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STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

AN UMPIRE TEES . . . Ralph T. Cunningham, better known to the Southern California Umpires Association as "Chief," this week mailed to his many friends (and those doubtful) a bit of umpire sentiment quoted below which, upon reading, may leave the thought: "Is there such an umpire on the face of the globe?"

"The Chief, in case you are not a ball fan, is perhaps one of the most popular ump's to raise the ire of baseball spectators hereabouts and no doubt the sparkiest operator in the umpires association.

He submits the following card entitled, "When a Man is an Umpire."

"When he can look out over second base, the hills and 'The horizon, with the profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage which is the root of every virtue.

"When he knows that down in his heart every ballplayer is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolical, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, and to love his fellow man.

"When he knows how to sympathize with ballplayers, knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. (StripNote: Yes, but Chief, does this ease the strain of a close decision?) When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. (Second StripNote: We're thinking of a time, Chief, which was long ago, when you and yours truly, had a lot of coffee to drink—we haven't shaken hands with ourself since. No reflection, Ralph, just thought we should clarify the 'inter-circle'.)

"When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When no voice of distress reaches his ear in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any ballplayer.

"When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow umpires and ballplayers, and—with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart glad to live, but not afraid to die. Such a man has found the only real secret of UMPIRING."

Ralph, the son of a Cherokee chieftain, has "been around" a long time, despite the fact that he only crowds his fortieth "moon," and he is well-qualified to opine on his favorite subject—"Baseball."

SLIM'S AT THE MIKE . . . That deep basso coming out over the loudspeaker at the Torrance ball park is none other than that of Ralph "Slim" Watson, local resident and former pro ballplayer himself. Slim, more than two decades ago, played first base in the Florida State League and in the International League with Rochester, N. Y. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Watson also was with Tris Speaker's Cleveland Indians prior to being what he termed as "farmed out before the competition started."

A giant of a man, Slim started announcing the Torrance Signal Oilers baseball games here after Frank Kuhn left the scene two weeks ago. He's doing a good job with a sport that he has been associated with all of his life. Good luck, Watson, but watch the pop bottles when you call errors and hits—the fans are sensitive.

Narbonne Cagers Down Tartars To Win First Marine League Title

By DICK FRIEND

Narbonne's basketballers Tuesday triumphed over the Torrance Tartars in all classes, A, B, C and D, to win the Marine League Basketball championship in all divisions, on their own hardwood.

The varsity squad dropped the Tartar quintet 52 to 24 to win the first varsity casaba championship in the history of Narbonne high school. Keith Arnold, Gaucho forward, hit the ring for 12 points setting the pace for the victors. Kris Janieleh, forward and Herb Jorritama, a second stringer, ran up 11 points each. Tartar Guard Bob Suttle led the Torrance hoopsters with 7 points.

The class Bee five also fared well. They dropped the ball into the hoop for 56 points while the visitors managed only 1. Bob Gazeley paced the Bees with seven field goals and one free throw, 15 points.

The Cee and Dee squads won by scores of 38-32 and 30-28 respectively. The Cee and Dee teams are co-champs in the league.

Following the victory, Coach Wayne Sloss was traditionally thrown into the showers by his winning varsity men.

Starting Line-up: Torrance (24) Janieleh (11) F Williams (5) Arnold (12) F Curley (5) Gazeley (7) C Butler (7) Brown (4) G Smith (3) Scoring subs: Narbonne: Downard, B. Jorritama, 11; Hilton, 1; Clarence. Torrance: Bacon, 2; Ban, 2. Half-time scores: Narbonne, 28; Torrance, 11.

STRIPERS TAKEN

Some striped bass are being taken on Bacon Island, San Joaquin County, with strippers plentiful for trollers in Potato Slough, Frank's Tract and Santa Clara Shoals.

Signal Vies With Rawak Sunday In Torrance Park

The Torrance Signal Oilers Sunday tackled Jerry Priddy's Rawak Candy nine in Torrance Park at 2 p.m., while Hermosa Beach battles Rosabell Plumbers to end the Triple A tie.

The Rawak-Signal tilt, an exhibition game to settle personal rivalry between the two clubs, should put the locals in good shape for their Jan. 26 championship game with the Plumbers-Hermosa winner.

