

Chicago Cub Attendance

Chicago's Cubs may not overtake the St. Louis Cardinals. But that doesn't seem to dampen the incredible club's first million home attendance in 16 seasons.

Launched by a four-game showdown with the first-place Cards, almost 250,000 fans may whirl through the Wrigley Field turnstiles by the time today's twin bill with the Cincinnati Reds ends.

It couldn't be called pennant fever, not with the Cardinals coming to town Monday with a 14-game lead over the runnerup Cubs and a month and a half of the season remaining.

The best explanation could be the comment Thursday by owner Art Allyn of the straggling Chicago White Sox.

"The Cubs are playing exciting baseball and they're beating the No. 1 team, the St. Louis Cardinals," said Allyn, whose own team is down 30,000 in attendance this season despite a shot-in-the-box office by eight Milwaukee "home" games.

"The Cubs are whacking that ball around and that creates excitement within the crowd."

The remarkable thing about the Cub attendance has been that Wrigley Field is the only big league field without night baseball.

For the first three weekday matinees against the Cardinals, the series averaged better than 32,000 delirious fans, some arriving shortly after the crack of dawn to buy tickets.

The Cub mania didn't start with the Card series nor does it seem destined to fade when the Cards left town after Thursday's windup.

Since June 8, the Cubs have had eight crowds ranging from over 30,000 to a capacity 42,261 at a Sunday twin bill with the Dodgers July 28.

This weekend, ticket manager Jack Maloney expected the series with the Reds to draw about 25,000 Friday; 37,000 to 40,000 Saturday and perhaps over 42,000 for Sunday's doubleheader.

"We'll obviously hit over the million mark for the first time since 1952," said the hard-working Maloney, who isn't complaining a bit over his dawn-to-dusk duties.

Beyond financial returns, Phil Wrigley, 73-year-old owner of the Cubs, feels the "Cub Power" team has scored a big moral victory for him.

"I get one personal satisfaction," said Wrigley, who steadfastly has held out against bringing night baseball to his ball park. "The crowds have justified my firm belief that a contending team doesn't need night baseball."

Olympic Diving Trials Slated

The United States selects the probable Olympic Games gold medal winners in diving this week in the nation's finest and most beautiful aquatic facility—the new \$3.7 million Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool.

The 1968 final trials in diving open at Long Beach Wednesday morning and continue through Saturday night to select three U.S. divers in each of four events—men's 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform diving and women's 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform diving.

These are events the United States has dominated in Olympic competition, and once again the expectation is that spectators in Long Beach will see more and bet-

ter international-class diving than will the people who join Mexico City's Olympic Pool in October.

Of 46 gold medals awarded in Olympic competition since 1904, all but 10 have gone to United States entrants.

The Long Beach schedule calls for prelims each morning starting at 11 a.m., to determine 12 finalists for three final competitive dives the same evening.

The evening programs beginning at 7 p.m. will also include an exhibition by the divers of the opposite sex (men diving off the 3-meter springboard, for example, the same night as the women's 3-meter springboard finals) and comedy diving.

The Olympic Trials will be the first major event held in Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool, the five-story high, Grecian-modern building constructed picturesquely on the eight-mile Long Beach shoreline.

The day-by-day schedule: Wednesday, Aug. 21—Women's 3-meter springboard preliminaries, 11 a.m.; women's 3-meter springboard finals, men's 3-meter springboard exhibition and comedy diving, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 22—Men's 3-meter springboard preliminaries, 11 a.m.; men's 3-meter springboard finals, women's 10-meter platform exhibition and comedy diving, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23—Women's 10-meter platform preliminaries, 11 a.m.; women's 10-meter platform finals, men's 10-meter platform exhibition and comedy diving, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24—Men's 10-meter platform preliminaries, 11 a.m.; men's 10-meter platform finals, "Aquagala" featuring previously-determined U.S. team divers, comedy diving and closing ceremonies, 7 p.m.

One Will Go To Series in Williamsport

Charley Phillips, the left-handed pitching ace for Bolsa Little League, pitched a 5-0 shutout over Pearl City, Hawaii, in the Western Regional playoffs at Portland, Oregon, Friday. Phillips allowed one hit and batted in four of his own five runs.

