

RUTH NINE TAKE TOURNEY TITLE

Blue Loop Champs Nip Just For Fun

Torrance Tappa Keggas Slo-Pitch Softball team defeated the Just For Fun team by a 5-3 score, at Torrance Park Wednesday evening to capture the Torrance City Championship for the third consecutive year.

The game climaxed a series of play-off games among the championship teams of five

leagues participating in the Torrance Recreation Dept.'s program.

Just For Fun, Red League champs, defeated the Rambling Rees, City Employees League winners, in a semi-final game in Torrance Park Monday, by a 5-2 count. Bob Hoff, J. F. F. second baseman, boomed a sharp home run down the left field line in the sixth inning of this game and John Ferstead, Rees rightfielder, clobbered a seventh frame triple to center, to account for the only extra base hits in the game.

Both Al Hunt, of the winners and Red Moon, of the losers, allowed but five hits to opponent batsmen.

In the losers bracket game Monday, Union Carbide nailed down fourth place as Don Cole pitched a five-hit shutout over St. Lawrence, Black League champions.

Bryan Stephens tossed a six hitter for the Tappas in the championship game, as teammates garnered nine singles off J.F.F.'s Al Hunt. Batters Al Hunt and Bob Hoff hit 2 for 3 apiece for the losers. Duplicating the feat was Chuck Schoendienst, Ray Magnante and Dick Stuets for the winners.

Tappa Keggas Take Gardena League Title

Torrance Tappa Keggas, winners of the Blue League and seeded finalists for the Torrance City Slo-Pitch Championship annexed the Gardena City Championship this past week.

The Keggas defeated the VFW of Gardena 7-3, to cop the crown. Both teams were undefeated in league play. A three run homer by Gil Matthews and a two run circuit clout by Bill Echols in the sixth inning clinched the victory. The Keggas completed their Gardena schedule with nine straight victories bringing their overall four year record to 106 wins and only 8 losses.

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VFW: Gurski and Ortiz; Tappa Keggas: Ryan, Stephens, and Morris, Stuets.

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NEW CHAMPS . . . Recent winners of the Westchester Tournament of Champions is the Del Amo Field Babe Ruth League squad. Front row, left to right: Duane Schoper, Doug Shopper, Rod Larenzen, Darrill Sturnacle, Phil Orof-

ton, Tom Gibbons and Riek Engle. Back row, left to right: Joe Venable, manager; Ernie Clayton, John Hodler, Mike Prichard, Mike Blankenship, Glen Paquin, Don Coll, Rod White and Karl Raudell.

Torrance Team Captures Tournament of Champions

Ernie Clayton executed a perfect bunt to drive in the lone run of the game and give the Torrance Babe Ruth Dodgers a 1 to 0 victory over the Westchester Cubs in the finals of the Tournament of Champions in Westchester.

For the Dodgers, the tourney

crown came on top of their win in the Torrance All City Babe Ruth Championships.

Competing against 15 teams from all parts of Southern California, the Dodgers scored 20 runs on 28 hits and played errorless ball. The limited their opponents to 6 runs on 11 hits

while their foes were committing six errors.

In the championship tilt, the Dodgers capitalized on a walk, an error, a sacrifice and Clayton's perfect bunt to earn the title.

Charger Victory Finishes Season For Girls' Loop

Closing out the summer undefeated on Tuesday night at Waleria Park, the Chargers climaxed a most successful season by edging the Tabs 4 to 3. This proved to be their most difficult win, and thereby all the sweeter.

Trailing 0 to 4 in the fourth inning, the Tabs scored three runs on three walks and a double. The only extra base hit was a double by the Tabs' catcher, Berit Johnson. Carol Soto, right fielder for the Chargers, had a perfect night at the plate: two singles and she also scored twice.

The winning pitcher was Lela Burns and the defeat was hung on Dee Purrier.

Also on Tuesday night, the Debs defeated the Rookies 24 to 2. This game featured a home run by Barbara Alexander and two triples by Donna Alexander, both of the Debs.

As a team, the Debs collected a total of 11 hits, but it took a member of the Rookies to pull the best fielding of the game.

