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Senior Division

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Since 1961 Little League's biggest contribution to youth baseball is its graduate program known as Senior Division. During the first year of the program a pilot project was launched by 30 Little Leagues throughout the nation to research the type of baseball program which would best serve 13, 14 and 15 year-old boys.

Prior to making its own study, Little League asked Pony League and Babe Ruth League, the two organizations most widely identified with this age group at the time, to explore new avenues to provide a greater percentage of Little League graduates with opportunity to play baseball.

In some communities adequate programs existed, but these were the exception. A survey by Little League found that more than 2,000 of its 6,500 franchises did not have a graduate program. Other Little League people complained how existing graduate programs provided only four to eight "teams" for a multiple number of Little Leagues.

Five years since Little League found it necessary to become involved in a graduate program of its own, Senior Division has grown to almost 1,000 leagues and each franchise has had for its boundaries the same territory as the Little League.

The growing popularity of Senior Division became apparent last summer when more than 2,000 additional Little Leagues cried out for relief in boundary restrictions to handle 13, 14, and 15 year-old boys left stranded because of the difficulty of scheduling games for leagues with only one, two, or three teams.

At the Little League Congress in Houston, Texas, last week, a delegation of 400 district administrators overwhelmingly supported new legislation in behalf of Senior Division. It is now possible for two or more leagues with a combined population of 30,000 or less to form one Senior Division.

In addition to serving as a delegate to the convention, I had the opportunity to serve on a four-man panel in charge of the hearings on Senior Division. Four sessions of one-and-a-half hour duration were scheduled. Interest in this subject brought 360 delegates to our workshops. Among 80 men who submitted testimony, 77 were in favor of expansion of the program.

Two dissenters were delegates whose districts were almost saturated with Senior Division and another who felt adequate graduate baseball was available in his homeland (San Diego).

One of the other two men favored a "status quo" policy and the other thought Senior Division should become independent of Little League.

The great blessing of having a combined Little League and Senior Division program, it can be pointed out, has been the compatibility of fund raising. When a family remains active in one baseball organization catering to boys 8 to 15 years of age, there are tremendous advantages when it comes to paying the tab for baseballs, bats, uniforms, maintenance, etc.

Even here in Southern California where the economy is considered strong, the Little Leagues do a much better job of financing their programs than intra-graduate leagues.

When Senior Division was instituted by Little League Baseball, Inc., in 1961, cries went out that an unfair monopoly was taking place.

However, Babe Ruth League likewise has created a Senior Division of its own for 16, 17, and 18-year-old boys and a number of mergers have been introduced by other parent organizations.

Little League, whose headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., is the birth place of youth baseball, and whose research center created the safety helmet, improved the catcher's mask, and introduced uncled shoes, has earned the achievement as the only Federally Chartered Athletic Organization of its kind.

The advent of Senior Division is further testimony of Little League's concern for youth baseball at all ages everywhere.

Torrance Driver Set For Mobil Economy Run

K. C. Enoch, of 2415 Grand Summit Road, Torrance, has been selected to drive in the April 4-9 Mobil Economy Run, the nation's prime test of automobile fuel consumption potential.

Only 42 drivers were selected nationwide to participate in the event. It will cover 3,000 miles on a Los Angeles-to-Detroit course this year.

They will drive America's newest model passenger cars,

Ascot Park

Ascot Park kicks off the 1967 night racing season with a doubleheader program of PRA Figure 8 Modified and Stock Car racing this Sunday. Two complete racing programs are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

competing in seven class divisions, ranging from compact six-cylinder cars to luxury eight-cylinder models.

Enoch will drive a Chevy II 100 in the Class A division, for compact six cylinder cars.

Enoch is general supervisor-manufacturing engineer at Norair Corporation in Hawthorne.

His wife, Betty, who navigated for him in last year's Run, will return as his co-driver again this year. This will be the second year Enoch has participated as a driver. In 1964 and 1965 he was a co-driver.

In more than ten years of sports car competition, Enoch has won more than 200 trophies.

