

# BULLETS WIN STATE CROWN

## Regional Little League Tourney To Open Tomorrow in Torrance



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IN SPRINGFIELD

### National Tournament Next For Tordena Horsehidors

Pitching depth and power resulted in the Southwestern Region Connie Mack championship for the Tordena Bullets over the weekend.

Tordena racked up 45 runs and 62 hits in five games to advance into next week's national Connie Mack playoffs at Springfield, Ill.

The Bullets outlasted four other clubs in a double elimination tournament at Porterville in advancing to the Southwestern crown.

A 5-1 triumph over the Hanford Saints, champs of Northern California, opened the tournament for Tordena.

Lefty Jay Baker, a former North High hurler, limited Hanford to four hits in picking up the triumph.

**THEIR SECOND** time out at Porterville, the Bullets gave up seven unearned runs to Reno, Nev., and dropped an 8-6 decision. Tordena compiled 12 hits to only six for Reno, but six Bullet errors made the difference.

West High's John Marsden, an All-CIF horsehide selection last year, was tagged with the loss.

Forced to meet Hanford again, Tordena hammered 15

hits and romped to a 15-5 decision that eliminated the Saints from the tournament.

Rod Poteete, a pickup pitcher from Westchester, limited Hanford to three safeties as he collared his first win of the tournament.

Tordena then went back in against Reno Monday night. Thirteen hits later the Bullets snatched a 10-5 duke to hand Reno its first loss of the tourney.

**BAKER OPENED** for Tordena but lasted only three-plus innings before Poteete came in to shut off the fire and notch the triumph.

In a second game with Reno Monday night, Howard "Buster" Smith, another pickup hurler, uncoiled a six-hitter as Tordena won the tourney with an 8-3 decision. Smith's teammates backed him up with 16 hits and a errorless play.

Bullet manager Bob Prior credited the tourney win to "depth in pitching, great hitting and a complete team effort."

Tordena center fielder Hoagy Wong, from Gardena, walked off with the tourney's Most Valuable Player award after making several unbelievable catches and leading the Bullets in slugging.

Earlier in the year, Tordena picked up the Southern California Connie Mack crown by going undefeated in the Long Beach tournament.

**STRANGELY** enough, Tordena finished only second in the South Bay Connie Mack League. The Torrance Red Devils whipped the Bullets three times during the league season.

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**OUTSTANDING SHORTSTOP** . . . Don Woolver has been a big factor in the Roswell, New Mexico, Little League team reaching the Western Regional Tournament which begins tomorrow at Garret Field in Torrance. Last week, Don singled home the winning run as his club whipped Reno, Nev., 3-2 at Phoenix. Roswell will play East Trail, British Columbia, Friday.

AT SAME TIME

### Tappa Keggas Compete In Slo-Pitch Tournaments

A week of idleness will come to an abrupt halt for the Taft-Allyn Tappa Keggas this weekend when they compete in two Slo-Pitch tournaments at the same time.

The West Coast Slo-Pitch Tournament, which opens Friday, has the Tappa Keggas scheduled to open play Saturday at 12:15 p.m. against Hawthorne.

**IF THE** Keggas whip Hawthorne, they will return Saturday to battle the winner of the Loyola Alumni-Santa Ana Bombers contest.

Friday night, the Kegs are slated to meet San Pedro in a double-elimination tournament in Lynwood. The tournament will determine the Pacific Regional champion for competition in the national slo-pitch finals to be held in Chicago in September.

The Kegs must win Friday evening to avoid playing Saturday night in Lynwood. A loss would put the Keggas in the position of playing two games at the same time Saturday night.

A win Friday night at Lynwood would mean back-to-back games Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. If the Kegs win twice Saturday at Redondo, they will come back Sunday night for the semi-finals at 7:15 and possible finals at 9.

It is possible that the Kegs will play four games on Sunday and a total of seven over the weekend.

The Redondo tournament will wind up Sunday night, but the Lynwood tourney will continue through Thursday, Aug. 27, when the finals will be held.

On Friday, Aug. 28, the Tappa Keggas will open the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament at Torrance Park.

Fifteen teams will compete with the Kegs for the Redondo Tournament championship. Many of the teams have met the Kegs several times the past year in the West Coast Slo-Pitch Association.

**THE KEGS** easily walked off with the Association crown, posting a 29-3 record during the entire season. The Kegs notched a 35-3 mark and compiled 21 wins in their last 22 games.

Entered in the Redondo tourney are Manhattan, San Pedro, the Los Angeles Old Timers, El Segundo, Long Beach, the Redondo Jaycees, the Redondo Beach Buys, Torrance Recreation, Hawthorne, Loyola Alumni, the Santa Ana Bombers, Hermosa, Riverside, the Gardena Comets and the Santa Ana Rebels.

