

Bluebirds Notch Harbor Victory; Blasted by Kern Champions, 15-3

Only Dave Bishop and Lee Utter failed to hit as the Torrance Bluebirds took another Harbor League win Sunday, blasting the Compton Patins, 21-3, at Torrance Park. It was the eighth straight loop victory for the 'Birds.

Sunday the locals engage the Gardena Aztecs in another league affair, at 2 p.m. at Rosecrans playground. Torrance completes its Harbor schedule Aug. 21, against Lomita at Torrance Park.

Seven errors afield were the downfall of the Bluebirds Saturday as they were bumped for the first time in weeks, 15-3, by the Wasco Dons in a night practice tilt at Wasco. Although the Dons got only two more hits than the locals, the bevy of 'Bird errors and 11 stolen bases by Wasco proved the difference.

Get 21 Hits

The Bluebird-Latin contest saw the Torrance semi-pro nine return to winning form as the club bashed out 21 hits. Carl Strong had five for six and Swayne Johnson, Larry Roy and Jack Robinson each contributed three hits to pace the Torrance attack.

Johnson, nicked a fast ball over the left field fence in the first inning and Tom Vanderpool tagged one for a homer in the same inning to top slugging honors.

Robinson and Strong handled the pitching assignment, with the former taking the win. Robinson pitched the first seven frames and gave up four hits. Strong finished and yielded the same number of safeties.

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... Third Base

CURT PROBST
... Shortstop



TOM RICHARDSON
... Left Field

JOE MONTGOMERY
... Center Field

BRUCE HALAPIN
... Right Field

ALL STAR PEE WEE SQUAD NUMBERS 15

Bob Zack pitched the Southern All Stars past a picked Northern team, 12-7, Wednesday at McMaster Park as a preliminary to the Los Angeles County Pee Wee softball tournament, set Aug. 29 through Sept. 2 at Norwalk Park in Norwalk.

Torrance Pee Wee League All Stars are Brannon, Day, Fink, Terry Guengerich, Mike Jacobs, Kirtley, William Moss, Bill Nicholson, Tim Rice, Rich Richards, Larry Stevenson, Ronald Stugart, Wade Trimlev, John Wojack and Zack.

The Standings

National Little League, Final	
Cubs	15 6
Yankees	11 10
Braves	10 11
Cardinals	8 15
North Torrance Little League	
Brulls	14 3
Indians	11 7
Trojans	9 8
Brulls	12 11
Service Club	
Legion	12 1
Lions Club	10 3
Jaycees	8 3
Optimists Club	7 6
Rotary Club	6 6
Walters BMO	6 9
CSEA	2 11
Kiwanis Club	1 11
Blue Streak	
Fire Dept. "B"	11 1
Fire Dept. "A"	10 2
Lutheran Men	7 6
National Blues	7 6
Elk's Club	6 7
Local 1185	4 9
Torr. Gardens Plaza	4 9
Walteria Methodists	0 13

Midget Loop Team Picked

Fifteen boys were selected to represent Torrance in County Midget League softball tournament play, following the North-South Midget All Star game Wednesday at McMaster Park.

The Northerners registered an 8-2 win.

Tournament action begins Monday at Simms Park in Bellflower.

Torrance team members are John Aquilar, Roy Biggers, Lloyd Brummett, Tom Carter, Gary Davis, Dennis Higgins, Bob Hunt, Rick Jacobs, Gary Little, John Lyons, Bill Morris, Jack Tarney, Ed Williams and Jim Zack.

A six-run fifth inning enabled the Northerners to notch the victory.



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Kirkland, Wash. First Round Foe

Bo Palica's American Little League All Stars will call on control artist Doug Potts to open fire today at 4:30 p.m., at Santa Monica, when the Torrance nine renews its quest for further play off recognition against Kirkland, Wash.

Potts has picked up the winning ticket for three of Torrance's six elimination wins to date. The locals need three straight wins at Santa Monica to qualify for the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa.

Today's Torrance-Kirkland tilt will be televised on channel 9, KHJ-TV.

A fine defense has kept the leaguers out of trouble so far, although they have registered two of their wins by a single run. They have committed five

errors in six tussles to 19 for the opposition.

Torrance knocked over Pacific Coast 7-0, and Torrance National, 6-5, to take the City title, then waxed Redondo, 3-0, and Hermosa, 9-4, to earn South Bay honors. The Los Angeles District pennant went to the boys when they noddled Glendale, 4-3, and Compton, 6-1, last week end at Glendale.

Colton in Again

Other teams that will open fire today in the three-day tourney are Visalia, Stockton, Colton and San Diego, Calif.; Cedar City, Utah, and Vancouver, B.C.

The Colton gang, which went to the final game of the Little League World Series in 1954 before losing, has three veterans back and looms a definite threat to the Region 8 title which will be settled at Santa Monica. Pitcher Jerry Magness and infielders Chuck Colderilla and Dan Carrasco are returnees from the 1954 group of Colton hustlers.

Palica, Coach Leonard Gomez and the 14 members of the Torrance team left yesterday for the Ramsey Military School in the Bay City where they will stay until Sunday. Since all other teams are away from home, the Torrance group, according to tourney rules, also had to check in for four days at the school.

Three One-Hitter

Bob Lambert, who threw a one-hit shutout over Chehalis, Wash., 5-0, in elimination play, will open on the mound for Kirkland. He also leads the team in batting, with a .417 tournament mark.

Other Kirkland team members are Jerry Held, Dan Feek, Keith Thompson, Larry Cast, Gordon Brawn, Jim Bauman, Jim Mynar, Rod Joton, Bill Becker, Steve Sparling, Jim Armstrong, Steve Dalgleish and Steve Leverett.

