

# SPORT PAGE

## THREE-YEAR RECORD OF NO. DEFEATS IS STILL UNBROKEN

Louis Zamperini, Torrance High School Miller, Wins First In 1500-Meter Race at A. A. U. Meet at Coliseum Friday; College Stars Trail World Champ

"On the Victory stand, Louis Zamperini, Torrance high school boy, running unattached, first; Ferris Webster, University of Southern California second; and Frank Lydic, junior national champion of 1931, unattached, third." These words from the radio announcer at the Coliseum, last Friday night, brought to a close for this season the spectacular career of the greatest runner ever developed at Torrance high school, who maintains his record of no ties and no defeats in three years of competition.

Louis was easily the most popular figure on the field at the Southern Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. The crowd in the stands gave him more of a hand than any other athlete, and cheered wildly as he took the lead in the last lap of the 1500-meter race to finish five yards ahead of Webster and at least 10 yards in front of Lydic, in the fast time of four minutes flat, two seconds over the district record held by Cliff Halstead, 1932. World's record for the distance, held by Jules Laourmeque, of France, is 3:49.3. American record held by Luigi Beccali, of Italy, is 3:51.2. Expressed in yards the distance is 1640 and a small fraction. Had the race been run on the mill it is quite likely that Louis could have broken 4:15 as he was traveling at a fast pace and his long stride carries him over a good deal of ground in a second.

Louis ran a fine, heady race. He stayed in third place behind Webster and Lydic for most of the distance, but when he got ready to open up he snatched the lead and was never headed. The crowd went wild when Louis passed up the two college athletes at the far end of the last turn and lead them at a killing pace to the tape.

Webster and Lydic were wobbling at the finish but the Torrance "Iron Man" still had something in reserve and nonchalantly walked off the course, to mount the Victory stand while his two competitors sat wearily down un-

til the announcer called their names to receive their awards. Louis as victor was presented with a handsome gold watch donated by Adolphe Menjou, noted film star, who sponsored this event.

Proof of Louis's popularity was shown in his triumphant march off the field to the showers. Contestants in other events ran up to him to shake his hand and pat him on the back. He takes his honors modestly, which is part of the reason why all other athletes are so ready to give him their congratulations and praise.

Of the high school athletes invited to enter this meet, Zamperini was the only one to take first place. Young of Jacob Rlis, a Marine League high school, placed third in the shot put; Thurber of Glendale, second in the high jump, and Skinner of Manual Arts, second in the broad jump.

Kirkpatrick of El Centro, entered in the hurdles, failed to complete the race. In the first attempt the athletes did not come up to their former rating, notably Frank Wykoff, who is attempting a comeback.

### LOSE DOUBLE-HEADER

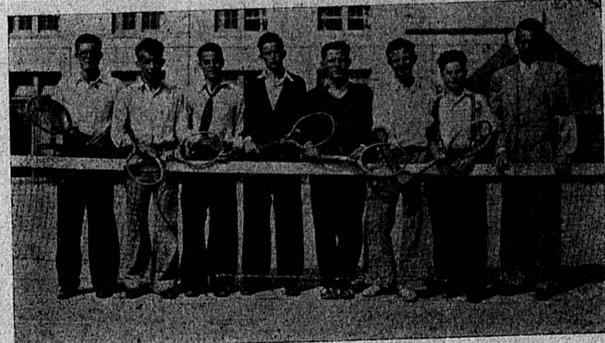
Walt Morris' Lomita Merchants lost both games last Sunday in a double-header with Compton on the Lomita diamond. A ten-inning practice game was also played with the San Pedro Longshoremen.

In the first attempt the Merchants lost, 7-4, with Hamilton on the mound and Spencer behind the bat. The second game favored the visitors, 5-4.

### CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Piggly Wiggly	3	0	1.000
Electric	1	1	.500
Hornets	1	1	.500
Coast Insulating	0	3	.000

## Torrance High School Squads Win Championships In Marine League Contests This Season



Members of the champion tennis squad, pictured above, are Ted Merrill, left, Kenneth Fess, Homer Kirkpatrick, Dale Howe, Francis Mowry, Walter Bunje, Eugene Stegelmyer, and Coach Francis Waddingham. Shown at right are the members of the champion golf squad, Roger McGinnis, left, George Bud Bradford, Captain Joe Disario, Coach James Burchett, Kenneth Haslam and Jim Grubb.

