

LITTLE LEAGUE

Tordondo Once Borrowed \$8000

This is the third in a series of articles on youth baseball in Torrance. Tordondo Little League is the subject of this article.

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Set off within the confines of the Entradero Park sump in Torrance are two full size ball parks and two-story baseball quarters used by Tordondo Little League.

Until Mayor Albert Isen suggested part of the sump be turned over to the league for its baseball program, Tordondo went through a four-year period of uncertainty as far as home facilities were concerned. One of two locations is now the housing tract northwest of Torrance Blvd. and Henrietta St. and the other is the northeast corner of the West High campus.

To build the present Tordondo Field on the south side of the Entradero sump, a steep road was cut through from Halison Street and a multitude of volunteers poured into the site to develop a block building and all necessities for two adequate fields for the 1960 season.

An unusual circumstance leading to the construction program was the decision of the league to borrow \$8,000 from a bank to pay for materials!

Together with routine expenditures which at the time exceeded \$3,000 annually, Tordondo confidentially set a goal of two years to pay off the debt. It was accomplished.

Among its fund raising activities the league has been particularly successful with the operation of its concession stand. With two games played simultaneously each night and continuously on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the auxiliary realizes between \$5,000 and \$7,500 annually.

Pioneering the profitable concession operation were a husband-wife team of Leo Fischer and Frill Fischer, both of whom served two terms as league and auxiliary president.

Tordondo has had its share of excitement. Charges against the league by a few hilltop residents three years ago forced the city fathers to shut off the baseball speaker system and a stir grew out of increased traffic on Halison.

When the smoke cleared Tordondo's driveway was increased to two lanes and technical advise was obtained to improve the public address system.

Ed Shober, Al Pierson, Fred Jackman and Bob Dunn who followed Fischer as president, continue to be active in the league. Shober, is a major umpire and Pierson and Jackman manage major teams.

Recent improvements to the ballparks required shifting as much as four feet of earth from a high point at the southeast part of the premises, erection of a 10-foot block retaining wall, front exit dugouts, and a "dome" chicken wire protector extending from the backstop to all sections of the bleachers. More than 4500 square feet of chicken wire is involved.

Gordon Berglin mapped last year's field renovation, with Red Allen in charge of the installation of the

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Nickoloff Selected All-CIF

LEMIEUX, FOX CHOSEN FOR ALL-STAR GAME

Senior football players Armand Lemieux and Bernie Fox have been chosen to represent Bishop Montgomery in the All-Star Prep Football Game, August 5, in El Camino Stadium.

Athletes from 20 South Bay schools will participate in the event. Players will be divided into "East" and "West" squads with Hawthorne Blvd. serving as the dividing line.

Backfield ace Armand Lemieux and lineman Bernie Fox were chosen on the basis of their outstanding performances last season. Both Montgomery players will play on the "West" team.

Game is sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and sponsored by the West Torrance Lions Club as a benefit for the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

Parnelli Scores Win In Milwaukee Race

Following his second place finish in the Indianapolis 500-mile speedway classic, Parnelli Jones of Torrance won his sixth straight Milwaukee racing victory Sunday. He won the Rex Mays Memorial 100 mile big car race in a non-record winning time.

Triple Cycle Feature Set For Ascot

A triple main-event, with track records endangered in each race, highlights AMA motorcycle racing Friday night at Ascot Park, Gardena, when the 1965 flat track season blasts into its ninth week.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian is expected home from Indianapolis and environs to personally supervise the 16-event program.

Defending Ascot and national dirt track champion Sammy Tanner of Long Beach resumes a torrid duel with Dan Haaby of Lawndale in the 15-lap Expert "main."

Under fire is the Ascot record for the distance of 5:51.13, established last October by Elliott Schultz of South Gate, currently retired but debating a comeback.

Pint sized Jim Nicholson of Granada Hills is the early favorite in the 10-lap amateur July 27.

184 Eligible

A record number of 184 promising 2-year-olds have been kept eligible for the 18th running of the far-famed Del Mar Futurity, juvenile highlight of the summer meeting opening here July 27.



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ALL-CIF "AAA" PLAYER . . . Brent "Butch" Nickoloff of North High has been named to the Helms Foundation All-Southern California team as a shortstop. He batted .433 for the Saxons during the high school baseball campaign. (Press-Herald Photo)

Hertzog Makes 2nd Unit

North High third baseman Brent "Butch" Nickoloff has been named to the All-Southern California (CIF-AAA) baseball team. He was selected to the shortstop position by the Helms Foundation board of athletics.

Bill Seinsoth, who pitched five CIF playoff victories for



PHIL HERTZOG
Second Stringer

champion Arcadia, was named player of the year.

Tim Fagan of Inglewood was also named to the first string at first base.

