Tiger Lead at Stake Today

CREAM OF CROP . . . Members of the Babe Ruth All Star team, which entered playoffs yesterday in Pasadena for the Southern California championship of the league, are, (first row, left to right) Tom Mills, Rainiers; Roy Rusk, Beavers; Dave Gilbert, Solons; Jim Schmidt, Beavers; Tony Venable, Stars; Bob Grajeda, Seals; Jim Martin, Rainiers; and Ken Simpson, Seals. Second row, Chris Zelis, coach; Stan Fittinger, Angels; Duane Cooke, Rainiers; Ron Anderson, Angels; Russ Baker, Seals; Mike Bertolet, Seals; Bob Clifford, Beavers; Bill Burgess, Angels and Joe Kling, manager.

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Sports

Meet Pirates in Crucial Tilt For South League Leadership

It's the big one today for the Tigers and Pirates of the Southern Little League.

The two teams, which have been battling for the No. 1 position in the league all season, will decide today at Little League Park which is the better. The Pirates, who have a 15 and 4 record, must win the game to force the Tigers (15-3) into a playoff for the title.

The two teams tied earlier in the season and this game will be re-played if the Pirates triumph today.

The Little League season enters its last week today and will climax in the first annual All-Star game between North and South, to be held Saturday. The winner will enter Little League playoffs in Redondo the following Monday.

Hitting vs. Pitching

It will be the North's canny pitching vs. the South's powerful hitting that will decide the All-Star encounter, observers say. The Northern tribe is relying on the strong right arms of pitchers Evan Harris (6-1), Kenny Gates (6-4), and Nat Harty (4-2), while the Rebels will bank on long ball hitters Jim Hester (.474), Steve Mearing (.648) and Gary Gresham (.593).

Game Results Told

The Tigers crunched the Dodgers, 10-3, Friday to stay in first place after the Pirates had beaten the Giants Wednesday to move to within breathing distance of the league leaders. On Thursday, the Braves moved into a tie for first in the Northern Association by stopping the Yankees, 9-4.

Things changed yesterday, however, when the Braves tangled with the Cards, too late for Herald deadline. On Friday they were tied for first with the Lion Cubs, each team having 10-8 marks.

BMC Errors Ruin Two Hitter By Harline, Concrete Wins

Despite a tight two-hitter spun from the thumb of Leigh Harline, the Walteria Businessmen were dunked by Pre-Cast Concrete 3-1 in City Softball play Wednesday.

Harline limited the Concrete team to a single in the first and a double in the third, but both bingles led to runs. Ben Avakian led off the game with a solo, then advanced around the paths and scored on three passed balls by BMC catcher Don McLeod.

In the third, Avakian was walked and John Espinoza promptly blasted a double to right, scoring him. In the sixth, Espinoza walked, stole second and went to third and scored on two fielder's choices.

BMC Raps Five

In the meantime, the Walterians were chopping the offerings of Wilbert Dukes for five hits—but to no avail. They managed to score only in the first inning, when leadoff man Tom Ito doubled and went on to score on an error by the shortstop.

The win pushed Concrete to within one game of the second place Longren Aeros. These two teams will clash Friday in a titanic battle for the second spot.

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Harline and McLeod. Dukes and Lockett.

National Victory Tightens Race in Blue Streak Loop

The National Blues began a determined courtship of first place in the Blue Streak league Thursday with a 13-2 victory over the Walteria Methodist Church which moved them to within 70 percentage points of the league leading Fire Department B team.

The Firemen moved into a slightly stronger hold last night, however, by taking Torrance Gardens into camp.

Scotty Albright threw for the Blues and his teammates gave him a barrage of 17 hits for cushion. Bob Golden led at the dish with two triples and a double—all to right field—in five trips and pitcher Albright had a perfect night—four singles.

Mel Swanson homered for National in the sixth with two men on.

Lutherans Win First

In a startling upset, the Lutheran Men won their first game of the year Thursday. They dumped third place Midland Rubber 4-1 to the chagrin of Midland's chucker and Manager John Beggarly.