When the Torrance high school tennis squad won from Gardena last Friday in the last game of the West Marine series, they ended a very successful season. The racket men were undefeated in the six matches, and are now proudly wearing the crown as champions of the league.

"Spike" Waddingham, coach, deserves credit for the fine record made by his squad and also for the sportsmanship displayed throughout the season.

Five members of the championship squad will be lost to the seniors at graduation this year. Bunje and Lane are the remaining members who will form the nucleus of next year's team.

Although the Torrance high school golf team was defeated last week, 4-1, in the C. I. F. pre-tournament at Palos Verdes golf course, they finished their regular season in a blaze of glory by annexing the Marine League championship for the second year.

The team, composed of Joe Disario, captain; George Bradford, Kenneth Haslam, Roger McGinnis and Jim Grubb, has defeated all comers in the Marine League matches.

Last Saturday they entered the C. I. F. preliminaries, but were competing out of their class, being pitched against a team from Long Beach Poly high. Joe Disario was the only member of the Torrance team to win against superior brown and golf technician.

## Torrance High Emerges From Sport Oblivion

Two Championships, One Runner-up, and a World Record Achieved

Torrance high school athletes, under the leadership of Coach Bernard J. Donahue, emerged from the fog of oblivion which has hovered above them for a long time and shone brightly in every department of sport this season.

For one small high school, so many honors as have been achieved this year, is a record. Probably no other school in the country can boast of so much.

For instance, a Torrance high school athlete now holds a world's record, state record, Southern California record, Marine League and West Marine League record in the mile run. For the first time in years Torrance had five men in the Southern California finals, two of whom placed. Torrance also holds the West Marine League record in the 100 and 440 and is co-holder of the record in the 220-yard dash.

In addition to track, Torrance has annexed the tennis and golf championships and is runner-up for the baseball crown. Gardena, tied with Torrance for that honor, defeated the locals here in the last game of the season, Friday.

Coach Donahue is now looking forward to the opening of the football season next fall, when he will have a string of veterans to start with and plans to make a serious bid for the championship. Last season the squad won one, tied one and lost four of the six games played. With that year of experience to guide them, the vets will probably do considerably better next fall, and hope to come at least close to the top of the percentage column.

## OLIVE TRIPS, BIRDS TUESDAY TO BREAK WINNING STREAK

Pitcher's Duel Between Hargis and Hemans Ends In Win For the Visitors; Disastrous Seventh Inning Spills Beans For Torrance

After going along fine to win four games in a row; the Bluebirds stubbed their toes over Olive Tuesday night, and lost a bitter battle, 5-1. Rudy Hemans, in the box for Olive, and Pete Hargis for the Birds, fought one of those thrilling duels through six hectic frames, neither side getting a run and mighty few hits.

### STANDINGS OF THE N. N. L. TEAMS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Huntington B.	5	1	.880
Westminster	5	2	.715
TORRANCE	4	3	.572
Anaheim	4	3	.572
Olive	4	3	.572
Santa Ana	3	3	.500
Fullerton	2	5	.286
Long Beach	0	7	.000

### GAMES TO BE PLAYED

**THURSDAY**  
Santa Ana at Olive.  
**FRIDAY**  
Westminster at TORRANCE.  
Huntington Beach at Anaheim.  
Long Beach at Fullerton.  
**TUESDAY**  
TORRANCE at Huntington Beach.  
Olive at Westminster.  
Anaheim at Long Beach.  
Fullerton at Santa Ana.

### SCORES

**THURSDAY**  
Olive, 4; Fullerton, 1.  
**FRIDAY**  
TORRANCE, 10; Anaheim, 6.  
Westminster, 3; Huntington Beach, 2.  
Santa Ana, 3; Long Beach, 2.  
**TUESDAY**  
Olive, 5; TORRANCE, 1.  
Westminster, 5; Long Beach, 5.  
Fullerton, 3; Anaheim, 1.  
Huntington Beach-Santa Ana postponed; wet grounds.