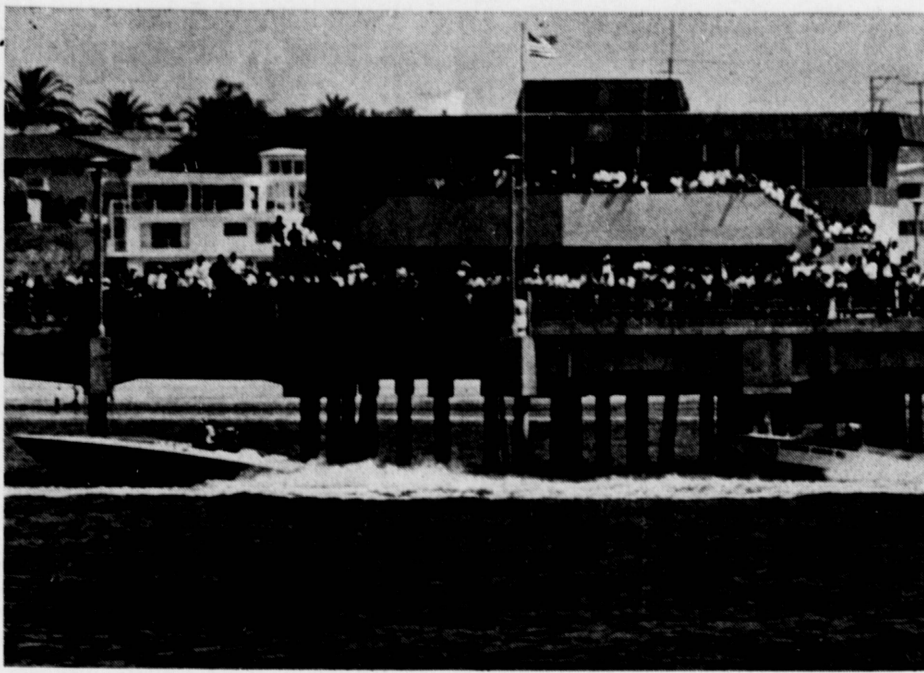
Santa Clara, representing northern California in the tournament, won a 6-4 from Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Thursday.

Bolsa and Santa Clara met in the finals yesterday for the right to represent the West in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa., starting Tuesday.

After winning the District 55 championship in Santa Ana, Bolsa went on the defeat District 30 champion Santa Ana Sunset, District 46 champion Northeast Anaheim, District 38 champion Plaza of Long Beach, and District 37 champion Hawthorne American.

Phillips hurled a 1-0 no-hitter against Hawthorne.

In the divisional playoffs at Lompoc Bolsa beat San Dieguito and Woodland Hills Little League.



LOUD AND FOAMY . . . Eight high-powered, finely tuned offshore power boats roar away from Belmont Shore Pier, Long Beach, in fourth annual

Hennessy Cup Race. A ninth boat, Speed & Marine, had engine trouble, but made a belated start 20 minutes later and finished fifth.

Swimmers Compete In Finals

Nine swimmers from the Torrance swim team competed in the Los Angeles County novice swim program finals at the Coliseum pools in Los Angeles last Saturday.

Chuck Adamson, Bill Simkiss, Jim Simkiss and Russell Rollins defended their freestyle relay championship title against other 15-17-year-old age group relay teams from Los Angeles County at the semi-finals at Rosemead city pool on August 3 to capture a position at the 1968 Los Angeles final event.

Eric Whitby, Ricky Kane, Dave Shaver and Mark Lebeck also received team honors at the semi-final level for 13-14 age group medley relay which entitled them to swim against eight other relay teams for the County championship title.

Swimmers vying for individual championships were: Chuck Adamson, 50 meter Breast stroke; Bill Simkiss 200 meter Freestyle; Jim Plotkin, 50 meter Back stroke; Eric Whitby, 100 meter Freestyle and the 50 meter Breast stroke.

The Torrance Swim Team holds its workouts at the Torrance Plunge.

Den McLain Wins No. 25 For Detroit

Denny McLain pitched a seven-hitter for his 25th victory of the season and Al Kaline hit a two-run homer off Jim Lonborg in the third inning Friday night as the Detroit Tigers defeated Boston, 4-0 before an overflow crowd of 35,323.

McLain, who has won 16 games without a loss on the road this season, scored his victory in as many decisions over the Red Sox as he won his seventh straight game and pitched his sixth shut-out of the year. He struck out nine and walked one.

McLain has 22 complete games this year. He has completed his last six starts and allowed only four earned runs in those 54 innings. The shutout lowered his season ERA to 1.87.

