



First Practice Game

Joe Rodgers and His Oilers Will Be Here to Open Night Ball Season

"The Bluebirds will play their first practice game next Tuesday night," says Manager Spud Murphy this week, "and we want all the fans to come out and see us perform. Joe Rodgers and his gang of Oilers from Huntington Beach will be the opposition. As you know, the Oilers have been playing for a couple or three weeks and are in pretty good shape already. Joe has got the same line-up he had last year and they were plenty good. However, the Bluebirds will have a team that can step, and we will see what we can do to stop these babies."

Free Season Passes

The game will be played at the municipal ball park. Spud is going to tax the fans the small sum of 15 cents, as the team needs balls and bats and some fixing to their uniforms. However, somebody, two somebodies in fact, will be repaid for attending because Spud is going to give away two free season ducats, that night, and two more at each of the other two practice games he plans to play. The season pass sells regularly for \$3.50, is good for all home games, and the wife or girl friend goes free when accompanied by the holder of the pass.

The Bluebirds are stepping around pretty lively, with quite a few of the old regulars working out. Some of the new boys look pretty impressive too. Russ Painter is a candidate for the infield, and will probably get a berth. De Regua, tall lanky first baseman, is giving McClure something to worry about, as he handles the duties at the first corner in fine shape and has the ability to smack the old apple far and wide. Hitters who can connect in the pinches are the crying need of the Bluebirds, who went through last season with a few good hitters and a lot of boys who couldn't hit their weight but managed to slip in one now and then when it did some good. The loss of Louie Neva was the big blow on account of his smacking ability, rather than his pitching.

Two Good Pitchers

For pitchers Murphy will have Evo Pusich and Lionel Brown. Brown is the boy who defeated the Bluebirds at Visalia when they made their celebrated barnstorming trip after winning the championship season before last, and he is one of the best. Any pitcher who could hold the Bluebirds as they were at, that time is good enough for any league. Morrell, who has pitched for Anaheim, Fullerton and Westminster, and several years ago for one of the teams in the old Twilight League here at Torrance, is trying for a job, but if the league adopts the new 13-inch ball and lengthens the distance to the mound, Morrell will probably be out as he can't put the shot that far. Pete Hargis is tied up with the Examiner tournament and will not be with the Birds just now.

Rosell, who played at short and

Sleepy Boys Are Sharks At Golf

Bob Hall, writing in the Long Beach Press Telegram about golf, has some complimentary things to say about Paul Sleppy, who is following in the wake of his big brother, Oliver, on the trail of a championship. Hall says:

"The name of Sleppy cannot be denied in Long Beach amateur golf. Paul, youngest of the Sleppy boys, today is throwing a scare into the local ranks and will be a tough customer when the city championships roll around, May 5 to 28.

"Paul defeated the old campaigner, O. W. Keeter, 3 and 2, at Recreation Park Saturday to enter the finals of the East Long Beach club championships. He'll meet the winner of the Ray Hardin-Frank Newell match.

"Sleppy has been hitting the ball well. He has worked hard during the last two months and is now ready for the big test. He posted a 68, to dump Keeter aside Saturday, and has had, 67, 70 on his other two recent rounds."

Striped Bass Carnival May 5

LOS ANGELES.—Northern California sportsmen, through the Marin Rod and Gun Club of San Rafael, have extended an invitation to all Southern California California sportsmen-conservationists to participate in their second annual striped bass carnival, to be held at McNear's beach, Marin county. Arrangements are being made to entertain between 30,000 and 40,000 persons on May 5, the date of the affair.

second base, in recent seasons will be back. Paul Vonderahe will be carried as utility and coaching player, as he has plenty of the old pep and can fill in anywhere. Paul said last year that he was through, but when spring rolled around again he was out there with the glove as chipper as ever.

Spud's offer of a job to any boy in Torrance who thinks he is good is still in force and will be until the season opens May 14 and the regular line-up is picked. All it takes is the ability to hit, run and field, but a boy has to be good to pass in all three.

Remember, Tuesday night, April 30, at the park. Two free season ducats to the lucky ones at the game that night.

SPORT SHOTS

By Bob Lewellen

Tomorrow, Friday, April 26, is the annual track and field meet between Torrance and Narbonne high schools. A few years ago, B. D. (Before Donahue) Narbonne would have only considered the meet a playday for them. But, this year is different. The boys will come back to Torrance tomorrow afternoon with the Gauchos' scalp. In other words the Fighting Tartars of Torrance will win the track meet with ease. The fun starts at 3 o'clock on the Narbonne high school athletic field, Lomita.

Other Marine league meets to be held tomorrow:— Jordan (Long Beach) at Leuzinger. Jordan should win, with Gregory as the star of the day.

