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Good Old Days

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New York City; It's a Small World

The weather on the East Coast is not so cold in the daytime this time of year that a major league baseball game cannot be enjoyed.

The New York Mets opened their second season at Shea Stadium with a week-long series of crowd pleasers. The Mets engaged the Dodgers for a home opener on a Monday and finished out the weekend against the Giants.

It was a great week for vacationing school children who flocked to the ball park.

Bill Shea, for whom the stadium was named, said he believes day ball games are important for the youth of this country. The turnout of youngsters at Shea Stadium proved his point Saturday.

Shea's remarks were directed to the Little League people at their convention in Washington. He said Little Leaguers are not only the players of tomorrow, but also the fans of today and tomorrow.

Shea condemned major league owners who refuse to consider the importance of daytime ball games in the overall interest of baseball.

It should not be surprising that the Mets are able to outdraw the perennial champion New York Yankees at the gate. The mere fact they oppose former New York favorites—the Giants and Dodgers—regularly is a tremendous advantage. Meeting teams like Cincinnati and St. Louis is also inviting for the Mets.

On the other hand it appears rather dreary the thought of Yankee fans storming to the Bronx to watch "thrillers" with the Washington Senators, Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles, Kansas City Athletics or the L. A. Angels, for example.

The Washington Post put out a special baseball edition to launch the baseball season.

A full page spread was given to the Nats' new talent. The players include Doug Capelli, Dick New, Nick White, Pete Richert, Phil Ortega, Ken McMullen, Joe McCabe, Woody Held, Bob Chance (not Dean) and Frank Howard.

In a pre-season exhibition game against the Dodgers, Howard failed to hit the ball out of the infield. Pitchers have him pretty well figured out.

About the only hope Washington fans have for Howard is he might hit the longest home run in D. C. history sometime during the season. Nobody seems to think he will knock the cover off the ball any better than he did with the Dodgers.

The entire Washington roster resembles a mediocre Dodger "B" team.

But getting back to the Mets, they may not be the best baseball team in the country, but New Yorkers sure love 'em. If Casey Stengel, Yogi Berra and Warren Spahn painted their faces like clowns, they would make an ideal team for the World's Fair across the street from the ball park.

They are such great baseball comics they get more guest appearances of television than Mickey Mantle or Roger Maris.

A typical sports cartoon in the New York Daily News cleverly characterized the fact the Yankees and Mets had identical 1-2 records the other day. This goes on all the time.

What will it be like when the Mets start winning regularly? Bob Moses of the New York World's Fair has his fingers crossed it won't happen this summer, or the Mets might become a serious competitor to the Fair.

The way it goes now, any time the Mets fall behind six or eight runs, the fans can merely leave the stadium, walk across the street to the fairgrounds, and spend the rest of the afternoon studying the Arts!

West Beats Cards

West High held its slim lead in the Pioneer League baseball race yesterday after beating Lawndale, 3-0, at home.

Dave LaRoche hurled the shutout, giving up two hits in the second inning. He had 11 strikeouts.

West scored three unearned runs in the first, second and sixth innings.

Closest to a legitimate run came in the sixth on a double by John Marsden, followed by an error on Gary Loyd's hit ball.

West has a 4-1 record, followed by Torrance at 3-1. The Tartars defeated Aviation yesterday, 4-3, and El Segundo ran its record to 3-2 with a 7-6 win over Lennox.

South, which Coach Jerry Melvaine claims has lost its hitting sting, dropped a 3-1 Bay League game to Hawthorne. The Spartans meet Hawthorne at home tomorrow and makeup a game at home Saturday at 11 a.m. against Palos Verdes.

Redondo leads the Bay League with a 6-3 record. The Hawks beat Mira Costa yesterday, 4-3, and Rolling Hills topped Santa Monica, 8-3. South has a 4-3 record.

Score by Inning: R H E
Lawndale . . . 0 0 0 0-0 2
West . . . 3 0 0 3-0 4
Bureau, Naylor (2) and Allen (2); LaRoche and Dodd.