The City Workers Local 1135 fought a bitter, nine inning battle against the Fire Department A team Thursday at Walteria only to lose the extra inning contest 2-1.

An error in the last frame led to the downfall of the union men. They scored in the third to tie the game, then both teams hit a deadlock until the ninth.

National Blues	305	104	0—	13
Walteria Church	001	010	0—	2

Albright and Swanson. Woods, Rose and Gordon.

Lutheran Men	040	000	0—	4
Midland Rubber	000	000	0—	4

Dement and Branum. Beggarly and Hobbs.

Local 1135	001	000	000—	1
Fire Dept. A	100	000	001—	2

Crowther and Williams. Barosh and Minor.

Legion Moves TO Full Game League Lead

The high-stepping American Legion won its tenth game of the season in Service Club Slo-Pitch Wednesday when they handcuffed the Optimist Club 8-3 at Walteria Park.

The victory put the Legion a full game in front of the Lions Club, who boast a 9-2 record against the Legion's 10-1.

The Legion took a 4-0 lead in the second frame and never relinquished it, despite yeoman efforts by Optimists Rod Stetson, Stew Meyers, Hugh Way and Zeke Tresize—Murderer's Row—to splatter the ball all over the outfield fences.

A three way tie for third place was the result of the Walteria Businessmen's 4-0 blanking of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen in the first game Wednesday at Walteria.

Walteria is now tied with Rotary and the Junior Chamber for third spot. Each team has a 6-5 record.

Walteria	200	101	0—	4
HR Sportsmen	000	000	0—	0

Woods N., and Gordon. Christian, Skaggs and Moss.

BOMBS AWAY . . . Gary Gresham, Seven-Up Tiger slugger, who is rapping .593, demonstrates the batting form with which the South hopes to corral the North in the Little League playoffs Saturday afternoon at Little League field. North will rely on pitching strength.

Fund Raising Breakfast To End Babe Ruth Year

League All-Stars May Play Second Round Of Championships Here

As a climax to a rousing season, the Babe Ruth League will sponsor a breakfast for the City of Torrance Saturday morning, July 31, in the parking lot of Roth's Market, with preparations being made to serve a solid meal for only 25 cents.

Proceeds will go toward replenishing the equipment stocks of the new league, which began its first year in Torrance this season.

On the menu are orange juice, coffee, milk, sausage and pancakes, all donated by Roth's Market, 1321 Post Ave. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sell Tickets

Players are selling tickets in town this week and everyone is invited to attend and help the youngsters. The Babe Ruth baseball league is a national organization for boys 13-15.

The local All-Star team participated yesterday in their first game of a sudden-death playoff for the Babe Ruth championship of Southern California. Results of the game, held in Pasadena's Brookside Park, were in too late for The Herald deadline.

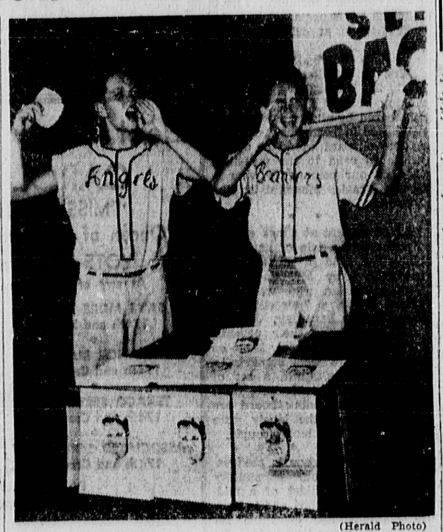
Both of Saturday's scheduled games were cancelled so that players could make the trip to Pasadena. They will be played on Aug. 5 and 6.

May Play Here

If the All-Stars won the Saturday game, they will meet Sherman Oaks here in Torrance Park on Wednesday afternoon.

In the week's games, the Seals were jerked out of first place when the Angels took a 3-1 victory on Wednesday. The Angels now rest in top spot, a slight 35 percentage points ahead of the Seals and this week's games will decide the champ.

On Thursday, the Stars edged the Rainiers, 7-6, and the Seals toppled the Solons, 11-2 Friday, to move closer to first. They now have a 9-4 mark, or a percentage of .692, compared to the Angels' 8-3 and .727.



