

# Press-Herald SPORTS

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## Spartans Defeated By Arroyo High, 8-2

Battered in the first and seventh innings, South High School was knocked out of the CIF "AAA" baseball playoffs by Arroyo of the Sierra League yesterday, 8-2. Arroyo scored three runs in the first frame against Ken Pfau, sending nine men to the plate.

With the top of the batting order due up in the seventh, the Knights tallied four times with eight at bats. South got two runs in the fifth to close the gap to 4-2. Steve French walked with one away, Pat Adkins singled, Gordon Mahon sacrificed, and Pfau was safe on an error, for the runs.

Only Adkins and Pfau col-

lected hits off Pete Nielson, the winning pitcher. Both pitchers had five strikeouts and walked two.

But for Nielson, the batting order of Roy Lizardi, Ed Winter, Tony Ceregedas, Andy Monreal, Dave Soto, Curt Seagrave, Wayne Noll and Don Cabral went to bat in almost identical rallies to score seven runs with three hits in each rally.

The other run in the top of the fifth came on a home run by Soto over the left centerfield fence.

In the first round of the playoffs Arroyo defeated Notre Dame, 5-0, while South downed Pasadena, 6-3.

Pfau, who pitched South to

second place in the Bay League with a 13-5 team record, finished out his senior year with a 7-0 pitching mark.

Score by Innings: R H E  
Arroyo ..... 200 010 4-3 3  
South ..... 000 020 2-2 2  
Nielson and Seagrave: Pfau, Thompson (7) and Heston.

## Clay Keeps Title!

The world of boxing sustained another unfavorable performance from the present-day rulers of the sport last night as Cassius Clay kayoed Sonny Liston in less than two minutes of the first round at Lewistown, Maine, and in less time than it took to write this sentence.

Clay, who knocked out Liston in the sixth round of their earlier meeting 16 months ago, stormed his challenger with a short right to the chin and a looping left jab to the head to end it.

The only other punches by Clay were scored at the opening bell, after which he kept his distance until the point of the KO.

There was suspicion at ringside that Liston did not want to fight. A mysterious blow is said to have ended the bout.

Even the time was confusing, with the official knock-out listed at 1:00 minute, despite the two minutes taken for the video replay.

Clay said after the fight he wanted to take on former champion Floyd Patterson next, but did not indicate when.

## Softball Results

Hermosa Church of Nazareth defeated Calvary Assembly ( forfeit).  
Redondo  
First Baptist 212 300 0-10 14 7  
Loyola Church  
of Christ .....302 500 000-11 11 9  
Cohen and Moore; Hamilton and Wallace.  
HR—Knauss and Price (Lawndale).  
First Church  
Nazareth .....000 708 30 8 2  
Torr First  
Lutheran .....(10)30 010 14 14 3  
Vedarian and Webb; Johnson and Schmidt.  
HR—McNeess (Torrance First Lutheran).  
North Redondo  
Chapel .....031 831 0-16 12 1  
Gardena Bible  
Church .....001 022 0-5 6 3  
Taggart and Wilkins; Greenacre and Ward.

**FRIDAY SLO-PITCH (WALTERIA)**  
Hollywood Riviera  
Sportsmen .....101 000 0-3 5 7  
Key Realty .....401 045 x-14 13 2  
Trudell and Randolph; Benedict and Martin.  
HR—Colson (Key Realty).  
Vaughn  
Real Estate .....532 000 0-11 19 5  
L.A. Blades .....213 030 0-9 11 3  
Durant and Peterson; Roberts and Bealy.  
HR—Cloward (Vaughn); Smith (Blades).  
Tom Cats .....301 500 00-8 16 4  
Wild Mustangs .....000 240 21-10 19 2  
Pagan and Ralche; Johnson and Giacombi.  
HR—Bobby (Tom Cats); Lydon (Mustangs).

**MONDAY SLO-PITCH**  
Torrance Elks .....101 000 0-2 8 1  
West Warriors .....000 000 0-0 0 2  
Alonge and Moon; O'Connor and Haryung.  
Dandy Glass .....001 120 9-15 15 2  
St. Lawrence .....000 220 0-4 10 4  
Dandoy and Cornwell; Jelonek and Flce, Givens.  
HR—Clevenger (Dandy).  
Brezers .....200 000 0-2 7 3  
Vaughn Realtor .....000 010 0-1 9 4  
Johnson and Cole; Kirkpatrick and Becker.

