

Big League Expansion

Veteran baseball front office executive Bill Veck, unveiling his proposal for a sweeping realignment of the major leagues, submits a plan that place the New York Yankees and New York Mets together in one division, the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs together in another, and the Los Angeles Dodgers, Anaheim Angels, San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics in yet another division composed entirely of West Coast teams.

Elaborating on his ideas in an article in the current issue of Sport Magazine, Veck proposes the following realignment:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EASTERN	MIDWEST
Baltimore	Chicago Cubs
Boston	Chicago (White Sox)
New York (Mets)	Cleveland
New York (Yankees)	Detroit
Philadelphia	Minnesota
Washington	Pittsburgh

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SOUTHERN	NORTHWESTERN
Atlanta	Anaheim
Cincinnati	Los Angeles
Dallas-Ft. Worth	Oakland
Houston	San Diego*
Kansas City*	San Francisco
St. Louis	Seattle*

*anticipated expansion

"This remodeling is calculated to capitalize on natural rivalries; to reduce travel expense; to simplify and improve scheduling; and to facilitate 'intra' league play, with minimal disturbance to existing league membership," says Veck.

The basic schedule Veck foresees features 4 games with each team in the other league (48) games, 6 games with each team in the other division (36), and 16 games with each team in the same division (80), comprising a total of 164 games.

A 3 out of 5 league championship playoff and a 4 out of 7 World Series would take place.

Veck lists Bing Devine of the Cardinals, Mike Burke of the Yankees, Jerry Hoffberger of Baltimore, Gabe Paul of Cleveland, Chub Feeney of San Francisco, Buzzie Bavasi of Los Angeles and Commissioner William Eckert as receptive to further study of the plan, if not actually predisposed toward it.

Long Beach, Bakersfield In Showdown

One way or another the neck-and-neck Metropolitan Conference baseball race will be settled this week between Bakersfield and Long Beach. Going into the final week of play, both teams have 15-3 records and will meet in a pivotal game Friday at Bakersfield. Cerritos (13-5) also has a mathematical chance.

Yesterday, Bakersfield played at Valley, East L.A. at Long Beach, Rio Hondo at El Camino, Cerritos at Santa Monica, Friday, Long Beach will go to Bakersfield, El Camino to Valley, East L.A. to Cerritos, Santa Monica to Rio Hondo.

Rio Hondo goes to East L.A. Saturday with Bakersfield to El Camino, Cerritos at Long Beach, and Valley at Santa Monica.

Last week East L.A. won over Santa Monica, 7-4; Cerritos over Valley, 14-1; Long Beach over El Camino, 11-1. Friday—Bakersfield over East L.A., 9-3; Rio Hondo over Valley, 6-0; Long Beach over Santa Monica, 8-0; Cerritos over El Camino in 10 innings, 3-2. Saturday—Bakersfield topped Rio Hondo, 12-2; Long Beach over East L.A., 2-0; Cerritos over Santa Monica, 4-3.

Preps Set For League Track Meets

Southland prep tracksters will use this weekend's league finals as a tune-up for the beginning of CIF, SS, competition on the following weekend.

Most of the 47 leagues throughout the Southland have scheduled their track finals for Friday and Saturday nights, qualifying boys for one of four CIF, SS, preliminary sites (Westminster, Chaffey, Millikan and Rio Mesa high schools).

