

Wild Mustangs Win First Half Honors

Torrance Wild Mustangs won the first half of the West Coast Slo-pitch League with a 12-1 victory over Hawthorne at Eucalyptus Park Friday night.

failed with the Wild Mustangs leading 4-0. The Mustangs season record is 11 wins and two losses.

with eight wins and six losses. Against Hawthorne, second baseman Terry Tierney hit two home runs and a triple to lead the Wild Mustang attack of 21 hits.

The Tappa Keggas took both games of a doubleheader from Bo Polica's Lomita Old Pros by scores of 4-3 and 5-1.

In other games, the Los Angeles Oldtimers took both games from the Upland Bombers; and Redondo Beach won two from El Segundo Hughes Hustlers.

Second round league play will begin June 6 with Torrance's Wild Mustangs and Tappa Keggas meeting at Torrance Park.

West Coast Slo-pitch League, the major league of 16-inch slo-pitch softball, is sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department with doubleheaders starting Friday nights at 8 p.m.

Standings table for West Coast Slo-pitch League showing teams like Torrance Wild Mustangs, Los Angeles Oldtimers, etc.

American Little League

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Gary Colson's Second Year

Head basketball coach Gary Colson has generated renewed spirit in Pepperdine College basketball in one year's time.

The youthful Colson, 34, migrated to Pepperdine last year from Valdosta State College, an NAIA school in southern Georgia.

Colson said, "I knew Pep had a basketball future when I learned they were building new campus facilities at Malibu."

Colson, who compiled a 188-69 record in 10 years as head coach at Valdosta State, patterns his attack around the "Pepperdine Wheel," a ball-control, tempo-type game he made famous at Valdosta.

"It makes us work for the best possible shot," says Colson.

The coach employed the "wheel" at Pep last year, improving the Waves to a 14-12 season.

The Waves, schedule wise, will face several national powers, including Miami University, Florida State University, Bradley University, Butler University, and Indiana State University.

The Waves will also play a 14-game slate in the tough West Coast Athletic Conference, headed by defending champ and NCAA Regional finalist Santa Clara.

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The hustling 6-foot-3, 177-pounder from Trton, N.J., averaged 16 points per game last year.

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Motorcyclists Also Busy Memorial Day

Motorcycle racing buffs will have their Memorial Day in mind, too, when the American Motorcycle Association races compete in an 18-event program at Ascot Park Friday night.

First event is at 8:15. The holiday weekend is expected to bring the largest turnout since the season opener.

Where Indianapolis draws just about everyone who's anybody in car racing, the Ascot course will have a large share of the two-wheeled com-

petitors. The lineup includes such standouts as Sammy Tanner, Long Beach; Mel Lacher, San Diego; Lloyd Houchins, Arcadia; Shorty Seabourne, Lawndale; Gezer Emmick, Downey; Tim Harris, Van Nuys, and Len Earl, Santa Ana.

Tanner is the winningest rider in Ascot Park history and is enjoying a strong campaign.

The little "Flying Flea" is always a crowd favorite as he rides the outside of the track as perhaps no one else in Ascot history has done.



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Hollywood Park Has Four Stakes

For racing fans who put a premium on quality, Hollywood Park will be the place to be during Memorial Day week.

The Inglewood track will present stakes on four consecutive days, with the \$50,000 added Lakeside Handicap topping the holiday bill-of-fare on Friday.

Prior to the Lakeside on Memorial Day, the gala week includes the \$20,000 added Cabrillo Stakes for two-year-olds today and the \$20,000 added Senorita Stakes for three-year-old fillies on Thursday.

Climaxing the big weekend will be the \$30,000 added Argonaut Stakes for sophomore colts and geldings on Saturday. The Senorita, Lakeside, and Argonaut all will be contested over Hollywood Park's popular infield turf course.

First post for the holiday racing program on Memorial Day and Saturday will be at 1:15 p.m., one-half hour earlier than usual, with gates to the track opening at 10:30 a.m.

