# TORRANCE HERALD

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## Police Lose Playoff Opener 13-2; Oilers Top Alloy Diecraft 9-2

Oakland's Golden Glows chalked up a 13-2 triumph over the Los Angeles Police Sunday in the first of a two out of three game series of the state semipro baseball championship at Brookside park, Pasadena.

The teams will move north this week playing the second and third game if necessary at Oakland Sunday. The Police were winners of the recent Southern California Semipro tournament sponsored by the American Legion and held at the Torrance baseball park.

Originally scheduled for the Torrance park, the state playoff game was moved to Brookside park after manipulation by the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In the meantime, at the Torrance park, a game scheduled to replace the playoff, between the Signal Oilers and Alloy Diecraft, saw the Oilers coast to an easy 9-2 victory.

Fred Harris hurled eight innings for the locals holding the Alloy squad to two tallies off five hits. Harris also had a good day at the plate with two hits in four tries.

Manager Art Swartz went in as a relief hurler in the ninth frame and came off with one hit against him.

Young Leonard Swartz, 13-year-old son of Manager Art, went in as catcher for the last three innings, turning in an excellent job as backstop.

Big guns at the plate for the Oilers were Centerfielder Lane Shanks and First-sacker Dale Coogan. Shanks had a perfect day, with three hits for three tries, one a two-bagger, driving in two runs and scoring three.

Coogan also hit three times, including a long three-bagger, batting in three tallies.

Proving to be one of the fastest men on the base paths for the Oilers, young short-stop Don Mallot added three more stolen bases to his credit during the afternoon. On base three times, Mallot also crossed the plate with three of the local tallies.

Another familiar face was welcomed to the park Sunday with the return to the Oiler roster of Joe Stein, fiery second sacker. Stein is the second of the Oiler regulars to return in recent weeks, outfielder Cal Barnes having preceded him by several weeks. More of the former Oilers are expected to rejoin the club within the near future, according to Manager Swartz, and a top-notch organization will be on the diamond for the winter season.

The Oilers face Blackie Leslie's Burkes Giants at the local diamond this coming Sunday afternoon. The former Iron Workers and Sampson Motors nine can always be depended upon to put up a rough contest for the Swartz men. Last time out the Giants ran rough shod over the locals 10-3.

Line score:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alloy Diecraft | 000 | 000 | 020 | —2 | 6 | 3 |
| Signal Oilers | 201 | 103 | 11x | —9 | 10 | 1 |

The box scores:

| Alloy Diecraft | Ab | R | H | Po | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bowser, 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Morelock, cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| G. Hayes, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| J. Hayes, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Cline, 1b | 2 | 90 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson, 1b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Smith, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Fine, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Moody, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| McKee, c | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ford, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Averill, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 8 | 3 |

| Signal Oilers | Ab | R | H | Po | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Roberts, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanchard, rf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mallott, ss | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Shanks, cf | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Coogan, 1b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnes, lf | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| McNamara, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Stein, 2b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Johnson, c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| L. Swartz, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris, p | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Swartz, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 34 | 9 | 10 | 27 | 11 | 1 |

Summaries: Winning pitcher — Harris; losing pitcher—Ford; runs batted in—Morelock 2, Shanks 2, Coogan 3, Barnes 2; three-base hits—Bowser, Coogan; two-base hits—Morelock, G. Hayes, Shanks; sacrifice hit — Ford; stolen bases—Mallot 3, Shanks 2, Barnes, McNamara; double plays—McNamara to Stein to Coogan, Mallot to Stein to Coogan, Barnes to Johnson; bases on balls—off Ford 5, off Averill 3, off Harris 4; struck out—by Ford 1, by Harris 2; left on base—Alloy Diecraft 5, Signal Oilers 10; umpires—Freivogle and Atwood; scorer—Snell; time—2:10.

## Leadership At Stake Friday In Softball League

League leadership in the Pee Wee division of the Torrance Recreation-Summer Softball play will be decided tomorrow at 10 a.m. when the undefeated Apaches and Drix Juniors meet at Fern avenue school playground.

On Saturday the Grizzlies will meet the Warriors. No games are scheduled for Labor Day, but play will be resumed on Tuesday, when the Warriors tangle with the Drix Juniors.

Scores for Aug. 22 to Aug. 26 were as follows:

Black Yankees 16, Stars 4.

Woodcraft Rangers 15, Stars 14.

