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### VARIOUS KID LEAGUES HELP TO MINOR LOOPS

Just after World War II mothers and fathers everywhere in the nation began to organize what later became the Little, Pony, Babe Ruth, American Legion, and Connie Mack youth baseball aggregations.

Their aim, which still holds true today, was to give their children the tools necessary to keep the youngsters away from doings not considered conducive to good conduct or proper upbringing. By these methods they curbed the national restlessness that is so characteristic of the young.

Little do the directors of Little, Pony, Babe Ruth, etc., realize what a great help they have been in grooming the boys into valuable minor and major league material.

#### Starts at Eight

Today, the potential baseball star of tomorrow, begins his climb to the top at the age of eight. The Little Leagues beckon to him and he's out there swinging a bat before he's out of grade school. He gets coaching and learns the routine of the game. In my day a youth had to wait until he was of high school age before he could begin to get these things.

For a long time now the minor leagues have been yelling about the lack of attendance at their ball games and what major league TV has done to them. If these class AAA to D organizations were not owned and operated by the major league clubs Congressional action would have been taken long ago to curb the demands of the senior clubs.

Branch Rickey of the yet-off-the-ground Continental League tells all that there is room for another Major League. He is a national head of a youth baseball organization. He is strong in the belief that fans will go to see more major leaguers and pay good money to do so.

In an earlier column on the subject of a third major league I went on record as dooming the embryonic loop. It was my contention that Rickey's junior circuit did not have the minor leagues in which to draw and develop youngsters into major league material.

#### Room for New Loop

After careful consideration on the subject I wish to change my mind. I believe strongly that Rickey's Continentals are needed and can succeed. And my reasons for this reversal are as follows:

(1) Abolish Class C and D minor league ball. In these places have Branch Rickey's money men finance, or help subsidize American Legion and Connie Mack teams throughout the country. A cheaper process. Of course the players will not play as often as Class C and D minor leaguers, however, they'll be more of them therefore a greater chance of getting more good players.

(2) The new loop should also contribute to Little, Pony, and Babe Ruth Leagues, financially. A move necessary in developing the youngster for the two senior youth circuits. Keep the kids amateurs yet use the money for equipment and better coaching.

(3) Take the best of Connie Mack and American Legion players and form Class AAA to B minor league franchises. A nucleus will be formed in which to draw players for the Continental League.

### Top Cyclists Vie at Ascot

A big share of the nation's premier motorcycle jockeys will be on hand for the weekly 12-event card of cycle racing at Ascot Stadium Friday night, June 17.

Qualifying starts at 7, the first race at 8:30.

Pickings have been so substantial in the Southland this year that nearly all of the riders have decided to stay here all year. That means foregoing out-of-state Nationals.

Sammy (The Flying Flea) Tanner, Stu Morley, Jack

### Bach Bowlers Retain Lead

Bach Bowling Supply retained its lead in the Tuesday 555 Scratch kegler circuit with 24 games won and 12 lost. Burt Bach tops the individual average shooters with 195.

Norm Mangrum with 805 leads the 775 series pinsters. Second place went to Bob Duprie with 794 and third to Chuck Reese with 776.

O'Brien, Bob SirKegian, Don Hawley, Troy Lee and Johnny Gibson are given the best chance to halt Gunter "at the

# Torrance 5-1 Underdog Against Culver City



MANAGER BO PALICA

## Fleet Nasrullah Tops Inglewood 'Cap Field

Fleet Nasrullah, the West's newest thoroughbred racing sensation, will be seeking his third stakes victory at the current Hollywood Park season when he goes in the \$50,000 added Inglewood Handicap Saturday, June 18.

The Inglewood, which is at a mile and one-sixteenth and annually brings out the top horses of the Hollywood meeting, is not only a major prize in itself but also an important stepping stone to the \$162,100 Hollywood Gold Cup which will be run July 16.

Fleet Nasrullah, who is expected to challenge such eastern stars as Bald Eagle and

Sword Dancer for "Horse of the Year" honors when the voting is taken for the 1966 American champion, started off his Hollywood Park campaign with victory in the Hollywood Premiere and set a new track record of 1:08 1/5 for six furlongs. He followed this with an easy win in the \$11,300 Californian at a mile and a sixteenth, same distance as the Inglewood on Saturday.

In his last start he attempted to drop down to five and a half furlongs and carry 132 pounds in the Hollywood Express and his winning streak was broken as the speedy Irish-bred mare, Liberal Lady, took the pot.

Such top horses as Bagdad, Eddie Schmidt, Seaneen, Finnegun, Ying and Yang, Find and Dotted Swiss are slated to oppose Fleet Nasrullah in

the Inglewood 'Cap.

As a 29-to-1 shot Eddie Schmidt was a fast closing second to Fleet Nasrullah in The Californian, and Trainer F. L. Carr said after the race that it was the best effort the little son of Count Speed had turned in since he raced in New York two years ago and defeated Nadir, Regened, Tick Tock and others in the Nassau County Handicap at Belmont Park.

