Manhattan Beach International Paddleboard Race. The Paddleboarders will leave Catalina Island before dawn in a grueling drive for top honors in the annual contest atop 14 foot boards.

Last year's winner covered the distance in slightly over eight hours.

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce officials announced that Shirley Witty, winner of the Miss California title in the recent Miss Universe Contest, will reign as queen of the event.

Officials also announced that Governor Knight and Representative Cecil King are expected to be on hand for the finish of the cross-Channel race.

call for tourney competition to start early next month.

Tennis Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday each month in the recreation building at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista de Parque.

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