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STRIPTEES

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AN HONEST UMP . . . The foregoing happened in Hammond, La., a couple of weeks ago and we couldn't resist the temptation of handing it on to you readers—so for you guys who think that an umpire calls them regardless—just pull up a chair and adjust your bifocals . . .

It seems that a sandlot umpire was hired to replace a regular man in blue who had failed to put in an appearance, so the "new hire" took his position and started calling them until a visiting batter socked a pitch down the left field foul line with the result that two runs crossed the plate.

The sub ump watched the ball whizz along, then hustled himself with an imaginary manure and refused to rule whether the ball was fair or foul.

"No sir," the ump told the storming managers, "It's too close for me to stick my neck out!"

The managers stormed, raged and in desperation started pleading with the umpire to rule on the deal, but the honest "new-hire" held his ground.

It was decided eventually to toss a coin in order to determine the play. It came up "heads," giving the visitors' batter a hit and his team two runs.

Needless to say that this umpire may now be floating in the Gulf of Mexico—baseball manager.

TAL Drops Twin

The Torrance American Legion ball club dropped both ends of Sunday's double-header with the San Pedro Merchants at Fort MacArthur field.

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Johnson, Harris (7) and Kinnannon; Caplinger and Tabing.

SIGNAL OIL WINS BASEBALL TOURNEY; 20,000 SEE FIFTH ANNUAL PLAY IN TORRANCE

The Signal Oil ball club Sunday night brought the 30-day Southern California Baseball Tournament to a close, in Torrance Park, by downing the Iron Workers, 5-1, to mark their fifth straight victory without a tourney loss.

Steve Sutek, third sacker for the Iron Workers, tallied the only run for his team, in the second inning, by banging the horsehide over right-center field fence. The Iron Men tried an eighth inning rally which threatened to tie the Signal markers when the heavy-hitting Bill Cox stepped into the box with three men on. Cox, ordinarily a consistent hitter, was whiffed by Bob Williams, chucker for the Oilers, and the side was retired.

The Signal nine, playing a fast game and hitting the ball out of the Iron Workers' reach during the first and eighth innings, outplayed their opponents to win the 1946 Southern California Baseball championship.

More than 3,500 ball fans crowded the final game stands to witness the final game.

The Oilers paced the 16 top-team entries, winning their first game Aug. 5 against Dedeaux Trojans by knocking out 13 hits to score six runs. They followed this victory by banging out 10 hits and six runs to defeat Rose Bowl Midgets, Aug. 13. The Santa Monica champs, managed by Catcher Art Schwartz, ran rampant over the L. A. Cubs in their third appearance here, scoring 10 tallies on nine hits and allowing the Cubs not one single marker.

The first club to defeat Rosabell in the tournament, they edged their Pasadena rivals by one tally to win the fourth round game, 2-1, off seven hits. With this fourth straight win the Oilers drew a bye and awaited their final-game opponent.

Archie Campbell twirled two of the Signal victories with Bob Williams hurling three.

The Iron Workers in taking second place in the tourney, lost their only game in the first round against the Long Beach Rockets, 6-2. A week later they started their five-game winning streak by defeating Torrance American Legion, 3-2, and followed this up by defeating Arcadia, 11-0; Southwest Dodgers, 5-1; Burke's Giants, 3-0, and Pacific Clay Products, 5-4.

The surviving teams shifted into high gear last Thursday night when Joe Miller's Pacific Clay Products upset Rosabell Plumbers to bow the 1946 champs from further competition. Junior Nowels, hurling for the Clay nine, allowed the Plumbers six hits but nary a score to beat Pasadena's prize club, 2-0.

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Montank and Krause, Kennedy, Nowels and Efriman.

The mighty Iron Workers began to climb into the final spotlight Friday night when they downed Burke's Giants, 3-0, to put the latter club in tournament.

Torrance Girls Repeat Win Over El Segundo Nine

In a return game played on the El Segundo high school field last Thursday evening, the Torrance Recreation girls' softball team scored an 8-4 win which made the second win for the local gals over the El Segundo Misses this season.

