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Scuttlers Finagling for Clayton, McNeil, Lazarotto and Ludiker

By game time Friday night Dick Cuttie, sponsor of the Torrance Scuttlers, hopes to have Earl Clayton, "Shorty" Lazarotto, Bobby McNeil and possibly a couple of other local players including Bill Ludiker, signed to play with his National League Niteballers.

Cuttle witnessed the Monday night Columbia-Goodyear fracas and invited a few of the boys to Santa Ana. Lazarotto worked the game at second and in 13 innings he connected with the ball during each time at bat except once.

The Scuttlers dropped the Santa Ana contest after 13 frames by the close score (again) of 2-1. Phil Knight worked the first eight innings until Manager Les Gebhard put in Ted Carlsgaard as a pinch hitter for Knight. Ted dribbled one down the first base line and Fletcher scoring from third threw a 200-pound body block on the catcher, umpire, ball and a couple of yards of dirt and pinned them all back against the screen.

Cuttle says he will definitely work Lazarotto, Clayton and McNeil Friday night against Fullerton's LeRoy Zimmerman. This will be a rough test as Zimmerman is rated as one of the top softball chuckers in the United States. In the last Scuttlers-Fullerton contest here last month, Zimmerman fanned 20 batters to equal Lou Novikoff's record back in 1936. Their consolation, if they don't hit the ball, will be that they are not much worse than anybody else.

In a game played here last Friday against the Long Beach Streaks, local fans saw the Scuttlers drop another hard to take beating at the hands of Joe Rogers and his boy, 4-0.

TORRANCE
Box scores:

Player	AB	H	O	A
Dillon, 3b	4	0	1	3
Bennett, 1b	3	0	11	1
Costa, ss	4	1	1	2
Boden, c	3	0	7	2
Fletcher, cf	3	0	0	0
Mungo, lf	3	0	2	1
Olsen, rf	3	0	0	0
Griffith, 2b	2	1	5	2
Carlsgaard, p	1	0	0	3
Knight, p	0	0	0	0
Lazarotto, 2b	1	0	0	1
Totals	28	2	27	14

Score by innings:

Long Beach	000	000	400—4
Torrance	000	000	000—0

Summary: Home runs—Tabak. Two base hits—DeWeese, Costa. Sacrifice hit—Thiery. Bases on balls—off Carlsgaard 4, DeWeese 2, Knight 3. Struck out—by Carlsgaard 5, DeWeese 20, Knight 1. Stolen base—Herron. Double plays—Donovan to Jones, Mungo to Bennett. Umpires—Telle, Kulp.

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GEORGE "CURLY" BARTHALO . . . Barthalo bet his barber a six months supply of free haircuts that Jersey Joe Walcott would be the conqueror of the still unconquered Joe Louis. Barthalo lost his wager and his hair, but it looks like the barber lost also for it's a fair guess that Barthalo won't be back for a haircut for the next six months anyhow. The girl? Betty Townsend. Pretty, huh! Both are Torrance residents. (Herald Photo).

Middleweight from Lomita on Bowl Card

Charles Marioneaux, fast-improving middleweight from Lomita, who has been billed erroneously as being from Long Beach in the past few weeks, will get his chance to step into the boxing spotlight when he takes on Sylvester Goldsmith in the semiwindup of the amateur boxing show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

Marioneaux and Goldsmith have fought twice before, and each has crawled back through the ropes with a kayo verdict after terrific battles.

Friday's fight will be a rematch of the skirmish last week, which was won by Goldsmith by a TKO in the fourth.

Headline fight of the night brings out Monte Clarke, the San Diego Naval Station light heavyweight star, who has won two straight popular main events at the Bowl, against a powerful rival Harry Hawkins of Los Angeles.

Top preliminary, on another all-action "club" show, will bring out Alfred Thompson of San Diego vs. Tino Fierro of Wilmington in a welterweight go. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 1: Goodyear vs. Pacific Electric. Columbia Steel vs. National Supply. First game 7 p.m.

Friday, July 2—Scuttlers vs. Fullerton, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 3—Lion Cubs vs. Redondo, 10:30 a.m., Fern Avenue Annex.

Saturday, July 3: Optimists 16ers vs. Redondo, 9:a.m., Fern Avenue Annex.

Sunday, July 4—Police Club vs. Alloy Diecraft, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6—Scuttlers vs. Anaheim, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 7—Felkers vs. Harvey Machine. YMCA vs. Ideco. First game 7 p.m.

