

By THE STAFF ...

GUS MUEHLER, the Lomita Merchants playing manager, has lost \$500 in his attempt to put winter league baseball on a break-even basis and has announced to Dale Riley that the Merchants and the local park are "parting company." In a telephone conversation with Riley, (who is on the "bench" with pneumonia) Muehler told the park director that in spite of good publicity, good (free) players and good weather, the crowds just failed to gather. The team that won every game on the "home" diamond is now running around without an "angel" in the driver's seat as Muehler has stated he will let somebody else handle it next year. . . . We wonder how this turn of affairs is going to affect the local park as a possible "home" for a National Softball League team. San Pedro turned down an offer from **DICK CUTLE** of Norwalk to sponsor the SPAC softball club on the grounds that there was no time available for use of Daniel's Field. It was rumored in baseball circles locally that Torrance might be considered as a possible hometown for the NSL team. It will be interesting to watch should such a plan develop. It will give us a chance to see the drawing power of softball compared with pulling power of hardball. . . . following the City Council's ok to El Camino College for their baseball team to use the Torrance park for their practice field and home diamond for five games, **COACH BERYL KEENE** dusted off his megaphone and issued the call for a workout. Twenty-five horseholders answered the call, but among them were too few pitchers. So critical is the need for pitchers that College President **FORREST MURDOCK** even asked us if we could pitch. . . . brother, that's critical. . . . "Red" MOON has been given the green light by the City Fathers to attend the Western States Divisions of the National Recreation Association Convention to be held in Fresno Feb. 5-7. . . . If there are any Blue Cod fishing enthusiasts among us who would be interested in sharing the expenses of a boat trip to deep water within the next week or so, phone "Mike" at 567. . . . **BILL STANLEY**, All-Marine Basketball League guard at Torrance High School in 1946, is now playing at center for Compton Jaycees. He is majoring in P. E. and intends to go on to Santa Barbara when he completes his Jaycee course. . . . all of which is a nice break for Santa Barbara.

Narbonne Drops City Tourney Tussle To Belmont, 37-32

Coach Wayne Sloss' Marine League co-champs, the Narbonne cage varsity, lost out in the first round of the city tournament by dropping a 37-32 decision to Belmont at Hollywood High. Forfeiting a 17-10 halftime margin, the Gauchos, who were favored, were overhauled in the second period by a fast closing Belmont five.

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Cee, Dee Cagers In Double Win Over Normans

The Torrance High's Cee and Dee quints walked away from the Beverly Hills squads Tuesday on the local courts 30-23 and 13-8.

The Tartar Cees, led by Wayne "Lefty" Scholl with 3 hoops and a free throw for a total of seven chalkers, completely smothered the Beverly Hills five, led by Jewett, who sank nine points for the Orange and White.

Fired up from the start, the local boys blazed into a 9-1 1st quarter and 20-8 half. The second half was a repeat performance with a final score of 30-23.

DEES WIN
The "Mighty Midgets" of Torrance in their first victorious league game, defeated the Beverly Hills Dees by gaining an early lead that they hung onto for the rest of the game.

John Ford set the pace for the Red and Gray with six digits. The top Beverly men were Cady, Snyder and Hoyt. All hit the bucket for two tallies apiece.

Both Tartar teams meet the Leuzinger cagers in the Torrance gym on Friday, Jan. 23 at 2:45 p. m.

CEE SCORING

Torrance (30)	(23) Beverly Hills
Burchfield (4)	Jewett (4)
Chambers (4)	Saltos (2)
Scholl (7)	Wilder (5)
Danday (4)	Freeman (3)
Mitani (1)	Sullivan (1)
Scoring subs: Torrance—Stock (2), Christa (2), Smith (2), Schmitt (2), Novely (2), Beverly Hills—Egan (4).	

DEE SCORING

Torrance (13)	(8) Beverly Hills
Evans (2)	Weiner (2)
Gray (2)	Glaser (1)
Wright (3)	Hoyt (1)
Ford (6)	Madsen (1)
Scoring subs: Torrance—Turner (1), Beverly Hills—Freedman (1), Cady (2), Snyder (2).	

Sportsman's Calendar

The Division of Fish and Game recently reminded local sportsmen of the following regulations which apply to current hunting and angling:

Jackrabbits—All year open season, except San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties. No bag limit.

