

Bullets Surprise Red Devils, 5-2

When the chips were down, the Torrance Bullets came through, and as a result once again own a piece of first place in the South Bay Connie Mack League pennant chase.

On Saturday, with a possible league championship swaying in the balance, the Bullets stunned the favored Torrance Red Devils, 5-2, before approximately 600 fans at Torrance Park, to draw into a first-place tie with their cross town rivals.

Both teams now own one defeat with the season quickly coming to a close. Earlier, the Bullets had been upset by a rugged Hawthorne nine to drop out of the first-place tie they had been in with the Red Devils from the initial league contest.

The two rival nines, composed of the top prep and college players in the Southland, will meet on Saturday, July 27, under the lights at Torrance Park in what will undoubtedly be the pennant decider.

Parlaying an erratic one-hit performance by Jay Baker into the final triumphant margin was quite a trick for the clumsy Bullets as they committed four errors.

All of the Red Devil runs were unearned due to the errors and eight walks issued by Baker.

Baker, a former hard-luck thrower for North High,

struck out eight batters and allowed only one hit before retiring in the sixth inning. Only Rick Ganulin, with a two-out single in the first inning, was able to hit safely off Baker.

Although he was erratic, Baker was tough in the clutch. In the second stanza, with the bases loaded and only one out, Baker fanned the next two opponents to face him.

Gardena High's All-City ace, Larry Bradshaw, came on in relief for the Bullets and was brilliant. With two men on and one out in the sixth, Bradshaw retired the side without further incident.

All-Pioneer League pitcher Don Coil from Torrance High picked up his first defeat of the Connie Mack season although he chucked a seven-hitter, striking out 13 batters and walking 4.

The huge crowd threatened to halt the game at several junctures. The umpires were forced to stop play several times as crowds barged onto the playing field on both base lines.

Threatening early, the Red Devils almost scored in the first frame with Carey Hubert on second base when Ganulin ripped his hit to left field. Outfielder

Butch Nickloff picked the ball up cleanly and threw a strike to catcher Steve Sogge to retire Hubert at the plate.

The Bullets did score in the opening inning as Bob Trevathan and John Treece singled before George Carr responded with a one-out triple. Sogge then connected on a fielder's choice which booted Carr over the dish.

Making their move in the eighth frame, the Bullets pushed another pair of tallies across as Treece walked, John Marsden singled, and Carr advanced the runners on a fielder's choice.

On a passed ball, the two base runners were off and running. Treece scored sliding, and when the throw was botched up at home, Marsden received the green light and was also safe.

In the top of the ninth, the Red Devils, after scoring in the sixth and seventh innings, made their final attempt. Hubert walked, and Bradshaw then fanned Ken Balch and Ganulin. Dave Hepburn then singled but with runners at first and second, Bradshaw fanned dangerous Steve Waters for the final out. Bradshaw struck out five batters and walked only

one in his three innings of clutch relief work. Carr wound up as the big Bullet slugger with two RBIs while Sogge collected one.

Although outbit by Yugo-Slav American on Sunday, the Red Devils prevented a disastrous weekend with a 61-3 triumph as steady Gary Butcher rolled up his third win of the season without a loss.

Although his teammates collected only four safeties, Butcher was roughed up for nine hits, but he fanned seven and walked only two men.

Waters collected the longest RBI of the day with a home run for the Red Devils. Butcher doubled for the winners while Joe Burton, Hubert and Balch drove runs across.

Three Yugo-Slav American errors ruined a brilliant mound performance by losing chucker Randy Gonzales, who fanned three and walked two.

This weekend, the Red Devils will play at Rancho on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. while the Bullets will be hosting Westchester at the same hour in Torrance Park.

On Sunday, the Red Devils will be up against Westchester at 3:30 p.m. on the Loyola University diamond.

The Fearless Spectator

By

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LAS VEGAS—Pugilism in one of its least comprehensible forms has created in this improbable town one of the hottest new acts in show biz.

It takes place daily at the awful hour of 2 p.m. in the theater of the Thunderbird Hotel, one of those overblown Temples of the Dollar that dot Slot Machine Strip here.

A crowd of some 650 jams the small theater to watch a man do his setting-up exercises.

