

# Second No-Hitter Pitched by Bryan Smith

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### Solution Needed

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Another record number of boys are engaged in playing baseball this spring. Some of the Little Leagues start their regular season Saturday, but others go full throttle after daylight saving's time goes into effect April 26 and 27.

Leagues which provide baseball for boys 13 to 18 years of age get under way after the high school baseball season and during the summer.

Considering that the nine Little Leagues in Torrance have assigned more than 3,000 boys to teams for the first time in 15 years, it is a tremendous testimonial to the game of baseball.

For most of the 8- to 12-year-olds, Little League baseball is the only opportunity to belong to an organized athletic team. It is an experience parents have found very important to the development of their sons.

Since 1953 and 1954, when the first group of eight teams was organized, the volume has swelled to 220 teams this year.

Put a \$7 uniform on almost all of these boys and you have only the start of what amounts to a \$150,000 business. Such costs as shoes, caps, baseballs, bats, and insurance are covered in these figures.

But where the economy of youth baseball really levels off into an ideal proposition is the fact nobody in town is salaried to operate the program.

In future articles data will be presented to call public attention to the need to dedicate land in Torrance to perpetuate youth baseball. The people who pioneered this marvelous baseball program in Torrance had to be as determined as the folks who came West in covered wagons. There are still hurdles to be conquered.

It is almost inconceivable in this day and age to circulate the word around a community that help is needed to build a ballpark in the outskirts of town and get any kind of response. But since 1954 almost 100 ballparks have been built voluntarily by the people of Torrance. This is quite an achievement.

But three or four diamonds are under construction right now and it is understood four or five more are needed next year. Must this big task be necessary year after year?

It doesn't make much sense to put thousands of dollars of labor and materials into a ballpark that must give way in three or four years to a shopping center or an industrial complex. But this has been almost the only way to proceed.

It is an obvious conclusion that relief in building more permanent type ball diamonds must be achieved through the use of public land.

The man or woman serving in public offices who ignores the appeal that a Little League has ignited in a community had better spend some time looking into this program during the next 12 weeks. About 25 of these ball diamonds are located throughout the city and games are played every night from 5 to 7:30 and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

As long as we keep it that way, Torrance may protect itself against some of the public nuisance experienced in recent days in many of the big cities of our nation.

## College Football Package Reported

Two Saturday night games, a "wild card game" and a "weekend game" are among the features of the college football program to be telecast by ABC-TV this fall, the network announced.

The network will be able to decide shortly before Nov. 16 which games will have the most important bearing on the conference titles.

The first game to be telecast will be the Georgia at Tennessee contest Sept. 14. It will be telecast nationally.

### All-American Honors Go To Westphal

CIF Southern Section Player of the Year Paul Westphal of Aviation was the only Southern Californian named to the All-American high school basketball team announced Friday by Scholastic Magazine.

Westphal, 6-2, 170-pound guard, averaged 32.5 points last season in leading Aviation to the quarter-finals of the Southern Section Tournament.

Only other Californian honored was 6-9 center Ainsley Truitt of San Francisco's Wilson High, who leads his team to an unbeaten season.



**FAMILY DEAL . . .** When Torrance American Little League begins its 5th season Saturday, five separate leagues will be in operation. Pictured with representatives from each division is league queen Piper Hoelting. The players (left to right) are: Chris Rouse, major league; Phillip Orndorff, minor international; Jimmy Harvey, minor continental; Kerry Winter, Senior Division, and on his lap is Bruce Barger, training league. Field ceremonies for more than 400 boys in the league will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Seaside Field.

## Driver Dies at Ascot

A three-car smashup during Saturday night's CRA sprint car races at Ascot Park claimed the life of veteran driver Hank Henry of Escondido and sent another driver, Robbie Powell of Downey, to Gardena Hospital with head injuries.

The accident occurred on the fifth lap of a consolation race. Henry, a veteran of 20 years of racing, was attempting to pass cars on the outside of the track when he tangled with Powell's car. Both cars began flipping with Henry's machine landing outside of the track. Henry was dead on arrival at the hospital.

A third car, driven by Jan Opperman of Castro Valley, also flipped in the crash, but Opperman escaped injury.

