

# L'il League Series Set for Inglewood

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## Everything For the Boys

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Those of us involved in the Little League Western Regional Tournament got our first reward from a hard six months work Monday when four participating teams arrived for their work in Inglewood.

Most of the 14 players from Raton, New Mexico, had never climbed aboard a Greyhound bus, much less a jet airliner, but through Little League they are getting some real exposure of Americana-Los Angeles.

A day the entire group of 56 boys, 8 managers and coaches will never forget is yesterday's visit to Disneyland. The spirit in which so many families and businessmen in Inglewood have gotten behind this type of goodwill endeavor makes our heritage look good. The Disneyland trip alone would cost \$700 if paid through the nose!

Twelve members of the East Palo Alto Ravenswood team are Negroes. Because they had the desire and overwhelming fortitude to conquer nine opponents on a ball diamond, they have been given the opportunity to become potential world champions.

A similar team from Southeastern San Diego spent five days last week in Montclair, 70 miles from home, and ultimately lost to Northridge, 6-3.

The Negro manager of the San Diego team put it best in his own words, "The only complaint I can find is the boys don't care to go home. They have had a grand time."

Dick Truhan, the Little League District 37 administrator and tournament director, will get a tremendous share of compliments from his four visiting teams before this week is over.

Those whose favorite pastime is Little League, should not miss the opportunity to visit Tidewater Field during the tournament. Never has a Little League ball diamond had more atmosphere, except possibly the World Series field in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Truhan requested the tournament be played in Inglewood because of his own particular admiration for the facility. The grass infield alone is too gorgeous to even walk on.

Nobody can anticipate what kind of ball games these teams will play Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A 15-run game is as likely as a no-hitter. All four teams are loaded with batters who like to swing at the ball.

A quick survey of the players shows that a vast number of the boys first played in the majors at the age of 9. Size is not a factor. The youngsters average 5'3 1/2".

If you were to pick a winner based on physical appearance, the San Fernando Northridge representative looks pretty healthy. Next is probably Hawaii.

Glen Wold, the manager of Northridge, is a graying gentleman whose son is the team's top pitcher. Glen says the boys take the tournament in stride. He has tried to make the playoffs and all frills as much fun as possible for the boys. As for himself, he cannot imagine how a man could live through this type of an experience twice. Besides, he doesn't believe a league could be "lucky" enough to win as many as nine games in two consecutive years.

The most interesting teams, of course, are those that come from some remote little community. When the players from Ravenswood Little League, for example, walked into the baggage area at International Airport, they saw a familiar face. It was Alfred Hitchcock. Like meeting an old friend, each boy got in line to shake his hand.

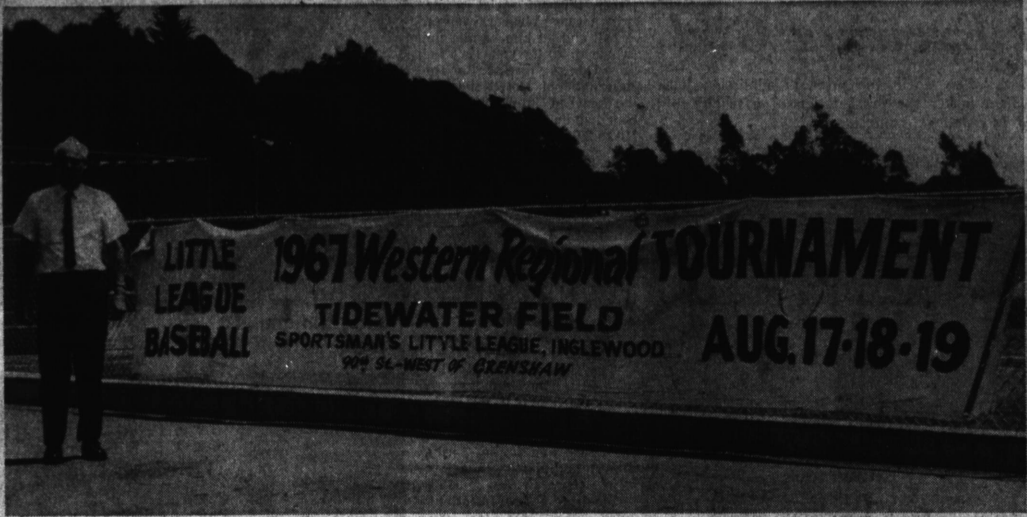
## Motorcycles Race Friday

The West's top motorcycle riders will use Friday evening's racing meet at Ascot Park as one of the final tests of the upcoming Eight-Mile U. S. Championship.

The Friday meet starts at 8:15. Managing Director J. C. Beach, also are in the running for the title.

Agajanian has programmed the Eight-Mile Nationals for Saturday night, Sept. 9. The event is traditionally the headline for the entire racing season at the Gardena oval.

Dave Smith, Lakewood, has been the novice leader since the opening of the season and all over the nation. He expects the headliners, including three-time U. S. King Bart Ellisarran.