He and his wife have two children, Gage, 26, and Gary, 23, and one grandson.

Race Season Opens at Los Alamitos

A record purse and stakes program of more than \$1,500,000 will be awaiting the onslaught of topflight thoroughbreds at the 28th summer season of the Del Mar Turf Club, opening July 25, it was announced today by President and General Manager Donald B. Smith.

A new feature — the \$10,000 Futurity Trial — will be included in the 18 stakes

carrying \$332,500 in added value. As its name implies, the Futurity Trial will serve as a prep event for the rich and prestigious Del Mar Futurity. An open race for 2-year-olds, the Trial will be contested Aug. 30, 12 days before the running of the juvenile championship affair, which will have its 20th renewal on closing day, Sept. 12.

The addition of the new stake brings to six the number of features for the 2-year-old division. Also on the slate are the famed Del Mar Debutante, the Junior Miss, Graduation and California Thoroughbred Breeders Association Sales Stakes.

Four stakes will be decided over the popular infield turf course, among them the \$20,

000 Escondido, the \$15,000 Cabrillo and Del Mar Oaks and the \$7500 Osunitas. Eight of the added money features will be for the 3-year-old and upward division, topped by the \$30,000 Del Mar Handicap on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Complete 1967 stakes schedule follows:
July 29 — \$15,000 Oceanview Handicap, 3-year-olds, 6 fur.
Aug. 2 — \$10,000 Junior Miss Stakes, 2-year-olds, 6 fur.
Aug. 5 — \$20,000 San Diego Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, 1 1/16 miles.

Aug. 9 — \$15,000 Del Mar Oaks, 3-year-old fillies, 1 1/8 miles (turf).
Aug. 12 — \$15,000 LaJolla Hill, 3-year-olds, one mile.
Aug. 15 — \$10,000 Graduation Stakes, 2-year-olds, colts and geld., 6 fur.
Aug. 18 — \$25,000 Ramona Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, fillies and mares, 1 1/8 miles.
Aug. 19 — \$15,000 Bing Crosby Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, 6 fur.
Aug. 22 — \$10,000 C.T.B.A. Sales Stakes, 2-year-olds, Calif.-bred, 6 fur.
Aug. 25 — \$15,000 Cabrillo, 3-year-olds and upward, 1 1/16 miles (turf).

Aug. 26 — \$25,000 Del Mar Derby, 3-year-olds, 1 1/8 miles.
Aug. 29 — \$7500 Osunitas Stakes, 3-year-olds and upward, fillies and mares, 7/8 fur. (turf).
Sept. 3 — \$10,000 Futurity Trial, 2-year-olds, 6 fur.
Sept. 4 — \$30,000 Del Mar Debutante, 2-year-old fillies, 6 fur.
Sept. 4 — \$30,000 Del Mar Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, 1 1/8 miles.
Sept. 6 — \$15,000 Palomar Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, fillies and mares, 6 fur.
Sept. 9 — \$20,000 Escondido Handicap, 3-year-olds and upward, 1 1/8 miles (turf).
Sept. 12 — \$50,000 Del Mar Futurity, 2-year-olds, 6 fur.



DOWN THE STRAIGHTAWAY... Another close finish marks the pattern of action at Los Alamitos Race Course where the spring quarter horse season begins Friday. Racing will be Tuesday through Saturday this year.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Montgomery, South High Extend Victory Strings

Bishop Montgomery High and South High won their fourth straight prep baseball games in league play yesterday to pose as league leaders.

Coach Marvin Wood's Montgomery Knights remained unbeaten with a 3-2 win over Fermin Lasuen, handing the

Padres their first loss in the Camino Real League.

Fermin scored two unearned runs off Chuck Desiderio in the top of the fifth inning to knot the score at 2-2, but three hits by Desiderio, Chuck Bongard and Dan Pritchett won the game in the bottom of the inning.

Crespi remained in second place (3-1) with a 5-2 win over Murphy.

