

Spikers Ready for Loop Finals

Cindermen from four Torrance high schools will compete for team and individual honors tomorrow night in the Bay, Pioneer and Sky league track finals.

West and Torrance will run in the Pioneer League meet at Aviation High while South will compete in the Bay League finals at Redondo High.

North will tangle in the Sky League finals at Inglewood High's Sentinel Field.

Running events for all three leagues will begin at 8 p.m. with varsity field events set for 6:30 p.m. Bee and Cee field event championships were decided last Thursday.

None of the area teams hopes for a varsity crown but North is in the running for a Bee championship and South's undefeated Cee squad is favored to take a division title.

Dave Hubert is the key man on North's Bee squad

while Lenny Jay and Ted Pettipiece figure strongly in South's Cee title ambitions. Hubert won the pole vault at 11-ft., 6-in. and is the top qualifier in both hurdle events.

Pettipiece is favored to win both the 100- and 180-yard sprint events while Jay is in contention for the 1320 crown. Following the field event finals, the Spartan Cees are currently one point behind Redondo and just a jump ahead of Santa Monica.

South's John Daugherty and North's Alan Johnson should provide much of the individual varsity excitement. Daugherty will be attempting to up a best of 54-ft., 6-in. in the shot put and maintain his role as the area's top weight man.

Johnson scrambled to a 10.2 clocking in the cen-

tury and a 21.5 time in the 220 last week and is favored to grab both sprint championships in the Sky League. The Saxon senior previously has done 10.0 in the century.

Rapidly improving Alan Kimbel could give Johnson a first-place battle in the century. Kimbel won his heat for North last week with a 10.1 effort.

The top event of the Pioneer League meet could come in the hurdles, where Mike Hatter of Torrance and George Sharp of West are co-favorites. Both won their 120-yard high hurdle heats last week in 16.1 seconds.

Another top individual duel could come in the Bay League mile, where South's Dave Ledford will challenge Mira Costa's Steve Dunlap. Dunlap has a 4.22 clocking this year while Ledford's best is 4:28.

Doug Hall may also run into stiff competition in

his bid to pick up the 880-yard title for South. Hall qualified in 2:01.8 and two other runners qualified less than three seconds behind.

According to qualifying scores West could pick up both the Bee and Cee Pioneer championships. The Warriors wound up with 18 points and 11 qualifiers following the preliminaries.

Bay League competition should be the best—time wise. Santa Monica is heavily favored to waltz off with the varsity championship and several Vikings are expected to turn in outstanding individual efforts.

Sprinter Dave Black led Samo in the qualifying with a spectacular 9.7 century. Roy Haliburton backed up Black with a 9.8 time in the 100 Haliburton also roared through the 180-yard low hurdles in 19.3 seconds.

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The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

Charles O. Finley, an insurance man who bought a ball club in Kansas City, has tried to bring major league ball to Oakland, has hanged a sports writer in effigy, has come out for orange-colored baseballs, has insisted that the World Series be played at night and has installed his manager in the press box to get a better view of the field.

By the law of averages, such a man has got to be right about something.

What Charlie Finley is right about is his current beef about Yankee Stadium.

If by any chance you are under the delusion that baseball is a sport and not a business, and a fairly crooked business at that, consider the case of the right-field fences at Yankee Stadium.

The Yankees proved you could build a championship team, quite literally, with plaster, steel and wood. In doing so you could also come pretty close to ruining the American League, which is an important part of baseball.

It all started with a man named George Herman Ruth, called the Babe.

The stadium is often called the House That Ruth Built, for the simple reason that this is the case. The whole joint was tailored for a left-handed home-run hitter who revolutionized the game by his prowess.

In 1919 the Yankees drew 619,164 admissions at home. Next year, with the Babe on the team, the figure was doubled, with 1,289,422 paying their way in.

