

Venice Bumps Locals Out of Little Loop Playoffs

Unbeaten Clerks Annex Crown in Softball League

With but one game remaining to play, the powerful, undefeated Marine Clerks have clinched the pennant in City Softball play for 1954.

The Clerks played Waleria last night, too late for THE HERALD deadline, and meet Pre-Cast Concrete Monday in their last game of the season. They had a 13-0 record going into last night's game and cannot be overtaken by the second place Longren Aeros, who boast an 11-3 record.

The Aeros made it 11-3 Monday when they trounced the Harbor Hornets 9-5 at Torrance Park.

Roy Triples

Larry Roy mashed a triple and single in four trips and Ray King, Bill Moses and Willie Sims all drove two bingles to help the Aircraft team amass 13 hits off Hornet fireman "Wily" Bill Wiley.

Afro chucker Gil DiSanto choked in the second inning and walked Earl Withem, Benny Stewart, Bev Thompson and Roy Withem while Wiley was bashing a single to help the Harbor men pile up three runs, their largest uprating of the evening.

The Hornets still have a mathematical chance of climbing out of the cellar if Dow Styrion loses Monday.

ROD & GUN Chatter

By Donna Barkdull



LUCKY BUCK . . . John Wright, 1562 W. 215th St., member of the Gardena Rod and Gun Club, smiles happily as he holds a souvenir of a hunting trip last week-end—the second deer brought into Torrance after the start of the season. It weighed in at 75 lbs.

Several local sportsmen pooped their fishing rods Saturday and headed into the tall timber for the opening of the coastal counties split deer season. Record-breaking takes are anticipated, providing the weather remains on the cool side, but so far only a small percentage of the thousands of nimrods stalking deer have scored.

Fishing is showing more action by far, with schools of the elusive albacore working the waters off Santa Barbara Island 525 long-fins were boated on the Sportfisher and the Dina Lee out of Joe Marten's Landing last week. This week started records popping with a total of 215 albies checked in Monday. The Star Angler and the Off Shore working Catalina and horseshoe, netted 409 barries and 2010 bull and calico bass for the preceding week. Also had many blue-fins checked and a smattering of bonita checked into the popular landing.

Big Ones At Lake Arrowhead

Word from Lake Arrowhead has the trout running exceedingly large. Limits are not being taken but the size makes up for it. 13 to 23 inches was about the average last week.

We must mention the really hot run of salmon off Monterey, plus monstrous halibut. What are you waiting for?

A. H. Bladow takes honors as the first local nimrod bagging a deer for this season, besides receiving the National Hunter and Gun Award by the Torrance Rod and Gun Club. Saturday morning he streaked up to Grass Mountain, 12 miles northeast of Sagus, downed a beautiful six-point, dressing out at 150 1/2 lbs. with a neck 30-30, and was back in town early Saturday evening.

None of this trudging through the tules all week-end for him! Thousands did, though—and not many got their deer.

Another fortunate huntsman filling his game sack over the weekend was John Wright, a member of the Gardena Rod and Gun Club, who lives in Torrance. He and Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police Department, tramped around Sierra Pedona lookout station up Bouquet Canyon and John downed the only legal buck he sighted, which dressed out at 75 lbs.

Ernie spotted a couple but was a little slow on the uptake.

Rowe Gets Jackpot

Paul Rowe, one of the 11 foragers on the National Rod and Gun charter Sunday, grabbed the jackpot with the 25 lb. 9 oz. long-tail he bounced aboard the Texan on 20 lb. test monofilament. Working the Santa Barbara Island waters, the 21 anglers reeled-in 12 albacore, five being jig fish, and two blue-fin tuna.

SPORTS

Bluebirds Show Strength in Win

Two requisites for good baseball—top pitching and a strong bench—will be present in abundance when the Torrance Merchant Bluebirds enter the Southern California Muni tournament Aug. 16, if the results of Sunday's practice tilt are indicative.

Three Merchant flingers combined to hold the Dick Leech All-Stars to two hits and two runs, and the town's new adult team doubled up at almost every position by letting all aspirants to the team get a chance to play.

Harry Theodosis started on the mound and yielded only one hit in a five-inning stint. His no-hit effort was ruined by a single by Tom Vanderpool in the third.

Roy Fires Blanks

Theodosis was relieved by Larry Roy in the sixth and he blanked the All-Stars with no hits and no runs in the sixth and seventh. The All-Stars finally scored in the eighth off Dave Bishop, Roy's relief. He walked Mike Bertolo and Chuck Todd and Vanderpool ramed a double, scoring them, Van got both All-Star hits.

In the meanwhile, the Bluebirds were smashing Van and Jess Hanon, who relieved him in the sixth, for 12 hits and seven runs. Big Hank Camou maced four hits in six trips—all singles—to lead the Merchant batting parade and Swayne Johnson ripped a double and a single in two trips.

