

Loss Eliminates Americans From Tournament

TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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Rally Set For Local Area Next Week End

The Harbor Sports Car Club will hold an Anniversary Poker Rally in the Torrance-Palos Verdes area under the direction of Harry B. Van Belleham, local director of recreation, next Saturday evening.

Rallyists will depart on the all-points tour from 229th and Narbonne, at 7 p.m. Maps and point directions will be handed to contestants at the start. Van Belleham advises that flashlights will be in order to locate the sack containing the cards for the poker draw.

Niday to Drive In Paramount Sports Car Race

Cal Niday, the one-legged driving great, will turn pro sports car chauffeur to drive Bill Murphy's speedy Buick-Kurtis in the first Paramount Ranch road races Saturday, Aug. 18 and 19, it was reported recently.

Niday has been sidelined with injuries suffered in a near-fatal accident at Indianapolis in 1955.

Murphy's Buick-Kurtis, with which the Culver City auto dealer has won the last three main events here, will be available to Niday as Bill is going East for business meetings and will not drive.

Niday is one of the driving greats of the nation. He was running well up in the '55 500-mile before the accident.

The Pacoima veteran also has been regarded as one of the best midwest race drivers, having scored many impressive triumphs against the top competition available.

Niday is eligible to join the amateur sports car ranks in that he hasn't driven professionally for more than a year. His performance in the powerhouse Buick-Kurtis will be watched with great interest.

Fishing Gear Taken
Robert Wesley Perry, 32, of 1754 W. 256th St., reported to deputies that someone took \$62 in fishing gear from his garage in an early morning burglary Wednesday.

Random Ramblings

By ROGER BOEDECKER

Now that the excitement of the local Little League tourney has subsided a few remarks concerning the handling of the event might be in order.

In my opinion, and experience, everything was well planned. The handling of the tournament seemed faultless. Such organization must of course be credited to the officials of the North Torrance Little League, the sponsoring body.

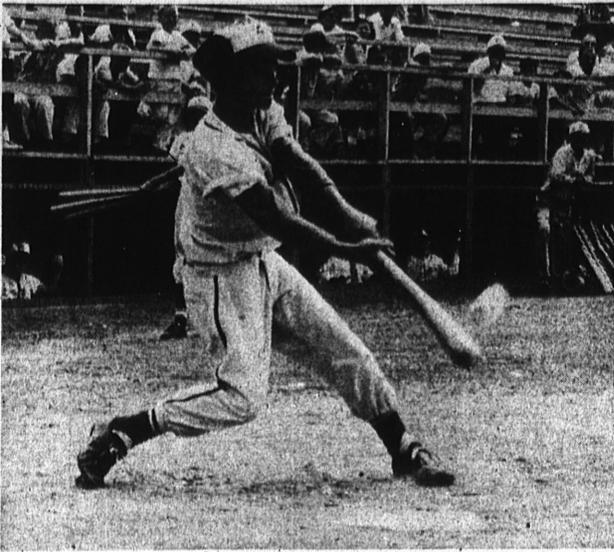
Joe Setting, league president, in particular should receive a commendation for the fine way in which the tournament was organized and run-off. Press relations, in particular, went off without a hitch, during pre-tourney planning and for the five games played at the North Torrance Little League park.

Speaking of the park, the Dominguez Field diamond was in excellent condition for the tourney, credit for which must go to Everett Snow, the field superintendent. Car and crowd control for all the games was also well handled, credit going to many North Torrance Little League supporters, adult and junior-grade.

For on the spot action, special bouquets should go to Louis Baker, chief scorer for the tournament, Herb Fisher, who handled a major portion of the tournament announcing chores, Nel Fisher, chief aide in the concession stand, Chuck Groutage, in charge of the District awards, and Gene Phillips, who handled the financial arrangements for the event.

Of course all the planning, organizing and other arrangements would have been for nothing if it hadn't been for the often thankless efforts of the umpires. Headed by Chief Umpire Tiny Golphenee this corps of arbiters contributed greatly to the success of the tourney. Consistent performers in blue included Golphenee, S. Bonafede, L. L. Smith, A. W. Sharon, R. S. Park, D. S. Hulsey, and Burt Richardson.

AGED REFUGE
Although many aged people go to California and Florida to retire, these two states have a smaller proportion of aged people than most of the other states, according to census reports.



CAIRNS CONNECTS... A double by Jim Cairns in the first inning of the Torrance American All-Stars' sectional play-off game with the Tustin All-Stars put the local third sacker in scoring position. Cairns later moved on to third, then stole home for the first local run as Torrance was eliminated from the Little League tourney by a 4-3 score.

UPSETS MARK SOFTBALL PLAY IN FINAL GAMES OF SEASON

THURSDAY
A battle for third spot in Blue Streak final, standings shaped up as the Christian Men scored an 8-3 upset over the Lutheran Men. The win puts the two teams in a tie for the show position in the league standings.

W. Smith poked a homer in the first inning to start the Christians on their way to the win. A triple and a double in the seventh, by B. Parker and S. Smith, topped a four run rally to ice the game for the winners. Wayne Branum had the best mark at the plate for the Lutherans, a pair of two sackers in three times at bat.

