

# 1.5 Million Hours of Recreation

(This is the fourth in a series of articles on baseball in Torrance.)

By HENRY BURKE  
Press-Herald Sports Editor

In three prior articles, an attempt was made to point out the advancement of baseball in Torrance through its 3,000 Little Leaguers and 1,000 Senior Division, Pony League, Babe Ruth League, American Legion, Colt League, and Stan Musial participants.

It has also been stressed

that civic action is needed to perpetuate the youth baseball program by making land available to more leagues.

Trends also reveal an increasing number of boys in the 13-, 14- and 15-year-old age group can be encouraged to participate in baseball by adopting standards of organization more appealing to the multitudes.

The prospects of more growth in the youth base-

ball program may not be the best news as far as the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission is concerned.

Down through the years the Parks and Recreation Commission has ruled on many requests for public land for the construction and use of ball diamonds. Not all decisions have been popular and the Commission does not like to be too negative.

It is not the intent of this

article to deem critical the lack of cooperation between the Commission and the baseball groups, but it can be stressed that the city could become more of an authority on the subject of youth baseball.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has been noticeably cautious about making concessions with the leagues in the past. The very purpose of having a recreation agency should be to encour-

age all kinds of recreation.

The use of available parcels of public land for Little League organizations should be an ambitious endeavor on the part of the recreation department.

The 4,000 youngsters who played baseball this spring and summer have been engaged in a recreation activity on the conservative average of 10 hours a week for 20 weeks per boy.

When 4,000 boys are en-

gaged in 200 hours of baseball, the startling statistics balloon to 800,000 hours.

Add the number of hours of managing and coaching teams, building and maintaining ball diamonds, running the snack shack and organizing fund raising functions, and taking part in the games as spectators, a gross of 1,500,000 hours are spent in recreation by families in Torrance.

The Torrance Recreation

Department publishes attractive brochures and newsletters which acquaint the public with every aspect of recreation in the city.

The city has one swimming pool and could probably use four more. Sea-Aire Golf Course is the envy of the South Bay. Most families in Torrance are within a couple miles of an attractive park. The general recreation program is good.

The proposed city budget

for recreation in Torrance for 1968-69 amounts to \$863,870. The park budget is \$804,770.

The recreation and parks program has made significant progress in recent years and the budget accounts for it.

Torrance has the type of youth baseball program it can best afford. All that is needed is some useable land of pastime will take care of itself!

## Press-Herald SPORTS

D-2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1968

### ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

## Catholic Preps Picked by Seven

Los Angeles City and Southern California Catholic high schools collide in the Second Annual Big Brothers All-Star Football Game on Thursday evening at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m.

A crowd of 25,000 is expected by game chairman Jim Callanan to watch recently graduated prep football stars from the 47 L.A. City high schools and their counterparts from 36 parochial institutions in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Riverside counties.

Proceeds go to Catholic Big Brothers, Inc., which hopes to expand its mushrooming program of volunteer men working with fatherless boys of all denominations.

The game, played in 15-minute quarters with a "sudden death" 15-minute

overtime in case of a tie at the end of regulation time, will feature the first Los Angeles meeting of all-star teams from the L.A. City and CIF Southern Section.

Last year's inaugural Big Brothers gridfest was an all-Catholic North-South affair at Long Beach Veterans Stadium. The underdog North team won, 13-7. The crowd of 11,833 people vaulted the game into the No. 2 spot, attendance-wise, of the 16 such all-star games played in California last summer.

The Catholic team, coached by George Dana of Servite (Anaheim) and Lou Cvijanovich of Santa Clara (Oxnard), has been established as a 7-point pick over L.A. City, directed by Phil Lozano of San Fernando and Al Padilla of Garfield.

Dana has his own quarterback from Servite, Brand

Weikall, directing his split-T offense and that could be the edge. Weikall, a 6-foot 1 inch 200-pounder, completed 53.4 per cent of his passes (109 out of 204) for 21 touchdowns and a total offense of 2,249 yards — the fourth highest in CIF-SS history. He was Angelus League "Player of the Year," All-CIF 4-A first team, All-America honorable mention, and rated the best QB in the 420-school Southern Section.