(Herald Photo)

COME ONE, COME ALL . . . Mike Deasy of the Angels and Roy Rusk of the Beavers make like carnival barkers as they invite one and all to attend the Babe Ruth League Breakfast Saturday, July 31, in Roth's parking lot. Tickets are 25 cents.

HERE'S THE Pitch!

LITTLE LEAGUES

July 25, Sunday—Tigers at Pirates; Yankees at Cubs.
July 27, Tuesday—Giants at Tigers.
July 28, Wednesday—Cubs at Braves.
July 31, Saturday—All Star Game, North vs. South.

SOFTBALL

July 26, Monday—Longren Aeros vs. Walteria BMC, Pre-Cast Concrete vs. Harbor Hornets, Torrance Park.
July 28, Wednesday—Dow Styron vs. Marine Clerks, Torrance Park.

SERVICE CLUB

July 27, Tuesday—Moose vs. Lions, Jr. C. of C. vs. Walteria BMA, Torrance Park.
July 28, Wednesday—Legion vs. Rotary; Optimists vs. HR Sportsmen, Walteria Park.

BLUE STREAK

July 29, Thursday—Fire Dept. B vs. National Blues, Local 1135 vs. Lutheran Men, Walteria Park. Midland Rubber vs. Torrance Gardens, Torrance Park.
July 30, Friday—Fire Dept. A vs. Walteria Methodists, Torrance Park.

BABE RUTH

July 25, Sunday—Angels at Beavers; Seals at Stars.
July 28, Wednesday—Rainiers at Beavers.
July 29, Thursday—Solons at Beavers.
July 30, Friday—Seals at Rainiers.
July 31, Saturday—Beavers at Stars; Angels at Solons.
Aug. 1, Sunday—Stars at Solons, Angels at Raniers.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

July 27, Tuesday—MGs vs. Lomita, Walteria vs. North Stars, Walteria Park.
July 29, Thursday—Flamingos vs. Rookies, McMaster Park.

RECREATION

July 26 to 31 is Circus Week in the Recreation Department summer program on local playgrounds.

Four Run Homer Ends Girls 0-0 Duel in Seventh

Janet Seese banged a grand slam home run in the last inning to break up a scoreless tie and give the North Stars their first win of the Girls' Softball league season Thursday night over the Rookies 4-0.

In one of the more exciting hassles conducted in Girls' play this year, the Stars and the Rookies took turns blanking each other until Miss Seese's Hollywood round tripper with Ada Hayes, Norma Mercer and Joyce Haydon on base in the first half of the seventh inning.

Opposing flingers Marilyn Specht, Stars, and Jan Desmond, Rookies, fired magnificent ball. Miss Specht allowed only seven hits in registering the shutout and Miss Desmond gave up eight bingles.

Threaten To Score

Both teams continually threatened to score throughout the game only to see the runs choked off at third base. The Stars pushed runners as far as third in the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings without scoring. The Rookies had the potential winning run on No. 3 sack in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh frames.

Jan Brimley and Peggy Wood singled to start a Rookie rally in the seventh, but Jan was thrown out trying to score and Peggy was stranded on the paths.

North Stars	000	000	4—	4
Rookies	000	000	0—	0

Specht and Hayes. Desmond and Wood.

EC GRIDDER ALUMS MEET

A meeting of all former El Camino football stars will kick-off preparations for the annual Alumni Varsity football game, which opens the college season.

All ex-gridders have been invited by Coach Amby Schindler to contact him for information on practice schedules. Plans also are under way to form a permanent alumni-gridder club.

ANIMAL HAVENS

There are 275 wildlife refuges in the United States refuge system.

DIGGERS FLOODED

Decatur, Ill.—The work of digging emergency wells along the Sangamon River to bolster Decatur's shrinking water supply was recently stopped. The reason? Heavy rains sent the river over its banks and flooded the well sites.

