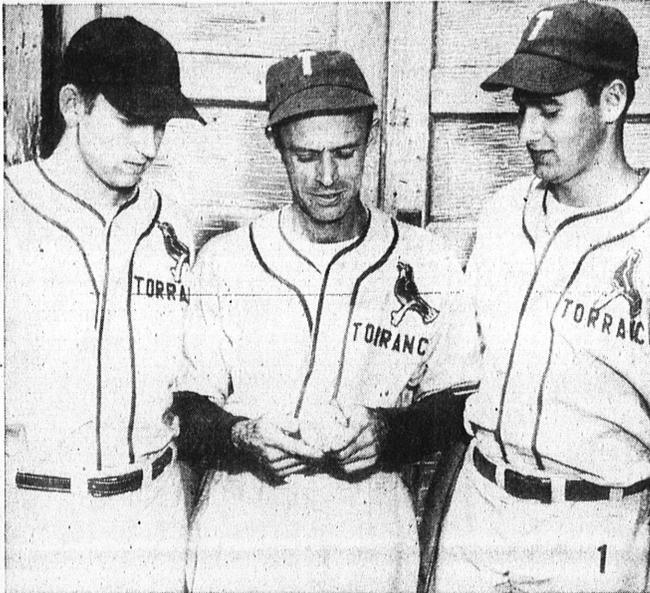


PRE-TOURNEY TRIPS . . . Getting a couple of pointers on the art of tennis from Coach Rex Welch (center) are Gene Davis (left) and Dan Rohrdanz. The two have entered the Junior Tennis tournament now going on at the high school courts. (Herald photo).

Bluebirds to Battle Merchants for Title



STRATEGY CONFERENCE . . . Pitchers Joe Waters (left) and Jerry McIvalne (right) confer with Manager Claire Ausmus of the Bluebirds before Sunday's practice game with Sam Mannis Fur. Mac charged out and hurled a two-hitter. Ausmus hopes Waters will do as well Sunday in the league playoff against the Long Beach Merchants. (Herald photo).

Joe Waters Tabbed For Pitching Duty

The Torrance Bluebirds will meet the Long Beach Merchants in Long Beach next Sunday afternoon for the championship of the first round of play in the Long Beach Municipal Baseball League.

A playoff became necessary when the Bluebirds, the Merchants, and Ocean View from Huntington Beach wound up the regular schedule in a three-way tie. The Merchants dropped last Sunday in 11 innings by beating them 11-0.

The Bluebirds lost to the Merchants in the first game of the season for the local nine.

Joe Waters was picked by Manager Claire Ausmus to start the playoff mound chores for the Birds. Jerry McIvalne, who pitched a two-hitter practice game against Sam Mannis Fur

Sunday, will be on hand to relieve, as will Harry Theodosis, who returned last week. All three are top-flight pitchers.

The Bluebirds' best Sam Mannis '32 here Sunday behind the pitching of McIvalne. The first time the two teams met the Bluebirds fractured them 23-4 under the lights.

Play in the second round of the league will get under way Sunday, July 15 according to Rod Ballard, director of athletics in Long Beach.

SAM MANNIS FUR

	AB	R	H	O	A
Dixon, ss	4	0	1	6	0
Collins, cf	4	0	2	0	0
Ortiz, if	4	0	2	0	0
Tomkins, 3b	2	1	2	2	0
Smith, 2b	4	1	4	2	0
Wall, 1b	4	0	10	0	0
Hammond, rf	3	0	3	2	0
Gulbray, c	3	0	0	0	0
Culbertson, p	3	0	0	0	0
Cleek, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	24	17	0

TORRANCE

	AB	R	H	O	A
Kubin, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Ortiz, if	3	1	1	2	0
Strong, 2b	3	1	1	2	0
Waters, 3b	4	1	0	0	0
Roberts, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Theodosis, ss	5	1	1	2	0
Smith, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Stie, c	3	0	0	0	0
McIvalne, p	3	0	0	0	0
H. Cannon, 2b	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	27	4	27	10	0

Spiller Leads Junior Batters

Catcher John Spiller's heavy bat put him ahead of the field in batting averages in the first eight games of the Torrance Juniors in the Centinela Valley Junior Baseball League, records showed this week.