The 50-lap main event was won by Billy Wilkerson of El Monte. Results:

**MAIN EVENT (50 laps)**—1. Billy Wilkerson (El Monte); 2. Bob Hogle (Buena Park); 3. Don Harvey (Inglewood); 4. Bob McCoy (San Diego); 5. Ned Spoth (Ojai); 6. Paul Jones (Torrance); 20:43.1.  
**CONSOLATION (15 laps)**—1. Don Hamilton (El Cajon); 2. Colby Borogoin (Los Angeles); 3. Ted Shuster (Compton); race stopped due to accident.  
**HEAT WINNERS (6 laps each)**—1. Spoth; 2. Buddy Lee (West Covina); 3. McCoy.  
**TROPHY DASH (3 laps)**—1. Stan McElrath (North Hollywood); 2. Jones; 3. Wilkerson; 4. Hogle. Attendance—3,975.

## Four-Run Inning Wins for West

A four-run rally in the second inning gave West High a 5-3 win over El Segundo in a Pioneer League baseball game yesterday on the winner's field.

The four runs came on a single by Sam Falcone and two walks to Dean Gibson and pitcher Jim Mullens. Dean Owens was safe on an error at first and Dave Boyd was safe on a fielder's choice. Skip Hogue ripped a single to get two runs batted in.

Mullens had seven strikeouts and did not walk a batter.

The Warriors have a 6-2 record going into tomorrow's game with El Segundo.

Cochman Max Lomas plans to use Glen Males in the return match for West.  
El Segundo . . . 200 100 0-3 5 0  
West . . . 040 010 2-5 5 0  
Johnson and Marikon; Mullens and Johnson.

## 24 INNINGS

# Houston Shuts Out New York by 1-0

Bob Aspromonte ended the longest scoreless game and longest night game in baseball history Monday night by slapping a bases-loaded grounder through the legs of shortstop Al Weis in the 24th inning and lifting the Houston Astros to a 1-0 victory over the New York Mets.

The six-hour, six-minute marathon finally came to an end at 1:37 a.m. local time in Houston as Norm Miller, scoring from third, gleefully jumped on home plate and was mobbed by about 10 of his teammates, including manager Grady Hatton.

Miller had led off the eventful 24th with a single to right field of Les Rohr, the eighth

pitcher employed by Met manager Gil Hodges. He was balked to second and then Rohr walked Jim Wynn intentionally.

Miller moved to third on Rusty Staub's infield out, and after pinch-hitter John Bateman was walked intentionally, he scored when Weis failed to touch a ground ball that went through his legs for an error.

The stalwart crowd of less than 2,000 which remained for

## McCullah To Race Psychedelic

Clem McCullah of Torrance will be one of the competitors in Sunday's Hydro and Runabout Race at Long Beach Marine Stadium. McCullah has a fast super stock, "Psychedelic."

All contestants have spent the winter rebuilding and refining their boats. With 90 boats fighting for championship points and prize money, the new boats and drivers will discover that the past and present holders of national and regional championships will be more than reluctant to give up any points during the '68 season.

The one-mile course at the Long Beach Marine Stadium is ideal for spectators, and the 100 m.p.h. (and up) speeds on the straights, with a tight "U" turn at each end, creates the type of racing that excites the most casual observer.

The event, sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association, is conducted by the sponsoring Southern California Speedboat Club. There will be six divisions of hydroplanes—48, 145, 150, 225, 280, and the powerful 130 m.p.h. 286-cu.-in. class.

Competition will be furious in the NASCAR-type Chevy, Ford, and Chrysler-powered super stocks. One of the wilder races will be the two-man Crackerboxes. First race will start at noon Sunday and the program will conclude at 5:30.

## Sehnem 2-1 Win

Crespi High beat Bishop Montgomery for the third time in Camino Real League baseball action Monday, 2-1.

Dave Sehnem pitched a 2-hit victory. He hurled a pair of 1-0 shutouts against the Knights in two prior outings.

This time Montgomery took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when Bob Walker was safe on an error after Skip Jarvis and Greg Collins walked. Jarvis had the only two hits off Sehnem. The former Little League World Series hero had 11 strikeouts.

Losing pitcher Chuck Desiderio gave up a walk and run on Jeff Klameck's double. He scored the winning run on a passed ball.

St. Bernard's is leading the league with an 8-1 record. The Vikings have two remaining games with Bishop Montgomery next Tuesday and May 10. Crespi has a 7-3 record and Montgomery has a 6-3 record.

Montgomery plays a non-league game with Cantwell today and has the week off for the Easter vacation.

A fiesta will be held on the athletic field from Friday to Sunday.

