

Bullets, Devils Win Connie Mack Openers

Both Torrance entries in the South Bay Connie Mack League took advantage of outstanding pitching performances to emerge victorious in the first game of the season for each nine.

The two clubs, whose managers have been feuding on the sports pages of the Herald, will face two opponents this weekend. The Torrance Bullets will go up against Hawthorne on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Torrance Park.

Also on Saturday, the Red Devils will engage defending league champ Culver City at 3:30 p.m. on the Culver City High diamond.

On Sunday, the Red Devils will battle Rancho at 3:30 p.m. at Torrance Park. The Bullets will be warring with Westchester at the same hour on the Loyola University field.

Offensive power and the hot hurling of Larry Bradshaw propelled the Bullets to a 10-1 victory over Rancho on Saturday. An All-City mound ace from Gar-

dena High, Bradshaw went the full nine frames, fanning 12 batters and yielding only four hits.

The Bullets were not the least bit miserly in backing up the big right-hander, wrapping out 14 hits of their own. West High sensation John Marsden came through in the clutch with a three-run homer in the fifth frame.

Steve Sogge, John Treece, and Billy Graves each banded a pair of safeties while Sogge and George Carr connected for doubles.

Bullet manager Bob Prior credited Mike Brooks, Butch Nickoloff, and shortstop Jack Crist with top defensive efforts.

The Red Devils ran into slightly more trouble at the hands of a tough Westchester club, managing a 1-0 triumph.

As he did all year long for Torrance High, quick-throwing Don Coil, the Pioneer League's player of the Year, went on a wild strike out spree to pace the Devils.

Coil gave up only four hits and sent 14 Westchester batters down swinging to erase a poor hitting effort by his fellow teammates.

Torrance managed only two hits, but made the most of them to take the win. The only run of the contest came in the bottom of the first inning when Torrance High's Ernie Clayton popped up near the mound and the third baseman called for the catch and missed it, allowing Clayton to go to first.

Clayton reached second on a balk and came across when Morningside's All-Bay League Rick Ganulin singled.

Third baseman Ken Balch earned the only other Red Devil hit.

The Bullets actually came up with two victories over the weekend, taking a 3-1 practice victory over the Santa Ana Angels on Sunday.

Once again it was a top mound effort that pro-

vided the impetus for the win. North High's combo of Jay Baker and Jim Jensen plus the artistry of new comer Tony Crosser was enough for the Bullets.

The crafty trio combined to strike out 15 of the Orange County players and all told gave up only a pair of safeties. Santa Ana all but silenced the Torrance attack as lefty Bob Mikel fanned 12 men and allowed five hits.

Once again it was Marsden, a pitcher's nightmare who is also a pitcher in his own right, who sparked the Bullet batting game. The big junior rapped out two hits.

The Bullets and Red Devils have both claimed they have the best chance of upsetting three-time champ Culver City, but the matter will not be decided until early in July.

The two nines were scheduled to meet last Sunday, but the contest was rescheduled to accommodate baccalaureate services. Many members of the Connie Mack teams are graduating seniors.

Indy Champ Returns to Torrance

Helms Names Jones Top Athlete for May

Without much question the hottest sprint and big car racing driver in the United States today — or anywhere else for that matter — Parnelli Jones, the pride of Torrance, is the unanimous choice of the Helms Hall Board as Southern California Athlete of the Month for May. Jones won the May accolade going away, as Board members made it unanimous for the popular racing driver, who went to the Indianapolis winner's circle after

being thwarted in two previous attempts. The United States Automobile Club's sprint car champion over the past two years and mid-west champ back in 1960, Jones graduated to the big cars in 1961, after several years in the jalopies and midgets. His victory at Indianapolis this year, in record-breaking time, shows just how fast the young lead-foot has risen.

The 29-year-old Jones man-

aged a qualifying record last year and then broke it with a fantastic 151.153 mph qualifying trip this year. He broke all track records in the big race on Memorial Day, turning the "500" in 3 hrs., 29 min., 35.4 sec., for an average of 143.137 mph.

JONES' RACE was so fast that the first four cars over the line broke the old mark of 140.293 mph, set by Roger Ward one year ago.

This was the third try for Parnelli at Indianapolis under the J. C. Agajanian's 98 William Battery Special since 1961. Jones was leading in his first try at "Indy" when he was struck in the face in the 61st lap by a flying object kicked up from the track. Despite a cut face, Jones remained in the race finishing 12th and was voted co-rookie of the year along with Bobby Marshman from Pottstown, Pa.

