

West, El Segundo Meet in Baseball

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Not all baseball penants are decided in September.

One of the more interesting high school championship battles could be settled this week when El Segundo and West High tangle in a pair of Pioneer League outings.

The first game Tuesday will be at El Segundo where baseball championships have become a recent tradition.

Coach John Stevenson was so certain he would repeat as Pioneer League champion this season, he applied for and was given consent to compete in the CIF "AAA" playoffs rather than the "AA" division at the end of the season. El Segundo won the Double-A playoffs last year with practically the same club that has compiled six straight league games this time around.

The only time El Segundo was handed convincingly last year was by West High's Dave LaRoche who pitched a 5-0 one-hitter against the Eagles and forced a three-way showdown together with Torrance High. Later LaRoche was shelled by Gundo, 13-6.

Torrance is gone from the Pioneer League, so only El Segundo and West are in the limelight this year.

West is only a tie game off El Segundo's all-winning 6-game pace.

Coach Max Lomas was not certain who his starting pitcher would be Tuesday. Playing at El Segundo's "small" ballpark may have an influence, but the rotation after four weeks has been to start Ron Sells on Tuesday and follow up with LaRoche in the second game of the week. Bruce Cooke may also be used.

El Segundo has a tough pitching combination of Mike McCready, Kemer Brett, Bill Holt, Ed Hora and Ron Green.

West will go into the El Segundo series with a veteran team that includes Catcher Allan Coward, Shortstop Gary Swanson, Third Baseman Paul Gadohis and Outfielders Mike Menth, Joel Hons, Jerry Turco, and Jim Barnes.

Having little or no chance of catching El Segundo and West are Aviation, Lennox and Palos Verdes with 2-4 league records each.

Lawndale has failed to win in five league games, but the team won two of four games in the Hawthorne Tournament last week and reached the semi-finals before losing to Torrance, 1-0.

Somebody is likely to fall completely out of contention this week when Aviation meets Lawndale and Lennox tangles with Palos Verdes in a pair of doubleheaders.



RON SELLS... Will be called upon to pitch against El Segundo this week as West High battles El Segundo for Pioneer League championship.

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Football Game Set For Aug. 4

The second annual Prep All-Star Football Game will be held Aug. 4 at El Camino College Murdock Stadium.

Graduating senior football players from 20 high schools will participate in the game, according to Don Banker, president of the sponsoring West Torrance Lions Club.

Proceeds will be given to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children which last year obtained \$5,000 from the event.

Jim Mechura is this year's game chairman. Participating schools are from the Bay League, Sky League, Pioneer League, Camino Real League, Catholic League and Marine League.

The first annual game was won by the schools west of Hawthorne Blvd. by a 13-7 score.



KEN PFAU... South High's All-Bay League pitcher returns to action this week against Ingwood. Pfauf missed three weeks of the league season as the result of a fall.

BAY LEAGUE BASEBALL

18-Game Slate To Tell Story

In an 18-game schedule such as used for the Bay League baseball warfare, the championship will likely be decided with a 14-4 or 13-5 record year-after-year.

Two-time champion Redondo grabbed the title a year ago by beating South, 3-2, in a game that gave them their respective 14-4 and 13-5 records.

Considering the league is more balanced this year than 1965, an even tighter finish has been anticipated this time around.

The acquisition of the Sky League's No. 1 and 2 finishers from last year — North (11-4) and Ingwood (9-5) — makes for a full scope of regular contenders.

Santa Monica has jumped out in front with a 5-1 record at the vacation break, but with 12 games remaining the Vikings hold a precarious advantage in the standings.

In the loss column in which the standings are keyed, North and Redondo have a "2". Mira Costa sits in fourth place right now, but the Mustangs are not considered much better off than South. High which is in the cellar. Both have "5" losses.

Sixth place Hawthorne has a 1-3 record and two make-up games to play, but the

Cougars won three games in its own tournament last week, including a 2-1 victory over renowned El Segundo, and cannot be counted out.

The biggest job faces South which not only has a 1-5 league record, but also suffered three defeats in the Hawthorne Tourney.

The Spartans, however, have the talent to spoil the fortunes of the leaders in the stretch. Pitcher Ken Pfauf has recovered from a fall that sidelined him three weeks. He will get at least one shot at Ingwood this week.

Glenn Thompson is Coach Jerry McVaine's No. 2 twirler. Had both been ready from the offset of the season, South could well have been on top of the heap.

An important series this week pits Redondo (4-2) against Santa Monica (5-1). Tuesday's opener is at Santa Monica.

After Redondo, Santa Monica runs into South and North consecutively.

