

15 Teams Remain in Race for State Ball Title

THIRD ROUND OPENS TONITE AT CITY PARK

All brands of baseball—from classic league to sand-lot stuff—are being exhibited at the Torrance City Park diamond where California State Semi-Pro games have been held for five of the past ten years. Five clubs, El Centro, Shell A. C., Torrance-Lomita Merchants, N. Y. A., of Hermosa Beach and North American Aviation, are leading the title race with two triumphs each.

Successive defeats have caused elimination of Pepsi-Cola, Fort MacArthur, March Field, L. A. Carpenters' Union and Gaffers & Sattler. Third round of the tourney begins tonight with Shell meeting Illinois Cleaners of San Fernando. Other games scheduled for the remainder of this week, starting the third round, are:

Friday night, July 21, 8 p. m.—U. S. S. Vestal vs. U. S. Rubber
Saturday, July 22, at 1 p. m.—Pismo Beach vs. Dr. Ross
3 p. m.—El Centro vs. N. Y. A.
8 p. m.—Torrance-Lomita Merchants vs. North American Aviation

Sunday, July 23, at 1 p. m.—El Centro vs. winner of Pismo-Dr. Ross game Saturday
3 p. m.—Bank of America vs. S. P. Longshoremen
8 p. m.—Pasadena Merchants vs. Standard Oil

Other games for next week have not been scheduled as yet. Dale Riley, state commissioner in charge of the tourney, said that playing dates will have to be made "almost from day to day after Sunday night in order to work out the series."

Features of Games
Team standings and results of games since last Thursday night, July 13, are published in the adjoining column. Highlights of the week's contests were:

Thursday, July 13—Pat Ahern's National Youth Administration youngsters from Hermosa Beach played steady heads-up ball to defeat Standard Oil, 6 to 3. Facio held the Oilers to five hits while his NYAers collected 10 bingles from Withman and Nielsen. Game drew the largest crowd of the series to date.

Friday, July 14—Sutherland, Bank of America pitcher, allowed Illinois Cleaners but one hit as the Bankers won, 6 to 0. Three errors in the fourth gave the Bankers two runs, one of which was scored by Nyulassic stealing home after bases were loaded and two out.

Saturday, July 15—Shell A. C. laid down a barrage of 16 hits to triumph over Fort MacArthur in the opener. Pismo Beach completed the Army's rout by crushing March Field 12 to 0 in a dull tilt that was called in the seventh, tourney rules providing for the early finish. McFadden only gave one hit to the fliers while his Pismoans collected eight.

A seventh inning row in the night contest between San Pedro Longshoremen and U. S. Rubber demoralized the Rubbermen who were leading 3 to 0 until the beefing started. The Dockworkers went from verbal salvos at Umpire Marshall to a batting spree that nicked the Rubbermen for nine runs out of five hits, the game ending 9 to 4.

Sunday, July 16—Pismo Beach lost to Standard Oil 4 to 1. Puchrik gave the Clammers five hits while the Refiners scored nine bingles off Fitzgerald. Thirty hits, a record for the series, were bounced around in the Torrance-Lomita Merchants-U. S. S. Vestal orgy, won by Walt Morris' club, 10 to 7. Every Merchant shared in the hit column with Ray Willis getting four for five and Arvol Smith four for six. The local team amassed 19

Tourney Standings and Scores

| TEAM STANDINGS | Won | Lost |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| El Centro | 2 | 0 |
| Shell A. C. | 2 | 0 |
| T-L Merchants | 2 | 0 |
| N. Y. A., Hermosa | 2 | 0 |
| No. American Aviation | 2 | 0 |
| Pismo Beach | 1 | 1 |
| Illinois Cleaners | 1 | 1 |
| Bank of America | 1 | 1 |
| U. S. Rubber | 1 | 1 |
| S. P. Longshoremen | 1 | 1 |
| Standard Oil | 1 | 1 |
| U. S. S. Vestal | 1 | 1 |
| Pasadena Merchants | 1 | 1 |
| Glendora | 1 | 1 |
| Dr. Ross | 1 | 1 |

