

# SCMAF TOURNAMENT WINDS UP SUNDAY

## Labor Day Card Set for Friday At Ascot Oval

The West's premier motorcycle riders cavort in the big Labor Day weekend sweepstakes program Friday night at Ascot Stadium. First race is set for 8:30, following time trials at 7.

The program has drawn a talented entry list of 90 riders. The show, kicking off the holiday weekend, is traditionally one of the big motorcycle events of the campaign at the Southside speedway.

**YOUNG TROY LEE** will carry a slight lead over the "Flying Flea," Sammy Tanner, into the show. Although only an amateur, Lee has established himself as one of the nation's greatest riders.

The tiny Pico-Rivera jockey has 1522 points to 1382 for second-place Tanner. Don Hawley, the Inglewood veteran, has jumped past Al Gunter into third with 1235.

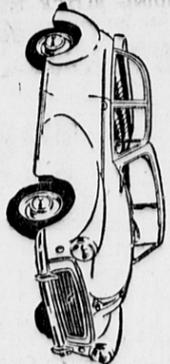
**WITH THE CLIMAX** of the season fast approaching, Lee now appears to be on his way to the championship, a feat almost never performed by an amateur rider.

Jack O'Brien has returned from a swing to the Midwest and also figures well up in the chase.

Bob Kircher is closing on leaders Dick Hammer and Tony Hoover in the Class-B warfare. Kircher now trails Hoover by only eight points in their battle for second.

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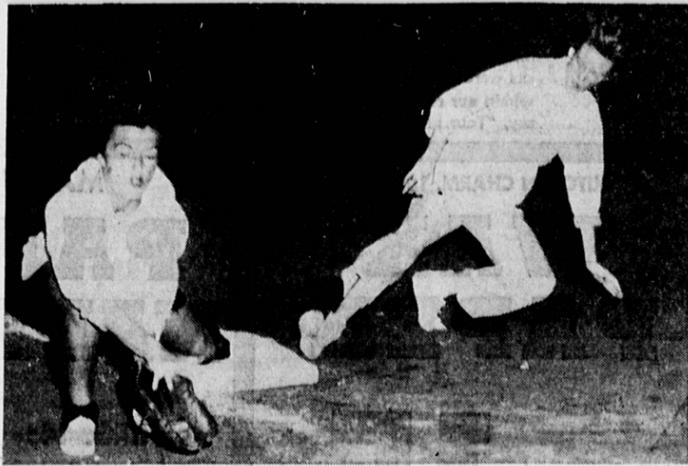
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**HITTING THE DECK . . .** Starting the slide that saved her from the tag is Nan nolds. Challengers left fielder, while Caroline Casper, Spartettes third sacker, scoop up the ball. Nancy scored moments later when Sylvia McElroy clouted a homer. Challengers won the encounter, 21-1. (Herald Photo)

## Girls Softball League Proves Exciting Pastime

By **JERRY REYNOLDS**  
Herald Staff Writer

Since 1949 the phrase "Play Ball" has signaled the start of a summer loaded with the fun of competition and the spirit of winning for more than one thousand girls. Those girls have been active in the Torrance Recreation Department's Girls Softball League, playing a milder version of what has come to be called the National pastime of more than 170 million people of all ages . . . softball.

**HERE IN** Torrance there are more than half a dozen different summer ball leagues, but of those leagues the girls softball is by far the most interesting. There are no sponsors, industries or special ball parks, just a group of girls who want to play ball and the sanction of the Recreation Department.

The league was organized in 1949 and for the first three years was combined with the Lomita area league. Today their players live all over the South Bay area, from Inglewood to San Pedro.

**THE GIRLS** are mostly from the high schools in the area

but there has always been a team or two made up of adults, including many mothers. The only age limit is to prohibit girls under 13 from playing.

Men are strictly taboo on the playing field, but many teams have had or now have men coaches. However, when it comes time to go out and play the game the men must sit on the bench.

There have never been less than six active teams in the circuit and the general rule is eight. The girls completed their eleventh season last Friday night with the eighth renewal of the annual all-star

game. **CURRENTLY** Miss Doris Avis is the director of the league for the Recreation Department. She is in charge of publicity, scoring and umpiring and is currently assisted by a staff of three, all working strictly on their own time.

For now, the girls will put away their bats and gloves and go back to the old grind at school, but when the spring flowers bud out, so will their interest in the sport. A few new girls, a new glove and a ball park will keep them occupied next summer.



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**ONE MORE STEP . . .** Kathy Fisher, Esabs shortstop, is just one step away from the safety of first base. Vandal firstbaseman Dorothy Serales waits for the throw that never came. The Esabs went on to win the game, 5-1, and remain undefeated for the season. (Herald Photo)

## Roy Smith, Tony Emanuel Meet in LB Semi-Main

Although Rocky Killingo and Kid Rayo, a pair of ambitious young welterweights are slated to fight the main event at Long Beach Municipal Auditorium Tuesday night, local interest is centered on the appearance of Roy Smith, popular Torrance heavyweight, who meets Tony Emanuel, hard-hitting Los Angeles scrapper in the 8-round semi-windup.

