

# Connie Mack Crown Up for Grabs

## Bullets Maintain Bid For League Honors

Maintaining their surprise bid for the South Bay Connie Mack League championship, the Torrance Bullets hung up two more wins over the weekend and set up their crucial meeting at 8 p.m. Saturday with the Torrance Red Devils. On Saturday, the Bullets registered an easy 11-3 triumph over Westchester, but on Sunday it was a different story as San Pedro almost upended Torrance before finally bowing, 4 to 3.

## Giants Win Title By Huge Margin

Glenn Hewitt wielded a heavy bat and demonstrated tremendous mound work to lead the Giants to the Torrance American Little League crown.

Hewitt clobbered five home runs and maintained a 10-0 pitching record to lead the Giants in an 18-2 campaign. Jim Anderson was also a big gun for the league champs as he boasted a 5-2 pitching mark and led the team in hitting with a .495 average.

Bob Putzel homered four times for the Giants to polish up the offensive attack while John Anderson collected a 2-0 mark to finish off the defensive end.

ALL TOLD, the Giants had nine shutouts and managed to tally 121 runs while their opponents could force only 21 markers across.

Following the Giants in the league standings were the Tigers, 10-9; the Red Sox, 10-10; the Dodgers, 8-12; the White Sox, 7-13, and the Pirates, 6-13.

MANAGERS in the league were Harry Lingo, Giants; Mel Winter, Tigers; Babe Reynolds, Red Sox; Frank Astiazaran, Dodgers; Dave Smith, White Sox; and Bill Montgomery, Pirates.

In the Minor League, the Giants also came in first place with a 17-2-1 record. Trailing were the Yanks, 12-8; the Browns, 11-9; the Red Sox, 10-9-1; the Indians, 10-10; the Dodgers, 8-13; the Tigers, 6-14; and the Pirates, 5-14-1.

HOLDING DOWN managerial jobs in the Minor League were Marvin Scott, Giants; Harold Black, Yanks; Ray Gros, Browns; Skip Wick, Red Sox; Tom Boring, Indians; John Hannsford, Dodgers; W. E. Irgens, Tigers; and Bob Schaefer, Pirates.

The Blue team walked off with top honors among farm clubs by compiling an 11-5-1 mark under the managing of Elgin Logsdon. Following were the Greens, 7-7-3; and the Rainbows, 3-10-2.

## Torrance Nines Meet Saturday To Decide Title

Two of the finest Connie Mack teams in Southern California history will tangle Saturday night for the South Bay League crown and a possible chance for the national championship.

The Torrance Bullets and the Torrance Red Devils, both with only one defeat marring their league record, will meet Saturday at 8 p.m. in Torrance Park.

Both of the clubs have made a rout of the usually tight South Bay pennant chase. There is little to pick between the two nines—the only real difference being that the Bullets hold an upset decision over the Red Devils.

When the season began, Devil manager Bo Palica felt his club had a good chance for the national crown if he could get through the Southern California playoffs.

Palica claimed he had the top prep and college players in the area assembled. Bullet manager Bob Prior refuted the claim and asserted his outfit would battle the Devils right down to the wire.

So it has been, with the Bullets falling behind after a loss to Hawthorne and then coming right back to deadlock the race by surprising the Devils, 5 to 2.

If the last battle was any indication, spectators should get to the game early, for approximately 600 fans flooded Torrance Park last time. The tremendous outpouring of people almost forced the forfeit of the contest because the first and third base lines soon became an addition to the bleachers.

Forging out two five-run innings, the Bullets had little trouble with Westchester as Larry Bradshaw, the All-City pitcher from Gardena High, threw a five-hitter.

THE BULLETS bashed out 13 hits as John Marsden doubled twice and John Treece added another two-bagger.

Bradshaw fanned nine batters and walked three to outduel a pair of Westchester throwers. Through six innings Bradshaw had a no-hit game going.

TREECE and Rudy Perez wound up with three hits each while Marsden, Les Dutcher and Bill Graves collected two safeties apiece. Graves and George Carr brought two runs home while Marsden, Perez, Dutcher, Bradshaw, Jack Crist, and Mike Brooks also collected RBIs.

Against San Pedro, it was Jon Beck who took the mound and earned the triumph. Beck allowed nine hits, walked eight but struck out 14 men with his blazing fast ball.