The Babe was the biggest property baseball had ever known. The Yankee management under Col. Jack Rupert began to milk this property for all it was worth. The first thing was to build a new stadium, one that would hold 67,000 people. Further, one in which the Babe could continue to belt the home runs that brought the fans in through the turnstiles.

The Yanks deliberately built a lop-sided stadium. The right field foul line is only 296 feet and the fence is a mere 45 inches, about the height of a tennis net.

The day the park opened the Babe hit a three-run homer that won the opening game, 4 to 1. He went on that year to bat .393, the highest he had ever done.

Only two men in the history of baseball have clouted 60 homers in one season. Both were Yankee left-handed hitters, the Babe in 1927 and Roger Maris in 1961. A lot of these were cheap Yankee Stadium clouts.

Over the last 28 years the Yanks have a .664 won-lost percentage at home and a .575 on the road. After the Babe they simply tailored their club to that cheap fence.

Think of them. Lou Gehrig, Charley Keller, Nick Etten, Bill Dickey, Tommy Henrich, Yogi Berra, Maris and Mickey Mantle, a switch hitter. The exception to the leftie rule on the Yanks was Joe Di Maggio, who didn't need cheap homers.

The Yankees, through this dear bit of trickery, have achieved victory, have won the flag 26 times out of a possible 41. The Yanks nearly always win, and thus kill gate interest in other American League cities.

Wherefore Mr. Charlie Finley, who has a financial interest in American League baseball, has proposed to the powers-that-be that Yankee Stadium be made a legitimate ball park so that the league may be saved from extinction.

He is against a rigged ball park. He thinks that if baseball wants to add respect for the home run, then all it needs do is pass a rule that every park would have to erect a screen making a home run a 325-foot hit.

Good luck, Charlie.

West Again Matches El Segundo

Tartar Nine Stops Long Losing Jinx

The law of averages finally took its toll Tuesday afternoon and Torrance High's baseball squad won a one-run game.

Defending Pioneer League champ Aviation was the victim as Torrance picked up a 2-1 decision behind the pitching of surprise starter Larry Snyder.

Eight times this year Torrance has played in games decided by only one run, and six times the Tartars have come up on the short end of the decision. Largely because of the one-run contests, THS stands in the Pioneer cellar with a 2-10 record.

SNYDER, who had never thrown varsity ball for Torrance, flipped a six-hitter and gave up only four walks while striking out an equal number. He was in trouble on several occasions, but only in the fourth inning was Aviation able to punch over a run.

In the fifth stanza, Aviation managed to load the sacks with nobody out, but Snyder was able to work out of the jam without a run scoring.

Before the first inning was over, Snyder had helped assure himself of at least a tie. He singled to open the stanza, raced to second on an error, moved to third on a sacrifice fly by Jeff Kruger and scored on a single by Rod White.

Phil Hull assured Snyder of the win when he led off the fourth inning by blasting the second pitch over the center-field wall at Torrance Park.

Aviation's only tally came on a fielder's choice, a steal, and a single.

Shortstop-pitcher Steve Willis corralled the defeat. Willis was blasted for 10 hits. He struck out eight men and did not walk a batter.

SNYDER IS currently the Pioneer League's top hitter, but he is not listed in any of the statistics. The Tartar junior has 12 hits in 24 trips to the dish for a .500 average, but it takes 30 times at bat to qualify for the circuit slugging title.

Tartar mentor Dale Walker will have Snyder in the lead off position for both of the club's final two games.

Torrance will try and stretch its win streak to two this afternoon against Lawndale on the Cardinal diamond. Bob Battaglia will start for the Tartars.

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
Aviation	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Torrance	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
White, H.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willis, L. (3-4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder, L.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Graham Slams Key Homer As Knights Nudge Vianney

Freshman Dan Graham slammed a two-run homer with two out in the fifth inning Tuesday afternoon to give Bishop Montgomery a 4-3 Camino Real League baseball win over St. John Vianney.