**OPEN SOFTBALL**  
Laven Insurance .....000 010 0-1 3 2  
Torrance Bears .....000 020 0-0 0 2  
O'Dell and McWilliams; Graden and Gerrado.  
Aerona .....007 23-15 15 2  
Douglas Vix .....011 10-3 5 3  
Camou and Steele; Piper, Ryan, Perry and Coleman.  
HR—Swartz and Steele (Aerona).

**MONDAY SLO-PITCH**  
King's Men .....800 15-14 10 5  
Beacrats .....000 00-0 1 3  
Bowers and Walters, Berg; Hendrick and Wanous, Ard.  
Covenant Church .....002 000 0-5 9 2  
Lawful Leaders .....000 000 1-1 4 2  
Zieg and Congelliere; Rents and Cass.  
Roadrunners .....218 000 11-5 10 1  
Brezers .....010 000-4 9 5  
Ford and Pale; Poling and Ray Slagay.  
HR—Crisp (Roadrunners).



GETTING INTO THE ACT . . . Riviera Little League is particularly noted for its social fund-raising activities and volunteer umpiring program. Currently involved in their fifth year with the league

are Dottie Hurst and Lil Watson, song and dance duo, and Robert Sullivan, District 26 umpire consultant. The league has two new ball diamonds at Ocean Ave. and 238th St. this season.

## RIVIERA LITTLE LEAGUE

# New Fields Developed

(This is the first in a series of articles on youth baseball in Torrance. The subject is Riviera Little League).

By HENRY BURKE  
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Apartment-dwellers near Riviera Little League new ball parks may have been alarmed the first of the month when awakened by the sound of "The National Anthem" at 7:30 in the morning!

It was opening day for the Little League and not too difficult that morning for the 240 boys to rise and shine, especially with the dedication of two spanking new ball diamonds at Ocean Ave. and 238th.

A surprisingly large number of families braved the early-morning starting time for the traditional opening ceremonies led by League President Bill Thompson.

Reason for the early start was the timing of a full schedule of major and minor games which had to be completed before nightfall. On hand to umpire the first game between the Yankees and Athletics was Robert Sullivan who arrived home in the middle of the night from a business trip to Ohio.

Active as the Little League district umpire consultant, Sullivan had three days to enjoy his favorite past-time of umpiring before taking off on another junket to Florida. Sullivan is one of many



BILL THOMPSON  
League President

familiar Riviera Little League faces on hand for another year of baseball. The list of major managers includes seven of eight repeats, including two past presidents.

The new field was named after Maurice Wilson, manager of the Athletics, the man considered most responsible for completing the two fields on time. Wilson had previous experience building Little League ball parks at the former Rolling Hills Plaza site.

Two other managers who have quite a following in the league and have become fixtures at Riviera are Tom Roach and Bob Moore who

have something like 10 children each.

Ted Henkel has been with the Indians three years and has no children.

Managers Ross Pinto and Bud Hebson served as president of the league before settling for a team.

Marshall Stewart has the Red Sox for a third year and Dick Rossberg of the Orioles is the only major rookie manager.

Riviera, over the years, has attempted to develop its leadership personnel through the minor league program. A particularly successful training program has been the league's volunteer umpiring, currently under the direction of Ed Blaeckl.

Where most leagues are fortunate to have a staff of six umpires, Riviera has 40. President Thompson came up through the ranks as a former vice president, and his wife, Tammy, once served as auxiliary president.

Besides umpiring, Rod Freeman is expected to chair the league's annual father-son banquet at the conclusion of the season. Rod's biggest task is to find a plush eatery large enough to handle 400 people.

Sheryl Freeman keeps up with her husband in Little League as publicity chairman, is a past auxiliary president, and can always be seen working in the concession stand. Another prominent hus-



MAURICE WILSON  
Field Developer

band-wife team is Bob Campbell, player's agent, and Marlon Campbell, auxiliary president this year.

When Lil Watson joined the league five years ago, she decided to put her talents to good use by programing musical skits as part of the league's annual dinners. This year's show will be in the Gay 90s theme.

Her constant companion has been Dottie Hurst, and together with Micky Wilson (Mrs. Maurice Wilson), they have written Little League lyrics to more than two dozen standard musical numbers and perform regularly before various league, district and regional activities.

Lil, a former airlines stewardess, has two sons, Jeff, 12, and Kirk, 7. Mom's favorite job at the ball park is scorekeeping.

Riviera LL puts out its own weekly newsletter, "Diamond Dust," and Helen Kostich, last year's editor, is editing a district publication this season.

The efficiency of women in the league is typified by the year book project headed by Sylvia Rector, roster chair-

## FINALS FRIDAY

# West High Duo Ready for CIF

By JERRY REYNOLDS  
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For the past month or so, two West High trackmen have made it a habit to arrive on campus early and leave late, and the habit has paid off.