Roy remains undefeated this year, although he was twice held even, and is considered one of the most promising heavyweights coming up. Bill Swift, manager of Zora Folley, predicts that Roy will be ready to move into top flight competition in another year, providing he continues to improve in the future as he has in the past.

Manager Gordon Shaw has done an excellent job of developing Roy, and while he has been offered several lucrative scraps for Smith, he is holding Roy back until he can get more experience.

However, Shaw plans to let Roy fight stiffer opposition in the future.

In meeting Emanuel, Roy is getting no soft touch. Tony has beaten some pretty fair scrappers including Willie Pope, Otis Fuller and Johnny Hobart. Curley Leg is the only fighter to beat him in Los Angeles.

The Killingo-Rayo fight promises to be an action packed battle. Rocky is welterweight champion of the Philippines, while Rayo is 147 pound ruler of Central America. Winner has been promised a shot at Tombstone Smith's state welterweight title.

## El Nido Church Softball Team Enters Tourney

El Nido First Baptist Church softball team enters the annual Long Beach Invitational Tournament Labor Day, Sept. 7 at Hamilton Bowl in Long Beach. The tournament, sponsored by the University Baptist Church of Long Beach, will

## Kegga's JFF Optimist '9' Advance

Three Torrance teams advanced to the semi-final round of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation slo-pitch tourney now underway in Torrance in action over the week-end. The three teams, Tappa Keggas, Just For Fun and the Torrance Optimist, will see action tomorrow along with Shop 11-26 from the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

**IN FRIDAY'S** first game at Torrance Park the Long Beach nine scored an 8-5 win over Shop 02, also of Long Beach, to advance to the semis. The 10-hit Shop 11-26 attack was led by Bob Rivers who clouted three singles in three times at the plate and scored two runs. The winning pitcher was Ed Reyes while the loss was charged to Fred Corrica.

The Tappa Keggas had to come from behind a 2-1 score to defeat Shop 17 of Long Beach in the second Friday game. Dick Stuetz hit a home run over the left fielder's head to score Frank Fisterse ahead of him and give the Keggas a 3-2 win and a berth in the semi-finals.

The Long Beach nine had scored first and then added another in the fourth to lead 2-1 before Stuetz paraded up to the plate. The win was credited to Bryan Stevens and the loss was delivered to Fred Runge.

**SATURDAY EVENING** the Just for Fun nine advanced to the semis by defeating the Torrance Fire Department A nine, 4-2.

The JFF scored four runs on seven hits while winner Al Hunt allowed eight hits and two runs. Both teams committed an error on the field.

In the second game of Saturday's schedule the Torrance Optimists coasted to a 15-9 victory over the Torrance Kiwanis as winner Carl Randall scattered 15 hits and gave up nine runs. Loser Jay Barrington was bombarded for 20 hits by Optimists batsmen.

**TOMORROW** night the JFF and the Torrance Optimists will hook up in the first game, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. A second game with the Tappa Keggas and Shop 11-26 will follow at about 8:30. No action is slated for Saturday but Sunday evening the winners of Friday's games will meet at 8:30 p.m. to decide the SCMAF slo-pitch title.

present first, second and third place trophies to top three teams of the 16 teams entered in the tournament.

The El Nido coach, Dick King, states that his team will come into the tournament with a three win, three loss league record and that the team has reached a winning pace that should take them high in the tournament standing.

This Friday night with El Nido facing Wilmington Grace Baptist team at 7:30 p.m. in Rosecrans Park, Gardena, 148 and Vermont, will finish Harbor Association League for the 1959 season.

## The Eleventh Frame

By **Donna Barkdull**

Bowl-O-Drome's Wednesday night Mixed Fives wound up their summer kegling season with the Rossmann Mill & Lumber Co. latching onto the winner's trophy two games over Rigby's. Reliable Trailer Supplies took third, only a half game out of second, followed only a half game by the Avalon Builders Supplies, claiming fourth. Don's Mobil Service representative, Gene Edwards, held out for the men's individual season series high with his impressive 591&98-687 tally as Coast Grocery kegler, Dick Mohler, latched onto the high game award for his whopping 246&14-260 pitch. Ruby Simpson, team No. 4 hurler, claimed the gals' season series high for her 527&99-626 total, while the Jesters' Gloria Radmilovich produced the female game high of 209&40-249.

The Z E Fraternity completed the 17th week of their summer loop with the Positives away out in front by a big nine game margin. Team No. 8 rides in second followed two down by Team No. 1. League-leading member, R. Harwick, tops the individual series column with his powerful 590&48-638 three game total, while G. Bouman uncorked a sizzling 232&23-255 single to lead in the race for the season individual high game lime-light.

The Spares & Strikes Forever held a four game edge in the Ladies' Thursday Handicap Trio, rounding out their 11th week of play. Nitt-Witts hold down second spot followed by the Triple Shots, Triple Troubles and the Pin Wheels all bunched in third. Triple Trouble kegler A. Bertman produced the individual season series topped, uncorking up a whopping 520&120-640 set, while N. Wild, of the Strikers, whipped up the game high of 210&40-250.

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