# BOY'S BASEBALL LEAGUES START SOON

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## Inglewood Relays Next For Tartars

A week from today the Torrance Tartars return to track and field competition when they send full Varsity, Bee and Class C squads to Inglewood for the annual Inglewood Relays.

Thirteen prep institutions from the surrounding area will send their thinclads to the relay carnival.

All seven Bay League teams are entered, including Santa Monica, Inglewood, Paramount, Centennial, Leuzinger, Redondo and the Tartars.

In addition, all six member schools of the Pioneer League will be on hand. They are Mira Costa, Morningside, El Segundo, Beverly Hills, Culver City and Hawthorne.

**Strong in Dashes**

Coaches Willard Morgan and Don Porter expect to pick up Varsity points in the dash events, distance relays and broad jump. As all scores are totals of the top efforts of each school's three entries, the Tartars could well sweep the dashes with Al Rainwater, Gary Cooke and Brown.

In the broad jump, Ron Heffler, Jimmy Powers and Dennis Hester have been sweeping that event in recent dual meets and could repeat at the Inglewood affair. Hester, along with Gus Sanchez and Johnny Trenary will probably supply most of the Tartar Varsity points in the distance events.

Class B competition will find Mickey Boscovich, Bill Meacham, Jack Barber, Larry Denning, Dick Bentwood, John Roccoforte and Gary Brimley carrying the brunt of the Tartar attack. Meacham and Brimley will team up in the distance events, while Barber and Denning should pick up points in the pole vault. Both have done 11 feet.

Roccoforte is the best Tartar bee shot putter, while Boscovich has been all alone this spring in the Bee dashes. He has a best of 10.6 in the century.

George Boscon, dashes; Len Ehlers, distance races; and Jim McDougal, high jump, broad jump and hurdles, should stand the best chance of scoring for the Tartarcees.

Field events will be held next Thursday at Sentinel Stadium in Inglewood, beginning at 2 p.m. On Friday night, the track finals will be staged. The first race is due to get the green light at 8 p.m.

## MANAGERS, SPONSORS REVEALED

The roster of sponsors and managers for the Babe Ruth League teams is nerly complete, Bill Deasy, league official reported after a Monday night meeting.

The teams, which will play on the field near Western Ave. and Plaza del Amo, will have the following managers and sponsors:

Seals—Bill Dorman, mgr.; Kenny Simpson, asst. mgr.; and Les Bacon Ford, sponsors.

Angels—Joe Kling, mgr. and Sav-Mart, sponsor.

Beavers — Frank Walker, mgr., and Torrance Sand and Gravel, sponsor.

Rainiers — Lyle Hanon, mgr., Dick Gresham, asst. mgr.; and Gaines-Collins Co., sponsor.

Stars — John Weaver, mgr., and Seven-Up Bottling Co., sponsor.

Padres — Bill Deasy, mgr.; Chuck Mearing, asst. mgr.; and Torrance Exchange Club, sponsor.

Oaks — Joe Venable, mgr.; Ben Rusk, asst. mgr.; and General Petroleum Corp., sponsor.

Solons — Al Moore, mgr., and sponsor as yet undetermined.

## Ruth League Tryouts Set On Saturday

Boys 13, 14, and 15 years old who want to try out for the Babe Ruth League this summer should report to Torrance Park this Saturday at 9 a.m.

So far, about 270 have registered for tryouts which will continue for three more weeks. Boys who do not make the Babe Ruth teams will be able to participate in minor leagues which are being organized.

League officials hope to be able to use Torrance Park for some of the minor league play.

### Recreation Program Opens at McMaster

A new Monday evening recreation program has been inaugurated at McMaster Park in north Torrance at 174th and Yukon, it was announced Saturday by Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem.

At the present time, a number of boys and girls are preparing and building sets for the Easter program to be held there next Friday evening.

Parents also are welcome to participate in the program, Van Bellehem said.

## Casaba Mentor Bailey Resigns Warrior Staff

Tom Bailey, basketball coach at El Camino College since 1951, announced his resignation this week to accept a position with the North High School in Bakersfield when school opens next fall. Bailey will complete the school year at Warrior ...

