

Devils Capture Connie Mack Title

Christmas came early for the Torrance Red Devils, and the new South Bay Connie Mack League champions welcomed Santa Claus with open arms.

Old Saint Nick appeared in the person of a bungle-happy Torrance Bullet team that committed nine errors and allowed the Red Devils to break a year-long deadlock with an 11-7 triumph on Saturday and walk away with the Connie Mack title.

The Red Devils will hope for another Yule present this Saturday when they meet Compton at 8:30 p.m. at Blair Field in Long Beach to begin the Southern California playoffs.

If the Red Devils win, they will play at 8:30 p.m. Monday at Blair Field. Should they lose, they will play on Blair Field at 12:30 Monday.

Gary Butcher started and lasted through five frames for the Red Devils to notch the win before approximately 600 fans under the lights at Torrance Park. Butcher fanned five and walked one.

Don Coil came on in relief for the winners and struck out 10, walking three and allowing only one hit. All told, the Bullets collected only two hits.

It was just the opposite for the Red Devils as they pounced two Bullet hurlers for eight hits, including a triple by John Cambon and doubles by Rick Ganulin and Joe Burton.

Jay Baker threw the first four frames for the losers, allowed two hits and walked six. Larry Bradshaw came off the bench in the fourth with the bases loaded and no outs. The All-City chucker from Gardena gave up six hits the rest of the game, two in the fourth.

Baker struck out only two men while Bradshaw fanned seven and walked one.

John Marsden drove in the only earned Bullet run with a sixth-inning double.

Seven players hit safely for the well-balanced Red Devils, but when it was all said and done, the new champs scored eight unearned runs due to the Bullet errors.

Steve Woody, Ganulin and Cambon recorded RBIs for the Red Devils. Cambon, who went 2 for 4, was the only Devil to hit safely twice.

Although they knew the crown was already out of reach, the Bullets pulled themselves together on Sunday and earned the second place position with a 9-3 triumph against the Rancho Giants.

Dodger All-Star Jon Beck continued his winning streak against Rancho by throwing a nine-hitter, fanning 10 and walking three. Beck was relieved in the eighth inning by Jim Jensen, who fanned four and did not walk a man.

Torrance rapped in five runs during the first frame and never faltered, adding a single tally in the third and three more runs in the fourth frame to cinch the win.

Bob Trevathan, with a double, was the only Bullet to club an extra base hit. Trevathan led the 12-hit Bullet offensive by going 3 for 4 at the plate. John Treece, Marsden, Bill Graves and Derry Deravin each clubbed two hits for the winners.

Graves led the Bullets in RBIs with three while Marsden drove in two runs and Treece, Mike Brooks, Marty Morris and Deravin were responsible for one tally.

Next in line for the Bullets will be the Compton Connie Mack Invitational Tournament which will be played at Compton Municipal Stadium (Cressy Park) at 1100 W. Rosecrans Ave. in Compton.

The Tournament will start for Torrance on Aug. 12.

Bullet mentor Bob Prior boasted one of the youngest teams in the South Bay Connie Mack League the past season. Even though the Bullets will lose six 18-year-olds next year, Prior will still have twelve 18-year-olds returning. During the season, the youthful club won 15 and lost three.

In league action, the Bullets built up a 10-2 record while in non-league contests, Torrance finished with a 5-1 record.

Under the managing of Bo Palica, the Red Devils turned in an 11-1 record, easily good enough for first place against every other club but the Bullets.

The Devils will now attempt to duplicate Culver City's 1961 feat. Culver captured the South Bay crown and then went all the way to pick up the national championship.

SLO-PITCH RESULTS

MONDAY LEAGUE
Port of Call 12, Columbia Construction 0
Paul's Impalas 8, Party House Raiders 7
Torrance Elks Club 3, Breezers 2
Breezers 7, Paul's Impalas 0
Torrance Elks Club 8, Columbia Construction Co. 0
Party House Raiders 10, Port of Call 9

FRIDAY LEAGUE
Rick's Bar 9, Hollywood-Riviera Sportsmen 8
Gardena Comets over Torrance P.O.A. (forfeit)
Knight Owls 6, Rambling Rees 5
Rick's Bar over Knight Owls (forfeit)
Rambling Rees over Torrance P.O.A. (forfeit)
Gardena Comets 8, Hollywood-Riviera Sportsmen 2

