SCUTTLERS OPEN PENNANT DRIVE

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National Supply; YMCA Win Over Pacific Electric; Columbia

Nick Pappas, pitching for the National Supply nine, allowed but three hits while striking out 12 to spark his team to a 5-3 win over Pacific Electric in the twilight game of the double header played last Thursday night in the Torrance City Park.

The P.E. boys made a serious threat to win the game in the sixth inning when Wayne Carnett, second baseman, smacked out a homer, scoring Pete Perez ahead of him. It was this same Perez boy who accounted for the only double play of the game when he caught Gene Morris' looping fly to centerfield and then followed through with a nice heave to catch Jack Geddes off first base.

In the second game Earl Morrell celebrated his 49th birthday this week by striking out 10 YMCA batters before the 350 fans who turned out and saw the "Y" boys defeat the Columbia Steel nine, 4-3. Although the "Y" boys only collected four hits compared to Columbia's 6 they took advantage of 6 errors by the Steelers to get four runners across fourth base.

First Game:

Team		R	H	E
National	041 000 0—5	5	1	
Pacific Electric	000 012 0—3	3	3	

Batteries: Pappas and Malone; Perez, Augello and Lallich.

Second Game

		R	H	E
YMCA	010 210 0—4	4	2	
COlumbia	020 010 0—3	6	6	

Batteries: Brixey and Schwenk; Richardson, Morrill and Clayton.

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3 Homers Aid Goodyear's 17-0 Win Over Ideco

With the aid of home runs by Milt Wenzel, Dale Bristol, and Sammy Sunsuri, the Goodyear nine blanked Ideco 17-0 in the twilight game of the doubleheader played Monday night in the Torrance City Park.

In the second game, Nick Pappas of National Supply struck out 12 batters from the Harvey Machine line-up to lead his squad to a 5-0 shut out over Harvey Machine.

Sunsuri, in four innings struck out nine besides collecting two hits for four times at bat including his circuit clout. Wenzel hit two for four and Bristol got two for three.

Fred Fredinsberg, who replaced Sunsuri, allowed two hits and fanned five.

Pat Malone, of National Supply, hit two for three to become their No. one hitter. Though Harvey lost, the squad looked improved and chucker Dee Burgess pitched nice ball, giving up but seven hits and striking out six.

Scoring by innings:

Team		R	H	E
Goodyear	446 030 0—17	16	1	
Ideco	000 000 0— 0	2	3	

Second Game

Scoring by innings:

Team		R	H	E
National	200 021 0—5	7	3	
Harvey	000 000 0—0	6	1	

Six Walks Aid Redondo Nine

By DUANE MITTAN

Receiving six free passes to first base, the Redondo High School Varsity won a 12-6 decision over Torrance last Thursday in a game played in the Torrance City Park.

Big gun for Redondo was their centerfielder, Rice, who belted out for for five.

Stokoe and Smith pounded out three for four, which included a double for each, to bring the Tartar's total hits to 11. Redondo had only 9 hits. Stokoe is credited with driving in one run while Smith gets credit for bringing in two tallies.

Team		R	H	E
Redondo	400 200 6—12	9	3	
Torrance	000 012 3— 6	11	2	

Batteries: Geonetta, Torres, and Wheeler; McIlvaine and Licht.

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Seven Torrance Men Qualify In Preliminaries

By GEORGE WHITING

Torrance qualified seven men in the Bay League preliminaries at Inglewood High Friday afternoon.

The Bee and Cee finals in the field events, originally scheduled for next Friday, were held with the prelims.

Long Beach Jordan is out in front in the Bee division with 14½, while the locals are only one half point off the pace.

Tartar Jack Hoffman earned the title of Bay Champion as he captured the high jump at 5' 9". Ron Higgins took fourth. Dick Cloward broke the school record for the shot put the fourth time this season at 52' 9". However, big Bill O'Brien of Santa Monica stepped into the ring and tossed the shot 54' 4 3/4" winning the event. Jim Webb of the locals took fifth place.

In the pole vault Boyd Crawford of Torrance took third place for the Tartars. The winning vault was 10' 9". Jack Dean was unable to compete has done over 12' this season.