Standings

LITTLE LEAGUE NORTH

Team—	W.	L.
Lions Cubs	10	2
Harvey Braves	10	3
Elks Cards	10	5
Pacific Yanks	7	12

SOUTH

Team—	W.	L.
Seven-Up Tigers	15	3
Police Pirates	15	4
Kiwanis Dodgers	4	16
Torrance Giants	4	15

SOFTBALL

Team—	W.	L.
Marine Clerks	11	0
Longren Aeros	8	3
Pre-Cast Concrete	7	4
Walteria BMA	3	7
Dow Styron	2	9
Harbor Hornets	2	9

SERVICE CLUB

Team—	W.	L.
American Legion	10	1
Lions Club	9	2
Junior C. of C.	6	5
Rotary Club	6	5
Walteria BMC	6	5
HR Sportsmen	3	8
Optimists	3	8
Moose Club	1	10

BLUE STREAK

Team—	W.	L.
Fire Dept. B	8	1
National Blues	9	2
Midland Rubber	7	4
Fire Dept. A	6	4
Torrance Gardens	4	6
Walteria Church	4	6
Local 1135	3	8
Lutheran Men	1	10

BABE RUTH

Team—	W.	L.
Angels	8	3
Seals	9	4
Solons	4	6
Stars	4	6
Rainiers	4	7
Beavers	3	7

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Team—	W.	L.
Lomita	5	0
Walteria	3	2
Flamingos	3	2
MG's	2	3
Rookies	1	3
North Stars	1	4

Car Windows Broken

Audry Miller, 926 Patronella Ave., reported to Torrance police that vandals broke the windshield on her car, and several of the side windows.

Pilot to Race For West Title

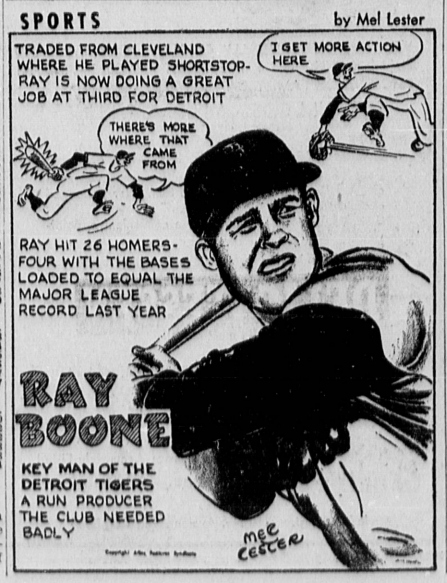
Torrance's Don Quinlivin, piloting a DeSilva-built boat called Blue Note, will race in the Western Divisional championships scheduled Aug. 7-8 at Long Beach Marine Stadium.

Hundreds of stock outboard speedboat drivers from the 11 Western states will compete in the races. Drivers placing first, second and third automatically qualify for the national meet.

LONGEST SYSTEM

From its source to its confluence with the Mississippi, the Missouri River is 2945 miles long. Their combined length exceeds any other river system.

SPORTS by Mel Lester



BUS SCHEDULES FOR SWIM PROGRAM TOLD

Bus schedules for the Alondra Park "Learn to Swim" program, to be sponsored during August by the Kiwanis Club and Recreation Department, were released this week.

The program will run on Tuesday and Thursday during August from 10 to 4 p.m. Children will be picked up for free bus transportation at the playground nearest their home. Signups will continue this week at the city playgrounds and parks.

Following is the bus schedule:

Park	Pick-up	Leave Alondra
Torrance Park	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Fern Ave.	9:00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
Walteria School	10:10 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Walteria Park	10:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Pueblo (203rd and Crenshaw)	10:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
174th and Crenshaw (North Torrance)	10:35 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
Hollywood Riviera (School)	10:15 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
El Retiro	10:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Seaside	10:40 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Crenshaw School	11:00 a.m.	3.30 p.m.
McMaster Park	11:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Perry (174th and Prairie)	11:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

Powell Plays Defense In Most of Shrine Hi Game

NOTES ON THE SHRINE HI FOOTBALL GAME . . . Even though he didn't start the game, Torrance's Ed Powell was in there all the way on defense and started going both ways in the final quarter.

