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**FUTURE MILERS HONORED BY LIONS** . . . Proudly displaying their medals presented Tuesday noon by the Torrance Lions Club are four young high school students who are being groomed by Coach Pete S. Zamperini as possible champion milers who may some day beat the record of the famous Capt. Louis Zamperini, younger brother of the coach. Pictured left to right are Billy Johnson, who tied for third place in a handicap mile conducted by Pete Zamperini at Torrance high school last spring; Coach Zamperini; Bob Buchanan, who tied with Billy for third; Rudy Flores, second place; Earle D. Baker, Lions International councillor; Harold Duncan, who placed first, and Dr. Rollin R. Smith, president of the Torrance Lions Club. (Torrance Herald photo.)

# STRIPTTEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee or opinion wherever it may go"

**IN PASSING** . . . The fifth Southern California Baseball tournament held in Torrance recently was the most successful tournament to be played here, according to figures compiled by Dale Riley, Torrance Recreation director who coordinated the event.



Thousands of people were lured to Torrance for the first time due to the high caliber games played in the local park. Thousands more followed the nightly plays in a dozen or more widely read newspapers throughout Los Angeles County.

Many newcomers here were surprised to see the big and beautifully lighted park. All were thoroughly disgruntled with the aged and weather-beaten seats of the City of Torrance offers in return for the fans' patronage. Sitting erect on the boarded seats, some of which are buried with dry, treacherous splinters, puts a customer's knees right into the backs of other customers who in turn commit the same offense right on down to the bottom of the stands.

Sit back and hang over?

We personally tried that with the result that we sat on the toenails of a lady fan who was wearing toe-less slippers!

If you were one of the customers sitting three rows or more up, you are well acquainted with the aisle situation. Under the present setup, to make exits more probable, persons would be required to sit no more than four to a row in order to get in and out of their seats.

Such an arrangement would not provide enough revenue at one of these tournaments to pay for the brilliant light bill. Torrance will not keep the yearly baseball prize if something is not done to bring new stadium.

Even the tireless efforts of Dale Riley will not be enough to hold the tournament here.

Countless people have been heard to say that, although they enjoyed the ball games, they did not like the obsolete seating conditions in our ball park.

The performance is not enough—a person must enjoy at least a minimum of comfort while watching, or else the interest is lost.

It's a worthy ball, men, how many of you are willing to carry it?

**COME TO THE GAME T.A.L.** . . . There isn't much to be said in favor of the brand of baseball dished out by the local hopefuls during their past ten straight defeats by players who normally don't belong on the same diamond with most of the Torrance American Legion boys.

It is quite obvious that they are going to have to raise their present showing a great deal in order to compete with other clubs in the association.

The local roster is backed with good material, the material that has come through in the past to win in the face of stiff opposition, but the majority of the players are not turning in their usual heads-up brand of baseball.

What's the matter?

Well, most of the ball experts hereabouts opine that poor organization and team play is the prime retarder.

Chair Ausmus, new manager of the locals, admitted he was of the same opinion, but adds that it will be only a matter of time when his wispy-washy hopefuls will get back into the ball game and warrant real patronage by the fans.

For our money, every man on the TAL roster is on par with any we have seen in the tournament here—that is, when they're really in there playing ball. We know that this will bring a broad smirk to many of our witty critics, so just to give them an excuse for a big loud "haw-haw," we'll add that "we're not kidding."

It is only one good play between a bum and a star, TAL, so stay in there and make that play.

**Favor Banks In Gilmore Midget Dash Tonight**

Night speedway midget car racing moves into the twentieth week of its spectacular 1946 season at Gilmore stadium tonight, with the cream of America's daredevil crop out to stop Henry Banks, currently the driver of the month at the Beverly-Fairfax "banked quarter."

Thirty laps will be main event distance of the Van Nuys sweepstakes with the twelve fastest cars and drivers from the four night-lap inverted start heats swinging into blinding action. Banks will go into the feature the pre-race favorite.

The Detroit throttle-pusher first found the combination Aug. 29, when he blazed off two stadium postwar records, 14.70s for one lap and 29.85 for the two-lap trophy dash. In the main event, however, he soured out on the final lap when in first place.

