

SPORTS

PLAY-OFF SERIES STARTS AT HUNTINGTON BEACH FRIDAY

Bluebirds and Oilers in the Pink For the Crucial Fray For the Championship of the National League; Winner Meets A. A. Champs

Next Tuesday night the Torrance fans will see their favorite night baseball team, the Torrance Bluebirds, perform in their first home game of the play-off for the championship. Extra bleachers have been added to the seating capacity at the city park grounds to take care of the anticipated crowds. It is expected that fans from all over the circuit will follow the fortunes of the two teams. Huntington Beach will bring a big crowd of rooters, while Torrance is expected to turn out en masse to cheer for the home boys.

Tomorrow night the important series gets under way at Huntington Beach. On paper, Torrance is touted to win the series. During the first half of 21 games the Bluebirds won 18, lost three. In the second half of 14 games, Huntington Beach won 12, lost two. Murphy will have the services of Louie Neva, the pitching ace and home run king of the circuit, and Pete Hargis, also a pitching star. Louie has fully recovered from his ankle injury and Pete's wrenched arm is in good shape. Huntington Beach will depend on Chico Sabella for its mainstay with Roy Robinson, ex-bluebird, for relief duty.

According to Manager Murphy, all seats at Huntington Beach park will be reserved, but Torrance fans need not be afraid that there will be any shortage of room as the Oilers stand to have a capacity of 3000. Reserved seats for the games at Huntington Beach may be obtained at the Torrance Pharmacy.

Following is the schedule of the play-off series, the winner of which will take on the winner of the American Association for the championship of Southern California:

Friday, September 1, at Huntington Beach.
Tuesday, September 5, at Torrance.
Friday, September 8, at Huntington Beach.
Monday, September 11, at Torrance.
Wednesday, September 13, at Huntington Beach.
Friday, September 15, at Torrance.

The seventh game, should one be necessary, will be played on neutral ground. Four games out of the seven will determine the winner, and should one team win four in a row, the rest will not be played.

Torrance failed to make much of a showing during the second half, as Louie Neva was out of the pitcher's box for two or three games on account of an injury to his ankle. Several changes in the line-up were made, but Murphy has now settled the boys in positions to his liking, with increased effectiveness to the team. Big Moose George Watson will probably be seen behind the plate in the play-off series where his superior height and weight give him the edge as a catcher. Poncho Fabregat may be used but it is quite likely that he will be held in reserve in case of his bad hands. Poncho is a favorite with the Torrance fans and is a crack little catcher, but he lacks the averdups to stop some of the fast ones.

Red Moon is filling Watson's old position at second satisfactorily, and the old standbys, Walt Wolf and Dan Leonard, will fill the corners. Joe Storti will be on short, with Paul Vonderabe ready to fill in at any position. Paul Neva, Tony Alesso and Hal Forney, who is no far behind Louie in home run clouts this season, make up the outfield.

The game tomorrow night, the first game of the play-off, will be most important, as the winner of this tilt will garner a lot of morale for the following contests. The Birds are out to win the series, but the Oilers have been dangerous contenders all through the first half and came into their own when the Birds slumped at the beginning of the second.

GEORGE LANCASTER IS TROJAN OFFICIAL
George Lancaster of Torrance, treasurer of the Trojan Squires, honorary sophomore tradition-enforcing organization, is among campus leaders at the University of Southern California who welcome incoming freshmen to their first day at college upon the opening of freshman week at U. S. C., Wednesday, September 20.

Kiwanis Juniors Are the Champs of Midget Loop

Dale Riley's Young Phenoms Defeat Long Beach All Stars

Playing a stellar brand of ball before a big crowd of fans at the city ball park Monday night, Dale Riley's Torrance Kiwanis Juniors walked away with the championship of the midget night loop when they defeated the Long Beach All Stars, 13-4.

Orville Smith pitched the whole game for the Kiwanians and made a good job of it. The balance of the team played up to him all the way, and showed plenty of ability in hitting and fielding departments.