Preliminary action in the CIF, SS, is slated for Saturday, May 11, with the semifinals at Cerritos College

TO GROUPS RAM FILM AVAILABLE

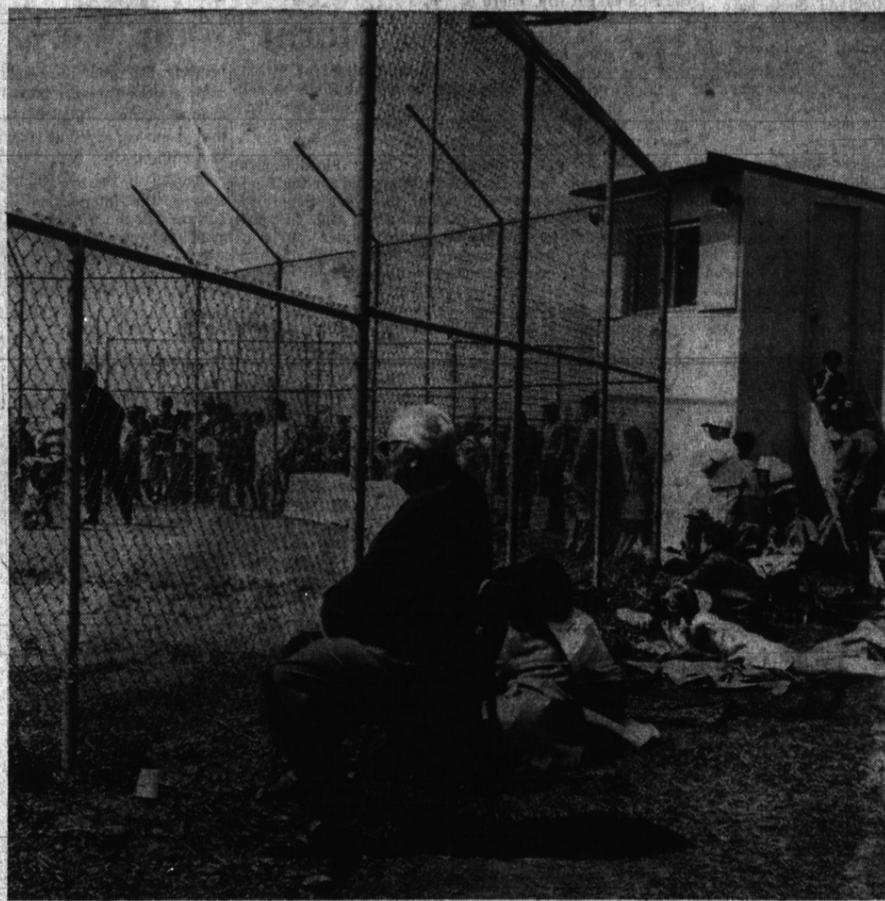
Want to re-live the Rams' exciting 1967 Coastal Division Championship season? The new Rams' Hilites Film, "The Year of the Ram," is available for showing to groups in Southern California.

A 30-minute, all-color motion picture, the 16mm sound film can be reserved by calling 277-4700 or by writing to the Los Angeles Rams Football Co., 10271 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90064.

Narrated by the club's radio voice, Dick Enberg, the film spotlights the Rams' Playoff Bowl victory over Cleveland and the late-season, back-to-back wins over Green Bay and Baltimore which enabled Los Angeles to tie the Colts for the Coastal title.

A special feature is stop-action, slow motion footage of linebacker Tony Guillory's now-famous blocked punt against the Packers that led to the last-minute winning Ram touchdown.

The film also illustrates the work of the various offensive and defensive components of the Ram team that led the National Football League in both points scored and fewest points allowed while compiling an 11-1-2 record, the best mark in club history.



NO PLACE TO SIT... When North Torrance East Little League opened its new ball parks at 182nd St. and Van Ness Avenue Sunday, no bleachers were available. The best way to watch the games was to crowd around the backstop fencing. A larger Pony League field and two Little League diamonds were relocated at the new site to provide baseball for almost 400 youngsters. (Press-Herald Photo)

Basketball Game Gets Approval

Southern California's finest graduating high school basketball players will be pitted in the first annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic on Wednesday, July 10, at The Forum. Co-chairmen are Tom Schott and Ken Brown.

The long-awaited confrontation of top basketballers in the Los Angeles city schools and CIF, Southern Section, became a reality when the game was approved earlier this week by the National Collegiate Association.

Sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Lions Club and Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association, the doubleheader will match the Los Angeles city team against a Southern Section 3-A Division opponent and the Southern Section 2-A against their 1-A counterparts.

Each squad will be composed of 12 players and coaches will be permitted to select more than one player from a single school only once, thus assuring a minimum of 44 high schools representation.

The games will each be 40 minutes in duration with 20-minute halves.

Proceeds from the games will be divided between the Manhattan Beach Lions Club, to support its program of Blind Children Aid and Sight Conservation with emphasis on help to the junior blind, and the S.C.I.B.C.A., for distribution to worthy charities of its choice.

Schott, a Manhattan Beach resident and engineering management executive, is a past president and currently on the board of directors of the Manhattan Beach Lions.

Brown is the successful varsity basketball coach at Aviation High in Redondo Beach.

MOTORCYCLES ROLL FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Peace has been restored in the motorcycle racing world and the West's premier riders will be out in force for the first doubleheader Friday and Saturday evenings at Ascot Park.

Both events start at 8:15 p.m. There will be flat-track racing on Friday. The steeplechasers take over on Saturday.

Under new arrangements, the riders will be competing for a guaranteed purse of \$2,100 at each race.

Dan Haaby, Lawndale, is the defending champion in the flat-track action, having scored a decisive victory in the 1967 Pacific Coast action.

Skip Van Leeuwen, Sherman Oaks, was a similarly big winner over the jumps and around the left and right turns. He's the man to whip Saturday.

Other standouts who will be in action include Dick Hammer, Lakewood; Gene Romero, San Luis Obispo; Elliott Schultz, South Gate; Sammy Tanner, Long Beach; Jack Simmons, Compton; Bob Bailey, Compton; Mel Lacher and Cal Rayborn, San Diego; and Mert Lawwill, San Francisco.

REDONDO COACH

Rex Hughes Off To Long Beach

Redondo High basketball coach Rex Hughes was named head coach at Long Beach City College, replacing Chuck Kane who resigned at the end of the season.

Hughes had an 81-32 record during four years as coach at Redondo. He was a Class B coach at North High and frosh coach at Pepperdine before returning to his Redondo alma mater as varsity coach.

Rex was an All-CIF player at Redondo. As a coach of the Seahawks his teams won two Bay League championships and were second and third. His 1965 team won 28 games in a row before being upset by North High in the CIF semifinals.

North High coach Skip Enger, coach of two straight Bay League championship teams, also announced his resignation recently to become basketball coach at a junior college in Oceanside.



REX HUGHES

Bowling Tournament To Benefit Retarded

A statewide bowling tournament will be held at the South Bay Bowl Friday at 10 a.m. for the benefit of the California Council for Retarded Children.

Charles Speigel of the Southwest Association is tournament chairman.

Bowling will involve about 150 winners from various district play-offs and will require 20 lanes until 1 p.m. The association is also holding open house at the recreation center of the Garden Valley Training Center at 18515 S. Vermont, Gardena. Refreshments will be served by members of AhWe Na Sa Council, Degree of Pocahontas.

Those interested will be given a tour of Fisherman's Wharf at Redondo Beach and will be transported to the Cockatoo Inn in Inglewood for a banquet at 8 p.m. Awarding of the trophies will be at the banquet.

Sally Baker, known to TV audiences as Hobo Kelly, will present the trophies.

A short musical program will be presented by the North American Rockwell chorus, known as the "Moonstone." This choral group is directed by Ralph Webster, a member of the Fred Waring Pennsylvanians for 21 years. Music for dancing will follow with the Trudelle School of Music of Gardena.

Football Schedule Announced

Spring brings baseball and track, but believe it or not, it also brings football. Since February, while the baseballers and tracksters are in the midst of their seasons, El Camino's 1968 football team has been tagging along.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 to 11 each morning, the football staff has been going over its pass defense, running offense and game plans for next season in hopes of improving on the 9-1 seasonal record.

