

TORRANCE NATIONAL WINS DISTRICT 27 TITLE

Jim Fox's sturdy pitching paced Torrance National All-Stars to a 4-3 victory and the District 27 playoff title Saturday over North Torrance East.

Fox faced more batters than he ever has in his pitching career. He threw over 120 pitches to win this most exciting ball game. Jim was credited with 14 strikeouts, walking only 2.

Art Frasquillo, Greg Pischel and Bill Taylor of North Torrance East combined their pitching abilities to fan 16 and walk 4.

In the bottom of the third North Torrance East third baseman Greg Pischel got a base hit, Steve Morrison received a free pass, and the next two batters struck out. Left fielder Bill Taylor singled in the first two runs of the game.

Torrance National's first batter in the top of the 4th flied out to left field. Mike Abrams hit a single, bringing up Chuck O'Brien. Chuck hit his first home run of the game to tie the score.

Not another run came in until the top of the 8th, when the first two batters, Mike Abrams and Chuck O'Brien, hit home runs.

In the bottom of the 8th, a tired pitcher faced seven more batters. The first batter, Gary Gonzales, received a free pass. The next batter was thrown out at first. Fox caught a hard line drive for the second out. Ron Brady got on by a fielder's choice as Gonzales was safe at home. Ed Zine and Mike Dempster hit singles to load the bases with two outs. Pat Coone hit a hard grounder to shortstop Ken Waters. The runner from second flied over him as he was fielding the ball for the last out.

Score by Innings
Torrance National 000 002-4 5 2
North Torrance East 002 000-3 6 0
Jim Fox and Chuck O'Brien, Art Frasquillo (6), Greg Pischel (1), Bill Taylor (2) and Mike Dempster.

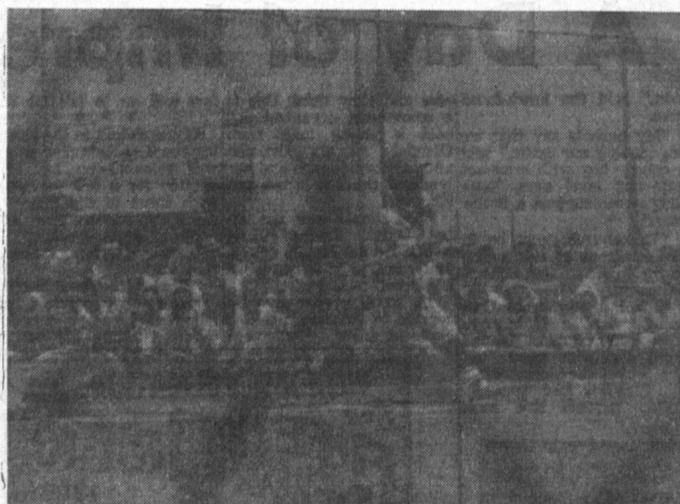
TORRANCE NATIONAL			
AB	R	H	
Tim Venable, 2b	4	2	2
Mike Abrams, 1b	4	2	2
Chuck O'Brien, c	4	2	2
Daren Vom Stees, lf, 2b	4	0	0
Ken Waters, ss	2	0	0
Jim Fox, p	2	0	0
Phil Roeder, rf	2	0	0
Terry Waters, 2b, lf	2	0	0
Dick McCormack, c	1	0	0
Tom Bradock, lf	1	0	0
Cy Bailey, rf	0	0	0

NORTH TORRANCE EAST			
AB	R	H	
Steve Morrison, ss	3	1	0
Gary Gonzales, 2b	3	1	0
Art Frasquillo, p	3	0	0
Bill Taylor, lf	4	0	1
Ron Brady, 1b	4	0	1
Ed Zine, rf	4	0	1
Mike Dempster, c	4	0	1
Pat Coone, cf	4	0	0
Greg Pischel, 2b	3	1	0
Chuck Cannizzaro, ss	3	0	0
Chuck Cronin	1	0	0

North Torrance East received the win over North Torrance West in a 4-3 semifinal.

In the top of the third inning with a 0-0 game, the first batter went out, pitcher to first, Jim Thomas walked, and Dave Skagg's home run brought in the first two runs.

For North Torrance East Gary Gonzales got a free pass, as did Art Frasquillo and Ron Brady. Ed Zine's



SLUGGER MIKE ABRAMS blasts home help spark championship win over the North Torrance East Saturday.

sacrifice fly drove in Gonzales. The score remained 2-1 until the bottom of the 5th. The first batter flied out. Art Frasquillo walked and Ron Brady singled to bring in two runs. Pinch-hitter Bill Taylor's double drove in the winning run.