El Segundo travels to Gardena, to take a bad whipping. Robert Henderson of Gardena and Binder of El Segundo, will star.

Back to the main event of the afternoon, Narbonne vs. Torrance. Torrance has the best balanced team in the entire Marine league, and should repeat last year, by winning the championship. The Gauchos' Tartar meet held last year ended by a close score, in fact, if my memory has not failed me, Torrance only won by a scant 1/2 point. Narbonne lost some mighty fine boys, through the graduation route, while Torrance lost only a few. Pick Torrance to win the varsity meet by a score of 66-38.

Narbonne Bee team will beat the tar out of the weak Torrance Bee squad. While I think that Torrance Bee team will stick with their varsity in winning its division.

Here's the reason I pick the Tartars of Torrance to beat the Gauchos of Lomita, 66-38.

880-Yard Dash
Zamperini (T), McQueen (N), Isbell (T). Time 2:00 flat.

100-Yard Dash
Luck (T), Wertz (T), McFadden (T). Time 10.1.

220-Yard Dash
Wertz (T), Rider (N), Waugh (T). Time 22.4.

220-Yard Low Hurdles
McFadden (T), Angelich (N), Powers (N). Time 26.9.

120-Yard High Hurdles
Angelich (N), McQueen (N), Haslam (N). Time 16.6.

1 Mile Run
Speed (T), Bay (T), Irvine (N). Time 4:58.

440-Yard Dash
Luck (T), Adzovich (T), Schatz (N). Time 54.6.

High Jump
Tawa (N), Waugh (T), Kiyomura (T). Height 5'9".

Broad Jump
Waugh (T), McQueen (N), Tawa (N). Distance 20'10".

12-lb. Shot Put
Javens (T), Hoffman (T), Adzovich (T). Distance 45'.

Pole Vault
Widner (N), Nance (N), Schipper (T). Height 11'.

880-Yard Relay
Torrance. Time 1:35.

Wertz, Waugh, McFadden and Luck.

Stars for Torrance will be, Luck, Waugh, Wertz and McFadden. For Narbonne, Angelich and McQueen. And of course the main attraction of the day will be the 880-yard dash, with the Tartars' world champion miler, Louis Zamperini, running this event.

A few days before the U.C.L.A., U.S.C. track meet, held last Saturday, Coach Dean Cromwell of the Trojans made this absurd announcement to the newspapers: "I am going to keep several of my best athletes out of the meet Saturday, they are tired and need a rest." Of course U.S.C. could have beat the Bruins with their second string squad. But why are the Trojan track men tired? They have only had one track meet, the one against California. No one could call the Fresno-U.S.C. meet anything but a playday for the Trojans. Oh, well, maybe the athletes of old S.C. tire easily.

While we are discussing track schedules, I will quote you a few lines of a letter that I received from track coach Joe Nicholson of the University of Notre Dame, dated April 12, 1935.

"I can only say that our schedule is second to none. Indoors this year we beat Chicago, Marquette, Iowa and Illinois, in dual meets, and the Central Conference Armour and Butler Relays. This was indoors, next Saturday, April 20, we meet Purdue, then the Drake Relays. May 10 have state dual meet, May 25, Pittsburgh dual. Then meet Marquette, dual, June 8, Central Conference at Milwaukee, and June 22, N.C.A.A. at Berkeley, California. This schedule is second to none. In dual competition, Michigan U. is the only better team in the middle west, by only a few points."

Comment:—Imagine U.S.C. tired with one meet under their belts, then read the Notre Dame news again. Nicholson says his boys are

Tight Game Lost

Errors Too Numerous and Costly Wreck All Stars Chances For Win

Thornton's Used Cars took the Torrance All Stars for a mummy ride Sunday afternoon, and dumped them at the end of nine innings without a run. Too many errors on the part of Jack Silva's boys accounted for the Car-men's four scores, six bobbles being charged against locals.

Wills and Paxman did some prime pitching for the All Stars, with only four bingles carved off their offerings. McCord for the Thornton's was just as good, and allowed the same number, but his team kept out of the error column and oh what a difference that makes. At the end of the ninth the score was Thornton's 4, All Stars 0.

"You can't win all the time," says Manager Jack Silva. These Thornton's are goat-getters for Torrance as this is about the third time the teams have met with the same results.

Next Sunday the All Stars meet the Harbor City Merchants, and

on the following Sunday, May 5, they will play the big shot colored team, the Wilmington Giants. This game will be a wow, says Silva. The colored boys always put up a good show and will be out to win by a long score. The All Stars have different ideas about it, and the result will be good fodder for the faithful fans. Anyway it doesn't cost anything to watch the games, except for a little dole in the hat when it comes around. The Torrance boys are trying hard to give their friends a hot ball team and provide entertainment for the long Sunday afternoons. Why not give them a look?

