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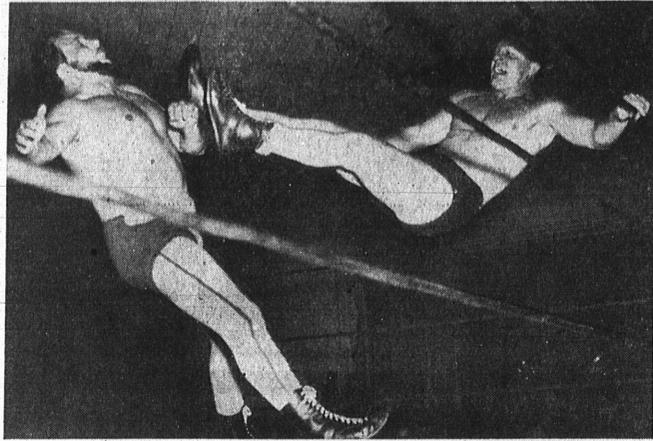
## Torrance Cop In Stalemate With Hawaiian

By Jack O. Baldwin

Seven hundred and fifty cheering, villain-booging wrestling fans left the Civic Auditorium last Thursday night convinced that "television was never like this."

According to Tweed Jolly, president of the Torrance Optimist Club, sponsoring organization of the four-match exhibition, 602 paid admissions were checked through the turnstiles opening night. Approximately another 150 persons including the Torrance Area Youth Band, members of the club, officials, and guests made it a "good audience" as far as the wrestlers were concerned.

First to climb into the square circle were Torrance's own three-wheeled motorcycle jockey—Policeman Tex Beal, who was making his first professional wrestling debut—and his opponent,



THAT'S A DROPKICK . . . Ray Gideon flies through the air with the greatest of ease and Bennie Trusdale, the beard, does the dropping. Tex Beal at the right applies a hammer lock on Big Leo Kalima the Hawaiian. —Herald photos by Jack Baldwin.

Leo Kalima, 240-pound Hawaiian. The 220-pound Beal had a little trouble with his arithmetic and finally made it a double hand ceremony at the end of the bout. Beal just could not quite solve the figure four leg snatch before the big islander would head for the ropes.

At any rate, the bout was a crowd pleaser.

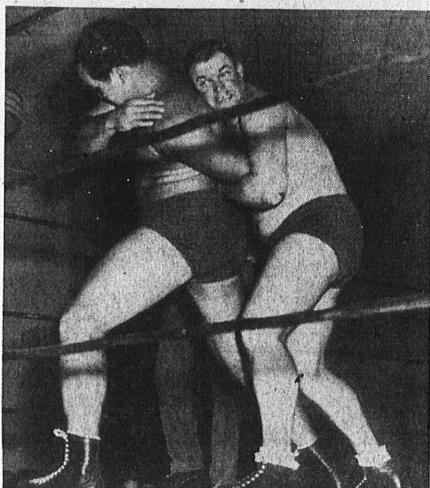
Mat Murphy, 208-pounder from San Pedro (hero) took the next match from Al Billings, a 240-pound New Yorker (villain). Highlight of match was the application of a rare wrestling hold known as the "alligator smash." This was applied to the shining pate of Mr. Billings by a rabid female ringsider who clouted Mr. Billings with a foot-and-half long alligator "purse" squarely on the noggin—surprising even herself.

The night was definitely fan night in the ring. A little later the bearded Bennie Trusdale of Canada just missed being laid out by a rap on the head by a ringsider who took out his venom on Trusdale by leveling a hefty swing at the villain with a pair of crutches.

The very popular Ray Gideon, 192-pounder from Santa Monica, took the decision from Referee Cecil Payne of San Pedro.

Both boys turned in a good performance, and judging from the crowd the Optimist Club could have left the seats out of the auditorium—nobody was sitting in them.

In the main event it was the "Gripping Greek from Crippling Creek"—Babe Zaharias—a 250-pound elbow-smashing, bone-



Crushing grappler who lost the first two falls (a popular decision) to handsome Terry McGinnis, the mayor of Westchester.

During the first fall of the two-out-of-three, one hour time limit match, McGinnis and Referee Payne spent more time outside the ring than in. Three times Zaharias pitched the curly headed McGinnis right out of the high ring district and into the laps of the ringsiders—including the purse-wielding lady fan who scampered to the safety of the fourth row back.

Eavesdropping on the crowd as they left the auditorium the general comment of the fans was: "Why didn't someone think of this before?"

The grunt and groaners will return next Thursday with a card to be announced by Delbert Vaughn of the Optimist Club.

## March of Dimes Gets \$50 From Wrestling Bouts

The March of Dimes will get \$50 from the charity wrestling exhibition put on last week by the Optimists Club, Del Vaughn, the club's committee chairman, announced yesterday.

That may seem small, he said, but he, too, was surprised by some of the expenses that ate up the profits of the first bouts staged at the Civic Auditorium by the club.

The total ticket sales amounted to \$586, he said.

The wrestlers got \$300. Uncle Sam took \$97.

The referee got \$22.50. The State Athletic Commission took \$24.50 for its support.

Insurance to protect the wrestlers in case of injury cost \$4.74.

New ropes, lines, a mat cover and other initial expenses of setting up the ring took \$83.60. Advertising cost \$10.

