

The Fearless Spectator

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One had hoped to bury the good Bo Belinsky, once he had been properly polished off as a big league baseball player; and had been, as it were, unfrocked and deprived of his pulpit. But, as they say in the trade, you can't keep a good man down.

So I feel it more or less a duty to my readers to keep us both au courant in Matters Belinsky, and ask again the fateful question that echoed in the dugouts last year:

"Will baseball interfere with Bo Belinsky's career?"

Thus far it hasn't, notably. When we were last suffering through the Perils of Bobo, Episode 13, he was hanging on that there cliff, on account the Kindly Angels management had sacked him to Hawaii, and his fiancée, Miss Mamie Van Doren, was off somewhere in New Jersey, having her picture taken for the papers with such important divorcees as the Mmes. Rockefeller and Windsor.

Bobo was down, like I say, but far from out.

From time to time you would hear embittered cries from Miss Van Doren. From various points on the Eastern littoral, where she was playing in "Silk Stockings," the lovelorn cries of her unrequited press agent could be heard.

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From Springfield, Mass., where she was appearing in . . . "He broke our engagement. This is all right with me, since he announced the engagement in the first place."

From Camden, N. J., where she was appearing in . . . "He called me and asked for his engagement ring back and I told him I wouldn't."

From Washington, D. C.: "But now that I've slept on it, maybe I will return it. If a guy wants it back that bad, who needs it?"

From Baltimore, Md.: "It was Bo who made a mockery of our engagement. I was sincere. He wanted to be acknowledged by the public, and when I was living in his glory he liked it. But when he wasn't, he became resentful of my popularity."

In her Baltimore rocket to the wire services, Mamie spoke of Bobo's future. "He will end up as a pool hall bum," she said firmly.

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Meantime, in the Big Tent, the distinguished lady-tamer was riding high on the hog, you might say. Somewhere in his travels he had latched onto a proper socialite, Mrs. Rickey du Pont, of the Wilmington du Ponts.

Bobo was never one to heed the advice of an older and wiser pitcher, the immortal Satchel Paige, who counseled, "Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social rambles ain't restful."

Mrs. du Pont arrived in Southern California for a week's vacation. She met Bobo, and took a house for a year. Which tells you something about the pull of a guy who once pitched a no-hitter. Even if he has been off the payroll since May 24, and his 1963 record a paltry one for seven.

Mrs. du Pont came along just in time. "I am blowing like a hundred dollars a day including meal money," said Bobo the Beautiful.

On the subject of his alignment with the Very Rich as distinct from the Very Talented, Mr. Belinsky was his usual statesmanlike self.

"I thought she would be a snob-nose. You know, snooty because of that society stuff. But she's really good people."

"We're thinking of opening a night club together," he said, thereby giving the lie to the belief that a Trenton bum cannot be happy with a Wilmington socialite.

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Mrs. du Pont seemed agreeable, which is good as she might have to pick up the tab for this boite, since there's only so much money you can earn in a Los Angeles pool hall of your name's Bo Belinsky.

"Baseball is Bo's craft," says Mrs. du Pont. "But he should have something else as well."

I dare say Bobo would be the first to agree.

Torrance Wins 5th Game In Connie Mack Tourney

Tourney Berths Up For Grabs

Two berths for Torrance teams in the annual Slo-Pitch Tournament in Redondo Beach will be up for grabs this afternoon as eight city teams meet at McMaster Park.

Action on the McMaster diamond begins at 1 p.m. with the Park Department and the Firefighters meeting in the first of six contests. A second game will see Rick's Bar and the South Bay Church of God struggling for a position in the tourney.

Winners in the first two games will meet at 7 p.m. with the winner of that game claiming the first of the two vacant tournament berths.

A 3:30 p.m. game will pit St. Lawrence against Mobil Oil, and at 4:45 The Kiwanis and the Breezers will open battle. Winners in the late afternoon games will meet after the 7 p.m. contest for the second berth.

The Redondo Beach Slo-Pitch Tournament will begin at Perry Park next Friday. Sixteen teams from Southern California will be entered in the annual event. The tourney will run for three days in the neighboring city.

