

Five City Players Named to League Nines

Thinclads All Set for CIF Semis



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This is the time of year, it seems, when the minds of the young turn to authorship. I get inquiries as to how one goes about becoming a sports writer, or any other kind of writer. The word is out that it beats work.

I don't know much about good writing, but I do like it. I know nothing about writing books and nothing about writing chapters. I deal in sentences and in paragraphs, and maybe I know something about these. Especially the sentence.

I have great respect for the sentence. It is the unit of English speech and English writing. (I'm of the school that likes to think of writing as heightened speech.)

You will never go wrong if you feel for the sentence. I suspect the other sizes, even the books, take care of themselves if tender, loving care has been spent on the root part.

The great thing about the sentence, as about anything else, is that it has a beginning, a middle and an end. If you don't have a beginning, don't try writing. And if a sentence isn't truly finished when you have written it, don't bother going on to the next one.

There is a kind of automatic writing, like an old biddy telling you the plot of a movie she saw last week, whose only purpose seems to be to hear yourself talk, and to ward off loneliness. This kind of writing is distressing and should be aborted. Sadly, most of the writing you will read in a given day is this kind of blather.

There is another kind of writing, this very useful. It's the kind of simple declarative, manly prose of which West Point engineers are supposed to be masters. It's the kind of writing that reaches its apogee in a perfectly explicit set of directions on the care and use of a household appliance. This kind of writing is as necessary as salt, and it can be good. But by definition it never moves.

And here is the heart of things. The only writing worth worrying about is that which moves: to tears, to ridicule, to love, to hate, to wonderment, to yearning.

But there is lousy writing that appeals to the affections, and good writing that does the same thing. I suggest that lousy writing which appeals to the affections is successful because there's something a bit awry with the affections.

When one is trying to write well one must never write a sentence unless it comes out of something one has felt. A salient difference between good and bad prose is that the good stuff has invariably been felt. The guy knows what he is talking about. The routine stuff has no feeling. The bad stuff is that which impersonates feeling, and this is the worst whoring of all.

What should a man write about? I should say a good test is this: If you have been away from a girl you like for about eight hours, note what it is you talk to her about first. It may be the frustrations of office life, it may be your love for her, it may be a fly that crossed a window in front of you at 2 p.m. Whatever it is, it's likely you could write well about it.

More writers have been killed by English composition courses than almost anything else. Unless things have changed since my day, you are TOLD what to write. How poisonous! Nobody can tell anybody what to write, any more than he can tell him what to feel. Writing to assignment, whether in grade six for Mrs. Murphy or at the top of the writing profession for Bennett Cerf or his like, is a sure way to produce inferior writing. Inferior and workmanlike usually, but inferior nonetheless.

Coaches Honor Players

Five Torrance horseholders were named on the first-string Sky and Pioneer league baseball teams released Monday night.

West High topped all of the city's high schools by landing three men on the first-team Pioneer League squad. Pitcher Dave LaRoche, second baseman Gary Loyd and utility man John Marsden were honored from West.

In addition, Marsden, who hit .395 and wound up with a 3-3 mound record, was tabbed the circuit's Most Outstanding Player. A junior, Marsden played at three infield spots in addition to pitching for West.

LAROCHE, a sophomore who did not win a game last year, chalked up a 6-1 mark this time around to garner all-league honors. Loyd, a junior, hit at a .311 clip.

Larry Snyder was the lone Torrance High player to gain All-Pioneer League first-string honors. Snyder was named to the outfield. He led the area in slugging with a .424 average.

Butch Nickoloff won North High's only All-Sky League berth. Nickoloff, who topped his team in home runs, doubles and stolen bases, connected at a .396 clip. Nickoloff is a junior.

Two North players wound up on the second team. Junior Joe DeLuca, who boasted a .364 batting average, was named as an infielder, while senior Dennis Irelan, with a .341 average, was placed in the outfield.

Sophomores Jeff Osborne and Ron Olguin and senior Bill Cunerty also received votes from North. Osborne hit at a .328 rate, Cunerty connected at a .286 clip and Olguin compiled a 4-2 mound record.

WEST AND Torrance each landed one man to second-string Pioneer League berths. Jim Barnes, a West outfielder who hit .310, and Rod White, Torrance's first sacker, grabbed second-team berths. White ended with a .325 average.

Last week South High landed two men on the first-string Bay League squad. Pitcher Dale St. John and catcher Phil Hertzog were honored. Jon Minech, Don Denson and Dick White were second-team selections for the Spartans.

Brad Holmes Leads Giants To Colt Win

Brad Holmes homered and tripled to pace the Giants in a 4-0 Torrance Colt League baseball win over the Angels Sunday afternoon.