Commencing Monday, April 25, the league switches to a 3-game-per-week schedule. This particular week North and Santa Monica clash on Monday and Wednesday. Their Friday games are North versus Hawthorne and Santa Monica versus Ingwood.

Pitching rules play an important role in the league race. During a two-a-week schedule, a pitcher is limited to nine innings, but during a 3-a-week slate the pitchers on Monday start fresh on Friday. There is no limit to the number of innings in one game, it is understood.

And, remember, baseball games are not decided until the last batter is out!

Torrance Loses To Rolling Hills In Baseball Finale

Rolling Hills handed Torrance a 1-0 shutout Wednesday night to win the Hawthorne Baseball Tournament. The championship game was played under the lights at El Segundo Recreation Park.

Both teams reached the finals by blanking semi-final opponents in the daylight Wednesday. Torrance eliminated Lawndale, 1-0, and Rolling Hills blanked Hawthorne, 4-0.

Rolling Hills won its five games during the 3-day playoffs. Torrance won 3 of 5 games.

The title was decided by an unearned run in the first inning. Rolling Hills' Jim Henry reached first when Pitcher Steve Kealey slipped fielding his infield tap.

Blore followed with a single to move Henry to second. Marty Meagher forced Blore at second and on an attempted doubleplay, the relay was thrown past Bart Johnson at first and Henry scored.

Torrance threatened in the first inning, but Dave McKenzie was thrown out at the plate on a single by Johnson. The Tartars left the bases loaded in the inning.

Rolling Hills used three pitchers. Andy Simor, who got the sides out in the first inning in relief, was the winning pitcher. Gary Ryerson pitched 18 innings during the 3-day series. He finished up the final two stanzas on the mound, striking out four Tartars. Gary was named

player of the tournament. His 24 strikeouts were two short of the record 26 he got a year ago.

Ryerson's total pitching effort included a 2-1 win over West High, 4-0 over Hawthorne in the semi-finals, and he worked two innings in a 9-8 win over Morningside.

Kealey pitched 14 innings without giving up an earned run. Besides his 1-0 loss to Rolling Hills, he threw a 9-0 shutout against South High.

It took a 9-0 score to break a 3-way deadlock among Torrance, Palos Verdes and Redondo in their robin-robin preliminaries.

Torrance was beaten by Redondo, 7-1, as Bob Sharpe suffered his first loss of the year and had a streak of 23 scoreless innings broken.

He bounced back Wednesday to blank Lawndale in the semi-finals, 1-0. He had 10 strikeouts and whiffed three in the second innings. The game was won in the third inning when Chris Smith was aboard on an error. On Danny Kling's long single to right field Smith came around to score the lone run.

Both Torrance and Rolling Hills are also involved in the struggle for the Sky League title bid along with Morningside and Leuzinger.

When league play is resumed Tuesday Morningside (4-2), Rolling Hills (3-2) goes to Culver City (1-5) and Beverly Hills (2-4) travels to Leuzinger (3-2).

Narrated by Bob Kelley, the 16-mm film features not only Rams' games, but also shows most of the National Football League's super stars in explaining the theme, "What Is NFL Football."

The film can be reserved by calling Webster 3-8291.

Brilliant Chicago rookie Gale Sayers, Jim Brown, Jim Taylor, Francis Tarkenton, Johnny Unitas and John Brodie are a few of the NFL stars spotlighted in their finest 1965 plays.

Special segments are devoted to such Ram standouts as Dick Bass, Roman Gabriel, Bill Munson, the "Fear-some Foursome" and defensive captain Eddie Meador.

Rolling Hills, 1-0

Rolling Hills (1)	AB	R	H
Schiff, 2b	4	0	0
Henry, 3b	3	0	0
Bjork, p	1	0	0
Meagher, ss	3	0	0
Kealey, c	3	0	0
Johnson, 1b	3	0	0
Smith, 3b	3	0	0
Johnson, cf	3	0	0
Ryerson, p	1	0	0
Totals	25	0	0

Torrance (0)	AB	R	H
McKenzie, 2b	3	0	0
Bjork, cf	3	0	0
Johnson, 1b	3	0	0
Kealey, c	3	0	0
Johnson, cf	3	0	0
Smith, 3b	3	0	0
Johnson, cf	3	0	0
Finemill, lf	1	0	0
Crockett, lf	1	0	0
Totals by Innings	22	0	0

Rolling Hills	AB	R	H
Torrance	100	0	0
Rolling Hills	100	0	0
Totals	198	0	0

Rolling Hills	AB	R	H
Ryerson	2	0	0
Johnson	4	1	0
Smith	2	0	0
Kealey	2	0	0
Totals	10	1	0

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LAKER COLLECTION TO AID RUDOMETKIN

John Rudometkin, all-time USC basketball great who went on to play three years in the National Basketball Association, will be beneficiary of a collection taken at halftime of the next Los Angeles Laker home game in the NBA playoffs.