**Sandy And Jones Mix It Up Again In Bowl Offering**

Albert (Sandy) Sandoval, of Wilmington and Richard Jones, highly-rated Los Angeles Negro lightweight, tangle in the main event of the amateur boxing show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow night.

The pair, tabbed by many as the two most promising young lightweights in the West, have fought twice at the Bowl, each taking a whirlwind decision before the two largest crowds in recent Bowl history.

Duke Chromitor, of Excelsior Union High, who has his I.A. and expects his summons from Uncle Sam within the next few days, will oppose Joe Villalobos in the top supporting bout.

**All-American On Campus For Visit**

Compton's Little College All-American backfield ace, Joe Perry, was back in uniform on the Tartar gridiron this week, but it was the blue of Uncle Sam's Navy he was wearing and not the maroon and gray of the Hub City College eleven.

Perry, with still another year of football eligibility at Compton, had hoped to be out of the service in time to carry the pigskin for the Maroon and Gray again this fall, but unless the man with the long gray whiskers gives up his option on Joe soon, Compton will have to defend its National Little College grid title won last season without the Tartar All-American.

## TAL and Gardena Split Twin Bill In Torrance Park

A disorganized Torrance American Legion ball club Sunday managed to pull themselves together long enough to salvage the second game of a double header with the Gardena Browns in the local ball park to bring a 10-game losing streak to a halt. The Browns took the opener 2-1, with the locals grabbing the night-cap 7-3.

Gardena's left fielder, D. Mantey, made the catch of the year when he made a kangaroo jump in the ninth inning to snag Wayne Johnson's single before it reached the wire fence. This catch robbed the hard-hitting Johnson of a round-trip tally which put him in no mood to be tampered with.

The "Swain" socked two doubles, however, which helped salvage his feelings.

First game:

	R	H	E
Gardena	000	011-2	4 2
Torrance	001	000-1	3 1

Dykes and Muehler; Harris and Swayne Johnson.

Second game:

	R	H	E
Gardena	000	100-020-3	8 1
Torrance	100	220-20x-7	8 3

Schwamb, Nembeck and Muehler; Gar Johnson and Kincannon.

**Moose Juniors Drop Close Tilt To Newsboys**

Friday the Moose Juniors softball team, of the Torrance Recreation Department's Summer Playground league, traveled to Banning park in Wilmington for a night game with the Banning Newsboys and came home on the short end of an 8-7 score.

The teams were evenly matched and lead scores changed hands four times during the contest, winding up 7-7 at the end of the regulation 7 innings of play, which required an extra inning to decide the game, with the Newsboys emerging as winners. The Moose Juniors have not won many games this year, but have shown good sportsmanship and team spirit, and are already planning great things for next year.

## ANNOUNCING!!

THE OPENING of the WINTER BOWLING SEASON Monday, SEPT. 16



The new owners of the Torrance Bowling Alleys welcome you.

We are resurfacing the alleys, installing new approaches, which will be done Sept. 23 to Sept. 29, during which time we will be closed. Other modernization will be done and new equipment will be installed as soon as possible and available. Your patronage is sincerely appreciated.

PHONE 748 for League and Team information and Open Alley Time.

**NOTICE!** Effective Oct. 1

The price of bowling will be raised to the prevailing price of 25c a line till 6 P.M., 30c a line after 6 P.M. At this time our alleys will have been resurfaced, new approaches installed and other modernization will be done as equipment is available.

A. T. KENDIG—R. R. KENDIG—J. D. HALE

TORRANCE BOWLING ACADEMY  
1953 Carson Torrance

## Regular Sunday Races Now Slated For Gardena Bowl

Roadster "hot-rod" racing, under the new promotion of J. C. Agajanian, president of the Western Big Car Racing association, will go this week on regular Sunday afternoon schedule on the fast half-mile track at Gardena Bowl, 17601 S. Vermont ave. First race begins at 2 p.m.

Agajanian took over the lease late this week from Ware and Crosley, who began the sponsorship two weeks ago, and have staged races before overflow crowds.

Included among the several daredevil drivers who will compete on the show will be Wally Pankratz, winner of the Labor day sweepstakes; Manuel Arguello, of Hollywood, last week's winner; Bill Anderson, Chuck Leighton, Troy Ruttman and others.

