

STRIPTEES

By John P. Stripling

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

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDEE . . . The man behind the annual Torrance high school football sportsmanship award is Ray Richhart, 26-year-old native-born son of Torrance, who carried his first school books right here in this city, graduated from the local high school in 1939. He was a four-year letterman in football and made All-Marine league center in 1938.



Ray conceived the idea of awarding a sportsmanship trophy to the outstanding player on both the varsity and junior teams back in 1942, when he made his first presentation to Charles Hippo of the varsity and Stewart Smith of the B team. According to Richhart, sportsmanship is harder to attain and hold when the going is rough, than any other attribute of an athlete.

"Sportsmanship is rarely rewarded in material things," Ray declares, "and where it should be recognized with top honors to instill fair play, it quite often stands in the background when champions are crowned."

In making the annual award, Ray outlines a few simple rules to the players of the team, who make a silent vote on their choice. The motto inscribed upon the trophy, "May Conscience Never Rule Your Mind," is sufficient to guide the voters in their selection. No player necessarily need be outstanding in ability in order to qualify for the award.

Richhart spent 20 months of his three years' service with the Army, overseas. Last year he married the former Geraldine Smith here. Shortly after his discharge from the Army, Richhart was employed at Torrance high school, and according to Ray, "I was at the high school all the time prior to my Army tour of duty. So I decided when the war was over that I would seek employment there."

This decision has been a boon to the local coaches, who are greatly assisted by Ray who helps in conditioning and instructing the players.

"There has always been a Richhart enrolled in Torrance schools," Ray, who comes from a large family, said proudly. "And," he winked, "I hope there always will be!"

Ray isn't fooling. His interests are here and he is a great aid to the Tartar squad. We trust that his talents will be recognized by the new Torrance school board and a worthy berth will involve working with our local athletes.

THAT HARD-HITTING ROSEY . . . Art Swartz, Signal Oiler pilot, will lose to the Pioneer league within the next couple of months one of the most popular baseball players ever to step up the home plate in Torrance park.

Needless to say that this smiling, smirking, sneering showman is Rosey Gilhouse, one of the most consistent hitters in semi-pro baseball. Rosey, who will pilot the Idaho Falls club this year, never fails to get a rise from the fans when he starts toward the batters box. This genial "cuss" has been doing his act here since 1925. Just so that we don't date the lovable Gilhouse, it is necessary to point out that he had not yet reached his 'teen' year when he played with the old Torrance Blues.

He boasts of being a native Californian and profoundly declares: "My most unhappy regret is that Hawthorne did not have a hospital when I was born, which necessitated my being born in Los Angeles."

Rosey has played in practically all the baseball tournaments held here, and in 1939 with his winning club, Northrop, he went back to Wichita, Kansas, for the national playoffs. Dale Riley, Torrance Recreation director, accompanied Gilhouse on the trip and reported that the little heavy-hatsman was even more popular with fans away from home.

In 1939 and '40 Gilhouse managed the Tallahassee, Alabama, baseball club and in the earlier year lost the pennant by only a half game, but won the Shaunessy playoff. In 1940 he swung his club into a championship but lost the Shaunessy playoff. This was in the class D circuit.

Idaho Falls and the Pioneer league will go for Rosey's sharp baseball and comical antics, and we'll wager the 33-year-old Hawthorne slugger will end the season around that top rung.

Those who know him intimately vow that Gilhouse is a true family man without the "stamp." He is married and the father of an 11-year-old daughter. His personal troubles are never brought on to the ball diamond—this is because Rosey is a true showman who is intent upon injecting a certain humor in a ball game to cheer the fans. However, this humor never retards his ability at the bat.

You can say it again, men, Rosey Gilhouse is the biggest little man in baseball.

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GRAPPLERS MEET

A tag team match, featuring Hans Schnabel and Babe Zaharias against Maurice LaChapelle and Leonard (Butch) Levy, will headline the mat show at the Long Beach Municipal auditorium tonight. Pat Fraley meets Bulldog Clements and Henry (Bomber) Kulkovich opposes Hardy Kruskamp in the one-fall prelim, first beginning at 8:30 p.m.