Final Set-Up Announced

Federal League Teams Sign On Dotted Line At Their Meeting Tuesday Night

Montebello, Alhambra, Downey, Bell, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Hollywood and Torrance. That's the final line-up of the new Federal League, with all teams signed up on the dotted line last Tuesday night. This makes quite a change from the original list, which planned a loop composed of all west side teams.

However, according to Manager Spud Murphy of the Bluebirds, the new circuit will be better than ever, since it includes towns where night baseball is mighty popular, and insures a successful season.

All the clubs have ample playing fields, except Downey, and that team will use the new \$3,000 stadium of the Huntington Park club.

First game will be played May 14. As yet the schedule has not been made up, consequently Manager Spud does not know whether his team will play at home or go visiting, but this detail will be ironed out soon.

Spud also announces that he has secured the authority from the league officials to offer season tickets for all home games for sale at the rate of \$3.50 for the 14 games. These ducats are further enhanced in value because they will admit one lady free. In other words, the holder of a season ticket, if a man, may take his wife or lady friend free. If the holder is a woman she may take a lady friend.

Spud failed to say whether a lady holder of a season ducat could take her gentleman friend, but it is probable that the gate keeper will not ask any questions when the ducat is presented.

Two of these passes will be given away at the practice game with Huntington Beach next Tuesday night, and two at each of the other two practice games.

Last Friday's practice found some more of the regulars out for exercise, and some newcomers. Billy Wiedner got a workout in the catcher's position. Also the old favorite, Poncho Fabregat, Regua was on first, Painter on second, Vonderahe on third and Rosell at short. Hal Forney was seen in the outfield along with Dale Merritt and Andy Anderson.

Red Moon will be the field manager this season and will teach the new boys some of the fine points of batting. The team is gradually taking shape and will be all set to go in a couple more weeks.

Fresh and ready to go. Something must be wrong at S. C.

Nicholson continues, "I think we shall do better this year at Berkeley in the N.C.A.A. meet. Murphy is doing 6 foot 7 and 8 inches in the high jump (last year he did around 6'5"). Also have 24' 8" broad jumper, 210' javelin thrower, 51' shot putter, two 155 880 men, a man who runs the 4.55 in 13.6 and a two miler at 25."

Comment:—These Notre Dame men mentioned above are good enough to place well up against any athletes that will represent the Pacific Coast in the N.C.A.A.



Strikes and Snares

The L. C. Doan boys lost three points to the Western Consumers Feed Co. team. I. Eckersley was the best for them with 460. V. Hostetter was the best for the feed company team with 486.

The second place Drew Electric Shop team took four points from the Brown's Garage team. Owen led them with 514. E. Smith led the garage team with 443. This places the Drew Electric Shop team two points out of first place and only two more weeks to go.

The Flying A Gas team and Terry's Service Station team have a postponed game for some day next week.

Marcantille Traveling League
The Gunderman's Service Station team took three points from the Mathews' Paint Co. team. H. Gray led them with 620. J. Quayle was next best with 555. H. Wheelock led the paint company team with 641. E. Lipton was second best with 561.

The Compton No. 2 team lost four points to the Broadway No. 2 team at the Broadway alleys. J. Gunsten led the Compton team with 575, and L. Marisch was second best with 555. E. Cronk led the Broadway team with 627, while G. Cummings was second with 609.

There was a nice crowd at the Compton alleys Saturday night to take advantage of the women's free bowling on Saturdays. Instructions are given free.

Tartar-Frosh Meet Called Off Tuesday

German measles, colds, Easter vacation and other things caused Coach Bernie Donahue to call up U. S. C. Tuesday morning to cancel the dual meet between the Tartar varsity squad and the U. S. C. frosh, which had been scheduled for Bovard Field. So many of the Tartar stars had been laid low with illness that their participation in such a stiff competition would be pure folly. Donahue decided, so the meet was called off.

Torrance had to work hard this week to get in shape for Narbonne tomorrow and one stiff competition is about all the high school athletes should be given in one week.

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SAFETYWAY LEAGUE STARTS NEXT MONDAY

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State Picnics

KENTUCKY, ARKANSAS, TENNESSEE

Three great state picnics will be held in Sycamore Grove Park all day Saturday, May 4, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas. Each will have a separate section of the park and will open county registers and headquarters.

COAST LEAGUE GAMES

The Los Angeles Angels are playing the Missions at Wrigley Field Friday, Saturday and a double header on Sunday.

Hollywood plays San Francisco there.

"Seven Devils' Tom" Killed
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