Tom Thomsen struck out 14 men, allowed only three hits and walked but one as he picked up the opening-day triumph. Donald Tippie absorbed the loss as he gave up nine hits and five walks while fanning six.

In the second game of the afternoon Wayne Wood and Richard Gonzales teamed on the hill to give the Braves a 4-1 win over the Twins. Wood allowed four hits and one run while Gonzales gave up one hit and no runs.

Steve Rarick, who went the route, took the defeat although he gave up only three safeties.



TERRIFIC TRIO . . . Half-milers Larry Parker (left) of Torrance, Doug Hall (center) of South, and Bob Hansen of North have qualified for the CIF track semi-finals to be held Friday night. In the preliminaries last Saturday, Parker finished in 1:57.5, Hall stopped the clocks in 1:59.7 and Hansen cut the tape in 2:00.5. (Herald Photos)

FOR WESTERN REGIONALS

Sherman Thomas Will Foot Little League Tourney Bill

Financial arrangements for the Little League Western Regional Tournament to be held in Torrance Aug. 20-22 were completed the past week.

Tournament Director John Schnepf of Torrance has announced that Sherman Thomas of Madera, Calif., who owns Inglewood Farms Dairy in Torrance, has agreed to foot the complete bill for the tourney.

A budget of \$5,000 has been set for the tournament. It does not include airplane transportation for the teams. Transportation costs will be absorbed by Little League Baseball, Inc.

Four division champions from among 1,400 tournament teams in the western United States and Canada will compete in the Torrance series at Garrett Field in late August. The winner of the Regional will earn a berth in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa., the following week.

PARTICIPANTS in the Western Regional will be housed in Torrance from Aug. 17 to 22 and will enjoy a series of tourist attractions in the Southland.

Thomas, in addition to varied business activities, has been affiliated with innumerable religious and community organizations. They include the Madera County Probation Board, Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America, Tioga Council Girl Scouts of America, Madera

County Cancer Society, San Joaquin Valley Youth for Christ, Christian Business Men's Committee and the Asbury Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Wilmore, Ky.

He is also a member of the board of directors of Fairhaven Home in Sacramento, the Redwood Christian Camp Assn. of Santa Cruz, and on various committees of the Methodist Church.

In his home area, Thomas is particularly interested in livestock. He also owns a small fleet of airplanes for spraying farm chemicals.

the Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc.

Thomas migrated to California in 1922 accompanied by his wife, Cordelia. In 1927 the family settled in Madera on a small acreage of land on a share-crop basis. A continual expansion of holdings has evolved into extensive farming and related business operations for the Thomases. The family acquired Inglewood Farms Dairy in 1961.

Professionally, Thomas is particularly interested in livestock. He also owns a small fleet of airplanes for spraying farm chemicals.

Area Cindermen Snare 15 Berths

Thirteen Torrance cindermen will compete in 15 events tomorrow night at Compton College in the CIF track semi-finals.

Field events are scheduled to begin tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. with running events set for 7.

South High led local teams by qualifying seven men for the semi-finals. Competing in the preliminaries at Camarillo High last Saturday, the Spartans wound up with two varsity qualifiers, three Bee entrants and two Cee qualifiers.

Alan Johnson of North High qualified in both sprint events at Arroyo High in El Monte to lead the Saxons. Torrance High, running in the same meet, qualified only half-miler Larry Parker.

THE HALF mile will be Torrance's strongest event in the semis, with three men entered. Parker had the top qualifying time of local entrants, churning the two laps in 1:57.5 to finish second in his heat. South's Doug Hall wound up with a 1:59.7 clocking while North junior Bob Hansen finished in 2:00.5.

Johnson is Torrance's only remaining sprinter. The North flash set a new school record by winning his heat of the century in 9.9 seconds. He came back to stop the 220 watches in 22.0 seconds. Johnson has a best of 21.5 in the furlong.

Dave Hubert was the only local Bee to qualify in two events. Hubert, from North, will compete in the 70-yard high hurdles and in the pole vault. He finished second in his hurdle heat with a 9.4 effort and cleared 12 feet in the pole vault. Hubert has a best of 13 feet in the pole vault.

Tom Foley of North and Harry Cronk and Wes Fox of South also qualified for the Bee semi-finals. Foley won his 660 heat in 1:25.1 while Fox took first in his 660 heat at 1:24.3. Cronk cleared 11-ft., 6-in. in the pole vault to qualify.

FOUR CITY runners will compete in the Cee division. Mike Halliwell, Ted Pettipiece and Tim McCausland from South will go with surprising John Futrell from North.

Pettipiece, suffering from a sore back, failed to qualify in the 100-yard dash but made the grade in the 180 with an 18.4 effort. Futrell skipped through the 120-yard low hurdles in 14.4 seconds to finish second in his heat at Arroyo.