Brad will have his two favorite receivers last fall, slotback Greg Hayden and All-CIF end Elaise Evers, to throw to, along with end Jim Fogelstrom, Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks), All-CIF second team choice. He figures to throw quite a bit.

Pat Kealey of Bishop Montgomery is the offensive center.

Los Angeles' offensive plans also revolve around an aerial attack with All-City quarterbacks Jimmy Sander of Carson (Torrance), Bob Scott, Grant (Van Nuys), and Dan Lennon, Venice, on the firing line.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

LE ..... Kent Carter (Cathedral, LA)  
LT ..... Tom Narey (St. Paul, Santa Fe Springs)  
LG ..... John Hennigan (Damien, La Verne)  
C ..... Bishop Montgomery (Torrance)  
RG ..... John Montoya (Plus X, Downey)  
RT ..... Erle Patton (Mater Dei, Santa Ana)  
RE ..... Les Aronst (Bishop Amat, La Puente)  
QB ..... Brad Weikall (Servite, Anaheim)  
LH ..... George Lumpkin (Mount Carmel)  
RH ..... Greg Hayden (Servite, Anaheim)  
FB ..... Tom Parizo (Santa Clara, Oxnard)  
L.A. CITY SCHOOLS  
LE ..... Ron Carver (Carson, Torrance)  
LT ..... Diesel Robinson (San Fernando)  
LG ..... Jay Ransom (San Fernando)  
C ..... Steve Platt (Taft, Woodland Hills)  
RG ..... James Moya (Garfield)  
RT ..... Bernard Johnson (Manual Arts)  
RE ..... Casey Howell (Bell)  
QB ..... Jimmy Sander (Carson, Torrance)  
LH ..... David Moch (Gardena)  
RH ..... Doug Rossman (Fremont)  
FB ..... Mike Vukovic (San Fernando)

### ALL-STARS CLASH IN BASKETBALL

Los Angeles City meets CIF Southern Section in the featured half of the first annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic double-header to-night at Irglewood's Forum.

Top graduated high school stars in the Southland spotlights Paul Westphal of Aviation High and All-City "Player of the Year" Ron Riley from Jordan High.

The L.A. City-CIF 3-A contest starts at 8:30, preceded by a game between CIF-2-A and 1-A teams as 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the double-header go to aid blind children and sight conservation program conducted by the Manhattan Beach Lions Club.

Wekall, directing his split-T offense and that could be the edge. Weikall, a 6-foot 1 inch 200-pounder, completed 53.4 per cent of his passes (109 out of 204) for 21 touchdowns and a total offense of 2,249 yards — the fourth highest in CIF-SS history. He was Angelus League "Player of the Year," All-CIF 4-A first team, All-America honorable mention, and rated the best QB in the 420-school Southern Section.

Brad will have his two favorite receivers last fall, slotback Greg Hayden and All-CIF end Elaise Evers, to throw to, along with end Jim Fogelstrom, Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks), All-CIF second team choice. He figures to throw quite a bit.

Pat Kealey of Bishop Montgomery is the offensive center.

Los Angeles' offensive plans also revolve around an aerial attack with All-City quarterbacks Jimmy Sander of Carson (Torrance), Bob Scott, Grant (Van Nuys), and Dan Lennon, Venice, on the firing line.



A-ONE-A-FULL . . . Brad Weikall of Servite (left) poses with Lennon Sisters Kathy, Janet and Diane and Los Angeles City star flanker Ron Carver of

Carson (right) as they admire trophy to be won by victorious team in Thursday evening Big Brothers Football Game in Coliseum.



OFFENSE . . . Center Pat Kealey of Bishop Montgomery (Torrance) gets ready to snap football back to quarterback Greg Schilling of St. Anthony (Long Beach) for the Catholic All-Stars in tomorrow's Big Brothers Game at the Coliseum.