IN 1962, after qualifying in record time, his breaks went out in the early going and he was forced to travel some 123 laps — over 300 miles — with no braking power. Despite this tremendous handicap, Jones still managed to grab 7th place.

In 1963 it was all Jones as he won by 33 seconds over second place finisher Jimmy Clark of Scotland. Rodger Ward, last year's winner, was fourth, while A. J. Foyt, winner in 1961, was third. Just as record speeds were set all over the place in the 1963 "500," so also with record purses.

Some \$493,530 was up for grabs in the 47th running of the biggest of all big car races. Jones picked up for himself and car owner J. C. Agajanian some \$148,581, with \$55,238 going to Clark for second place.



Athletics Whitewash Indians To Pace Babe Ruth League

Craig Moore allowed only two hits and sent 13 men down swinging as the Athletics earned a 5-0 victory over the Indians and remained in first place in the Pacific American Babe Ruth League with an 8-2 record.

Bob Clark doubled and Scott Christenson singled for the only two hits off Moore. For the winners, Dave Thompson, Larry Tyner, Jerry Dudley, and Moore connected for singles.

The Red Sox remain in second place with a 6-4 mark with the Yankees third at 5-4, the Tigers fourth at 5-5, the

Orioles sixth with a 4-5 mark, and the Indians in the cellar with a 1-9 slate.

LED BY THE three run-battered-in from Ron Hull, the Orioles triumphed over the Red Sox, 10-9. Bill Brady and Dennis Jones had two RBIs for the winners.

Dennis Jones fanned four men and was backed up by the safe hitting of Brady, Hull, Jones, Bruce Lotz, Gary Kent, and John Englehardt. Jones had a double for the Orioles.

BRIAN GRADY went two for three for the Red Sox and Dale

Reis bashed across a pair of tallies.

The power-hitting Tigers ripped the Yanks, 8-5, as Gary Mull, Steve Hertzog, and Steve French went two for four at the plate and Hertzog bashed in three runs.

HERTZOG ALSO took the mound win as he fanned eight, and was helped by the two for three plate performance of Marty Harris. Harris also chipped in with a double.

For the Yanks, Pat Adkins, Ed Holmes and Bruce Turner connected at a .500 per cent clip. Adkins drove in three tallies and belted a triple.

Parnelli Here For Big Race

Rufus Jones is coming home, and he's a big man now. Better known as Parnelli, the 29-year-old product of Southland jalopy ranks, competes before the home folks next Saturday night in a United States Auto Club 110 Offy (midget car) program at Ascot Park, Gardena.

The Ascot speed center is only a main-event away from the former Gardena Speedway (now Western Speedway) where Parnelli launched his meteoric career in a 1952 jalopy race.

AS EVERYONE knows, he's coming home as the fastest man on wheels—winner of the Memorial Day Indianapolis 500-mile classic at the all-time record of 143.137 miles per hour average speed.

And the folks of Torrance, where he lives, and of Gardena, where he has done most of his racing, are going to let him know it.

MAYORS of both cities, L. "Pete" Jensen of Gardena, and Albert Isen of Torrance, will be at Ascot Saturday night to award him a plaque in recognition of his "great efforts in making the two cities famous the world around."

Gardena Police Chief Roy E. Tracy will be there along with other civic leaders. In the 50-lap main event of the midget car program, Jones will drive J. C. Agajanian's 98 Jr. Willard Battery Special, the 110 Offy counterpart to the "98" he drove at Indianapolis.

AGAJANIAN discovered his champion several years ago, but it was not until 1961 that Parnelli said, "I'm ready now."

Misfortune in the form of a flying bolt possibly prevented him from scoring a gigantic upset. He was struck, cut and dazed by the object while he was leading, eventually settling for 12th place. Yet his talents stirred the old-timers. He was named Indianapolis co-rookie of 1961.

IN 1962, he became the first Indy driver to break the 150 mph qualifying barrier. Misfortune hit again when he was forced to drive nearly half of the race without brakes, yet finished seventh.

Last Memorial Day is history. The name Rufus Parnelli Jones became "Parnelli" when a painter daubing up his jalopy allowed his brush to drip after the last "L."

The race announcer called him "Parnelli" and Parnelli he'll always be.