Local 1135 won its battle for the cellar spot in league standings from the Elks Club as the Elks pounded out a big 19-5 win over the Locals.

Marvin Pike had a big night at the plate scoring three runs on two singles and a double in four trips to the plate. Bill Schultz was the leading 1135 platemate with a triple and single in three efforts.

WEDNESDAY
A play-off will be definitely needed to determine final City League standings as Potter's 218 batted out a 4-1 win over Pittsburg Pains. The win put Potter's in a tie with Longren Aeros for second spot in league standings, with the two teams slated to play each other, with duplicate 9-4 records. Pittsburg, with the season completed, has a 10-4 mark necessitating a play-off with the winner of the Potter's-Longren game.

Hank Olson figured prominently in the Potter's win, pitching a three-hitter, and banging out a double and sin-

gle in four times at bat. Bill Bill Perez and Rusty McDaniel were the key figures in Potter's big inning, the fourth, as both scored what proved to be insurance runs.

Pittsburg's sole run came in the sixth frame as Bob Chiuizi walked, took second on a wild pitch, stole third and came home on an error.

Olson's mound work was good for a game mark of 15 strikeouts, while walking two. Bob Moon, pitching for Pitt., countered with 10 strikeouts and three walks, but lacked the necessary team batting for the win.

Only other City League results was the no contest 1-0 forfeit credited to Border's Market over the National Guard.

Service Club
Service Club results moved the American Legion into third place as the Lions Club nine dropped a close 5-4 decision to the Junior Chamber. Jayceer Vern Lovelady shared game long ball honors with Lion Jim Krueger, both tapping triples. Lisman had the night's best bat mark, three singles and the double in four trips to the plate.

Rotary Pounds
In other Service Club action the Rotary Club pounded out an 18-6 win over the hapless

Standings

CITY LEAGUE	
Pittsburg Pains	10 4 1
Potter's 218	9 4 1
Longren Aeros	8 4 1
Glading McBean	8 4 1
Rome Cable	7 6 2
Border's Market	6 8 4
Alpha Equipment	4 10 8
National Guard	0 14 10

GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Trojans	5 2 1
National Blues	5 2 1
Duffers	5 3 1
Bruins	4 4 2
Esabs	4 4 2
Hot Shots	4 4 2
Alpha	4 4 2
Stripes	1 7 8

BLUE STREAK	
Fire Dept. A	10 2 2
National Blues	8 4 2
Christian Men	6 7 4 1/2
Lutheran Men	6 7 4 1/2
Torrance Gardens	6 6 4
Columbia ERA	6 6 4
Elks Club	4 8 7 1/2
Local 1135	3 10 7 1/2

SERVICE CLUB	
Fire Dept. B	11 0 5
Optimist Club	8 2 0
American Legion	7 4 4
Lions Club	6 5 8
Junior Chamber	4 7 7
Kiwanis Club	1 10 10
Waters B.M.C.	0 11 11

Kiwanis contingent.
Worst inning for the Kiwanis was the third as every Rotary batsman got to the plate in a murderous six run blast, topped by Bob Stewart's bases loaded homer. The final frame wasn't too good to Kiwanis either as the Rotary poked home four runs on four hits.

A big Kiwanis rally in the fourth brought them to within four runs of the winners as six scores came in on five hits topped by Glen Pfeil's triple.

Tustin Homer Tops Torrance

A home run, with two outs and two on, by Tustin's John Laine blasted Torrance's American Little League All-Stars from the 1956 Little League tournament at Santa Ana, Friday afternoon, as the locals were eliminated from the sudden death play by a 4-3 count.

Alphas Score 10-9 Upset Over Trojans

The Trojans suffered their second loss in Girls Softball Thursday night as the Alphas downed the league leaders by a 10-9 count in a high scoring four inning game.

Doubles by the Alphas' Dot Searles and Betty Creach supplied most of the winning tallies while Marsha Iwata and Nancy Humphreys poked out twin sackers for the Trojans.

National Blues forced the Hot Shots to go all out before losing a close 5-4 ball game. The Hot Shots' winning run came in the seventh inning when Jerry DeChant came home with her second score of the evening. Rosmary Swartz pitched the win for the Shots, allowing but five Bluetie safeties in the seven inning go.

In other Girls Softball action the Duffers ran wild in the third and fifth innings to score a big 17-11 win over the Esabs. Jimmy Russum blasted a homer in the third frame to lead the Duffers to the win. Barbara Reed had the longest Esab hit, a triple in the fifth.

The Bruins pushed the Stripes further into the league cellar spot with a 7-0 shut out win, to go into a three-way tie with the Esabs and Hot Shots for fourth spot in standings.

Minors Meet In Title Play

Tournament-type play resumes in Torrance tomorrow evening as the champion teams from the four local minor Little Leagues, American, National, North Torrance, and Pacific, clash in sudden death play for the city title at Plaza Del Amo Park. Play will continue each evening through Wednesday, all games starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tomorrow the American minor Dodgers hook up with the champs of the National minor loop, the winning club to be determined this afternoon. Tuesday the Pacific Solons meet the North Torrance Trojans, and on Wednesday the two winning clubs play for the city championship.

