

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Top Vote Goes To Chamberlain

Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia 76ers has been named winner of the 12th annual Podoloff Trophy (known formerly as the President's Cup) as the Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association. This is the Association's official award determined in a poll of all the players on the ten teams conducted by the Newspaper Enterprise Association. Chamberlain drew 80 out of 108 possible first place votes and his name appeared on 90 per

cent of the ballots. The players list their first three preferences in order.

Wilt is a repeat winner, having been voted the honor last year for leading the 76ers to the regular season Eastern Division title. He first won the MVP award in 1960 during his rookie year in the Association.

Chamberlain's Philadelphia team this season won more games than any other in the history of the NBA. He led in the important area of rebounds, was third in total assists (a category generally dominated by the backcourt playmakers) and set a NBA record in field goal accuracy with a phenomenal 62 per cent.

This season the Philadelphia pivot ace scored fewer points with a lower per-game average than at any time in his career. The difference in Wilt this year, however, is that he learned to space his shots judiciously, to use his teammates and set up their scoring, to hustle on defense—in short, to become a complete basketball player.

"We were a good team," says Hal Greer, the nine year veteran guard of the 76ers, "but when Wilt came to us two years ago we became a great team—the best in the history of the NBA."

The importance of the center as the key man in basketball was emphasized by the fact that the three top vote collectors play the pivot. Nate Thurmond, of the San Francisco Warriors, was Wilt's only competition for first place votes. Nate collected 15. Bill Russell, Boston Celtics player-coach, a 5-time winner of the 12 year old trophy, is still held in high esteem by all the players in the Association. He was third in the player voting followed by another past MVP winner, Oscar Robertson and the superstar of San Francisco, Rick Barry.



**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS** . . . Bob Baker at the tiller and Ruby Baker in the trapeze will be defending their championship title today in the Lake Havasu City Spring Regatta. The Bakers' are from Redondo Beach and are participating in the biggest racing event ever held on the Colorado river.

## Slo-Pitch, Softball Seasons Near for Torrance Leagues

Adult slo-pitch and softball and softball leagues will be open to persons interested in playing recreation ball, though there will be three types of leagues offered, open, industrial and church.

Information regarding registration, league nights, locations and times may be obtained from Allen Shall of the Torrance Recreation Department, 320-6913.

## Crespi Invades Montgomery

Second place, Crespi invades Bishop Montgomery's ball diamond Tuesday for the opener of Round 2 of the Camino Real baseball campaign.

The Knights nipped Crespi, 3-2, in the first round. Friday's game between Montgomery and St. Bernard's was rained out along with the Crespi-Murphy contest.

St. Monica's and St. Bernard's went nine innings for a 1-1 tie.

## Injuries Stymie Saxons

North High, a leading contender to repeat as baseball champion in the Bay League, was hampered by the loss of two all-league candidates during the week.

Playing against Redondo, Rich Gonzales suffered a dislocated shoulder Tuesday and Catcher Mike Barnes was sidelined with a smashed knuckle Thursday.

In both games Redondo came from behind to beat the Saxons. Tuesday's score was 10-7 and Thursday's game at Redondo was 4-2.

Coach Jim O'Brien was unable to determine when his two senior lettermen would return to the action. Barnes was to undergo X-rays after Thursday's game. He was recently named co-player of the Hawthorne Tournament.

North High and Mira Costa are 3-3 after three weeks and Inglewood has a 2-2 record after two-timing Costa, 5-1, and 13-6.

South edged Hawthorne, 2-1, Tuesday, but dropped a 3-2 decision to the Cougars on Thursday.

Ron Garrett, used as a relief pitcher in both games, got credit for Redondo's two victories over North. In Thursday's game Garrett singled home the tying run in the fifth and winning run in the sixth to gain the nod.

