

# SECOND ROUND OF SEMI-PRO TOURNEY OPENS FRIDAY NIGHT IN TORRANCE

## HOW THEY SCORED THIS WEEK

**Saturday:**  
L. B. Elbees 6, Hartwell Aviation 4.  
L. B. Harbor Refinery 5, Chet Ralph's Chevrolet 3.

**Sunday:**  
No. American Aviation 5, Gaffers & Sattler 1.  
Santa Monica Trainers 11, Torrance-Lomita Indians 3.

**Monday:**  
Dr. Ross 10, Pepsi-Cola 8.

**Tuesday:**  
S. P. Longshoremen 8, Lockheed 7.

**Last night:**  
Wilmington Merchants 7, Torrance-Lomita Indians 5.

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## Fans Still in Doubt as to Possible Winners of State Championship

Second round of the 1940 California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament gets under way tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock with the Lockheed Aircraft meeting the Santa Monica Trainers, victors over the Torrance-Lomita Indians last Sunday night. A steady increase in the number of fans attending the games at the Torrance City park diamond has been noted since the series got under way last Saturday afternoon.

Tonight's game will see the Bank of America and Standard Oil Refinery teams in action for the first time. All of the contests to date have been hard-fought and with one or two exceptions have been close—a feature which has pleased the fans who are still trying to pick possible winners of the state semi-pro championship.

**Pismo Beach Starts Late**  
The only team yet to make its appearance in the tourney is the Pismo Beach Merchants' club. This squad will play its first game at the Torrance field Saturday afternoon against Hartwell Aviation.

With the raising of the flag by a Torrance Sons of Legion color guard while the Torrance Municipal band played the National anthem, the 1940 series to determine the winner of a large gold trophy and the \$500 contribution toward the expenses of participating in the national games next month in Wichita, Kans., got under way exactly on time last Saturday afternoon.

**Elbees Defeat Aviators**  
Bob Hughes' Long Beach Elbees defeated the Hartwell Aviation nine 6 to 4 in the opener.

**Illinois Soybean King**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (U.P.)—Illinois' record soybean production last year kept the state in first place with a crop equal to 3 percent of the nation's total.

by many fans as the team to watch in the title race, downed Gaffers & Sattler 5 to 1 Sunday afternoon. The aircraft workers gleaned 10 hits to the Stovermen's six. North American tangles with Bank of America July 17 in the final game of the second round.

**Indians are Upset**  
A hard-hitting Santa Monica Trainers club swatted out 11 hits, one of which was a three-run homer, to crush the Torrance-Lomita Indians' title hopes, 11 to 3. The defeat for the local club was the only upset of the opening week. Papke and DeHoag, pitching for the Indians, were unable to stop the slugging Trainers who collected 11 hits. Walt Morris' club got six hits off Alford and Phillips.

**Dr. Ross Takes Pepsi-Cola**  
Dr. Ross Dog Food ran up a long lead over the Pepsi-Cola nine and then staved off a last-inning rally to win, 10 to 8, in a free-hitting fray Monday night. The Rosses swatted 11 base hits to whip Pepsi-Cola despite a 13-hit attack by that club.

**Rally Wins for Port Nine**  
San Pedro Longshoremen put over two runs in the ninth inning to whip Lockheed Aircraft, 8 to 7, Tuesday night. The victory assured the Dock team of a place in the third round of the schedule and established the Longshoremen as one of the favorites to win the tourney. The Lockheeds cracked out 14 hits while the Longshoremen got nine.

**Indians are Eliminated**  
First casualty of the tournament was the Torrance-Lomita Indians who were forced out of the race by a second defeat last night. The Wilmington Merchants dumped the Indians, 7 to 5, in a game featured chiefly by poor fielding on the part of the home town club. Young Bastian, Indian hurler, allowed but three hits—but two of them went for home runs. Jack Papke was the first injuree of the tourney. He crashed into left field fence in a race for a high fly and kayoed himself in the last inning.