Give Hanon Bad Start

Three bases on balls and a single got Hanon in trouble right off the bat in the sixth. When the dust cleared the Merchant had three runs. They picked up singles in the first, second, fourth and eighth frames.

A total of 15 Merchants saw action in the game as Manager Jack French cleared his bench. The Municipal Tourney will be a double-elimination type and will run for two weeks and nights. A schedule will be published in the Hunting Park, Lynwood and South Gate. A team trophy will be presented to the winner and individual trophies to members of first and second place teams.

Play Union Packing

The Bluebirds will play their first Municipal League game Sunday against the Union Packing team at Torrance Park. The game is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

A tentative game has been set up with the newly rejuvenated Wilshire Escrow Club on Aug. 22 at the city field. A former power in the Muni loop, the Escrow team has been inactive for several months.

If present plans take shape, an inter-city hardball league could be formed in the South Bay area with teams from Torrance, Gardena, Hermosa Beach and Long Beach, according to Red Moon, city athletic director.

Take Bass Limits

Limits of bull bass were taken Sunday by Dewey Eric, Porter and Carmen Watson and four others aboard the Patsy Lee, between Cat Harbor and Whale Rock on Catalina. Reported several white sea bass hook-ups, but none landed.

Lois Gilliland, a female member of the Torrance Rod and Gun, came in eighth in the third fish-off period of the San Diego Yellowtail Derby last Wednesday. She missed winning a new car by about five lbs.—her yellow topped 17 lbs. 8 oz.

Our local rod and gun club's booth at the fair is the fish (match) pitch Get the ball in a bowl and you get the bowl and a little ole goldfish. Sorry—the albacore are running just a trifle too large.

Volleyball Tourney Won By Waleria Park Team

The Waleria Park volleyball team won a double elimination tournament Monday in competition with all playground areas, the Recreation Department reported this week.

Waleria School Playground was second and Perry School third. The tourney was for boys age 12 and under.

Members of the winning team are Bob Sumpter, Abel Luna, Cliff Roy, Bill O'Brien, Jim Anderson and John Wojack.

Name PeeWee All Star Team

An all-star team has been chosen from the Northern PeeWee League to compete in the Southern California PeeWee Tournament in Bellflower Aug. 16-20.

Winners from the Northern and Southern Divisions will compete for the city championship at the end of August.

The North Torrance team turned in a fine performance at the track Friday, dumping the Crenshaw School 13-1. The McMaster Cadets battled all the way down the stretch to defeat Perry 5-1 in another fray.

North Torrance meets Perry in the Muni loop, the Escrow team and McMaster clashes with Crenshaw in the 8 p.m. game.

Hornets, Waleria Tie

The Pueblo Hornets and Waleria Park teams got off to good starts in the Recreation Junior Softball league for boys Monday by defeating Torrance Park and the Nativity Chi-Rho.

The Hornets downed Torrance Park 11-5 and Waleria topped the Chi-Rho 14-9 by piling up 13 runs in the last two innings.

SKIN DIVERS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS HERE SUNDAY

The nation's first public graduation of a skin diving class is scheduled to be held Sunday at Torrance-Redondo Beach.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation will award about 100 diplomas to persons who have completed skin diving courses at three county swimming pools.

County Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Burton Chace will attend to award the diplomas, but before the divers can get their sheepskins, they must prove themselves by submerging beyond the breaker line under the scrutiny of county life guard instructors.

A good view of this spectacle should be had from the Torrance Beach bluff.

HERE'S THE Pitch!

SOFTBALL

Aug. 16, Monday—Longren Aeros vs. Dow Styrion, Marine Clerks vs. Pre-Cast Concrete, Torrance Park.

Aug. 18, Wednesday—Waleria BMC vs. Harbor Hornets, Torrance Park.

BLUE STREAK

Aug. 12, Thursday—Torrance Gardens vs. Flamingo, McMaster Park.

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL

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RECREATION

Aug. 9-14, "Music Carnival Week" in the City Recreation Park, which will feature awards, band, barber shop quartets, soloists, etc.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL

Aug. 16, Monday—Torrance Park vs. Waleria, Waleria Park.

Aug. 18, Wednesday—Hornets vs. Hornets, Waleria Park.

Skin Divers To Meet at Marineland

Skin divers from all over the area will congregate at Marineland of the Pacific Sunday, when the council of diving clubs of California presents a "Skin Diving Jamboree."

The event, which begins at 10 a.m., will feature a water ski show, a skin diver's parade, beautiful girls displaying swim suit fashions, a safety demonstration with a helicopter, Father Neptune, a magician and several surprise jamboree acts.

Highlighting the jamboree will be the skin diving contest, which will start at 12 p.m. and is open to all divers.