### Four Clubs Eye Berth in 'Series'

The Western Regional Little League Tournament will begin tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Garret Field in Torrance with two teams competing for the California state championship.

Chico Westside and La Puente will be battling for the Ed Martins Plaque, which is symbolic of California Little League supremacy.

La Puente reached the Regionals by scoring five times in the second inning for a 5-2 decision over San-Val of North Hollywood. Chico rammed over five runs in the final frame for a 5-4 triumph over Menlo Park and a berth in the Regionals.

Roswell, New Mexico, and East Trail, British Columbia, will tangle Friday in the second elimination contest. Roswell moved into the Torrance tourney with a 3-2 win over Reno, Nevada, last week.

### Ed Mulder Will Pace Cyclists

**DAVID SEPULVEDA** of Roswell will wield the tournament's most impressive bat. Sepulveda has hammered 17 home runs this year, including three against Tucumcari, New Mexico.

On Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before a West Coast television audience, the two winners will compete for the Western Regional championship and a berth in the Little League World Series Aug. 25-29 at Williamsport, Pa.

Eddie Mulder, a first year expert class rider of the American Motorcycle Association who has been beating the old pros on courses throughout the West, seeks his fourth straight Ascot Park steeplechase victory Friday night.

The races around the lakes and over a hair-raising infield jump replaces the weekly flat track AMA events.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian made the shift to permit Sammy Tanner, Elliott Schultz and other oval track scorchers to compete in the national 50-mile motorcycle championships at Springfield, Ill.

**TANNER, Schultz & Co.** return to Ascot Park Aug. 28 to resume their Friday night sizzlers.

The extra steeplechase is welcomed by the twist and turn riders who are preparing for Agajanian's third annual 50-lap Grand National Steeplechase at Ascot Sept. 26.

Friday night's steeplechase is the ninth of the year at Ascot Park, and young Mulder has won the last three as well as scoring TT victories at Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Selma, Calif.

**THE FIELD** includes the other monthly winners—Sid Payne of Bakersfield, who won in January and February; Clark White of Bakersfield, who triumphed in Agajanian's 100-lap Grand Prix in March as well as in May, and Skip Van Leeuwen of Lakewood, victor in April.

**FIFTEEN** laps is main event distance for the experts, with amateur riders going 10-laps and novices 8-laps in supporting features.

The first race Friday night is at 8:30 with practice laps and qualifying at 7.

### Meet to Decide Olympic Spikers

Final makeup of the U. S. team traveling to Tokyo for the Olympic Games in October, will be decided at the Olympic Trials Sept. 12-13 at the Coliseum.

No one is assured of a place on the team without making it in the Finals, according to George Eastment, chairman of the U. S. Olympics Committee.

It had been previously announced that the winner of the recent qualifying tests in New York made the Olympic team. However, there is a hook in the statement.

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**"UNFORTUNATELY,** in 1956 and 1960 there were men who made the team in June, went to either Australia or Rome and were not in shape. Some had not trained, others had been injured. We want nothing like this in Tokyo."

Reservations for tickets, priced at \$10 for the two day meet, may be made now at the Coliseum box office.

### Midgets to Race On Ascot Track

The flying United States Auto Club Midgets move up to the half-mile oval Saturday night at Ascot Park for a seven event national championship speedfest with more than 35 top rated drivers entered.

It is the first USAC program on the Gardena "half" since racing director J. C. Agajanian's 23rd midget car Grand Prix last Thanksgiving night.

Billy Cantrell, Anaheim's famed Ol' Grey Fox of the speedways, is among the Grand Prix champs entered. The 49-year-old veteran, who won the 150-lap traditional midget car classic in 1962, again will be driving the red-hot 119 Offy owned by Doug Caruthers of Anaheim.