CHURCH SOFTBALL
Redondo First Baptist 12, Palos Verdes First Baptist 4
Torrance First Baptist 6, Torrance Church of God 5 (protest allowed—game to be replayed)
Resurrection Lutheran 9, King's Men 3
Torrance First Lutheran 8, Calvary Assembly 7
North Redondo Chapel 4, Ascension Lutheran 3
Compton Assembly of God 14, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 9

OPEN SOFTBALL
Torrance Bears 2, Local #905 0
Magnavox over Aerona Manufacturing (forfeit)

TUESDAY LEAGUE
Unpredictables 4, Mobil #12 2
Warriors 9, King Pipe 3
Touchables 6, Fire Fighters "A" 2

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE
Mobil #2 9, Fire Fighters "B" 2
Computer Science Corp. 11, Rose Bud Dairy 10
Falcons 12, Edison Co. 3

THURSDAY LEAGUE
Torrance Lions Club 2, St. Lawrence Redondo Angels 2, South Torrance Lions Club 2
Torrance Kiwanis Club 4, St. Johns 3

EL NIDO LEAGUE
South Bay Church of God 10, Torrance Optimist Club 0
Park Dept. 11, Los Caposols 0
Throwaways 16, King's Men 2

INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL
Allresearch 3, Harvey Aluminum Co. 0
R. C. Mason 7, Mobil Oilers 5
Sole Steel 6, Vickers 3
South Bay Church of God over Harbor Hornets (forfeit)

OPEN SOFTBALL
Torrance Douglas over Local #1547 (forfeit)
Soaring 60s over Laven Insurance Co. (forfeit)



STEVE GRADY

1962 - C.I.F. SOUTHLAND'S 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' WILL BE TEARING UP THAT COLISEUM TURF IN THE SHRINE NORTH-SOUTH BATTLE, THURSDAY NIGHT - AUG 1...

FOR SHEER BRUTE POWER AND SPEED, HE'S IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF... 6 FOOT, 203 POUNDS OF BONE CRUNCHING FORCE...

Pony Loop Will Host Six Teams

North Torrance Pony League will continue to host the District Pony League playoffs through this weekend at Garrett Field, located on 190th Street and Arlington in Torrance.

Tournament play began Saturday and will continue through Sunday with seven leagues participating. Playing in the double elimination all-star tourney are Knothole, Aviation, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale and Gardena Pony leagues in addition to North Torrance.

Today and tomorrow there will be single games at 5:45 p.m. while on Saturday and Sunday there will be double-headers.

Frank Lesser is the district representative with Elwin Rooker as his assistant. Ed Sharp has taken care of the local arrangements for the tournament. Sharp is president of North Torrance Pony League.

Midgets Will Race Saturday

A wide open 50-lap main event is the prospect for Saturday night's United States Auto Club championship midget car program at Ascot Park, Gardena, with 46 drivers battling for the 18 starting positions.

Indianapolis driver and Pikes Peak record holder Bobby Unser of Albuquerque, N.M., Billy Cantrell of Anaheim, Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, one-armed wonder Allen Heath of Northridge, and Bobby Hogle of Buena Park are in the field with fast 110 Offys in the tossup race.

Racing on the dirt quarter-mile oval starts at 8:30 with one-lap qualifying at 7 p.m.



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Pacific Ends Season With Tourney Defeat

El Segundo put together four runs in the fifth inning of a District 4 playoffs contest to knock Pacific American out of the Babe Ruth tournament with a 7-4 win. Bob Holt of El Segundo gave up seven hits, struck out nine and walked one as he went the full seven frames for the victory. Pacific American went with Steve French and Dale Reis on the mound. French started, went the initial four and one-third frames, and absorbed the loss. He allowed four hits, struck out two and walked one.

REIS WAS touched for five hits, one walk and he struck out one in relief.

All told, El Segundo earned seven runs on nine hits and committed two errors. Pacific American scored its four runs on seven hits and was guilty of five miscues.

STARTING quickly, El Segundo punched over one run in the first frame on two hits then came back with another singleton in the fourth on John Spence's home run.