All games at the Torrance City Park unless otherwise noted.

Cycle Maniacs Return for Distance Race

Wednesday night, the daredevil two-wheeled motorcycle maniacs return to Carrell Speedway for another distance racing program. Qualifying starts at 7:30 p.m., first race of the 10-event card being flagged at 8:30 p.m. Nationally-famed riders compete weekly, including Flying Floyd Emde, 200-mile Daytona Beach champion; Don Evans, 100-mile king; Ed Kretz, veteran champion; Jack Horn, 1947 100-mile Daytona victor; Bobby Turner, Illinois state kingpin; Ernie Roccio, Pacific coast quarter-mile champion, and many others.

National Loop Standings

League Standings	Won	Lost
Fullerton	13	3
Anaheim	13	3
Long Beach	11	5
Santa Ana	10	6
Whittier	6	10
Garden Grove	4	12
Torrance	4	12
Orange	2	13

These standings consider the games up to but not including Tuesday night's games.

1,450,000 "SMITHS"

Wage records of the old-age and survivors insurance program show approximately 1,450,000 "Smiths" (including Smythes, Schmidts, etc.) more than any other surname group.

NOW IF YOU ASK ME . . .

Every man has the right to his own opinion and every other man has the right to knock him down for expressing it.

That is what Louis must have felt when Walcott said, "I'll get him this time sure."

Now that the fight is over, here are some of the opinions of a few local fight followers who heard and saw the fight.

(The views expressed here are those of the persons interviewed and do not necessarily express the opinion of the writer.)

Jim Shidler: I'm voting Demo.

Rev. Torben Olsen: I'm glad he won. I'm also glad he is retiring. He was one of the greatest champions.

George Paltridge Jr: It was a good fight until Walcott quit.

Councilman Nickolas Drale: I picked Louis anyway.

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster: I had round 11 in two pools.

Freddie Bickar: We got a bad decision.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. It should have been in the third. I lost a buck.

Jim Wilkes: I was surprised after the sixth. I thought it was Joe Walcott.

Councilman George Powell: I'm glad myself. I hope the powers that be use their head in setting up a new champ.

Councilman Bob Haggard:...!

Coach Cliff Graybehl: Good fight. Scientific.

Dale Riley: No comment other than it was wrong round.

Jimmy Wayt: Uninteresting fight.

600 See Columbia Whip Goodyear

Behind the 14 strike-out pitching of Bill Ludiker, Columbia Steel moved into first place in the second round by defeating Goodyear 1-0 Monday night before 600 shouting fans.

Ludiker, by virtue of his one-hit victory over the Rubbermakers fell heir to the title of leading pitcher in the league. Sammy Sunseri, who held the No. 1 spot until nudged out by Ludiker, fanned 10 and allowed three hits.

In reality, however, it was Sunseri who did the nudging. He purposely walked Earl Clayton in the sixth inning to load the bases and then the strategy backfired when Ludiker, next man up, also drew a walk and forced "Shorty" Lazarotto to score the winning run.

Last Monday night's victory practically pushed the Steelers in the City Championship playoffs unless they get overconfident and drop tonight's game against National.

Line score:

		R	H	E
Goodyear	000 000 0—0	0	3	1
Columbia	000 001 x—1	1	3	0

Batteries: Sunseri and Brady; Ludiker and Clayton.

In the evening's night cap the YMCA caught up with National Supply in the second round standings by defeating the Nats by a 9-6 count.

Bruce Drummond, the losing hurler, although allowing only three hits gave them up at times when it really hurt. He tried unsuccessfully to put his club back in the race in the sixth inning by knocking out a four-bagger with Gene Morris and Bob Stewart on base.

Darrel Brixey, winning chucker, had a two-hitter going into the sixth until the Naths batting line-up found the range for four hits.

Line Score:

		R	H	E
YMCA	210 051 0—9	3	6	1
National	101 103 1—6	8	7	1

Batteries: Brixey and Licht, Schwenk. Drummond and Malone.

STELLAR STEELER . . . Bill Ludiker has been hotter than a Fourth of July firecracker lately in leading the Columbia Steel nine into a position to grab off the second round championship and a crack at the title of best softball team in the Industrial League.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Columbia	5	0	1.000
Goodyear	4	1	.800
YMCA	3	2	.600
National	3	2	.600
Ideco	1	3	.250
Harvey	1	3	.250
Felkers	1	3	.250
Pacific Electric	0	4	.000

Standings of the teams for the first round were as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Goodyear	6	2	.857
Felkers	6	2	.857
National	5	2	.714
Columbia	4	3	.571
Ideco	3	4	.428
Harvey	3	4	.428
YMCA	2	5	.285
Pacific Electric	0	7	.000

National - 1 DiMets - 0

Sliding in safe at home Bobby Golden of National Supply accounted for the lone tally in the game that saw Felkers DiMets drop a thrilling pitchers duel, 1-0, last Thursday night.