Sampson Motors will meet 20th Century Fox at another park to determine fourth place winners in the Southern California Triple A Winter League. Rawak Candy defeated twice by Signal in league meets here, still is considered one of the strongest clubs in Triple A baseball. Priddy's boys ran rampant over the Rosabell team during their last meet in South Pasadena and boast the only major leaguers left in the semi-pros.

Priddy, himself a top-notch third baseman with the Washington Senators, has George Metkovich of the Boston Red Sox at first base, and Bob Dillinger of the St. Louis Browns at short stop.

Locals On Top In National Race Car Meet

The National Miniature Race Car Association's meet in Burbank Sunday netted one first place win, also second and third place honors for members of the Torrance model racers, according to the local president, Bill Finch.

Finch announced that Lynn Owens took first place with his mighty spur gear by tearing around the oval at 117 miles per hour. This marked the second consecutive win for Owens who, if successful at the third meet, will take the challenge trophy home with him.

Norb Hansen copped second in the spur gear class rounding the track at 109 m.p.h. In the prototype, Gerald McChesney's little model traveled at 103 m.p.h. Champion John Crosson, Illinois, who holds the world record of 118.78 m.p.h. in the spur gear, was bogged down with grief during the meet and couldn't get his temperamental little champ to put out enough power to compete. Wilmar White, Ontario, took the proto sweeps by clocking 111 m.p.h.

The event was sponsored by the Bakersfield Junior Chamber of Commerce and witnessed by a crowd of 4,000 in the Bakersfield Indian baseball park.

Finch modestly announced that his sparkling model did not go completely unnoticed during the national meet, and revealing a beautiful loving cup presented him for the best appearing proto car at the event.

Police Marksman Continues Lead In Revolver Club

High aggregate in slow-time fire during the past week again won Police Captain Ernie Ashton, who banged a 281.00 for his efforts. Using the 38 caliber revolver, Ashton squeezed out a 98 score and a 96 time to pace non-police man Ollie Medicus '94 rapid.

Members of the Torrance Police Revolver club scoring above the 200 mark on the course last week are the following:

Name	Strings	Average
E. Ashton	2	278.50
Medicus	1	271.00
J. Grier	1	252.00
A. Thompson	3	242.00
E. Miller	2	236.33
L. Benton	2	229.00
M. Hoodshelt	3	228.66
S. Johnson	1	224.00
G. Siltton	1	224.00

New members added to the club's roster, according to Bill Ham, president of the organization, are the following: Nile Wright, 417 S. La Brea, Los Angeles; Ralph Lucas, 1226 Crenshaw blvd.; Inar Sander, 1550 W. 6th st., Los Angeles and Graham Siltton.



OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD . . . Ray Richhart, above right, whose keen interest in Torrance High School sports during the past decade which has prompted his giving many trophy awards to students of merit, is pictured presenting the "Richhart Award" to Jack Hood, center, and Onel Harris, left. Richhart's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award went to Hood of the varsity and Harris of the junior football squad. He also presented last year's football captain, LeRoy Schwenk, with a complete scrapbook album telling of the Torrance squad's accomplishments during the past grid season. The album contained newspaper clippings and action photos of the team during games in which it participated.

Sampson's Wild Ninth Inning Onslaught Stops Signal Oil 9-8

The Torrance Signal Oilers Sunday, in a game played with 10 minutes to spare, went down in defeat before the mighty bats of Blackie Leslie's Sampson Motors nine. The Sampson club, better known to the screaming fans in Torrance park as the Ironworkers, who were expelled from the recent baseball tournament by the Oil-

wins and four losses for the traveling clubs. Art's second flip won him the right to play the final game in Torrance Park Sunday, Jan. 26. Meanwhile, the Torrance Signal Oilers having a personal reason for meeting Jerry Priddy's Rawak Candy nine again, will busy themselves Sunday in the local park with an exhibition game pitted with the Candy-makers.

Sampson Motors . . . 000 000 045-9 12 1
Signal Oilers . . . 000 111 041-8 10 0

Batteries: Bob Williams (8), Tilly Shaffer (1) and Gibson; Archie Campbell (8), Jack Tegan (two-thirds) Nick Lagomarsino (one-third) and Stephenson.