## Redondo, 4-2

North	AB	R	H	ER	BB	SO
Bell, cf	2 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuller, rf	3 1 1	1	1	0	0	0
Stullman, rf	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes, c	2 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
M'Yama, 3b	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Baohis, 3b-c	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Fuquillo, 3b	3 1 1	1	1	0	0	0
Fuqua, 3b	3 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
G.G. sales, lf	2 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Cochrane, lf	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Delia, p	2 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Cadhead, p	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, ph	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28 8 2	2	8	2	4	2
North	110	100	0-2	6 2		
Redondo	100	102	4-2	7 1		

## Hawthorne, 3-2

South	AB	R	H	ER	BB	SO
Doty, rf	4 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Wang, cf	2 1 0	0	1	0	0	0
Lehio, 1b	3 1 2	1	2	0	0	0
Truedell, 3b	2 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Linstedt, lf	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Fuqua, 2b	3 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Atkinson, c	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson, ss	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Atkins, p	2 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Fouk, p	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Schrader, ph	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27 2 2	2	7	2	4	2
South	000	002	0-2	6 2		
Hawthorne	200	001	3-2	4 2		



RICH GONZALES

## Torrance Sweeps Two Games

Torrance, Rolling Hills and Beverly Hills share first place in the Sky League baseball race with 3-1 records.

Coach Dale Walker's Tartars walked off with 4-3 and 5-2 victories over Culver City last week to stay even with Beverly and Rollings Hills, Beverly clubbed Morningside, 4-3 and 9-7. Rolling Hills downed Leuzinger by 3-1 and 10-7 scores.

The Tartars broke a 2-2 tie with a single run in the fifth and two in the sixth to sweep the Culver series.

Torrance goes against Morningside twice next week. The home game is Thursday.

Culver C.	AB	R	H	ER	BB	SO
Zaino, 3b	4 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Wax, 1b	3 0 1	0	1	0	0	0
Imoch, rf	4 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Bruce, cf	4 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Cutts, c	2 1 1	1	1	0	0	0
W'Leon, 2b	3 0 2	0	2	0	0	0
Tschetter, lf	3 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Mettam, p	3 1 2	1	2	0	0	0
Yowell, ss	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
G'dyke, as	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, ph	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27 2 7	2	7	2	7	7
Culver City	000	200	2-2	7 7		
Torrance	000	012	2-5	7 0		

## Roland Leong Enters Pair

Mike Snively of San Bernardino and Mike Sorokin of Los Angeles who, between them have been responsible for an enviable string of victories, were named as team drivers for Roland Leong's Hawaiian I and Hawaiian II in next week's Hot Rod Magazine championship drag races at Riverside.

## 'Queen and Maids' Ev To Perform Here To

The "Queen and Her Maids" will play a benefit softball game against a team of umpires on Sunday, April 16, at Tordondo Field in Torrance.

Rosie Beard, the sensational 14-year-old softball pitcher who will be featured during a national barnstorming tour for the third year this summer, makes her 1967 debut in the local engagement.

With Rosie as their pitcher, the "Queen and Her Maids" have become a famous "four-man" junior softball team. Among their travels last year, the girls put on an exhibition at the AstroDome in Houston, Texas.

Home base is Rolling Hills. The team is the branch of Royal Beard whose original Kids Klub on the Peninsula instigated the barnstorming team. Among the regular team and substitutes, Royal's four children take part in the tour.

Rosie has been called the greatest junior softball pitcher in the world. She rarely misses the strike zone, even from a kneeling position or pitching from second base and with a variety of wind-ups. Paying customers are given a chance to bat against Rosie and cash prizes are given to anyone hitting a line drive off her.

A team of Little League umpires, dressed in their customary uniforms, is being put together by Bob Hultgren to oppose the "Queen and Her Maids" at Tordondo Field, 5417 Halison, St., on the 10th. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Should the umpires survive the ordeal, proceeds from the event will be used for the advancement of their cause — Little League umpiring.

It has not been determined who will umpire the game!

## Cerritos Ends Win Streak At El Camino

Cerritos College's 43-game Metropolitan Conference win streak in baseball was ended Friday by El Camino, 2-1.

The Warriors came from behind to tie the game in the fifth and won it in the bottom of the ninth when Mike Tuffley, a pinch runner, crossed the plate on Tony Cair's bases loaded infield blow.

Ken Knutzen pitched a 4-hit victory, giving up an unearned run in the third frame. Cerritos' .001 000 000-1 4 3. El Camino .000 010 001-3 6 2. Vorder, Sinclair (6) and Lohns; Knutzen and Filson.

**RAINED OUT**  
The annual Inglewood Relays were rained out Friday night and rescheduled for Saturday, once again weather permitting.

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