Predatory animals—No closed season on the taking of wildcats, moles, shrews, opossums, gophers, mountain lions, coyotes, coons, weasels and skunks. No bag limit.

Abalones—Ended Jan. 14. Daily and possession bag limit; 10 abalones, no more than five of which may be red species. Minimum size limits; red shell, seven inches; green, six and 1/4 inches; pink, six inches; black, five inches. 1948 fishing license required.

Striped bass—No closed season. Daily and possession bag limit; five per day. No sale allowed. 1948 fishing license required.

Fish—Taking of bass, salmon, steelhead, catfish, sunfish, cockles, crabs, clams and lobsters is now legal in some areas.

ERV BAGS 15 AS LOMITANS WHIP POLICE

Erv Palica, star Cable's center, hit the hoop for 15 points as Cable's Insurance rang up a 44-36 victory over a Police quintet in a San Pedro Y.M.C.A. league encounter.

Cable's Fg F P Police Fg F P
Snyder f. 5 11 Mauk f. 3 5 11
A. Palica f. 2 0 4 Cooper f. 6 0 12
Marrlott f. 1 2 Thurston f. 0 0 0
E. Palica c. 5 5 15 Lussan c. 3 1 7
N. Palica g. 1 2 4 Rollins g. 0 2 6
Cable g. 2 1 5 Medina g. 0 0 0
Passmore g. 0 1 1 Mayse g. 0 0 0
Totals. 16 12 44 Totals. 14 8 36
Half time score: Cable's 23; Police 13.
Personal fouls: Cable's (14)—Snyder 3, A. Palica 1, E. Palica 1, Passmore 4, N. Palica 1, Marrlott 3, Cable 1, Police (16)—Mauk 4, Cooper 4, Lussan 4, Rollins 2, Mayse 2.
Missed free throws: Cable's (8)—Snyder 1, A. Palica 1, E. Palica 2, N. Palica 1, Cable 3, Police (9)—Mauk 3, Cooper 1, Lussan 3, Rollins 1, Mayse 1.
Referee— Ivan Morris. Umpire—Milt Chipp.

Jockeys Plan Benefit Game

On Sunday Jan. 25 at Santa Anita County Park Johnny Longdon, the champion riding jockey of 1947, will be presented with a gold American League baseball. To share his good fortune will be J. Westrope, E. Arcaro, James Bierman, Zufelt, Baleski, Neves, Permane and many other leading jockeys from the Santa Anita track. They will all get together when the jockey's all star team play a benefit game for the Damon Runyon Cancer fund at the Santa Anita County Park on Sunday Jan. 25, in Arcadia. First game starts at 1:00 p.m.

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SO YOU WILL KNOW . . . who's who, we present the Varsity Basketball Team at Torrance High School. Top row, left to right: Coach Cliff Graybehl, Bob Jones, Dick Turner, Paul Smith, Jerry McIlvaine, and Keith Pearson. Bottom row, left to right: Bob Bowers, Dick Rupert, Bob Voien, Captain Jack Turner, Lloyd Chambers, Bob Chambers and Phil Gill. The man on the end who is not suited up is the team's manager, Gary "Vitamins" Carter. (Torrance Herald photo)

All Four Torrance Basketball Squads Lose To Santa Monica

The four Torrance High School basketball teams all met with disaster Friday when the local boys tangled with Santa Monica's "Samohis," who walked off the courts with four Tartar scalps hanging from their belts.

Santa Monica's powerful Varsity and Bee basketball fives turned back Torrance 4-20 and 51-30 Friday in a night game played in the winner's hoop house.

Santa Monica registered its fourth straight Bay League victory and holds an unblemished record.

Forward Carrol Adams, Samohi shotmaster, dropped in 13 points for individual scoring honors. Paul Smith, Tartar center, held six-foot two-inch Bob McCoy (who had held an average of 18 points per game) to eight tallies. The Samohis jumped in to an immediate lead, holding a 10-3 margin after one period and stretching it to 20-3 at the midway point. Bob Chambers, who led the Torrance scoring flipping in six points, provided the entire offensive punch for the home club tallying three points in each half.

In the Bee game Charles Mayo, of Santa Monica, poured in 17 points through the rim for individual honors. After taking an 11-9 first quarter advantage, the Samohi bucketmen pulled away with a furious barrage of baskets to rack up a convincing win.