Leading the list of returnees for coach Vince McCullough's defensive backfield is Ed Eno. Eno received honorable mention on the 1967 All-Metropolitan Conference selections. Backing up the Redondo graduate are freshmen Dale Hewitt, Steve Barnett and Ron Hastings.

Sparking coach Bill Vincent's defensive line are first string returners Mark Leamy, Charley Reade, John Sullivan and Terry Mendenhall. Giving them added support are freshmen Marc D'Ambrosi, Marty Pettit, Steve Vervey and transfer Tom Stolarz.

Running the offensive unit for coaches Ken Swearingen and Don Junk are freshmen Jon Robertson, Kenny Davenport, Richard Terzian and newcomer John O'Brien. Sharing the running duties is returning fullback Tom Reynolds, and halfbacks Arthur Ross, Ed Gilles and Pat Hammon. Ends returning are John Featherstone, Mike Crosby and Mike O'Brien.

For eight games last year, El Camino swept through its schedule undefeated. The Warriors saw their dream of a 9-0 season go down the drain against Bakersfield, 34-8.

This fall the Warriors will fly to Oakland Sept. 21 to open the '68 campaign against Laney Junior College. The contest will begin at 2 p.m., and will mark the first time in many years that El Camino will play an afternoon game.

Laney was rated number six in the nation last year and has lost only five games in its four-year history. The Tribe was ranked fifth in the final national polls with an 8-1 record. If the Warriors get by Laney they will have to battle another top-rated college in San Mateo for their second game. ECC will have one advantage of being the home team. It will be an 8 p.m. contest, Saturday, Sept. 28.

Another new college on the conference schedule is Pierce College. The two squads will clash on Nov. 8, followed by the season finale at Long Beach Nov. 16.

South Wins 4th Shutout

With South High winning its fourth straight shutout and North losing to Mira Costa, 4-2, the two Torrance schools are tied for the Bay League baseball lead with 11-3 records.

Mira Costa scored four runs in the first inning to beat the Saxons. Costa has a 4-8 record.

Dick Foulk, who went eight innings to edge Mira Costa, 1-0, a week ago, came back Monday for an 11-0 whitewash of Redondo. Dennis Rector hurled two innings of the win.

The Spartans got their first two runs in the first frame and picked up five more in the third.

Steve Shrader cleaned the bases with a triple as part of the 5-run spree.

Mike Hrehor and Brent Barron both had two hits for the Spartans.

South has not given up a run since the April 19 game at North when the Saxons scored a run in the seventh inning for a 4-3 win.

In four games since then, Wade Linstad and Foulk have pitched 26 scoreless innings, giving up eight hits and four walks.

NORTH gave up a pair of runs in the first before retiring anybody in the Mira Costa game. When the inning was over four runs crossed the plate and the biggest blow of the inning was a single by catcher Pat Moore.

The Saxons likewise had a 2-run rally going in the fourth inning with no outs. But with two men aboard the Mustangs got out of the jam on a pair of strikeouts. The second "K" ended in a base stealing double play.

The schedule for the week sends South to Santa Monica today and to Hawthorne on Friday. North is home today against Inglewood and travels to Redondo on Friday.

Hawthorne is in third place with a 10-4 record.

South, 11-0

South 208 301 0-11 9 0
Redondo 400 000 0-0 4 2
Folk, Rector (6) and Winter; Myatt, Kargi (8) and Lefevre.

Mira Costa, 4-2

North 000 200 0-2 8 4
Mira Costa 000 000 0-2 8 4
Rector, Delany (3) and Skaggs; Sain, Rogers (4), Goodwin (7) and Moore.

Hawthorne, 9-4

Santa Monica 010 010 2-4 11 3
Hawthorne 000 000 0-0 4 2
McSpadden, Aderholt (3) and Diaz, Williams, Lewis, Tamburrino (2) and Perdue, Williams.

