SPORTS

Heavyweight Hunt Is On; Coast Has Slight Hope

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LOS ANGELES.—(UP)—The feverish hunt for a heavyweight prizefighter to revive the million dollar gates which started with Jack Dempsey and ended when Gene Tunney vacated the title and Tex Rickard died, apparently will bear little fruit on the Pacific coast.

In fact, boxing circles declare that only three big fighters in this section of the country warrant even mention when talk swings to the topic of a successor to Gentleman Gene.

Frankie Campbell, Les Kennedy and Albert Morro, the latter a protege of Jim Jeffries, are the battlers striving for recognition in the west while they look longingly toward big money in the east.

Morro Yet Untried

Of the three, Morro commands the most interest, as he has yet to step into a ring.

Jeffries, living quietly on his ranch at Burbank, suddenly startled the sport world when he announced he had found "the next heavyweight champion of the world," and introduced Morro as the bearer of that imposing title.

Jim said he had been pouring words of wisdom into Morro's ears for a period of months and that the young man was ready to step into a ring and slap down a few coast heavies during his trip to the top of the fistic ladder.

Boxing promoters took interest and it appeared that Morro would show his stuff immediately. He was signed to fight a mediocre battler at the Hollywood Legion Stadium with Jeffries in his corner. Shortly before the battle was to come off a sparring partner socked Albert on the ear and a wonderful cauliflower sprouted. The ear was canceled and Albert was unable to keep his date at Hollywood. As a result fans are still without an idea of what Morro can accomplish in actual combat.

Eight Straight Knockouts

Frankie Campbell, a recent arrival from San Francisco, where he was beaten pretty regularly a few years ago, has won eight straight fights by knockouts.

Packing heavy wallops in both hands, Campbell gives the fans plenty of action. He is easy to hit and will take a few jolts in the hope of landing a blow on his own account.

Campbell's backers explain that a sudden reformation on the fighter's part has made a new man out of him. They declare that Frankie once stayed up at all hours of the night and made merry. As a result he was easy to beat at the tough art of prizefighting. Now Frankie realizes the error of his former ways and is under strictest training, it is averred.

Kennedy, a Los Angeles product, gained a bid for recognition a few weeks ago when K. O. Cristner, the aged middlewestern fighter, came out to the coast on a barnstorming trip and met Kennedy as an "easy" opener. Cristner's plans were rudely shattered when Kennedy handed the veteran a tasty beating in 10 rounds.

Two Macks Leaders in Harbor Division Mercantile Bowlers

Two Macks Electric is now leading the bowlers of the Harbor Division in the Mercantile League, with the Torrance Merchants fifth. R. Clark of the Merchants is second high man in total pins, having a record of 7122 pins in 89 games, an average of 182.

Following is the standing of the teams in the Harbor Division:

	W	L
Two Macks Electric	45	15
Schneider Baby Beeves	37	23
Reo Flying Cloud	36	24
Minot Bay Printing Co.	33	27
Torrance Merchants	29	31
Fullerton Recreation	25	35
Stillwells Markets	20	40
Clever's Sporting Goods	15	45

Marine League Casaba Season Closed Friday

In the final Marine League game played at Washington, Jan. 31, Jacob Riis tallied a 20 to 19 triumph over George Washington. This victory gives Riis the hoop crown. Washington's lights won the preliminary game, 26 to 20.

Bell high's basketball team finished in second place in the Marine League with a 21 to 8 victory over Jordan high Friday afternoon. The game was played at Bell. Chapin was high scorer of the game with six points. The Bell lights defeated Jordan, 12 to 7.

GIANTS SHUT OUT BLUES IN HOT BATTLE

Desperate Efforts of Tansey Crew Fail to Sweep Back the Rising Tide of Color

One little pass to first, one little second lost juggling a batted ball, one little run over the plate, and last Sunday afternoon was completely ruined for the Torrance Blues.

For nine desperate innings the Blueboys fought, bled, and died, whirled out by the elusive power of "Slowtime" Evans' slants, or horseshoed by the fielding antics of those wild panthers from Los Angeles Darktown, the well known L. A. Giants.

Ten men were left on bases. Every rally concocted by the Blues died in its infancy. Time and again the skies looked blue and the moment auspicious for some Torrance runs. But not a man was able to tread that most desired path, from third base home.

Here's the sad and sorrowful news:

Carter, long and black and mournful-looking, looked over Oswald's shoots and discarded all of them, so His Umps waved him on to first. Adams, scrappy second-baser, sacrificed. Anderson was out Ducazau to Atwood, his grounder sending Carter to third. Benjamin hit to short and Wolfe juggled the ball just long enough to let Carter score and put Benjie on first. Oswald retrieved "Slowtime's" bunt and threw him out at first. No hits, one run.

In the Blues' half, Frenchie grounded out Adams to Williams. Wolfe followed via the same route. Young singled. Goodman flied out to Carter in center field. One hit no runs.

