

NAVY SOFTBALL

Navy top-bracket softball teams will meet in New York City the week of Sept. 5, 1948 in competition for the All-Navy Softball Championship.

NAVY AQUATIC MEET

Navy swimming and diving teams will meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the week of Aug. 22, 1948, in competition for All-Navy Championship awards.

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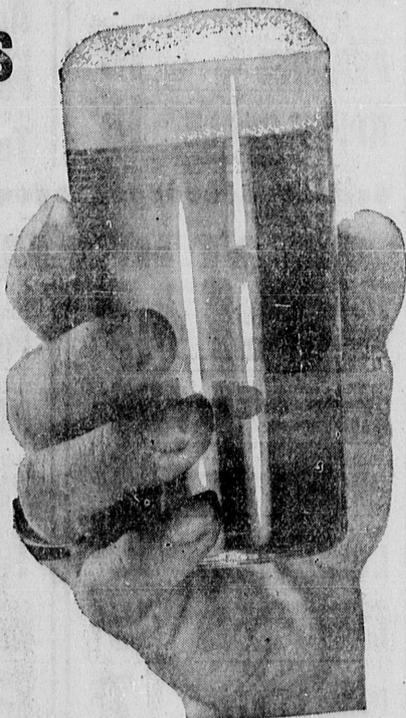
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LOCAL CAR CLOSE IN 500-MILER, WEST SAYS

A local car came closer than the winning slate told in capturing the most famous race in the world, the mechanic, a Lombard indicated today.

Dave West, of 2337 1/2 Pacific Coast Highway, who recently returned from the May 31 Indianapolis classic 500-mile event, implied that the local car piloted by Jimmy Jackson might have hit the jackpot except for an untimely mishap.

As it was, the local racer grabbed tenth spot and prize money of \$4,120.

A broken front spindle in the front wheel drive racer at a crucial spot in the race cost Jackson any chance of beating winner Maurie Rose out of the \$12,800 first prize money, West said.

He also remarked that the front wheeler gained the respect of many drivers and mechanics at the 2 1/2-mile oval because of its ability to hold the curves at high speeds on the oily track.

West said the car will be back in the grind next year for a pot shot at the \$171,175 pot.

New \$125,000 Sports Center To Get Sendoff

Harbor City's new \$125,000 sports center at 1615 Pacific Coast highway will receive a gala send off tomorrow night at the official "grand opening" of the spacious bowling, emporium.

Featuring 10 Brunswick "Series 600" alleys, pool tables, a cafe, and lounge, the super-modern structure will present open bowling throughout the summer months.

Owner Primo Giordanengo announced that tomorrow's "christening" will feature bowling exhibitions, entertainment, fun and prizes.

Under the management of Ray Martin, the sports establishment is to be called the "101 Bowling Center".

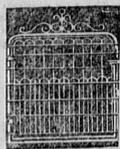
Manager Ray Martin said that Joe Wilman, world's match game champion in 1946, will demonstrate the alleys' "inlaid range finder" to the public this afternoon starting at 2 p.m. The "range finder", a device to assist spot bowlers, is the only one in Southern California, Martin said.

Firs league bowling at the establishment will get underway next Sept. 7th.

Locker room facilities for both men and women are available at the new center, which is an air conditioned, 83x130-foot structure build of solid reinforced concrete blocks.

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VOTED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER—Nick Boden, Scuttlers hard-working back stop who was voted by his teammates as the most valuable member of the squad. Nick hit three for three against Anaheim last Tuesday night to knock them from a tie for second place in the National Niteball League.

— Herald Photo.

Scuttlers' Manager Resigns Over Dispute On Using Local Players

Les Gephard, manager of the Torrance Scuttlers, resigned his post this week over a dispute about using more Torrance players on the team, according to Dick Cuttle, owner of the Torrance Franchise in the National Niteball League.

"Chubby" Ford, assistant manager also resigned his post.

The dispute started several weeks ago as the Scuttlers hovered about the bottom step on the cellar ladder and Cuttle attempted to bolster the Scuttlers' lineup with a few local names. Ronnie Dean and Bill Dietlin traveled to Santa Ana on a promise of Cuttle that they would play the game. Cuttle asked Mungo and Fletcher not to suit up as he would like to work two Torrance boys. Disgusted, they dropped the team, according to first hand reports of the incident.

Gebhard, then revolted at the interference of not being able to work the players he thought suited the best interest of the Scuttlers. He then asked Cuttle for his release.

It is felt by many local fans that the Scuttlers would draw a bigger crowd with more local names on the team. This, apparently, was what Cuttle was attempting to do when the dispute between the former San Pedro A.C. manager and the sponsor came to a head.

Team spirit was at a low ebb last Friday night as the Scuttlers dropped their third game against Fullerton, 6-4.

Tuesday night, however, things looked a lot better and the team played errorless ball in upsetting Anaheim, 3-0. Anaheim was in a tie with the Long Beach Green Streaks for second place.

Nick Boden, catcher, batted 1,000 with his three for three.

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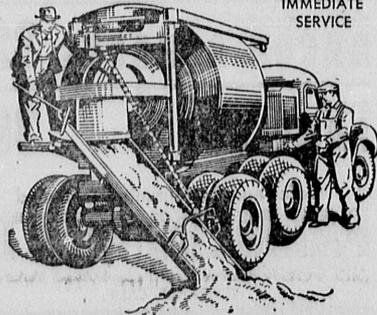
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