WEEK'S SCORES

Thurs., July 13—Nat'l Youth Adm. 6, Standard Oil 3
Fri., July 14—Bank of America 6, Illinois Cleaners 0
Sat., July 14—Shell A. C. 10, Ft. MacArthur 2
Pismo Beach 12, March Field 0
S. P. Longshoremen 9, U. S. Rubber 4

TOURNEY SIDELIGHTS

NO OVERTIME... Altho all hands worked well past 11 o'clock last night in the 11-inning No. Am. Aviation-Gaffers & Sattler pitchers' duel, no one was paid overtime. The crowd stayed until Draper dusted home Aviation's winning run and then scattered for sleep.

LIGHT-BUSTER... It re-hits off Christy and Berry while the sailors got 11 from Clemons and De Hoag.

Dullest game of the series was the Dr. Ross Dog Food-Pepsi-Cola exhibition Sunday night. The Bottlers used three pitchers—one for only one toss—trying to stop the Rossmen whose five-run lead in the fifth was never overtaken. Twelve hits were chalked up by the Doctors, the Pepsi-Colans got six off Zarr and the score was 5 to 2.

Monday, July 17—Glendora got two runs in the first two innings; Pasadena Merchants got two in the second and one more in the fourth and that's the way it ended. Both teams remain in the running for the title. Phillips was the winning pitcher, allowing the Merchants eight well-scattered hits. Glendora got seven safeties.

Tuesday, July 18—With some of the lushest hitting yet seen in the series, the N.Y.A. youngsters moved up with El Centro, Shell A. C., and T-L Merchants in first place when they crushed the L. A. Carpenters 11 to 2. The kids collected 17 hits off Board and Davis while the Carpenters were held to eight bingles. All NYAers but two got hits in the melee with Wiseman poling out a homer in the eighth with two aboard.

Wednesday, July 19—Richard Carpenter (N. American Aviation) and Red Sweeney (Gaffers & Sattler) staged the best pitching duel of the series to date in an 11-inning fracas that was finally won by Aviation, 3 to 2. Draper, third baseman, scored the winning run on a wild pitch by Sweeney. Carpenter allowed the Stovemen six scattered hits, whiffed 12, while Sweeney granted eight bingles and fanned five. Victory put the Aviation crew in the top bracket of the tourney and eliminated Gaffers and Sattler.

Walteria Boys In Ball League

Juvenile baseball competition started anew this week with the first games of the five-team group to be known as the Bay Cities Baseball league. Walteria boys under 18 have formed a team to play in the circuit, their first game being scheduled today at Manhattan Beach. Other junior nines from Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Inglewood are in the league.

All games will begin at 10 a. m., and last for seven innings. Each team will furnish one umpire and the home club will provide the balls. Efforts are being made to get prizes for the winning teams. Next week's games July 25—Inglewood at Walteria, Manhattan at Hermosa, Redondo by July 27—Walteria, Redondo, Hermosa at Inglewood, Manhattan, by.

Remaining games of week not scheduled yet.

SUITED FOR GAMES

"Shorty" Darrow (does ANYBODY know that guy's first name?) is the fashion plate of the Tourney staff. He appears in an ice-cream suit and straw hat to operate the turnstile and take tickets at every game.

ACE PERFORMER... Until field statisticians prove us wrong we'll claim that George Nielson of Standard Oil is about tops in a combination of pitcher, batter and score-maker. He got two hits and two runs out of three trips to the plate Sunday afternoon against Pismo Beach. And held the north-erners to five scattered hits.

SHORT-LIVED... At least Harold Inman (Pepsi-Cola) can't remember when he pitched in the California State Semi-Pro Tournament at Torrance back in 1939... He might even recall that he flung but one toss, which was promptly rapped for a hit and then he was retired.

SCORE-ETTE... "She's the sweetheart of the club," is the way manager J. D. Davidson of Dr. Ross' team describes Miss Roberts. "Pretty" and brunette, she's been keeping score for the Rossmen for four years. And she knows her baseball, too.