Graham's homer came on the heels of a double by Tony Guggiana and broke a 2-2 deadlock, giving Montgomery its seventh win in nine league starts and keeping the Knights in second place behind unbeaten Crespi.

John Wojcik went the full



FISHING PALS... Bill Johnson (right) of 1014 Cerise Ave., Torrance, and Maury Schwartz of Bel Air were among anglers who limited out Saturday on the opening day of trout season at June Lake. The two friends show a string of rainbow trout, the largest tipping the scales at 3 3/4 pounds. Anglers reported excellent fishing throughout the entire June Lake Loop on opening day.

YOUTHS FALL SHORT

Leuzinger Wrecks North In Sky League Encounter

North High baseball coach Jim O'Brien is discovering that youth will only carry a team so far.

Depending on a corps of young, inexperienced pitchers, North set the Sky League on fire at the beginning of the year. Now, with the season all but over, the Saxons own a 6-7 league record and youth has tarnished with age.

Leuzinger squelched North's youth march Tuesday afternoon, remaining in third place with a 13-8 victory over the Saxons. O'Brien gambled by starting former junior, varsity pitcher Bruce Wade, and Leuzinger promptly collected 9 runs on six hits and a walk.

Freshman Daryl Masuyama then took over and had equally poor luck, giving up four runs, three of them earned, in two innings of toil. Masuyama walked three and struck out one.

A mound veteran, senior Dave Rabuse, went the full seven innings for Leuzinger, and although he gave up five

earned runs, picked up the decision. Rabuse walked three, struck out five and was belted for 10 hits.

Leuzinger gave early notice that it was to be a hitter's game.

Tom Whitely bombed his fourth home run of the year in the opening stanza, picking up four RBIs with a grand slammer. In the third inning, Jim Gries slammed another circuit clout with one man aboard.

Whitely's homer took the league lead away from North's Brent Nickoloff.

NORTH MANAGED to get rolling in only one inning, the fifth. Then, the Saxons came up with a four-run performance.

Dennis Irelan was safe on an error to start things, but was almost immediately thrown out at third on a single by Jeff Osborn.

Nickoloff walked and Joe DeLuca was hit by a pitch to load the bases, and Mark

O'Connor singled for two runs. Sam Elliot unloaded another single for two more tallies.

Either Dave McCormick or Ron Oguin will open on the mound this afternoon at Beverly Hills for the Saxons. Both chuckers are sophomores.

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
Leuzinger	5	22	4	0	0	13	9
North	8	11	0	4	1	3	10

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
Rabuse	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wade, L. (6-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Masuyama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
Lawndale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nentrup, L.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marsten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaRoche, W. (5-0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LaRoche went only two innings and gave up two walks while whiffing a like number.

Marsden went only two in-

Warriors Need Triumph Today

It is getting easier to pick out West High baseball coach Max Lomas in a crowd of people—he is the one with a perplexed look on his face.

Lomas is wondering how his ball club can own a 9-3 record and still be two games out of first place in the area's toughest horsehide loop.

El Segundo is the answer and the reason for West being two jumps down with only three contests left in the Pioneer League chase is an 11-game winning streak by the Eagles.

WEST WILL attempt to keep pace with the streaking Eagles today at 3 p.m. when Lomas sends John Marsden to the mound against Lennox. Marsden has only a 2-3 league record, but he boasts a 1.38 earned run average.

Despite their second-place standing, the Warriors are not out of the title picture. On Tuesday, West and El Segundo will tangle in a possible championship decider.

Gundo also has two games remaining with Aviation. The Eagles will meet Aviation today and again next Thursday.

Next Thursday, West will again tangle with Lawndale. Both Thursday contests are make-up games and will only be played if West is still in the Pioneer pennant chase.

Lennox came within an error of knocking West's title hopes sky high Tuesday afternoon, but the Warriors managed to come up with a 1-0 triumph. Only a second-inning error saved West's scalp.