In his new assignment, Bailey will coach basketball and head the physical education department. Bailey said the new job would offer him a better chance to advance in school administration.

Bailey came to El Camino in 1951 where he took over the basketball teams from Doug Essick and Johnny Morrow. Highpoint of his coaching here was the 1953 team which claimed second spot in the Metropolitan Conference. In that year, Alan Herring and Bill Baron led the scoring attack which put the team in contention all season. Herring went on to break the school's all-time scoring record and win a berth on the mythical all-conference five at the end of the season.

No attempts have been made to secure a successor to Bailey yet, President Forrest G. Murdock reported this week.

## TORRANCE NINE FACES REDONDO

Torrance's baseball Varsity takes its two-win, one-loss Bay League record to Redondo Tuesday, as the Tartars and Seahawks both return to the diamond following the Easter layoff.

The locals were riding the crest of a winning streak until stopped last week by a stubborn Paramount squad, 5-4, at South Gate. It took the Pirates 10 innings to dispose of Del Nuzum's Tartars.

Nine league games still are left on the Torrance schedule, so the loop championship could well be decided as late as the middle of May.

Nuzum has been getting good pitching throughout the season, but the sluggers have failed to deliver, especially with men on base. In Ron Anderson, Tom Mills, Gary Hakanson and Tom Vanderpool the Tartars boast a quartet of strong, capable hurlers. Each is capable of going the route at any time. The Tartar season record, including practice tilts, now stands at five defeats.

George Stanich's Jayvee Tartar nine has been sailing along at a happy clip. The JV's have shown good pitching in Jess Hanon and Herm Cobrea, stout hitting with Frank Johnson, Grover Morris, Jim Schmidt and Gene Crenshaw supplying the power, and good defense with Schmidt and George Hurley the best glove men.

The JV's next take to the diamond April 15 when they host Leuzinger at Torrance Park.

## STATE TO PLANT BIG FISH LOAD

Plans are complete for planting the greatest unmber of catchable sized trout ever accomplished in California streams this year, according to Earl Leitritz, supervisor of fish hatcheries for the Department of Fish and Game.

About 9,000,000 catchable rainbows, weighing approximately 1,500,000 pounds, will find their way into California lakes and streams during the next seven months, and a majority of them will end up in anglers' creels.

Addition of the Moccasin Creek Hatchery to the production line, plus increased production at the Mojave and Fillmore Hatcheries in southern California account for the increase over last year's figure of about 5,500,000 fish.

The number of fingerlings, most of which will be planted in high mountain lakes in remote country by air, will remain about the same as last year, when 13,000,000 were planted.

Leitritz said that planting generally begins about two weeks before the opening of the various seasons and continues through the final week of the season in October.

Planting is made on the basis of carrying capacity of streams and lakes, fishing pressures, and nearness to population centers.

## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

**Halibut still dominating the** deep sea front, although action was stymied over the week end due to the big blow. With the weather back to normal and the sea calmed down to a slight growl, good fishing is anticipated. A few pencil barries and small white sea bass had been taken before, but now is just about the time for anglers to connect with schools of larger fish, especially barracuda.

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**A year ago yesterday was** when surf enthusiasts went mad at 2nd St. in Hermosa. Big barred perch started a record run that wouldn't stop. If we are due for a repeat, it should come either this week or next. Hope those holding fond memories of last year aren't disappointed!

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**San Diego angling showed** good improvement, with big white sea bass and the popular yellowtail giving anglers a tussle. Harvel Guttenfelder, Ben Smith, Walt and Lois Gilliard made the trek last week with Ben netting a whopping white sea bass sinking the scales at 27 pounds, 9 ounces. Lois horsed in a beauty topping 26 pounds, 12 ounces. Almost everyone on the boat hooked-up, but guess you have to know how to land ... Harvel did boat a small one, so small he had to throw it back.

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**Herb Curly, Bill Johnson, Paul** and Marcella Smith fished the Coronados the following day, getting into a nice school of yellows, but Herb was the only one to land any. He got two. Paul "Farmer" Smith was, as usual, true to form—had three hook-ups and farmed them all. One would think with all the fishing equipment he has at his disposal, he would use some—he insists on spinning gear.

