Valley Champions Face Torrance

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Finally getting signs of life on this side of Catalina. Good thing, too, as the white sea bass that have inhabited the other side for so long are getting pretty scarce. Only a smattering picked up the last couple of weeks. It's anyone's guess if they will move back in.

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Most boats are back on their regular schedule, loaded with eager anglers after the big blue fin tuna churning the water near Tayon Bay. Everyone venturing out Monday said the place was alive with them, although only a few were boated. Charlie Davis, skipper of the Hurricane reports they are running big—hitting between 20 and 26 pounds and awfully touchy.

Touchy is right!! Herb Curley aboard the Red Rocket out of Seal Beach, using a number 12 hook had one to the boat that looked like a moose, straightened the hook out making the last attempt for freedom. Fish are too big for trout hooks, but so far are taking everything but 10's and 12's. Maybe this week it will be different, we hope!

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As far as the albacore go, they sure are! Albacore specials been going out for about seven hours. Some get them, some don't.

The Herbie Too, skippered by Carl Dalton, did just about as well as any of the others, getting six jig fish and two on bait. Abe Coast landed one of the bait fish, said he was 300 yards straight down, and then started to tell me how the weather was in China.

Walt Gilliard, Gene Meacher, Les Jones and bunch were aboard another boat fishing the same territory as the Herbie Too, but didn't get a fish. Really made them jumpy when they kept seeing fish hauled aboard the other boat. That's exasperating!

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Wiley Pinson, Mack McDonnel, Vic Habif, and Milo Fisher with Carl Hanni aboard the Happy Jack sat out the white sea bass, never getting a hit. Moved around to the kelp beds at dawn where Wiley horsed aboard his limit of bull bass topper hitting about five pounds.

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It was really rough on the other side. It must have been something unusual because the skipper got the ailment. That just doesn't happen to old salts. Ha!

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Riviera, Crenshaw Take Midget Openers

Torrance Midget League softball got underway this week, with Hollywood Riviera taking the Southern Section opener, 8-7, over El Retiro and Crenshaw measuring McMasters, 3-1, in Northern action.

Harry Van Belleham, director of recreation, tossed out the first ball to officially launch Northern Section play.

Bob Calvert tossed a no-hitter for the Crenshaw crew, who rode to victory on Bob Carter's homer.

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Redondo Legion Trips Torrance

Both teams got five hits, but Redondo's Junior Legion ball players sent home three runs in measuring Torrance, 3-0, Tuesday at Torrance Park.

Errors made the difference as Torrance bobbled three times, twice in the fifth inning when the Redondans scored their first two runs. The Bay crew played errorless ball.

Ron Anderson and Tommy Mills handled the pitching chores for Torrance, yielding five hits, while the locals combed Johnny Nieman for five also.

Good Support

Nieman received superb support and set the locals down in order in the second, third, fourth and fifth frames.

Redondo tallied twice in the fifth without getting a hit. Two walks and two errors did the trick as Cook and Jack Beattie counted for the winners.

They scored the game's third run in the sixth on three hits.

Torrance Threatens

Torrance theatened in the initial frame, when Mills doubled with one away. Anderson then walked but Bob Grajeda struck out and Pepper grounded into a force play to end the inning. Paul Carrico led off for Torrance in the fifth and doubled to right field, but was thrown out trying to stretch the blow into a triple.

Mills singled to lead off the sixth, but was forced and the same thing happened to Carrico in the seventh.

Red. .....000 021 0—3 5 0
Torr. .....000 000 0—0 5 3

Nieman and Cook; Anderson, Mills and Grajeda.

Pittsburgh, Longren Collect Forfeit Wins

Pittsburgh Paints and Longren Aeros both nabbed City Softball League wins Monday night at Torrance Park by forfeit.

Cubs Stretch League Lead To 3 Games

Stretching their National Little League lead to three games over the week end, the Cubs look a good bet for the loop crown with the schedule due to be completed July 31.

Last Saturday Rusty Roberts and Dick Robison pitched the Cubs to their 12th victory, 13-10, over the Braves. Dave Clutter and Roberts socked homers for the winners as they bashed out nine hits and took good advantage of four errors by the Braves.

The Braves turned right around and downed the Yanks, 3-1 with their ace, Eleanar Ybarra, tossing a two-hitter. Bruce Smith, Yankee hurler who has had difficulties lately, was the losing pitcher. He gave up only three hits.

In the third game over the week end, the Yankees subdued the Cardinals, 10-1.

Howard Taylor and Ken Ehlers hurled for the winning Yanks, with Taylor getting the win. Mike Cicchini, who was the loser, and Chuck Moffitt pitched for the Cards.