Hynes grounded out Ducazau to Atwood. Williams was passed. Wyndon hit into a fast double, Wolfe to Ducazau to Atwood, cleaning the bases and retiring the side. No hits no runs. Ducazau hit to left but the ball bounced off Wyndon's mitt and Johnny sped on to second. Atwood struck out. T. Police hit to Adams for the second out. Goldman was hit on the elbow and took first. Oswald popped out to Adams. One hit no runs.

Goins fanned. Carter fanned. Adams walked. Anderson grounded out Ducazau to Atwood. No hits no runs.

Frenchie popped out to Evans. Wolfe was passed. Young struck out. Goodman singled. Ducazau fanned. On hit no runs.

Benjamin singled, and Evans followed suit. Hynes was thrown out at first with Atwood fielding the ball, Ducazau covering. Williams flied out to Teeny Police. Wyndon was passed to reach Goins who had whiffed on his first trip to the plate and the dusky catcher repeated, retiring the side. Two hits, no runs.

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Carter popped to Ducazau. Adams flied out to Young. Anderson fanned. No hits no runs.

With the opening of their half of the fifth Torrance built up their best chance to score enough runs to put them out in front. Oswald struck out, and then "Slowtime" trying to cut the inside corner a little too fine, hit Frenchie and Wolfe. Frenchie stole second and later third, his last venture precipitating considerable of an argument in which all the Giant boys including their manager, heartily joined. Wolfe stole second, and the boys were all set for a dash home as soon as Young could produce a safe hit. But Young hit an infield fly that fell into Anderson's mitt. Bill Goodman strode up to the plate and became the hero of the hour for a minute when he put his weight behind one that sailed almost to the fence, and victory seemed about to light on the Torrance perch when up rose that long, dark, mournful Carter man and flung himself through the air like a swan-diver making a dive, and he rose right up and he dived right down and he scrabbled that ball into his mitt not six inches off the ground, and he rolled over in the jumping pits out yonder but he came up with the ball. Side out. No hits no runs.

Benjamin got his second hit in the beginning of the sixth, but was doubled at second when Evans hit to short. Hynes grounded out Wolfe to Atwood. No hits no runs.

Ducazau singled. Atwood sacrificed. Teeny Police hit one to that long dark Carter man, and Goldie put another into the same mitt. One hit no runs.

William was out, Oswald to Atwood. Wyndon fanned. Goins was out at first, Atwood fielding, Oswald covering the bag. No hits no runs.

Oswald grounded out. Frenchie flied out to Carter. Wolfe fanned. No hits no runs.

Carter flied out to Young. Adams walked and was out Wolfe to Ducazau at second. Anderson beat the relay to first and robbed the Blues of their third double play. Benjamin was out Oswald to Atwood. No hits no runs.

Young flied to right field. Goodman singled. Ducazau whiffed. Atwood hit to short for the third out. One hit, no runs.

"Slowtime" got one away for two bases. Hynes flied out to center and Williams singled, scoring Evans. He stole second and went to third on Wyndon's fly to right field, but was pegged out Goodman to Goldman when he led too far off the base during Goins' time at bat. Two hits, one run.

Warden, batting for Police drew a pass in the ninth and hopes beat high once more for a fast finish to put Torrance in the lead. But Goldman was set down on strikes. Ault batting for Oswald followed, and Frenchie flied out to left field. No hits no runs.

Final count, Giants 2, Torrance 0.

Box score:

Torrance—	AB	R	H	O	A
Frenchie, rf	5	0	0	1	0
Wolfe, ss	3	0	0	1	4
Young, cf	4	0	1	3	0
Goodman, c	4	0	2	5	1
Ducazau, 2b	4	0	2	4	5
Atwood, 1b	3	0	0	11	2
T. Police, lf	3	0	0	1	0
Goldman, 3b	4	0	0	1	0
Oswald, p	3	0	0	1	4
Warden	0	0	0	0	0
Ault	1	0	0	0	0
	34	0	5	27	16

L.A. Giants—	AB	R	H	O	A
Carter, cf	3	1	0	5	0
Adams, 2b	1	0	0	2	2
Anderson, ss	4	0	0	2	0
Benjamin, 3b	4	0	2	0	0
Evans, p	4	1	2	1	1
Hynes, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Williams, 1b	4	0	1	4	0
Wyndon, lf	3	0	0	2	0
Goins, c	3	0	0	10	1
	30	2	5	27	4

Summary: Bases on balls, off Oswald 5, off Evans 2; struck out, by Oswald 5, by Evans 10; two base hits Ducazau, Evans. Hit by pitcher, Frenchie, Wolfe, Goldman; double plays, Ducazau to Wolfe to Atwood; Wolfe to Ducazau to Atwood; left on bases, Torrance 19, Giants 6; errors, Wolfe.

HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD PLAYS ALUMNI STARS

Third Annual Clash Between Rival Groups Takes Place at Gym Tomorrow Night

Sport lovers of Torrance have a treat in store for them Friday night, Feb. 7, when the colorful Alumni basketball team meets the strong Torrance Varsity in the third annual clash between the two aggregations.

This year's affair promises to be the most thrilling ever staged. The high school has a quint which boasts of a snappy offense as well as a smoothly working defense which has given its opposition in the Marine League plenty of worry all season.

The Alumni squad is composed of a long list of brilliant players who not only have starred in past years at Torrance high, but who have become well known in universities and clubs throughout the Southland. Most of these men need no introduction to local fans.

A few who have promised to be present are Harwood Clark, Swede Jaunsem, Ben Lepkin, Cliff Ruppel, Chas. Ruppel, Ben Townsend, Joe Townsend, Harold Cook, Orville Hudson, Howard Hudson, Dee Williamsen, and Harold Romine, all former Torrance high stars; Turner McLean, who has played with U.C.L.A., L.A.A.C., and who is now playing with Long Beach Junior College; C. George Watson, who is playing his second year with Cal Tech; Ray Sleppy, former Occidental star; and Harry Phillips, another U.C.L.A. man.

The Alumni squad will be directed from the sidelines by none other than R. A. Mitchell, the man who coached Torrance high to so many championships several years ago and who is recognized as one of the most able coaches of basketball on the coast.

The high school this year has a fine team in spite of a record that is not so impressive. They are well balanced and have lots of fight. It is well known that past records are always forgotten by the high school teams when they meet the alumni squad.

Friday night's game will be called at 8 o'clock in the high school gym. Boxing matches between halves will entertain the spectator and the evening's program will be well worth the time, effort and price of admission.

Line-ups are announced as follows:

Alumni		High School
Sleppy	f	Eckersley
Watson	f	Creighton
Townsend	c	Hartley Carr
McLean	g	Montague
H. Phillips	g	Danford

ROTARY VALVE PATENTED

DES MOINES, (UP)—A valve mechanism of a rotary cylindrical type has been invented by P. G. Frazier of Ankeny, Ia. The perfection of the valve has long been sought by automotive engineers and the inventor received his patent on the device this week. Frazier claims smoother and more certain valve action from his device, particularly at high speeds, than by the tappet valve system now in common use.

28 SCHOOLS COMPETE IN RELAY MEET

Expect 800 Athletes to Take Part in Gigantic Prep School Event at L.A. High

Athletes to the number of more than 800 are expected to crowd the cinder paths in the coming annual Los Angeles city high school relay to be held March 1 at Los Angeles high school athletic field.

Last year 770 contestants entered the meet, and it is practically assured that the list this year will total much higher.

There will be four divisions, with seven schools represented in No. 1 and No. 2, six in No. 3 and eight in No. 4, or a total of 28 schools to take part.

Division 4 will be composed of Banning, Eagle Rock, University, Owensmouth, North Hollywood, Narbonne, Torrance and Gardena.

Jacob Riis which competed in No. 4 last year has been placed in Division 3.

Sid Foster, chairman of the relay committee, announces that the meet will start at 1:30 promptly.

JAP CHAMPS BILLED HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday's ball game on the Torrance high school grounds will bring the champion Japanese team of Southern California, the Grand Central Market outfit to tangle with Manager Ed Tansey's Torrance Blues.

The Japs have won from practically every representative Japanese team in the lower half of the state.

They are rated high and next Sunday's game will furnish the fans with equally as good a game or better than that of last Sunday.

In order to secure these top-notch teams, Manager Tansey, is compelled to put out a high price for their services, so that it is necessary to ask the Torrance fans to be a bit generous in their support of the team. The brand of baseball that is being played on the home grounds is first quality and deserves more home recognition.

Von Hagen Star of U.C.L.A. Team

Richard von Hagen, former Torrance boy, now playing basketball with the U.C.L.A. squad, is rated as the star point-getter of the Bruin outfit. His field goal in the last two minutes of play won the game for the Bruins against Stanford at the northern city last Saturday. Von Hagen contributed seven points to the total of 20 for his squad.

RUNS 180 MILES

Eugene Estopinay, Indian runner, known as "Gene, the California Deer," Indian runner who recently at age of fifty-eight finished the 180 mile run from Fresno to San Francisco in less than 37 hours.

WHAT-SHA BIG IDEA?

BILLINGS, Mont., Feb. 4—(UP)—"Lemme go; doncha see I'm going plashes and shaein' things. Why doncha shay shomethin'—well then, if you won't shay anythin', how would y'like 'Chava drink?"

Just how long Jack Muhull, Indian, had been carrying on this one-sided conversation with two silent companions, nobody seems to know. But finally a policeman ended the social chat.

"Well, gesha gotta go," said Muhull. "This genmun' wants me to go to the stashun. Good-by, fellers."

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