THE BULLETS ramed across all four runs in the opening stanza, and it was a good thing, for from that point on, losing chucker Bob Gonzales had Torrance down pat.

## Devils Capture Two, Force Crucial Game

Power happy and proud of it, the Torrance Red Devils prepared for this Saturday's South Bay Connie Mack League title-decider against the Torrance Bullets by collecting two triumphs last weekend. Remaining in a first-place tie with the Bullets, the Devils tallied two runs in the final inning Saturday to post a 4-2 triumph over Redondo and then broke loose Sunday for a 19-5 victory over Westchester. Against Rancho, it was

Don Coil, the Pioneer League's Player of the Year from Torrance High, who sparked the win. Coil went the full nine frames, allowing only five hits while striking out 11 and walking five.

COIL HAD plenty of batting support as Carey Hubert broke loose with a triple and Ken Balch exploded with a pair of doubles.

Balch finished with three hits while Aviation's All-CIF junior outfielder, Joe Burton, collected two safeties. Hubert, Balch, Rick Ganulin and Steve Waters drove in runs for Torrance.

THE RED Devils scored single runs in the sixth and seventh frames to lead 2-0 going into the eighth before the Rancho Giants deadlocked the count with a pair of tallies.

Finishing up their nine-hit performance, the Devils responded with two more runs in their half of the ninth to ice the win.

ON SUNDAY, John Cambon collected a home run and winning hurler Steve Woody belted a triple to pace a 17-hit Torrance attack against Westchester.

## Tordondo Blanks Tournament Foe

ACE Tordondo Little League pitcher Larry Brown threw a two-hitter the past week to lead his teammates in a 6-0 victory over Sunset Little League in the All-Star Tournament.

Brown gave up singles to the first two men he faced in the opening inning. The young chucker then settled down and struck out the next three men to face him.

From that point on Brown added 13 more strikeouts for a total of 16 and allowed no more hits.

THE SUNSET team had men on base in each inning because of five walks and a hit batter, but key strikeouts by Brown preserved the win.

Tordondo scored four runs in the first inning, taking advantage of three Sunset errors. In the fourth, the winners wrapped up the victory with two runs.

GREG LONEY walked to open the fourth and Tom Middleton laid down a bunt. The

ball was thrown into right field, allowing Loney to come across and Middleton to go to third base.

Dean Gibson looped a single to right center, bringing Middleton across with the final run.

## Laker's Barnett Will Hold Clinic At Lomita Park

LOS ANGELES Laker guard Dick Barnett, currently barnstorming Los Angeles County conducting basketball clinics for young players, will be on hand to instruct local youths at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Ave., tomorrow, at 2 p.m.

The Laker star will instruct players for a half-hour, and run them through an hour-and-a-half of practical drills. The clinic is sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

Barnett, formerly a standout at Tennessee State College, has been with the Lakers for two years.



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LEAGUE CHAMPS . . . Winners of the Torrance American Little League crown are (bottom row, L to R) John Anderson, Glenn Hewitt, Bob Putzel, Jim Gebel, Scott Wells, Jim Anderson and Jim Grove. In the middle row (L to R) are

Tom Carroll, Billy Czausz, Tim Wirick, Bill Berry, Ron Singer, David Pittro and Aric Parent. On the top row are coach Jack Wirick (left) and manager Harry Lingo.

## Jim Fox Twirls No-Hitter In District 27 Tournament

JIM FOX from Torrance National Little League highlighted action in the District 27 All-Star Tournament the past week by throwing a no-hitter.

Fox struck out 12 batters and allowed only two walks as he led Torrance National to a 3-0 triumph over the Fre-Way Little League. The hard-throwing Torrance chucker struck out the side in both the second and third innings and was never in trouble.

Daren Vom Steeg provided the offensive power for Torrance with a sixth-inning home run. Phil Roeder went 2 for 3 at the plate and accounted for one run in the fourth inning.

STEVE DZIDA absorbed the loss although he allowed only three hits, struck out six and walked five.

Torrance American eliminated Torrance Central from the Tournament by a 3-1 margin.

Glenn Hewitt responded with a three-hitter for the winners, fanning nine and walking three.

JERRY ADAMS and Jim Anderson provided all the runs for Torrance American off losing chucker Greg Waters. Waters allowed seven hits and one walk, whiffing 10 men.

