

CLOSE PLAY in Section 6 Little League playoffs sees Daren Von Steeg, Torrance National, at third base, try to make putout on sliding player from North Venice. Local team lost to Venice squad Wednesday night 5-2. Finals of district playoffs will be Saturday in Torrance. Semi-final games are on tap tonight.

—PRESS Photos by Mitch Major



TEAM DESPAIR is reflected in dugout by Dick McCormack, left, and Philip Raeder, as they watch their Torrance National All-Star team fall behind against North Venice in Section 6

playoffs Wednesday night. Locals were unable to use their star pitcher, Jim Fox, who had pitched eight innings in previous game.



MIKE ABRAMS hurls for Torrance National All-Stars in losing cause as Daren Von Steeg looks on anxiously from third base. Torrance National had blasted its way to District 27 title by beating North Torrance East, 4-3, but the tough North Venice squad hit four long blows to edge locals, 5-2. Torrance National is tabbed as a contender for honors the next two seasons.

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TORRANCE NATIONAL TEAM BOWS IN SECTION 6 LL PLAYOFFS BY 5-2 SCORE

Four Little League teams remain in the Section 6 tournament going into the semifinals at Garrett Field and Mobil Field in Torrance. The tournament lost some of its glitter Wednesday night when the last of the local teams was eliminated from competition.

Torrance National suffered a 5-2 loss to North Venice and Manhattan Premier League was edged by East Fullerton, 2-1.

Fullerton's Maury Saurez put his team out in front for keeps in the first inning with a home run over the left field fence. Ron Boehm, who singled, scored ahead of Saurez.

Premier threatened in the fifth on a walk to Frank Drost, life on error for Jerry Hunt, and a single to center by Randy Higgins. Drost, who held up at second until the ball hit the fence, was cut down at the plate for the first out. Pitcher Rick Wade retired the next two batters without a run scoring.

Premier tallied in the sixth on singles by Ken Hanson and Drost, and an

error on Rob Robinson's grounder.

Outfielder Rudy Nemetz came in to relieve Wade and got the remaining two batters.

North Venice won its second game at Mobil Field as pitcher Gary Williams and Greg Zundell each collected two hits, including a home run apiece.

Torrance scored its two runs on Mike Abrams' round-tripper in the third inning.

East Fullerton and Los Altos met last night at Garrett Field. North Venice and Tustin Eastern clash tonight at 5:30 at Mobil Field. The championship game will be Saturday at Garrett Field at 2 p.m.

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Geary, rf	0	0	0	0
Zundell, 2b	3	1	2	0
R. Jacobson, 1b	2	1	0	0
Williams, p	2	0	0	0
Mazzotta, ss	2	0	0	0
Batchelor, lf	2	0	0	0
Uhrick, c	2	1	1	1
Indwick, 3b	2	1	1	1
Wright, cf	2	1	1	1
	22	6	4	1

TORRANCE NATIONAL		AB	R	H
Venable, 2b	3	1	1	1
Abrams, p	3	0	0	0
O'Brien, c	3	0	0	0
Waters, ss	3	0	0	0
Vom Steeg, 3b	3	0	0	0
Bailey, (a)	3	0	0	0
Fox, 1b	3	0	0	0
Ruedel, lf	2	0	0	0
McCormack, cf	2	0	0	0
Bradock, rf	1	0	0	0
	22	3	3	3

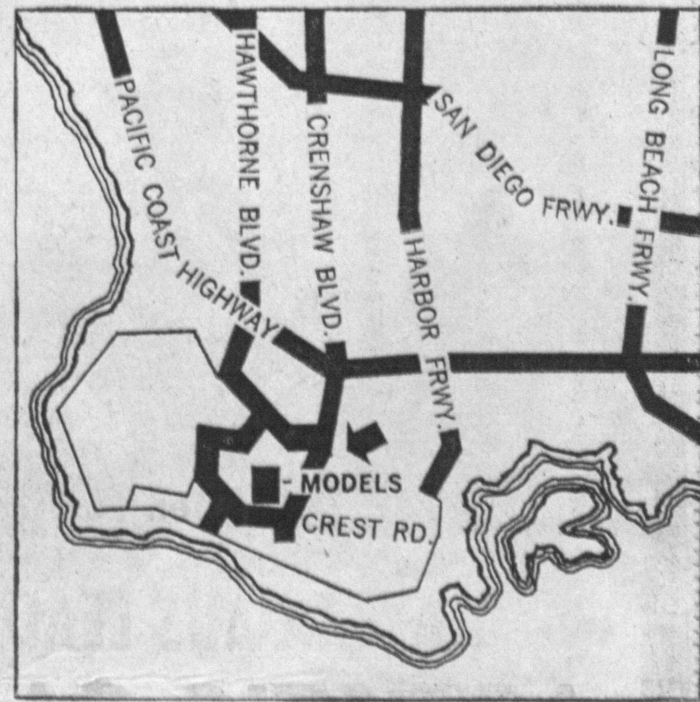
(a) Bailey ran for Vom Steeg in 4th.

Score by Inning		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North Torrance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torrance National	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HR—Abrams, Zundell, 2B—Williams, 2, Wright, 5B—Jackson, O'Brien.											
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Williams	4	3	2	3	2	3					
Abrams	4	4	5	5	4	9					
Winning pitcher—Williams, losing pitcher—Abrams.											

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MOTORCYCLE STARS VIE IN STEEPLECHASE

A free-for-all race to the wire featuring the four 1963 winners is the prediction for the 15-lap main event of an AMA sanctioned motorcycle steeplechase over the jumps at Ascot Park Sunday night.

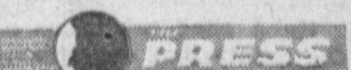
Due to the loaded field of some 150 riders, first race is at 8:15 with practice laps over the treacherous twist, turn and jump course at 7.

The program is the seventh of J. C. Agajanian's schedule that leads up to his second annual 50-lap Grand National Steeplechase championships at the Gardena track Sept. 20-21.

Skip Van Leeuwen, Lakewood's "Flying Dutchman," and Sid Payne of Bakersfield, who have won twice apiece; and Clark White, Bakersfield cotton rancher, and Jack Simmons of Artesia, who have bagged singletons, top the expert class field.

Ascot Park, famous for its spectacular motorcycle steeplechase racing, is at 183rd and Vermont just off the Harbor and San Diego freeways.

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