

# Lomita Merchants Carry Title Fight to Bell Sunday

## HALT G. & S. RALLY TO WIN OPENER

Everything was going fine until the sixth inning, Malone on the mound had the situation in the first playoff game between the Lomita Merchants and the Gaffers and Sattler club at the city park diamond last Sunday—well in hand, had allowed but one hit.

Then the fireworks started. Malone lost all his command of the horsehide, the G. & S. team bunched five hits with one error to tie the game at five all. Manager Walt Morris jerked the strangely erratic Malone, inserted Hamilton who allowed no more hits, no more G. & S. runs.

From that point on the Lomitan went ahead to win the

**Box Score Data**

Score by innings:  
 G. & S. 000 005 000-5  
 Merchants 100 022 100-6

The box score:  
**Lomita Merchants**

	AB	R	H
Palica, cf.	4	1	1
J. Venable, 2b.	4	2	1
Hamilton, 1b, p.	4	0	0
Morris, ss-1b.	4	1	2
League, c.	4	0	0
Markham, 3b.	3	0	1
Correll, lf.	3	1	0
Eppley, rf.	3	1	1
Malone, p, ss.	4	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

**Gaffers and Sattler**

	AB	R	H
Libbe, lf.	5	0	0
Rodiger, 2b.	3	1	0
Hartman, cf.	3	1	0
Ellis, ss.	5	0	0
Horg, 1b.	4	1	0
Harg, 1b.	4	1	2
Thrasher, 3b.	3	1	1
Davis, p.	4	1	1
Carlucci, rf.	4	0	1
Webb, c.	4	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

contest, 6 to 5. Next Sunday the second playoff game for the Southern California Baseball association title will be staged at the G. & S. club's home park at Atlantic boulevard and Clare street, Bell.

**Third Game Here**

There will be a game between the U. S. S. Medusa and San Pedro Merchants at the Torrance park diamond to enter (Continued on Page 7-B)

## Sport Shots

**By Bob Lewellen**

**Did You Know That? . . . If So, Stop Now!**

Bill Sargeant, freshman coach for Loyola University for the past five years, recently had a falling out with Headman Tom Lieb, and resigned. Lieb appointed Billy Byrne, former sensational halfback for the Lions as the new freshman mentor . . . Louis Zamperini received his Olympic book last week from the Ovaltine Co. of Europe . . . Football fans will recall that last year, during a secret Trojan practice, the athletic manager for the team, refused Dean Cromwell, track coach, admittance on Boyard field. Well, Cromwell, recently appointed this same young man, Frank Hamilton, manager of the track team . . . Torrance high's baseball team travels to Hawthorne tomorrow, and will TRY and beat the leading team of the Marine league, Leuzinger high school. Donahue's horsehide chasers have had a week's rest, and hope to upset the dope by taking a win . . . Followers of track and field will have the opportunity of watching the Tartars of Compton J.C. entertain Riverside J.C. this Saturday.

**Zamperini Now Competing For U.S.C. Freshman Team**

Having missed competition in the Frosh Glendale meet, and the Long Beach Relays, Louis Zamperini, local Olympic athlete is now wearing the green Frosh track suit of U.S.C. Louis took first last Thursday in the 880-yard dash at 2:02, against Fullerton and Santa Monica J.C.'s, and first in the 880 Tuesday, against Chaffey J.C. Today the local boy is running against the strong L.A.J.C. team. Next Tuesday he competes against Inglewood high at Inglewood, and next Thursday he travels to Hollywood with the Frosh, taking on the "Movie Boys." Louis is running the 880-yard dash in all meets, until the night meet, Saturday, April 10, when the Frosh take on Compton J.C. at Compton. At this time he

**GAMES TOMORROW**

**TORRANCE at Leuzinger Gardens at Jordan.**  
**San Pedro at El Sogundo.**  
**Narbonne at Banning.**  
**Ris, bye.**

**Games Rained Out**

All Marine League ball games were postponed last Friday because of rain for any open dates during the following week that may be arranged by the various coaches. The Torrance Tartars had a bye date last Friday so Coach Bernie Donahue did not participate in the scramble for playing arrangements.