Sluggo Gary Loyd opened the second inning for West with a triple, and scored the game's only run when the throw to third base went wild. It was the only error of the game.

SOPHOMORE Dave LaRoche earned his fifth win without a defeat as he hurled five innings in relief of Marsden. LaRoche gave up only two hits and two walks while fanning five. He now owns a .97 earned run mark.

Marsden went only two in-

nings and gave up two walks while whiffing a like number.

	R	H	E	R	B	S	O
Santa Monica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HR—Denson, RRI—Farber, Denson (3), Hertzog, Moore, Denke.							
Murray, IP H R E R B S O							
L (2-1)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W (5-3)	0	7	4	1	0	3	6

Spartans To Battle At Samohi

South High will attempt to solidify its third-place position in the Bay League baseball chase when it tangles with hosting Santa Monica this afternoon.

Samo was knocked out of the third place slot on Tuesday as South moved in with a 6-1 triumph over the hard-hitting Vikings. As had been the case in five of South's six league wins, Dale St. John notched the triumph.

St. John boosted his league mark to 5-3 as he cut the Santa Monicans down on four hits. He did not allow an earned run and struck out six while issuing only two free passes.

Former cage star Don Denson gave St. John all the cushion he was to need with a two-run homer in the first inning. Following a walk to lead-off batter Dave Farber, Denson angled a shot down the third base stripe and came around for his first homer of the season.

DENSON WOUND up with three RBIs for the afternoon as Farber, Phil Hertzog and Craig Moore also chipped in with runs. Only three of South's six runs were earned as Samohi helped matters along with six errors. South committed one bungle.

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St. John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W (5-3)	0	7	4	1	0	3	6

Tappa Kegs Seek Ninth Circuit Win

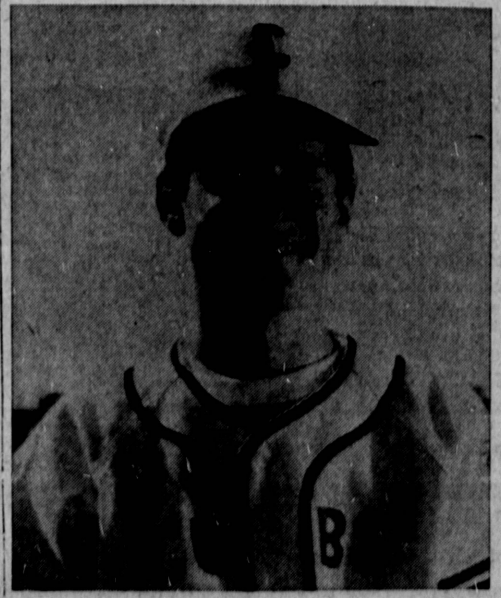
Weather permitting, the unbeaten Torrance Tappa Kegs will tangle with the Garden Comets tomorrow at 8 p.m. in a West Coast Six-Pitch Assn. contest at Torrance Park.

The Kegs ran their league record to 8-0 last Friday with a pair of triumphs over the Santa Ana Rebels. In the opening game, Torrance picked up a 6-2 victory and the Kegs came up with an 18-5 decision in the nightcap.

Ray Magnante paced a 12-hit Keggia attack in the first game with a 3 for 3 performance at the plate. Jim Reynolds went 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs. Chuck Ryan, who picked up his fourth win without a loss, collected two safeties in three trips.

THE WILLIAMS boys and Bob Ryan provided the Taft-Alton Kegs with their offensive spurt in the second contest.

Eddie Williams slammed a home run and Charlie Williams went 4 for 4 at the dish. Bob Ryan slammed a three-run homer in the fifth inning.



PERFECT PITCHER... Brian Smith, 12, recently opened the North Torrance Little League East season by throwing a perfect no-hit, no-run game. Brian struck out 17 of the 18 men who faced him in the six-inning encounter.