Pete's troubles began in the seventh when Yerberg and Porter singled. Morse grounded out. Hemans singled, Hill singled, Griffith was safe on a fielder's choice which killed off Hemans at third. Coates singled and Kidder grounded one for a choice which knocked off Griffith, for the third out leaving three runs scored and two men on base. Five hits, a couple of passed balls and a wild pitch got Pete into trouble in this frame, and in the eighth the Olives scored two more on an error, a single and a long fly-out to left.

The Birds scored their only tally in the last half of the ninth, saving themselves from a shut-out by the margin of 1 run. Neither Pete nor Rudy issued any free passes and they were liberal with strikeouts. Pete had the best of the tally with 11 while Rudy struck out eight.

### OLIVE

Player	AB	R	H
Hill, 2b.	5	1	2
Griffith, ss.	5	0	2
Coates, 1b.	5	0	2
Kidder, lf.	5	0	1
Rehob, c.	4	0	1
Jerberg, 3b.	4	2	2
Morse, rf.	4	0	0
Hemans, p.	4	0	1
Totals	40	5	13

### BLUEBIRDS

Player	AB	R	H
Moon, 2b.	5	0	0
McClure, 1b.	5	0	0
L. Neva, lf.	4	0	1
Leonard, 3b.	4	0	0
F. Neva, cf.	4	0	1
Alleso, if.	2	0	0
Montgomery, rf.	2	0	0
Fabregat, c.	4	1	1
Hargis, p.	4	0	0
Vonderhage, ss.	4	0	0
Totals	39	1	10

With Louie Neva pitching the Birds trimmed the Anaheim Valencias last Friday night on the home grounds. They won in decisive fashion, 10-6, although they started the game with a two-run handicap. Two runs in the third and three in the fourth gave them the lead and they were never headed.

The boys got 13 hits off String McDonald, Red Moon collecting four out of five times up. Paul Neva turned in three out of four, one of them a two-bagger. Others who hit for the extra base were Leonard, Forney and Frankie Metha.

Tomorrow night the Birds will meet Westminster here in the first game of the second quarter of the schedule. Fuzzy Errington will no doubt pitch for Westminster, Neva for Torrance. Manager Spud Murphy has made some changes in his line-up for this game and is trying out a new combination, in the hope of finding the right list to win a flock of ball games. The Birds are now in fourth place in the league standing with four games won and three lost, two games behind Huntington Beach which still holds first place.

Spud's new line-up for tomorrow night will be Louie Neva, pitcher, lead-off man; Red Moon, shortstop; McClure, first base; Paul Neva, center field; Campbell, catcher; Leonard, third base; Metha, second base; Forney, left field; and Tony Alleso, right field.

Poncho has failed to come up to scratch at batting this year. He has had only two hits in seven games, 29 times up, a percentage of .069, which is not enough in this man's league. Against Santa Ana last week Poncho struck out five times in a row, and for his last time up grounded out. Maybe the big 0 on the back of his uniform shirt has something to do with it, but at any rate he is not coming up to last season's form and a little rest on the bench may do him good.

## Donkey Baseball New Riot In Sport

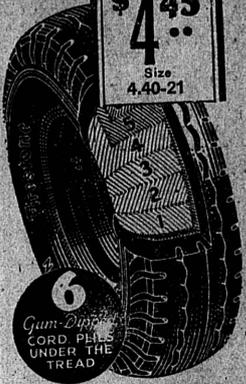
Donkey baseball, hailed as the most riotous form of entertainment ever invented, will be launched at Long Beach next week. Long Beach Pyramid No. 43 Scouts sponsor the affair which starts June 12 and continues for five evenings. Games are played on donkey-back and the results are screamingly funny. The fun starts at 8 o'clock at the Strand stadium, Virginia Hotel grounds on the pike, and a low rate of admission is charged.

Galveston's Olander Pageant GALVESTON, Tex. (U.P.)—Galveston's annual olander parades will be held June 2 and 3. Scores of children will walk in the parades with costumes decorated with the pink and white flowers of the olander shrubs.

Quakes Increased Spring Flow MINA, Nev. (U.P.)—The Resistor spring, proposed source of this community's water supply, has increased its flow 100 per cent since a series of recent earth shocks. The New Boston spring, also nearby, has an increased flow.