Montgomery Loses, 3-2

An unearned run in the bottom of the fifth inning cost Bishop Montgomery a 3-2 Camino Real League baseball loss yesterday at Crespi High.

Montgomery scored two runs in the second inning, but Crespi tied the count in the fourth frame.

Score by Inning: R H E
Montgomery . . . 0 0 0 0-2 6
Crespi . . . 3 0 0 3-2 3
Thompson, Ramirez (4) and Straley; Jim Lell, Jackels (3) and Joe Smith.



READY TO PLAY BALL . . . Steve Haston, 9-year-old Southwood Little Leaguer, is playing his first year with the major Redlegs, a team managed by his father, Steve Haston Sr. The youngster dons his shoes for a mid-week drill prior to opening day activities on Saturday. Little Leaguers throughout Torrance will launch their 1965 campaigns the next two weekends. (Press-Herald photo)

Local Teams End Season In Soccer

Both West Los Angeles soccer teams defeated Torrance opponents at Rancho Cienega Stadium last weekend.

The L.A. Destroyers blanked the Firefighters, 3-0, and the Panthers were beaten by the L.A. Wildcats, 4-0.

In all-star competition on Sunday Stanley Drysdale of Torrance scored three goals as the Torrance Aces downed the Torrance Bullets, 4-1.

All-star players will continue training for the June 6 match in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Saxon Team Goes to Ojai

North High tennis players will participate in the Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament tomorrow. Approval for the trip, which is beyond the limits established by district policy, was given by the Board of Education Monday.

SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL

Tappa Kegs Set For 8th Season

Tappa Keggas of Torrance opens the West Coast Slo-Pitch Association softball season against the defending SCMAF champion Los Angeles Old Timers Friday night at Torrance Park. A doubleheader will take place at 8 p.m.

Other opening night games pit the Gardena Comets against the Redondo Beach Buys at Perry Park, and the San Pedro Merchants at the Santa Ana Bombers.

Chuck Ryan, manager of Tappa Keggas, says his team will be sponsored by Taft Allen Realty during 1965.

Going into the eighth year, the roster includes Chuck Schoendienst, Gib Matthews, Jim Reynolds, Ray Magnonte, Ed and Charley Williams, Mick, Chuck and Bob Ryan, Noel and Earl Smith, Jim Weisser, Neils Cole and Ron Jackson.

No longer with Tappa Keg-

gas are Tony Conch, Scotty Maxey and Tony Mariscal. The San Pedro Merchants, beaten by the Kegs, 4-3, and 3-2, in the state slo-pitch finals last year, have been added to the West-Coast Slo-Pitch League this season.

During seven previous years Tappa Keggas had won 245 games compared with 21 losses. Last year's record was 47-4, including champion laurels in the West Coast, Redondo and state playoffs, and runner up in SCMAF (Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation).

First Round
April 23 — San Pedro Merchants at Santa Ana Bombers; Gardena Comets at Red. Beh. Buys; L.A. Oldtimers at Torrance Tappa Keggas; Hughes Hustlers, by.
April 24 — Redondo Beach Buys at Hughes Hustlers; San Pedro Merchants at Gardena Comets; Santa Ana Bombers at Tappa Keggas; L.A. Oldtimers, by.
May 7 — Santa Ana Bombers at L.A. Oldtimers; San Pedro Merchants at Red. Beh. Buys; Torrance Tappa Keggas at Hughes Hustlers; Gardena Comets, by.
May 14 — Gardena Comets at Torrance Tappa Keggas; Hughes Hustlers at Santa Ana Bombers; San Pedro Merchants at L.A. Oldtimers; Redondo Beach Buys, by.
May 21 — San Pedro Merchants at Hughes Hustlers; Santa Ana Bombers at Red. Beh. Buys; Gardena Comets at L.A. Oldtimers; Torrance Tappa Keggas, by.
May 28 — Red. Beh. Buys at Torrance Tappa Keggas; Santa Ana Bombers at Gardena Comets; L.A. Oldtimers at Hughes Hustlers; San Pedro Merchants, by.
June 4 — Hughes Hustlers at Gardena Comets; Torrance Tappa Keggas at San Pedro Merchants; Redondo Beach Buys at L.A. Oldtimers; Santa Ana Bombers, by.