Walteria Warriors 18, Seahawks 2.

Drix Juniors 6, Grizzlies 1.

Apaches 8, Woodcraft Rangers 4.

Black Yankees 16, Seahawks 9.

Standings

| | Won | Lost |
|---|---|---|
| Apaches | 4 | 0 |
| Drix Juniors | 4 | 0 |
| Warriors | 3 | 1 |
| Black Yankees | 3 | 1 |
| Woodcraft Rangers | 3 | 2 |
| Stars | 1 | 4 |
| Grizzlies | 0 | 4 |
| Seahawks | 0 | 5 |

**KLAMATH RIVER FISHING**

Anglers have been taking both steelhead and salmon recently from the Klamath River, Del Norte county. Although commercial catches of salmon have been very heavy off the mouth of the river, more steelhead than salmon are being taken from the river, especially near Klamath Glen.

## Unbeaten Rockets Top Final Hoop Loop Standings; Make Blues Blue

**The undefeated Narbonne Rockets wound up the Wilmington summer basketball league last week with an undisputed first place.**

**The Rockets trounced the Wilhall Blues 42 to 24 Wednesday, to put the clincher on the perpetual trophy and gold basketballs for each member of the team.**

**Center Bob Fresenius of the Rockets, third high scorer in the league, dumped in 16 points to lead the games scoring.**

Halftime score was Narbonne Rockets, 20; Blues, 8.

The Rockets led all the way through the game and were never once threatened.

**Lomita All-stars went into a final tie for fourth place in league standings by edging the San Pedro Boy's club, 31 to 30, in the evening's other contest.**

Tom Welsh and Bill Brown accounted for eight points each in the hair-raising tilt to lead the All-Stars. Sam Goborchin sunk 16 for the losers.

The All-Stars were at 16 to 12 disadvantage at the conclusion of the first half.

**Individual scoring of both clts follows: Rockets—Nesbit, 5; Gazeley, 5; Fresenius, 16; Harline, 3; Schildmeyer, 3; Pettit, 6; and Cline, 4. Wilhall Blues—Carr, 6; Ramirez, 4; Stellar, 6; Taylor, 2; Garibay, 4; Hicks, 2.**

All-Stars—Yeargin, 6; Welsh, 8; Downard, 7; Brown, 8; Garrabrandt, 2. San Pedro Boy's club—Pursusich, 4; Govorchin, 16; Trutanish, 10; Parus, 0; Farmer, 0.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final)**

| | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Narbonne Rockets | 7 | 0 |
| Wilhall Blues | 5 | 2 |
| Wilhall Boy's Club | 5 | 2 |
| S. P. Boy's Club | 3 | 4 |
| Lomita All-Stars | 3 | 4 |
| S. P. Fearless 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Gardena Greens | 2 | 5 |
| Gardena Whites | 0 | 7 |

Carr, of Wilhall Blues, led the league's scorers with 69 points; Bulmer, Wilhall Boy's Club, was second with 66; Bob Fresenius of the Rockets, third with 63; Dave Yeargin, All-Stars, fourth, 59 and Garibay, Wilhall Blues, fifth, 56.

## Grid Practice For El Camino Starts Tuesday

Men who are interested in turning out for football at El Camino college are requested to appear at Leuzinger high school field at 12 o'clock noon Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Coach "Amby" Schindler plans a series of light workouts for the first few practice sessions and is requesting team applicants to bring their gym togs and football practice shoes for the Tuesday practice session.

Schindler, former U.S.C. and Rose Bowl "great," will be assisted in his football coaching assignment by John Morrow, former Inglewood high school coach. Both coaches have expressed the hope that their spring practice turnout of over fifty men will be doubled when the squad forms Sept. 2.

The opening game on the Warriors' schedule is set for Sept. 27, against Ventura Junior college, on the Ventura field. Local football enthusiasts will get their first opportunity to see the Warriors in action against Santa Monica Junior college, on Oct. 25, when the locals entertain the Santa Monica college team.

Complete details of El Camino's ten-game schedule will be announced in a few days when the fields to be used for El Camino home games are definitely determined.

## Six Regular Games Remain In Lomita Loop

With six regularly scheduled games remaining in the Lomita park softball league, the loop Monday night will go into its last full week of second half play.

