

Tournament Lead-off Games Thrill Semi-pro Fans

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NARROW MARGINS MARK TOURNAMENT OPENERS

With one and two run differences marking the margin between victory and defeat, the Seventh Annual Torrance American Legion Semipro Baseball Tournament, now in the middle of the first round, seems fair to bid for honors as the most tightly fought title-battle in the history of the tournament.

Alloy Diecraft blanked Burbank American Legion 5-0 in the opener which turned out to be the biggest win margin so far. Still to be seen and reckoned with are some of the top seeded teams of the 30 or 31 game contest. Los Angeles Police, Burkes Service and Wilmington Athletic Club are likely to provide similar contests when they meet their opponents at Cressey Park, Hawthorne American Legion and the Hollywood Dodgers later in the week.

Alloy Diecraft drew the first blood in the current semi-pro tournament by defeating Burbank American Legion, 5-0 in the opener last Saturday night.

The perennial Tillie Schaffer led the Allied attack by fanning 10 Burbank batters. B. Frost, a regular catcher for the Montebello team, accepted the starting mound chores and fanned five, and walked five before being relieved by DeCarlo who fanned three and sent two down to first on free passes. The game was marked by two double plays, both by Alloy. The first was a fly to leftfielder Santee who threw to second baseman McGuire. On the second DP, Kipp at third tagged up, threw to McGuire who pegged to Fisher at first to complete the play.

Kipp led the Alloy's batting attack as the only man in the game to get more than one hit. He collected three single bingles.

Line score:
Burbank 000 000 000—0 2 5
Alloy 002 000 300—5 7 2
Batteries: Frost, DeCarlo and Frost, Widner and Hess, Scorekeeper, Bud Edwards.

Alloy's victory over Burbank threw them into a second round tilt against Arcadia who beat the Deadeaux Trojans in a fighting finish, 4-3.

The Trojans were trailing the Arcadia clan by three runs as they went into the ninth frame. They pushed across two runs for the start of a victory drive and had a man on second with the tying run. Raoul Dedeaux decided to let Maynard Horst, the chucker, go to bat. A near riot followed the call-down on strikes by Umpire Roy Culp.

However, the ending was no more filled with spice and vinegar than the rest of the game



WHITE WAITS — Long Beach Rockets' catcher, Stan White, waits for the throw that arrived too late to cut off Al Coultis, Montebello's right pasture fly-snagger, from scoring during the third game of the Semi-pro tournament last Monday night. Jim Bridewiser, left, had just crossed the plate ahead of teammate Coultis. The umpire Nick Schaykoski. The Rockets won, 4-3. —Photo by Ruben Hernandez.

which was marked with the successful use of the ancient hidden ball trick, a brilliant one-handed-back-hand-running-into-the-fence catch by Charles Pryor, the Trojans left fielder, robbing Jake Woods of a three bagger, and a broken bat flying crazily through the infield.

By virtue of their defeat the Trojans will meet the Burbank American Legion in the second round tilt on Monday, Aug. 16.

Trojans 500 001 002—3 7 3
Arcadia 110 000 505—4 3 2
Batteries: Fidler, Horst and McKelvey, Harrison and Smith.

In the third contest of the month-long tournament, the Long Beach Rockets, who fell right behind the second place Montebello team in the 1947 championship fight, eked out a 4-3 victory over practically

the same team in a contest Monday night. Buzz Bachtelle, winning pitcher, showed a little of his old form in fanning seven and allowing but four free passes. Bachtelle spent a couple of years in a prison camp during the war that did nothing for his baseball abilities. Those who knew him before the war and who kept close tabs on his checking career were glad to see him hold the potentially powerful Montebello outfit to six hits.

Bill Seinsoth, ex-St. Louis Browns pitching star, gave the Rockets a half dozen bingles which included the first three bagger of the '48 tournament and also a two bagger, the first of the contest. Bill Caplinger got credit for the triple while Don Brammer received the two bag honors.

Rockets 101 020 000—4 6 4
Montebello 000 000 000—3 6 2
Batteries: Bachtelle and White, Seinsoth, Lantz, Umpire, Clayson and Culp, Scorekeeper, Bud Edwards.

Jack Widner, Eastside's mound artist, put the game on ice Tuesday night when his single to right field drove in two runs in the fourth inning. Eastside won over the Huntington Park Robins, 4-2.

Boyd Davis, Robins' pitching star, outdid Widner slightly in fanning 11 compared to 10 for the Eastsider. Davis walked four, Widner six.

Jack Smith, H. P.'s second sacker and Jack Chisholm, E.B.'s second sacker, got the only other extra hits which were doubles. No one hit more than once with safe hits going to Smith, Weyrick and Abbott, all of Huntington Park and to DeVine, Constantino, Consoia, Chisholm and Widner of Eastside.

Robins 050 020 000—2 3 1
Eastside 002 200 000—4 6 2
Batteries: Davis and Jesse, Widner and Haines, Umpire, Trushare and Culp, Scorekeeper, Bud Edwards.

Last night's contest between the Torrance Police Club and the Yugoslav-American Club from San Pedro finished up too late for this issue.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Local Games—
Where When

| SENIOR BOYS | GIRLS LEAGUE |
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| Aug. 17, Torrance vs Walleria, 7 p.m., Lomita vs Redondo, 8:15 p.m., Lomita Park. | Aug. 16, Howard vs Lomita, 8:15 p.m., Lomita Park. |
| WORKMAN'S LEAGUE | Aug. 18, National Appliance vs Normont Terrace, 7 p.m., Lomita Park. |
| Aug. 12, American-Standard vs Optimist, Diamond No. 1, G. P. Meter Shop vs Longren, Diamond No. 2, Fern Avenue Park, 5:30 p.m. | JUNIOR BOYS LEAGUE |
| Aug. 13, Navy Annex vs Johns Club, Fern Avenue Park, 5:30 p.m. | Aug. 17, Jr. Amer. Legion vs Panters, Diamond No. 1, Jr. Optimist vs Jr. Hi-Y, Diamond No. 2, 5:30 p.m., Fern Avenue Park. |
| Aug. 15, Ideco Swing Shift vs Longren, 1 p.m., Fern Avenue Park. | PEE WEE LEAGUE |
| MIDGET LEAGUE | Aug. 13, Rangers vs Milams, Diamond No. 1, 9 a.m., Greens vs Grays, Diamond No. 1, 10:30 a.m., Lomita vs Bwags, Diamond No. 2, 10 a.m. |
| Aug. 17, Knights vs Awags, Diamond No. 1, 10 a.m., Streaks vs Aces, Diamond No. 2, 10 a.m., Fern Avenue Park. | |

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Tournament Schedule

With all games scheduled for 8:15 p.m. the following schedule of games will be played during the coming week. The second round starts on Sunday night.

Thursday, Aug. 12, Hollywood Dodgers vs Hawthorne American Legion.

Friday, Aug. 13, Wilmington Athletic Club vs Burke's Service.

Saturday, Aug. 14, Cressey Park vs Los Angeles Police.

Sunday, Aug. 15, Alloy Diecraft vs Arcadia.

Monday, Aug. 16, Burbank American Legion vs Dedeaux Trojans.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, Long Beach Rockets vs Eastside Beer.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, Montebello vs Huntington Park Robins.

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