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Merchants Whip Rileys, 8-1; For 2 Straight; Meet Eagles Sunday

Lomita's high unbeatable but poorly supported Merchants collide head-on-head Sunday with a crop of professional baseball talent masquerading during the winter league semester as the Hawthorne Eagles.

Managed by Seattle Rainier First Sacker Jimmy Jewel, the Eagles place a strong claim to being as good as Gus Muehler's Merchants and the two of them may attract a record crowd to Torrance park diamond for the occasion, which starts at 2:15 p.m.



PLAYER-MANAGER . . . Gus Muehler, manager, catcher of the Lomita Merchants, powerful semi-pro baseball team which plays each Sunday in Torrance Ball Park, has the second highest batting average of his team. Manager Muehler was a member of the Boise team, and has the support of several major and minor league players on his Lomita Merchants.

To attract a "record crowd" for the Torrance season, however, is faint praise, for the Merchants, sporting the cream of the local pro stars, have been able to coax surprisingly few through the turnstiles in their two league games there.

Few, that is, for a club which has won both engagements by sizeable margins. Last Sunday, for instance, the Merchants came through with a fifth inning spurt that sent them into a lead over the House of Riley and the Irishmen went home on the short end of an 8-1 count.

Hurrier Erv Palica produced ten strikeouts for the Merchants and boomed out the game's only homer, collecting three hits for three trips to the plate.

The contest was close until the Merchants came up in the last of the fifth, when hits by Muehler, Erv Palica, Bob Hobbs and Charles Wheelchel, in that order, accounted for three runs.

Two more runs were added to the Lomita's total in the next frame as Muehler got on on a walk, promptly stole two bases and came in on Erv Palica's long homer.

Ed Gibb knocked in the final two Lomita tallies in the eighth, bringing Erv Palica and Nick Palica home.

Bob Hobbs hit a soaring three bagger in the fourth frame and came home for the first Lomita run.

Only tally for the Rileys came in the fifth as Yénelo singled, coming home on Kyle's sacrifice.

LOMITA		AB	R	H	O	A
N. Palica, cf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Hobbs, 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0
Johnson, 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0
Wheelchel, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Roberts, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Muehler, c	3	2	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	10	27	0	0	0

HOUSE OF RILEY		AB	R	H	O	A
Binnin, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Gibb, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson, ss	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ford, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Saunders, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yénelo, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle, c	3	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Calwell, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	0	0	0	0	0

Scores by innings:
 House of Riley . . . 000 010 000—1
 Lomita . . . 000 100 020—8

LOB—Lomita 9; House of Riley 10.
 2B—Hobbs, 1R—Palica, 2R—Lomita 7; House of Riley 2. DP—Johnson to Wheelchel; E. Palica to Wheelchel; Yénelo to Gibb; Jones to Roberts; Gibb, Jones, 8Q by Palica; 9B, Morris; 1 Winner, E. Palica; 10B, Morris.

Erv Palica Paces Lomita Artillery

Hurrier Erv Palica is leading the loaded Lomita Merchants in the batting department with a nifty .857 average in the first two games of the Double A winter league season at Torrance Park.

He has also pitched the Merchants to two successive victories in the semi-pro loop. Out of seven trips to the plate, the heavy-hitting Brooklyn Dodger chucker has pounded out six hits.

At bat 73 times, the Lomita Merchant aggregation sports a healthy team batting average of .487.

Player-Manager Gus Muehler, who has done duty with Boise, is crowding Palica at the top of the percentages with 4 hits for 5 tries, an .800 average.

Batting averages of the rest of the numerous Merchants include: Nick Palica, .600; Ed Gibb, .466; Bob Hobbs, .222; Bill Johnson, .000; Charles Wheelchel, .333; Tex Roberts, .129; John Palica, .250; Alex Palica, .200; B. Williams, .600.

FIGHTS TO MATCH RIOS, McSWAIN

Jerry McSwain, rated in many sectors as California's leading "white hope" in the heavyweight division, has been signed to fight Ernie Rios of Los Angeles in the 10-round main event of the pro boxing card at the Wilmington Bowl next Wednesday night.

Cellar-Dwelling Leuzinger Host To Tartars 11

The Torrance Tartars had a full week of practicing its pass defense in preparation for its game with Leuzinger high at the Leuzinger field in Lawndale tomorrow night, according to Coach Eddie Cole.

Not too pleased with the way Beverly Hills took to the air in its 20-14 defeat of Torrance last week, Cole planned to concentrate on breaking up all aerial attack almost exclusively, to the exclusion of almost every other phase of the game.

Leuzinger, with five straight defeats on its record, is presently the cellar dweller of the Bay league, but the club has been improving all through the season and Cole is not expecting any walk-away contest.

While the Olympics have not shown much in the way of offense or defense, they have a fair passing attack and a big team, with a line that averages pretty close to 200 pounds from tackle to tackle.

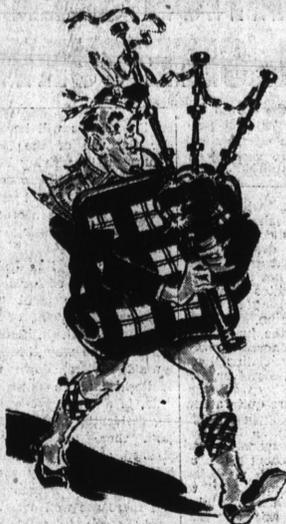
With only two games left on its schedule, Torrance will start the seniors on the squad in as many positions as possible. Among the boys who will not be back next year are Ends Jack Hood, John Brannum and Bob Jones; Tackles Gene Stirling and Al Stephenson; Guards Bill Carstens and Keith Pearson; Center Eddie Fortin and Backs Bill Morgan, Bob Turner and Tom Faren.

Kick-off time is 8 p.m. tomorrow for what looks like Torrance's second win in this year's pay league play. Probable starting lineups:

TORRANCE	LEUZINGER
Jones	Stevenson
Stephenson	Gonzales
Pearson	Stanley
Fortin	Butt
Carstens	Griffin
Stirling	Mitchell
Hood	Brannan
Dick Turner	Barlow
Morgan	Waters
Bob Turner	
Taylor	

Mosher Elected President Of Local Johns Club

Bill Dietlin, past president of Torrance Johns Club, handed his gavel over to newly-elected Gerald Mosher at an installation meeting Monday evening at the Dietlin home, 1007 Fortola.



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