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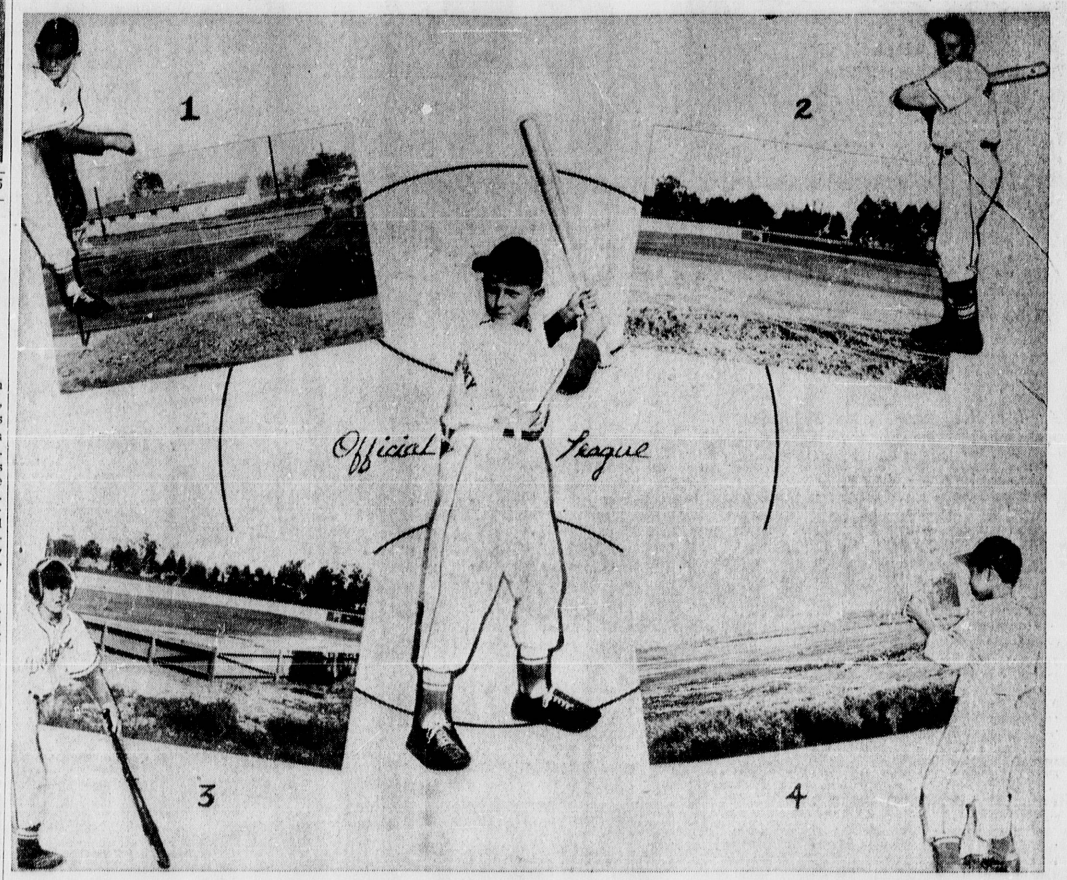
**Last Thursday off the Long** Beach Breakwater, Al Coast and Walt Gilliard really had a field day bouncing in their limits of opal eye, all taken on moss. Al was mad at himself because he couldn't connect with a big one he could land, in the derby the previous Sunday. He set out to redeem himself and did somewhat, by having a topper hitting 3 pounds, 14 ounces. Walt's largest hit three pounds even.

According to Al, its the kind of moss you use—has to grow in muddy sea water—the stuff growing under the docks in clear water doesn't have the right kind of bugs in it, or enough of them for the opal eye perch to bother with. Everyone to their own taste—been some nice ones taken on just nice clear sand crabs.




