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WORKING DOUBLE PLAY . . . Shortstop Gary Swanson (14) pitches off to second baseman Gary Loyd who squares away at the bag to complete throw to first. Loyd, a senior has been staked out at the keystone base for three years for West High School. Swanson is a sophomore. The Warriors have a one win, one loss, one tie record in the Pioneer League. (Press-Herald photo)

GETTING IN THE SWING OF THINGS . . . Jim Barnes (left) checks out batting grip with teammates Ron Sells, Tim Speaks, Mike Foster and Coach Max Lomas (standing) of the West High Warriors. The four ballplayers hold down the outfield assignments for the team. West meets Lennox Tuesday for the fourth Pioneer League game at the Lennox field. (Press-Herald photo)

Good Old Days

By HENRY BURKE

Press-Herald Sports Editor

For a number of years the American Legion has had a successful teenage baseball program under the auspices of its national Junior Legion Baseball program.

Practically every Legion Post in the country sponsors a team from its local high schools. The program gives thousands of 15-18 year old boys a chance to prolong their high school baseball careers throughout the summer. Ideal leagues and tournaments make for an attractive program.

There can be no complaints about the Junior Legion Baseball program.

Now, Dick Pittenger of the American Legion organization has decided to invade the "kids" baseball program, in most part, with a "tournament" as a gimmick to promote the Legion's annual fireworks show on July 4. He is the Legion's county council director of special events.

A great deal of publicity was distributed last year, appealing to managers and coaches of "12-year-old" teams to enter teams in the tournament.

How many teams were signed up last year has not been revealed. Apparently there were very few takers among the hundreds of Little League and similarly organized teams and leagues throughout the Southland.

When Little League Baseball, Inc., issued a declaration to its leagues as to the inadvisability of competing in the Legion promotion, Pittenger was not happy and debated the issue with Little League personnel.

Pittenger, apparently not one to give up, contacted the Pony League organization and won approval to solicit 13 and 14-year-old boys as contestants in this year's show.

Once again the publicity is going strong with everybody from Governor Brown, Art Linkletter, Dennis Day and many others having their pictures distributed in support of the teams.

Again the Southern California Grocers Association with its chains of markets, Pepsi Cola, Laura Scudders and Farmers Insurance are named in conjunction with the event.

Why the Pony League would want to endorse a baseball program which duplicates beyond demand its own program is a mystery.

If the "International Junior Baseball Championship Elimination Tournament" was an avenue to provide boys with an opportunity to play baseball who might not otherwise play, it would be worthwhile.

However, I believe the American Legion has allowed itself to be the subject of criticism by promoting a commercial enterprise at the expense of its youthful participants. It emphasizes crowd attendance on July 4!

North Nine Wins Pair To Lead Sky League

After two league games North sits atop the Sky League baseball standings with a 2-1 record. Inglewood is 1-0 and the other four league members have been beaten at least once.

North's Saxons scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to beat Culver City Thursday, 7-4. Earlier in the week the Saxons downed Morningside, 3-2.

Joe DeLuca walked with the bases loaded to force Dave McGillivray home. Jeff Osborne and Butch Nickoloff scored on an infield single by Dave Buffington.

Both North and Culver got six hits. Brian Merklin homered and batted in four runs for the losers.

Against Morningside the Saxons took a 2-0 lead on a run-producing double by Osborn and a sacrifice fly to score him in the first inning. After running the count to 3-0, Morningside came back against North with a pair of tallies in the fourth.

North's third and winning run in the third frame came on a hit-and-run single by DeLuca to score Nickoloff from first.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Culver City	103 000 0	4	6	3
North	121 103 x	7	6	2

McCormick, Wade (3) and Barnes; Benvenuti, Graver (4) and Donseley.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Morningside	000 200 0	2	6	3
North	201 000 x	3	5	1

PREP BASEBALL OUTLOOK

West Must Rely On Two Pitchers

By HENRY BURKE
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One gander at the pitching experience at West High and the baseball team looks like a strong contender in the Pioneer League.

Coach Max Lomas has only five seniors, including hurler John Marsden, a two-year all-leaguer.

Marsden and Dave LaRoche, a lefty, share the regular pitching duty for the Warriors. Sophomore Joel Hons and Mike Foster, a senior, are relief moundsmen with the 14-man squad.

Marsden won notoriety at West High as a sophomore when he pitched a series of shutouts and low-scoring victories for the then "infant" West varsity. It was the school's first year.

Marsden stepped up the tempo last year by earning All-CIF baseball recognition. His batting is consistently over the .350 mark too.

LaRoche began his freshman career at West by winning the first baseman's post with the varsity and inasmuch as he has become a classy left-handed pitcher in the league, he splits assignments with Marsden at both positions.

Gary Loyd, the team's clean-up hitter and a three-year second sacker; Paul Gadbois, a junior at third; and Sophomore Gary Swanson at shortstop round out the infield.

Experience also rules behind the plate where Dennis Dodd is in charge. He is backed up by a pair of freshmen, Jay Connery and Dean Gibson.