Three pitchers — Seinsoth (14-1), Rick Dahlgren (11-2) of Warren High, and Gary Ford (11-2) of Ventura were all named to the first string pitching staff. One of Ford's victories was 5-0 over Redondo in the playoffs.

Nickoloff, a third string selection as a junior last year, batted .433 during the 1965 baseball season.

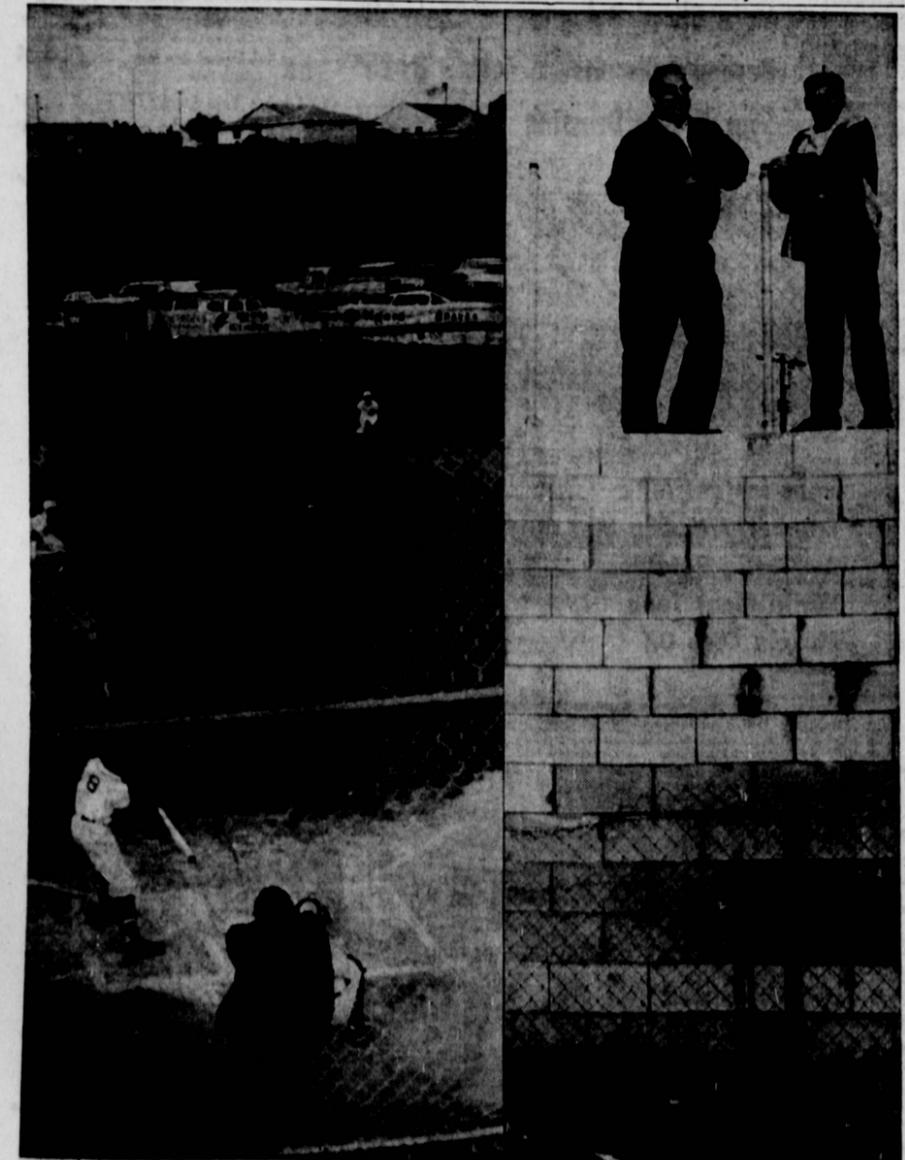
Named to the CIF AAA second string is Phil Hertzog, South High catcher. Selected ahead of him was returning second team All-CIF receiver Ron Davini of Anaheim. Hertzog batted .422 for the Spartans.

Named to the Double-A first string is John Marsden, 361 West High all-around player. He is a repeat from 1964.

The All-Southern Cal baseball teams will be honored Sunday prior to the Yankee-Angel game at Chavez Ravine.

The All-CIF "AAA" first team is:

OF—Paul Meister (Whittier)438
OF—Dan Viveros (Norwalk)398
OF—Steve Runk (Warren)
Downey365
1B—Tim Fagan (Inglewood)361
2B—Doug Griffin (El Monte)434
3B—Ron Shotts (Chaffey)412
SS—Brent Nickoloff (North Torrance)433
C—Ron Davini (Anaheim)379
P—Bill Seinsoth (Arcadia)14-1
P—Rick Dahlgren (Warren)
Downey11-2
P—Gary Ford (Ventura)11-2
* Indicates Junior.