BABE RUTH LEAGUE — LITTLE LEAGUE

**BASEBALL TIME . . . Photo montage above depicts various phases of youth baseball action. Four numbered pictures catch construction of local kids' diamonds in various phases of development. FIELD 1 is the new Pacific Coast Little League Park, between Newton and Coast Highway; FIELD 2 is the new Babe Ruth League diamond, located on Plaza del Amo; FIELD 3 is the park for both American and National Little Leagues in Torrance, at Plaza del Amo; FIELD 4 is the site of North Torrance Little League's diamond, on 190th west of Inglewood Ave. All parks are being constructed with the help of volunteers and are expected to be ready for the start of league action next month.**

## Four Little Leagues Start Play Next Month

Little League Baseball was organized way back in 1939 in Williamsport, Pa., which has been the hub of Little League activities ever since that time.

It took some time to catch, on a national basis, but following World War II, it spread throughout the country like wildfire, until at present only two states do not have Little League representatives. The movement also has moved outside the territorial limits of the United States to include Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, the Canal Zone, the Philippines and Korea.

It is big league baseball adapted for youngsters 12 years of age and under. Any boy, who has not reached 13 years of age by August 1, is eligible for Little League competition in a given year.

Locally, the Little League program has blossomed out in the past year. No less than four leagues will be in operation when the umpires yell "play ball" next month.

For youngsters in the central Torrance area, there is the American and National Little Leagues. Both loops will use the same park, which now is being hurriedly constructed on Plaza del Amo, between Cabrillo and Western Avenues.

**Patterned After PCL**

In the southwest Torrance area, there is the Pacific Coast Little League, patterned after the big-time Pacific Coast League. Boys in this league will have their own diamond soon. It is being constructed between Newton and Pacific Coast Highway, near the Ellenwood tract.

**Four Little Leagues**

Kids in North Torrance will be afforded a chance to play Little League ball this year, for the first time with their own league set-up. Although it got a late start, the diamond for this league, which will be complete with a refreshment stand, is being worked on west of Inglewood Avenue on 190th Street.

Play will start sometime late in May, with all games starting at twi-light, Saturday and Sunday double headers will be on the schedules of most of the local leagues, so Mom and Pop can show their friends and relatives how junior clouts the ball like a Ralph Kiner whenever he steps up to the plate.

**Registration Over**

Registration for the league now is over, but try outs will continue throughout this month. After the try outs, players will be selected and assigned teams. Then, after sponsors have donated uniforms which will give that extra-proud touch to the small fry, the action will be hot and heavy.

In 1952, Torrance broke the Little League ice with a four-team league. The Cardinals were crowned winners at the end of the league campaign. In 1953, the league expanded to six teams, with the Cubs taking the league flag.

**Banner Year**

Last year was the banner year for local Little League activity. With two leagues of four teams each in competition, the Cubs again took the city championship, but an All-Star team provided most of the comments in play off competition.

Managed by Ozzie Grimes and Tommy Coleman, the Torrance All-Stars went to the semi-finals of West Coast play before being eliminated by the Colton team, which later ended up as runner-up for the national championship. The locals missed participating in the National Championship Tournament, at Williamsport, by just two games.

**National Little League**

Four teams will comprise the National Little League this year. They include the Lions' Cubs, managed by Ozzie Grimes; Elks' Cardinals, with Art Campbell as manager; the Harvey Machine Braves, Jack Miller at the managerial helm; and Pacific Perforating Company Yankees, with Jack Markley the manager.

Officers of the league are: John Keith, president; Tim Wyatt Wayt, vice president; Phil Humphries, secretary - treasurer.

Two more try outs for potential National League players will be held this month—one Saturday and the final session on April 16.

**Pacific Coast Little League**

The Pacific Coast Little Leagge will field eight teams this season — four major league teams and four minor league teams, for youngsters who miss making the major teams. Only the major league squads will be considered for play offs, however.

Major league teams are the Stars, managed by Ed Bell and sponsored by Griffin Construction Company; the Angels, managed by Bill Simpkins and sponsored by Leonard-Smith Lumber; the Seals, sponsored by Ed Krist Builders and managed by Mike Ramirez; and the Padres, under the tutelage of Norm Hawkins and backed by G and G Construction.