Palos Verdes Cinches Tie For Pennant

Palos Verdes cinched at least a tie for the Pioneer League baseball championship yesterday by handing West a 3-1 loss.

Palos Verdes goes into the final three games of the season with a 10-2 record. West, which travels to P.V. tomorrow for a repeat game, has a 7-5 record.

West is now battling El Segundo for second place and a berth in the CIF playoffs.

Torrondo Little League

SENIOR DIVISION
Pirates 5, Braves 2
MAJOR DIVISION
Indians 3, Tigers 0
Braves 5, Cubs 1
Dodgers 14, White Sox 12
Yankees 3, Senators 1
Braves 10, Braves 2
Dodgers 5, Cubs 2
Yankees 6, Indians 3
Tigers 1, Senators 0
Dodgers 10, Braves 2
Senators 9, Indians 0
Tigers 8, Yankees 3
Cubs 4, White Sox 2
MINOR DIVISION
Phillies 10, Seals 9
Padres 12, Giants 3
Mets 8, Twins 7
Stars 7, Athletics 6
Orioles 11, Pirates 1
Phillies 8, Cards 1
Giants 7, Angels 3
Stars 4, Padres 1
Seals 5, Twins 7

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Metropolitan Conference To Hold Tennis Tourney

Taking a third place (9-5) record in dual-match competition, the El Camino College tennis team advances to the Metropolitan Conference Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Tribe's top four players—Dave Footitt, Mike Hynes, Dennis Magnuson and Dan Stanley—will compete in the tournament's 'A' flight.

Joe Noval and Tom Alessio, fifth and sixth ranked players, will play in the 'B' division. Only those in the 'A' flight will vie for the championship.

Footitt and Hynes, the Warriors' top-seeded players, posted a 6-8 record in doubles

Bay League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
North	11	3	.786	...
South	11	3	.786	...
Hawthorne	10	4	.714	...
Redondo	5	9	.357	...
Santa Monica	5	9	.357	...
Mira Costa	4	8	.333	...
Inglewood	1	11	.083	...

Monday's Results
Mira Costa 4, North 2
South 11, Redondo 0
Hawthorne 9, Santa Monica 4

Today's Games
South at Santa Monica
Inglewood at North

Triple by Rodriguez Wins Game

A 3-run fifth inning gave Bishop Montgomery a 3-1 baseball victory against Daniel Murphy yesterday.

Joe Rodriguez tripled to score Dennis McGoldrick and Steve Patterson who both singled. Rodriguez scored on Skip Jarvis' sacrifice fly.

Mike Ramirez pitched the victory, giving up a run in the seventh.

Montgomery 000 030 0-3 8 2
Murphy 000 000 1-1 8 0
Ramirez and Gilles, Rodriguez; Ford, Kanne (5) and Unk, Bauer.

Three Quit Coaching Jobs in NBA

Three National Basketball Association coaching jobs are vacant. Alex Hannum resigned from one job and is being mentioned for the other two.

Despite leading the Philadelphia 76ers to two consecutive Eastern Division titles, Hannum quit the team.

And the San Francisco Warriors, the team Hannum led two years ago to go east, said they hope to announce by Wednesday whether he will rejoin them as coach.

The other NBA opening is Chicago, which has been coachless since Johnny Kerr left to take over the Phoenix expansion club.

The San Francisco job became vacant Monday when Bill Sherman quit to become coach of the Los Angeles Stars of the American Basketball Association.

Sherman, 40, received a multiple-year contract with the Stars, said general manager Jim Hardy. He refused to reveal the money terms.

Hannum, whose two-year contract as coach of the 76ers expired 10 days ago, said he is leaving the club to "build houses or basketball teams" in his home state of California.

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Beverly Hills Scores 7-6 Win

Beverly Hills won a 7-6 ball game from Torrance in the Sky League yesterday on the winner's field.

Torrance led, 5-2, in the fifth inning, when the Normans rallied for five runs.

Terry Waters went the distance for Torrance and absorbed the loss.