**Following the regular schedule, a Shaughnessy playoff will be held to determine the 1947 champion.**

Shamrock Cafe, the Normont Terrace entry, and Goodyear, with four wins and one loss each, were tied at the conclusion of the first half play.

**Remaining games include:—Tonight — Lomita Auto Parts vs. Ken's Market; Friday — Shamrock Cafe vs. Goodyear; Tuesday, Sept. 2—Ken's Market vs. Torrance Moose; Wednesday, Sept. 3—Lomita Auto Parts vs. Lomita Business Association; Thursday, Sept. 4 — Ken's Market vs. Shamrock Cafe; Friday, Sept. 5—Goodyear vs. Lomita Auto Parts; Monday, Sept. 8, Torrance Moose vs. Lomita Business Association.**

All games start at 7:45 in Lomita park.

Team named first in above schedule is the home team.

**LAKE FISHING IMPROVES**

Fishing in the higher lakes of Mono and Inyo counties is becoming very good. Anglers have recently brought out several limits from the high areas in the back country.

## Gilmore Field Scene Of Legion Baseball Tourney

Four of the nation's greatest juvenile diamond nines, representing the cream of the American Legion's National Junior Baseball tourney, swing into playoff action as the "Little World Series" gets under way at Gilmore field today. Play is set for Friday and Saturday with the championship finals Sunday.

Spurring the youngsters on to greater deeds will be the one and only Babe Ruth, the King of Swat. Ruth is consultant to the Ford Motor Company, co-sponsors of the tournament with the Legion.

Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, and movie actors Wayne Morris, Cesar Romero and Eddie Bracken will act as mascots for the four finalists.

Two games are slated for today, one at 2:15 in the afternoon, the other tonight at 8:00. The same schedule is set for Friday, while a single afternoon game will be played Saturday and Sunday. Should a playoff game be necessary Sunday (winner must win two out of three) it will be held following a short rest Sunday afternoon.

## Stakes Highlight Del Mar Racing Labor Weekend

Two time-honored stakes will highlight the traditional Labor Day week end at Del Mar.

Saturday will find the best sprinters in the west matching strides in the $7,500 San Diego Handicap at six furlongs, while two days later on Monday, routers take over in the $7,500 Labor Day Handicap at a mile and one sixteenth.

Game old Bric a Bac, now racing for the stable of Gilmore and Rolph tops the route candidates for the Labor Day Handicap. Bric a Bac is the defending champion, so to speak, in the Labor Day stake, having accounted for the event last year under the banner of Tommy Taylor.

## Rotary, Kiwanis Group Picnic At Torrance Park

The annual joint meeting of Torrance Rotarians and Kiwanians was a thoroughly enjoyable affair held Thursday evening in Torrance city park. Guests were the wives and families of service club members.

Beginnings at 5:30 o'clock, the annual baseball game between the "Kiwanis Kids" and the "Rotary Rascals" resulted in a score of 14 to 12 in favor of the Kiwanis team, winners for the second consecutive year.

Following the baseball game a buffet supper was served. The affair was concluded with games which featured a "rolling" race, won by J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., egg catching and other contests.

## Narbonne Hurler Throws 2-Hitter In Tucson Series

More than 1,000 Tucson, Arizona baseball fans Friday night watched Narbonne high school's Paul Pettit whiff 14 batters and allow but two safe blows as his team, the LaVerne-San Dimas American Legion lost, 2-0, to Tucson.

It was the first of a three-game series at Randolph Field between the two teams.

**The tilt's two tallies were unearned. Pettit, who joined the team after it captured the Anaheim tourney, yielded 10 bases on balls.**

Completely baffling opposing hitters in the fourth and sixth frames, southpaw Pettit whiffed all batters in these two innings.

He allowed one hit in the third inning and another in the eighth.

| LaVerne— | | | | | | |
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Pettit and Soto; Starkey and Bailey.

## Compton College Will Start Grid Practice Tuesday

Compton college opens quest of its third consecutive national little college championship tonight when Head Coach Raymond Tay Brown calls for a signup of all candidates for the 1947 Tartar varsity. The opening game of a 10-game schedule, at San Diego Naval Training Center on Saturday afternoon, September 27, will inaugurate Compton's 20th uninterrupted year of football.

Expected to return from the 1946 squad that climaxed its season by defeating Kilgore, Texas 19-0 in the Little Rose Bowl game will be 27 lettermen. Included in this group are seven of the Rose Bowl starters led by Southern California's two year college Player of the Year for 1946, Halfback John Finney.