McLain's feat of winning 25 games makes him the fourth American League pitcher since 1946 to achieve that total. Last man to do it was Minnesota's Jim Kaat (25-13) in 1966.

The others were New York's Whitey Ford (25-4) in 1961 and Boston's Mel Parnell (25-7) in 1949.

No American League pitcher has won more than 25 since Cleveland's Bob Feller (26-15) and Detroit's Hal Newhouser (26-9) did it in 1946.

McLain figures to get approximately nine more starts as he bids to become the first pitcher since Dizzy Dean in 1934 to win 30 games.

The last American League pitcher to win 30 was Lefty Grove, who was a 31-game winner in 1931.

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LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Gary Cup Tourney In Home Stretch

The Riviera Little League Tigers have reached the home stretch in the Gary Cup double elimination tournament at Tordondo Field, but four other teams still have a chance to catchup.

Riviera handed the Central Redondo Cards their first loss in four games Friday night with a 7-1 victory.

The Tigers started off in the first inning with John Winner hitting a 3-0 pitch

over the left field fence with a man aboard. Paul Douglass homered in the second inning.

Central got its only run when Gary Biesecker socked a homer off Winner in the fourth.

Southwood was eliminated from the tournament with an 8-2 loss to the Silver Spur Pirates. The Pirates got seven runs in the third inning.

Four of the remaining five teams had a chance to refresh their pitching eligibility with an off-day Saturday. The pairings today at 1 p.m. are Lunada Bay vs. Silver Spur on Field A and Central Redondo vs. Sunset on Field B. The winners of these two games return Wednesday. Riviera returns for the finals a week from today.

In Wednesday's games Riviera won, 3-1, from Silver Spur while Central Redondo clubber Southwood, 3-0, on Larry Frederick's no-hitter. John Winner homered for Riviera.

With 9-year-old Scott Walter holding South Redondo's Dodgers scoreless in the seventh and eighth innings, the Sunset Mustangs scored an overtime 2-1 win on Thursday. Tordondo's Tigers went down to a 6-2 defeat to the Lunada Bay Pirates who scored five runs in the sixth inning.



RICHARD KLEPACH

Fisherman Enjoys Beginner's Luck

Proving there is beginner's luck, even in fishing, Richard Klepach of Torrance caught his first fish from the Sacramento off Redondo Beach.

As proof, he clutched a Bonita in one hand and a "borrowed" baby shark in the other.

Young Klepach was one of a group of youngsters from Normandie Recreation Center who fished Tuesday as part of the summer recreational program.

The group was taken out

to the barge in the Cutty Sark, one of the Redondo Sportfishing Fleet for a morning's fishing.

Free instruction and free equipment were provided as part of the program which continues the next four weeks. Youngsters from all over the Los Angeles area will be brought to Redondo to fish.

The 10-year-old Richard Klepach lives with his family at 1529 W. 222nd Street and attends the 223rd St. School.

Trophies Go To 275 Boys For Baseball

More than 275 baseball trophies were awarded by Normandie Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale, at its third annual Sports Award Banquet Aug. 4 at the center.

The trophies were awarded at the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks center to all players who participated in Normandie's 18-team baseball league, according to Tom George, recreation director.

The league, which has played since May 15, concluded with its league playoffs July 31.

Wild Mustangs Win Slo-Pitch

Torrance's Wild Mustangs culminated a five-day slo-pitch tournament with a 1-0 victory over Dependable Trophies Sunday to win the 7th Annual West Coast Invitational Tournament.

This is the second straight year the Mustangs won the event.

The Mustangs advanced to the finals after beating Redondo, 13-3, the Torrance Tappa Keggas, 11-2, and Dependable Trophies, 4-2.

Dependable Trophies' 4-2 loss to the Mustangs in the semi-finals dropped them to the losers' bracket where they defeated the Tappa Keggas, 5-3, entitling them to play the Mustangs again in the finals.

Some of Dependable's victories included a 13-2 win over the Water Babies, a surprise 2-1 victory over the L.A. Oldtimers, who were this year's West Coast League winners and also a 10-1 victor over the Gardena Royals.

Playoffs Set in Softball

League winners from the four softball leagues in the City of Torrance Recreation Department will clash head Softball playoffs Monday on during the City-Wide and Wednesday to determine the top recreation team in Torrance.

Residents of the area are invited to attend all games during the week. Games will be played at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe.