South High, a 5-2 loser in its first Bay League game to Redondo, has rallied for four victories including a 2-1 verdict over Hawthorne yesterday.

The Spartans (4-1) lead Redondo (2-1) in the pennant race. The Seahawks came

from a 7-3 deficit to beat North High on the loser's field. North (3-2) fell into third place with Mira Costa (3-2).

Inglewood won its first game by thumping Mira Costa, 5-1.

In the Sky League Torrance edged Culver City, 4-3, and they both are even with Rolling Hills with 2-1 records.

Rolling Hills nipped Leuzinger, 3-1, while Morning side edged Beverly Hills, 4-3.

In the Pioneer League El Segundo stayed unbeaten with a 6-2 win over Aviation West won its first game from Lennox, 5-3, and Palos Verdes upset Lawndale, 3-1.

Redondo, 10-7

G. Cook, 2b	5	1	2	Totals	35	10	13
Mich' son, 1b	3	2	2	Stuler, ss	4	2	1
Kramer, c	4	1	1	Gonzales, lf	2	1	1
B. Cook, cf	2	2	2	L. Smith, ph	0	0	0
Harper, rf	4	1	1	Stillman, rf	5	1	1
Dellan, ph	1	0	0	Barnes, c	4	0	1
Stone, rf	2	0	0	Bachis, 3b	3	0	1
Jarrett, p	2	0	1	F'poulos, 2b	4	1	2
Eto, ss	1	0	0	F'quillo, 1b	4	1	1
Smith, 2b	3	0	2	Ball, cf	2	0	0
Springer, 3b	0	0	0	B. Smith, p	0	0	0
Tingley, 3b	4	1	2	Cochran, ph	1	1	0
Wells, p	1	0	0	Delay, p	1	0	0
A. Strong, p	1	0	0	Ma'yama, p	1	0	0
Gray, rf	2	1	0	Totals	31	7	8
Redondo	10	10	2	North	22	10	12
North	7	3	8	3B — Tingley, Parasopoulos, 2B	5	7	3
3B — Tingley, Parasopoulos, 2B	5	7	3	Barnes, RBI — G. Cook, Michael	1	0	0
Barnes, RBI — G. Cook, Michael	1	0	0	son, Kramer, B. Cook, 2 Harper,	2	1	0
son, Kramer, B. Cook, 2 Harper,	2	1	0	Stiller, Smith, Tingley, 2, Gonzales,	2	2	0
Stiller, Smith, Tingley, 2, Gonzales,	2	2	0	Stiller, 2, Barnes, Bachis, 2, Fras	2	0	0
Stiller, 2, Barnes, Bachis, 2, Fras	2	0	0	quillo.	2	0	0
quillo.	2	0	0	Wells	1	0	0
Wells	1	0	0	Armstrong	1	0	0
Armstrong	1	0	0	Garrett (W)	2	1	0
Garrett (W)	2	1	0	Delay	2	2	0
Delay	2	2	0	Masuyama (L)	3	6	3
Masuyama (L)	3	6	3		1	1	1

Coy Hall Attends QB Clinic

Coy Hall of West High School was among 40 aspiring quarterbacks who attended a football clinic directed by two-time Michigan All-American Benny Friedman at the Second Annual Southern California Quarterback Camp in Ojai.

The football sessions were at Villanova Prep School.

Friedman, a 7-year pro standout, and later coach at Yale, CCNY and Brandeis University, worked with each boy personally, teaching forward passing as well as the principles of offensive strategy and field generalship.

During the four day session, safety and protection against injury were stressed by both Friedman and Dr. Will Hayes, former Dean of Men at UCSB.

Hall, a sophomore at West High, is the top contender for the varsity quarterback position next fall.

CIF Track Event Has New Format

A change in format for the CIF track and field semifinals will combine two meets into one, give more boys a chance to compete, and equalize the conditions under which all contestants perform.

Commissioner of Athletics Ken Fagans said the previous two semi-finals were combined into one meet. "With the new format all boys will compete on the same track, on the same day, with the same weather conditions, and same officials."

