

**Ping Pong Popularity**  
Ping Pong was originally played in England, has since spread to all parts of the world.

**The Solar Plexus**  
Bob Fitzsimmons is credited with discovering the "Solar Plexus" punch.

**Wykoff's Dash**  
Frank Wykoff's 100-yard dash mark of 9.4 seconds hasn't been beaten in 17 years.

**Unusual Sport**  
Businessmen in Kirkland Washington hold an annual "Pig Paddle Derby" to prove that porters can swim.

### Bee, Cee Track Stars Gun for Bay Loop Crown

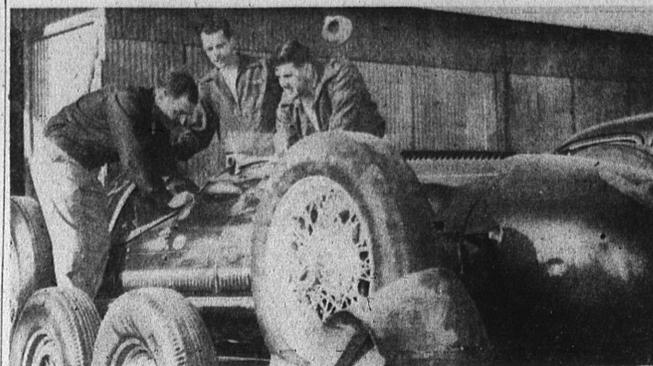
By GEORGE WHITING  
Rex Welch's sensational Bee and Cee eidermen surprises, who placed Torrance High School on top of both divisions in the 35th Annual Bay League Track and Field Meet, continue their efforts tomorrow afternoon on the Santa Monica J.C. turf.

The local Cees, who captured a powerful lead in last week's field events, are gunning for the championship.

Redondo stands as the largest barrier between the locals and the title. Ten and a half points separate the two rivals. However, the winner probably will hold a one to three digit margin. If the Tartars can hurdle the Seahawks they will bring home the initial local championship in Bay Competition.

Russ Striff, Redondo coach, has stated, according to reports, that his boys have more than an even chance to trot off with the title. He boasts six qualifiers in four events.

Two of those qualifiers won their events but were in the slowest heats last week. They will pick up eight digits at a maximum. One tied for second and might gain two markers. Three others finished third and probably will not garner more than a lone point altogether. The Redondo relay four are very fast and will be favored to win. Therefore, the maximum rating gives the Beach boys a total of



READY FOR GRIND . . . Mechanics load locally-built racer (Number 61) onto trailer for trip to Airport to be flown to Indianapolis for Memorial Day Race.—Herald Photo.

31 1/2 points counting last week's efforts.

Welch, on the other hand, has four men in two races. Two of them are not expected to place. Upon the shoulders of the other two, Larry Downing and Norm Stock, rests the fate of the Tartars. Stock captured second in the fastest low hurdle heat and should pick up three valuable points. Downing, though not tops in the 660, is capable of taking at least a third. Even if the slow local quartette fails to place in the relay the dope sheet rates the Torrance Cees with 32 points.

This writer's opinion, which gives the Tartars a half point lead, is based on past performances.

One outstanding effort or mishap by either side will make the difference. A hurdle fall or bad baton pass can wreck either squad's chances.

Jordan or Redondo will easily overtake the Torrance Bee speedsters but the locals have an excellent chance to remain among the top four. Six Tartars are entered.

John Kulp and Ron Hazelwood are favored to place in the 1320. Kulp stands a good chance of winning. The other locals—Lefty Scholl, Dave Baker, Dick Wright, and George Whiting—might possibly pick up one point.

John Schultz and Pete Douroux are the lone varsity finalists besides a relay four. Schultz is capable of hitting fifty feet but had a bad day last week and placed low in the top ten.

Douroux finished a close second in a very slow 880 heat and will probably be among the top four.

The top three in each event will thereby qualify themselves for the Southern California C.I.P. quarterfinals.

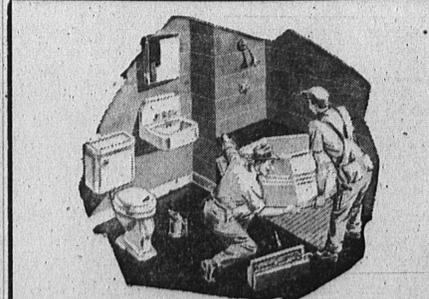
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### Racer Flown East for Memorial Day Classic

Come Memorial Day and the gruelling 500-mile Indianapolis auto classic—keep your eye on Number 61.

Number 61, you may remember from last year, placed tenth with Jimmy Jackson spinning out with a broken spindle.

This year Howard Keek, owner of the \$35,000 (or thereabouts) underling locally built doodle-bug is all set to stand in the winners' circle at the end of the great grind.

Keek under wraps at a garage at 238th and Normandie for the past year, Keek rolled the 260-horsepower thunderbolt out into the daylight yesterday and onto a trailer and into an American Airliner to be flown east. Jackson is already in Indianapolis waiting to receive the maroon single place car. He will attempt to qualify for one of the 33 starting positions against the 65 entries.

Jackson, who finished second in 1946, fifth in 1947, and tenth last year, will be gunning for \$20,000 in prize money—plus a \$100 a lap for leading, and a new "Rocket" Oldsmobile.

According to H. P. Johnson, manager of Keek's racing enterprises and himself an old time throttle-pusher, here are some of the reasons that he is looking for number 61 to be number 1:

- Increase in horsepower over last year's rating of about 25 percent;
- Front wheel drive;
- Dual shocks on all wheels;
- Torque bar on the front axle;
- Dual master hydraulic brake cylinders;
- Four wheel aircraft type brakes;
- Thirty-second refueling of the 47-gallon tank;
- And others that are strictly hush-hush.

Frank Coon and Jimmy Traveris, both flight engineers during the war, have been working on the car during the past year and will be in the pit during the Memorial Day race. A newcomer to the Keek "stables" is Stuart Hillborn, another mechanic who also will leave shortly for Indianapolis.

The car was originally designed by Norman Timbs.

Virgil Boles, owner of Virgil's

### TRIPLE MAIN EVENT AT WILMINGTON BOWL

A triple main event, topped by the appearance of Leroy Richards, unbeaten Southern California Golden Gloves lightweight king, headlines the amateur light "smoker" at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night. Matchmaker Jackie Leonard of Compton has another seven-foot card ready for the first preliminary at 8:30 p.m.

Richards will oppose hard-knocking Butch Martinez, who scored a one-round kayo last week, and appears to be a comer in light circles.

Vic (Kid) Ponce of San Pedro, son of the ex-world featherweight challenger by the same name, will face Nate Nichols, ex-Navy 126-lb. champ, and Ernie Lemes, brother of Ritchie, opposes Rudy Abad, San Pedro Filipino lightweight favorite, in the other feature fights.

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