Tim Speaks, Grade 12 centerfield, is flanked in the outfield by juniors Jim Barnes in left and Ron Sells in right field. A utility outfielder is Mike Menth, a sophomore.

Practically everybody on the squad doubles or triples in baseball, football and basketball. Loyd, LaRoche and Marsden played all three sports. The long season of basketball in which West qualified for the CIF playoffs, put the pitchers behind schedule.

Illness to LaRoche also cost him a week of practice.

The Warriors can go through most of its line-up with reasonably good power at the plate. When the pitching comes around West will be tough to beat.

Torrance Blanks Aviation

With Bob Sharpe pitching six innings and his sidekick Steve Kealey going one inning, Torrance got a four-hit pitching effort to blank Aviation, 7-0, in a Pioneer League game Thursday on the loser's diamond.

It was the first win compared with a tie game with West and a loss to El Segundo for the Tartars.

Bart Johnson and Phil Hull bolstered the Torrance offensive attack with three hits apiece.

Torrance jumped ahead with a pair of runs in the first two innings and sprinkled in three others.

The Pioneer League race has only one full game separating the six schools. After three meetings every club had won or lost a game in the standings.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Torrance	221 100 1	7	7	1
Aviation	000 000 0	0	4	2

Sharpe, Kealey (7) and Kendall; LeRoy, Fletcher (4) and Noble.

Saxons Lose Track Meet

100—Stanberry (BH), Flamm (BH), Futrell (N), 10.7.

220—Allen (N), Flamm (BH), Stanberry (BH), 22.6.

440—Lickman (BH), Allen (N), Barr (BH), 52.3.

880—Wolff (BH), Staff (N), Chavez (N), 2:05.5.

Mile—Goldman (BH), Foley (N), Brown (BH), 4:42.4.

2-Mile—Isen (BH), Schird (BH), Vasquez (N), 10:24.

120HH—Schwab (BH), Greenwald (BH), Massman (BH), 16.1.

180LH—Greenwald (BH), Schwab (BH), Futrell (N), 20.8.

PV — Wollcott (BH), Eide (N), 10'6".

SP—Caren (BH), Neighbors (BH), Poblasco (N), 47'2½".

LJ—Sperling (BH), Feldman (BH), Reisis (BH), 20'5".

HJ—Waldow (BH), Becker (N), Miles (BH), 5'10".

880 Relay—Beverly Hills, 1:35.3.

Score: Beverly Hills 87, North 25.

B-Score: Beverly Hills 45, North 41.

C-Score: North 48, Beverly Hills 37.

Leagues Revised For '65

Inglewood, Redondo and Santa Monica high schools, three of the original Bay League participants, will be back in the same company in the fall. Since the league was formed in 1913 Redondo is the only school with uninterrupted membership.

The latest edition of the Bay League for 1965-66 is composed of North High, South High, Redondo, Mira Costa, Inglewood, Hawthorne and Santa Monica.

Adding to regulars Leuzinger, Beverly Hills, Culver City and Morningside of the Sky League are Torrance of the Pioneer League and Rolling Hills of the Bay League.

Also dropping from the Bay League to the Pioneer League is Palos Verdes, defending football kingpin, which joins Lawndale, El Segundo, Aviation, Lennox ad West in the "junior" circuit.

South Posts Second Win In Tennis

South High's tennis team posted a 5-2 victory over previously unbeaten Rolling Hills Tuesday in a Bay League match.

The Spartans, now 2-0 in the Bay League, will meet league-leading Palos Verdes (3-0) Tuesday.

Other standings are Santa Monica (2-0), Rolling Hills (2-1), Hawthorne (02), and Redondo (0-3).

Results:

Krug (RH) defeated Terre (S), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Cerami (RH) defeated Chadil (S), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Fiet (S) defeated Bozarth (RH), 6-3, 9-11, 6-3.

Ppak (S), defeated Bowker (RH), 6-2, 6-4.

Cruikshank (S) defeated McCue (RH), 7-5, 6-2.

Linnenmeyer and Hollenbeck (S) defeated Rhoads and Straeight (RH), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Wiley and Woods (S) defeated T. Owen and B. Owen, (RH), 6-3, 6-3.

LaRoche Hits Two Homers In 11-6 Win

Dave LaRoche pitched shutout ball for six innings and slammed two home runs in the sixth and seventh innings as West High defeated Lawndale, 11-6, in Pioneer League baseball play Thursday.

The win was the first for the Warriors who tied Torrance Tuesday and lost to Aviation last week.

West went on a 10-hit spree against Lawndale with Mike Foster, Jim Barnes, Paul Gadbois and LaRoche getting a pair each. LaRoche's bombs earned four rbi's.

With an 11-0 lead in the seventh Coach Max Lomas gave his two understudy pitchers, Foster and Joel Hons a crack at the mound. They were touched for three runs apiece before putting out the fire. The game was played at Lawndale.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
West	021 042 2	11	10	2
Lawndale	000 000 6	6	8	4

LaRoche, Foster (7), Hons (7) and Dodd; Nentrup and Allison.