The John Rudometkin Foundation was established to aid the colorful basketball player and his family, left in dire straits financially after his lengthy hospitalization and continuing treatment for cancer.

Alex Hannum, himself a former USC star long associated with the NBA, and member of the Trojan Letterman Club, will pass buckets at halftime. All money collected will go to the Rudometkin foundation.

Upon first learning of Rudometkin's illness, Laker General Manager Lou Mohs contacted Jack Kent Cooke on the possibility of a collection during the playoffs and the Laker owner was in enthusiastic agreement with the plan.

The collection will take place Sunday at 7:30 at the Sports Arena.

Redondo Night Scheduled at Anaheim Park

Redondo Beach Night in the new Angel Stadium in Anaheim will be Thursday, April 21.

South Bay residents are invited to attend the game which features the California Angels and the Chicago White Sox.

Five hundred reserved seats tickets are between home plate and third base. Tickets are \$2.50.

Bus transportation will be available at \$1.50 per round-trip with bus leaving both the Plush Horse and South Bay Center, Carl Rogers of the Chamber of Commerce announced.

The collection will take place Sunday at 7:30 at the Sports Arena.

Bay League Baseball

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Monica	5	1	.833	0
North	4	2	.667	1
Redondo	4	2	.667	1
Ingwood	3	2	.600	2
Lawndale	2	2	.500	3
Hawthorne	1	3	.250	4
South	1	3	.250	4

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Quarter Horses Go At Los Alamitos

The 25-day Spring Quarter Horse racing season opens Tuesday at Los Alamitos and runs through May 10.

Most of the fine two-year-olds which competed in the \$100,100 Los Alamitos Fall Futurity will be competing in the events for older horses and the three-year-old handicaps.

With this group of fasties competing, President and General Manager, Frank Vesels, Jr. anticipates new track and world records are a distinct possibility, particularly in the 350-yard distance.

The largest purse for two-year-olds at the Spring meet will be the \$20,000 Juvenile Championship at 350 yards to be raced on closing day, Tuesday, May 10. Los Alamitos will stage two new races for two-year-olds this spring — the \$5,000 Leo, set for April 23, and the \$5,000 Jet Deck, April 30.

A total of \$456,000 will be distributed for feature races and overnight purses during the meet.

Nine races are scheduled daily, Mondays through Saturdays, with first post at 1:30 p.m. The Milk Run, an added attraction, popular every spring with the fans, precedes the first race, Promising foals race 100 yards to their waiting mothers.



NEW BASEBALL STADIUM... In Anaheim will house the California Angels of the American League. The Angels opened the ballpark yesterday and today with a two-game exhibition series against the San Francisco Giants.

Stocking of Lakes with Trout Set

The Department of Fish and Game has scheduled the stocking of catchable-size rainbow trout in the following lakes and streams of Southern California.

- LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Big Tule Lake, Crystal Lake, Little Bear Lake, San Gabriel River (East Fork), North Little Creek (Middle Fork), North Fork, Mill Creek, Little San Anis River, Santa Ana River (South Fork).
- SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY — Arrowhead Lake, Big Bear Lake, Deep Creek, Green Valley Lake, Gregory Lake, Jenks Lake, Little Bear Creek, Little Creek (Middle Fork), North Fork, Mill Creek, Little San Anis River, Santa Ana River (South Fork).
- SAN DIEGO COUNTY — Point Lake, Santa Margarita River, Santa Margarita River, Santa Margarita River, Santa Margarita River.
- SANTA BARBARA COUNTY — Davenport Creek, Santa Ana River, Santa Ana River, Santa Ana River.
- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY — Santa Cruz River, Santa Cruz River, Santa Cruz River.
- SANTA MONICA COUNTY — Santa Monica River, Santa Monica River, Santa Monica River.
- SANTA RITA COUNTY — Santa Rita River, Santa Rita River, Santa Rita River.
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Hometown Winner's Circle Conquered by Shoemaker

It took five-time National Riding Champion Bill Shoemaker seven tries before he finally won a race for the hometown folks of El Paso. Shoemaker made his fruitless first trip to Sunland Park, just five miles from his native El Paso, in 1959, and again tried to please the home folks in 1962.

Things were different on December 19, 1965. The Shoe had the mount on a filly named That's Julie, a blazing three-year-old who held a world's record for 870 yards. The Shoe and That's Julie won off by themselves, but an alert official dug into the rules book and discovered that because it was a

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