The four minor league PCL squads will carry the same names. Sponsors, who have not been assigned teams yet, are Bellante Realty, Nat Taylor Plumbing, Griffin Cabinets, and Seven-Up.

Pacific Coast Little League officers include Albert Marzilli, president; Don Whitney, vice president; Art O'Keefe, secretary; Bill Brooks, treasurer, and Arlen F. Charter, assistant to the president.

**North Torrance Little League**

North Torrance will present its new Little League when the season opens.

Citizens of that area have been working weekends on the new field. It is located on 190th Street, just west of Inglewood Avenue.

It will be the initial time a league has been supported by North Torrance itself. League play will begin in May. Ken McVey is the president of this league.

**American Little League**

The other little league in the central Torrance area is the American League.

The loop consists of four teams and is run on much the same basis as the National League of Torrance. The American circuit will use the new park being constructed on Plaza del Amo between Carbrillo and Western Avenues.

Persons interested in backing the local Little Leagues and insuring their success are requested to turn out at one of the diamonds now being erected and offer their services. Officiels have issued a call for more help in construction so that the youngsters can open their regular season play in their new baseball plants.

Paul Roettger is the president of the American Little League.

## Babe Ruth Circuit Will Launch Diamond Program for Youngsters

May 29th is the tentative opening date for the Torrance Babe Ruth League, the baseball movement for youngsters 13-15 years of age that carries the name of the grand old game's greatest and beloved immortal.

The tentative date was released last week by a loop official.

Eight teams will comprise the Babe Ruth League in Torrance this year, each carrying the name of one of the clubs in the professional Pacific Coast League. Games will continue throughout the summer, with the winning team being eligible to participate in post-season title play offs.

Each team will play a total of 21 ball games, meeting each other nine in the loop three times.

**New Diamond**

And the teen-agers will have a new field to play on this year. Along with a Little League diamond on the same land, the Babe Ruth park is Being constructed near Plaza del Amo in Torrance. It is hoped the plant will be ready for the opening of the season.

Officers of the Babe Ruth League in Torrance are W. F. Pearsley, president; P. H. McMichael, vice president; Rex Day, secretary; and Mrs. Ben Rusk, treasurer. They were elected at a meeting early this year.

**Managers Listed**

League teams and their managers include, Angels, Joe Kling; Solons, Al Moore; Seals, Bill Dorman; Raniers, Lyle Hanon; Stars, John Weaver; Padres, Bill Deasy; Oaks, Ben Rusk and Joe Venable; and the Beavers, Frank Walker.

Although not all sponsors have been assigned to teams, Les Bacon Ford will back the Seals, Nick Drale will sponsor the Angels, individual merchants will band together to back the Solons, Gaines-Collins Company will sponsor the Rainiers and Seven-Up will back the Stars.

Two more sponsors are General Petroleum and Save-Mart. They have not been assigned teams as yet, however.

**Program Explained**

The entire Babe Ruth program, which sprang up following the death of the Great Babe, is sanctioned for the benefit of the nation's youth.

Object of the local league is to:

"Implant firmly in the boys of the community, the ideals of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger and happier boys and will grow to be good, clean, healthy men."

According to the league, another prime objective of Babe Ruth play is to foster the fact that attending exceptional athletic skill or winning contests is secondary. The moulding of future men is the prime importance of the organization.

## Sales Pair Win 100-Car Honors

W. K. Stanford and Harry S. Saunders, salesmen for Paul's Chevrolet, have returned to Torrance after receiving membership in the 100-Car Club, Chevrolet's national honor organization for retail salesmen.

As members of this club, the two men were guests of honor at a banquet at zone headquarters where Chevrolet zone officials and zone leaders of the national club of honor officers welcomed them.

The 100-Car Club is open to Chevrolet dealers' salesmen who sold more than 100 cars or their equivalent in either new and used cars and trucks during the preceding year.

Saunders and Stanford received lapel pins designating them as members of the honor organization.

**Natural Dikes**

Holland has 200 miles of sand dunes which serve well as natural dikes.