Crespi . . . 000 200 0-2 5 1  
Montgomery . . . 001 000 0-1 2 0  
Bohnen and Giebel; Desiderio and Gillet.

## Track Meets Scheduled at Three Schools

Boys and girls in grades 3 to 12 are eligible to participate in the district track and field meets on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants in the North District meet at North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St.; South District at South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy., and Central District at the Torrance High Stadium, 2125 Lincoln Ave.

The top three finishers in each event will be eligible to compete in the city-wide finals on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Torrance High Stadium.

Competition is open to all Torrance public and parochial school children who have not lettered in school track or are not now members of a school track team or club. Contestants will be allowed to wear tennis shoes only.

Youngsters must sign up between 9 and 9:45 a.m. on the morning of the district meets and should specify the event preferred. Entries are limited to three events plus one relay team.

## Knights Beat Cantwell, 3-1

Bishop Montgomery beat Cantwell yesterday, 3-1, as Mike Ramirez and Cris Wilberley pitched a combined one-hitter.

It was a non-league game. Bill Murray tripled in the fifth inning for Montgomery to score Howie Wood and scored himself on Dennis McGoldrick's single.

Cantwell . . . 000 001 0-1 1 1  
Montgomery . . . 100 020 2-3 5 0  
Carmena and Kahmura; Ramirez and Gillet, Pettit, Rodriguez.

## Saxons Bag 9th Victory

Bryan Smith of North High School pitched his second no-hit, no-run game of the Bay League season Monday. The Saxons got four runs to beat Santa Monica and give themselves a 9-1 season record.

Coach Jim O'Brien's varsity will finish out the week by playing South High today at the South field and Friday at the home field.

The Spartans were idle Monday with a bye. They are in second place with a 6-1 record.

The series between North and South will feature good pitching, speed, defense and classy hitting.

Bryan Smith of North has a 5-0 record and has been stingy with hits and runs. Coach O'Brien also has lefties Rick Delay and Brad Rooker and righthander Rick Estrada.

Mached against this quartet are South's Dick Fouk, Wade Linstad and Dan Pace.

Smith hurled a no-hitter against Hawthorne to open the season. A seventh inning error prevented a perfect game against Samohi Monday.

Bryan can either pitch two innings in relief today or be saved for the full game against South on Friday.

Coach O'Brien said Smith pitched the best game he had even seen at North High. The performance had to be outstanding to overcome a 3-hit loss by Brian Hatton of the Vikings.

Hawthorne and Redondo are battling for third place in the league. Hawthorne went eight innings to beat Inglewood, 4-3, and Redondo edged Johnny Sain gave up only three hits.

## Bay League Baseball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
North . . . . .	9	1	.900	0
South . . . . .	8	1	.889	1 1/2
Hawthorne . . . . .	7	3	.700	2 1/2
Redondo . . . . .	4	4	.500	4 1/2
Mira Costa . . . . .	5	5	.500	4 1/2
Santa Monica . . . . .	1	7	.125	7 1/2
Inglewood . . . . .	0	7	.000	7 1/2

Monday's Results  
North 4, Santa Monica 0  
Hawthorne 4, Inglewood 2  
Redondo 1, Mira Costa 2

Today's Games  
North at South  
Inglewood at Redondo  
Mira Costa at Santa Monica

**North, 4-0**  
North . . . . .012 010 0-4 3 1  
Santa Monica . . . . .000 000 0-0 0 1  
Smith and Skaggs; Hatton and Diaz.

**Redondo, 1-0**  
Mira Costa . . . . .000 000 0-0 0 1  
Redondo . . . . .001 000 2-1 2 3  
Sain and Moore; Luna, Shaw (7) and Harper.

**Hawthorne, 4-3**  
Inglewood . . . . .000 200 0-2 3 1  
Hawthorne . . . . .001 020 01-4 12 4  
Guerrero, Mejia and May; Tambarino, Rutter and Pedone.

## American LL Opening Set

Torrance American Little League opening day ceremonies will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Seaside Field. Master of ceremonies will be league president Gene Genova. Flag ceremony will be presented by the Webelos and the National Anthem will be sung by George Currier.



**RACE CRASH . . .** One of the race cars involved in Saturday night's smashup at Ascot Park was No. 10 driven by Rick Gouly. He escaped serious injury, but Hank Henry in Car No. 9 was killed. (Press-Herald Photo)