That left \$43.66.

But the committee felt the March of Dimes should get at least \$50.

They hope to make more on the next bout.

Profits of next Thursday's exhibition will be needed to pay off the license and bonds which have cost \$100; insurance on the building during wrestling matches, which cost \$85; a portable shower that cost \$40, and fireproof paper covering for the auditorium floor at a cost of \$75.

Then, any profits that accrue during the remaining five nights of wrestling will go to buying equipment and materials for the Junior Optimists boys' workshop and extra money will be given to outside charities.



BACKING INTO IN . . . Practicing to fling themselves into the swim for El Camino in the Southern California Junior College Swimming Meet at Fullerton on May 17 are these

Alondra coeds, left to right, Beverly Nelson, Donna Day, Jo Anne Spark, Barbara Barron and Jettie Sandborn, who comes from Torrance.

## Sports

### Tartar Tennis Tyros Topped In Two Tries

The Tartar tennis tyros more than met their match last Thursday in their first Bay League match at Inglewood. Counted one of the three best tennis teams in Southern California, Inglewood took the fledgling Tartar team 8-1 with Ronnie Selover winning the only victory for Torrance.

The Tartars did some better against Gardena Tuesday, coming off 5-4. Coach Charles Wallace says the boys are doing very well indeed for brand new players—this is the first year for the sport at Torrance on an organized basis—but they just can't expect to compete in the Bay League this year on an equal basis. He hopes to do better against Redondo, Jordan and Leuzinger, but the up-bay teams, hmmm.

And just to make the point clearer, he said, the Tartar men will go to Santa Monica this afternoon to demonstrate. Who is Santa Monica? Just rated one of the best in the nation, that's all, he said. That's all.

Torrance-Inglewood scores: Singles Groves vs. Harrington, 6-3, 6-2, Inglewood.

Wainford vs. Roney, 6-4, 6-4, Inglewood.

Smith vs. Haeggs, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, Inglewood.

Burner vs. Karsten, 6-3, 6-2, Inglewood.

Selover vs. Carr, 6-2, 6-3, Torrance.

Doubles Pryor and Bourne vs. Ballwanz and Faxon, 6-2, 6-2, Inglewood.

Whistler and Wright vs. Lashbrook and Schultz, 6-2, 8-6, Inglewood.

Final score: Inglewood 8, Torrance 1.

Torrance-Gardena scores: Singles Munford vs. Marshall, 6-1, 6-1, Gardena.

Smith vs. Lee, 6-1, 7-5, Gardena.

Groves vs. Rios, 6-2, 8-6, Gardena.

Selover vs. De Santis, 7-5, 6-3, Torrance.

Collins vs. Bolton, 7-5, 7-5, Torrance.

Doubles Pryor and Bourne vs. Marron and Danon, 6-2, 6-4, Gardena.

Whistler and Wright vs. Groth and Cobbe, 6-4, 6-1, Torrance.

Final score: Gardena 5, Torrance 4.

## Nightmare Rides Tartars In First League Game

By BOB LEEDOM  
Herald Sports Editor

"It was a nightmare," says Cliff Graybell. He's referring to the first league game of the season, played last Thursday against Inglewood.

More specifically, he's referring to the first inning. That's the inning Inglewood went around the circuit so many times, they almost wore themselves out.

The exact count was eleven times.

Don't think Coach Graybell is getting superstitious, but he mumbled something about the first inning of his game this year being jinxed. Something like this has been happening in practice games—but not exactly like that—eleven hits in the first inning.

In fact, nothing like that ever happened to Cliff before in his entire baseball career.

It has to be a jinx, though, he says.

It can't be the boys. They're in there fighting every minute as though a pennant depended on it.

Even Charlie Camou, whose neck got limber watching the Inglewoodians circle his pitcher's box in that first round, was still fighting when Cliff lifted him with eight runs counted and the bases loaded.

And Larry Roy fought, too, as he took Charlie's place to watch the Inglewoodians unload the bases at home plate for that total count of eleven.

And from then on, Larry fought even harder with better results. He held them to one in the second, one in the third.

And he held the invaders scoreless and held the sixth when they faltered again. And then they broke through his weariness to add three more in the seventh for a total count of 17 to the one run Larry was able to make for the Tartars with the benefit of a hit by Jimmie Murphy.

Jimmie incidentally, has batted an even .500 in his six games

played so far. He got one out of three against Inglewood, said to be the second best team in the league this year.

Redondo is accredited so far with being top stuff.

"Rip" Carlisle was the local hero of the game.

He handled so many putouts at third base, Cliff thought of sending him a catcher's mask and chest protector. His score for the day included six putouts, two assists and one error. He also started a double-play that halted an Inglewood uprising in the fourth frame, when they had the bases loaded.

Cliff has more heart for the second league game coming up

tomorrow with Santa Monica at Corsair Field at 3 p.m. The Corsairs lost their first tilt to Jordan, too, but at a more respectable score of 3-2. Wendell Vaughn, whose game arm is now repaired, is expected to start the game with Larry Roy and Duane Mittan in reserve.

Here's the line score on last week's debate:

Inglewood . . . (11) 1-0-0-1-3 17 15 3  
Torrance . . . (0) 0-1-0-0-0 1 2 0

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