

High School Ball Is Getting Better!

(This is the fifth in a series of articles on baseball in Torrance.)
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More people were on hand for a Little League tournament game Monday evening than attended any of the CIF playoff games involving

either West High, North High or South High a few weeks ago.
The fact high school games are played in the afternoon and Little League games start around 6 p.m. makes a big difference in

computing attendance.
High school competition has matured so much in recent years it is almost a shame more people cannot arrange their work hours to enjoy the games.
The attendance at high school basketball games proves this point, too. It is hardly worth opening the ticket booth for Tuesday and Wednesday games, except for championship play, but Friday night games bring out the crowds.

But high school baseball has made progress in 10 years. It wasn't too many years ago when the use of two umpires was a crowd. It is not uncommon any more for a high school ball game to attract 200 to 400 people. A typical crowd is 50 to 150.

The increasing popularity of high school baseball may warrant more night baseball games in Torrance in time to come. El Segundo High schedules night high school games whenever possible. A regular schedule of American Legion games is played at night in El Segundo and Torrance. The crowds at these games are exciting.

NOT ONLY do Little League kids love the game of baseball, but they are attracted by the perfection of the ball park, the concession stand, and the adult operations.

Professional athletic people have drawn the conclusion in the past that the frills of Little League spoil young athletes for high school.

But, on the contrary, increased interest in high school baseball by the students and the better caliber of ball have influenced many physical improvements at high school baseball facilities. Little League has made intangible impacts on high school baseball.

A high school coach can spend the next few days at Little League tournament games and he can draw a pretty good prospective on the baseball talent coming into his school in the next few years.

To evaluate the potential of a Little Leaguer as a high school baseball candidate, the same formula is used to establish a high school boy as a professional baseball prospect.

Grading is based on the ability to throw a ball, speed, hitting, fielding, and desire. There is also the task of learning how to think during competition.

These credentials can be molded into a boy a long time before he becomes a sophomore in high school. The crowd at the Little League game the other night can attest to it.

Shutouts Rule in Tourney

Torrance Central Little League got three home runs from Gus Dodos, Tom McGuire and Richard Hogue for a 9-0 shutout over Navy Little League in a District 27 tournament game last night at Carson Field.

Dan Hattrup hit two home runs Monday as North Torrance East topped Pacific Coast, 9-1, in the first round.

The schedule tonight has possible spares which can be encountered in a game. With each game you bowl, your eye becomes more adept at directing the team of body movements and muscular reflexes which improves your skill in hitting the right spot to convert the spare.

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Basketball's Popularity

There is no doubt about holding a second annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic in 1969!

That much is assured after an enthusiastic 7,333 spectators watched Wednesday evening's doubleheader between the Los Angeles City and CIF Southern Section 3-A hoopsters at the Forum.

Co-chairmen Tom Schott of the Manhattan Beach Lions Club and Ken Brown of the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association have begun to map plans for next year's classic.

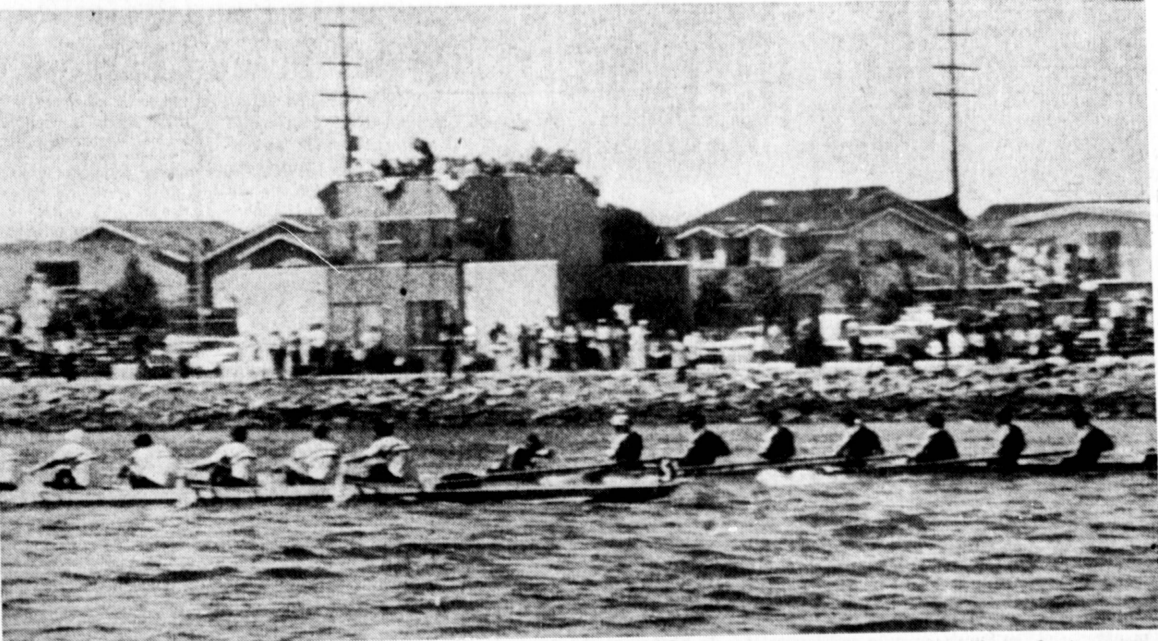
In the featured game, an underdog Los Angeles City quintet overcame its stubborn 3-A opponent, 113-108, in a donnybrook that had virtually everyone transfixed until the final seconds.