Second Round
June 18 — Santa Ana Bombers at San Pedro Merchants; Red. Beh. Buys at Gardena Comets; Torrance Tappa Keggas at L.A. Oldtimers; Hughes Hustlers, by.
June 25 — Hughes Hustlers at Red. Beh. Buys; Gardena Comets at San Pedro Merchants; Torrance Tappa Keggas at Santa Ana Bombers; L.A. Oldtimers, by.
July 9 — L.A. Oldtimers at Santa Ana Bombers; Red. Beh. Buys at San Pedro Merchants; Hughes Hustlers at Torrance Tappa Keggas; Gardena Comets, by.
July 16 — Torrance Tappa Keggas at Gardena Comets; Santa Ana Bombers at Hughes Hustlers; L.A. Oldtimers at San Pedro Merchants; Redondo Beach Buys, by.
July 23 — Hughes Hustlers at San Pedro Merchants; Red. Beh. Buys at Santa Ana Bombers; L.A. Oldtimers at Gardena Comets; Torrance Tappa Keggas, by.
July 30 — Torrance Tappa Keggas at Red. Beh. Buys; Gardena Comets at Santa Ana Bombers; Hughes Hustlers at L.A. Oldtimers; San Pedro Merchants, by.
Sept. 6 — Gardena Comets at Hughes Hustlers; San Pedro Merchants at Torrance Tappa Keggas; L.A. Oldtimers at Redondo Beach Buys; Santa Ana Bombers, by.

El Camino 9 Clashes With Valley Sat.

El Camino College returns to Metropolitan Conference baseball action Saturday against Valley. The Warriors have a 7-2 record midway through the pennant race. They are in second place behind unbeaten Cerritos.

During the Easter vacation El Camino won two of three games in its own baseball tournament, a notch behind the winning UCLA Bruins.

In the tournament, El Camino defeated Valley State, 7-6, and Loyola, 2-1, but lost a return match to Valley State, 11-2.

Leading pitchers for coach Chuck Freeman's mound crew during the first half of conference play were John Wojcik with a 1.47 earned run average and Dave Rabuse with a 2.78 ERA. Both have three wins and one loss to their credit.

Offensively, shortstop Carey Hubert has collected 16 hits for a .390 average.

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El Camino . . . 000 290 000-2 5 1
Capps, Mosely (3), Schmidt (6) and Matani, Boston (2); Allen, Schultz (2), Reynolds (2), Hubert (4), Warner (7), Hubert (3) and Loyola 100 000 000-1 8 0
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Toby and Laberrieque, Wojcik and Hubert.

Baseball Season Begins

With daylight savings time giving Little Leaguers an extra hour of daylight on Sunday, most youth baseball leagues launch their 1965 season this weekend.

Some league officials report considerable interference from recent rain storms. Except for South Redondo Little League, opening day will go on as scheduled throughout the area.

South Redondo's home field at Sepulveda Blvd. and Prospect St. had a peak of four feet of water at the height of the rainfall. Work details have been working long hours to avoid a long delay in opening the season, according to Michael O'Sullivan, president.

North Torrance East Little League will open its season Sunday at its "old" ballpark at 190th St. and Van Ness Ave.

Special ceremonies marking the opening of the new field behind the Garrett Corporation will be held later in the season, according to John Mangiagli, president.

An opening season game between the Braves and Cubs will mark the opening activities.

Southwood Little League, under the direction of President George Sidio, will get the season under way Saturday at 11 a.m. with brief ceremonies. Partial games between Braves and Dodgers; Cards and Redlegs; Cubs and Giants are scheduled among the major teams. Similar minor contests will also be played.

