

# Ball Teams Prep for Semi-Pro Tourney Opener Aug. 5

## Police Seeking New Talent for Tourney

Desperately seeking new talent as a bolster against the rough-and-tough competition the Torrance Police Team will meet in the Southern California Semi-Pro Championship Tournament, Manager Swayne Johnson this week called up four new infielders and two pitching prospects.

## INTER-PLAYGROUND PLAY CONTINUES

The Torrance Summer Recreation Department's Inter-Playground Softball League will open its eighth day of competition today.

Hollywood Riviera's El Retiro Park nine will travel to Waller, while the boys from Torrance Park will invade Fern Avenue.

The Edison Co.'s entry in the Twilight softball race last week announced its withdrawal from participation. A nine from Palos Verdes will take over the Edison position in the race and play out their schedule.

League officials announced this week that all games played by the Dicolites must be automatically forfeited since Artie Espinosa has been doubling in brass for a Redondo team.

First hurdle for the local billy club wielders will present itself with Burk's Service at Torrance Municipal Park, Friday, August 5. The police team's need for new talent was sadly displayed Sunday afternoon when they ran their losing streak to four straight by virtue of a sound man-handling by Mandel Trucks. The truckers parleyed 20 hits and five local errors into 18 runs; the final score, Mandel Trucks, 18; Torrance Police 7. Bishop and Spencer, who relieved Miller on the Police mound, showed promise of greater things. The relief hurlers are 18 and 17 years old, respectively.

The Torrance hopes came closest to making a lively afternoon of it when they sent six men across the plate in the bottom half of the third inning. Hicks led off with a single and all hands were safe when Hobbs misce Stellar walked to fill the sacks. A double by Gus Mueller, and a single by pin-hitting Manager Johnson sparked the rally. The uprising brought the locals within one run of Mandel Truck.

However, the truckers tightened their defense for the rest of the game while scoring ten runs of their own to ice the contest.

Mandel Trucks - 626 500 041-28 21 Torrance Police - 016 000 000-7 8 5 Battery: Mandel Trucks-Baker and Arias; Torrance-Miller, Bishop, Spencer and Mueller.

## AMERICAN LEAGION NINES TO CLASH

Youngsters from the ranks of Torrance and Lomita American Legion baseball teams will play a double header starting at 1 p.m. Sunday at Torrance Municipal Park. Heralded as local stars of the future by Manager Swayne Johnson of the Torrance Police, the boys will play the brand of baseball which has made them a top spectator attraction during the summer.

**PRODUCTION UP**  
The 13 game farm units of the California Division of Fish and Game have reported a total of 62,639 upland game bird chicks hatched during the first six months of the year.

# Sports



PROUD COLORS... Leo I. Wagner, right, director of Torrance's Gray-Wags Boys' Club, explains tattered condition of the club's colors at recent presentation ceremonies.

## Equestrian Park Offer Studied By LA County

Possibility of the development of an equestrian park in Palos Verdes hills and the extension of Crenshaw boulevard to link the Torrance area with the project, is being considered this week by the Regional Planning Commission and the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Here's Slate For Twilight Girls Leagues

Here's this week's schedule of play for the Torrance Recreation Program's Softball League and the Twilight League. Games of both leagues get underway one at one of the Fern Avenue diamonds at 5 p.m.

**TWILIGHT LEAGUE**  
Friday, July 29. Keystone vs. Walteria.  
Tuesday, Aug. 2. Keystone vs. A & P; Cliff's vs. Mayfair.  
Thursday, Aug. 4. Longren vs. Dicolite; Edison vs. Moose.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
Friday, July 29-D2, National Supply vs. "Y" Teen Club.  
Wed., Aug. 3-D1, Torrance Cycle vs. National Supply; D2, Torrance Merchant vs. Hollomon's.

## Gra-Wags Hold First Meeting Since Spring

Disbanded last March when their meeting place was sold from under them, the Gra-Wags, a boys club in the Hamerton Tract, convened last Friday for the first time since spring.

They met in the new Hamerton Tract Community Sunday School and Boys Club building 20520 North Elliott avenue which was built by youth leaders in the community. Spotlighted action of the evening included the presentation of a flag from a U. S. warship to the boys club. Leo Wagner, director of the organization, passed along the national colors which were presented to him during a cruise aboard the U.S.S. Ewing DD540 earlier this summer.