Braves .....202 060—10 8
Cubs .....515 11 —13 9

Keith and McGuire; Robison, Roberts and Czarke.

Braves .....010 200— 3 3
Yanks .....000 100— 1 2

Ybarra and McGuire; B. Smith and Holdsworth.

Yanks .....120 250—10 5
Cards .....100 000— 1 2

Taylor, Ehlers and Tarney; Cicchini, Moffitt and Cagaanon, James.

(Herald Photo)

READY FOR INVADERS . . . Torrance Babe Ruth League All Stars have been toiling every morning this week in preparation for Saturday's game with Sherman Oaks champs. Winner of game will meet Arcadia-El Centro winner Sunday. All Stars are, front row left to right, Ken Simpson, Seals; Doug Ingram, Oaks; Nat Harty, Seals; Tony Bertolet, Seals; Bill Morris, Rainiers; Jim Martin, Rainiers. Back row, same order, Mike Bertolet, Seals; Russ Vanderpool, Oaks; Gene Crenshaw, Seals; Ray Vanderpool, Oaks; Tim Watkins, Oaks; Lee Day, Beavers, Al Biedsoe, Oaks, Tom Brohamer, Oaks, and Emil Capik, Seals, are not shown.

Little League Play Offs Open This Week End

The four Torrance Little Leagues send their All Star teams into action Saturday to begin a series of eliminations for the City crown.

National League and North Torrance All Star squads square off in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday at Little League Park. In the nightcap the American All Stars tackle the Pacific Coast Leaguers. First game starts at 1 p.m.

Monday the two winners of Saturday's contest, will meet for the Torrance City championship.

District play offs are set at El Segundo, July 28, 29 and 30.

Each of the four All Star teams is made up of the 14 top players in the league, as decided by managers. Other tournaments will be held at Glendale and Santa Monica, following the Torrance and El Segundo affairs.

SPORTS SLATE

SOFTBALL

Today—Blue Streak: Lutherans vs. Elks, 8:30 p.m., Torrance Park. Fire "A" vs. 1135, National Blues vs. Walteria Methodists, 7 p.m., Walteria Park.
Girls' League: Flamingos vs. Trojans, 7:30 p.m., McMasters Park.
July 22—Blue Streak: Homeowners vs. Fire "B", 8:30 p.m., Torrance Park.

BASEBALL

Today — American Little League: Tigers vs. Pirates, 6 p.m., Little League Park.
Normandale Little League: Oaks vs. Seals, 6 p.m., Normandale.
Babe Ruth League: Seals vs. Oaks, 6 p.m., Babe Ruth Park.
July 22—Babe Ruth League: Rainiers vs. Padres, 6 p.m., Babe Ruth Park.
July 23—Babe Ruth Play Off: Torrance vs. Sherman Oaks, 2 p.m., Babe Ruth Park.
Normandale Little League: Solons vs. Beavers, 9 a.m.
Angels vs. Stars, 11 a.m., Normandale.
July 24—American Little League: Pirates vs. Giants, 1:30 p.m., Little League Park. National Little League: Cubs vs. Cards, 4 p.m., Little League Park.
Babe Ruth League: Oaks vs. Stars, 1:30 p.m.
Padres vs. Beavers, 4 p.m., Babe Ruth Park.
Harbor League: Torrance Merchants vs. Lomita Blue Devils, 2 p.m., Torrance Park.

RACING

July 22—Motorcycles, 8:30 p.m., Gardena Stadium.
July 22—Stock Cars, 8:30 p.m., Gardena Stadium.
July 24—Jalopies, 2:30 p.m. Hotrods, 8:30 p.m., Gardena Stadium.

Firemen Win, 5-4

Fire Department's "B" team scored three times in the seventh inning Thursday to nudge the Lutherans, 5-4, and climb into first place in the Blue Streak Softball League.

The two teams were tied for the top rung going into the game and after six innings the Lutherans looked a good bet to hold first spot. They were leading the Firemen, 4-2, at that juncture.

Sherman Oaks Team Paced by One-Armed Star

Right next to Pete Gray's picture in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Coperstown, N. Y., is a photo of Nelson Gary Jr., of Sherman Oaks, who, though much younger than Gray, has followed in the former major leaguers' footsteps.

In case you're cloudy on Gray's identity, he was the one-armed outfielder who saw action with the Memphis Chicks and St. Louis Browns during the years of World War II. Pete mastered his disability and became the only one-armed baseballer in major league history.