LITTLE LEAGUE WEEK . . . Flanking a banner which depicts the Western Regional Tournament at Inglewood this week is Jack Schroeder, supervisor of the playing field. Four teams have qualified for the playoffs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with the winner going to Pennsylvania for the World Series next week.

## Hawaii Plays Opener

Two Little League tournament teams from Wahluwa, Hawaii, and East Palo Alto, California, are paired in the first game of the Western Regional Tournament at Inglewood's Tidewater Field tomorrow. Game time is 5:30.

Friday's opponents are Northridge, a Little League in the San Fernando Valley, and Raton, New Mexico. The winners of these two games will battle Saturday at 3 p.m. for the West Coast championship. A trip to the World Series in Williamsport, Pa., goes to the champion.

More than 3,500 bleacher seats have been installed around the ballpark for the event. Dick Truhan, tournament director and District 37 administrator, is convinced Tidewater Field is decked out as the most beautiful Little League field anywhere.

His sentiments were also expressed by the East Palo Alto Ravenswood Little League manager when they arrived Monday and said, "Man, this field is really boss!"

About \$4,000 was raised in and around Inglewood to put on the tournament. The host league is Sportsman's Little League of Inglewood. The field is reached by turning off Crenshaw Boulevard into Gate 9 of Hollywood Turf Club.

Northridge Little League which represents Southern California in the tournament, won its ninth game Saturday. The team clouted four home runs to beat Cypress Federal of Norwalk at Montclair, 10-1.

All teams are billeted with Little League families in Inglewood. They spent Tuesday at Disneyland.

The practice schedule today is 10:30-12 noon for Hawaii; 12:30-3 for East Palo Alto; 1:30-3 for Northridge; and 3:45-5:30 p.m. for Raton.

East Palo Alto won Division 2 by winning a 13-11 marathon from Hayward. Raton edged Boulder, Colo., 2-1; and Hawaii downed Omak, Washington, 5-3.

Northridge won the Division 3 title with a 6-3 final win over San Diego Southeastern. Cypress Federal won its semi-final game from San-Ri, 12-1.

In the championship game Jeff Gilbert hit a two-run home run in the first inning for Northridge. In the third inning Steve Harris hit a grand slam home run and Barry Lutz connected with two aboard. His homer was followed with a solo by Bob Mitchell.

Northridge won its District 15 championship with four victories over Woodland Hills, 11-8; Canoga Winnetka, 5-4; Canoga Park American, 5-2; and Canoga Park National, 11-10.

The team won the California Section 5 playoffs with a 2-1 win over Granada Hills; 16-0 over Arcadia; and 3-1 over Oxnard.

One of East Palo Alto's nine victories was 7-6 over Santa Cruz National in 13 innings.

The first of six wins by Raton was 33-0 over Springer, New Mexico.

The champion of the Western Regional will leave after Saturday's game an banquet in flight to Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Four American teams and Mexico, Canada, Japan and Europe will be in the World Series.

The defending champion is Houston, Texas.

FRIDAY  
8:30 - Washington American Little League, Hawaii, vs. East Palo Alto Ravenswood Little League.  
5:30 - Northridge Little League vs. Raton, New Mexico, Little League.  
SATURDAY  
10:30 - Championship Game.  
3:00 - Championship Game.  
7:00 - Championship banquet at Montclair High School.  
12:30 - Winnie team departs for Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

## Rams Eye Winning Season

Ram coach George Allen wants to get a peek at as many players as possible during the pre-season schedule, but he also feels it's important to establish a winning habit.

"It's nice to be able to play a lot of people and still win the game like we did against Dallas," noted Allen this week as he prepared his team for Saturday night's clash with Cleveland in the Coliseum.

"We used 54 players in the New Orleans game and 53 against the Cowboys," the second-year head coach pointed out, "and we'd like to do the same thing against the Browns."

Rams statistical highlights for two games include rushing averages of 4.19 for captain Les Josephson and 4.11 for rookie Willie Ellison, and a defensive unit which has recovered three opposition fumbles, intercepted three passes and limited two foes to 129 yards rushing.

## SIGN-UPS SET FOR ICE HOCKEY TEAMS

Registration for boys ages 6-20 to play ice hockey during the 1967-68 season will take place during August, it was announced by Bay Harbor Hockey Club president Bill Ford.

"We can use more boys of all ages," he said. "Experience in skating is not a prerequisite to join a team. The boys learn to skate at the same time as they learn the game."

Hockey for youth has been organized into divisions according to age: mitey mites 6-8; squirts 8-10; peewees 10-12; bantams 12-14; midgets 14-16 and juniors 16-20.

"We're proud of our club's progress during the past year," Bill added. "This last season, our Mite Mites and PeeWees took the state championships and in addition, the PeeWee Redwings won the Pacific Invitational against a visiting team from Detroit. Our bantam team, which was then newly organized, won third place in Southern California competition."

Registration is at the Olympic Ice Arena, 23770 South Western, Harbor City, from 6-10 p.m. on Sunday during August. The boys are now practicing during these hours. In addition, a hockey clinic is being conducted on Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m. by Jim Burnett, former Blades linesman.