**No. American Wins**  
North American Aviation, rated

## Caught Off Base . . . At the Tourney

**LIGHTS BURN BRIGHT**  
Casting its halo over South Torrance, the blazing globes illuminating the Torrance City park diamond are a beacon to sports fans these nights as interest steadily gains—and so do the cash customers—in the 1940 California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament.

**ON THE JOB**  
That veteran field-sweeper, Bud Edwards, is keeping track of hits, runs, errors and what not again this year as official scorekeeper. Bud claims he's never had one of his score sheets—they look like an engineer's nightmare—questioned in the years and years he's been eagle-eyeing the game.

**EXPERT PICKERS**  
Dale Riley, state commissioner in charge of the tourney, has a corps of experts watching every move made by players on the 16 clubs in the tourney. They are looking for All-Star team material and have 16 positions to fill. Riley is not revealing who his star-players are but says they know their baseball. At the end of the tourney, the experts will huddle, draft a state of stellar players and those who get approval will be presented with handsome certificates of merit from the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress.

**MANAGES MIKE**  
These are busy nights for Roy Willis. He just manages to sign off on the public address system in time to rush down to the Columbia Steel plant to start his turn. Roy is again doing a fine job announcing at the games. He doesn't belong to that school of microphonists who keep you all in a dither with their "He's safe! No—no—no—his cut! Parson me, folks, I should have said he's safe. He calls the blast as they actually happen."

**LOCALS: TOUGH LUCK**  
When the Torrance-Lomita Indians were defeated Sunday night by the Santa Monica Trainers, the local club was suffering from a bad case of blues. It seems

that when Manager Walt Morris was drafting his official team line-up, he forgot to include his new catching star, Rossetti. Left him clean off the sheet and consequently Rossetti was not permitted to play. The Indians instead of going out on the war-path for their first game, just folded up. Morris has been moaning his oversight ever since.

**STELLAR FIRST SACKER**  
Lefty Grant of the No. American Aviators (he was with Shell Refinery, 1939 state champs, last year) is still the choice of most observing fans as the No. 1 first sacker of the tourney.

**FATHER-SON COMBINATION**  
"Pop" Bachtle manages the L. B. Harbor Refiners and his son, "Bus," is their No. 1 pitcher. Sunday night "Bus" was in rare form as he fanned 17 Chet Ralph's Chevrolet and allowed but three hits—all by Sketchley. Chet was at bat again. You'll see the Refiners in action again next Saturday night against the L. B. Elbees—a civil war battle.

**DOWN FROM PISMO BEACH**  
Last year the Pismo Beach Newtans proved a popular club with the fans. Remember they came to town wearing sideburns, goatees and mustaches in preparation for a Pismo celebration of some sort? The Beach club will be seen in action this year for the first time next Saturday afternoon against Hartwell Aviation, who host their opening game off with the L. B. Elbees.

**HIGH-STEPPING GAL**  
That attractive little drum majorette who pranced ahead of the Torrance Municipal band for the march to and from the flag pole last Saturday was Dorothy Simon, 18, of Long Beach. She studied the art of twirling a baton with Maj. Sincok of Long Beach.

**WE WANT HOT WEATHER!**  
If anybody has any influence with the weatherman, all they tell that gentleman to turn on the heat

so the cyclones will be a bit milder for the rest of the tourney?

**SALUTE TO COLOR GUARD**  
The tournament committee was delighted with the offer of the Torrance squadron Sons of Legion to serve as color guard every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The boys performed for the opening ceremony and again Sunday. They present a splendid appearance and their contribution to the program is most effective.

**MANS THE BOXOFFICE**  
Jack Hallinger is chief custodian of the box office. It falls to the boxoffice Jack is serving for the second year as cashier. Because a Federal tax must be collected on the amount due, he is checking and double-checking his accounts.

## State Picnic-Reunions

**IOWA**  
The annual summer picnic reunion of Iowans will be held in Bisby park, Long Beach, all day, Saturday, Aug. 10. The famous Iowa Golden Wedding club will have its picnic dinner party and program. The college and university hour will be from 3 to 4 p. m. Following the basket picnic dinner hour there will be a program of addresses, vocal and instrumental music.

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