The man is a pugilist. But he doesn't hit anybody. Certainly he did not the day I caught his act. He threw the medicine ball, did push-ups, skipped rope, strengthened his stomach muscles on a slant board and hit the heavy bag lightly and the light one heavily.

The suckers pay a buck a head to watch Sonny Liston go through these motions with all the charm of an impacted tooth. The spectators are told not to smoke. They look on with the respectful silence of the Civil War veterans listening to Mr. Lincoln at Gettysburg.

One day a singer named Mickey Allan, who chants the National Anthem at heavyweight championship contests, walked up to a reserved table during the "work-out" and jingled a handful of silver dollars. The crowd glared at him as if he were shooting craps in a sacrilege.

The act would be a good one even if Sonny weren't the champ himself, and even though he hits no one. He is a proper ham, and projects more malice than Boris Karloff, but there was no way of telling whether he was any good or not.

He is training for a title bout with Floyd Patterson which the promoters hope will bring a crowd of 8,000 to the Las Vegas Convention Center on July 22. In the curious lingo of Vegas, the odds favor Liston, like so—"You get three to one, and you lay five to one."

The high light of Sonny's act is his rope-skipping to the jazz music of James Brown's recording of "Night Train." The record's playing time is 3 minutes 35 seconds. Sonny went through four records yesterday.

He was almost smiling and looked for a while like a happy 6-year-old kid on the streets of Pine Bluff, Ark., where he grew up. Sweat poured from his brow like a leaky faucet. The crowd's applause when he finished was thunderous.

But, one asked, is this fighting?
Sonny and his 14-man entourage are a big attraction for the hotel. With that curious mixture of brutality and solicitude which characterizes casinos (they free drink you to death while they pick your pockets). The Big Bear and his boys eat all meals in full view of the crowd at the Pow Wow Room (to fatten the kitty and for other public relations purposes), while their privacy is protected with a huge sign nailed above:

"Private training table, world's heavyweight champion, Sonny Liston. Please do not disturb during eating sessions."

There are rumors that Sonny belts the old bourbon better than is good for him. He says he weighs 222, looks 240. Somebody asked Jack Nilon, Liston's adviser, if his charge did any training aside from his hour-long gig.

"Oh, sure," said Nilon, "he does 10 miles of road work every day at 5 in the morning."

A saucy fellow said, "Is that before Sonny goes to sleep or after he gets up?"

Mr. Nilon looked grieved.

Down the Strip a piece, at the Dunes Hotel, is Floyd Patterson's training quarters. You can smoke there. The crowds are noisy. Floyd hits his sparring partner frequently.

Floyd ain't champ no more. But don't write him off. This is a Vegas fight. If you believe in a Vegas fight, you're a true believer. The only real thing in these parts are those silver dollars.

District 27 Tournament Will Open

Opening the District 27 Little League All-Star Tournament, Harbor City will meet Victoria Park today at 5:30 p.m. on the Seaside Field diamond.

Tomorrow at 5:30 p.m., Torrance Central will be up against Torrance American at Seaside Field. Two games are scheduled for Saturday with Torrance National and Free-way playing at the Del Amo Field at 1 p.m. and Pacific Coast-Dominguez on the same diamond at 3:15 p.m.

The winner of the Pacific Coast-Dominguez fray will battle North Torrance West at Seaside Field on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

THE VICTOR of the Harbor City-Victoria Park contest will be pitted against Lomita on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on Seaside Field.

North Torrance East will meet the winner of the Torrance Central-Torrance American engagement on Wednesday, July 24, at Seaside Field at 5:30 p.m.

Seaside Field is located at the end of Sharynne Lane, which intersects with Doris Way. Del Amo Field is located on Plaza Del Amo, one block west of Western Avenue.

Directing the tournament will be John Schnepf.

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Tordondo Crown Goes to Braves

Tordondo Little League's Gary Hulseley has a tremendous eye for the dramatic.

During the lengthy Tordondo season, Hulseley had more than established his reputation as a fast-balling pitcher, but as a power hitter he was virtually unknown.

Unknown anyway until Sunday when he blasted a two-run homer, his first of the season, to give the Braves a 5-3 triumph over the Tigers and possession of the circuit championship.

