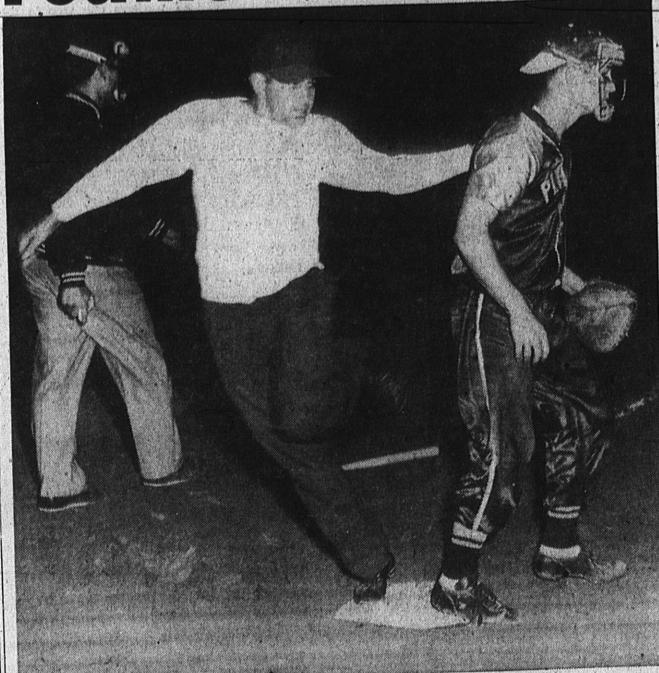


Four Teams Remain in Softball Tournament

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All Local Nines Out of Playoffs

Only four teams remain in the 1950 Invitational Softball Tournament—Star Kist Tuna of San Pedro, Hague & Thomas of Inglewood, Lopez Realty of Huntington Beach, and Gonzales Construction Company of San Pedro.

One of these four teams will be the winner of the tournament. Semi-final contests in the race to see just who that one winner will be, will get under way at 8 o'clock this evening when Star Kist Tuna and Hague & Thomas meet in the first of the nine-inning games scheduled to wind up the affair.

Only one game will be played tonight. The teams will be allowed an hour for warm-up and batting practice before the umpire yells "Play Ball" at 8. Tomorrow night Lopez Realty and Gonzales Construction Company will meet to decide the other half of the semi-final slate. They will play a nine-inning game beginning at 8.

TROPHY ARRANGED
The tournament winner will receive a handsome team trophy put up by the Bert S. Crossland post of the American Legion here in Torrance, according to E. S. Moon, athletic director of the city. James Parks, commander of the post, announced this week that the Legion had voted to sponsor the trophy for the tournament this year.

Play in the tournament during the past week has been highlighted by the showing of some first-rate teams. **HOT GAME SET**
Lopez Realty, who originally entered the tournament under the name of Butcher's Local No. 563, showed that they were serious contenders for honors in the playoff. The game tomorrow night between them and the Gonzales Construction Company should be one of the best of the tournament.

Harvey Machine looked sharp in downing the so-so Jerry's Fountain gang last Friday. They showed the fans that they were not in the tourney just for the ride.

Remember, the semi-finals start at 8 o'clock this evening, with another game tomorrow evening. The final game will be under the lights at 8 o'clock Monday evening. That final game should be the game of the year on the local diamond, regardless of which two teams finally meet.

Potters Local Out
Another local team bowed out of the tourney last Thursday evening when the Gunga Din club of Hawthorne measured Potters Local for the count in a 7-3 contest.

Jack White pitched for the winning Gunga Din, limiting the Potters to three hits. One was a sixth-inning home run by first baseman Don Fulton.

The winners made six hits from the pitching of Hank Brislinger for seven runs. Pitcher White blasted a fifth-inning homer to aid his own cause.

Potters Local joined the ranks of American Rockwool, Youth for Christ, and Lovelady who had previously been eliminated from the tournament.

Columbia Defeated
Picking up Lopez Realty as a sponsor, the sharp-looking Huntington Beach team entered in the softball tourney as the Butcher's Local No. 563 made a bid for playoff honors as they downed the Columbia Steel nine 5-0 in Thursday evening's second contest.

Led by the two-hit pitching of John Lopez, the Realty softballers played errorless ball, while putting the Stealers down one-to-three after the third inning.

Lopez catcher Joe Bueno was a near casualty in the first inning when he lost a shoe tagging out Columbia's shortstop.

Torrance Park Midgets Down Walteria II to 7

With Steve Johnson's heavy hitting leading the way, the Torrance Park Midgets scored an 11-7 win over Walteria last Friday at the victor's diamond.

Johnson blasted out a home run with one aboard in the first frame to start the Park boys on their way and added two singles to his credit in his other trips to the batter's box.