Harry Theodosis, Tartar guard, sank seven points and was high scorer for the locals. It was a rough game, with two players being eased out of the game via the whistle.

Varsity Scoring
Torrance (20) Santa Monica (20)
Rupert (1) Hook (6)
Chambers (6) Adams (8)
Smith (4) McCoy (8)
Turner, J. (4) Freeman (9)
Suttle (1) Heimbeck (1)
Scoring substitutes: Torrance, D. Turner (4), Santa Monica, O'Hara (2), Ealy (1).
Half-time score: Torrance 3; Santa Monica (20).

Bee Scoring
Torrance (30) Santa Monica (51)
Dougherty (2) Mayo (18)
Illegins (4) Arrosola (8)
Wernick (4) O'Brien (5)
Theodosis (7) Allen (14)
Gray (7) Grey (7)
Scoring subs: Torrance, Carrow (2), L. Blane (5), Gottsch (6); Santa Monica, Hackett (1), P. O'Brien (5), Theodosis (7), Allen (14), Gray (7), Grey (7).
Half-time score: Torrance 13—Santa Monica 25.

Santa Monica's hoopsters downed the Torrance Cee and Dee squads last Friday afternoon on the local hardwood, 15-13 and 19-10 respectively, in two hard-fought games.

Samohi's Cees, paced by D'Antonio who scored 10 of the 15 tallies for his squad, nosed out the hard-fighting Cees of Torrance in their hardest fought game in the season. Torrance started with a lead of 5-3 at the end of the first quarter and held through see-saw second and third periods. "Wimpy" Giamberti and "Uncle Remus" Danjov shared the scoring honors with four digits apiece. The fourth quarter started with the score 11-10. The Tartars on top. Dandoy chalked up a goal and a free throw for Torrance and D'Antonio of Santa Monica answered the challenge with two more digits and in the last few seconds flipped another bucket to package the contest for the visitors.

Dees Lose
Torrance's Dee squad dropped their third straight league game to a snappy Santa Monica five, led by Dreihellis who sank 8 points. The Tartars' top laurels went to Don Evans, forward, with one goal and three foul

shots for a total of five markers.

The early part of the game found the Santa Monica quints out in front by a good margin of 6-0. The Tartar midgets couldn't find the hoop until the last quarter when they scored all but four of their points.

Cee Scoring
Torrance (13) Santa Monica (15)
Burchfield (4) D'Antonio (10)
Chambers (4) Reynolds (1)
Wright (3) Doss (2)
Dandoy (4) O'Leary (2)
Mimura (1) Sarr (1)
Scoring subs: Santa Monica, M. Heid (1), Glenn (3).

Bee Scoring
Torrance (10) Santa Monica (19)
Mittan (2) McDonald (2)
Smith (4) Kanan (8)
Smith (4) Doreheims (5)
Kobayashi (1) Vaughn (2)
Turner (1) Welch (6)
Scoring substitutes: Torrance, Groves (2), Berg (2), Evans (5); Santa Monica, Hull (1).

Knights-Old Men In Minor League Cage Victories

The Baptist Knights hoop artists pulled away from an 11-11 half-time tie to defeat the Phalanx Club 31-25 in the first game of a double bill staged on Wednesday evening of last week on the local high school's floor. Katz Sakamoto, from the center position, hit the net for 10 points to be high man in the winning attack. Paul Von Wiedenfeld garnered another 10 for the losers, cause, from his guard slot.

Tony Prodan rang up the first bucket to give the Five Old Men a lead they never relinquished as they went on to a 66-52 win over a tough National Home Appliance five. Prodan literally caught fire to left hook 27 counters through the hoop for high score honors. Ralph George and LeRoy Schwenk each reaped 16 points for the losers.