Versatile Performer

Fourteen-year-old Nelson Gary is an outfielder - pitcher - first baseman with the Sherman Oaks Babe Ruth champions, who appear at Torrance Babe Ruth Park Saturday for their play off game with the locals. And, like Pete Gray, Nelson Gary has only one arm.

He lost his right arm when he was two, but battled back to gain national sports recognition. Right now, Nelson is a .442 batter for Sherman Oaks, with two years of Little League experience and a season of Babe Ruth play under his belt.

Gray Instructs

His father, Nelson Sr., contacted Gray when the youngster was old enough to hold a baseball and Pete spent time teaching the boy his tricks of the trade.

Young Nelson has not only conquered his difficulty, but has surpassed his original goal of mastering baseball. He is quarterback on the Van Nuys Junior High eleven, and a basketball and golf star. In fact, he's toured many a golf course in the low 90's.

All Star Nine Nabs Bay Title

Pinning Redondo, 5-3, Sunday with a 12-hit attack, the Torrance Babe Ruth National All Stars grabbed off the South Bay championship and the right to meet Sherman Oaks here on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Babe Ruth Park.

The Nationals earlier had defeated the Torrance American All Stars, 2-0, in the tourneys' feature game.

Tom Brohamer set down Redondo on four hits in hurling the Nationals to the title. He was backed by the heavy hitting of Russell Vanderpool, Doug Ingram and Ken Simpson, all of whom bashed two hits apiece.

Five for Six

Simpson had three hits in the National's win over Torrance Americans, to give him five for six in the two games.

Kenny Harter and Earl Reidinger teamed up on the mound for Redondo.

Gene Crenshaw limited the Americans to six hits in the all Torrance semi-final contest. He received top support afield and heavy hitting from Ray Vanderpool, who sent both of the winners' runs home.

Ernie Thomsen was the losing pitcher, although he gave the Nationals eight scattered hits.

Crenshaw or Brohamer

Saturday either Crenshaw or Brohamer will get the starting call for Torrance when they meet the San Fernando Valley kingpins.

The next day the winner of Saturday's game troops to Arcadia to settle the district title with the winner of the Arcadia-El Centro contest.

Redondo topped Palos Verdes, 4-3, in the other semi-final tournament game last week.

Torrance will count on the power swinging of Mike Bertolet, Ray and Russ Vanderpool, Crenshaw and Simpson in the Sherman Oaks tussle.

JOHNSON'S 4 HITS PACE 'BIRDS WIN

The Torrance Bluebirds launch second-round Habor League play Sunday when the Lomita Blue Devils move in to Torrance Park for a return game.

Jack French's Bluebirds mopped up the Blue Devils when the two clubs met in the first game of the season. Game time Sunday is 2 p.m.

Swayne Johnson led Torrance to their fifth straight Harbor win Sunday as the locals took San Pedro Starkist at Torrance Park, 8-6. The Bluebirds remain the only unbeaten team in the loop.

Four and Four

Johnson's four hits and four RBI's pushed the 'Birds to their win. Lee Utter, Dave Bishop and Jack Schlarb split the pitching chores for Torrance, with Bishop getting the decision.

Both squads hammered away until the sixth inning, when the San Pedrans lagged behind the locals. Torrance went ahead to stay in the sixth when Cal Strong doubled in Jim Nady, who walked.

Johnson added an insurance tally in the eighth when he hit his third homer of the season.

Hits Two Doubles

Strong and Bucky Kuhn followed Johnson in hitting honors. They each had a pair of hits. Both of Kuhn's were singles, while Strong hit two doubles and drove home three runs.

Torrance had 10 hits, the losers had five.

Torrance (8)

	AB	R	H	E
Kuhn, cf	4	2	2	
Nady, 2b	3	2	1	0
Johnson, 1b	5	2	4	0
Vanderpool, rf, lf	3	1	0	0
Strong, ss, rf	4	0	2	0
Beckett, ss	2	0	0	0
Robinson, lf	1	0	0	0
D. Taylor, 3b	5	0	1	0
J. Taylor, c	2	1	0	0
Utter, p	1	0	0	0
Bishop, p	1	0	0	0
Schlarb, p	0	0	0	0
	31	8	10	0

San Pedro (6)

	AB	R	H	E
Mattero, ss	3	0	0	0
Vasquez, 3b	5	0	0	0
Pophe, 1b	4	1	1	0
Breskovich, cf	3	1	1	0
Kahler, rf	5	0	1	0
Stamis, 2b	3	0	0	0
Mihaijevich, c	1	2	0	0
Bozvlich, lf	2	1	1	0
Zavala, lf	1	0	0	0
A. Guardado, p	3	1	1	0
J. Guardado, p	0	0	0	0
	30	6	5	0

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