HULSEY'S magic blow put an end to a contest which had taken 16 innings, 4 hours and 25 minutes, and two consecutive Sundays to complete.

It was a fitting end to as tight a game as possible. The two teams had scored three runs each in the initial three frames and then had fought through 12 scoreless innings before Hulseley put the championship in the Braves' hands.

AS THE starting Brave hurler, Hulseley allowed the only

three Tiger runs to come across. He was followed by Tony Kelich, who threw for six frames, and Jerome Kurtik, who went the rest of the way and wound up with the win.

The Tigers opened with Bruce MacEachern, who went six innings, and gave way to Don Cowden, who threw the next five frames. Greg Kesiter came off the bench for the last five innings and was tagged with the defeat.

MacEACHERN drove in all three of the Tiger tallies while Kelich collected three RBIs for the Braves.

Ducats Go On Block For Fight

Tickets for the live, closed-circuit telecast of the Sonny Liston-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas Monday are now on sale at the Stanley Warner Theatre, 478 W. 6th St. in San Pedro.

Theater manager George Kemp announces that tickets will range in price from \$5.40 to \$7.60 for the bout.

The championship fight is attracting \$100 for ringside seats at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Kemp stresses that there will be no home television for the fight.

The big question regarding the fight is whether Liston can prove himself a heavyweight champion in the tradition of Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, and Rocky Marciano, or whether Patterson can regain the title for an unprecedented second time.

Kemp feels the controversial bout will produce a heavy demand for tickets, as it has already done in Las Vegas.



WINNING COMBINATION . . . Jerome Kurtik (left) and Gary Hulseley played instrumental roles the past two weeks in giving the Tordondo Little League Braves a 5-3 playoff victory over the Tigers in a contest that lasted 16 innings and consumed over four hours. Kurtik threw the final four frames while Hulseley belted a two-run homer to win the game.



EVENLY MATCHED . . . When two teams battle through 15 innings of ball before reaching a decision, there can be little difference in quality between them. Such was the case with the Tordondo Little League Tigers (left) and the Braves as they battled for the circuit championship in a playoff encounter that went 16 innings and took 4 hours and 25 minutes during two weekends. The Braves finally came out on top as starting hurler Gary Hulseley connected on a two-run homer, his first of the season.



MOTORCYCLE RACERS OF 1963 ARE A FAR CRY FROM THE SO-CALLED BLACK-JACKETED TROUBLE MAKERS OF ANOTHER YEAR—THERE ARE SEVERAL FORMER AND CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS ENTERED IN J.C. AGAJANIAN'S FIRST ANNUAL A.M.A. 8-MILE NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIPS JULY 20-18 AT ASCOT PARK.

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THEY SHOULD LET ME WIN JUST OUT OF COMMON COURTESY!

RALPH WHITE—NEEL, KEEN, JACK O'BRIEN AND AL GUNTER WILL BE AROUND THOSE GOING FOR TITLES.

THE FLYING FLEA SAMMY WADGONER WINNER OF AGGIE'S FIRST NATIONALS IN 1962 IS SLOWLY REGAINING HIS '60 FORM AND HAS HIGH HOPES OF REPEATS THIS YEAR.

Camino Holds Registration For Summer Aqua Classes

Registration for summer swimming classes offered by El Camino College will be conducted in the Campus Center July 27 at 8 a.m., Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced today.

Two two-week sessions beginning July 28 and Aug. 12 will be offered. Minimum age requirement for enrollment in the instructional program is 7 years; children must be at least 50 inches in height.

Classes are also offered for adults.

Classes begin at 8 a.m. each morning and run through 9 p.m. Facilities are available for the instruction of 1,000 swimmers per day, many classes running concurrently in the two large enclosed pools on campus.

SCHEDULES outlining hours of instruction for various age groups are available in the college registration and physical education offices.

Included in the program are classes for water safety aides and junior and senior life saving.

ALL SWIMMERS must furnish their own suits and towels; girls must also use bathing caps. A \$1 charge is made for each two-week session.

Children must be present when tickets are purchased for them.

Bill Boldt Fifth

Torrance driver Bill Boldt drove a Kurtis Pontiac to a fifth place in the C. D. E. F. G Modified division on Saturday in the California Sports Car Club-sponsored races at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona.