

Sports

Crucial Baseball Contest Pits EC Against Vikes

Chuck Freeman's El Camino College horsehiders, winners of six and losers of four conference contests, will face the four squads which trounced them as they head toward the season's end.

Today the Indians take the warpath to Long Beach for a loop encounter that should figure heavy in the standings. The Vikings are currently holding down second place.

LBC beat the Tribe 8-1 in an earlier clash.

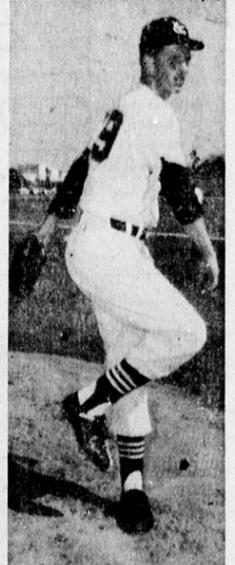
Dennis Shaves, fastballer from Lennox High, should get the starting call. Last outing Shaves fired a nifty fourth-inning shutout against Santa Monica.

El Camino, with a 6-4 conference mark and a 16-9 season record, meets Bakersfield Saturday (May 6) on the Warrior diamond. In the first round the Renegades edged ECC in a 3-2 thriller.

Freeman's nine also have Valley and San Diego remaining on trip.

Last week the Warriors received scoreless pitching from its mound staff with Shaves and Ted Sprague hurling shut-out ball.

Sprague tossed his gem against L. A. Harbor (Friday) with the Indians pounding out eight hits to score two runs. Sprague held the Hawks to only three well-spaced hits. It was his second shut-out of the season.



TED SPRAGUE
Warrior shut out ace

Sprague's first shut-out was against East LA in the first Conference encounter.

Shaves picked up his first shut-out of the year when the Tribe trounced Santa Monica 12-0.

PacAm 'Ruth' League to Open Here on May 13

Formal opening exercises of the Pacific American Babe Ruth League for the 1961 season will be May 13, 8 a.m., at South High School in Torrance. For the opening ceremonies, guests of honor will be Frank Kellaher, former Hollywood star, and Johnny Lindell, former Yankee pitcher.

First game of the season will be between last year's first place and runner-up teams, the Red Sox and Orioles. This will be followed by a full slate of games.

A new policy of weekend games will be followed this year, with three games on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. and on Sundays beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Colt League Slates Final Test Saturday

Final try-outs for the Torrance Colt League have been scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at the North High School field. Boys who are 15 and 16 as of Sept. 1, 1961, are eligible to play in the league, a spokesman said.

Play in the four team loop is scheduled to begin on Saturday, June 3. All games will be played at North High.

The league is composed of two teams from Torrance and two from Gardena. One manager is still needed for a Gardena team.

The Colt League is designed to offer baseball experience to graduates of the city's Pony Leagues.

Babe Ruth Opens Season On Saturday

The Torrance Babe Ruth League will open its eighth season here Saturday with ceremonies at Del Amo Field, Plaza Del Amo near Western Ave., beginning at 12 noon.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas McCarthy of Nativity Catholic Church and the Rev. Gilbert S. Zimmerman of the First Methodist Church of Torrance will participate in the opening ceremonies, according to Bill Nesenson, spokesman for the league.

Guests, dignitaries, sponsors, managers, and league officials will be introduced. Among guests of honor will be Donnell Cook, Babe Ruth baseball queen, and her princesses, Linda Belles, Janene Brown, Diana Huggins, and Patricia Brislin.

Opens Year On Saturday

Torrance Little League opening day is May 6th 11:30 a.m. at their two diamond field at 5417 Halison St. A motorcade will start at 10 a.m. at Talisman and Carmelyn in Torrance.

Wood, Heath Favored Saturday In Ascot Thirty Lap Main Event

Big car racing returns to Ascot Park Saturday night (May 6) with a field of more than 40 top California Racing Association pilots staging an inaugural eight-event racefest starting at 8:30 p.m. to kick off the official 1961 season.

Racing Director Tony Coldewey listed a two-hour long, action-packed program for the big speedway type-racers, topped by a 30-lap main event for the 14 fastest cars. All starts are inverted.

The evening's festivities get under way with a 3-lap trophy dash, followed by four 5-lap heat races and a 12-car, 15-lap semi main.

Favored to haul down the checkered flag will be several ace CRA chauffeurs, with Hollywood's Johnny Wood in his Chevy powered speedster and on-armed veteran Allen Heath of Northridge in another Chevy bomb ruling as top choices.

Others in contention will be Eagle Rock's Colby Scroggins in an Offy-powered special, North Hollywood's Clay Robbins in another powerful Chevy, San Bernardino's Don Melton in an Offy and Napa's Bill Sullivan in a Chevy.

The program will be the first in a Saturday night series of big car events at the popular 183rd and Vermont, half-mile dirt speedway. Last year the CRA powerhouse proved to be one of the most popular forms of auto racing ever offered at Ascot, and Director Coldewey anticipates a banner season this year.

Pintos Open With Victory

A large crowd was in attendance last Sunday at Kissel Field as all six teams opened the 1961 Pacific-Riviera Pony baseball league.

The favored Pintos defeated the Roans 2-1 on a perfectly operated bunt on a third strike by Mike Montgomery. After Bill Desmond and Tim Fitzpatrick singled and both advanced on a pass ball, Montgomery's bunt was thrown in the dirt and both men scored. Roans scored their lone run in the seventh on Pearson's walk, a stolen base and an error.