Santa Ana Falls Twice To Keggas

The Tappa Keggas and the Santa Ana Rebels, who will enter tournament play in Redondo Beach next Friday, met head-on Friday night in a doubleheader which saw the Keggas sweep to a pair of wins.

The Keggas shut out the Santa Ana slo-pitch squad, 4-0, in the first game. They came back to take the second contest, 10-2.

The Keggas are favorites to take their bracket in the Redondo Beach tournament.

50-Car Field on Line For Tonight's Program

Three top drivers will lead a field of 50 cars tonight in a Figure 8 stock car race at Ascot Park. Ed Ferro of Torrance, Frank Thompson of Inglewood, and Ben Steele of Gardena will lead the pack off the starter's line in the 15-lap main.

Racing begins at 8:15 p.m. at the Gardena oval, with qualifying starting one hour earlier. A nine-event card is in store for race fans.

FERRO WILL pilot an Olds in the main event. He won his first main of the year two weeks ago, and is currently ranked 11th in the 1963 point scramble.



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FOOTBALL TIME . . . Ray Modeland, 9, left, and Mitch Merrel, 10, right, get some pointers in football techniques from Jim Modeland, 11. They are members of Pop Warner Football which is holding tryouts this month at the Torrance High School practice field Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Boys must be from 9 to 14 years old and weigh from 65 to 125 pounds. (Herald Photo)

Surf Festival Begins Weekend Run Friday

One of the Southland's most exciting and spectacular festivals is promised for next weekend when the First International Surf Festival begins its three-day run. The festival is co-sponsored by the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach.

Events begin Friday morning with a land line rescue demonstration by the County lifeguards. The first surf race is slated for 8:30 a.m. Friday.

OTHER EVENTS during the three-day festival include a three-mile rough water swim, in which two of the nation's foremost swimmers, Roy Saari of the University of Southern California and Bill Belding of Yale University, will compete. Volleyball contests, a fishing derby, and a variety of surf board events are planned for the three-city festival. Events will be spread across the beachfront of all three cities.

There will be something for everyone, including the youngsters. Rough water swims for girls and boys from 10 to 15

are planned in addition to the pro events.

A SPECIAL feature of the festival is the Iron Man's Race, designed to test the skill and endurance of the lifeguards who man the beaches in the three cities.

Entry blanks for the events may be obtained at the Hermosa Beach Park and Recreation Department, and at the Chambers of Commerce in all three cities.

Qualifications and requirements for all events which are open may also be obtained at the chamber and park offices.

Frank "Bud" Stevenson is general chairman for the festival. He is being assisted by the managers of the three Chambers of Commerce and civic officials of all three sponsoring cities.

Red Devils Put Santa Cruz Down Once; Try Again

Continuing their march toward the State Connie Mack Baseball Championship, the Torrance Red Devils pasted a 9-5 defeat on Santa Cruz Friday afternoon and earned the right for a second try at the boys from Santa Cruz. It was the Devils fifth win in the tournament for the state prize.

Paced by a 15-hit attack at the plate, Bob Delzel traveled the full route in posting the win. Delzel allowed only five hits and gave up five runs. His teammates committed two errors on the playing field.

STEVE WATERS and Ernie Clayton shared honors at the plate. Clayton collected four

The Red Devils met Santa Cruz again yesterday at 2 p.m. for the California State Connie Mack Baseball Championship. Larry Bradshaw started on the mound for the locals. No score was available at press time.

hits in five trips, and claimed two RBIs as well. Waters belted a big triple in the seventh frame to score teammates Cary Hubert and Steve Woody.

Bob Roberts, the second of four Santa Cruz hurlers, was tagged with the defeat.

Torrance won the losers' bracket in the double elimination tournament after suffering a defeat at the hands of a tough Salta Pontiac nine. The Red Devils had posted a 6-3 win over Fullerton Tuesday, with Bill Irwin going all the way at the mound.

WEDNESDAY, they came back to gain a 6-2 victory at the expense of Glendale, with Ty Goodman picking up the win. And on Thursday, Larry Bradshaw took up a position on the mound in relief of Don Coil as the Devils eked out a 4-3 win over Pico Riviera.