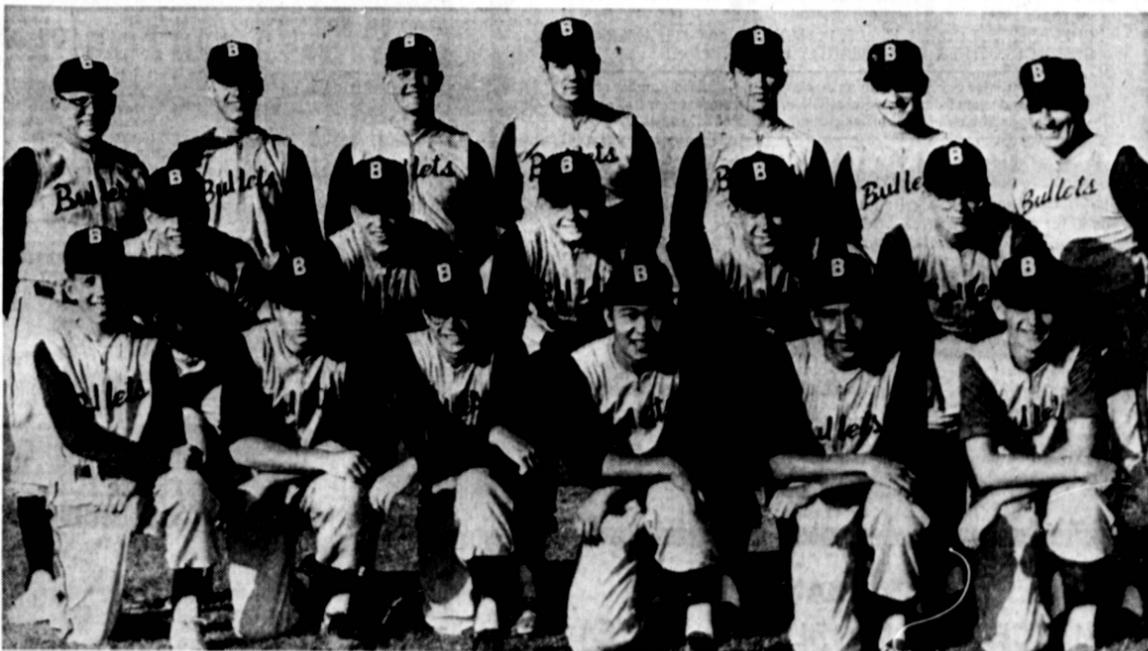
ed daredevil of Northridge who has been competing fully as long as Cantrell, is entered in the No. 97 Offy owned by Vels Ford of Torrance, while other leaders include Don Horvath, Riverside; Paul Jones, Torrance; Lowell Sachs, San Diego; Ned Spath, Ojai; Colby Scroggins, Eagle Rock; George Schneider, Fresno, and Ronnie Hughes, Anaheim.

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**EDGAR ELDER** of El Monte, who won the Grand Prix in 1956, will be represented by his son, Edgar Elder Jr., who is carrying on the speed tradition started by grandfather Sprouts Elder of Fresno.

Saturday night's 30-lap main event will be supported by the opening 3-lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers, four 8-lap heats and the 13-lap semi-main.

Racing begins at 8:30 p.m. with one-lap qualifying at 7.



**NEW CHAMPIONS** . . . The Tordena Bullets, newly crowned Southwestern Regional Connie Mack champs, will compete next week in Springfield, Ill., for the national crown. Pictured are (top, l. to r) coach Al Egnatuk, Jack Crist, Ron Sells, Mark O'Connor, John Marsden, Jay Baker and manager Bob Prior. Middle (l. to r) are Derry Deravin, Mike Brooks, Steve Sogge, Dave McCormick and Brent Nikoloff. Front (l. to r) are bat boy Gary Prior, Mike Tuffley, Ralph Novotney, Hoagy Wong, Ron Olquin and Ed Deber. Not pictured are Hall Smith, Rod Poteete and Mike Engle.

### Recreation Results

- CITY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS**  
 South Bay Church of God 4, Lawndale Church of Christ 9  
 Torrance Bears 5, AllResearch 0  
 Torrance Bears 1, South Bay Church of God 6 (championship game)
- MONDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Brewers 9, Party House 6  
 Columbia Construction Co. 3, Mitts 1  
 Torrance Elks Club 4, Firefighters "C" 2
- McMONDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Computer Science Corp. 7, Automation Industries 0  
 Lawful Losers 9, Hann-dy Market-cers 5  
 Rose Bud Dairy 8, Road Runners 0
- TUESDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Firefighters "A" 7, Touchables 6  
 Mobile #1 7, T.E.S.P. 5  
 Morris Union 15 6, Warriors 3
- WEDNESDAY LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Rick's Bar 4, Firefighters "B" 0  
 Falcons 2, King's Men 1  
 Mobil #2 7, Edison Co. 0
- EL NIDO LEAGUE SLO-PITCH**  
 Time Out 6, South Bay Church of God 1  
 Tigers 7, T.P.O.A. 0  
 Eagles 7, North High Faculty 0
- INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE SOFTBALL**  
 R. C. Mason 6, Harbor Hornets 1  
 Harvey Aluminum Co. 6, Magnason Labs 1  
 Soule Steel 7, AllResearch 0
- OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL**  
 Falcons 2, Leaven Insurance Co. 9 (12 innings. Playoff of second place tie).