As the locals top Kirkland today, they meet the winner of the Colton-San Diego game in the second round tomorrow at 4:30. All 4:30 games, today,

Friday and Saturday, will be televised over Channel 9.

Former professional pitcher Palica said he will go with the same line-up that has brought nothing but success to Torrance. Mike Challis will be behind the plate, Cliff Roy, first, Rick Gomez, second, John Mewborn, third and Curt Probst, shortstop, will comprise the infield, and Tom Richardson, left, Joe Montgomery, center, and Bruce Halapin, right, will go in the gardens.

Parker May Play

Bo said he might insert heavy-hitting Jackie Parker for Halapin in right field. Parker, a regular catcher, has not played yet and is a long-ball hitter. Mewborn and Richardson double also as pitchers. Richardson is also a pitcher, Richardson team.

THE SCHEDULE

Today

Game 1—Cedar City vs. Visalia, 10:30 a.m.

2—Stockton vs. Vancouver, 12:30 p.m.

3—San Diego vs. Colton, 2:30 p.m.

4—Torrance vs. Kirkland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

5—Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 10:30 a.m.

6—Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 12:30 p.m.

7—Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 2:30 p.m.

8—Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

9—Loser 5 vs. Loser 6, 9:30 a.m.

10—Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 9:30 a.m.

11—Winner 10 vs. Winner 9, Third place, 1:30 p.m.

12—Winner 8 vs. Winner 8, Championship, 4:30 p.m.

*Televised over Channel 9, KHJ-TV.

Legion Takes Championship

Although they lost Tuesday night to the Walteria BMA, the American Legion squad has clinched the 1955 Service League softball title and will meet the Fire Department "B" team next week for the City championship.

The Legion team took the title last week when they topped the Lions team, 1-0.

Norm Woods pitched the Walterians to a 1-0 victory over the Legion club in league play Tuesday at Torrance Park. The Legion squad could get only five hits, while the winners got 11.

Fire 'B' Team Nabs Loop Honors

Three games are on tap tonight and tomorrow in Blue Streak softball action, but they won't have any bearing on the final standings, as the Fire "B" team has already clinched the pennant with an 11-1 record.

The Fire "B" squad was pressed by the Fire Department "A" club, which follows in the standings with a 10-2 mark.

Tonight the Homeowners meet the Lutheran Men and the Elks tangle with Walteria Methodists in a double bill at Walteria Park. League play terminates tomorrow evening when Local 1185 and National Blues square off at Torrance Park.

The Firemen will vie with the Service League champs, American Legion, for the Torrance, slow-pitch softball title

Longren Is City Titlist

Don Sticklely limited the Pittsburgh Painters to three hits and his mates blasted 11 safeties as the Longren Aeros team took the City Softball League title Monday night at Torrance Park with an 11-1 victory over the Painters.

The winners got all the runs they needed in the third inning when shortstop Nick Dellan broke the scoring ice with a homer. Pat Malone scampared in ahead of Dellan to give the Aeros their two lead runs.

American Legion won by forfeit over the Walteria Businessmen to complete the season schedule.

Longren scored once in the fourth, five times in the sixth and three times in the seventh to sew it up.

Merrill Homers

Don Merrill started off the big sixth with the second homer off Paint pitcher Bob Moon. Four more runs came home in that inning on doubles by Gil DiSanto and Bill Moses, a walk to Malone, Ron Dean's single and an error.

Sticklely singled to open the final inning and came all the way home when Painter Frank Sanchez mishandled his ground in right field. Merrill followed with another single and came in on DiSanto's sacrifice to left field.

Dave Huffstretler, a pinch batter, dlobbered a long home run down the left field line for the final Longren run.

Moore Scores

Pitcher Moore scored the Pittsburgh team's only tally in the last half of the seventh. He led off with a single, stole second went to third on a passed ball and scored on John Podgurski's sacrifice bunt.

The other two Painter hits went to second sacker Hank Hazelwood and centerfielder Jerry Best.

The perpetual league trophy, presented yearly by the HER, ALD, will be awarded to the Longren club. The sponsoring Torrance Recreation Department will present individual trophies to the members of the victorious team.

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Pittsburgh 000 001 0-1 3
Sticklely and DiSanto; Moon and Lindenbergl.

Seals' Crenshaw Tosses No-Hit Job Over Padres

Gene Crenshaw hit the jackpot Monday evening when he pitched a no-hit, no-run 6-0 win for the Seals over the Padres in Babe Ruth League action at Babe Ruth Park.

Crenshaw struck out 12 Padres in twirling the neat victory. Ed Baldwin was the losing hurler.

The Seals got four hits, but made them count for five runs in the third and a single tally in the fourth inning. All four hits went to the Bertoleto brothers, Mike and Tony, who had two apiece.

In a double header Sunday the Angels topped the Padres 5-4, and the Oaks walked all over the Rainiers, 22-10.

Allen Bledsoe and Ray Vanderpool paced the Oaks' attack, each getting three hits in six trips to the plate. Jim Martin had three for five for the losers.

Although they came up with only three hits, the Angels called on the squeeze play to down the Padres. Paul Moir was the winning pitcher. Steve Mearning had two of the Padres' seven safeties.

In other games last week the Stars beat the Angels, 13-5, and the Solons turned back the Beavers in a real slugfest, 17-14.

Angels 200 120 0-5 7
Stars 440 320 x-13 7
Harris, Treadway and Kling; Perales and Ferguson.

Beavers 010 30 10-0-14 11
Solons 000 510 x-17 11
Holdsforth, Ehlers, Day and Griff; Moore and Foster.

Padres 000 002 2-4 7
Angels 100 003 1-5 3
Caruso, Morris and Baldwin; Harris, Moir and Kling.

Oaks 213 745 0-22 16
Rainiers 000 440 2-10 11
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