Earlier in the tournament, Coil had come close to a near perfect performance when he no-hit Compton in the first round of the tournament. In all, the Torrance boys have put together a 5-1 record in the tournament.

SANTA CRUZ, which won the winner bracket in the state double elimination tourney, also has a 5-1 record following the Torrance triumph Friday. The two teams met again yesterday afternoon with the state title hanging in the balance.

Friday's game proved an easy victory for the Torrance nine, as Delzel limited the losers to five runs on five hits. Santa Cruz bobbled the ball three times, allowing two of the nine Devil runs to score.

Newcomers Eye Upset In CRA Race

A flock of newcomers will be out to challenge four veteran drivers Wednesday evening in the 30-lap California Racing Assn. big car races at Ascot Park.

First race on the CRA program begins at 8:30 p.m. Time trials start at 7 p.m.

Bob Hogle, Allen Heath, Dee Jones, and Bob McCoy are the vets going in the 30-lapper, but they face strong challenges from a group of relative newcomers headed by cycle champ Don Hawley, who will be taking his first crack at the big car spin.

Paul Jones, Parnelli's younger brother, Jack Kelley of Long Beach, Ned Sprath of Ojai, Phil Bradley of Gardena, and ex-midjet champ Donnie Melton of San Bernardino are just a few of the near-amateurs who will make the start.

Hogle, with five main event wins to his credit, seems headed for the 1963 CRA championship.

Pacific Riviera Playing in Pony Loop Tourney

The Pacific Riviera All Stars, who won the District 26 Pony League championship last week, have entered play in the sectional play-offs.

Centinella Valley handed the locals an 11-7 defeat in the first round. In the second game, played in the loser's bracket, the locals defeated Santa Monica, 1-0.

Pacific Riviera continues to play in the double elimination tournament, with games yesterday evening and this afternoon.

Grouse Season Set

The Northern California Sierra and ruffed grouse season will run on Sept. 1 and 2 and the central California season will be from Sept. 28 to Oct. 6 the Department of Fish and Game recently announced.

Bag and possession limit will be two per season.



IN SECOND PLACE . . . The Torrance Bullets, sponsored by the Torrance Police Officers Assn., finished their Connie Mack League season with a 15-3 record. The Bullets dropped a play-off game to the Red Devils 11 to 1 when they committed nine errors. Shown here are (front row): John Treece, Tony Crosser, batboy Gary Prior, Rudy Perez, and

Butch Nickoloff. In the second row are Mike Brooks, Steve Sogger, Bob Trevathan, Jay Baker, Les Dutcher, Derry Deravin, and Jack Crist. Standing are coach Al Tgnatuk, Jim Jensen, John Marsden, Larry Bradshaw, John Beck, Marty Morris, Bill Graves, George Carr, and manager Bob Prior.

Proctor Tops Afternoon Race Card

Clem Proctor of Paramount will be shooting for his third main event in a row this afternoon when he takes to the quarter mile clay oval at Ascot Park.

Proctor will be first driver of the season to make the golden number of three wins if he is successful. A strong challenge is being made by point-leader Gene Davis of Santa Monica and several other drivers who'd like to see Proctor's Car No. 33 cross the finish line behind them.

Qualifying begins at 1 p.m., with the first race slated for 2:30.

Softball Reaches Half-Way Mark

The Torrance Women's Night Softball League completed its first round-robin recently at McMaster Park. The second round-robin ends Aug. 27. The league standings are as follows:

TEAMS	W	L
BEARS	5	0
CORKERS	4	2
DEFS	3	3
ALFRESARCH	2	4
COMETS	2	4
TYROS	1	5
TAUNDEPRIDS	1	5



COMPETE IN SURF FESTIVAL . . . Two of the nation's top swimmers will be competing in the three-mile rough-water swim at the First International Surf Festival in Redondo Beach Aug. 16, 17, and 18. Bill Belding of Yale University and Roy Saari, the University of Southern California student who holds the world's record, are pictured here with some of the trophies that will go to winners. The festival, which will feature a number of varied events, gets under way in Redondo Beach Aug. 16.