STURDY CONSTRUCTION . . . Of Tordondo Little League fields at its Entradero Park sump site are the completely protected backstop and bleacher area (left) and concrete block wall in right field. League President Ralph Avakian (right) and Gordon Berglin, who supervised construction, stand at street level. (Press-Herald Photos)

Blades Name Lynn Patrick Head Coach

The Los Angeles Blades of the Western Hockey League have named Lynn Patrick as coach and general manager for the next two years.

Patrick is a former vice-president of the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League.

Jack Geyer, present general manager of the Blades, assumes the title of executive director.

Patrick, 53, has been with the Bruin organization for 15 years, serving first as coach and then as general manager.

Patrick is the son of the late Lester Patrick, a member of Hockey's Hall of Fame and the man who built National League hockey into one of New York's major sports attractions.

Lynn played with the New York Rangers over a ten-year span, with two years out for World War II service in the U. S. Army. A left-winger, Patrick was named a member of the All Star team in 1941-42.

Lynn was co-coach of the Rangers with Frank Boucher in 1948-49, then assumed the reins himself in 1949-50. He coached Boston from 1950-51 to 1954, when he appointed Milt Schmidt to the post and devoted full-time to executive duties.

Lakers Give Turnbull Job As Publicist

The Los Angeles Lakers have named Warren Turnbull as director of publicity and publications for the professional basketball organization.

Turnbull is sports editor of the Inglewood Daily News, a paper he first joined 1952. He has also served on the sports staff of the Fullerton Daily News Tribune and as athletic publicity director for Pepperdine College.

He has been with the Lakers for the past three seasons on a part-time basis, doing statistical work for the publicity department and announcing the preliminary games.



REPEAT DOUBLE-A PLAYER . . . John Marsden of West High has made the first string team as an outfielder for the second year. He played first base, third base and pitched for the Warriors in baseball. (Press-Herald Photo)

Red Devils Win Twice In Connie Mack League

The Torrance Red Devils won a pair of South Bay Connie Mack League baseball games from Hawthorne and Tordena last Saturday and Sunday.

The Devils took a 5-0 lead after two innings against Hawthorne, but settled for a 6-5 win. The win over Tordena was 3-0.

Bo Palica's Red Devils meet the Downey Red in Los Angeles County League play tomorrow at Sportsman's Field in Los Angeles. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Western Ave. and Century Blvd. diamond.

The Tordena Bullets go against Wilmington tomorrow at Alondra Park at 7:30 p.m.

Last Sunday the Red Devils' Steve Kealey pitched the 3-0 shutout against the Bullets in the South Bay Connie Mack League.

The winners got a run in the fourth on a homer over left centerfield fence by Al Thompson. A sixth-inning run came on a double by Cubby Muse and singles by Nick Van Lue and John Savidan.

Charlie Beech doubled, Dick White was hit by a pitched ball, and Thompson had an infield hit for the third run in the ninth.

The Bullets threatened in the sixth on singles by Brent Nickoloff, Dave LaRoche and Morris, but with the bases loaded Jack Crest forced Nickoloff at the plate and Larry Snyder robbed Joe DeLuca of a hit to end the inning.

Coach Palica has named a 19-man roster for the Red Devils. Players are Charlie Beech, outfielder; Dick White, first base and outfielder; Al Thompson, centerfielder; Cubby Muse, catcher; Nick Van Lue, first base and pitcher; Larry Snyder, shortstop; Dennis Timpe, third base; Dabe Hunt, infielder; John Savidan, second base; Phil Hertzog, catcher and outfielder; Steve Kegley and Steve Gonzales, utility; and pitchers Steve Kealey, Ray Allen, Dave Bowman, Bob Sharpe, Tom Thomsen and Randy Humphrey.

After Thursday's games, the Red Devils play Beach Cities at Torrance Park Saturday night at 8 p.m. and the Bullets play at San Pedro in South Bay Connie Mack League play.

Score by innings: R H E
Red Devils . . . 000 101 001—3 10 2
Bullets 000 000 000—0 8 2
Kealey and Muse; LaRoche, Kuzniak, Olguin and Barnes.
Hawthorne . . . 001 023 110—5 10 3
Red Devils . . . 321 000 000—6 9 2
Rabuse, Stock and Ellison; Van Lue, Allen, Kealey and Hertzog, Muse.

Fish Count Reported On Increase

If anyone has the idea that deep-sea fishing is slow these days, they had better take a look at the fish count reports from the different landings in Southern California.

For example, last Saturday, boats out of Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach, reported back with 1571 barracuda included in their catch.

Many of these fish were the big log barracuda with the largest scooter being a 10-lb., 15-oz. fish taken by John D. Barlow of Downey.

The barracuda are being taken in good numbers both on the local banks and at the off-shore islands. Calico bass too are being hauled aboard in good numbers along with big catches of bonito and even a yellowtail occasional.