The preliminary contest saw the 2-A thoroughly outclass its 1-A counterpart, 108-66.

Victory was especially sweet for the city all-stars since they had dissipated substantial leads several times during the game and fallen behind by as much as eight points in the final three minutes. As it was, the issue wasn't decided until the final 26 seconds.

With the score 108-108 and 38 seconds remaining, L. A. guard Mose Adolph (Manual Arts) sank a field goal to give the city a 110-108 lead. Mike Kendall (Monrovia), sharpshooting 3-A guard, fouled Adolph (his fifth personal) with 26 seconds remaining and Mose sank the free shot. The 111-108 margin was conclusive and a closing bucket by L. A.'s Steve Shaw (Gardena) merely fattened the cushion.

Adolph and Sammie Martin (Roosevelt) each scored 23 points for the city, as did Larry Morris (Compton) for the 3-A. All-American and 3-A "Player of the Year" Paul Westphal (Aviation, Redondo Beach) collected 22 points, Kendall 21, and Mark Soderberg (Marine, Huntington Beach) 18 for the losers.



WHAT A SPRINT! . . . Harvard, who has not lost a collegiate race in five years, is shown here two strokes after crossing the finish line nine inches ahead of Pennsylvania. The margin here is greater, some measure of the powerful sprint the Crimson displayed in winning the right to wear the red, white and blue in the Olympic Games this summer. The photo shows Harvard out in

front by quite a bit, the result of an optical illusion due to camera angle; the actual distance at the line was the closest photo finish come-from-behind victory in the history of the 32-year-old course. Harvard's winning time broke the course record by 15 seconds: 5:40.5.

(Press-Herald Photo by Tim O'Donnell)



ELATED OLYMPIANS . . . Harvard's crimson oarsmen are bedecked in winner's leis after a come-from-behind victory over Pennsylvania in the Olympic Rowing Trials held this weekend. The Harvard eight attributed the victory to a powerful sprint that came with less than a hundred yards to go. The toughest competition for the representatives from Massachusetts in the Olympics will be the Germans, who beat them by a narrow margin in last year's international rowing championships.

(Press-Herald Photo by Tim O'Donnell)

Penn Crewmen Bow to Harvard

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A racing shell is 62 feet long. A racing course is one and a quarter miles long. So how could nine inches be the margin of victory in a crew race?

That is perhaps the question Pennsylvania rowers are asking themselves after being caught from behind by Harvard and beaten by that hair's breadth.

Both crews traveled 3,000 miles and trained for 12 months for five minutes and forty seconds of rowing. One of them would represent its country in Xochimilco Canal, Mexico City, the other would take the long trek home, racing those five and a half minutes a million times in their minds.

Crew takes pride in having what it feels is the finest conditioned group of athletes of any sport. They train year-round, in all weather conditions, and build up an amazing amount of endurance.

This endurance was the prime factor in establishing a new course record (15 seconds faster than the old time) at the Olympic Rowing Trials Sunday at Long Beach Marine Stadium. Harvard trailed highly-seeded Penn for 1,800 of the 2,000 meters, and put on an unbelievable spurt to win by a nose at the rope.

The Crimson, unbeaten in collegiate racing in five years had won over Penn twice this year, but in the two previous matches they led the entire 2,000 meters. Penn decided to jump out on the start; the strategy very nearly worked. In fact, no one had ever seen a closer finish at the stadium.

Harvard was beaten by two-tenths of a second last year at Vichy, France, by the Germans in the international rowing championships. This year's eight-oared sea serpent is believed fast enough and strong enough to make up that margin—and be the best shell in the world come October.

North Torrance East Wins Playoff

North Torrance East won an 9-1 District 27 Little League tournament game from Pacific Coast Monday night at Carson Field.

Members of the team are: Carlos Barbosa, Edward Bowen, Terry Catron, Larry Gizzi, Dan Hattrup, Brandt Humphry, Terry Luedke, Brian McCormick, Glen Nakagawa, Gerald O'Brien, Tim

O'Neill, Gary Owen, Michael Powell and Mark Toma.
Alternates are: Robert Howe, Christopher Pauly, Steven Vaughn and Jim Zambarelli.

Team manager is Duane Luedke and the coach is Dave McCormick.

Final standings are:
MAJOR DIVISION

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Giants	17	5	.773	
Pirates	15	7	.682	2
Colts	12	9	.565	4 1/2

Cards	12	251	8 1/2
Braves	14	354	9
Dodgers	15	318	10

MAJOR RESULTS

Giants 3, Dodgers 1.
Colts 9, Cards 9.