MERCHANTS' ORGY... Nineteen of the 30 hits in the T-L Merchants-Vestal fray last Sunday afternoon were tallied by Walt Edwards' crew. Miller, Johnson and Clemons had the only goose-eggs in the scoring column as the T-L club rallied 'round to sink the Navy.

ANNOUNCER-PLAYER... Ray Willis collected options on most of one of Mrs. Alice Spehger's excellent pies last Sunday. She offered him a piece for every hit—and he got four out of five hits to the plate, scored a run, made three out-outs and an assist. When he's not winning pie-portion, Willis is announcing play-by-play reports on Tourney games.

HEAVY HITTERS... That slugging NYA crew from Hermosa Beach gave fans attending Tuesday night's game more than their two-bits' worth. Wiseman got a homer with two men on, Martin poled out a three-bagger and Wiseman, Allaire, Griego and Zubiliga got doubles—"Zub" collecting two of them. The kids have a real spirit and should be up among the money teams at the finish.

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SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—New type glass beads to improve marking of highways for night driving have been purchased to use on the California state highway system.

SPORT SHOTS

By ROB LEWELLEN

BASEBALL'S NOT MY SPORT, BUT...

It seems to me a major portion of Torrance sports fans are missing some good games at the city park diamond these nights as the California Semi-Pro Tournament swings into its third round. There's some real action presented under the lights during the week and at the double-headers Saturday and Sunday afternoons. I happened down to Dale Riley's show the other night when the Longshoremen from San Pedro and an umpire staged one of the liveliest verbal scrimmages it's been my pleasure to witness in many a year.

I don't know if the umpire was right or if the Longshoremen were correct in their heated arguments but in any sport it's the rules of the game that must be followed. And in baseball the umpire's word is law. Anyway the Longshoremen won so we'll see them in action again before the tourney is over.

GRATEFUL FOR SERIES IN TWEEN SPORTS PERIOD

This state tournament is a welcome event at this time of the year when, to me at least, it's pretty dull in the sports world. It's too early for football and track is over. There's nothing left but baseball and tennis and (a thousand pardons, fans of those two sports) they usually leave me colder than a mackerel.

With 15 or more teams playing some excellent ball right in our own backyard we Torrance folks should get out and see some of the games. And bring the kids—they get in free—and eat peanuts, razz the umpires, cheer the hitters and have a lot of fun.

I'd like to commend Dale Riley for the way he's putting on the tourney. Games start on time and there's been no serious difficulties at any time. He's also keeping the field in excellent condition—no mean task when you consider the amount of pounding the infield has been taking since July 8.

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Revolver Club Scores Listed

Scores made by members of the Torrance Revolver club over police and national courses from July 1 to 17 are as follows, according to Statistician William H. Stanger:

| POLICE COURSE | | NATIONAL COURSE | |
|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Name | Strings | Name | Strings |
| Berry | 4 | Bennett | 2 |
| Travioli | 1 | Ashton | 6 |
| Van Gorder | 3 | Stanger | 3 |
| Lamhear | 2 | Roberts | 2 |
| Moore | 2 | Boynton | 3 |
| Tidwell | 3 | Berry | 6 |
| Darrow | 3 | Medicus | 1 |
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| Roberts | 2 | | |
| Bennett | 1 | | |
| Eberkeley | 1 | | |
| Evans | 1 | | |
| Moore, B. | 2 | | |
| Ashton | 1 | | |
| Moore, R. W. | 2 | | |
| Haslam | 1 | | |
| Brown | 1 | | |
| Hondersheld | 1 | | |
| Stroh | 2 | | |
| Scarpiento | 1 | | |

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|------------|---|-------|------------|---|-------|
| Travioli | 2 | 243.0 | Perry | 2 | 196.5 |
| Eberkeley | 1 | 229.0 | Tidwell | 1 | 194.0 |
| Haslam | 2 | 226.0 | Smith, Sid | 1 | 193.0 |
| Van Gorder | 2 | 225.5 | Slover | 1 | 181.0 |
| Moore, B. | 2 | 222.5 | Scarpiento | 1 | 110.0 |
| Moore, A. | 2 | 214.5 | | | |
| Darrow | 1 | 214.0 | | | |

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