

Police Take Tournament Pennant; Second Place Is Tied Up

Big Game Here Friday Night Is Called Off

Dedeaux Trojans and Montebello Dodgers, who tied for second place in the Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament which ended in Torrance ball park Sunday night, decided Tuesday to call off their "play-off" scheduled for the local park tomorrow night.

The Trojans, who lost to Los Angeles Police Sunday night, will take second place trophy and the Dodgers will take third. They will split the money evenly.

Both of the teams finished tournament play with five wins. The Trojans ousted the 1946 State Champion Signal Oilers Thursday night and Montebello handed the champion L. A. Police its only loss of the tournament, banging out a 9 to 2 win Friday night.

MONTEBELLO AND DEDEAUX TROJANS EACH WIN FIVE; OILERS, ROCKETS FOURTH

The powerful Los Angeles Police nine captured the 1947 championship in the 6th Annual Southern California semi-pro baseball tournament at Torrance Park Sunday night by virtue of a 4-1 win over the classy Dedeaux Trojans before a capacity crowd of whooping fans.

Out-hit 9-4, Vic Penny's charges nevertheless made the most of their four bingles, hitting Dick Bishop, starting Trojan hurler, from the mound in the third inning. Kenny Bronnell, big right hander, went the route for the Police keeping the Trojan hits well scattered, and being plenty tight in the clutches. He struck out 11 opposing batters.

The Police squad got their first two runs in the first frame when Red Davis, the champs' short-stop, attained first base by virtue of the only miscue of the game, and big Art Shively, second sacker, smashed a long round tripper over the left field screen.

The victors ran across two more tallies in the third with the combination of two doubles and three walks off pitcher Bishop.

With one away and the bases loaded, young Wully Hood, fireball right hander, relieved Bishop and promptly began to set down the Police for the remainder of the evening, but the damage was done and the Trojans just could not hit Bronnell in the pinches.

In five and two-thirds innings Hood walked only two men and did not allow a hit.

Hood's performance was particularly outstanding considering he had hurled nine innings to beat out the Montebello Dodgers the evening before, setting down the Dodgers with four hits for his third win of the tourney.

The Trojans' loss put them in a tie with the Montebello Dodgers for second place.

After cancelling plans for a playoff game Friday night, the Trojans and Dodgers decided that Dedeaux's boys should take second trophy and Montebello third, splitting the money evenly.

Art Swartz' Signal Oilers and Bill Feistner's Long Beach Rockets finished in a tie for fourth place.

In the other games in the final round, the Trojans eliminated the 1946 State Champion Signal Oilers Thursday night, 4-1, with a big three run rally in the top half of the final frame, two errors, two walks and Gail Henley's second triple of the night contributing the winning margin.

Friday night, the Montebello Dodgers handed the Police nine their first loss of the tournament pounding out a 9-2 win over the champs. The Police contributed five errors to the Montebello cause, and Darrell Giesert, Dodger hurler, held the Police to four hits.

Wally Hood set down the Dodgers in Saturday night's game to put the Trojans in the final game against the Police. Gordon Jones, Trojan center fielder, added to the winners' run column by smashing the sixteenth home-run of the tourney in the second inning.

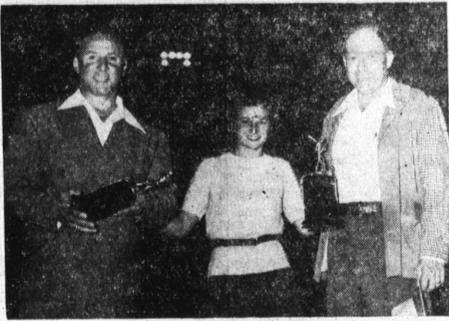
The Police nine will face the Golden Glows of Oakland, winners of the Northern California tourney, for the State Championship in a two-out-of-three game series, the first game scheduled for Sunday afternoon at Brookside park in Pasadena. The second and third game if necessary, will be played in Oakland ball park in a double header on Sunday, August 31.

The line scores for the last games: Thursday, August 24: Dedeaux Trojans . . . 000 010 000—4 5 2 Signal Oilers . . . 000 010 000—1 0 3 Bishop and Zuber; Kipp and Swartz.

Friday, August 25: L. A. Police . . . 010 100 000—2 4 5 Montebello Dodgers . . . 001 500 030—9 2 1 Swartz, Kennedy and Arroyo; Giesert and Lant.

Saturday, August 26: Montebello Dodgers . . . 000 200 000—4 3 3 Dedeaux Trojans . . . 020 000—3 2 3 Courts and Demaria; Hood and McKelvey.