Also during these days, Torrance will hold city-wide playoffs in slo-pitch, with the winners of the six city slo-pitch leagues vying for the city championship Monday and Wednesday at McMaster Park. The final game will be played at Torrance Park August 28.

These league winners from both divisions, representing 66 softball and slo-pitch teams that have participated in recreation leagues in Torrance this year.

Impossible Gained by Mel Lacher

Mel Lacher of San Diego is the rage of the Western motorcycle racing world.

Lacher's performances at Ascot Park the past two months have been sensational. What Mel has accomplished by winning nine straight main events is what some of the experts said never could be done against the kind of opposition encountered at Ascot.

Lacher holds a convincing lead over DeWayne Keeter of Gardena and Chuck Jones of Arcadia, his closest pursuers. Next in line are Phil Todd of Ventura and Shorty Seabourne of Lawndale.

The amateur race finds young Tom Rockwood of Gardena the leader over runner-up Don Harms, Fresno. Geezer Emaick of Downey, Jim Rice and Rick Ellisarras are next in line, in that order.

Keith Mashburn of Santa Susana is the leading novice and rates as possibly the finest first-year rider in the nation. Dave Stroman, Randy Smith, Don Dudek of Torrance and Gerry Donaher of Gardena are Mashburn's closest challengers.

Records have been tumbling in recent weeks as Ascot track foreman continues to prepare one of the best conditioned courses in the nation.

Ed Sauer in Figure 8's

Five former Figure 8 driving champions led by Eddie Sauer of Torrance and Nick Thomas of Hawthorne will face a 100-car field in tonight's tripleheader modified and stock car racing program at Gardena's Ascot Park.

A full 12-event criss-cross racing card is on tap, topped by a pair of 20-lap features. An added attraction will be a destruction derby following the night's racing card.

Sauer, two-time Figure 8 champion at Ascot, will gun a Ford V-8 powered car in both the modifieds and stock car events. Thomas also will compete in both classes, driving a Chevy V-8 in the modified, and a Buick in the stock car class.

Recreation Standings

SUNDAY OPEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE at EL NIDO				THURSDAY SLO-PITCH at WALTERIA PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lloyd's Uniform	7	2	.778	S. Torrance Lions	12	1	.923
Cougars	7	3	.700	Helmetts	8	3	.815
Samsos	7	3	.700	S. L. Men's Club	8	5	.615
Carson Elks	4	3	.556	Torrance Kiwanis	7	6	.538
Djackets	4	3	.556	Balmers	4	5	.450
V.I.P.	2	3	.400	Redondo Angels	0	13	.000
Hi-Shear	1	3	.250	Schedule: South Torrance Lions vs. S. L. Men's Club, Redondo Angels vs. Helmetts, Torrance Kiwanis vs. Balmers.			
Sciucide: Cougars vs. Carson Elks, Helmetts vs. Lloyd's Uniform, Samsos vs. V.I.P., Hi-Shear (bye).							
MONDAY SLO-PITCH at WALTERIA PARK (Final Standings)				FRIDAY SLO-PITCH at WALTERIA PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dep'dble Trophies	15	0	1.000	Benedict Arnolds	13	0	1.000
Church of God	11	4	.733	Aatesters	9	5	.643
Dandoy Glass	7	8	.467	Burko Bandits	7	6	.538
Barker Trucking	6	8	.430	Pacific View	7	5	.580
Tiki Girl	11	2	.846	Good Shepherd	3	11	.214
Buggy Wheel #2	2	13	.133	Rolling Hills Cov.	2	12	.143
MONDAY SLO-PITCH at McMASTER PARK (Final Standings)				FRIDAY and SATURDAY CHURCH SOFTBALL at McMASTER PARK			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
North End	3	1	.750	Church of God	12	0	1.000
Buggy Wheel #2	12	3	.800	Lawndale Church	8	3	.727
Firefighters 1#	10	5	.667	N. Redondo Chapel	8	3	.727
Aerosols	6	8	.430	Pacific View	5	6	.455
Ampco Metal	2	15	.133	First Lutheran	4	7	.364
Sparetime	2	13	.133	Calvary Assembly	2	9	.182
				Four Square	0	11	.000

Flag Teams Organized In Football

Boys age 9 to 14 can register after Thursday for a flag football league forming at Normandie Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave.

The league, according to Recreation Director Tom George, will be organized into age divisions of 9 to 10, 11 to 12, and 13 to 14 years.

The league will probably be organized by the first week of September. George said. Boys interested in registration information should contact the center.