

By THE STAFF...

Ran into Hal Jackson early this week who said he was reporting to San Bernardino for 16 days of Spring training and then on to Mobile, Alabama... he tells this about his brother Jerry... who was offered a contract with a Modesto ball club... JERRY returned the contract... but back it came with a ten dollar raise... he returned it four different times and four different times it was sent back and each time with a ten dollar raise... finally they wrote and asked him what the trouble was... he told them it wasn't a raise he was after he just did not want to play on the west coast... so, he was sent to New York... and... with the full raise... we hear it is a boy for the Lou Novikoffs... Lou at one time played night ball in Long Beach with Cattle Pumps who open their season here on May 4 against Garden Grove... Captain Jake Benner of the local smoke eaters learned the hard way never to turn his back to a wave... he did just that last week trying to land a shovel nose shark while surf fishing... result he filled his hip boots and wound up with a very wet ocean frontage.

RAY SLEEPY, a Torrance boy and last year's champ of the Palm Springs Invitational Golf classic, has a bare spot on the bare spot was left when he returned to Palm Springs the trophy for this year's contest... RAY took a three way third last Sunday but we notice the spot on the mantle is saved... meaning of course that he probably will try again next year... Doubtful his own ability but reassured by friends RUSS HOOD will try out with the Torrance National Niteball Team when they begin practice here this week... RAY ROGERS, who was appointed by DR. HOWARD A. WOOD last week, to spearhead the drive for lights and bleachers at Torrance High School... knows what it is not to be able to see local games at home... JOHN N. RAY, M., and WILLIAM L... his three sons all played football at Torrance... COACH EDDIE COLE is in San Diego this week attending a conference on physical education.

Acosta Named All-Metro Cage Guard

BY BILL TOLSON
Boasting an average of 15 points a game, Marvellous Marty Acosta El Camino's latest cage sensation, copped a guard spot on the mythical All-Metropolitan conference basketball squad, chosen last week. The sharp-shooting Acosta swished the net with 120 points in eight conference games, to take the runner up spot in the scoring column. Jerry Norman of East Los Angeles J. C. lead the pack with 130 points for an average of 16.2 digits a contest. The fast moving Warrior star dropped in 28 counters against Santa Ana J. C. to smash the El Camino scoring mark of 26 points, set by big Bill Heide-man last season. Acosta started his cage career at Redondo High, where he starred in both basketball and football, winning All-CIF basketball honors in 1944. The versatile Mexican star will be remembered by Torrance sports fans as quarterbacking the Torrance A. C. football squad a few seasons back.

BENICIA NAMED

Benicia, the first city in Solano County, was founded in 1847 by General Vallejo and named for his wife.

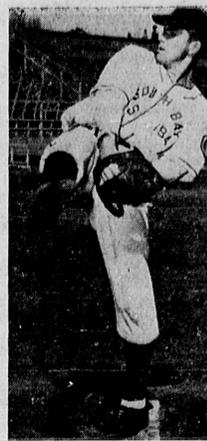
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PAUL "LEFTY" PETTIT Home run hitting pitcher...

Pettit Wins Own Game With Homer

It was that old story about a young man, in this case, Paul "Lefty" Pettit, ace chucker for Narbonne High School who in seven innings against Torrance last Thursday allowed only three hits and came to the plate in the fifth to put one over the city park's night field fence with one man aboard. The two runs broke the scoring ice that finally ended with Narbonne, the favorite, on the long end of a 5-0 score. Coach Cliff Graybehl put Milton Long on the mound to replace Jerry McIlvane who became a little discouraged after Pettit showed the rest of his team mates how the trick was done. At Torrance: R H E Narbonne.....000 022 1-5 10 2 Torrance.....000 000 0-0 3 4 Pettit and Meyers; McIlvane, Long and Richt.