Tickets, which include parking, a private preview of Marineland, dinner and the jamboree, are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Ducats for the jamboree may be used after the official opening of Marineland as admittance.

Ducats may be obtained by calling Mrs. Laura Sturgill, chairman of the event, at FR 5-1620.

Rookies Pull Near Upset, Lomita Wins

The last place Rookies got mighty uppity in Girls' softball play Tuesday, forcing the MGs to strain themselves to eke out a 14-13 victory.

The pitchers, neither of whom was shown any kindness, were Toni Martinez for the Rookies, the loser, and Alice Albertson for the MGs. Miss Martinez was blasted for 12 hits and Miss Albertson gave up a mere nine.

One of the 22 hits was a triple by Sue Camp who threw out trying to stretch it into a home run.

Miss Tying Game

Carol Brier led the losers at the dish with a triple and a double and Judy Wright got a two-run three-bagger in the seventh but was thrown out trying to stretch it.

The league leading Lomita Girls ho-hummed an 18-1 win over Waleria in a second Tuesday affair. Waleria could manage only four hits off Lila Cordray but the Lomitans were not so backward—they maced 13.

Big stickers were Dot Searles, with a home run and a double, and Marj Cullinan and Dot Nelson with two singles apiece. Waleria pitcher Edith Zack had control trouble during most of the game. She walked nine Lomitans.

Games will begin at 9 a.m. and final winners declared at 4 p.m. Friday.

Mills Fires Up Three Hitter in Oriole Win

Tom Mills flipped a three-hitter to lead the Orioles to an 8-1 victory over the Braves in a Twilight league game this week.

Ron Anderson's double and triple were two of the Braves' blows. The Orioles slugged Gene Crenshaw for five bingles.

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Braves . . . 0 0 0 1-0-1 3 3
Mills and Farrington, Crenshaw and Anderson.

Big Bikes Now Base At Culver City Path

Big time, big bike motorcycle racing controls the quarter-mile clay oval at the Culver City Stadium again tomorrow night as the AMA stages a 10-event "C" program starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Washington Blvd. smoke-path is the current home base for the AMA road type bikes now that Carrell Speedway is inoperative.

Service Club Season Closes

Service Club Six-Pitch play ended last night when the Lions met Rotary and the Moose tiffed the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen, after THE HERALD deadline.

The American Legion took the Service Club pennant this season with a 13-1 record and the Lions were second.

In Tuesday games this week, the Junior Chamber of Commerce banded the Optimists, the 11th loss 5-4 and the Legion trined Waleria 4-1.

The Legion will enter a league game play-off with the Blue Streak League winner on Aug. 20 at Torrance Park.

Four-Run Rally In 5th Inning Almost Does It

A total of 150 enthusiastic local rooters followed the team to Glendale Saturday to watch the Sectional finals and all are virtually agreed that the youths

The Torrance Little Leaguers missed Santa Monica and a shot at television by two runs Saturday when they were beaten 7-5 by Venice and eliminated from the playoffs after four straight victories.

The tie was scheduled to be settled after the local team was eliminated from the Little League playoffs. The field, however, has deteriorated since league play ended and officials decided to forget about it. So the teams share the pennant.

Cancel Playoff Game For Northern Pennant

A tie for first place between the Cubs and Cards of the Northern Division of the Little League play would not be played, managers of the teams decided this week.

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put on a tremendous show in their first year of competition in the league playoffs. Compliments were poured on managers Tom Coleman and Ozzie Grimes for bringing the team through four wins in one week.

Venice will go on into the Regional slugfest in Santa Monica. Their first game is against Central Wash. The games will be televised today, tomorrow and Saturday over Channel 9 at 5 p.m.

Kemp Shows Strain Pitcher Pete Kemp, showing the strain of chucking two games in four days, was slumped for four runs in the first inning by Venice batsmen.

They banded three singles and a double around a walk and a two-run error to take a lead they never relinquished.

Venice pitcher Kenny Galt controlled in the second and walked Evan Harris, Kenny Galt and Nat Harris. He was hooked for shortstop Myers who saw Harris score on a passed ball, walked Lloyd Brummett and then struck out Camden Coffery, Kemp and Danny Hansen to retire the side.

Smacks Home Run

In the fourth, Venice's second sacker Phil Moore smacked the first ball pitched to him over the left field wall, just inside the foul line, to push a mate home ahead of him and give Venice a 6-1 lead.

The Torrance bats came alive in the fifth for four runs, but the rally fell short. Kemp started it with a single but was forced at second by John Simpson, pinch-hitting for Hansen. But Bill Morris and Gary Desmond singled to lead the bases and Harris banded a double to the fence to push in two runs. Then Gates grounded to short, scoring Desmond and Harris scored on a passed ball.