Sunday, August 27: Dedeaux Trojans . . . 001 000 000—1 9 1 L. A. Police . . . 202 000 000—4 0 4 Bishop, Hood and Zuber; Bronnell and Arroyo.



THE "B.O.O-S" HAVE IT . . . It was strictly an "anti-cop" crowd which Sunday night saw the Los Angeles Police down the Dedeaux Trojans and walk away with a 4-1 win and the Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball Championship at Torrance Park. But Manager Vic Penny, showman that he is, loved it and doffed his cap each time the crowd "saluted" him. At the right, Vic hugs the first place trophy and the "mike" after his policemen had come through for him (yes, they all are cops, even J.C.). Top photo shows Manager Art Swartz, left, of the Signal Oilers, and Manager Bill Feistner, right, of the Long Beach Rockets, who tied for fourth place with Miss Carlotta Dean, "Miss Torrance of 1947," who presented their trophies.



Schindler Ready At El Camino J.C.

Amby Schindler, former All-American grid star at USC, surveyed Torrance this week in a thinly disguised search for football talent.

As head football coach at El Camino college, Amby is preparing to receive from 60 to 70 prospects for the El Camino eleven when practice officially starts September 2.

Considering the newness of the school, the turnout for spring practice was very good, the ex-Trojan flash exclaimed, but he said no positions have been nailed down yet and the battle for each spot should be wide open.

A shortage of equipment handicapped the four-week spring session which was carried on in gym suits at night. The King's Men will not have their own field until sometime in 1948. In the meantime they will probably use Centinela field in Inglewood.

Termining his style of play as the USC version of the T. Amby said his team wouldn't be afraid to take chances but on the other hand they wouldn't be giving the ball away to anyone needlessly either.

Heading the turnout this fall will be Clarence Witt, ace quarterback on the Championship Redondo Seahawk eleven for the past three years and Marklyn Groves, halfback from Narbonne High School.

A 10-game schedule has been made up for the King's Men. Starting with Ventura J.C. on September 27, the squad will wade through such formidable opponents as Taft J.C., Bakersfield J.C., San Diego J.C., Santa Monica J.C., El Centro J.C., East Los Angeles J.C., San Diego Navy, Santa Barbara, and Glendale J.C.

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Ray Sleppy Is Favored To Win

Ray Sleppy of Torrance, who sold for one of the highest prices in the Calcutta Dinner Pool recently held at Palms Verdes Country club, is one of the favorites to win the championship. Ray is a former state medal tournament winner and is this year's title holder of the Palm Springs invitational.

Club President N. Y. Jordahl, building contractor of Redondo Beach, announces that this year's top flight field is one of the largest and strongest ever to compete for championship crown.

Besides Sleppy, the top bracket includes Elmer Clement, sectional qualifier for the national public links championship held at Minneapolis, Minn., this year; Ralph Evans, '44-'45 Inglewood city champion and low amateur in the L.A. open in '44, and Judd Wilcox, Utah state champion.

Apaches, Rangers Pace Jr. Softball

Play in the Torrance Recreational Pee Wee league hit a hot pace last week as the Apaches and the Woodcraft Rangers both chalked up double wins.

Scores during the week's play were as follows: Apaches 9, Black Yankees 8, Woodcraft Rangers 13, Grizzlies 4, Drix Jrs. 19, Stars 11, Apaches 14, Walteria Warriors 6, Black Yankees 5, Grizzlies 4, Woodcraft Rangers 15, Sea-hawks 1.



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Umpire's Job Is Thankless One, Writer Declares
By BOB SNELL

One of the most thankless jobs in the world is that of the baseball umpire. No matter how he does his job he's a bum, robber, blind, an unmentionable, unprintable so-and-so.

It was no different in the recently finished tournament at Torrance park. Some 18 umpires saw duty in the semi-pro classic, and each and every one of them received his share of the riotous albeit good-natured heckling from the fans.

But this writer would like to commend the arbiters for the fine job as a whole that was accomplished in the tourney. It is no easy task to get out on that diamond and assume responsibility that goes with the decisions made by an umpire. And the only thanks the heckling of the fans and the ball players.

To mention one outstanding job of arbitration would be to mention all of them, but we will set down the names of all the umpires who worked the past month at the park. They include Jack Widner, president of the Umpires Association, and Cady, Frashure, Jenni, Kulp, Milligan, Kemp, Freivogel, O'Conner, Stratton, Tilford, Brown, Hanick, McIver, Chalkowsky, Gannon, Banks and Porter.

If any names have been omitted it is an oversight and we assure you it is not intentional. We like the umpires.

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