John Englehardt momentarily knotted the count for Pacific American in the bottom of the fourth by driving in a run with a long triple. Englehardt then came across on a single by Reis.

THE FATAL fifth began for Pacific American when two El Segundo runners were safe on errors. Then a sacrifice bunt turned into a hit filling the bases.

A walk, a solid single to center, and a misjudged fly ball that turned into a double accounted for the four big El Segundo tallies.

Ascot Schedules Double Program

Fastest motorcycle racers of the Pacific Coast swing through a double barreled program this weekend at Ascot Park, Gardena, with tomorrow night's scorches on the half-mile oval augmented by a steeplechase over the jumps Sunday night.

Torrance Sponsors Gym Night

Thirty Torrance ladies, most of them housewives ranging from 20 to 40 years of age, meet Monday nights at the South High School gym for two and a half hours of Volleyball play sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The activity takes place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. under the supervision of recreation leader-in-charge Barbara Goemer, who reports that the games are enthusiastically supported, with attendance growing every week. Participation is free.

Fields for both events will be loaded with 111 riders entered tomorrow night and 143 for Sunday night's events for the twist, turn and jump dare-devils.

Race director J. C. Agajanian has also announced another steeplechase Friday night, Aug. 16.

THE BARRIER races have been sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Assn. as preliminaries to the second annual Grand National 50-lap steeplechase championship Sept. 20 at Ascot.

Tomorrow night's flat-track races headline the 1-2-3-4 finishers from the recent 8-mile AMA nationals—Al Gunter of Alabama, Sammy Tanner of Bellflower, Jack O'Brien of Santa Monica, and Dick Hammer of Lakewood.

Torrance National Advances

Torrance National Little League's All-Star team donned its slugging clothes Saturday and advanced into the Sectional Playoffs with a 4-3 decision over North Torrance East.

Three home runs, two by mighty Chuck O'Brien, provided the impetus for the Torrance National's eight inning triumph.

A tired Jim Fox faced 33 batters and threw over 120 pitches as he survived the full eight frames for the win. Fox allowed six hits, struck out 14 and walked only two in outdistancing Art Frasquillo, Greg Pischel and Bill Taylor.

THE LOSING trio allowed five hits, walked four and sent 16 opponents down swinging. O'Brien, a catcher for Torrance National, drove in three runs with a one-man-on, four-bagger in the fourth frame and a fencebuster in the top of the eighth.

East with two RBIs while Ron Brady accounted for one tally.

NORTH TORRANCE East pushed over one run in the bottom of the eighth and almost pulled it out, going so far as to load the bases.

Gary Gonzales opened with a walk, advanced to second, and took third on an infield hit before Ron Brady brought him across on a fielder's choice. Ed Zine and Mike Dempster then singled to load the bases.

Pat Coone hit to shortstop Ken Waters and the runner on second ran into Waters for the final out of the game.

Torrance Nine In State Tilt

Advancing to the state Babe Ruth playoffs, Torrance American gained a 5-4 triumph over Torrance National on Friday to earn the District crown and the right to play El Monte tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

Torrance American's 14- and 15-year old squad was defeated by Palos Verdes in the first round of the tournament.



TOURNEY TEAM . . . Currently participating in the District Pony League playoffs are the North Torrance Pony League All-Stars. Pictured are (bottom, L to R) Mike Barnes, Ken Stuber, Rick Gonzales and Ty Pruett. In the second row (L to R) are Terry Anderson, Al Battoro Jr., John Rey-

nolds, Richard Tuffy, Perry Even and Ken Major. Top (L to R) are manager Mills Barnes, Steve Combs, Phil Cadenhead, Craig Cochran, Steve Sharp, Larry Wing, Eric White and coach Al Battoro.



CLOSE QUARTERS . . . Motorcycle champion Don Hawley is sandwiched between Elton Russell of Torrance (left) and Bob Anderson earlier this year at Ascot Park in Gardena. Over the weekend, the three daredevils will return for another weekly try against top competition. Promoter J. C. Agajanian has scheduled two cycle features this weekend

with the flat-track boys taking over tomorrow and the steeplechase drivers going on Sunday. Anderson is coming back from a crash on the back stretch earlier this season while Russell is attempting to make a name for himself in his first year of expert competition.