Ray Allen on the mound for the winners, allowed just two singles while striking out eleven. Dale St. John for the Roans, struck out thirteen and gave up four hits.

The Wranglers and Colts also played a tight one, with the Colts edging the Wranglers 2-0. Bill Beasley pitched a one hitter for the Colts, striking out 14 men and Doug Harvey allowed four hits and had 8 strikeouts.

An error and singles by Rod Coleman and Buddy White accounted for the first run. A walk and a double by Darrell Kirkkruff ended the scoring.

The niteca saw the hitters go to work as the Broncos outslugged the Mustangs 12-8.



HAPPY ANGLERS... Five members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club are shown with three of the marlin they took off the tip of Baja California in a four-day fishing jaunt there last week. From left with catches are Homer Morgan, Charles Goodale, James Giacalone, Paul Shinoda, and Lyle Bain.

Five Torrance Anglers Each Return With Marlin

Five members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club could hold out their arms to the limit and still not stretch their yarns an inch when they tell their associates this week about the fish they caught.

Each of them caught a marlin during a flying trip to Baja California last week on a fishing expedition.

Returning with glowing accounts of the fishing at the Bahia De Palmas, about 70 miles below La Paz on the tip of Baja California were Lyle Bain, James Giacalone, Charles Goodale, Homer Morgan, and Paul Chinoda, all Torrance businessmen and members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

IT WAS THE second year to the Bahia De Palmas for several of the anglers, and, judging from the accounts, it won't be the last.

"We flew down from Hawthorne Airport in about 6 1/2

VIRGIL



By Lew K. ...

RIVETS



By George Lutz

RED RYDER



By Fred ...

Little League Gets Opening For Saturday

Opening day ceremonies for the Torrance American Little League will be held at Del Amo Field, Plaza Del Amo near Western Ave., Saturday following the annual Torrance Baseball Day Parade. League President Frank Tuttle will be master of ceremonies for the Mrs. Joyce Clay, once a child star in the "Little Rascals" series, will open the program by singing the National Anthem, according to Ruth Lingo, spokesman for the league.

Cub Scouts of Pack 966-C sponsored by the Meadow Park PTA, and honor guards of Girl Scouts from Troop 610 sponsored by Nativity School, will conduct a flag ceremony for the opening festivities. The Scouts will be under the direction of Arden Landerville.

The Rev. William Schatz, pastor of the Seaside Community Church, is scheduled to give the invocation.

Councilman George Vico, former major league and Hollywood Stars player, will be guest speaker.

Rampaging Spartans Annihilate Hapless Leuzinger Horsehiders

After dropping its first five league contests, South High has come back to win five of the last six tilts. The Spartans added another to the streak on Tuesday when they romped over Leuzinger by an 11-4 margin.

Bashing out 13 hits, one a home run by Tom Standley, South kept its comeback string alive and added hope for a possible sixth place finish in the Bay League and a bid to the CIF.

Lary Thomas worked six innings on the mound for the Spartans scattering six hits. Eric Spellman relieved Thomas in the sixth frame.

Big inning for the Spartans was the fourth when they drove over five runs to ice the contest. The third inning produced three runs for SHS and gave it a lead that was never relinquished.

There are currently five teams ahead of South in the League Standings. During the final games of the season, the Spartans meet four of these squads.

South still has a chance to finish second in the league. Morningside High has a tie for first already won up and has only to win one of its remaining three games to take the undisputed championship.

Stock Cars Go Saturday On Western Speedway Oval

Jim Cook, Norwalk will be after his second win in a row this Sunday afternoon, in the ten event, CJA Stock Car races at Gardena's Western Speedway.

Cook switched to a Dodge for the Stocks last outing two weeks ago, and won easily over the fifty car field. Previously he had driven Oldsmobiles, winning two features at the start of the year. But for the last two months he had tasted defeat at the hands of "Wild Bill Foster" of San Fernando, who also handles Oldsmobiles. The switch in mounts made the difference and Cook came home the winner.

This Sunday, Cook will come up against stiff competition including Bill Foster with four wins, Marvin Henis, Sylmar, with one main event win; Dick Cook, Lakewood, 1960 Champion; and Arley Scranton, Compton, one lap track holder, and second in 1960 points. Racing begins at 2:30 p.m. preceded by time trials at 1:00 p.m.

Other drivers entered include: Gabby Garrison, Long Beach; Dave Hubert, Huntington Park; Jimmy Jack, San Fernando; Bing Warner, Artesia; Cliff Fagot, Torrance; Conney Burdett, Glendale; Dick Rogers, Burbank; Bill St.

Cycle Champ Goes at Ascot

National dirt rack motorcycle champion Al Gunter of Los Angeles, who found the groove in smashing four track records last week, is rated the rider to beat in tomorrow night's 14-event program at Ascot Park, 183rd and Vermont.

Racing starts at 8:30 o'clock with the big field taking potshots at Gunter's new qualifying one-lap record of 23:26 starting at 7 p.m.

It's a big week for the popular two-wheelers at Ascot with J. C. Agajanian staging one of the always spectacular TT carnivals Sunday afternoon, May 7. The first race goes at 8:30 p.m. with qualifying at 8:00 p.m.

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