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MARINE LEAGUE CHAMPS . . . The above top rung casaba stars brought to Narbonne High School this year its first Marine League basketball championship in the school's history. The bucket-tossers are pictured from left to right, front row: Bill Phillips, forward; Charles Schildmeyer, guard; Herbert Jorritsma and Bob Hilton, centers; Coach Wayne Sloss; Keith Arnold, forward; Bill Jeffrey, center, and Jim Davis, guard. Back row, left to right: Kozo O'Hara and Bill Brown, guards; Danny Cisneros and Einar Larson, forwards; Paul Gazeley, guard; Kirs Janicich and Dave Downard, forwards. (Photo by Dick Friend.)



SPECIAL CREDIT . . . According to some 2,000 Hermosa Beach fans who crowded their way into Torrance Ball Park Sunday, the above two Signal Oilers robbed the high-flying Props of their first game with the locals. Bill Harris, left, who wore the Hermosa moundster down to a nub with repeated fouls while three teammates were aboard, finally sent the horseshoe over right center field to score four runs for the Oilers. The Props were leading 5-3 at the time. Cal Barnes, Oiler center fielder, who delights in making impossible catches at the expense of his opponents, was charged with "one-arm" robbery by the visitors when he snagged their sure-hit offerings all over the outfield.

San Diego And Redondo Eagles Play Locals Here

Saturday night will be a big night in local basketball circles according to Elmer "Red" Moon of the Torrance Recreation department. Arrangements have been completed for the fast Redondo Eagles to play the feature game of the evening against an all-star team consisting of top players in the local recreation league.

Under the tutelage of Ed Courty the Eagles have compiled an enviable record for the past ten years, playing in the top bracket in the Southern California A.A.U. circuits and scheduling games with teams of national prominence, they have year after year produced top flight aggregations capable of competing with the best in the Southland.

In the semi-final game of the evening the Bryce's Market five, playing in the San Diego Municipal league will be opposed by the National Home Appliance team of the local recreation league. Little is known of the border city outfit as this is their first appearance locally, but the Appliance team, under Wally Kvilvang, have been making things hot for other local teams and should give the visitors plenty of trouble on the hardwood court.

Opening game of the triple bill will see our fly ing as two 11-year-old boy teams, of local prominence, square away in the battle of the century. This game will get under way at 8:45 p.m., San Diego vs. National Home Appliances at 9 p.m., and the Redondo Eagles-Torrance All-Star affair at 9 p.m.

Four Members Of Revolver Club In High Average

Only four members of the Torrance Police Revolver Club during the past week banged out averages of more than 200. Sandwiched in between two police officers are civilian members Ollie Medicus and J. Grier.

Police Captain Ernie Ashton again paced the 38 caliberers by averaging 284.33 with three strings. He was closely followed by Medicus who fired three strings to average 272.00. Grier placed third with 258.00 for one string. Police officer Alex Thompson occupied fourth position with a 243.66 average from three strings.

Grier remained the lone 45 caliber shooter for the week with a one string, 237.00 score. High slow, time and rapid fire went to Ashton who holed 98, 94, and 85 respectively to clinch the high aggregate of 286.00.

Application for membership into the club is being accepted by Police Sergeant William Haslam, president of the group.

Theft From Small Boats In Harbor Is Investigated

Theft of anchors, chronometers and compasses early Saturday from five yachts moored at Hanchette anchorage, in Watchhorn basin of Los Angeles harbor, was shown on police records today. The boats burglarized were the Jenni, Mayflower, 27-B-161, Marilyn and the Bozo.

Bill Harris And Cal Barnes Star In Local Victory

The Torrance Signal Oilers Sunday took a substantial lead in the fourth inning over the invading Hermosa Beach Props and downed their rivals 9-6 before some 2,500 screaming fans who jammed their way into Torrance park.

The Oilers will have to repeat their win over the Props next Sunday in Hermosa Beach in order to gain a clear-cut Triple A Winter league championship. If Hermosa should win the second meet the championship will be co-shared by the two clubs and first and second place monies will be divided.

The second game will start at 2 p.m. in Clark stadium, Hermosa Beach.

Of the 17 total hits made by both clubs, eight were for extra bases.

Vince Dimaggio and Dale Leedy of the visitors came through by smacking home runs early in the tilt. It was an empty diamond for Leedy who only scored himself but Dimaggio tilted the horseshoe with the bases packed to capacity.

Not to be outdone, "Broadway" Billy Schuster, snappy Oiler shortstop, pounded the fourth toss in the first inning for a long homer. But the payoff of the game came in the fourth when big Bill Harris, by lifting the 11 pitch high over right field center fence to score four runs for the locals. Harris repeatedly fouled Al Treichel's dandy offering with a nonchalance that sufficed at the mound.