The pair—varsity miler Ron Pettigrew and Class C distance man Mike Sellers—will be among the most select of Southland track and field men Friday evening for the CIF track and field finals at Cerritos College. They will be joined by one other Torrance student athlete—South High's Larry Proctor.

Proctor qualified for the finals of the Class C pole vault, crossing the bar 11 feet, 6 inches in the air. Pettigrew, a senior who hopes to enter Pepperdine College in the fall, qualified for the finals with a 4:19 clocking in the mile. It was his best time of the year, bettering his Pioneer League championship run by two seconds.

The fleet Warrior will have to chop even more off that time if he's to finish near the top Friday. He'll be facing Westminster's Carl Trentadue, who was clocked in 4:12.8 to lead all qualifiers last week.

Sellers, a sophomore who ran the varsity mile during the regular season, moved into the Class C events for the CIF meet. He finished in second place among the C 1320 qualifiers, with a time of 3:12.5. Lynn Reyes of Colton won the race, 3:12.1, and

Pettigrew, incidentally, holds the West High 880 record (2:01.5) and the varsity cross country record (9:38) and is a two-time league champion in the mile event. Sellers annexed the sophomore cross country record this year with a time of 9:54. Jerry Lingren recently told Pettigrew the key to a successful miler is "over distance," and Pettigrew took him literally. During the past month, Pettigrew and Sellers have been seen running about the West High campus at 7 a.m., and often they're the last to leave at night.

Weekend practice includes 12 or 14 miles along the beach, or a quick run to Marineland and back. That, added to the three hours a day at school, rates them as challengers come Friday.



STUDY TIME . . . Extra practice sessions in the past month have taught West High trackmen Ron Pettigrew (left) and Mike Sellers how to use every minute of their day. The two Warriors, who qualified for the CIF track and field finals at Cerritos College Friday, are shown here trying to get in some extra study before another lap or two on the track. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Good Old Days

By HENRY BURKE

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## Auto Racing in Spotlight On Memorial Day Weekend

There is something about auto racing and the Memorial Day weekend that necessitates getting into the swing of things by going to the races.

An event that just about fits the bill perfectly this year is Sunday night's first annual Ascot 500 for late model stock cars.

Johnnie Parsons, winner of the Indianapolis 500 back in 1950 and now racing director at Ascot Park, stopped in at the Press-Herald the other day to air his views about racing in general and got in a good plug about his own promotion. It should be a dandy.

The coming weekend of auto racing will get considerable attention throughout the world, so Parsons' remarks on the two big races are timely.

Johnnie unhesitatingly picks the good-looking Texan, A. J. Foyt, to repeat his sensational win of last year at Indianapolis. Parsons claims Foyt is far and away the greatest driver who ever lived.

"A. J. is not only the king of the big cars," explains the handsome Parsons, who at 47 looks ready to step into one of those rear-engine Indianapolis "cigars." "He wins in everything: sprint cars, midgets, stock cars, and sports cars. He's so far superior to anyone else in auto racing that there's no comparison."

Parsons feels that unless Foyt's Lotus-Ford has certain mechanical deficiencies ironed out, he'll probably go with the conventional A. J. Watson racer in which he won last year's Indy 500.

"Don't get me wrong, though," warns Johnnie, "the rear-engine powered cars are much superior to the old conventional models. They're about two or three hundred pounds lighter than the old cars, they're built much lower to the ground with corresponding lower center of gravity, have individual suspension to each wheel and all in all can maneuver the four corners at Indianapolis far better than the old front-end jobs."

Parsons feels that with the top qualifying speed of 161.233, and this year's winner should average about 148.010.

Meantime, Johnnie enthusiastically pointed out that the Ascot 500 on May 30 for late model stock cars will be the biggest Grand National NASCAR championship event ever staged on a local closed-circuit type of track.

"We'll have a starting field of 33, including new 1965 cars—Buick Wildcat, Chevrolet Impalas, Ford Fastbacks and Plymouth Furries.

The Ascot will get under way promptly at 7 p.m., and Parsons estimates that each car will make three pit stops for tires and fuel.

"This race will be the toughest shakedown for Detroit cars ever held on the Pacific Coast," says Johnnie. "The car that has been best prepared, of course, will be the winner, and I figure that probably 16 of the starting will take the checkered flag."

Parsons figures the top entrants will be the 1964 west coast NASCAR champion, Ron Hornaday of San Fernando; Hawthorne's Marv Porter; Bill Amick of Portland, Ore., 1964 runnerup; and charging Cliff Garner of Los Angeles.

They are shooting for a whopping winner's purse of \$10,000.