Santa Monica is leading the Cee division with Redondo not for behind. Coach Eddie Cole's freshmen star, Armais Dandoy, tied for first place in the high jump as he bounced over the bar at 5' 3". He also was the only Cee qualifier in the running events.

Bud Jones will carry the entire burden in the Varsity class for the locals, being the only man to qualify.

Milo Goestsch, Dick Cloward, Dick Wright, Jack Stevens, and Bob Snuffer qualified in the Bee division.

BEE FINALS—FIELD EVENTS

Shot put — O'Brien (SM),Cloward (T), Carpenter (J), Roth (BH), Webb (T), 54' 4 3/4".

High jump—Hoffman (T), tie for second Bullock (D), and Espinosa (R), tie for fourth between Higgins (T), Minan (J), and Viner (BH), 5' 9".

Pole Vault—Tie for first between Mors (BH), and McIndoe (J), Crawford (T), tie for fourth between Letter (D), Kulack (R), and Mays (J), 10' 9".

Broad jump—McClung (J), McNece (D), Lilley (R), Clark (R), Smith (SM), 20' 10 3/4".

Field Score: Jordan 14½, Torrance 14, Redondo 9½, Inglewood 8½, Beverly Hills 7½, Santa Monica 6, El Segundo 0, Leuzinger 0.

CEE FINALS—FIELD EVENTS

Shot put—Reddick (R), Nolan (SM), Olrn (D), Manotte (SM), Clon (BH), 46' 5 1/2".

High jump—Tie for first between Dandoy (T), and Saip (SM), tie for third between Danton (SM), and Markham (J),tie for fifth between Runton (J), Stovall (J), Tervis (SM), 5' 9".

Pole vault—Blanco (R), Taylor (L), Jetter (D), tie for fourth between Hill (L), and Decker (J), 10'.

Field score: Santa Monica 16 1/3, Redondo 16, Leuzinger 10 1/2, Inglewood 7, Jordan 4 2/3, Torrance 4 1/2, Beverly Hills 1, El Segundo 0.

Palica Pitches Dodgers To His First Major Win

Ervin Palica, popular 20-year old Lomita righthander with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Saturday fashioned his first major league mound triumph as he sparkled in a relief role against the Philadelphia Phils at Ebbetts field.

Palica went into the game during a Phil uprising in the second inning, stopped the rally short and went on from there to hurl one-hit ball.

The Phils had knotted the score at three-all and loaded the sacks when the Lomitan arrived on the scene. He walked the first batter to force in a run but settled down to retire the side without further damage.

Brooklyn came back in the late frames to break the dead lock, all the while Palica was mowing down the Phils with monotonous regularity. The only hit off his offerings was a single in the fifth by Relief Pitcher Johnny Blatnik.

In the winter, Palica pitches for Tiny Police's San Pedro Merchants.

SPORTS LEADERS MEET

For the purpose of coordinating the sports activities in the South Bay area, Council A. L. Jackson, Superintendent of Recreation Dale Riley, Sports Director Elmer "Red" Moon and YMCA Secretary Milton Isbell attended a meeting of recreation officials last Friday night in Hermosa.

NARBONNE WINNER . . . Joe Ponce, crack Narbonne High School miler, crosses the finish line first in the four-lap event at the Gaucho-San Pedro track meet Friday. Ponce staved off a burst by Pirate Nick Apple. (Lomita News photo by Arthur Willey).

Gauchos To Host Marine League Track Preliminaries Tomorrow

Narbonne High School will play host tomorrow to Gardena, San Pedro, and Banning in the 1948 Marine League track preliminaries. Track events get under way at 2:30 p.m.

The Marine finals also will be held at Narbonne on Friday, May 7th.

Held to four first places, the N. H. S. Gaucho varsity last Friday succumbed to San Pedro, 61 to 39 in the seasons league finale. The Narbonne Bees likethe peerless Gaucho Cees finished the season undefeated, 66 to 11.

Narbonne varsity vaulters Widman, Meng, and Biller swept their specialty in an official 10 feet 10 inches tie, while the Gaucho hurdlers again triumphed with Bill Stits taking the lows and Leroy Young winning the highs. Stits finished first in the highs also but was disqualified for knocking down too many barriers.

Jos Ponce, Narbonne four-lapper, accounted for the other Gaucho first as he took the mile in the relatively slow time of 5:10.2.

