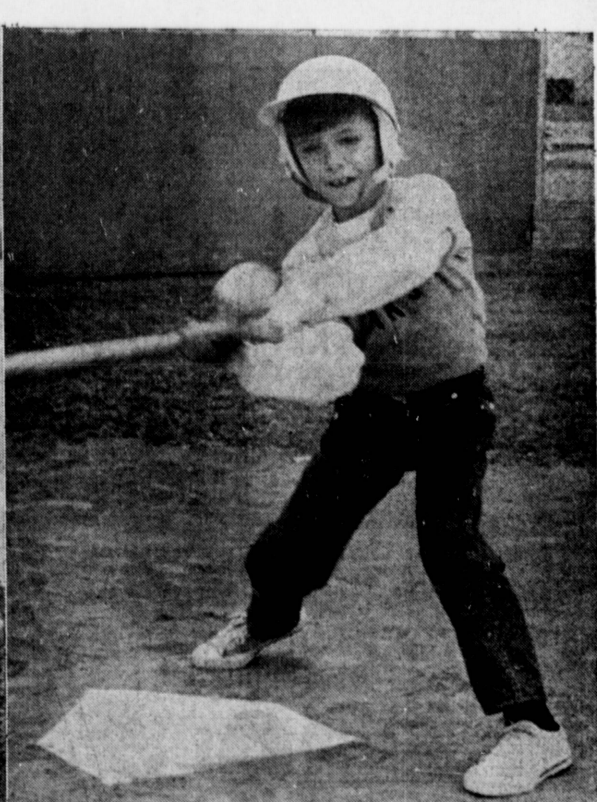


GOING THROUGH A WORKOUT . . . Nine-year-old Jimmy Hatch of Torrance, a leukemia patient at Kaiser



Hospital since he was 3 years old, has been assigned to the XK's of the Fre-Way Little League farm team. Jim-

my goes through the routine of a pepper game with teammate Kevin O'Toole, with whom he chats in the



middle photograph. Hatch particularly enjoys batting a baseball and takes a pretty good swing at right.

Leukemia Conquered?

Five and a half years ago James Hatch was a patient at Kaiser Hospital. His illness was diagnosed as leukemia.

At the age of 4, Jimmy developed pneumonia. The family was told, "It is probably a matter of hours!" Mrs. Rosalie Hatch, the boy's mother, says the hours passed and many prayers were answered.

A new medication for the treatment of leukemia was prescribed for the youngster, and although his muscles were affected for more than three months, the boy is now conditioned for the medicine.

Shy, but determined, Jimmy reached a new milestone in his life last Saturday when he took part in the opening day at Fre-Way Little League as a member of the XK's farm team.

A third grader at Van Deene Avenue School, Jim will be 9 on June 14.

In a two-inning exhibition game, young Hatch played right field and walked in his only time at bat. He wants to be a shortstop. He appears to be more aggressive on the ball diamond than almost anything else in his lifetime. His parents are encouraged.

Jimmy Hatch was a particularly normal youngster until he was three years old. He was bed ridden with a "plain" case of the flu, but when the illness lingered and the tot lost his appetite, became listless, medical attention was required.

It was Nov. 11, 1963, when tests revealed Hatch was suffering from leukemia.

For the first several months Jimmy required blood transfusions and extensive care at Kaiser Hospital. For the past four years the disease has not advanced and the youngster appeared immune to the side affects of medication. At first, it was feared he would lose his coordination. He once spent three months in a wheelchair.

But Jimmy Hatch has always been a determined sort of individual. He has never been one to be pampered by his parents and he has tried to do things like the others in his family.

Brothers Mike, 12, and Steve, 11, play for the Camaros of the Fre-Way League. He also has a sister, Carol, 7.

The boy's father, Gary Hatch, is a cargo traffic representative for Pan American World Airways. The family resides at 21121 Van Deene. It's a short distance from the ball park.