The visitors were never able to recover from the four-run barrage.

Bill Harris poked a double to start the scoring followed by Ray Viers, who singled. Cal Barnes took the first sack on Nick Sunseri's error.

For the beach club, Sunseri banged two doubles with Bill Manning hitting one. The Prop line's big inning was the third. Bill White figured in two other tallies when he banged a double in the first inning to score Barnes and Viers. The double with Schuster's home run gave the Oilers a 3-0 lead.

Hermosa led a firecracker in the top of the third. Sunseri led off with a double, Lorkie was safe on a fielder's choice when Schuster threw wild to third trying to catch Sunseri in the grinder—then Manning got hit and Dimaggio poked the long homer to bring the mark up to 5-3 in Hermosa's favor.

A double by Sunseri and a single by Manning in the ninth brought another tally to the visitors bringing the final score to 9-6.

Fielding highlights were again supplied by Cal Barnes in center field and Ray Viers at second base for the Signal club. Visiting fans howled that these two players cost their hometowners five solid runs. The pair did just that with Barnes being rated the most hated Signal ball player by the opposing team.

Hermosa Beach

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
N. Sunseri, 1b	5	2	3	8	1	1
J. Lohrke, ss	5	1	0	2	3	0
B. Manning, lf	4	1	2	5	0	0
V. Dimaggio, cf	5	1	2	2	0	1
D. Leedy, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
R. Olsen, 2b	3	0	0	2	3	0
C. Johnson, 3b	4	0	1	0	2	0
F. Millman, c	4	0	0	5	2	0
A. Treichel, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
*B. Boken	1	0	0	0	0	0

Total 38 6 10 24 11 2
* Batted for Treichel in the 9th inning.

Torrance Signal Oilers

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
B. Schuster, ss	3	2	0	3	2	0
R. Viers, 2b	4	1	1	3	5	0
C. Barnes, cf	3	2	0	4	0	0
B. Harris, rf	4	1	1	3	0	0
B. White, lf	4	0	1	4	0	0
M. Serafini, 3b	3	1	0	1	1	0
B. Spaeter, 1b	3	1	0	9	1	0
J. Stephenson, c	3	0	0	3	0	0
A. Campbell, p	4	1	2	0	1	0

Total 31 9 7 27 11 2
Summary: Winning pitcher, Campbell; losing pitcher, Treichel; bases on balls off Campbell, one-off Treichel, five; struckout by Campbell, 3—by Treichel, 4; double plays, Serafini to Spaeter; earned runs, Signal Oilers, 5—Hermosa Beach, 5; left on bases, Signal Oilers, 3—Hermosa, 7; umpires, Widner, Hess and Cunningham.

Balance of the card, first fight beginning at 8:30 p.m., will feature all of the Harbor A. C. favorites, with top supporting bouts going to Pat Ryan, Long Beach lightweight; Charlie Rodriguez of Lomita, Bill Winger and others.

Burke's Giants To Meet L.A. Eagles In Park Sunday



Nick Buonarigo, who brought his Club 89ers here during the last Southern California Baseball tournament, yesterday announced that his new club, Burke's Giants, will play in Torrance park Sunday. The Giants will meet the Los Angeles Eagles, an all-colored team that boasts top flight pro players. The park will be used by the two clubs during Signal's absence Sunday at Hermosa Beach. Buonarigo is slated to catch for his team and promises to bring a good ball club on the local diamond. The game will start at 2:15 p.m.

A CHUCKER'S NIGHTMARE . . . Now you fans know what the pitcher has to put up with when he takes a reading on the Triple A Winter League's most dangerous hitter. The hitter, Rosey Gilhouse, Signal outfielder, led the AAA's in 1945 with a .473 average. Behind the plate is Joe Stephenson and umpire Ralph Cunningham. (Torrance Herald photo.)

House Of David And Globetrotter To Meet Sunday

The original Harlem Globetrotters, famed from coast to coast, Hawaii, the Philippines and Cuba for their great basketball showmanship, will appear in the feature game of a hoop double header at the Long Beach Municipal auditorium Sunday night. They will oppose the colorful and bearded House of David cagers from Benton Harbor, Mich.

First game of the night, starting at 8 p.m., will find the Kansas City Royals opposing the All-Hawaiian Stars.

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