Pacific Coast Little League received a one-hit mound performance from Jeffre Annis and Brent Barron and backed up the topflight pitching with a 13-hit effort to bomb Dominguez, 9-2.

RANDALL ORR, connecting safely in the third frame, was the only man to hit off the Pacific Coast mound duo. Combined, Annis and Barron struck out 11 and walked three.

Bob Kirkkruff slammed a second-inning homer with one

man on to pace Pacific Coast at the dish. Gary Burton and Barron also drove in runs.

JOE PORTER and Kendall Kim took the loss for Dominguez.

Steve Dominick drove in four runs and Jay Imel hurled a two-hitter as Harbor City pasted Victoria Park, 11 to 1. IMEL FANNED eight and walked one while his mates

were collecting 11 hits off Jim Whipkey and Erick Blechinger.

Only Dave Harness and John Boltz connected for the losers.

Bob Revolinski and Fred Barry also drove across runs for Harbor City. One of Dominick's RBIs was picked up by a fifth-inning home run. Barry clobbered four-baggers in both the fourth and fifth frames with the bases empty.

## Colt All-Stars In Semifinals

Well-balanced Torrance displayed a tremendous hitting attack Monday night in the Colt League All-Star Tournament and earned a 12-3 opening game victory over El Segundo.

Torrance opened the game with three hits and two runs and from that point on, every

player hit safely as the locals collected 12 hits.

Steve Kealey gained the mound decision, fanning nine, walking two, and allowing three hits. Terry Jameson of El Segundo absorbed the defeat.

Topping the Torrance offense was Mark O'Connor with a second-inning triple that accounted for two runs.



PROUD PLAYERS . . . Forming the North Torrance East Little League All-Star team are (bottom, L to R) Charles Cannizzaro, Alan Gizzi, Gary Gonzales, and Steve Morrison. In the middle row (L to R) are Greg Pischel, Ward Pab-

lasco, Pat Coons, Eddie Zine, and Dennis Henderson. Forming the top row (L to R) are Floyd Cole, manager; Mike Dempster, Chuck Cronin, Art Frassquillo, Bill Taylor, Ron Brady and Bill Griffin, coach.

## Pacific Advances in Playoff

With the mythical Torrance Babe Ruth championship already under its belt, Pacific American League will play El Segundo on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the semifinals of the District 4 All-Star Tournament.

The winner of the El Segundo-Pacific American clash will

return to the El Segundo field on Sunday for the championship contest.

Pacific American gained the City title with a 4-3 victory over Torrance National League on Sunday. Larry Tyner wound up with a five-hit victory in a

tight duel with Dave LaRoche.

TYNER struck out two and walked three while LaRoche fanned 10 opponents and gave up two free passes.

John Englehardt singled and doubled for the winners and Jim McPherson belted two

singles to pace the Pacific American attack. Steve Parker and Dale Reis also singled.

FOR TORRANCE National, J. Forelli clobbered a two-run homer over the center field fence in the second frame in addition to hitting a one-bagger. S. Horton, J. Hartley and LaRoche also hit safely.

Pacific American pulled the contest out of the fire in the final inning—pushing three runs across the dish. Jim McPherson singled to open the inning, Jeff Lewin was safe on an error, and Steve Parker walked before LaRoche settled down and struck out the next two men.

With two strikes against him, John Englehardt doubled to center field, scoring the tying runs, and when the center fielder had trouble fielding the ball, Parker scored the winning run.

## Torrance All-Stars Compete In District Playoffs Saturday

Pony League teams from the Torrance area will open the District 1 tournament in San Pedro on Saturday.

Edwin Rooker, Director of District 1, and Bill Arenstein, area director of Pony League International, have announced that Bloch Field, home of San Pedro Pony League, has been chosen to host Section and Dis-

trict tournaments for the Southern California All-Star Playoffs.

The playoffs will last through Aug. 11. All weekday games will begin at 5 p.m., while Saturday contests open at 2 p.m. and Sunday games get underway at 1 p.m.

The two-game elimination sectional playoffs at San Pedro

will pit teams from West Torrance, Torrance Central, Pacific Riviera, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, and San Pedro.

Bloch Field was selected from a choice of 24 fields in the Southern California area and boasts new fencing and lawns, an electric scoreboard, new bleachers, a large snack shack and a parking area.