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# PRESS Sports

## The Sporting View

BY BOB LUPO

Torrance sports fans get a real break this week. They get a chance to see the greatest middle distance runner of all time in their backyard in what will probably be his final American outdoor appearance.

Peter Snell, the bridegroom from New Zealand, has promised an all-out assault on the world mile record—which he already holds—in Friday night's Compton Invitational track meet at Ramsaur Stadium on the Compton College campus.

There are still a few choice seats available, but they'll be all gobbled up by meet time Friday.

The black-clad Auckland star will be making his sixth appearance in two years in the Los Angeles area. He heads home with his lovely blonde bride right after the Compton meet, and the likelihood is that we've seen the last of him here.

### Ready for Showdown

There is only a slight chance Snell would consider running here again next year, since he'll want to stay home and prepare for the '64 Olympics in Tokyo that will undoubtedly mark his swan song to competitive track.

Many of you saw Snell run 3:54.9 on national TV from Modesto two weeks ago for an American record only half a second slower than his own world standard of 3:54.4. Friday night he breezed to a 1:48 flat 880 at Occidental in a "sharpener" for this week's final showdown at Compton with Dyrrol Bursleson, Jim Beatty, Jim Grelle, and Cary Weisiger, America's Big Four, in what meet publicist Al Franken has labeled the "Magic Mile."

Compton's mile event has produced many great thrills over the years, but Friday's should be the best—and the topper to a great meet featuring Olympic champs and world record holders on the track and in the field.

### 3:52 Zone Possible

Snell lost once to Bursleson in New Zealand a couple of years ago, and narrowly nipped the spiked ex-Oregon star in this year's Coliseum Relays. The four Americans, by hitting their peak marks—Beatty (3:56.3), Grelle (3:56.7), Weisiger (3:57.3) and Bursleson (3:57.6)—could force Snell to the 3:52 zone most cognoscenti believe him capable of reaching.

Also at Compton will be Adolph Plummer, the giant New Mexico ace, who just smashed the world 440 mark with a near-fantastic 44.9 around two turns in mountain altitude, whipping the world's number one rated quarter-miler, Ullis Williams, by six yards. Ullis will be on hand to seek revenge.

Bob Hayes, the newest

world's fastest human, will dazzle the sprint fans.

Discus record holder Al Oerter will face Jay Silvester, Rink Babka, and Bob Humphreys, all 200-footers, in what should be a tremendous competition.

### Not A Ripple At 16-8

Ralph Boston, who was back over 27 feet twice at Modesto, will face his new rival, Phil Shinnick, the 27-4 jumper from Washington in the broad jump.

And in the pole vault (I mean, the fiberglass catapult), there'll be the usual coterie of 16-foot performers.

Incidentally, at Oxy last Friday, when the announcer said "C. K. Yang is going to try 16-8," there wasn't a ripple from the crowd, not a sound in fact, as though the announcer had said "it's a nice evening," or "so what's new with you."

It's our guess there'll be plenty of ripples at Compton Friday—and very few ho-hums.

It should be a SNELL meet—and a SWELL one.

## Giants Play Tight Tilt With Braves

Starting the first week of play of Torrance Colt League, the Angels and Giants squared off. Paul Wells did the chucking for the Giants and the Angels could get only five hits. Wells issued only one free pass and struck out 13. Jerry Korth was the Angel hurler and did a very good job but the Giants bunched 7 hits and came out the victors, 6 to 2.

Sunday, May 18, saw two of the best games ever played by Colt teams. The Giants and Braves started it off. Jack Maroni went seven innings for the Giants and was touched for only two hits and was lifted because a pitcher can pitch only seven innings in one day. Paul Wells pitched the eighth. Wayne Wood started for the Braves and was lifted for Bill Valles in the fourth. After the dust had settled after eight innings, the game was tied 5 to 5 and will be continued at a later date.