## Hacker's Golf Results

In the ladies tournament at Hackers Haven Mary Elkins was first and Barbara Carlson tied for second.

Senior results were Ed Finch, first; Fred Gibbs, second; and C. M. Nilsson, third.

## Slo-Pitch Under Way In Redondo

After the first week-end of play, four teams are undefeated in the fifth annual West Coast Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament at the Redondo Beach Perry Park.

The slo-pitch invitational continues 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

With last year's champions and runners-up already eliminated, four dark horse squads remain in the winners bracket while three remain in the losers' bracket in the double elimination tournament.

Torrance Tappa Keggas, three-time tournament winners, and Long Beach Naval Shipyard, 1966 runner-up, both lost two games in the upset-filled opening games held last week-end.

## EXECUTIVE OF LAKERS SUCCUMBS

Funeral services for Louis R. Mohs, executive vice president of California Sports Incorporated, were held at St. John's Church in Inglewood today.

Born in St. Cloud, Minn., in 1897, the veteran newspaperman and sports executive passed away at his Inglewood home Sunday. He is survived by his wife, Alice; son, Mayo, and daughters Martha and Mary Alice.

Pallbearers were Lakers Mel Counts, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Tom Hawkins, Jim Barnes and Darrell Imhoff.

Mr. Mohs attended St. John's Prep School in Collejeville, Minn., then went on to St. Thomas Academy where he was class valedictorian while lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track.

He began scouting for both the Lakers and Pittsburgh Steelers in 1954, while still with the Harrisburg paper.

When the Lakers moved to Los Angeles from Minneapolis in 1960, Bob Short tabbed Mr. Mohs as the man to guide the new franchise as general manager.

THE LONGEST WESTERN HARNESS MEETING YET - A 65-DAY AFFAIR STARTING AT HOLLYWOOD PARK ON AUG. 18TH. THIS MEET WILL RUN IN TWO SESSIONS - THE FIRST STARTING FROM THE 18TH TO SEPT. 14TH AND THE SECOND FROM OCT. 2ND THRU NOV. 20TH WITH A TWO WEEK INTERLUPE FOR THE "BACON WAR".

LOOKS LIKE I HAVE A FACE AS FINE AS THIS ONE!

NEARLY \$2 MILLION IN PRIZES

NIGHT AS WELL AS PREPARED - YOU CAN KNOW WHAT TIME YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN!

ANOTHER NEW INNOVATION THIS MEET WILL BE THE LATEST RACE TIME EVER - 2:30 P.M.

## Torrance Softball

OPEN SOFTBALL AT TORRANCE PARK		MONDAY SLO-PITCH AT MCMASTER PARK	
W	L	W	L
Miller's Garage	23	Firefighters No. 1	2
So. Bay Church	2	Drifters	2
Margulied Nine	8	Spartans	6
W.R. Taylor	7	Acropolis	4
So. Bay Club	5	Successors	4
D. & G. Sporting	3	Ameco Metal	11
T.R.W. Sons Co.	3		11
Airesearch	2		14

INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL		TUESDAY SLO-PITCH AT MCMASTER PARK	
W	L	W	L
Con. Devise	11	Margaria's	11
Alverson	10	Firefighters No. 2	11
P.M.S.	9	Sopwith Camels	8
Magnavox	8	Alverson	7
W.R. Taylor	7	Acropolis	7
Comynette	6	Rolling Hills	13
P.F.G. Ind.	3		10
W.R. Taylor	3		10

CHURCH SOFTBALL AT MCMASTER PARK		THURSDAY SLO-PITCH AT EL NIIDO PARK	
W	L	W	L
So. Bay Church	11	North End	13
Ln. Church	11	Daily Breeze	2
No. Redon Chapel	9	T.E.S.P.A. Tigers	6
Christ King Luth.	8	Torr. Kiwanis	8
Torr. 1st Luth.	6	Resurrection Luth.	3
W.H. 1st Assn.	4	Penel Pushers	3
Cal. Assn. God.	2		10
Gardena Bible	0		12

SUNDAY OPEN SOFTBALL AT EL NIIDO PARK		THURSDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK	
W	L	W	L
Burgmaster	3	St. Law. Men's	12
DC 9	2	Helmets	12
Micro	2	So. Torr. Lions	7
Cougars	4	Torr. Kiwanis	8
	4	Redondo Angels	4
	4	Balmers	11

MONDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK		THURSDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK	
W	L	W	L
30th St. Ath. Club	12	Key Realty	7
Dandoy Club	11	Rolling Hills	6
"Jako" Trucking	8	Todaco	10
Orestin Sports	8		9
Podale	8		9
Nike's	13		11

YOUTH SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK		FRIDAY SLO-PITCH AT WALTERIA PARK	
W	L	W	L
Cousins	1	Friday (Aug. 11) - Key Realty	1
Monobinders	7	Friday (Aug. 11) - Key Realty	1
Happy Wanderers	3	Friday (Aug. 11) - Key Realty	1
Red's Burgers	4	Friday (Aug. 11) - Key Realty	1
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Walteria LE's	1	Friday (Aug. 11) - Key Realty	1