The one-mile Lakeside Handicap, which had its inaugural running last year, is expected to attract a stellar lineup of turf specialists, including Pinjara, who in his only start this

season established a course record for a mile and three-eighths when he won the \$79,400 Century Handicap.

Among the talented handicap stars likely to oppose Pinjara are Pink Pigeon, the distaff ace who upset male rivals in a division of the '68 Lakeside; Indulto, sprint king of the meet by virtue of his victories in the Premiere and Los Angeles Handicaps and winner of an allowance race on the turf last summer; Rising Market, runner-up to Nodouble in the rich Californian last week; and Diego Security, Quilche, First Mate, London Jet, and Rivet, all of whom have been stakes winners on the grass.

Trainer Charley Whittingham, who also trains Pinjara, will have a strong hand for the Argonaut. He is due to saddle both Noholme Jr. and Tell, one-two finishers in the recent Caballero Stakes. The Argonaut is an important steppingstone to the \$100,000 added Hollywood Derby on June 14, the race which traditionally determines the three-year-old champion of the West.

Central Little League

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Ron Johnson Fourth in Record Time

The CIF 2-mile race was won by Ruben Chappins, the defending champion, in a spectacular record time of 9:00.8 last Friday at Cerritos College.

Five men crossed the finish line under 9:05, including fourth place Ron Johnson, a junior from West High. He ran the race in 9:04.6 to edge Ruben Mejia of LaHabra at 9:04.8.

It was that kind of a race. Second place went to David White of El Modena in 9:01.4, and third was Fred Ritcherson of Salesian in 9:04.0.

The old record set by Chappins last year was 9:02.8.

Chappins went from fourth to first when he sprinted the final lap in 56.2.

Steve Smith of South High, who pole vaulted 16'4 1/2" in the semi-finals a week earlier, won the CIF title Friday with a lesser 15-3 effort.

Decker Underwood of South finished third to Terry Lamb of Bolsa Grande and Bob Sorenson of Lakewood in the mile race. Decker's time was 4:12.6.

Fourth in the 880 was Hank Merrill of Bishop Montgomery whose time was 1:54.4.

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Vikings Win in Baseball

Long Beach City College's wondrous baseball team climaxed a great season last weekend by sweeping to the 1969 State Junior College championship over strong College of San Mateo.

The Vikings, co-champion of the Metropolitan Conference, defeated San Mateo, champ of the Golden Gate Conference, 7-2, in the opening game Friday and then battled down to the wire before taking a 7-6 win in the second game of the best-of-three series.

Pitcher Tim Brady won both games for the Vikings and became the only player in state playoff history to win three consecutive games. Last year he won the final game of the 1968 state champion Vikings over Sacramento City College.

Brady, a lefthander, went nine innings for the win Friday as the Vikings erupted for five runs in the first inning. Steve Liebeck stroked a grand-slam home run to account for four runs.

Saturday, Brady was called into relieve in the ninth inning with only one out and the bases loaded. The score was tied 6-6 at the end of eight and a half innings, and the Vikings won in the bottom of the ninth.

Ray Colin opened the frame with his third double in a row. The powerful centerfielder, who was four-for-four and drove in four runs, scored the winning run as catcher Jim Gmur collected his third opposite field single of the day.

Two Teams Organize in Baseball

Teenage boys between 15 and 17 interested in baseball can sign up at Normandie Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale, every Saturday.

To qualify for the division, a boy's birthday must fall before Jan. 1, said Tom George, recreation director.

Tryouts are every Saturday at 1 p.m. at the center. A \$5 fee is charged and a boy must bring his birth certificate for verification.

Two teams already have been formed. The league, which consists of several centers, will open Saturday, June 7.

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RESORT FISHING . . . During a five-day fishing trip at Rancho Buena Vista near Baja, California, a number of marlin, broadbill, rooster fish, and dolphin were caught by Paul Shinoda, Louis Schlanger, Clint Meadoway, Murray Rudnick, Johnnie McTeo, Jim Giacalone, and Harvel Guttenfelder. The fishing expedition was last week.

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