Fern Park's nine kept up its league-leading pace in Pee Wee play with a 27-7 rout over El Retiro. The winners pushed 13 runs across the home plate in the final inning to jinx their opponents.

Twirler Don Ziemke and First Baseman Tony Ward of the Fern club looked sharp at the plate as they both hit home runs and other extra-base hits.

Other playground scores: Park Strips 13, Perry 2. Park and Blue Jays 7, Fern Jones 0.

the top of the seventh when a hit and a series of errors allowed four H and T runs across the plate.

Bob Amos did the hurling again for the winners—his second win of the playoffs—and Charlie Camou hurled for the losing Fenwick nine.

Shortstop Vince Porter, playing for the Inglewood team, went into the game batting a sound 1.000 after getting five for five in the first game. He got two for four Monday night to drop his average to .777. Still good batting.

No-Hitter Hurdled
Lopez Realty had a tougher time downing the Gunga Din club of Hawthorne than most observers had thought they would, but they finally ousted the boys 3-1 to enter the semi-finals of the tourney.

John Lopez, pitching for the winners, chalked up the tournament's first no-hit game when he snuffed the Gunga Din lads with 16 strikeouts.

The strike-out record also was the high for the tourney.

Jack White pitched for the losers, allowing four hits. Lopez Larry Silva got his third home run of the playoff when he popped a four-bagger in the top of the fourth inning. He collected two last Thursday against Columbia.

Last Local Dropped
Harvey Machine, the last local team to go out of the playoff, dropped a 11-2 game to the strong Gonzales Construction nine from San Pedro after blowing up in the fifth and allowing nine runs across. Until then, it was a tight game.

Hal Nelms pitched again for the San Pedro club, allowing only two hits (which gives him a total of five for two games). He struck out 11 Harveymen, which gives him a total of 19 strikeouts for the two games he's pitched here.

Dean Richie, pitching for Harvey, whiffed six to bring his tourney total to 21.

Injured Racer Returns Home From Hospital

Home from the hospital this week is midget race driver Dwight Gunn, who suffered serious injuries six weeks ago when his racer crashed a barrier at the Culver City Stadium during a main-event race.

Gunn, who had been confined to the Santa Monica hospital since receiving his injuries on June 30, returned to his home at 2363 Torrance boulevard Sunday.

The racing driver was injured during the 30-lap main event at the Culver City track when a blowout sent his midget racer crashing into the guard rail.

He lay in a coma in the hospital for more than two weeks following the accident.

The recuperating Gunn is able to be up and around now, but his injuries were so extensive that it will be quite a while before he has completely recovered, Mrs. Gunn said.

Crawford Bats Team to Victory

Pitcher Bill Crawford won his own ball game last Thursday at Torrance Park as he batted the Turners to a 9-2 victory over the Babbitts.

The hitting hurler connected for two triples and a single in three official trips to the plate.

Scoring three runs in the third inning, the Pryants came from behind to top the Crawford 6-2 in last week's other hard-ball tilt at the Park diamond.

Successive singles by Larry Bryant, Al Knappenburger and Tom Vanderpool climaxed the rally.

KIWANIS, ROTARY SLATE BALL GAME

Kiwanis and Rotary softballers will clash one week from today in the annual picnic and game held by the two clubs.

Game time is 5:30 p.m. at the Torrance ball park.

Softball Schedule

BEE LEAGUES

Thursday, Aug. 17—Wildcats vs. Dicalite; Moose vs. Seaside.

Tuesday, Aug. 22—Pacific Electric vs. Palos Verdes Merchants; Youth for Christ vs. Mayfair Creamery.

Wednesday, Aug. 23—Walteria Wildcats vs. Walteria Business Men; Torrance Moose vs. De Molay.

Thursday, Aug. 24—Seaside vs. Dukess; Dicalite vs. Bailey's. (Last game of third round play.)

MIDGET LEAGUE

Wednesday, Aug. 23—Walteria vs. High School; Perry-McMaster vs. Fern Park; Torrance Park vs. Seaside-Retro.

PEE WEE LEAGUE

Monday, Aug. 21—Walteria vs. Pueblo Eagles; Perry-McMaster vs. Fern Park; Torrance Park vs. El Retiro-Seaside.

Lomita Girls Chalk Up Nine in Row

Lomita's high rating girls softball nine made its nine consecutive contests without a setback last Friday at the Walteria diamond by downing the Torrance Trojans 8-1.

After leading 1-0 for three innings, the Trojans allowed five markers to score in the top half of the fourth and from there on it was no contest.

Lomita took over the loop lead after the ruing on a disputed fumble had been reversed to their favor.

In Friday's other diamond battle the Athens cooled El Retiro by an 18-8 count.

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