The first time the North got the ball, after the South had received the kickoff and punted, Powell was sent in at defensive right tackle and saw bruising action at that position for the rest of the game, which was won for the third year by the South, 7-6.

The largest crowd in the three-year history of the game for charity—39,363—filled the center sections of the huge Los Angeles Coliseum and watched not only a rock-and-sock football game, but also a kaleidoscope of pageantry before the game and during the halftime.

Pageantry Dazzles

A veritable ocean of be-fezzed Shriners, full dressed Marines, clean-cut policemen, student nurses from General Hospital, and Job's Daughters, dressed in flimsy Greek-type robes, marched across the floor of the stadium or stood in neat rows up the peristyle, where an American flag, which would cover the outside of a five-story building, was unrolled at halftime.

Dignitaries in attendance included Potentate William Vaughn, Notre Dame coach Terry Brennan. Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson, Past Imperial Potentate Harold Lloyd, Sheriff Gene Biscailuz, and others.

Powell Stops TD Bid

But back to the game—Powell's biggest single contribution to the South defense probably came in the last quarter, when he stopped the North's last desperate bid for a winning touchdown by smashing his 205 pounds into fullback Rich Spiekerman and forcing him to fumble the ball. The South recovered with four minutes remaining in the game, ahead, 7-6.

Although the North gained 191 yards running to the South's 70, Joe Contestabile's talented right arm gave the Rebels 136 yards through the airlanes and made the total yardage figures read 206 to 200 in favor of the South.

Joe Beats Knox' Mark

Contestabile, the wonderman from Hawthorne High, threw 17 times and completed nine—which surpassed the fabled Ronnie Knox' 13 for 21 and 105 yards last year.

The Rebel touchdown was scored by one of these passes—aimed at Contestabile's fellow Hawthorner, Gerald Schweitzer. With a fourth down punting situation facing him, behind 6-0, Contestabile calmly flipped a 14-yarder to Schweitzer for a first down on the North 29.

From there, Contestabile faded and Schweitzer cut out and down the sidelines. Joe threw. Gerald dove and caught the ball, falling on top of the flag at the corner of the end zone. Doug Dick from Redondo booted the winning placement through the sticks and the South's scoring was over.

Bad Judgment

But it shouldn't have been. In the last quarter, the South drove to the Yankee 1-yard line and had third down and one for a TD. Then Contestabile exhibited poor judgment—the type of play which might have hurt his chances of being named the game's outstanding player.

Instead of giving the ball to one of his steamroller backs for that last yard—C. R. Roberts, Oceanside whiz; Barry Billington of Inglewood, or Doug Dick—Contestabile chose to pass to Dick Dorsey. The pass was blocked.

With fourth down coming up, Coaches Bob Stillwell and Orlie Schmidt sent Anaheim fullback Dean Philpott racing in from the sidelines with instructions. On the next play, Contestabile gave the skin to Philpott up the middle, but the rugged Northern line held like a brick.

Thrown for Loss

Contestabile was thrown for a 34-yard loss at another point in the game, but then, later on, he heaved a pass 50 yards that was caught by Dorsey out of bounds. At any rate, El Camino will be indeed fortunate if Joe decides to enroll there this fall, as scouttlebutt has it.

Powell's knee injury did not seem to bother him much in the game. He was going strong in the final quarter—playing offense and defense.

Ed, too, is eligible to enroll at El Camino, but may decide on Utah instead.

Biggest disappointment of the game was C. R. Roberts, who scored 194 and 187 points in his last two years at little Oceanside High School. He carried the ball three of the first four Southern offensive plays and gained four yards.

The Northern bruisers hit Roberts from all sides the first time he carried, and it was easy to see that they were laying for him. He carried a total of five times, made 12 yards.

North Line Tough

But nobody else was making much through the Yankee line either. The South gained a total of 16 yards rushing.

The Shriners tried a novel innovation during halftime when they released 500 multi-colored balloons from a tunnel at the west end. Hugh spotlights followed the balloons up and out of sight—but even more interesting for the observer from the field was the sight of 39,000 necks in the Coliseum audience craned skyward.