Little hope is held that the Tartars can take Leuzinger tomorrow afternoon, despite the two-week rest between games. However, Donahue said today that his club has not been hampered in any way by the weather any more than other Marine squads and he refused to concede that the Torrance team will be the "underdog" in any contest.

He said that he will switch to his first love, the mile run, and told "Sport Shots" that he expects to run under 4:20 at this meet.

# The Herald's Sport Page

## H. S. Track Stars May Participate In State Meet

Word that outstanding high school track athletes in the Los Angeles city high school system, which includes Torrance and Narbonne, may participate in the state meet, to be held May 22 at Woodrow Wilson high school, was received here this week.

Vierling Kersey, new superintendent of the L. A. school district, said he was in favor of the C. I. F. competition, which has been denied athletes in L. A. district schools, whenever such contests are held in this area. He asserted that no overnight trips should be made to state meets.

## Rain Disrupts Ball Schedule

Regarding the uniforms, Alvarez said that a request had been made of the Columbia Steel employees' group to sponsor the Bears and provide new playing clothes. A decision on this request is expected shortly. The Bears have had to travel out of town for games and have been having some good luck. Their last game was March 7 when they defeated the Long

## BEARS SEEK DIAMOND AND NEW UNIFORMS FOR TEAM

Only two things stand in the way of the Torrance Osos—Bears to you who don't speak Spanish—from taking their place in the sportslight of this community. Financial assistance from the city to create a ball diamond at their Pueblo home grounds and new uniforms to replace the two-year-old ragged garments mainly held together by mental suggestion.

Manuel Alvarez, manager of the Bears who returned recently from San Francisco, said this week that he intends to ask the city council what happened to a request made several months ago for \$100 to obtain a ball park. He said that the Torrance park diamond was not available to his 14-man club because the Lomita Merchants enjoyed that fine field's exclusive use.

Beach Faines, 9 to 5. Battery material for the Bears includes Bernie Ruiz, A. Molnar, Frank Montgomery and Ernie Garcia, pitchers; Bill Pina, Tony Martinez and Oggie Gomez, catchers. Other players are Dave Molnar, Joe Escobar, Cruz Guerra, Louie Alvarez, Lyle Colman, Joe Olloque, Gerald Escobar, and Manager Alvarez—all local residents.

## Junior High Pupils Treated By "Big Sisters, Brothers"

Continuing the "Big Brother and Sister" plan of guiding Junior high students thru the mazes of higher education, two events were held at the high school today followed by a combined party for girls and boys in the gym.

While the Junior high boys played a baseball game under the direction of their "Big Brothers," the girls enjoyed a tea party and program in the library, the affair being sponsored by their "Big Sisters" of the high school.

Afterwards the two groups combined for other entertainment in the gym.

## Famed Gridder's Death Saddens Friends Here

The tragic death—his automobile crashed into a railroad viaduct pillar in South Chicago—of John J. O'Brien, assistant football coach at Notre Dame University, last Friday brought sorrow to this city altho he had never been here.

Johnny O'Brien's brother Hugh works for the General Petroleum refinery in North Torrance and the grid star had several personal friends here who knew him from his Los Angeles high school days. It is believed that he had fallen asleep at the wheel of his car.

His mother, widow, and four brothers reside in Los Angeles and the famed athlete is also survived by three sisters.

After graduating from Notre Dame, O'Brien served as assistant coach at Annapolis for two years and was head coach at St. Edwards College in Texas before returning to his alma mater in the role of assistant coach to Elmer Layden.

He visited his home city of Los Angeles last fall when he came there in advance of the Notre Dame team to scout Southern California in its game with U. C. L. A.

O'Brien played his last collegiate game in Los Angeles in 1930 when, as a regular end of the Irish eleven, he played one of the leading roles in the 27-0 victory over Southern California. This was Rockne's last game, too, as the late coach was killed in an airplane wreck a few months later.

## Cougars Beat Huskies in Thriller



Coming from behind in the last minutes of play a snaring hand of Cougars from Washington State are shown in one of the plays that gave them a surprise victory over the University of Washington in the first leg of a three-way playoff for the Northern Conference title.

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