Moffitt Retained As City Softball League President

Bob Moffitt was retained as president of the City Softball League at a meeting of team managers held last Friday night at the Fern Avenue Recreation hall. Cost of a ten team league was discussed and set at \$80 which will provide for two umpires, a score keeper-announcer, a new ball for each game and a ball shagger. The \$80 fee also would include the play offs. The figure for an eight team league was set at \$60. The election of a vice-president and secretary-treasurer was tabled until the next meeting which was set for Thursday night, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Among those attending the meeting were Harry Alwood, James W. Wayt, Stephen H. Darcy, Nick Chaykowski, Dale Riley, Clyde Garrison, John Buffalo, Bill Russell, Jack Wright, R. L. McGuire, Carl Brady, Ross Hood, Frank Chavez and Dee Burgess.

Torrance 12th Place Winner At Beach Relays

By GEORGE WHITING
Compton's powerful Tartars captured team honors in the 26th annual Southern Counties Track and Field meet held at Huntington Beach Saturday afternoon. Inglewood placed second with 18, and Grossmont was a surprise third with 17 1/2. Fullerton High won the small school division with a great display of strength by nailing 42 points in 18 for second place Laguna Beach. The Torrance squad, with only three varsity and six Bee men entered in varsity competition, managed to nab 12th place among the 24 schools entered in the small school meet. Bob Jones paced the locals with a 47' 1" toss in the shot put which was only one inch from the winning mark. Jack Stevens, who runs the Bee 660, ran 4th in the varsity 880 but was disqualified. Medals were given to the first four placers in each event. The track team has withdrawn from the Santa Barbara Relays which were scheduled for Friday and will run next Tuesday against Redondo and Jordan at Redondo.

Lomita Teams Finish 5th, 6th In S.P. League

A Gensler-Lee five, representing Harbor Hills housing project, finished fifth in the second half standings of the San Pedro Y. M. C. A. basketball league which were released last week. Lomita Merchants, the only other local team in the loop finished sixth. Cable's Insurance which ended up in fourth place in first half play did not compete in the second half. Second half final standings follow:

Team	W	L	P	G	P	Op
Royal Hawks	13	5	722	877	726	801
Terre Haute	12	6	667	885	762	806
Grace Candies	11	7	511	809	796	837
Harbor Police	10	8	568	825	837	801
Lom Merch	8	10	444	803	801	760
Fleming's	7	11	445	725	760	819
Terre Haute	6	12	333	754	819	796
Kiewit Club	4	14	222	680	796	760
Cleveland Garden	4	14	222	652	760	796

Team W L P G P Op
Royal Hawks 13 5 722 877 726
Terre Haute 12 6 667 885 762
Grace's Candies 11 7 511 809 796
Harbor Police 10 8 568 825 837
Lom Merch 8 10 444 803 801
Fleming's 7 11 445 725 760
Terre Haute 6 12 333 754 819
Kiewit Club 4 14 222 680 796
Cleveland Garden 4 14 222 652 760

Bud Smith Leads Major Division Hoop Scoring

As the second round of play in the Major Division of the City Recreation-Evening Hi League wound up last week several changes in the team and individual scoring was decidedly noticeable as the statistics came up with the following information and data. For instance, Fenwick led the scoring lead to Klink's by 18 points but still had claim to fame in that Bud Smith led all the other players with 122 points. Stanley and Hap Jacobs, each of whom only played one round, came up among the top scorers with Stanley leading all other basket shooters with his average of 17.75 points per game. Jacobs took place honors with his 17.5. Joe Setting of the Merchants jumped from ninth to second place with 109 points. Al Wilner, who has entered the league, maintained in seventh place while Ormsby Miller climbed from 15th to 9th place. While Woody Coleman of the Merchants remained steadfast in the No. 3 spot Marv Moon, consistent at least, moved in right behind him, climbing from eighth place. Dan Wilson, Fenwick, and Dick Whelan, Klink's, found that it was getting a little crowded around fourth and fifth place and each slid back a notch.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Player	GP	PTS	AVG
1. Bud Smith (M)	8	122	15.25
2. Joe Setting (M)	8	109	13.62
3. Woody Coleman (M)	7	105	15.00
4. Marv Moon (M)	7	98	14.00
5. Dan Wilson (M)	8	85	10.62
6. Dick Whelan (K)	8	82	10.25
7. Al Wilner (M)	6	82	13.66
8. Ormsby Miller (M)	8	71	8.87
9. Ormsby Miller (K)	8	71	8.87
10. Hap Jacobs (E)	4	69	17.25
11. Stan Wenzel (M)	8	67	8.37
12. Paul Wierk (E)	5	65	13.00
13. Pat Kelley (G)	8	62	7.75
14. Neil Malone (E)	6	58	9.66
15. Dick Robertson (E)	6	48	8.00
17. Wally Dayton (E)	4	47	11.75
18. Don Teske (F)	4	46	11.50
19. Ed Trankert (M)	4	42	10.50
20. Jack Bruenic (E)	8	44	5.50
21. Don Robinson (K)	8	35	4.37
22. Cliff Graybehl (E)	7	33	4.71
23. Wayne Scott (F)	4	28	7.00
24. Bob Leach (M)	7	27	3.85
25. Cliff Schriat (G)	7	27	3.85
26. Don Torres (F)	5	27	5.40
27. Danny Espinoza (E)	7	23	3.28
28. Cliff Graybehl (F)	7	23	3.28
29. Bob Leach (M)	8	22	2.75
30. Frank Melton (E)	8	22	2.75
31. Gary Wheaton (K)	6	22	3.66
32. Gary Wheaton (K)	7	19	2.71
33. Chas. Wright (G)	7	19	2.71
34. F. Munsterman (F)	6	18	3.00
35. Art Woodcock (K)	8	17	2.12
36. G. Anderson (G)	6	15	2.50
37. Don Robinson (K)	7	15	2.14
38. Don Robinson (K)	7	15	2.14
39. Van Barnard (M)	5	12	2.40
40. Don Robinson (K)	8	11	1.37
41. Dick Robertson (E)	8	11	1.37
42. Dick Robertson (E)	8	11	1.37
43. C. Hutcherson (M)	7	10	1.42
44. Dick Robertson (E)	8	10	1.25
45. Dick Robertson (E)	8	10	1.25
46. Dick Robertson (E)	8	10	1.25
47. Dick Robertson (E)	8	10	1.25
48. W. Cleveland (G)	1	8	8.00
49. W. Cleveland (G)	1	8	8.00
50. Les Stanley (K)	5	5	1.00
51. Ken Tuttle (G)	3	5	1.66
52. W. Thompson (M)	4	3	0.75
53. G. Flowers (M)	4	3	0.75
54. D. Cook (G)	1	2	2.00
55. R. Perry (K)	1	0	0.00

Torrance Gets Only One Hit

Allowing only one hit, DeMalen of Downey High School, shut out Torrance High 2-0 in game played last week in Downey. Vaughn Stokoe, center fielder, got Torrance's only hit. Milton Long allowed five hits.

Revolver Scores

Torrance Police Revolver club scores for the week ending March 21, 1948.

Club	Score
38 Cal. Police Course <td>259.50</td>	259.50
D. Medicus	70.25
R. Grier	259.50
B. Miller	244.00
38 Cal. Statistics	95.00
High slow fire	95.00
High rapid fire	94.00
High individual score	258.00
45 Cal. Police Course	245.00
J. Grier	245.00
D. H. V.	223.33
J. Grier	258.50
22 Cal. Police Course	94.00
High slow fire	94.00
High rapid fire	91.00
High individual score	275.00

Scores Again

Tony Prodan, leading scorer in the Minor Division of the City Recreation-Evening Hi League, scored again last Saturday morning when his wife presented him with an 8 1/2 pound baby girl at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

CITY BASKETBALL PLAY-OFFS MONDAY



TO THE VICTORS GO THE SPOILS... In this case the spoils is a trophy, the victors are El Camino's 880-yard relay team who won the event at the recent Long Beach Relays. Shown above are the boys who won it: Roger Norgren, Chuck Nickerson, Jack Foster and Dick C. Contreras.

Lomita Park Softball Loop Ready Soon

Lomita Park's summer softball league will open play sometime after the first week in April, Play Leader Lynd Esch announced this week. He said that all managers of teams who wish to enter the league this year are requested to contact him at the park or phone 695. A managers' meeting will be held sometime the first of next month, possibly on April 6th, to determine schedules and league regulations, Esch said. Present plans call for a six or eight-team circuit, with double headers on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Boys' softball will be played at the park on Monday and Thursday evenings this year.