Summaries:
Baptist Knights (31) Phalanx Club (25)
Y. Sakamoto (2) F. C. Alberg (6)
Y. Hayashi (2) F. Bob Ceyo
K. Sakamoto (10) C. J. Dudley (2)
Y. Minami (3) G. P. V. Price (5)
Ed Kobata (2) G. P. V. Price (5)
Sub scoring: Baptist Knights, M. Takai (6), Ferrill (2), L. Takai, J. Okamoto (2), S. Oeda, M. Nakasako (4), Phalanx Club, D. Patton (2), B. Stowell, P. Wechselberger (2), N. M. Appl. Co (6) 5 Old Men (66)
Scoring Subs: Torrance, P. Dodds (2) F. Ed Cole (15), J. Daniels (10) C. J. Davidson (2), Y. Nuckles (6) G. Red Moon (3), L. Schwenk (16) G. T. Olson (4).
Sub scoring: National Home Appliance Co., J. Morrison (2), Five Old Men, S. Briggs (9), C. Graybehl (9), L. Clemmons.

Warriors Lose Second League Game; Defeat Ventura 50-49

In a game that had the fans very far beyond a 2-1 ratio, and on their feet in a wild frenzy in the closing seconds of the game El Camino College Warriors eked out a one-point victory over the Ventura Jaycees, 50-49, on the Leuzinger courts last Saturday night.

Although the game was non-conference, it never lacked for thrills, for when the final whistle blew, the game was all tied up. In the overtime period Ventura gained a one-point lead. Ames, substitute warrior center, flubbed a foul throw (amid groans) that would have tied the score. He followed through with a brilliant tip-in shot that gave the Warriors the necessary one-point lead as the whistle blew ending the overtime period.

The victory took some of the sting out of the blow delivered the Warriors by Santa Monica Jaycee the night before, when the club from the waterfront city whipped the local boys 52-25 in the second conference game of the season. The El Camino earned a cellar spot when they lost to Santa Monica, which was the second conference game loss suffered by the local school. Bakersfield beat them a week ago.

In 31 tries at the bucket El Camino sank only one during the first half of the game. They showed a little spark the second half but not enough to catch the Santa Monica boys.

Kessler and Acosta of the Warriors were the boys that kept the score from getting

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MERCHANTS DOWN TRIPLE-A LONG BEACH ROCKETTS, 9-3

Lomita's lambastin', semi-pro Merchants, took a long step upward in class Sunday, as the horsemen say, but went under the wire a clean six lengths in front of the Triple-A Long Beach Rocketts.

Scourge of the Double-A brackets until such difficulties as no crowds and disqualification stopped 'em, the Merchants deserted Torrance Park for greener pastures and found the grazing plenty good Sunday at the Long Beach Recreation Park. Old Faithful Erv Palica, a Leo Dursoche pride, whiffed 14 batters as the power-laden Merchants, tied temporarily in the seventh frame, went on to win 9-3.

Palica hurled a six-inning shutout while his mates were gathering together 3 runs, but the Merchants' ace moundman faltered momentarily in the seventh inning to allow the Rocketts a deadlock.

However, the Merchant heavy artillery came to his assistance in the top of the eighth to go into a one-run lead, then indulged themselves in a 5-run ninth inning spurge to put the contest in the deep-freeze.

Brother Nick Palica, Merchant shortstop, pounded out 5 safeties in six trips to the plate to lead the day's batters while his teammate, third sacker Kin-cannon, landed on first 3 times out of four.

Erv Palica's 3-bagger and Robert Bockman's circuit jolt were the only extra-base blows of the contest.

LOMITA MERCHANTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
N. Palica, ss	8	3	5	0	0	0
A. Palica, cf	6	0	1	0	0	0
Hobbs, 2b	6	0	2	0	1	0
Whelchel, 1b	5	0	2	0	1	0
Roberts, lf	5	1	3	1	0	1
Kinannon, 3b	4	1	3	1	1	1
Palica, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Muehler, c	2	1	0	1	0	0
E. Palica, p	5	2	1	0	0	6
Gibb, *	3	0	2	1	1	0
Total	47	8	19	27	6	5

ROCKETTS

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Durnell, 2b	2	0	0	2	0	0
Thompson, 3b	5	0	0	1	0	0
Bockman, lf	4	1	0	1	0	0
McKown, cf	3	0	2	2	0	0
Johnson, rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Harber, 1b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Gardner, c	4	0	1	0	0	0
McAfee, ss	0	0	0	1	0	0
Carlson, p	3	1	2	0	0	0
Painter, 2b	3	1	1	2	0	0
Thurston, p	3	1	0	2	0	0
Bryson, p	3	1	0	2	0	0
Total	37	3	7	27	10	2

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