In the nightcap on Sunday the Tigers and Angels played their first game against each other. Paul Romero started for the Tigers and Steve Kealey for the Angels. At the end of seven innings Romero had allowed 3 hits, struck out 9 and issued one free pass. Kealey had allowed 5 hits, struck out 12 and given up 2 bases on balls. Jerry Korth took over for the Angels and Robert Sharpe for the Tigers. It took two more innings, but after it was tied up again in the eighth, the Tigers finally came out ahead 4 to 2.

## BABE RUTH LOOP EYES HOMER MARK

The Torrance Babe Ruth League got off to a flying start two weeks ago. Each of the 10 teams has completed approximately four games. It appears the home run record may be broken this year as 12 home runs have been hit thus far. The following boys have collected homers:

Mornelli, Oaks, 3; Horton, Elks, 2; Malone, Solons, 2; Sells, Solons, 1; Hooser, Solons, 1; Speaks, Braves, 1; White, Elks, 1; Di Massa, Seals, 1.

Team standings as of May 26:

Team	W	L
Angels	4	0
Oaks	3	1
Mornelli	2	1
Dodgers	2	2
Palms	2	2
Elks	2	2
Solons	1	2
Seals	1	2
Dons	0	3
Braves	0	4

## LL Women's Softball Boys' Awards Saturday

Torrance National Little League Women's softball game and awards for the boys who sold 36 or more boxes of candy will be held at Reynolds Field, Jefferson and Oak St., this Saturday at 11 a.m.



LEE THOMAS

## ANGEL STARS HOLD CLINIC FOR HARBOR

Lee Thomas is one of four Angel stars who will conduct a free baseball clinic for youngsters at a different Greater Los Angeles recreational center each week-end, along with Ken McBride, Leon Wagner and Bob Rodgers, beginning May 25.

The players were at Peck Park Recreation Center, 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, on Saturday, June 1.

Four Dodger stars—Johnny Podres, John Roseboro, Moose Skowron and Ron Fairly—will conduct the clinics when the Angels are on the road.

Johnny Lindell, former New York Yankee star, is in charge of the program, which is being presented as a public service by the makers of Bell Brand potato chips. There will be no admission charge.

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## OBITUARIES

Graveside services for Oscar Etterfield 59, were conducted Tuesday June 4, at Green Hills Cemetery, San Pedro, with Rev. Paul Waldschmidt of Holy Lutheran Church as officiant. Born in Minnesota, Mr. Etterfield has been a resident of the Bay Area and Torrance for the past 23 years, residing at 2428 Ward Street. He was a pipe fitter for 23 years, locally and a veteran of W.W. II. He leaves his widow Gladys, Etterfield, daughters, Betty Jaynes, Jane McClung, and son, Charles Brennan. Pierce Brothers Inglewood Park Mortuary directs.

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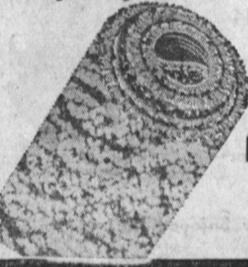
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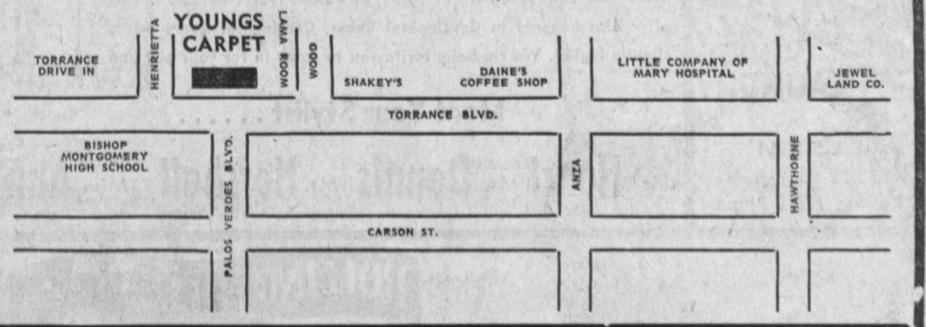
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