Norgren's Bad Leg To Keep Him Out Of Relays

El Camino's hopes for a victory in the sprint relays, Saturday at the Southern California Junior College Relays, were dimmed last week when Roger Norgren, the Warriors Ace sprinter, pulled a leg muscle during a practice session on the Leuzinger track. Norgren was to anchor the Caminomen's two sprint relay teams, as well as enter the open hundred yard dash, but the accident will leave the ace dashman on the shelf for at least another week. Dick Nightingale, a former Washington High star, will take over Norgren's spot in both relays, and probably run the 100. Nightingale has showed terrific improvement in the past few weeks, and should be a capable replacement. Coach Anby Schindler will field the same 880 team that won the Long Beach Relay title, except for Nightingale. Dick Contreras will start the squad with Chuck Nickerson, Jack Foster and Nightingale rounding out the team. The 440 relay will find Jack Husband running in place of Foster, with the remainder of the team being the same as the half-mile. Doug Robertson, a consistent 21 foot jumper will be entered in the open broad jump for the Warriors, while Ray Southstone, and Jim Newton will vie for honors in the pole vault. Bob Hannah, George Hummel, Tom Cooke, and Bud Winger will enter the shot-put, and discs, with Hamham, Hummel, and Contreras competing in the javelin.

Sleepy Drops Golf Title

Ray Sleppey, a pretty sharp local golfer (1420), Marcella avenue) had a rough time of it on the first day of the Palm Springs 13th annual Invitational Golf Championships last Sunday and shot a 73 that kept him from re-capturing the crown he held last year. Sleepy with a 73-68-71 for the 54 holes was tied up in a three way split for third place with John Dawson and Ralph Evans, all with a 212. Only four digits separated the third place winners and Harry Givan who won the cup with a 208. Guy Hanson was second with 209.

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Old Men, Eagles Win First Game Championships

The first games for the championships, of the Major and Minor divisions of play in the Torrance Evening Hi-City Recreation Leagues, played Wednesday last week in the Torrance High School's gym, attracted an increased attendance who saw the Saint Andrew's 5 Old Men throw away their 61-48 verdict over the El Prado crutches long enough to bag hoopsters in the minor league encounter. The Redondo Eagles scratched out a narrow, 51-49, win over the scrappy Klink's melon tossers in the major league tussel. Tony Prodan, city scoring champ, hit the net from all angles to ring up 20 points and lead the oldsters to victory in the first game. Jack Turner again sparkled for the El Prados, batting away many of the winners attempts to score and chalking up 17 counters from his guard position. "Eagle-eye" Hap Jacobs hit for 23 points to become the mainstay in the Eagle's attack in the second game of the evening. Marvin Lee collected 20 for the losers, 16 of which came in the last half. Klink fans all but went in the last seconds of play as two shots which would have tied the contest rimmed the hoop only to fall on the outside. Championship play is slated to be resumed on Monday, March 29, at 7:15 p.m., at which time the minor leaguers will square off. Following, at 8:30, the major contest gets underway. Should third games be necessary to determine the champions in both leagues, a double bill will be played on Wednesday, March 31, at the same hours as above. However, should one team only, of the first game winners, repeat, then one game only will be played, at 8:15 on Wednesday.

China Batting Champ Inks With Niteball Team

When the Torrance National League Niteball team opens practice sessions at the city park tomorrow night a newcomer to local fans will be Tom DeSilva, batting champion of the American Occupation forces in China. DeSilva, a short stop, batted .360 while playing with the Army in China. Dick Cuttle announced that he would like to see all the good softball players "for ten miles around" work out with the team tomorrow night. He also announced that he is looking for some practice games with teams from this area. Games would be played on Tuesday and Friday under the lights. Managers of teams desiring a game with the National League team should call Dale Riley, city superintendent of recreation. Opening game of the regular season is scheduled for May 4 at the city park against Garden Grove.

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