## Predict Five More Locals For P.V. Membership

Addition of at least five more Torrance residents to the membership roles of the Palos Verdes Golf club was predicted this week by N. Y. Jordahl, membership drive chairman, as renewed efforts were being made to reach the 250 quota, set for the closing of memberships.

Torrance already has a large representation at the hillside course and with those expected from this month's renewed drive, Palos Verdes will become the home links for local residents.

Jordahl is being assisted in this campaign by Freed Dilley, of Torrance, who is associate general chairman.

Ted Barna, local player, carved out at 71-76-146 total for 38-holes to capture low gross prize in the 38-holes sweepstakes staged over the Labor day weekend. Barna will join with Arnold MacDonnell and perhaps Ray Sleppy, in forming the Palos Verdes championship team for the annual Public Links matches. Sleppy, one of the outstanding amateurs of this section, who has been idle for some time because of illness, plans on a strong comeback during the next few months and hopes to make Palos Verdes his home course.

Myrtle Dilley, another local player, who is also president of the Woman's club, shot a four-over par 80 last week to lead a field of a dozen players in a team match against the Meadowlark team of Huntington Beach. A rematch was scheduled for this week in which Palos Verdes hoped to redeem a 14 to 10 defeat in the first series.

## Lions Champs Bid Dodgers To Title Playoff

The Lions Cubs, who won the Torrance Recreation department junior league without a loss, have challenged the Dodgers; winners of the Senior league, to a game for the undisputed championship of Torrance. The tilt will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. on the new city softball field, corner of Greenwood ave. and El Dorado st.

The Recreation Department announces the completion of a successful summer softball program for local youngsters and lists the final standings in the three leagues as follows:

**Midget League**  
(11 years and under)

Team	Won	Lost	B. Avg.
Hawks	8	1	.222
Tampanos	5	4	.280
Seals	3	6	.150
Bobcats	2	7	.192

**Junior League**  
(12 and 13 years)

Team	Won	Lost	B. Avg.
Lion Cubs	9	0	.214
Flying Tigers	4	5	.178
Moose Jrs.	2	7	.215
Troop 219	2	7	.195

**Senior League**  
(14-15-16 years)

Team	Won	Lost	B. Avg.
Dodgers	8	1	.299
Wildcats	6	3	.267
Black Widows	3	6	.261
Hoboes	1	8	.174

Last game, Dodgers vs. Black Widows, a 7-7 tie, each team credited with a win.

## Engraved Watch Presented Riley By Local Legion

Dale Riley, popular Torrance City Recreation director, was presented with a handsome wrist watch by the Torrance American Legion during the pro-amateur baseball game Saturday night.

Clifford Totten, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, who presented the award in behalf of his organization, told the fans: "This is but a small token of our esteem for a man who has done so much to further sports in Torrance. The Torrance American Legion is indeed indebted to Mr. Riley for his fine work in co-ordinating these annual baseball tournaments which show an even greater success each year."

Riley, taken completely by surprise, voiced his appreciation of the gift and the loyalty of the baseball fans who made the tournaments possible.

**AMATEUR FIGHTS**

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:30  
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**AYULO "HOT-ROD" VICTOR**

Manuel Ayulo edged out Wally Pankratz Sunday in the 20-lap main event of the Gardena Bowl roadster races in 9 minutes, 1.11 seconds. Other winners were Troy Ruttman, 10-lap semi-finals, 4:33.80, and Jack Bayless, 3-lap helmet dash, 1:22.07.

**HOT ROD RACES**  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15—2:30 P.M.  
8 MAJOR EVENTS 8  
Gardena Bowl  
J. C. AGAJANIAN, Track Manager  
174th & VERMONT — GARDENA

## Berry High Man For Week; Bangs Out 291 With .22

Torrance Police Revolver Club scores for the week ending Sept. 8, are the following:

8, 35 caliber: E. Ashton, two strings, 289; L. Berry, one string, 274, and E. Miller, three strings, 239. Firing the 22 caliber, L. Berry, one of the club's consistent high scorers, banged out a 291 for two strings on the police course.

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