Halliwell flung the shot put 51 feet to qualify while McCausland earned a semi-final berth with an 11-ft pole vault.

Tappa Kegs To Engage Manhattan

The power happy Taft-Allen Tappa Keggas will host Manhattan Beach tomorrow night at Torrance Park in a West Coast Slo-Pitch Assn. double-header.

Chuck Ryan (5-1) and Chuck Schoendienst (5-0) will start for the Keggas as they attempt to raise their league-leading 11-1 record.

Two easy wins over the Santa Ana Bombers last Friday kept the Keggas rolling toward their second consecutive circuit pennant. In the first game, the Kegs picked up a 14-4 decision behind a 19-hit barrage.

CHARLEY WILLIAMS went 4 for 4 and drove in six runs to pace the Keggia attack. Williams, who is hitting at a .500 clip, picked up three of the RBIs with a two-men-on-homer.

Gib Matthews backed up Williams with a 4 for 5 effort and 2 RBIs.

In the second encounter, the Kegs came back from a 2-0 deficit to post a 7-2 victory. Five runs in the final three frames overpowered Santa Ana. Schoendienst limited the Bombers to only three hits in the second game.

MICK RYAN stepped into the slugger's circle with a 3 for 4 game and 2 RBIs. Schoendienst helped himself along by collecting three earned runs.

The usually tight-gloved Keggas turned human in the second game and committed five errors.

Redondo and the Gardens Tully Bulls are tied for second place behind the Tappa Keggas with 8-4 records. Manhattan owns a 9-5 mark. The Gardens Comets remain in fourth place with a 6-6 record while El Segundo (6-8), the Santa Ana Rebels (4-8), El Monte (3-9) and the Santa Ana Bombers (1-11) trail.

Ricky Hon Hurls Win In LL Play

Ricky Hon slammed a home run and worked six innings on the hill over the weekend to lead the Torrance Little League Dodgers in a 9-1 victory over the Senators.

Hon was given offensive support by Larry Anderson, who doubled and singled, and Glen Wales, who singled twice. Bob Hibbard and Steve Voisin each collected one safety.

Ken Stichel missed a no-hit, no-run game by only one inning as he guided the Tigers to a 7-0 shutout over the Senators. Stichel, Mike Sweeting and Frank Williams led a 10-hit Tiger barrage.

In Minor League play, the Cardinals snared a 12-4 decision over the Stars. Winning hurler Scott Davis pulled off a double play to help cement the win while teammates Cal Davidson and Richard Moschetti came up with several fielding gems.

Randy Avakian and Russell Rollins hurled for the Stars.

The Red Sox hung onto a second-place Minor League berth by chalking up a pair of triumphs. Larry Keene threw four innings of no-hit ball as the Sox hung a 6-3 loss on the Angels. John Dorn tripled and doubled for the winners.

John Kirk and Ken Martin split mound duties as the Sox beat the Phillies, 10-8, for their second win of the week.

EC Netters Second in State

Close, it is said, counts only in horse shoes. However, the connotation has a much deeper meaning for the El Camino College tennis team after last weekend.

After storming through the Metropolitan Conference and Southern California tournaments, the Warriors came within one point of grabbing the second state championship for the college this year.

Paced by Terry Ehlers and

Jamie Collaco, El Camino scored seven points to champion Foothill College's eight.

The Warriors' downfall, if second best team in the state can be termed a downfall, came, ironically, at the hands of San Diego City College.

In the semi-final round of doubles competition, the Knights' Mickey Allison and Kim Bacon defeated Ehlers and Collaco in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

Three times earlier in the season, Ehlers and Collaco had beaten the border-town team.

Bacon and Allison lost the final match to Foothill's Rod Kopp and Jim McGowan.

Foothill dominated competition much in the same manner that El Camino dominated the Ojai, Metro and Southern California tournaments by placing finalists in both the single and doubles finals.

Unless some very outstand-

ing freshmen turn up next year, the finalist in the state will be the same as this year.

Kopp, a freshman from Hawaii, beat Ehlers, also a freshman, for the singles crown.

Ehlers defeated Terry Svessman from City College of San Francisco, in the semi-final round to gain the finals berth.

Collaco reached the semi-final round before he was defeated by Kopp.



PAID IN FULL . . . Sherman Thomas (center), owner of Inglewood Farms Dairy, has endorsed a check to fully cover expenses for the Little League Western Region Tournament to be played at Garrett Field in Torrance on Aug. 20, 21 and 22. Thomas is flanked by Tournament Director John Schnepf (left), Tournament Finance Chairman Bert Lynn (right) and dairy manager James Gordon.