Following the initial signup and physical checkups tonight and tomorrow night, Brown will hold the first practice next Tuesday night at 7 p. m. Workouts will be held nightly, Monday thru Friday, until school registration on September 15, when they will switch to day time.

Earle "Goldie" Holmes, athletic director, announced yesterday that the sale of season tickets for Compton home games will continue until Sept. 22. Mail applications will be accepted at the Football Ticket Office, Compton College, Compton, California.

The 1947 Compton College schedule:

*September 27—At San Diego Naval Training Center

October 4—At Vallejo College

October 10—Long Beach City College

October 17—Phoenix College

October 25—At Weber College, (Ogden, Utah)

October 31—Muir College

November 7—Ventura College

November 14—At Pasadena, (Rose Bowl)

November 21—Utah Branch Agriculture College

November 28—At Los Angeles City College (Gilmore Stadium)

* Only day game on schedule.

**DEER HUNTING PROSPECTS**

Deer hunters should enjoy excellent sport in San Diego County when the season opens there. Although deer are numerous in the Mount Laguna region, in the vicinity of Cuyapape Indian Reservation, hunters might have trouble getting permission to hunt on private property.

## Marine League Football Opener October 16

Narbonne's Gaucho gridders—1947 version—will make their Marine league debut against Banning on Thursday, Oct. 16, it was announced last week by William G. Lopez, supervisor of athletics.

The schedule follows:

**Thursday, Oct. 16—Narbonne at Banning; San Pedro at Gardena.**

**Thursday, Oct. 23—Gardena at Narbonne; Banning at San Pedro.**

**Thursday, Oct. 30—San Pedro at Narbonne; Banning at Gardena.**

**Friday, Nov. 7.—Banning at Narbonne; Gardena at San Pedro.**

**Friday, Nov. 14—Narbonne at Gardena; San Pedro at Banning.**

**Friday, Nov. 21—Narbonne at San Pedro; Gardena at Banning.**

**Saturday, Nov. 29—Los Angeles city high schools football carnival.**

**Saturday, Dec. 13—Southern section vs. Los Angeles C.I.F. section at Los Angeles Memorial coliseum.**

Class B games will be played on the same day on opposite fields.

The withdrawal of Torrance from the Los Angeles school district leaves the Marine league with but four teams, hence the league has been authorized to play a double round.

Torrance, as a new member of the Bay league, will open its season with a practice game against Covina high school, Sept. 26, at Redondo.

## Rematches Head Wilmington Bowl Program Friday

Rematches of two of the greatest slam-bang amateur fights this season in Southern California, both headlining the best talent in this area at the weights, will topline the amateur fight show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow night.

Freddie Negrete, sensational Wilmington lightweight, and Duke Chronister of Bellflower, a sharpshooting stringbean who says he'll accept pro offers within the next 10 days, will clash in the final half of the double main event, while in the first half of the twin feature Tony Grich, hard-knocking San Pedro Slav, gets a chance for revenge against clever little Bobby Holder of Los Angeles.

Negrete and Chronister fought at the Bowl several weeks ago, with the Duke getting a close and highly disputed nod after four of the finest action-packed rounds of the season. It was the closest thing to a professional go seen in an amateur ring in the Harbor area this season.

Grich and Holder went four sensational rounds to a draw last week, with nary a dull moment.

Topping the preliminary show will be Billy Wininger of Wilmington against Ray Daniels, and Jack Fraley, a clever little Harbor A. C. flyweight, against Billy James. First bout begins at 8:30 p.m.

## LION CUBS, MAHAR CLUB WIN GAMES IN SOFTBALL PLAY

Lion Cubs walked off with a 7-2 win over the Mighty Midgets in this week's play in the Midget division of City Softball competition.

In another game, the Mahar club slugged out an 11-9 win over the American Legion Juniors.

**TROUT LIMITS TAKEN**

Many limits of trout, both weight and number, are being taken from the higher lakes in Mono county. Large Loch Levens are being taken from Grant lake, and many fine catches are being made on Twin Lakes by bait, flies and trolling.

## Donkey Basketball Features All-Day Labor Day Picnic, Program In Park

Donkey basketball, that goofiest of games played on Kern's famous "Midget Missouri Mules," comes to Torrance to bring laughter to thousands on Labor day evening, next Monday, in Torrance ball park.