Torrance American Little League Day

Torrance American Little League will open its season Saturday with field ceremonies at 10:15 a.m. Councilman Bill Uerkwitz will be guest speaker.

A round robin 2-inning schedule for 24 major, minor, and farm teams will be played during the day.

Jay Rouse, league president, said 400 boys in the Little League age of 8 to 12 are playing at Seaside Field.

The Senior Division will begin May 3 for boys 13, 14, and 15.

The league has selected Leigh Horne, 9, queen of the league for the 1969 season. She will throw out the first ball.

Seven former Little Leaguers are managing and coaching teams in the league this season. They are Glynn Winter, Jon Warner, Tim Pflug, Jerry Cesario Jr., Mike Murillo, and Steven and Robert Mistofofsky. The ex-players are coaching teams in which their younger brothers are members.

Sponsors of major and minor teams are Russ Thor, Inc., Ted Greene, Chevrolet, Southwood Shell, Great Western Financial Corporation Insurance, Harvey Aluminum, Angelo Revels Bakery, Glendale Federal Savings and Loan, Del Amo Cleaners, Walker Brothers Rambler, Torrance Police Association, Southwood Drugs, King's Barber Shop, Space Age Travel and Tours, Golden West Meats, Pacific Plaza Pharmacy, PGF Industries, Inc., Pizza Palace, Shee'lana Pre-School, and Lee Davis Adohr Distributors.

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Pair Won By Wild Mustangs

Torrance Wild Mustangs defeated the Torrance Tappa Keggas, 11-8 and 4-2, to take both games of an opening doubleheader in the West Coast Slo-Pitch League at Torrance Park Friday night.

In the first game, the Wild Mustangs broke from the coral to lead the Tappa Keggas, 9-0, by the end of the third inning.

With 12 hits, the Mustang bats went cold, while the Keggas scored three runs in the fourth, two in the sixth and three in the seventh. The Wild Mustangs finally outlived the Tappa Keggas, 14 to 11. In the second game, Cal Eubanks limited the Tappa Keggas to four hits while the Wild Mustangs collected seven hits.

Jim Reynolds, Keggas manager and pitcher, was unable to play Friday because of a knee injury sustained in a practice game with the Upland Bombers. Reynolds may be out of action for two more weeks.

This Friday night the Tappa Keggas meet the Los Angeles Oldtimers, league champs, at Torrance Park in a doubleheader starting at 8 p.m. The Wild Mustangs take on El Segundo Hughes Hustlers the same evening at Alondra Park.

West Nabs 3-Way Win

West High swept a Bay League track and field meet from Hawthorne Friday with a 63-55 varsity, 83-12 Class B, and 53-33 Class C victory.

Ron Johnson bettered his own school record in the 880 by five seconds with a time of 1:58.06. He recently ran the fastest 2-mile among juniors in the nation in 9:09.

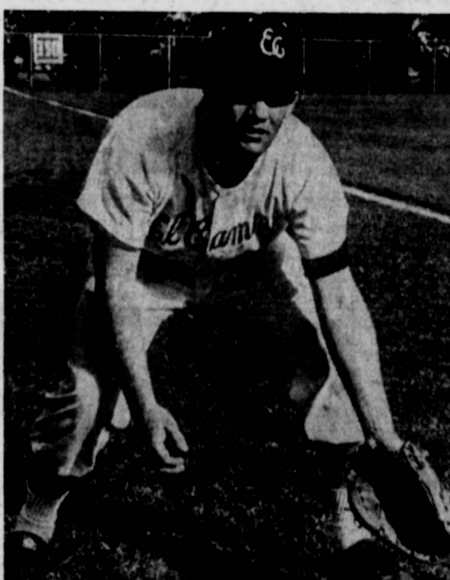
Wrestler Is Third In Meet

Sgt. John Allison, former North High wrestler, took third place in the Tactical Air Command Tournament at George Air Force Base last month.

Sergeant Allison was captain of the George AFB team which took second in the meet.

John is a crew chief on F4C fighter. He returned to the states from Vietnam and Korea in September.