The game ended a series of inter-city games in which the Torrance Kiwanians, Torrance Outlaws, Long Beach All Stars and Long Beach Flying A's started. The Outlaws dropped out after a few games, leaving the others to make a three-cornered fight of it.

The young ball players, who have been organized for the past two years here, put on a show that is fully equal to those displayed in leagues of older players. In recognition of their success the boys and their manager will be entertained next Tuesday night by the Kiwanis club which sponsors them, at a chicken dinner, and on this occasion they will be presented with their silver trophy donated by the Morse Sporting Goods store of Long Beach.

Bluebirds Trim Olive In Next to Final Game

Fifth Inning Yields Five Runs to Put Game Safely Away

The Bluebirds fell on Hammond, Olive pitcher, in the fifth inning of Friday night's game for a total of two walks, four hits and five runs, to clinch the next to the last game of the season, 7-4. Hammond had the Birds well in hand during the entire game with the exception of the fifth, but this session was enough to put the home team way out in front.

Louie Neva started for Torrance and Pete Hargis finished. Big Moose George Watson appeared behind the bat for the first time this season. George is a natural in the catching position and should have been playing here before as his height gives him the advantage in stopping some of the aerial offerings that Neva can hand out once in every so often during a game and he is not handicapped in pegging to second. None of them come too fast for the Moose, and very few of them too high or wild.

Poncho Fabregat, who has been behind the bat for the first time this season, was loaned to Olive for the evening and played right field. Tony got one hit off Hargis, which brought in one of the Olive scores. Olive got only two hits off Neva, five off Hargis. Neva whiffed nine batters, Pete three. Each of the Torrance pitchers granted one free pass to first.

Hammond was touched for 12 hits, four passes and struck out nine. Both Moudy and Davenport are ace pitchers, and the fans should see a worthy battle on Labor Day with the outcome in doubt up to the final inning.

Lomita lost to the St. Louis Browns last Sunday, 10 to 7. They have only two more games to play in the Harbor League series. A benefit dance, sponsored by the Lomita club, will be held Sunday night, September 2, at the L. O. O. F. hall. For the sake of comfort on account of the warm weather this will be a cotton and cord dance and the public is invited to attend.

Two Games Left To Play In Harbor League Tournament

Torrance Merchants Cling to Position in Tie With Coleman Brokers For First Place; Jell Wells Sunday

While base hits off Moffett, pitching for the Los Angeles City Markets, Sunday afternoon, were numerous, only three extra base clouts were recorded, Davenport of the Torrance Merchants getting two and Montgomery one. Howe, Torrance catcher, was high man for his team with a total of four out of five times at bat.

The Merchants downed the Marketeers, 13-4, and are still holding on to their tie for first place in the Harbor League. With only two more games to play, it looks as if Torrance will have a chance to cut in on the play-off money and a possibility of being the team to play for the championship of Southern California. The Jell Wells come next Sunday for the next to the last game in the league season.

The Merchants are tied with the Coleman Brokers who have had a very successful season.

Moffett was jerked from the mound at the close of the fifth inning Sunday, after Torrance had pulled up a lead of 12 to 3. L. Sunseri, who relieved him, was more effective, and held the Merchants to one more run which they made in the last half of the eighth.

The Marketeers were unable to do much with Davenport, except in the third when three runs crossed the plate.

STANDING OF TEAMS N. N. L. Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Huntington B., Anaheim, Whittier, Westminster, Santa Ana, TORRANCE, Olive, Fullerton.

Champion Roper



Sam Garrett, arena director of the huge Oklahoma Stampede and Thrills of the Air spectacle at the Ross Bowl, Pasadena, as a gigantic NRA developer and exhibitor, Labor Day, September 4, afternoon and evening. Garrett is the world's champion roper and is known throughout the entire country for his ability as a director of such big events as the Labor Day affair.

Torrance and Lomita Teams Meet Labor Day

Walt Morris' Outfit Will Try For Revenge For July 4th Defeat

Walt Morris' Lomita Merchants and Ray Townsend's Torrance Merchants, both members of the Harbor League, will clash for the second time this season in a non-league game on Monday, September 4, Labor Day on the Lomita baseball grounds on Lomita boulevard east of Narbonne.