Harty Singles

Harty, leading All-Star hitter, singled, but Camden Coffery grounded out to end the inning and the flare-up, Pinch-hitter Dave Clutter walked to open the last inning, but Kemp fanned and Simpson and Morris both popped to the infield to end the game.

An important North Torrance Little League meeting has been set for the last Thursday at August—Aug. 26—at the YMCA for election of officers and planning for next season. All major and minor Little League fathers are urged to attend.

TORRANCE

AB	R	H	O	A	E
Hansen, 3b	2	0	1	0	1
Morris, 2b	4	1	1	1	1
Desmond, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Harris, lb	2	2	2	0	0
Myers, ss	2	0	0	0	0
Harty, c	2	0	0	0	0
Coffery, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Brummett, cf	2	0	0	0	0
Kemp, p	3	1	0	0	0
Simpson, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Clutter, 1b	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	5	6	15	3

Retired for Venice in 5th.
*walked for Brummett in 6th.

VENICE

AB	R	H	O	A	E
Moore, 2b	2	2	1	0	0
Moore, lf	2	1	0	0	0
Myers, ss	2	0	0	0	0
O'Fallon, cf	3	2	0	0	0
J. Moore, 1b	2	0	0	0	0
Cook, rf	2	1	0	0	0
Costa, p	2	0	0	0	0
Therpin, ss	2	1	2	0	0
Richards, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Clark, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Clutterwood, 1b	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	7	4	8	2

Retired—Hansen, Morris, Gates, Moore, Richards, Lof-Torrance, G. Venice, G. RB-Harris, Simpson, Moore, J. O'Fallon, J. Moore, J. 2B-Harris, J. Moore, 1B-Moore, 3B-Myers, 2B-Cook, 1B-Moore, LF-Moore, CF-Cook, P-Costa, 3B-Richards, 1B-Clark, LF-Clutterwood, 1B-Clutter.

Torrance Pitchers' Records

G	IP	AB	R	H	SO	W	L
Harris	3	17	12	15	5	2	1
Kemp	3	17	12	15	5	2	1
TOTALS	6	34	24	30	10	4	2

Berning Sets Alleys Afire

True to her name, Mrs. Loraine Berning's burning up the Friday night Ladies' Bowling League at Torrance Bowl.

The Sports Shop kegler turned in the top game last Friday—173—and a 448 series to help her team win three games and move to within six points of first place.

On Monday night, Ray Reese led the league with a 234 game and 570 series, boosting his VFW Post 428 series to a three point win. Ray is carrying a torrid 180 average.

Kegling At Torrance Bowl

TORRANCE GARDENS PLAZA		
17th Week		
No.	Team Name	Won Lost
1	Team No. 5	28 14
2	Torrance Hobby Shop	27 15
3	Sports Shop	26 16
4	Nancy's Cleaners	25 17
5	H. J. Osborne	24 18
6	Nancy's Toys and Tents	23 19
7	LeRoy Saunders	22 20
Weekly High Scratch		
Team Series	Team No. 4	33 17
Team Game	Team No. 4	33 17
Ind. Series	H. Berning	33 17
Ind. Game	L. Berning	33 17

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S HANDICAP		
14th Week		
No.	Team Name	Won Lost
1	Team No. 5	28 14
2	Team No. 4	26 16
3	A. L. Lindor	25 17
4	Geary, Madles Ford	24 18
5	F. V. 2215	23 19
6	H. C. Williams Garage	22 20
7	Torrance Auto Parts	21 21
8	Westrac Rollers	20 22
Weekly High Scratch		
Team Series	Team No. 4	33 17
Team Game	Team No. 4	33 17
Ind. Series	H. Berning	33 17
Ind. Game	L. Berning	33 17

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED FIVEMANE		
14th Week		
No.	Team Name	Won Lost
1	Allen Jewelers	29 21
2	Carlson, Lottner Store	28 22
3	Team No. 8	26 24
4	Photo Arts	25 25
5	Liberty Home Appliances	24 26
6	South Shore Motors	23 27
7	Team No. 6	22 28
8	Team No. 4	21 29
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Team Game	Team No. 4	33 17
Ind. Series	H. Berning	33 17
Ind. Game	B. Knowles	33 17

Aim for Tougher Trout

Producing a handsome fighting rainbow trout that's hardier, faster growing, and more prolific than any now being raised is the goal of the new selective trout breeding project currently under way at Mt. Shasta State fish hatchery.



BIG LEAGUE IN BIG BOWL? . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn studies an architectural representation of the Coliseum as it would look if converted for use as a major league baseball field. Cost of all necessary alterations, including layout, alterations to bleachers, additional seating, dugouts, and storage building would be \$225,000 plus another \$100,000 for floodlights. The Coliseum treasury already has funds available for the necessary alterations, Hahn said.