



# SPORT PAGE



## TITLE GAME FRIDAY NIGHT WON BY BIRDS IN ELEVENTH

Fourth Straight Victory Brings Crown In World Series to Torrance; Perfect Exhibition Thrills Largest Crowd of Season

Hal Forney, right fielder for the Torrance Bluebirds, occupied the spotlight twice Friday night when the Birds defeated Rialto, 2-1, in 11 innings, making it four straight and annexing the world series championship title.

Forney won the game for the Birds when he cracked a homer in the seventh to break the deadlock that had gone on and on all evening.

Louie Neva had let the Rialto boys down without a hit up to the eighth. Louie was confident and gay. He had them eating out of his hand, feeding them fancy shots and deceptive slow balls that had Rialto guessing, eternally guessing.

Up to the eighth Rialto had not made a safe hit but in that inning they got their break. One run scored off a couple of hits and a walk tied the count into a knot that Torrance was unable to break until the last half of the eleventh.

A brace of doubles, by Louie Neva and Hal Forney, furnished the necessary power to break the tie, and victory which had been hovering over the Bluebirds for two hours cut the switch and made a perfect three-point landing.

No crowd ever saw a more perfect display of baseball than was put up by the two teams Friday night. Two marvelous pitchers and two grand teams battled on equal terms for inning after inning. Lightning fast fielding kept the stands roaring.

Rialto lost nothing in defeat, for a greater baseball machine, outside of the Bluebirds, has never

## Five All-Marine Gauchos Lost to Varsity Line-up

Comrada Faced With Problem to Build Up New Squad

With five All-Marine players gone out of his line-up this year, Coach Ben Comrada, of Narbonne high school, is facing the task of filling up these gaps in preparation for the opening of the Marine League season a week from tomorrow, October 13, when Narbonne meets its nearest and dearest rival, the Torrance Tartars, on Griffin field.

The Gauchos this year lack the services of Hede Watanabe, the flash halfback who was one of the mainstays of the Gauchos in their running plays last year; Wells Gordon, Sheparl at quarter, Williams and Allman in the line, and it is going to be a problem to pick their successors, according to Ben, who, however, is putting a good face on the matter and will have somebody in the varsity string who will be able to carry the burden.

The burden of Ben's plaint this year is, first, the loss of his All-Marine stars; second, the fact that his new material is light, and third, on general principles. Ben is always optimistic, reverse English or that one, at the beginning of the season, but his doleful plaints seem to peter out as time goes by and the Gauchos race over all opponents to a championship or near-championship at the close.

Unless all signs fail, the Gauchos will get set to give the Tartars their usual wale of a battle, but this year, with Torrance all steamed up and heartened by the fact that they held Narbonne last year to 6-0 and lost in the last few minutes of play, the outcome is rather in doubt.

## Men of Troy :-: U. S. C's Grid Warriors



## Opening Game In Southern League At Park Sunday

Bowker and Evans Start Their Team In First-Class Series

Tommy Bowker and Bill Evans will make their bow to the public as baseball magnates next Sunday when the Torrance Merchants, under their management, take on the County Welfare All-Stars at the local park. The game will be called at 2:15, and admission has been placed at 15 cents for men, ladies and children free.

Bowker and Evans have been busy since they took over the reins, and have secured the backing of the Torrance business men for the team, which insures, an easier road to travel, as a certain amount of the necessary expenses will be underwritten by donations from the local merchants.

The team has entered the Southern League, which is composed of 12 teams, all top-notchers. Six of the teams will play at home every Sunday, the other six will travel. The home teams are Torrance, Houghton Park of Long Beach, Maywood, Hermosa Beach, Colburn Brokers, champions of the Harbor League, and Norwalk.

Traveling teams will be the Log Cabin Bakers, Weber Bread Co., Stars, Johnson Cake Co., Pantaloon Accordion Studios, and Adams-Goodman, of Los Angeles.

A few changes in the line-up are in prospect, but they will be minor. The majority of the players who carried Torrance along to the play-off for the Harbor League championship, which they lost by a scant margin, will be seen in the roster as usual.

Rumors to the effect that several of the players are transferring their allegiance to another local club are denied by Bowker, who says that the men in question have assured him that they will stick with Torrance.

Prospects for an interesting winter season of baseball in Torrance are bright, and the new management will appreciate the patronage of all loyal fans. They will get their money's worth, say Bowker and Evans.

## Fishing Improves At Lake Hemet

The water at Lake Hemet, Riverside county, is getting cooler and the fishing is improving, according to information received by the touring department of the National Automobile Club. Good catches have been reported during the last few days. Fishermen state that the best success is being had with angle worms and salmon eggs.