## Six Straight Races Won by Mel Lacher

Mel Lacher, the sterling Harley-Davidson rider from San Diego, will be after his seventh straight main event victory in Friday evening's motorcycle meet at Ascot Park.

First race on the 18-event schedule is at 8:15. The race meet will serve for many of the riders as the next-to-last tuneup before the 50-lap U.S. Steelpechase championship on July 27.

The U.S. race purse has been boosted to \$7,500 by Managing Director J. C. Agajanian, making it the richest event of its kind in the country this year.

The long-anticipated duel between Lacher and Dan Haaby never materialized last Friday. Rather it was all Lacher. Haaby's machine was not in top running shape and Dan never did offer Mel a serious challenge.

Cycle experts in the Southland now are scurrying

## All-Star Players Selected

The Senior Division and major tournament teams for Torrance American Little League have been named.

Senior tournament players are Cliff Allen, Jeff Austin, Frank Daillie, Jeff Bain, John Ehman, Ben Goodwin, Tom Knoblauch, Mike Murillo, Jim Nancarow, Frank Ruiz, Gary Saunders, Steve Simon, Edmund Cartanian, Jim Wilfinger.

The manager is Leo Murillo and the coach is George Clayton.

Major players are Tom Battey, Robert Cesario, George Clayton, Danny Elwood, Joe Eckert, Dave Fucci, Mike Gill, Bobby Johnston, Mike Bates, Bobby Moffett, Larry Swanson, Tim Tefalone, Dick Walter, and Jon Weir.

The manager is Marv Scott and the coach is Dave Martz.

## Mark Spitz To Swim For Records

The Los Angeles Invitational Swimming Championships will have a dazzling field ready to splash into the L. A. Swim Stadium pool July 19-21 with record breaker after record breaker taking their shots at American and world standards.

But even in this meet of champions, Mark Spitz stands out. Not just because he is the world record holder in the 100 and 200 meter butterflies and the 400 freestyle, and ranked no worse than fifth in the United States in 1967 in the 100 and 200 Freestyles and third in the 200 Individual Medley.

Spitz displays a determination that has made him a personality, given him dimension with the public through heavy news media coverage of his career.

In October in Mexico City at the Olympics Spitz will attempt another triumph, and hopes to match the total of four gold medals that Don Schollander won in Tokyo in 1964.

Schollander captured the American imagination with his boyish smile and buoyancy, leaving the rest of the world in his backwash on his way to the four-medal performance.

Now Spitz occupies a remarkably similar situation. He, like Schollander, is the product of Santa Clara super coach George Haines, and is the same age Schollander was when he left for Tokyo and his triumphs.

## Lakers Trade For Wilt Chamberlain

The Lakers have Wilt Chamberlain. It became official Tuesday morning when announced that Los Angeles traded Archie Clark, Darrall Imhoff and Jerry Chambers to the Philadelphia 76ers for the controversial Chamberlain, the NBA's all-time leading scorer.

The Lakers already have two outstanding players in Elgin Baylor and Jerry West.

Bill van Breda Kolff, the Laker coach and an avowed adherent to the team style of basketball instead of the star system, thinks that the "new" Chamberlain will complement Baylor and West.

## L. A. Holds Trials in Water Polo

The National AAU Water Polo Championships will be held in the Los Angeles Swim Stadium from today to Sunday.

The national championships this year will be a part of the Olympic selection for the U.S. Olympic training camp from the nationals.

A record 22 teams are expected to enter, including the New York Athletic Club, Foothill, the 1967 Pan American Champion, will be the team to beat. Six veterans from the 1967 Gold Medal Pan American Games in Winnipeg are on hand.

Inland Nu-Pike has men like Ron Crawford, a two-time Olympic veteran, Dave Ashley, Stan Cole, and Tony Van Dorp, 1964 Olympic veterans taking part.