Pre-game ceremonies went off with the due pomp, although dignitaries Senator Kuchel and Congressman Ull failed to make their scheduled appearance, as district medals were awarded to all players and managers.

It was a tough game to lose as the Americans out hit and out pitched, for five innings. Tustin hit still wound up on the short end of the final count.

Herford No-Hit in Relief
Reserve pitcher Jeff Herford, called into action in the second inning, responded with a sterling no-hit, no-run performance for five frames, while Pete Venable, entering the game with two on in the fourth came through with a double.

Tustin led off in the first frame with Ray Walker on the mound for Torrance. A single and a walk put two men on as Laine came to the plate to poke his over the fence blow. Richard Gresham, the Americans' left fielder, practically went over the barrier in a vain attempt to nab the ball.

Cairns Steals
In the American half of the first Jim Cairns poked a double, moved on to third, then proceeded to steal for the first Torrance making the count 3-1.

Walker ran into the second inning, two one and no out was sent in. With pressure on the fielded his fast one punitives, with one counting for the runner, and forced the ter to pop out.

From that point on case of Tustin's momentum tempting to contact eager batters.

Torrance's Highpoint
For the several fans who made it to Ana, came in as Phil Doug Perry got Venable was called. His double calls to within a tying the match fielding and steady

of the part of the Tustin chocked off the Torrance at the plate for Torrance for two and one run. Cairns and Venable split ball honors, each with a ble.

Five Game Totals
In their five tournament games the Americans scored a total of 28 runs, on 36 hits, to their opponents seven runs, on six hits. Torrance hurlers gave up a total of four earned runs in the 30 innings pitched, for an E.R.A. of .133.

Box scores:

Tustin Nationals (4)	
Primrose, R.	AB, R, H
Lebo, C.	3 1 1
Christ, P.	2 1 0
Laine, C.	3 1 1
Krabble, R.	2 0 1
Francis, B.	3 0 0
Broomell, B.	1 0 1
Veah, S.	1 0 1
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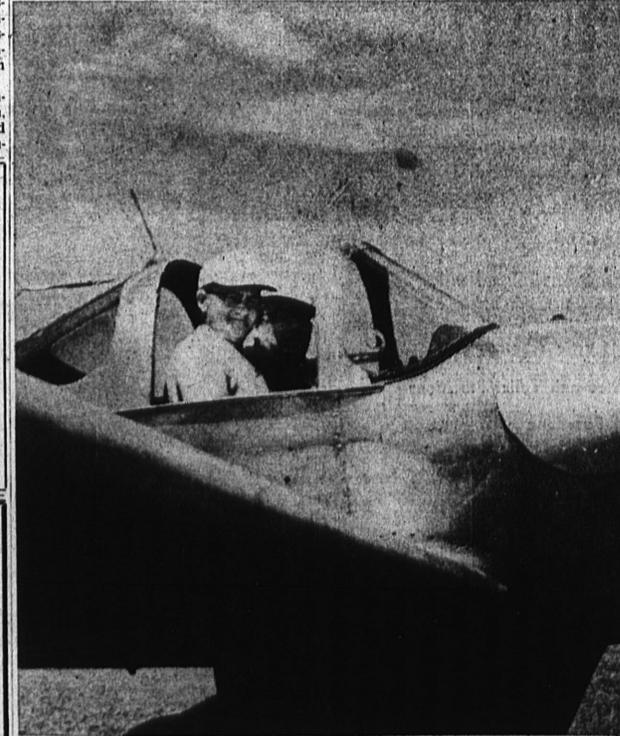
Torrance Americans (3)	
Walker, P.	AB, R, H
Kittell, B.	4 0 1
Cairns, J.	3 1 1
Steadley, R.	2 1 0
Nicholson, C.	1 2 2
Perry, P.	3 0 0
Mahan, S.	0 0 0
Hitch, P.	2 0 0
Lenehan, K.	1 0 0
Appleby, B.	1 0 0
Venable, R.	2 0 1
	25 3 7

Tustin..... \$10 000
Torrance..... \$6 000-3
X-Pinch hit for Herford in sixth.
Batteries: Christ and Laine; Walker, Herford and Kittell; WP, Christ, LP Walker.

KELLY WINS FISH DERBY

George Kelly of 4832 Reynolds Road, is the possessor of a new glass spinning rod today — his prize for winning the weekly Mr. Big Fishing Derby staged by Cal Bailey, veteran disc jockey of radio station KBIG, Avalon.

Three glass rod prizes are awarded for the biggest fish caught each week within 10 miles of Catalina by a man, a woman and a child under 18. The fish are checked in with sporting goods dealer Joe Guion at the Avalon pleasure pier.



EASY WAY TO SANTA ANA... Willys Blount, pilot and farthest from camera, demonstrated the non-traffic route to Santa Ana to Tommy Thompson, manager of the American Little League All-Stars, Friday afternoon, as the two Little League enthusiasts joined several hundred local fans in trekking to sectional play-off with Tustin. Blount's flight plan didn't call for it, but the Americans were downed by a 4-3 count.

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