The Gra-Wags, formerly associated with the YMCA in Torrance but now functioning as an independent club, numbers about 100 boys.

The boys are looking forward to the arrival of a printing press which was purchased from the wind of \$137 given the club by the Tolosa Club. The boys have approximately \$400 in athletic equipment, according to Wagner.

## Tight Scores Spark Tilts

Playing heads-up ball in the clutches, Pacific Electric edged Longren, 8 to 7, in a game played Thursday evening. Although Longren got off to an early lead when they pushed across three markers in the opening frame, P.E. entered the last inning with a score-victor run, and pushed across the victory marker with a single tally with two gone in the last canto.

Behind the two-hit twirling of Victor Ordaz, A & P pushed over Cliff's 4 to 2 Tuesday at Fern Park.

Getting off to an early lead, Mayfair won handily over the Moose nine Thursday, 9 to 7. Although the Moose led briefly in the sixth inning, Mayfair's big bats spelled victory in the final two frames.

Line scores:  
Longren ..... 300 004 0 7  
Pac. Electric ..... 101 401 1 8  
A & P ..... 100 120 0 4  
Cliff's ..... 100 010 0 2  
Mayfair ..... 213 002 1 9  
Moose ..... 021 130 0 7

## NO FISH STORY

The factory value of the fishing tackle in 1948 amounted to more than one-fourth of the total value of all other sporting and athletic goods turned out by American manufacturers, according to the Census Bureau.

## Pettit Whiffs 8 In Brief Show

Pitching arms, already loose, are being re-limbered; relative abilities of players are being carefully weighed by managers; line-ups are being re-shuffled to avoid weak spots. The Torrance-American Legion sponsored Eighth Annual Southern California Semi-Pro Championship gets under way next week.

Tuesday night, while scouts representing many of the 18 teams entered in the tourney looked on, the highly-respected nines of the Bank of America and Los Angeles Police performed under the lamps at Torrance Municipal Park.

Although the game was played as a pre-tourney warmup, Police Captain Art Shively and Dick Bonely, manager of the bank team, took the wraps off. The results:

The Policemen won 7 to 6, but not before Paul Pettit, local 18-year-old portside twirling phenom, served formidable warning.

In his three-inning stint of service for Bank of America, Paul sent eight batters back to the Police bench via the strike-out route. The only clubman to touch the ball sent a weak roller to second base.

Further pre-tournament limbering will be effected at the local ball yard this evening when the Torrance Police meet the Eastside Beer men. The contest will represent the final major workout for the local cops who meet Burke's Service in the tourney curtain-raiser August 5.

By Monday morning, managers of all teams entered in the classic will have submitted final rosters. These will include the seven new men who were allowed entrance to each team's roster, according to Jim Wayt, chairman of the Legion Baseball Committee.

Spectator interest in the tournament is expected to top last year's when 15,000 fans watched Bill Fiestner and his Long Beach Rockets roll into the winner's circle without dropping a game. All games will be played at Torrance Municipal Park.

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## Nats Drop Series Opener

Fielding a team riddled by mid-summer vacations, National Supply Co.'s softball team was swamped by the S and W Trovans of the Redondo City League Monday evening in the first game of a best-of-five series. The score was 11 to 1 in the contest played under the mazzas at Torrance Municipal Park.

The two teams clashed again last night and will meet for the third game at the local park tomorrow evening. If the Torrance Nationals win one or both of the remaining games here, a playoff at the Redondo park will be run off Aug. 1 and 3.

In Monday night's clash, the Torrance team used four substitutes in the lineup and other regulars were shifted to "unfamiliar" positions.

## BOWMAN HONORED BY LIONS CLUB

Dick Bowman, ace hurler who helped National Supply Company take the 1949 Industrial Softball League title, has been chosen as "Athlete of the Month" by the San Pedro Lions Club.

Bowman, who pitches for the Monarchs, will receive a trophy at a luncheon to be held soon.

## Trojans Run Wild

L. R. Saints went down to defeat, 27 to 2, Wednesday evening, victim of the Torrance Trojans girls' softball team. The Trojans garnered no less than 23 safe hits in chalking up the triumph.

## CYCLES IN GEAR

Torrance Cycle beat the "Y" Teens, 18 to 11, Wednesday evening at Fern Avenue Park.

## MERCHANT GIRLS WIN

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