Allison wrestles in the 149-pound division.



WOULD RATHER SWITCH . . . Former third baseman Mark Intermill, sophomore letterman on the El Camino College baseball team, has made the switch to catcher for the Warriors. The Torrance High graduate will see action against Santa Monica City College Friday.

Slattery to Head Big Brothers Game

Edward F. Slattery has been named chairman of the 1969 Catholic Big Brothers All-Star Football Game.

It will be played Aug. 14 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The third annual gridfest pits the outstanding graduating seniors from Los Angeles city schools against their counterparts from Catholic high schools throughout Southern California.

Proceeds from the game go to the Catholic Big Brother, Inc., which works with fatherless youth.

Last year's inaugural L.A. City-Catholic clash saw the L.A. team win by a landslide 43-20 score before 17,842 spectators at the Coliseum.

In making the announcement, Catholic Big Brothers president Robert C. Yeary said, "We are genuinely pleased to obtain the talents and leadership of a highly-successful man like Ed Slattery. Last year's game chairman, Jim Callanan, is well-known for his athletic background, executive ability, and enthusiasm for sports. With Ed captaining the team, we can indeed look for an outstanding 1969 game."

Slattery, 43, is senior vice-president of Norman Engineering Co., and a former football center at Loyola High School, Loyola University, and in service at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

BIGGER ENGINES APPROVED

J. C. Agajanian looks for more of the motorcycle riders to swing to the bigger power plants for the third cycle meet of the campaign Friday night at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Qualifying begins at 7 p.m. with the first race at 8:15.

New American Motorcycle Association rules allow the riders to use up to 750 cc. engines. Several of the riders have been experimenting with new and larger power plants and likely will switch to the bigger equipment for Friday.

The bigger engines provide more acceleration coming out of the turns. However, they are not as advantageous on the half-mile dirt at Ascot as they would be on a road course.

The third program shapes up as a battle between the Southlanders and the invaders from the North.

Right now the advantage would appear to belong to the out-of-towners, who number Dan Haaby, Mert Lawwill, and Jim Odom among their leaders.

Wrestling Event Set In Torrance

The second annual Torrance City wrestling tournament will be held on Saturday, April 19. All boys in the 6th through the 12th grades who have participated in the wrestling programs since September are eligible to compete.

Competition will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South High School boys' gym, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway. Boys who plan to participate should be at the gym by 9 a.m. for registration and ready to wrestle.

Medals will be given to those in the first three places in each division according to weight and grade levels.

There is no registration fee.

Frosh Hurls No-Hit Win

Jeff Peterson pitched a no-hitter as West High blanked Redondo, 2-0, in a Bay League frosh-soph game.

Dave Vint had three hits and scored both runs for Coach Dale Dabbs' ball club.

Prep Loop Tied

The bundled Bay League baseball race resumes Friday with West playing at South, North at Santa Monica, and Mira Costa at Redondo.

South High handed Santa Monica its first league defeat Friday, 2-0, as Dan Creek pitched a scattered 6-hit shut-out. North won its second game in four outings by nudging Inglewood, 1-0.

Mira Costa, a winner against Hawthorne Friday, tied South and Santa Monica at the end of the week with 3-1 records.

West, which won two games last week, faced the difficult task of playing Santa Monica yesterday and South on Friday.

In the Sky League Torrance is host to Culver City tomorrow. They played the first of a two-game series yesterday. Palos Verdes went into its game against Morningside yesterday with a 7-1 record. Morningside 5-1 needs a 2-game sweep to take the league lead.

Bishop Montgomery dropped two Camino Real League games last week and fell behind St. Bernard's and Crespi in the standings.

El Segundo is unbeaten after seven Pioneer League games.