Golden scored after knocking out a triple which was the only hit taken from Van West. His slide into the plate knocked the ball from Catcher Tom Justice's hand.

Don Moser, winning chucker, allowed but one hit also and that went to Van West.

National	000 001	1	1	1
Felker	000 000	0	1	1

Batteries, Moser and Malone. Van West and Justice.

Columbia started their bid for the second round championship and a crack at the city title by defeating Ideco in the night cap, 12-0.

Bill Ludiker of the Steelers was stellar. He put 30 strikes against 10 batters, yielded only two hits and managed to grab off two hits in three trips to the plate.

Jimmy Meyers, Columbia's left fielder, also hit two for three, one of which was a three-runhomer in the third period.

Ideco	000 000 0—0	2	7	
Columbia	004 260 x—12	9	3	

Batteries: Fowler, Thomas and Jackson; Pierson. Ludiker and Clayton.

Goodyear - 4 YMCA - 0

In games played during the latter part of last week, Sunseri fanned 18 YMCA batters to plug his squad into a 6-0 win. Sunseri pitched no-hit ball until the last of the fourth, when Dan Cisneros, shortstop, bingled one to ruin the Goodyear's ace pitcher's try for a no-hitter.

Al Coast went in for the YMCA to substitute for Derrill Brixey and held the Rubbermakers to four singles.

Goodyear	100 000 4—4	4	0	
YMCA	000 000 0—0	0	3	

Batteries: Sunseri and Brady, Coast and Schwenk.

In the night cap played last Wednesday, Charlie Garrison of Harvey Machine tossed a one-hitter to lead his team to a 10-1 victory over the Pacific Electric team. Ernest Baily, losing chucker, picked off the single hit when he slammed one deep into left field for a homer.

P. E.	010 000 0—1	1	4	
Harvey	102 142 x—10	6	1	

Batteries: Bailey and Mitchell, Garrison and Hannon.

Boom-Booms and Hot Rods Spot Carrell Show

There'll be Fourth of July fireworks available Saturday night, July 3 at Carrell Speedway—both of the hot rod racing variety and the real McCoy with aerial and ground displays.

That's the news from Managing Director J. C. Agajanian, whose creed at the banked half-mile dirt Gardena plant always has been one of giving the fans their money's worth. Fireworks worth several thousand dollars will be set off at intervals.

"The hot rod racing program will be capped by a 100-lap main event, featuring the California Roadster Association chauffeurs, finest in the Southland. Time trials will begin at 7 p.m., with the traditional trophy dash for quickest qualifying cars starting at 8:30 p.m.

Blasts Killing Too Many Fish

John E. Fitch, biologist with the State Bureau of Marine Fisheries, told the California Fish and Game Commission today that from March, 1947 to January, 1948 41,000 pounds of fish were killed in Pacific waters by explosions conducted in connection with explorations for oil.

In detail, he said, their investigation found that shots buried in the bottom of the seashore killed approximately five pounds of fish for each shot. Shots made from a few feet below the surface, Fitch said, killed 32 pounds for each shot. Shots in the open water were the greatest killer of fish.

Commercial and sport fishermen, however, are opposed to the killing of fish by use of explosives on the coast line.

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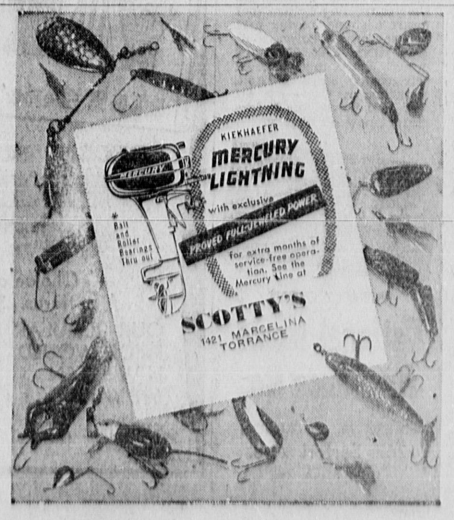

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