The members of the Lions club of Torrance and the Moose lodge will oppose each other, and spectators will see spills, thrills and side-splitting comedy as prominent citizens vie for honors in the crazy game.

The affair will be a part of the gigantic all-day Labor day picnic in Torrance park.

The big affair, being staged for the benefit of Lions and Moose charity funds, will start at 9:30 a.m., with contests, races, music and prizes galore.

In the afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, there will be a free baseball game.

Admission of $1.00 is being charged adults for the Donkey Basketball game in the evening, with children going in for half price.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. will welcome the crowd and other prominent citizens will be introduced.

Chairman Lindsay Ridgeway, of the Lions committee, pointed out that the Lions this year already had spearheaded the fund raising campaign to buy one incubator for the Torrance Memorial hospital, and had purchased a second incubator outright. The club now is getting ready for its second annual Christmas party for the youngsters of Torrance, he said, had provided an operation for one needy youngster, and had assisted in several other charity projects.

The Moose recently purchased an iron lung for the city, and it is installed in Art Sullivan's ambulance. It is carrying on a constant charity program.

## Sleppy Upset In Palos Verdes Golf Tournament Play

Ray Sleppy of Torrance, one of the top favorites in the Palos Verdes Golf championship play now in progress, was upset by Vince Slattley in a tornic 20-hole match in the opening round of play.

Fighting an uphill battle Sleppy managed to tie the count on the 18th hole of the match after being three down at one time.

In the meantime two other favorites, Elmer Clement and Ralph Evans advanced to the second round by virtue of victories last weekend.

## Redondo School Girl Entered In Aquaplane Race

Following in the footsteps—or, rather, splashing wake—of her famous father, diminutive fifteen-year-old Sherry Rodecker, daughter of Frank Rodecker, one-time holder of the national championship aquaplane title, will seek to regain the crown for the family name.

The blonde and petite Redondo Beach schoolgirl has filed application to ride in this year's first post-war renewal of the nationally famed annual 44-mile aquaplane race Sept. 7 from Santa Catalina island to California's South Bay beach cities which her father won in 1938, setting a world's record and finishing with a broken arm. Rodecker's mark was bettered in 1939 by Dale Carpenter.

"Father's not at all enthusiastic about my entering the race," Sherry says, "but I finally convinced him that his knowledge and experience of past races will help me avoid the mishaps he encountered by learning the hard way."

Already in training for the "Great Ironingboard Derby" to be held next Sept. 7, Sherry is aquaplane riding daily at increasingly faster speeds to condition for the gruelling course which extends from Catalina to Redondo, Manhattan and Hermosa beaches.

Although several women have ridden in the seven annual prewar races, none have yet won the event, according to Frank Champagne, president of the Aquaplane Race association.

## STAR BOATS WILL RACE AT HARBOR DURING WEEKEND

Scheduling of the International Star Class Yacht Racing championships for Aug. 27 through Sept. 1 was announced today.

Slated for outer Los Angeles harbor, the affair, first postwar regatta of its kind to be held in the United States, will bring together more than 35 star boats from every corner of the globe.

Entries have already been received from such far away places as Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Hawaii, Brazil and the Bahama islands, thus lending a representative international flavor to the meet.


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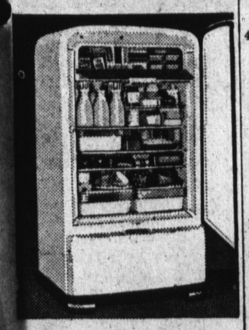

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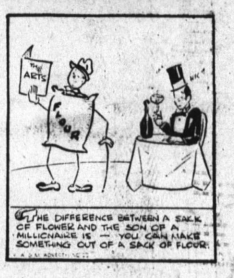


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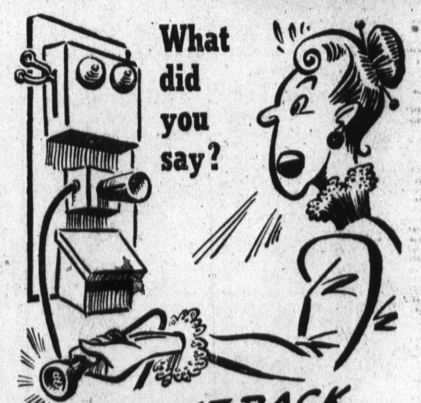


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