The Torrance boys defeated the neighboring team on July 4 by the close score of 4 to 3, and the Lomitans are thirsting for revenge, which they hope to get next Monday.

Lomita has been strengthened recently by the addition of some new players, among them Tony Perez, formerly of the strong Pacific Steamship line. Morris will use Moudy and either Perez or Ryan as his battery, and Townsend will put in Davenport and Howe.

Fri. and Sat. at Lomita Theatre



Esther Ralston Began Career As Acrobat—Is In "Black Beauty"

Esther Ralston, who plays Lila Lambert in Monogram's feature, "Black Beauty," was born to the stage. When a very young girl, Miss Ralston was taken on the road by her father. The family, consisting of father, mother, Esther and four boys did a turn under the name of the Seven Flying Ralstons. They also toured in Shakespearean repertoire. True to the tradition of actor folks, they were frequently stranded, which accounts for the fact that Esther's schooling was obtained in the schools of many cities, including New York, Kansas City, Salt Lake, San Diego and Glendale, California.

Coming to the Lomita Theatre Wednesday, Thursday, Sept. 6-7



All Kenneth Harlan does in his first talking picture role is ride, ride, ride. In "Under Montana Skies," Tiffany's all-musical, all-talking feature, Harlan, hero of many western features, chases a stagecoach 50 per cent of the time. By his own confession, he has never had a role involving as much physical exercise.

Comedy & Radio Stars Coming to Torrance Tues.

An abundance of good things are to be found on the vaudeville unit show at the Torrance Theatre this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6. Headline acts grace the bill with artists from the leading theatres all over the country vying for headline honors. Among these will be the eminent comedian, Sol Brilliant, who with the assistance of his pretty partner, Myra, presents a comedy diversion of hilarious proportions. Mr. Brilliant recently appeared as featured comedian at the Warner Brothers Theatres in Los Angeles and previously to this he was headline in several Public units.

The staff quartet of radio station KFAC, the Blenders, will be another feature on the bill. This quartet is known to thousands of listeners and their appearance in Torrance will give their fans an opportunity of seeing and hearing them in a repertoire of old and new favorites. Those wonder kids, Bevo and Bailey, will also be on the bill. They have a musical comedy and singing offering that is far from the usual line of entertainment. They are what are known as "show stoppers" and offer a treat for old and young.

Midnight Show Is New Feature At Lomita Theatre Saturday

Well, well, well! Another new feature at the Lomita Theatre, where Manager J. D. Baker says, "Nothing is too good for the patrons of this showhouse." And this time it is a midnight show, something never before attempted in this section, and only one of the many surprises and pleasing features that are in store for those who make the Lomita their show shop.

Saturday night only, September 9, that warm little bundle of hot pepper and loveliness, Lupe Velaz, the idol of all Mexico, will be seen in "The Half Naked Truth," in a big feature show starting at 11:30 p. m. Along with this feature will be presented a comedy, a Mickey Mouse animated cartoon, and a travelogue. Quite enough for one evening's entertainment, is it not? But no. There's where you're wrong. For Manager Baker is going to follow up this stellar film show with TEN-count 'em—TEN big acts of high class vaudeville, with specialty dancers, comedians, novelty acts, and for the audience a lot of confetti and novelties for all. It will be a big night of clean, wholesome fun, a show that you can take your women folks to and enjoy it. Naturally you can't expect all this entertainment for the regular price of admission but the little boost that will be given to the entrance fee is not enough to keep you away. The price for the midnight show will be 25 cents and all seats will be reserved. You will have to come early if you want your pick.

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A Brand New Show Starts at Fox Redondo Theatre Labor Day, Mon. Sept. 4. Richard Dix and Doris Kenyon in "No Marriage Ties."

3rd Annual WORLD'S CONGRESS OF ROUGH RIDERS AND RODEO. FRI. NITE SEPT. 1. RECKLESS - DARING HORSEMEN OF THE WORLD! 8:15 P. M. LOS ANGELES COLISEUM.