Area Bowl Announces Pin Foes

Petersen point system leagues at Gable House Bowl in Torrance continue to record high scores. In the Ladies Petersen Point Classic, Carmen Fuscardo rolled 205-179-179 for a four-game 815. She leads the league with a 178 average.

In other games, Betty Donahue rolled 206, Evelyn Smith had 205, and Ellen Jones 204.

Ron Ridgers, who leads the men's Singles Classic, boasts a 195 average, and rolled a recent 662 on 211-246-205.

Other league highlights found Bill Finch with a 6-3 in the 525 Scratch Trio; Shirley Larsen, 214; Grace Santa, 203; Taffy Addington, 202; and Doris Heeder, 200, in the Petersen Mixed Doubles.

The Tuesday Mixed Fix league had scores of 265 in a 668 by Walt Farr; Ann Petri, 231; Myrna Adams, 223; Ginny Millie, 211; Rita Gray, 203; Audrea Taylor, 201; Joe Coleman, 220; Rose Constantion, 225; and Alice Foote, 221.

Shirley Wolpert, 203; Lori Axten, 200; Joe Etchverry, 202; Virginia Marcos, 206; Pat Mulaire, 204; Kay Mitsunaga, 214; and Ya Kita, 218, also had top games.

New Loop To Begin

The long-awaited arrival of a Little League in the Carson area has finally ended.

Boundaries for the new league will be the Harbor Freeway on the west, Pacific Coast Highway on the south, Wilmington Avenue on the east, and Carson Street on the north.

Interested parents are asked to contact President Jim Richardson at TE 4-8101.

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Cubs Nod Tigers To Avenge Loss

Gaining revenge for a play-off defeat, the Cubs captured a 2-0 victory from the Tigers in Tordondo Little League action the past week.

Larry Brown held the Tigers scoreless for four frames then made way for his catcher, Wayne Blackburn, who went the rest of the way.

Blackburn had taken the defeat in the play-off game but had the satisfaction of driving in the two winning runs with a blast over the center field fence.

DESPITE GETTING only four hits, the Dodgers edged the White Sox, 3-2. Jim Tobin earned the win despite four Sox hits and a home run by opposing hurler Bob Hornaday.

In an extra-inning contest, the Braves defeated the Indians, 7-4, after a frantic Injun rally.

DOWN 4-1 in the bottom of the sixth, the Indians tied the contest as Jim Mullens belted a homer with two on.

Gary Hulsey, who pitched six innings for the Braves, singled, stole second, went to third on a single by Tom Middleton, and both runners came across on a double by Tony Kelich to break the tie.

KELICH THEN scored on a passed ball and took the mound to fan three straight batters and earn the win.

Hulsey had whiffed 13 batters before retiring and now

Gable House To Organize New League

Gable House Bowl in Torrance is organizing a Bay Area Masters League for the "winter" season starting in September. Fourteen franchises are available in the league which will bowl Thursdays at 9 p.m.

Interested bowlers should call Gable House at FR 8-2265.



MIGHTY MIDGET . . . Dick Mitchell, of Torrance, will be a solid favorite in tomorrow night's 30-lap United Racing Assn. full size midget races at Western Speedway in Gardena. Race features potent 110 Offies and will run all summer long on Friday nights.

Water Kings Vie In Wealthy Event

National and International title holders will compete in the year's top water racing event this weekend at the 5th annual Regatta of Champions at Marine Stadium in Long Beach.

In both the inboard SK boat and water ski events, national and world records and titles are at stake, with all of the country's name racers signed up to participate.

Favored to win the inboard races is eight-time national champion, Ed Olsen of Garden Grove. Olsen has won the Regatta's main event three of the four years it has been held.

National SK Champion Don Towle of Culver City and World SK Record-Holder Lon Skinner of Medford, Ore., are also among the inboard entrants, while Butch Peterson of Pasadena, who has set a water ski record of 106 mph, and another favorite, Rick Fowler of Sun Valley, are two of the top water ski contestants.

A total of nearly \$5,000 in prize money will go to the winners in the various events, which also include drag racing ski drags and separate ski races for men and women, with a special pee-wee race for seven- to nine-year-old youngsters.



GRAND OLD MAN . . . Boat racing's famous grandpa, 52-year-old Ed Olsen, is favored to win the 5th Annual Regatta of Champions for the fourth time this Sunday at Marine Stadium in Long Beach. Olsen is shown above in a recent SK race as he flashes down the straightaway at close to 100 miles per hour.