Spiller, who played in four of the eight games, hit four times in seven official times at bat for a sparkling .571 average. Outfielder Al Knappenberger, who has appeared in seven games, got eight hits in 19 tries to place second with .421.

Here are the top 10 batters:

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Spiller	4	7	4	12	.571
Knappenberger	7	19	8	23	.421
Cope	4	11	3	12	.327
Murphy	7	23	6	20	.261
Crawford	8	22	5	22	.227
Nady	8	20	4	20	.200
Lafferty	10	5	1	20	.150
Bryant	8	19	3	15	.158
White	10	5	1	13	.133
Popovich	4	7	1	12	.143

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Junior Tennis Tourney Gets Under Way Here

Play in the Torrance Junior Tennis tournament was scheduled to get under way at the High school courts Tuesday, according to tourney chairman Rex Welch.

A limited field of young players had signed up by the weekend for the preliminaries to the National Junior Tennis Championship tournament to be held in Arcadia early in August.

Indicating their intention to compete in the Torrance tourney were Jerry Farrar, Gene Davis, Dan Rohrdanz, and Richard Uglan. Others were expected to enter before the tourney got under way, according to Welch.

New Manager Named for Junior Baseball Team

Dr. Arvol Smith has been named manager of the Torrance Junior baseball team to replace Elmer Moon who resigned this week. Dr. Smith and Van Vanderpool will handle the team, according to Recreation Superintendent Frank Carpenter.

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Top Teams Tied For A League Lead

Leadership in the A League of the city's softball scramble wound up in a dead heat after the second round of play ended this week with National Supply and Lovelady Hardware finishing with a 4-1 record.

National Electric, Dow Styrene, and Harvey Machine battled for the show money, while the Torrance Hardware nine were definitely out of the race.

The Steelworkers had their own way in the B League while General Petroleum and Three Ms battled for the runnerup spot. American Rock Wool, Poters Local and Watteria Dukes trailed the front runners by a length and one-half in the Summer Derby.

C BATTLES
Down in the C League, the Watteria Business Men led the field while the Great Lakes Lions and Pacific Electric struggled for the place money. Pittsburgh Paint, followed while Hi-Shear and Palos Verdes Merchants battled for the cellar spot.

Elmer Moon, director of athletics for the city, said Monday that the two top teams who tied up the A League will split first and second place points—this means National Supply and Lovelady will get nine-points

apiece for the second round. NATS FALL
Lovelady tied up the loop standings last Friday night by knocking out National Supply in a 1-0 pitchers' duel between National's Art Huntsman, and Lovelady's Al Coast.

Coast added another one-hitter to his record in the fray when he set down the National Supply team one-two-three through most of the game. Only the opposing pitcher, Huntsman, was able to touch him for a single.

Five Lovelady batters got to the slants of Huntsman. Two of them came in the fourth inning when Shortstop Mily Towart doubled, and Rightfielder Dave Jacobs singled to score Tawart.

Dow Styrene Wins Pair from Pittsburgh Nine

A bruised and battered pitcher named Rusty Brooks was the toast of the Dow Chemical's Styrene plant here this week as the company's softball team returned to the Southland with the scalps of the Pittsburgh, California, Dow Company team.

Brooks pitched a double header Saturday night for the Styreners as they dropped the Deacons 5-2 and 3-1 to win the Dow Chemical Cup, a symbol of championship.

FANS 26
In the 14 innings of ball played Saturday night, Brooks struck out 26 Deacons, walked two, while allowing them nine hits. The Deacon first baseman got five of the nine hits—Brooks didn't fool him a bit.

Shortstop Lou Briganti was the hero of the second game with two doubles and a single in three trips. Both doubles were out of the park (which had no fence) for automatics.

Harvey Clutter started the first game with a home run in the first inning, and the Styrene lads were never seriously threatened.

Brooks was injured slightly early in the evening when he collided with another player on the infield and Catcher Jim Poteat suffered painful finger injuries during the double-header.

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Early Deadline For Week Keeps Standings Out

This week's issue of the Torrance Herald went to Press before the final results of the second round in the city's softball leagues were known.

Third round in the C League is scheduled to start at Watteria tomorrow night, July 6. The third rounds in the A and B Leagues will get under way Monday night, July 9.

Results of the first two rounds will be published in the July 12 issue of the Herald.

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