

# West Explosion Rips Tartars

10-run explosion in the fifth inning Thursday afternoon propelled West High to an 11-2 Pioneer League baseball victory over cross-town rival Torrance.

The game was tied at 1-1 before West snapped the game apart. All of West's final 10 runs were unearned and 11 of the game's tallies were unearned.

WEST, struggling to catch up with El Segundo and Lennox in the circuit pennant race, will host Aviation on Tuesday and meet Lawndale on Thursday. Warrior boss Max Lomas will open with junior Johns Marsden on the hill against El Segundo. Marsden is 1-2 in loop play.

El Segundo and Lennox are currently tied for the top slot

with 5-1 records while West is second at 3-2. Lawndale owns a 2-3 mark with Aviation at 1-4 and Torrance at 0-5.

Torrance mentor Dale Walker will start Bob Battaglia against El Segundo on Tuesday at Torrance Park.

Dave LaRoche picked up his second varsity win for West on Thursday, flapping a three-hitter and fanning nine batters. LaRoche, who whipped Torrance when the two clubs met earlier, walked only two men and gave up but one earned tally.

Les Dutcher went 4 2/3 innings for THS and picked up the defeat. West bombed Dutcher for 11 runs, but only one was earned. Dutcher fanned six, allowing six hits and walked seven.

Ron Korchenski relieved Dutcher and finished, allowing two hits while whiffing one man.

WEST OPENED the scoring in the first frame as Gary Loyd singled, went to second on a sacrifice by LaRoche, stole second, and came across on an error.

Torrance tied the score in the fourth inning when Phil Crofton, who is hitting .385, was safe on an error. Steve Horton walked, and Jeff Kruger was hit by a pitch. Phil Hull then pulled off a squeeze bunt to bring Crofton around.

And then West exploded. Bob Gadbois moved Buchanan to second, Marsden walked and Loyd singled for an RBI. Marsden and Loyd then

pulled off a double steal and LaRoche walked to load the bases. Dennis Dodd hit a sharp grounder and Marsden was forced at the plate. Mike Donohue walked to force in a run and then Jim Barnes, a tiny 130-pounder, clobbered a grand slam home run to left centerfield.

Earl Foster kept things alive by walking. Buchanan was safe on an error and Gadbois singled for two runs. Marsden then singled for an RBI and Loyd singled for another run to close the inning.

THS scored once more in the seventh as Rod White singled, moved to second on a passed ball, took third on a wild pitch and scored on John Hadley's single.



HERE IS HOW . . . Phil Hull of Torrance High executed a perfect squeeze bunt Thursday afternoon to bring in his team's first run against West. Hull is shown moving down to first, where he was thrown out by Warrior chucker Dave LaRoche. Phil Crofton comes in to score from third base while West catcher Dennis Dodd futilely attempts to pick up the bunt. (Herald Photos by Jerry Reynolds)

## Tappa Kegs Enjoy Top Hit Spree

Coming up with one of their greatest hitting performances ever, the Torrance Tappa Kegs rattled off 38 hits Friday night in picking up a West Coast Slo-Pitch Assn. doubleheader win over El Monte.

Sponsored by Taft-Allen Realty, the Kegs slammed 18 hits in the first game for a 12-1 win and came from behind in the second encounter to post a 14-5 decision.

Chuck Ryan limited El Monte to three hits in the opener and Ray Magnante belted two home runs for five RBIs. Both of Magnante's circuit clouts carried over the 250 foot mark.

GIB MATTHEWS chipped in with a home run and Ed Williams and Charlie Williams contributed three hits apiece. Ryan and Jim Reynolds added two more safeties.

El Monte's only run in the opening game came in the sixth inning after Torrance had taken a 12-0 edge. The Kegs scored two runs in the second, five in the third, one in the fourth and four in the sixth.

For two innings, the second game appeared as if it would go to El Monte. The Kegs trailed 5-3 before unleashing a three-run barrage in the third stanza. Chuck Schoendienst held El Monte scoreless the rest of the way and Torrance hammered out eight more runs in the sixth inning to clinch the win.