For the Bees, Michael Moore of Narbonne shattered a 13-year school record with a 20-foot, 7-inch leap. The previous record of 20-feet, 5 inches was set in 1935 by Frank Watanabe. It was the second Bee mark to fall this year, the other having been established by Robert Daligney in the Gardena meet with 6-foot, ¼-inch leap in the high jump. Previous record was 5 feet, 11¼ inches held by Vernon Hart in 1938.

Robert Foster of the powerful N .H. S. also smashed a school record in the 180 yard event negotiating the distance in 19.7 to whack .2 of a second off the previous mark set in 1946 by Bob Assimoto. The Cees, as usual, won every event, Foster accounting for a double victory, the 180 and broad jump.

VARSITY

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Young (N), Hanson (SP), Tamble (SP), :16.5. (Stits of Narbonne, finished first but was disqualified for knocking down too many hurdes.)

880 - YARD RUN—Jackson (SP), Drake (N), Gonzales (SP), 2:09.5.

100-YARD DASH — Grisby (SP), Sonnichson (N), Gregson (SP), :10.5.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Stits (N), Allen (N), Preacely (SP), :13.7.

440-YARD DASH—Ensminger (SP), Matullich (SP), Daligney (N), :55.4.

220-YARD DASH — Gregson (SP), Ibda (SP), Grigsby (SP), :23.7.

MILE RUN — Ponce (N), Apple (SP), Francis (N), 5:10.2.

880-YARD RELAY — San Pedro (Grigsby, Ibde, White, Gregson), 1:35.6.

SHOT PUT—Crisa (SP), 50' 9½"; Matullich (SP), 45' 2"; Scales (N) 44' 3½".

BROAD JUMP—E. Johnson (SP), 21' 4"; Yetman (N) 21' 1"; P. Flamenco (SP), 19' 11".

HIGH JUMP—Preacely (SP), 5' 11"; tie for second between Williams (N), and Daligney (N), 5' 10".

POLE VAULT—Tie for first between G. Biller (N), Meng (N) and Widman (N), 10' 10".

FINAL SCORE — San Pedro, 61; Narbonne 39.

BEE

70-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Watson (SP), Darst (N), Sanchez (SP), :09.6.

660-YARD RUN—Banta (SP), R. Johnson (SP), Bailey (N), 1:34.2.

100-YARD DASH — Decker (SP), Shaw (SP), Littrell (N), :10.5.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Watson (SP), Darst (N), Widmar (N), :13.7.

220-YARD DASH—Shaw (SP), Littrell (N), M. Flamenco (SP), :24.9.

1320-YARD RUN — Hurtado (SP), Boyle (N), Cracliolo (SP), 3:40.4.

660-YARD RELAY — San Pedro (Shaw, Watson, Norris, Decker), 1:12.6.

BROAD JUMP—Moore (N), 20' 9"; Watson (SP), 20' 3"; Shaw (SP), 20' 2".

POLE VAULT—Isom (N), 10' 6"; Jay (N), 10' tie for third between Hurtado (SP), Tomasic (SP) and Larson (SP), 9' 6".

HIGH JUMP — Sanchez (SP), 5' 5"; O'Hara (N), 5' 4"; tie for third between Gentry (SP) and Hazelbaker (N), 5'2".

SHOT PUT—Decker (SP), 40' 3"; Seward (N), 39' 11½" Vaona (N), 38' 7".

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FINAL SCORE—San Pedro, 59½; Narbonne, 35½.

CEE

660-YARD RUN — Clayton (N), James (N), Valdez (SP), 1:35.7.

100-YARD DASH—Magallanez (N), Collins (N), Admire (N), :10.9.

180-YARD DASH—Foster (N), Collings (SP), McAffee (N), :19.7.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Collins (N), Doi (SP), Rose (N), :14.6.

440-YARD RELAY—Narbonne (Magallanez, Collins, Admire, Foster), :47.8.

SHOT PUT—Randels (N), 40' 6½"; Daffron (N), 36' 5½"; Ueda (N), 36' 1½".

HIGH JUMP—Magallanez (N), 5' 4"; Deck (N), 5' 3"; Ruiz (N), 5' 2".

POLE VAULT—T. Biller (N), 10'; Ruiz (N), 9'; Hawley (N), 8' 6".