Credited with RBIs for North Torrance West was Dave Skagg (2). For North Torrance East, Ed Zine (3) and Bill Taylor (1).

Score by Innings
North Torrance West 002 000-2 4 0
North Torrance East 001 000-4 7 3
Bob Mitchell (5), Perry Take (1) and Terrence Larson, Alan Gizza and Mike Dempster.

NORTH TORRANCE WEST			
AB	R	H	
Jim Thomas, rf	3	1	0
David Skagg, ss	3	1	1
Royal Sillman, cf	3	0	1
Dick Watkins, 1b	2	0	0
Frank Loviest, lf	3	0	0
Dick Estendo, 2b	2	0	0
Terrence Larson, c	2	0	2
Fred Hanna, 2b	1	0	0
Dick Galbreath	1	0	0
Bob Mitchell, p	2	2	3

HARBOR CITY			
AB	R	H	
Daniel Weester, ss	1	0	0
Bob Revolinski, 2b	3	0	0
Steve Donalick, p	3	0	0
Fred Barry, rf	3	0	1
Neal Newkirk, c	1	0	0
Mike Dandov, 2b	2	0	0
Bill Ferguson Jr., 1b	2	0	0
Jay Imel, cf	2	0	0
Jack Paris, lf	1	0	0

Sectional Playoffs Open

Torrance National's Little League All-Stars, who regained the District 27 title in a ding-dong 4-3 battle with North Torrance East, move into section 6 play tonight against North Venice at 5:30 on the Mobile Field diamond, 190th at Prairie.

The winner of that game plays Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Mobile Field in the section semifinals against the winner of last night's game between Tustin Eastern and Victory Park in Compton.

In the other half of the sectional draw Rolling Hills met Los Altos last night. The winner plays Friday night against the winner of tonight's East Fullerton-Manhattan Beach tilt. Those games are all at Garrett Field, 190th and Arlington.

Finals in the sectional playoff will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Garrett Field. The section winner plays

in Division 3, the Southern California championship playoffs, next weekend, Aug. 9, 10 and 11 in West Covina. Regional finals are scheduled Aug. 16, 17 and 18 in Sunnyvale, bringing together Northern California, Southern California, Arizona-Nevada, Oregon-Washington - Hawaii - Alaska - British Columbia victors.

National finals in Williamsport, Pa., are the next week, Aug. 21-25, with the four U.S. regional winners, plus teams from Japan, Latin America, Canada and Europe meeting.

Rolling Hills captured its second District 26 title in a row Saturday, defeating North Redondo, 5-1. Rolling Hills beat Malaga Cove, 4-1, in the semifinals, while North Redondo ousted South Redondo, 3-1, after an earlier 6-2 win over Tordon-

Dee Jones Moves into CRA Race

Really coming into his own these days out at Ascot Park, Gardena, is husky Dee Jones, the big car driver from Phoenix, who is giving plenty of competition to leader Bob Hogle and Allen Heath in the Wednesday night California Racing Assn. 30-lap speedfests.

Actually yet to win in a main event this season at Ascot is the likeable Jones, who ranks second in cur-

rent CRA points behind Hogle. In almost every race this season Jones has finished in the first five places, building up a point total that places him second only to Hogle.

Jones tools the potent Miller Alignment Special of Long Beach, the sleek blue and white No. 2. The fast Chevy gives a real battle to the Offenhausers, Buicks and T-Birds on Ascot's tough, half-mile dirt oval.

Heath, of course, the one-armed veteran from Northridge, has been a big winner in the Vels Torrance T-Bird, one of the rare fuel-injected bombs in big car racing.

Every Wednesday night's race starts at 8:30 p.m.

WIDE-OPEN MAIN LOOMS IN USAC MEET

A wide open 50-lap main event is the prospect for Saturday night's United States Auto Club championship midget car program at Ascot Park, Gardena, with 46 drivers battling for the 18 starting positions.

Indianapolis driver and Pikes Peak record holder Bobby Unser of Albuquerque, N.M., Billy Cantrell of Anaheim, Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, one-armed wonder Allen Heath of Northridge, and Bob Hogle of Buena Park are in

the field with fast 110 Offys in the tossup race.

Surprise driver could well be Don Hawley of Inglewood, former national dirt track motorcycle champion, who has been upsetting favorites in his first season in USAC midget racing.

Hawley, driver of the red-hot No. 45 Offy, has stolen a page from the speed book of Britain's John Surtees, former motorcycle great who ranks among the world's leading drivers on the Grand Prix Auto circuit.

Three-time national 8-mile motorcycle champion Al Gunter of Alhambra is another two-wheeler star who goes on four wheels Saturday night.

Racing starts at 8:30.

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