BOX SCORE	
Name	AB R H A Po E
Shaffer, ss	4 1 1 2 0
Bogard, 2b	4 2 3 1 4 1
Cox, 3b	5 2 2 0 2 0
Kellerhiser, cf	4 1 1 4 0
McCue, lb	5 0 2 2 0 0
Miller, c	5 1 1 0 4 0
Carroll, rf	4 0 0 1 0 1
Gibson, p	4 0 2 0 0 0
Williams, p	3 1 0 2 0 0
Shaffer, p	1 0 0 0 0 0
Total	39 9 12 7 27 1

Batted for Williams in ninth and pitched last inning.

SIGNAL OILERS	
Name	AB R H A Po E
Schuster, ss	3 1 0 2 1 0
Viers, 2b	5 2 3 1 4 1
Barnes, c	5 0 1 0 4 0
Harris, rf	4 0 0 2 0 0
Serafini, 3b	4 0 2 0 0 0
Bob White, lf	5 1 2 0 4 0
Bill White, lb	5 2 2 0 0 0
Stephenson, c	5 1 2 0 2 0
Campbell, p	3 0 1 0 0 0
Tegan, p	0 0 0 0 0 0
Lagomarsino, p	0 0 0 0 0 0
McNamara	1 0 0 0 0 0
Al Spaeter	1 1 0 0 0 0
Total	48 8 18 9 27 0

Batted for Harris in ninth. Batted for Campbell in eighth.

Summary: Winning pitcher, Tilly Shaffer—losing pitcher, Tegan; earned runs, Sampson, 7—Signal, 7; umpires, Kulp and Porter; time, 2:32.



WINS KIWANIS TROPHY . . . Bernard Donahue, Torrance High School vice principal, is pictured above presenting the Torrance Kiwanis Club Trophy to 15-year-old Harold Duncan, surprise winner of the coveted cup which in previous years has been won by Louis Zamperini, 1934-35; Paul Herstead, 1936, and Gerald McDonald, 1940. Coming from behind, in a mile and one-half race that appeared to be lost to the freshman entry, Duncan forged ahead to cop the pre-season classic with an 8:18.4 time. Donahue, former Torrance High coach, remembers his part in a similar presentation which was made in 1934—the recipient at that time was Louis Zamperini. Coach Pete Zamperini and Duncan were guests of the Kiwanians Monday night, at which time the award was made.

Harold Duncan Wins Kiwanis Trophy Race

The Kiwanis Trophy Race, which for years was an incentive for pre-season cinder competition among the local short pant aspirants, was revived last week when Coach Pete Zamperini brought his leather-junglers and their marks for the start of the mile and one-half classic.

Not since the days of Louis Zamperini was making track history has there ever been such a congregation of interested spectators to witness the event. Students came from all parts of the campus. People stopped on the sidewalk adjacent to the Torrance High School oval and peered through the wire fence—all activity on the athletic field stopped while youths scampered for seats in the stands and on the fence rails to watch the revived annual race.

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Seahawks Lose

Redondo High school's boys and junior cagers broke even on their trip to Santa Barbara last Friday when the B's pounded the Northern basketballers 36-28, while the Santa Barbara seniors took the measure of the invading varsity Seahawks to the tune of 37-25.

The Beehawks outscored their foes in every period and gradually edged away after taking an early lead in the hoop fest. Their elders, on the other hand, just couldn't stop the flowing Barbara tide.

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Gauchos Drop Invading Pirate Cagers 37-31

Coach Wayne Sloss' league-leading Gaucho quintet Friday dropped the visiting San Pedro hoopsters 37 to 31 on the Narbonne hardwood. Narbonne guard, Paul Gazeley, led the squad with 14 points followed by Kris Janieleh, forward, who hit the hoop for 11 points.

Starting line-up: Narbonne (37) San Pedro (31) Arnold (7) F Norton (4) Janieleh (11) F Woodward (12) Jeffrey (5) C Lavoors (12) Gazeley (14) G Onfrank (10) Brown (0) G Johnson (10)

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