A winner of the Inglewood in 1958, Eddie Schmidt will draw more respect in the '66 Inglewood than he did in The Californian.

Benefitting by the allowance terms of The Californian, Fleet Nasrullah was in receipt of four pounds from Bagdad (199 to 123), but the Inglewood is a handicap and the top weight will be Fleet Nasrullah, aiding Eddie Schmidt, Bagdad and others. Bagdad was third in The Californian.

In the Milady Handicap for fillies and mares on Thursday, June 16, the nimble-footed Liberal Lady, winner of seven straight, is scheduled to tangle with Silver Spoon and other distaffers at a flat mile. Liberal Lady has never been farther and 6 1/2 furlongs. She defeated Silver Spoon in the six-furlong Sequoia, but earlier in the year Silver Spoon won three stakes at Santa Anita against fillies and mares.

## Bob Nugent Tops Blue Grass Pin Meet with 673

Bob Nugent of Bowl-O-Drome is the top pinster of Class 1 in the Blue Grass Singles at Palos Verdes Bowl with 673, results of the first week from all the alleys entered revealed.

Gene McMahon of Bakers Alleys hit 634. In Class 2 John Downey of Bakers' Lanes shot 637 followed by Ed Ross of Baldwin Park with 625. Garland Stewart with 639 tops the B. A. Bakers alleys followed by Jim Crouse of Baldwin Park with 628, in Class 3.

Stuart Wong with 561 leads Bakers Lanes and Jim Carrie and Mike De Phillips each with 557 paces the pinsters at Baldwin Park.

## Norris and Hogue Beat Hawthorne C. Mack's

By Bruce Allyson

After pulverizing a Hawthorne nine, 11-0, the Connie Mack Torrance entry has nevertheless been established as a 5-1 underdog in Saturday's tussle with Culver City. Game time is set for 3 p.m. and will be played at Torrance Park.

During competition last year Culver City won the title in the South Bay Connie Mack League and sports stars that can clobber that ball.

Sponsored by Red Devil Fireworks the Torrance Connie Macks, under coach Bo Palica, made their initial appearance last Sunday and defeated a Hawthorne counterpart 11-0.

Norris pitched the first five innings of the shut-out and All Bay League North High hurler Dennis Hogue pitched the final four. In all

the two twirlers gave up only five hits.

Torrance, however, collected a grand total of fourteen hits. Hoppes, All City from Narbonne High in Lomita, went 3 for 6, and of the clouts a triple. Marsden, who caught the game and was All-CIF from North High, got two of the hits. Williams, an All-League choice, went two for four.

In pitching the shut-out Norris and Hogue whiffed 11 Hawthorne batters.

Although Palica's Connie Macks won in easy fashion, Bo is still not altogether satisfied with his pitching staff. "Good pitchers yes," Bo states, "but I haven't a good 18 year old lefthander."

Score by innings:  
Torrance 013 003 004—11 14  
Hawthorne 000 000 000—0 5  
Batteries: Norris, Hogue (6) and Marsden, Kitchen and Taylor.

### Legion Ball

## Werehan Paces South Win, 1-0

By John Whitacre

Bob Werehan's brilliant four-hit pitching paced the South Torrance legion team to a 1-0 victory over cross town rivals Central Torrance in a Bay Legion game at Torrance Park Sunday.

Werehan and his pitching rival Ray Wilson, both hurled sharp ball for nine full innings. Werehan fanned 12 batters, while walking only three.

The only run of the game, came in the fifth inning, when with two out Gary Hunt singled. Then the ninth batter in the order Jim Berry doubled and Hunt scored all the way from first.

South's victory put them in a first place tie with Redondo Beach legion post,

both with 3-1 records, Torrance and Gardena are tied with identical 2-1 marks.

Saturday, Ozzie Grimes' Torrance team defeated Redondo 8-6, while Gardena with its all-city hurler Tommy Ohta handed South its only defeat of the year.

This Saturday both legion teams are back in action, with Torrance traveling to Narbonne High School to meet Lomita. Lefthander Tom Richardson will hurl against Ken Elsworth from Lomita.

South travels to El Camino to meet Redondo Beach and will pitch Larry Thomas, against South Bay's "Pride and Joy" Jack Horne, famed Redondo High School hurler.

# PRESS Sports

## Yankees Move into Top Spot in Central Little League

The Yankees moved into the top spot in the Torrance Central Little League this week as they took a pair of games from the Dodgers, 7-2 and 11-1.

The pair of setbacks were the first suffered by the Dodgers nine this year, as they fell into second place behind the Yankees.

Braves, 9; Cards, 1. Giants, 23; Cubs, 1. Yankees, 15; Dodgers, 6. Yankees, 24; Dodgers, 7. Cubs, 11; Giants, 4. Cards, 7; Braves, 3.

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