El Segundo, 1964 Olympic team, will match brothers Bob and Roy Saari against Inland's best. At the last contest Inland defeated El Segundo, 7-5, in the SPA AAU Championships in June. El Segundo placed fourth in the Nationals in 1964 only to win the Olympic trials a month later.

Redondo Beach has entered a team with a star studded lineup. Gordon Hall, U.S. Olympic goalie in the 1960 Olympics, backs a field team reading like who's who of water polo. Chick McIlroy, 1960 and 1964 Olympian, brother Ned, 1964 Olympian, brother Ron Volmer, 1960 Olympian, Dr. Fred Tissue, 1960 Olympian, Jim Kelsey, 1960 Olympian.

These guys are all past National Champions and AAU All Americans. If they are in top shape then Foothill will have trouble staying afloat, it is pointed out.

## Equipment Improves Stadium

Already a water-sports showplace, Marine Stadium has been embellished with \$109,000 worth of special equipment for this summer's U.S. Olympic rowing and canoeing final trials.

The United States' eight-oared crew and single sculls representative will be selected Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 10 a.m. each day on a course which is surpassed for spectator and competitor convenience by none in the world.

The latest expenditures include \$96,000 for lane markers above and below the water's surface along the entire 2,000-meter (1 1/4-mile) course, and \$13,000 for an electronic scoreboard.

In May of 1967, the modernization of Marine Stadium was completed at a cost of \$2 million.

## Haston Hurls No-Hit Victory

The major Redlegs took over first place in the Southwood Little League with a 1-0 win over the Braves last week.

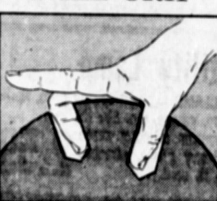
Steve Haston pitched a no-hitter for the Redlegs while Tom Bliss had a three-hitter.

The Redlegs and Braves each won one round in league play and meet this evening for the championship.

**BOWLING**  
with Dick Weber  
ALL-PRO CHAMPION

### THE BOWLING BALL GRIP

One of the advantages enjoyed by the beginner bowler is that he does not have to make an investment in equipment. Balls are available at all centers without charge and shoes may be rented for a nominal fee. But, for higher scores and more complete enjoyment of the game, a new bowler having learned the fundamentals of the sport should have his own bowling ball.



If you go to the same center frequently, you can probably find a ball that will "almost" fit you perfectly; but too many newcomers to the game develop faulty grips or a faulty bowling style as a result of using an improperly fitted ball. Therefore, I recommend that a new bowler purchase his own bowling ball as soon as possible. A custom fitted ball is as individual as a fingerprint. When you print it, you recognize immediately that it is yours. You can anticipate more enjoyment and higher scores from your efforts in the lanes.

For the beginner bowler, I recommend a conventional grip (one where the fingers are inserted up to the second joint) and leave the finger tip and semi-finger tip grips to the more advanced bowler.

Notice the sketch shown here. With the thumb securely settled in the thumb hole, the second finger should be inserted in the proper hole in exactly the manner depicted; the back of the second joint of the second finger rests firmly on the lip of the hole, with the two forward finger pads

resting firmly against the wall of the finger hole. When a ball is properly fitted, it becomes part of you. You'll realize a new "feel." Your improved scoring will add new enjoyment to the game.

Many times I am asked, "What weight ball should I use?" My answer is always the same, "I don't know."

There are as many "right balls" as there are bowlers. What is right for one person could be all wrong for another. Consider some of the variable factors which must be considered when one is selecting a ball. A person's weight, sometimes his height, native strength, muscular development and oftentimes the type of work a person does. An accountant would probably find it difficult to use a ball which was just right for a piano mover.

I think the best way to sum up the question is to say that the weight of the ball is directly dependent upon the individual's relative size and strength.

Bowling is a game of skill; accuracy and scoring are your main objectives. Select the proper ball, have it custom fitted and learn to control it. Don't let the ball control you.