BAY LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
South	3	0	1.000
Santa Monica	2	1	.750
Mira Costa	2	1	.750
North	2	2	.500
West	2	2	.500
Redondo	1	3	.250
Hawthorne	1	3	.250
Inglewood	1	3	.250

SKY LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Palos Verdes	7	1	.875
Morningside	5	2	.714
Leuninger	4	4	.500
Torrance	3	5	.375
Rolling Hills	2	6	.250
Culver City	1	7	.125

PIONEER LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
El Segundo	7	1	.875
Lennox	6	1	.857
Aviation	4	3	.571
Lawndale	4	3	.571
Beverly Hills	1	6	.143
Miraleste	0	7	.000

MARINE LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Banning	5	1	.833
Gardena	3	1	.667
Jordan	2	1	.667
San Pedro	2	1	.667
Carson	2	1	.667
Norborne	0	4	.000
Locke	0	4	.000

CAMINO REAL			
	W	L	Pct
St. Bernard	5	1	.833
Crespi	4	1	.800
Montgomery	4	2	.667
Berra	4	2	.667
Murphy	2	4	.333
Mt. Carmel	1	4	.200
Laurel	1	4	.200
St. Monica	1	4	.200

OPENING SET FOR APRIL 26

Opening day for West Torrance Pony League will be April 26 at 10 a.m. at Douglas Field. The diamond is behind Douglas Aircraft near Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevard in Torrance.

Making up the league are 72 boys, making up six teams.

Sponsors of the teams are Southwood Shell, Leonard Miles Construction, Torrance Police Department, Del Cones Jump 'n Jack, and The Sizzler.

The Graves do not have a sponsor. Any business organization or individual interested in sponsoring the team may contact Len Martinsen at 371-8662.

Century Handicap Lengthened

The second running of the \$75,000 added Century Handicap Saturday will mark the first major stakes of the Hollywood Park meeting.

The Century has been lengthened in distance this season to a mile and three-furlongs from the mile and one-furlong. In its inaugural running, easterner Model Fool equalled the course record of 1:47 2-5 with a triumph over Hill Shine and Rivet.

It is possible the Century will match Petrone, winner of the recent San Juan Capistrano grass marathon at Santa Anita, with Nodouble, who captured the Santa Anita Handicap.

Petrone, who turned back former national grass champion Fort Marcy in winning the San Juan, was second to his countryman, imported Taneb, in the San Luis Rey Handicap, prior to taking the \$125,000 classic.

Retirement Announced By Smith

Herschel C. Smith, founder of the annual Compton Invitational Track and Field Meet, announced his retirement from active management of the event he organized in 1936.

Smith will remain in an advisory capacity for this year's meet.

The Compton/Coliseum Invitational will be held in early June at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Herschel, 65, first gained athletic prominence as a sprinter at San Fernando High in the early 1920's, winning Southern California and state honors.

Driver Survives Crash

A driver who survived a spectacular racing accident is working against the clock to get his damaged car prepared for this Sunday's Riverside Continental Grand Prix.

Bob Brown, 29, a Chevrolet dealer from Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., walked away from a 170 mph rollover during tire tests on Riverside's 2.6-mile road course last Thursday, taken to Riverside Community Hospital as a precautionary measure, Brown

was found to have nothing more serious than a few bruises.

Brown told a Raceway official that he thought he was a goner when his Eagle Chevy locked its brakes and spun wildly at 170 mph.

"I couldn't get the brakes loose, and when I tried to steer to the infield, the car wouldn't respond," Brown said. "I thought to myself, 'This is it.'"

The open wheel formula A car slid off the asphalt and down an embankment alongside Turn 9, bouncing end over end in a maneuver almost identical to one during the crash of Dr. Lou Sell during last November's USAC championship race.

Sell's injuries, however, were caused as the fuel tank split and exotic racing fuel exploded in a ball of flame. The Fullerton dentist is still recuperating from that fiery crash.

Brown's fuel tank remained intact in last week's incident.

The new Eagle driven by the New Yorker appeared to be a candidate for the junkyard when it was towed from the Raceway after the accident, but closer inspection showed that the chassis was apparently not too badly damaged for repair. The question remains — does Brown's crew have enough time before qualifying this Saturday?