Vickie Evans, playing right field, came charging in on a dead run, made a dive to her right, and caught the ball.

The winning pitcher was Diane James, and Lynda Gunn was the loser.

Thursday, at McMaster Park, the Tabs hung a 16 to 9 loss on the Debs. The game featured the long ball by both teams.

For the lovers, Donna Alexander, playing short stop, had a home run, two triples and a double. On the winner's side, Linda Vieth, center fielder, came through with two home runs and a single. The catcher, Berit Johnson, also contributed two doubles and a single.

The Tabs' second baseman, Eileen Williams, came up with a nifty fielding play by going high in the air and robbing Ann Bisou of a hit. The winning pitcher was Evelyn Garcia and Jan Salby was charged with the loss.

FINAL STANDINGS		W	L
Chargers	.....	11	0
Debs	.....	9	2
Debs	.....	8	6
Debs	.....	7	7
Rookies	.....	1	10
Spartettes	.....	1	10

MIKE BLANKENSHIP, the winning chucker, struck out eight and walked three. The Dodgers bashed only three hits, but five free passes and three errors contributed to their cause.

Don Coll of the Torrance team was voted the most valuable player of the tournament and was presented with a special trophy.

Following the game, first place trophies were awarded to: Blankenship, Clayton, Coll, Rod White, Mike Prichard, Pete White and the bat boy, Duane Schaper, Douglas Schaper, Darril Sturnacle, Carl Randall, Tommy Tibbens, Rod Lorenzen, Rex Dreher, Gary Fulton, Lloyd Gilstrap, the manager Joe Venable, the coaches Harry Theodosis and John Randall.

Twelve Fanned By Richardson In Devils' Win

Tom Richardson fanned 12 men as the Torrance Red Devils, playing only a five inning contest due to a two-hour time limit, nudged San Pedro 3 to 2.

Richardson allowed four hits while the Red Devils were collecting only three.

Larry Denhart drove John Cambon in with the only Red Devil run of the game and the Compton Colts managed to shove two across to come away with a 2 to 1 victory.

Carey Hubert was saddled with the loss. He struck out five and allowed four hits. Eight Red Devils fanned in defeat. The Torrance nine managed to scrape up four hits.

Two Sky Diving Enthusiasts Seek To Organize Local Parachute Club

For almost as long as he has inhabited the earth, man has wanted to fly like the birds. Throughout the centuries, many men have tried attempting to fly and the fables are numerous about man and his attempts to imitate the birds.

With the invention of the airplane by the Wright brothers, man saw in dream of the ages focus into partial fulfillment, but it still was not quite right. He could fly, but still not really like a bird. So with the invention of parachutes there came into being a new sport — sky diving.

The point of sky diving is to make as many maneuvers as possible through movement of arms and body after leaving the plane and before opening the parachute at approximately 2000 feet for a safe landing.

An ardent enthusiast Ray Fisher proclaims, "A sky diver can do anything a bird can do but go up."

Fisher and Art Jarrell are attempting to form a club known as the South Bay Sky Divers. They believe their sport can not be matched for thrills.

Those wishing to join the club may contact Fisher at DA 9-7168 and Jarrell at FR 6 1208.

Participants meet at the Lake Elsinore airport, where planes are available for parachutists. Divers pay \$3 to jump from 3500 feet and an additional 50 cents for each extra 1000 feet.

From a height of 5000 feet in free fall, a jumper will reach a speed of 122 miles per hour before opening his chute. During the free fall, a sky diver can do many things including rolls, turning and gliding.

Once the chute is opened, the actual sport has just begun since a prime object of the parachutist is to land on a designated spot marked by a cross. The closer the diver comes to the center of the cross, the more skillful he is.

Regardless of the apparent danger of the sport, it is con-

sidered to be no more dangerous than skiing, and the few accidents that do occur are usually the result of a failure to observe one or more of the fairly simple rules.



COMING DOWN . . . Beginning his lengthy journey back to earth, a sky-diving enthusiast bails out of the plane. The parachutist will free fall, gliding and stunting before opening his chute at about 2000 feet for a safe landing.

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