Tony Mariscal and Scotty Maxey enjoyed perfect nights at the plate in the second encounter to lead a 20-hit Kegas offensive.

Mariscal, playing his first season with the Kegs, went 4 for 4, and Maxey went 3 for 3. Reynolds pasted three safeties in four trips and accounted for four runs.

TORRANCE NOW leads the League with a 4-0 mark. The Kegs registered 4-3 and 4-0 triumphs over the Gardena Tully Bulls in the opening games.

The Kegs belted Gardena for 16 hits in a doubleheader. Matthews led the attack with two doubles in a 4 for 6 performance. Magnante went 3 for 3 and Schoendienst, Chuck Williams and Tony Couch each poked two safeties.

Next on the schedule for Torrance will be a doubleheader with El Segundo Friday.



OUT AT HOME . . . John Marsden of West is forced out at home Thursday afternoon as Torrance High catcher unleashed a shot down to first base that was too late to catch Dennis Dodd. West rallied for 10 runs in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie and hang an 11-2 Pioneer League loss on the Tartars. The Warriors are now 3-2 in circuit play while Torrance stands at 0-5.

## Falcons Hand West Runners 79-29 Defeat

Aviation vanquished its closest Pioneer League track foe Tuesday afternoon, handing West High a 79-29 licking.

West, considered the circuit's second-best cinder team, could manage only three first places.

Ron Pettigrew won the mile in 4:33.2. Lindy Nuzzo cleared 12 feet in the pole vault, and Tom Jurco, George Sharp, Al St. Cyr, and Steve McConathy teamed for a 1:38 clocking in the 880-yard relay to give West its three wins.

Pettigrew's time was a new school record. Nuzzo also set a West high jump record at 5 ft. 10 in. and John Cochran boosted his own school shot put standard to 46 ft. 5 1/2 in.

Joel Hons won both the century and broad jump to lead the West Bee team to a 65-39 victory and Bill Franz set a new school 1320 mark, although the Cees lost, 49-48, to Aviation.

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## Ascot Plans Busy Schedule

Ascot Park in Gardena will be a busy place today, with two separate racing programs on tap.

The stock cars and flatheads, racing under the California Jalopy Assn. banner, will race at 2 p.m. today. At 8 p.m., the Figure Eight daredevils will take over with more than 100 cars expected to participate.

A 10-RACE card is on tap for the stock cars and flatheads this afternoon as drivers return to 1964 point competition. A 25-lap main event for stock cars and a 25-lap main for flatheads or hot rods is scheduled on the quarter-mile Ascot oval. Also planned is a 15-lapper for claimers.

More than 70 drivers are expected to compete when qualifying runs begin at 1 p.m. Racing will start an hour later.

Len Fraker currently holds the stock car division point lead, ahead of Cliff Garner. Ted Riggins, Russ Gilmore, Marv Heinis, Gifford Rukie, Clyde Smith, Gabby Garrison, Gary Klinger and Gary Singman complete the top 10.

The foursome of Ray Vodden, Tink Elenberg, Phil Bowlers and Chuck Conrad are currently battling for the flathead edge. Bud Austry, Art Hayes, Chuck Robbins, Bud Roberdes,

Bill Bartley and Bud Matson round out the leading 10.

Three heat races, a semi-main and a main event are set for the Figure Eights this evening. A women-only race will also be held with 15 to 20 ladies expected to compete.

Bob Hobbs of Gardena grabbed the Figure Eight spotlight last weekend by winning both the main event and semi-main in the weekly Automobile Racing Assn. program.

Hobbs took the lead with five laps to go in the 25-lap feature to edge Ed Gahler and Ed Ferro, both of Torrance. In the semi-main, Hobbs held a wide edge over Leon Garrett.

GAHLER WON the six-lap trophy dash and Dexter Mason, Ferro, Ben Steele and Tom Wolfel won 8-lap heat races. Mason, Ferro and Steele are from Torrance.

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HELPING HAND . . . Johnny Philips, 531 E. 221st St. in Torrance, helped his son, Bob, recently land a 15-pound sheephead aboard the Reel Special out of Norm's Landing in San Pedro. Sheephead, when boiled and mixed in a salad, taste like lobster.