Pitcher Allison of El Segundo handcuffed the Torrance team at the plate for the first four innings, allowing but two hits and no runs, while her team mates were nailing Pitcher Wanda Hollomon for three runs on four hits in three innings. The Torrance girls found their batting eyes in the fifth when they scored six times on five hits to ice the game.

Mary Tibbetts relieved Wanda after the third and pitched good ball, allowing but one run on two hits in four innings. Catcher Shoeman was the batting star for the losers, collecting two hits in four trips to the plate. Captain W. Hollomon led the locals' attack with a neat three for four.

According to Coach Elmer "Red" Moon, of the Recreation team, a game with the fast Gardena Rockets girls' team will be played on Friday night.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP . . . Top photo is of the Signal Oilers—only ball club in the recent Torrance tournament to weather the double elimination play without a loss. Snapped with their victory smile still intact, they are from left to right, front row, John Ramsey, lf; Bob McNamara, ss; Ralph Rheim, 2b; Joe Stein, 3b; Willie Hernandez, c, and Tom Guinn, 1b. Back row: Roy Meyers, 1b; Cornelius Nickolas; Archie Campbell, p; Sherwin Swartz, p; Cal Barnes, cf; and Art Swartz, catcher and manager of the club. Cal Barnes and Tom Guinn are the property of the Boston Red Sox. In the lower photo are the Iron Workers, with a smile never-the-less. Front row, left to right, Wally Jones, lf; Dick Bogard, 2b; Bill Cox (everyone's favorite), 1b and 2b; Rudy Peterson, cf; Irving Couis, p and outfielder, and L. E. Leslie, club manager. Back row: Scotty Drysdale, ss and pitcher; Tillie Schaffer p and outfielder; Bud Jones, utility; Steve Sutek, 3b; Ernie Brier, scorekeeper; Emory Gordos, rf; Glenn Gibson, c, and Don Higgins. The two bat boys in front were identified as Richard Bogard Jr. and Scotty Drysdale Jr. (Photo by Torrance Herald.)

Deer Hunting In State Parks Not Allowed, Report

With the deer season in areas south and east of Los Angeles County due to open on September 23, hunters were warned by A. E. Henning, chief of the State Division of Beaches and Parks, that hunting is not permitted in state parks.

"State parks and beaches are provided for the recreation of all classes of the citizenry," Henning said, "and thus are utilized by many persons, other than hunters, who would be endangered greatly were hunting permitted within the park boundaries."

"Hunting on state park land is a misdemeanor," Henning continued, "and I ask the cooperation of all hunters in observing this 'no hunting' regulation so that it will not be necessary to prosecute violators."

Major southern state parks are Mt. San Jacinto, Palomar Mountain, Anza Desert and Cuyamaca Rancho.

Midgets Travel 50 Laps In Main Event Tonight

Fifty laps will be the main event distance tonight when the flying thunderbugs move into the fifth month of the 1946 night speedway season at Gilmore Stadium.

The extra distance race has been sanctioned by the United Racing Association in keeping with what promises to be one of the biggest weeks of midget car racing since the current season was inaugurated May 2 at Gilmore. The 50-lapper will be the Satepost Sweepstakes in tribute to last week's article on the doodle-bugs in a national magazine with Gilmore Stadium as the locale.

A new postwar 50-lap record appears in the offing for this week judging from the way the midgets are traveling now. The mark the boys are out to eclipse is 13m.14.52s, hung up by Johnny Mantz in capturing the holiday Fourth of July race. Last Thursday night the drivers posted three postwar records, Henry Banks turning in two of them, buzzing off one lap in 14.70s and the two-lap trophy sprint in 29.85s. Only a broken crank shaft in the 30-lap main event prevented him from setting a third mark. As it was Johnny McDowell, the winner, set a postwar main event figure of 7:48.85s, a full second better than Ed Haddad's former mark. Banks, who hails from Detroit, led the race for 29 laps.

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