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IDLE FOR A WHILE . . . Torrance's hope for All-American in Football, Aramis "Dandy" Dandoy, was ineligible for spring football practice at USC, which started March 15, because of scholastic deficiencies but his grades this semester are up, and it looks like THE grad will have his old spot back at the Troy backfield next season. He and his wife, Maureen, will move onto the Trojan campus after she has her baby in early May and Aramis will attend summer school to make up deficiencies.

The fortunes of two of this area's greatest athletes took new turns this month—one toward a brighter future and the other into the not-so-distant past.

The bright future belongs to Torrance High grad Aramis Dandoy who has been staging a successful fight this semester at USC to make up scholastic deficiencies which made him ineligible for spring football practice.

The step into the past was taken by none other than that fabulous "Bonus Baby" Paul "Lefty" Pettit, who has been brought back, once again, to the Hollywood Stars pitching corps as he was in 1952, two years after signing with the Pittsburgh Pirates for a total of \$95,450.

Dandoy Steps Up
Fans of All-Coast Dandoy knitted their brows in worry when it was announced by the FCC that the Flashing Frenchman would be absent from the Spring practice rolls at Trojanville due to scholastic deficiencies. But the latest reports indicate that Dandoy's grades have soared and that he should have little trouble qualifying scholastically

by taking courses in summer school.

The griddler, who made All-Bay League football and basketball as a Torrance Tartar, will move onto the USC campus after his wife, Maureen, has their baby in early May. He will then attend summer school to remove "incompletes" in several subjects and be ready to roll in the fall.

Pettit Steps Down
On the baseball side, the trip back to Hollywood for Golden Boy Pettit could be called a demotion or a promotion. The rifle-armed southpaw took a step down from the big leagues when he was shipped west recently, but also took a leap upwards from the New Orleans Pelicans, where he appeared last season.

Pettit became Lomita's best known citizen and baseball's high-paid rookie in 1950 when he was given \$95,450 to don the Pittsburgh colors. He caused somewhat of an uproar shortly before, prior to his graduation from Narbonne High, by signing an athletic-acting contract with one Frederick Stephani, film producer, for \$85,450.

Higher-ups Cry
Since pro teams are not allowed to sign up young talent until it has its high school sheepskin, this maneuver was deplored by many baseball higher-ups, who also wanted Paul's services. But Baseball Commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler gave Pettit a clean bill of health and later Stephani sold the athletic part of the contract to the Pirates for \$95,450 and gave Pettit the extra \$10,000.

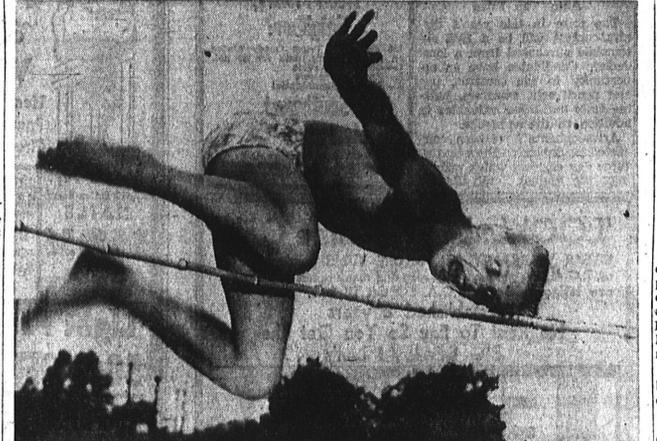
Sore arm trouble has kept the talented finger from showing the stuff that enabled him to hurl six no-hitters and win 73 games while losing 13 in three high school and semi-pro years, striking out an average of two men per inning in the bargain. Maybe a return to the home-land is what Paul needs. This may be his year, who knows?



BACK HOME . . . Local diamond fans will have an opportunity once again this year to watch the controversial figure of Paul "Golden Arm" Pettit unwind on the pitchers' mound out Hollywood way. The \$95,450 bonus baby, whose signing by a film producer prior to his graduation from Narbonne High School caused quite a stir in baseball circles, has been shuttled back from his parent Pittsburgh Pirates to a berth on the shaky Hollywood Star pitching staff.

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LONG WAY DOWN . . . Youngsters from all over town will take part in wide-eyed action like the above next Saturday, April 24, at the Annual Optimist Club Grammar School Track Meet, to be held at the Torrance High School oval. From 200 to 250 young stinksters are expected to compete for blue ribbons according to T.H.S. Coach Cliff Graybehl, who is in charge of the affair for the Optimists. Each school holds its own eliminations and sends three top athletes to the finals at T.H.S.

Nativity Spikers Take Ribbons In CYO Track Meet

Spike artists from Nativity Grammar School took three firsts and a second in the Class "A" division of the Southern District CYO track and field meet held recently at El Camino College, in which 350 youths from 10 parochial schools took part.

George Holmstedt and Frank Stanford of Nativity tied for first place in the broad jump with leaps of 17 ft. 10 in. and Nativity's 440-yard relay team cracked the tape in 54 seconds for a first. Michael Gurrola took a second in the Boys' Class "A" high jump.

In the Class "B" events Nativity took two firsts. Jerry Zigler won the broad jump with 12 ft. 7 in. and John Peadt's 175 lb. heave won the boys' softball throw.

All winners and runners-up are eligible to enter the annual CYO track and field championships at Rancho La Cienega Stadium, on May 15.

SPORTS CALENDAR

April 20, Baseball—Redondo at Torrance.
April 22, Baseball—Beverly Hills at Torrance.
April 22, 23, 24, Tennis—El Camino at Ojai Tournament.
April 22, 23 Track—Torrance at Inglewood Relays.
April 23, Track—El Camino vs. East LA and UCLA frosh at East LA.
Slo-pitch managers' meeting, 7:30 p.m., Recreation Office Baseball—El Camino at Harbor.
April 24—Babe Ruth League try-outs, Torrance Park.
April 25—Stock Car Races, Carroll Speedway, Gardens.

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