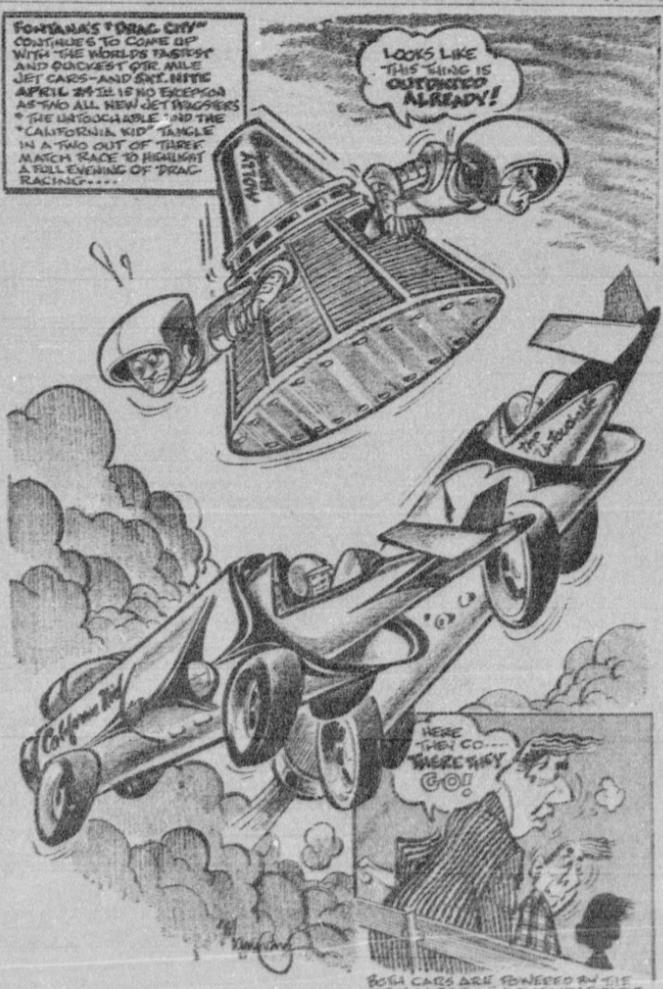
Among leagues planning to open their seasons May 1 are Torrance American and Riviera Little League. Riviera LL has a new home on Ocean Avenue, one block north of Pacific Coast Highway.

Torrondo Little League got a jump on the timetable by opening its season last Saturday. President Ralph Avakian introduced 356 players as part of field ceremonies. Two ballparks in the Entero-dero sump have been revamped with red crushed brick fanning the infields.

Go Josie Go Leads Field

Entries for Saturday's running of the \$40,000 Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association Derby at Los Alamitos Race Course is led by Go Josie Go, clocked at 21.97, just a tick faster than Bar Request at 21.99, in last Saturday's trials.

Rounding out the top 10 are Duplicate Copy (22.06), Nugita Texas (22.09), Feature That (22.15), Night Latch (22.29), Take A Jet (22.30), Sampson Bar (22.37), Bar Pink (22.44) and Cha Cha Chere (22.49).



Track Team Enters Junior College Relays

Losing hope for a strong John Hough led the field in finish in the Metropolitan the discus event. Conference track and field El Camino's Greg Miguel, because of team failures during school record holder in the ing Easter week, the El Camino vault at 15-0, failed to make College track team will place in his event when his enter the Mount San Antonio pole broke.

College, 91-45, but managed On the cinderpath, El Camino in search of a few individual triumphs.

The Warriors suffered a general team letdown and scored poorly in a double Warrior half-mile Doug dual meet against Cerritos Hall and distanceman Steve College, 91-45, managed only Dunlap both settled for a 68-88 tie with a small East end in their events.

Los Angeles College squad. El Camino coach Ray The Tribemen claimed only Southotne had expected a two wins in the meet, both better performance from his coming on the field. Weight- team. We were in shape for man Dan Dye won the shot- this meet. We just had a put event while teammate mental letdown," he said.

Tennis Match Won by South

By blanking Hawthorne, 7-0, South High won its third Bay League tennis victory. The Spartans have two losses.

The South JV's also shut out Hawthorne, 7-0. Both matches were played at South yesterday.

Santa Monica leads the league with a 5-0 record.



DENNIS DODD . . . Peppery West High catcher has drawn 13 bases on balls during the current prep baseball season. His team won a 3-0 shutout over Lawndale yesterday for their fourth Pioneer League victory against one loss. (Press-Herald photo)