Previously one semi-final was held on Friday night and the other on Saturday afternoon. Conditions varied, often drastically and it subsequently affected a boy's seeding in the championship meet.

"In the new semi-final format, it is likely that three heats will be held in the sprints, hurdles and middle distances with the top three finishers in each heat qualifying for the finals," said Fagans.

"Using the three heat system, nine boys will qualify for the finals, whereas in the past only eight made it to the CIF finals," the commissioner said.

The semi-final "colossal" will be held on Friday night, May 19, at Cerritos College in Norwalk. The event will be managed by Ernst Hartmann, former track coach at Compton High.

Southern Sectionals finals will be held on Friday night, May 26 at Mt. San Antonio College under the direction of Truck Lindsay, athletic director at Chaffey High.

CIF preliminary competition will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 13, at Lakewood, Chaffey, Newport and Mira Costa high schools. Announcements as to league assignments will be made shortly according to Commissioner Fagans.

INGLEWOOD RELAYS

Entries in almost every division have assured the largest field in the history of Friday night's 21th annual Inglewood Invitational Relays at Sentinel Field in Inglewood.

Sportsmen's Show To Begin Friday

The 22nd Annual Los Angeles Sportsmen's Vacation & Travel Show, a \$15 million "Showcase" of outdoor fun and recreation equipment, opens Friday for a 10-day run at Pan-Pacific Auditorium.

Producer H. Werner Buck announced that some 500 individual and corporate exhibitors will be represented in the 1967 show, the largest exhibition of camping, fishing tackle, travel and mobile outdoor products in the world.

In reality, the Sportsmen's Show is several-shows-in-one. "Tackle Row," for one, will display \$2 million worth of fishing gear, with everything from 5-cent sinkers to \$2000 fished deepsea big game fishing reels. The world's leading manufacturers of fishing tackle will show their complete lines of products, and many will have representatives to demonstrate the merchandise.

Of special interest to baseball and fishing enthusiasts will be the personal appearance of Ted Williams at the Show on Monday. Williams, one of the immortals of baseball, an outstanding fisherman and a champion caster, will demonstrate his fishing technique in a huge outdoor casting pond.

Thousands of items in attractive booths will afford those attending a chance to compare quality and price of the products and services.

Buck declared that a single pavilion of nearly 100,000 square feet would house new models in campers, travel trailers, motorhomes and related accessories.

Information on resorts and hunting lodges and many other vacation spots in Mexico, Canada, South Africa and many states in the United States will be available at the show. Show hours are daily 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 10:30 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. Admission \$1.75 for adults, \$1 for children from 6 to 12 years of age.

Motorcycles Start Night Competition

First night motorcycle race of the 1967 season — an American Motorcycle Association steeplechase — is set for Saturday evening at Ascot Park.

Post time for the first event on the 18-race card is 8:30. Trials start at 7.

The J. C. Agajanian opener has attracted 125 riders, including most of the headliners in the West. Steeplechase races will be held the first Saturday of each month until early fall.

The regular Friday evening schedule of flat-track racing starts Friday, April 7.

TIME TO GET OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR THE BIGGEST CATCH OF THE YEAR — THE FAMILY OUTDOOR RECREATION EXTRAVAGANZA EQUAL TO NONE — THE 22ND ANNUAL L.A. SPORTSMEN'S VACATION AND TRAVEL SHOW — MAR. 31 APRIL - 9 AT THE PAN PACIFIC... AGAIN THIS YEAR ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TACKLE ROW WITH OVER 12 MILLION IN FISHING GEAR ON DISPLAY.....

ANOTHER BIG FEATURE THIS YEAR WILL BE AN INDOOR GOLF DRIVING RANGE WITH P.C.A. PROFESSIONALS GIVING FREE DAILY CLINICS.

APRIL 22-29 BALL GREAT TED WILLIAMS WILL PUT ON AN EXHIBITION OF FLY CASTING TO THE DELIGHT OF HIS MANY FANS....