## Ekisian Booked to Grapple Big Steve Strellich

High Class Supporting Card Will Lead Up to Main Match

Harry Ekizian, the powerful navy product, strongman and former all-navy wrestling champion, has been selected to test Steve Strellich, the "Terrible Swede," in Tuesday night's feature three-fall, two-hour main event at Compton.

Although Ekizian lost to Cliff Thiede for using the strange hold Tuesday night, his display of strength proved conclusively he is the master of grapplers of the Thiede stamp.

Strellich made it two straight triumphs over Buddy O'Brien in the feature when O'Brien was unable to continue after the first fall. Strellich picked up his foe after a wild, give and take tussle.

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## Praises Reporter



H. W. Douglass, independent service station operator, 18319 S. Western Ave., Torrance, says local listeners show appreciation of "News Flashes by Richfield" by switching to Richfield products. Claims radio mention of Yale Tires has brought him many sales.—Adv.

## Boyoboyoboy! Wotta Game At Lomita Sunday

Merchants Sink Texaco Under Cloudburst of 32 Hits, 22 Runs

The Lomita Merchants slammed out a total of 32 hits off Stitzman of the Texaco Oil Company team Sunday afternoon to win 22 to 2, in one of the most colorful games ever played on the Lomita diamond.

Lomita scored in six out of their eight frames and took a breather in the sixth and eighth after they had rolled up a tremendous total. Moudy kept the Texaco's nine hits well scattered.

Welch with five safeties out of six tries, one for four bases, was the hitting star of the game, with his teammate, Williams, a close second with four hits, one also a homer. Stamper, second baseman, scored four runs without getting a hit which marked him as a champion at working his way to first. Moudy and Bryan contributed some triples to the general fund of swats.

Moudy, pitching for Lomita, issued one pass and struck out one. Stitzman whiffed one and Statts 1. Texaco used up four pitchers in the effort to halt the runaway Merchants, with Stitzman starting. He lasted five and one-half innings during which Lomita banged out 26 hits and scored 15 runs. Griggs, Patalona, and Statts also tried.

In order to furnish stiffer competition in the future the schedule has been changed and the strong Richfield club, with Les Ferguson pitching, will play Lomita next Sunday. The Richfield outfit are this season's champs of the Inter-city League and are starting on another string of wins, with two under their belts already. Ralph Mann, Joe and Shelby Venable and Conroy, who starred with the Torrance Merchants during the Harbor League season just closed, have joined out with the Lomita Merchants. Joe Storti, former Bluebird star at short, is playing center field for the Merchants.

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## Sandlot Football Game Stirs Up Grief For Three Schools

A "sandlot" football game, participated in by two teams composed entirely of Japanese boys, most of whom were members of high school squads in this district, has stirred up a lot of grief in Torrance, Narbonne and Gardena.

## Baseball Fans Pick Your All-Opponents Team

All you baseball fans who have been following the Bluebirds around all season, get your pencil and paper and pick yourself an all-opponent team.

That is, of all the teams in the National League, pick yourself out a set of nine that you think would make good opposition for the Birds.

For instance, who do you think is the most effective pitcher? Who would make the tightest infield? Who would be the classiest outfielders?

Think it all over and send your pick to the sports editor of the Torrance Herald before next Thursday. The Bluebirds, who left today on a barnstorming trip to Porterville, Visalia and Lindsay, where they will play a three-game series with an all-star team of the northern league, will pick a team and their choice and the fan's choice which comes nearest to duplicating their selection will be published next Thursday on this page. An All-National League team to beat the Bluebirds. Let's go.

**CAT EATS POPCORN**  
EUGENE, Ore. (U.P.)—A popcorn-eating tomcat is the pet of the state police headquarters here. "Pop" scorns petting, but loves buttered popcorn or milk.

Some time during the past year, this game which now becomes celebrated as the center of controversy, was played as a part of a local Japanese celebration.

Aware of the C. I. F. rule which prohibits players from taking part in games outside of the regular season, the boys were rather reluctant to play, but they were assured that the matter would be "taken care of" and that no question of their eligibility would arise.

This now appears to be a lot of "hoopery."

Saturday, September 30, at a meeting of the C. I. F. held in Los Angeles, at which Watson of Jacob Riis represented the Marine League, the question was thrashed out with the result that the rule was upheld and the Japanese are out of competition.

Unless it is rescinded, which appears unlikely, before October 13, Torrance will be minus the services of Sumi Ishikawa, first string left half. There is also a possibility that the ineffectuality will be extended to other sports such as baseball and track when these three schools, which have a number of sterling Japanese athletes, will be seriously handicapped.

The rule does not mean that all Japanese are barred, but only those who have taken part in the forbidden game. Coach Bernard Donahue, Coach Ben Comrada and the Gardena coach have protested strongly against the application of the rule to a purely technical and unintentional violation, but their arguments have so far been disregarded.

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