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## Juniors Wallop Kiwanis Club In Lop-Sided Game

Annual Contest Between Elders and Kids Draws Crowd to Ball Park

Showing absolutely no regard for the age, weight, or previous condition of their sponsors of the Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Juniors proceeded to wallop their elders last Monday night and took them the whole nine-inning route to a good effective cleaning. The final score was something like 34-17, the rest of the runs piling up in the last three innings.

Kiwanis used up four pitchers, and they were used up. Bill Shawger started, followed by Bob Lowellen and Freddy Montgomery, and Ray Begue finished. Shawger was fairly effective, holding the Juniors to a score of 14 at end of the sixth inning. The fielding on the part of the Kiwanians up to that time was also pretty good, and they made 12 runs off the kids in that time, but after that nature had its way and the tired Kiwanians folded up.

The prettiest play of the evening was made by the Junior first baseman who felled a sharp grounder, tagged a runner going to second and beat the batter to first base bag for a double play which retired the side.

Home runs were numerous with both teams. The kids made theirs count for more by having the bases loaded in almost every inning. Ten runs were scored in the seventh, eight of them on homers which came when the corners were loaded.

Casualties of the game were Ray Begue, catcher, who lost a finger-nail on one of Shawger's fast ones. Ray continued to play, however, going from catcher to second and from there to pitch the last inning. Bob Sleeth, of the Juniors, stopped one of Begue's tosses with his chest, but was not much hurt and slammed out a homer to pay for the injury.

The Juniors looked very well in their new gray uniforms, bought and paid for by their sponsors. The Kiwanians, apparently had ransacked their wardrobes for suitable garb and the result was colorful. Judge Rippy lead in splendor with a bright scarlet jumper and cap. Bob Lowellen was elegant in a conservative white ensemble, the only man on the field except Freddie Montgomery who could boast of a well-matched outfit.

night. The Piggly Wiggles downed the P. E. Shops, 14-8. Tonight the Hornets take on Piggly Wiggly and the P. E. Shops and Coast Insulating are paired. Admission is free to these games, and all fans are invited.

## Sport Supremacy Held By Pacific Coast Athletes

Headliners in All Branches Developed Under Western Skies

By HENRY SUPER United Press Staff Correspondent SAN FRANCISCO, (U.P.)—All through the years athletes from the Pacific coast have had their share of the sports headlines.

Amateur tennis has Helen Wills of Berkeley; professional tennis has Ellsworth Vines of Pasadena; the Madison of Seattle got most of her banner-lines while an amateur swimmer; Charlie Paddock, Frank Wykoff and others gathered a major portion for the tracksters; and in baseball, there comes Torrance to snatch it from Frankie Corsetti and "Lefty" Gomez.

Now, with the outdoor sports season getting into full swing on all fronts, western athletes promise to continue winning a good portion of the laurels.

Take the track and field men for a starter. Walter Marty of Fresno State College knocked over the high-jump record, early in February back in New York and then came to the coast to jump the highest man has ever ascended—6 feet 9 3/4 inches.

Then there's Johnny Lyman of Stanford, who has been waging a personal duel with Jack Torrance, who has operated out of Louisiana, for the world's shot put record. One week the record seems to belong to Lyman, but along comes Torrance to snatch it from him. This duel gives promise of continuing.

Complete the list of current track stars with California's Bob Kiesel, considered the best college sprinter today, and Stan Anderson, California freshman, who equaled the 34 record for 100 yards at the Fresno Relays early this month. All these track men will be heard from during the next month, either at the I. C. four-A games in Philadelphia, or the N.C.A.A. meet at Los Angeles.

The Coast gave the Walker cup team Little of San Francisco, who won the British amateur championship.

In tennis the coast has Lester Stoerfen, indoor champion, and one of the Davis cup singles men. Then there's the American Wightman cup team made up of five players, four of whom are Californians—Captain Helen Jacobs, Josephine Gaudin, Helen Jacobs, Alice Marble of San Francisco, and Carolyn Babcock of Los Angeles. The only other member of the team not a westerner is Sarah Palfrey of Boston.

The flight headlines in the next few weeks will be featuring a pair of Californians by adoption—Maxie Baer and Jimmy McLarnin. Baer, born in Omaha and raised in Livermore, California, got his real start as a fighter in Oakland. Now he is training for a heavy-weight championship match with Primo Carnora next month.

## Double-Header In City League Tonite