Braves 2, Pirates 1.
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Colts 9, Dodgers 7.
Pirates 3, Braves 1.

MINOR RESULTS

Giants 11, Dodgers 3.
Colts 6, Cards 4.

Pirates 7, Braves 2.
Giants 7, Cards 7.

Colts 7, Dodgers 4.
Pirates 14, Braves 2.

FARM RESULTS

Mets 12, Tigers 9.
Dodgers 11, Astros 10.

Dodgers 5, Mets 1.
Astros 10, Tigers 5.

Angels 11, Yankees 5.



TOURNAMENT BEGINS . . . On hand for the Little League District 27 tournament opening game at Carson Field Monday were Carson Mayor John Marbut (left) and Ben Smith (right), co-owner of the Torrance Sports Shop. Smith donated the game baseballs for both the Little League District 26 and 27 tournaments. Opening games were won by North Torrance East over Pacific Coast, 9-1, and Torrance Central over Navy Little League, 9-0, at Carson Field.

(Press-Herald Photo)

BOWLING with Dick Weber ALL-PRO CHAMPION

Shooting for Spares

There is an axiom among bowlers that tells us to "make the spares and the strikes will take care of themselves." Sound advice. After all, you can bowl as high as 190 without ever rolling a strike!

The majority of bowlers depend on the cross-lane method of spare shooting. If a spare is on the left side, they move to the right of center.

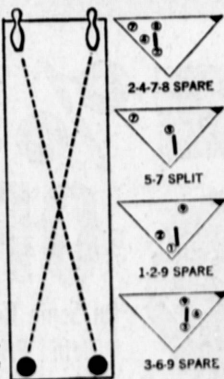
Conversely, for a right side spare, they move to the left. For one-pin spares, especially the 7 or 10 pin, position yourself on the extreme opposite side of the approach. This offers the best natural angle for the conversion. Remember, confidence is vital.

If you think you're going to make the spare, half the battle has been won.

Today, modern bowlers get a big assist from an electronic device which is found on most automatic pin-spotters. A large triangle, located above the pins, contains numbered lights which correspond to the pins, in their exact position, on the lane.

When pins are left standing after the first ball has been rolled, lights appear in the triangle indicating which pins are left and their exact position.

A colored arrow is also lighted, indicating where the ball should hit the remaining pins to convert the spare.



usually pinpoints for the bowler where he should deliver his second ball to convert the spare—one of 1023 possible spares which can be encountered in a game.

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Torrance Central . . . 904 005—9 6 1
Navy 000 000—0 1 1
Dodos and McGuire; Matheny and Tapley
N. Torrance East . . . 225 110—9 11 3
Pacific Coast 000 010—1 1 3
Humphrey and Bowen; Acosta, Gonzales, Williams and Dooley.

SENIOR DIVISION
Torrance Americans 8, Victoria Park 3.
Carson 2, Lemita 1.
Pacific Coast 8, Torrance American 3.

Game Tonight
Victoria Park vs. Lemita.
Game Thursday
Pacific Coast vs. American.

Carl Olson Entered in Drag Race

Carl V. Olson of Torrance will drive his Dodge-powered junior fueler in the second annual U.S. Pro Dragster Championships July 20 at Lions Drag Strip.

The unusual car, which takes its power from a '55 Dodge hemi-head engine, has best performances of 178.92 mph and 8.07 seconds, very competitive in the unsupercharged class of fuel dragsters.

The car is known as the Olson-Stecker-Golden junior fuel dragster, the other names taken from crew members Jack Strecker and Jess Golden, both of San Pedro. It is a popular favorite at the Lions strip.

More than \$38,000 in prizes are on the line for the nearly 200 drivers who have entered the all-dragster meet. Qualifying will go shortly after gates open at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Dwane Durant is manager and Steve Krimel is coach.

Torrando players are: Jerry Culver, Braves; **Scott Davis, Tigers; Greg Davin, Yankees; Mike Duncan, Tigers; Butch Gaitan, Yankees; **Kurt Gentile, Dodgers; Jack Hoover, Yankees; Doug Johnson, Dodgers; Ron Little, Tigers; Mike Mendoza, Braves; **Shawn Munson, White Sox; Ronnie Patton, Tigers; Bob Potchka, Cubs; John Sedia, Cubs. (**Returning.)

John Gentile is manager and Jim Vallandingham is coach.

Senior Division players are: Terry Anderson (15), Pirates; Rick Berwick (14), Cards; Bill Calvin (15), Cards; Bob Colson (15), Pirates; Mike Kelly (15), Pirates; Rick King (14), Pirates; Wayne Larson (15), Pirates; Joe Morgan (14), Braves; Joe Nance (14), Cards; Jeff Peterson (14), Yankees; Tim Rosseno (13), Cards; Tom Riese (14), Braves; Steve Spegal (14), Cards; Steve Voison (15), Pirates.

Dick King is manager and Bob Nance is coach.