Baseball Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Bay League

South at Palos Verdes.
Hawthorne at Mira Costa.
Santa Monica at Redondo.

Camino Real League

Pater Noster at Montgomery.

Catholic League

Notre Dame at Serra.

Pioneer League

West at Lennox
Lawdale at Aviation.
El Segundo at Aviation.

Sky League

North at Leuzinger
Inglewood at Culver City.
Morningside at Beverly Hills.

Standings

Bay League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Mira Costa	5	1	.833	—
South	3	1	.750	1
Redondo	4	2	.667	1
Santa Monica	2	2	.500	2
Rolling Hills	2	4	.333	3
Hawthorne	1	3	.250	3
Palos Verdes	1	5	.167	4

Thursday's Results

South 10, Rolling Hills 7.
Redondo 8, Palos Verdes 4.
Mira Costa 1, Santa Monica 0.

Sky League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
North	2	0	1.000	—
Inglewood	1	0	1.000	½
Culver City	1	1	.500	1
Beverly Hills	1	1	.500	1
Morningside	0	1	.500	1½
Leuzinger	0	2	.000	2

Thursday's Results

North 7, Culver City 4.
Beverly Hills 8, Leuzinger 5.
Inglewood 4, Morningside 4 (9 innings, called darkness).

Pioneer League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Lawndale	2	1	.667	—
El Segundo	2	1	.667	—
Torrance	1	1	.500	½
West	1	1	.500	½
Aviation	1	2	.333	1
Lennox	1	2	.333	1

Thursday's Results

Torrance 7, Aviation 0.
West 11, Lawndale 6.
El Segundo 15, Lennox 5.

Boat Projects

Proposed boating facility projects in San Diego, Los Angeles, Ventura, and Fresno counties will be considered at a public meeting of California's Small Craft Harbors Commission to be held in Sacramento on Monday, April 15.

NORTH TORRANCE EAST . . . Has selected Carol Atkinson (center), 9-year-old Little League queen to reign at opening day April 25. Her princesses are Nancy Bernstein (left) and Debra Morgan (right).

Branch Office Wins City Title

Branch Office defeated Roaches, 86-73, for the Torrance city basketball championship Thursday night at Torrance High School.

Branch Office, winner of the Thursday Night League, won the title the hard way. After losing their first three league games, the team tied Kahlo Realty and Vaughn Realtor and Construction Company with 7-3 records.

Three playoff victories stretched Branch office's winning streak to 10 games.

Paul Howard led the champions Thursday night against the Roaches with 32 points. He had 15 field goals and two free throws.

Branch Office (86)		Roaches (73)
Howard (32)	F	Davidson (15)
Arrillaga (15)	F	Edwards (2)
Davis (14)	C	Deurwaarder (21)
Douglas (0)	G	Harris (10)
Easley (22)	G	Paulino (15)

Score by Quarters

Branch Office	15	19	22	30	86
Roaches	13	20	16	24	73

Scoring sub: Branch Office—Corcoran (3).

Amble Basketball

Hawks def. Rambling Wreck, 6-15, 16-8, 16-8.

Deadheads def. South Torrance Lions, 9-6, 9-12, 12-8.

Madrona Squares def. Ratfinks, 12-8, 20-24, 13-9.

Bluebirds def. Original Four, 16-0, 12-8, 16-9.

Rally Earns South 10-7 Ball Game

South High bounced back from an earlier 5-2 baseball loss to Rolling Hills to beat the Titans at home Thursday, 10-7.

The split in the weekly doubleheader necessitated a 4-run rally in a back-to-back 4-run inning by both teams in the third.

South broke up a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the sixth with another 5-run splurge.

Craig Moore collected three of South's 12 hits. Dick White and Chuck Hrehor banged out two hits each.

The win gives South a 3-1 Bay League record, two notches behind Mira Costa which clubbed Santa Monica a second time Friday, 1-0.

The Mustangs, after losing to Rolling Hills to start the season, have cashed in five straight wins for a 5-1 record.

Redondo, also a two-time loser to South to start the campaign, swept past Palos Verdes for a fourth straight win and left the Lancers with a 1-5 record. Jeff Sims hurled the Redondo win, 8-4.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Rolling Hills	004 001 2	7	8	4
South	004 105 x	10	12	4

Meagher, Ryerson (6) and Tabing; Pfau, French (4) and Hertzog.

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Redondo	200 320 1	8	7	2
Palos Verdes	100 201 0	4	6	3

Sims and Stewart; Brown, Sullivan (4) and Tapp.

Hockey Arena Busy Today

Election of officers for the Bay Harbor Midget Hockey Association will be held tonight at the Olympic Ice Arena in Torrance.

Earlier in the afternoon at 4 p.m. a state championship ice hockey match is scheduled between Norwalk and Berkeley at the Olympic Arena.

Admission to the event is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Montgomery Blanks Foe

Bishop Montgomery High won its second shutout in the Camino Real League baseball race by edging St. Bernard's, 2-0, Friday.

In other league games Pater Noster edged Fermin Lasuen, 5-4, and Crespi beat St. John Vianney, 6-4.