BROAD JUMP—Foster (N), 19' 8"; Collings (SP), 19' 6"; Doi (SP), 17' 11".

FINAL SCORE—Narbonne, 66; San Pedro, 11.

FINAL STANDINGS

VARSITY

TEAM	W	L	Pct.	PTS.	OP.
Banning	3	0	1.000	159 14/15	151 1/15
SanPedro	2	1	.667	161 3/4	141 1/4
Gardena	1	2	.333	153 11/12	158 1/12
Narbonne	0	3	.000	139 2/5	168 3/5

BEE

Banning	3	0	1.000	196 2/3	89 1/3
San Pedro	2	1	.667	173 1/2	112 1/2
Narbonne	1	2	.333	118 1/6	167 5/6
Gardena	0	3	.000	84 2/3	202 1/3

CEE

Narbonne	3	0	1.000	186 4/15	46 11/15
Gardena	2	1	.667	108 7/12	122 5/12
Banning	1	2	.333	114 9/10	118 1/10
San Pedro	0	3	.000	54 1/4	176 3/4

Softball Menu This Week

Thursday, April 29. Pacific Electric vs. YMCA; Columbia vs. DiMets. City Park.

Saturday, May 1. Optimist 16ers vs. Hermosa. City Park.

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Monday, May 3. Goodyear vs. National; Ideco vs. Pacific Electric.

Tuesday, May 4. Scuttlers vs. Garden Grove. (League opening) City Park.

Youth Band, Queen Contestants To Appear On Opening Night

The Pennant race is on!

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock the Torrance Scuttlers of the National Niteball League clash with Garden Grove in the opening game of the 1948 season, in Torrance ball park.

The usual fanfare and ceremonies that are a part of opening game activities will take place preceding the game.

The Torrance Area Youth band will play.

The first ball will be thrown in by one of the four Torrance Queen contestants who will be guests-of-honor of Dick Cuttle, who owns the Torrance franchise in the 23-year old National Niteball loop.

The four del-eye-full Queen candidates are Beverly Jean Crook, Marie Kelton, Donna Mauk, and Mary Ellen Crawford.

Softball addicts from all over Southern California will see some of the fastest, hardest to hit pitching in the country when the eight teams in the league come to Torrance on Tuesday and Friday nights. Among the fastest pitchers is Ted Carlsgarrd, (also blessed with a very elusive change-of-pace) who went to the National Play-Offs in Cleveland last year only to be ruled out by the officials because of his peculiar style of pitching. Ted has pitched as many as 17 no-hit innings.

Many softball and baseball fans will recognize some familiar names among the Scuttlers line-up which includes:

Nick Boden, 195-pound catcher from Compton; "Dick" Fitz, left-handed outfielder and first baseman, and former Compton High football and baseball captain; Marvin Taylor, Long Beach City College star first baseman a few years back; George "Chick" Dillion, a familiar boy to South Bay fans, a third baseman of the San Pedro Athletic Club team who went to the Cleveland Play-Offs last year; Bob Costa, another member of the 1947 San Pedro A. C. team, who play shortstop; Claude Bachtelle, centerfielder from Wilmington who played with Cuttle last year on the Montebello squad; Buddy Griffith, pepper-pot second baseman also from Wilmington, one time the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers; and 220-pound "Mickey" Colmer, playing first base for the Scuttlers and keeping in shape for football season and the fullback spot with the professional Brooklyn Dodgers.

HOP-SKIP-AND-JUMP . . . ball artist is Ted Carlsgaard, chucker for the Torrance Scuttlers, local fans will see in action Tuesday night against Garden Grove in the National Niteball League Opener. Ted has pitched as many as 17 consecutive no-hit innings. (Staff photo)

Les Gebhard, manages the Torrance entry in the National league. Last year the hustling manager piloted the San Pedro A.C. to the Cleveland National Title Play-Offs and could possibly do the same with the potentially better squad he is now guiding.

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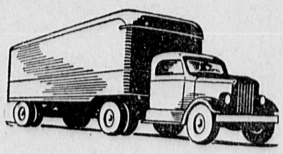

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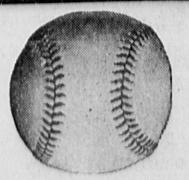

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