

El Prado-Phalanx Club Victors In City Cage Tilts

Sparked by the sharpshooting of forward Dave Downard, who spread the mesh for 33 points, the El Prado's basketball team strutted to a 75-31 victory over the Baptist Knights hoop artists in the first Minor League tussle staged last Wednesday evening on the Torrance High's gym floor. Kaz Sakamoto again took high scoring honors for the Knights by banging in ten counters.

Don Merrill swished 27 points to lead the Phalanx Club to a 45-32 win over the National Home five in the second game of the double bill. LeRoy Schwenk hit 14 points, from his center position for the losers.

Summaries:

KNIGHTS (31) F. Downard (10), Eppler (10), K. Sakamoto (10), Merrill (8), Schwenk (4), K. Sakamoto (10), Merrill (8), Schwenk (4). Alternates: Baptist Knights—Taka (9), Omata (11), Kobata (1), Shirovama (1), Hayashi, Sakamoto (3).

NAT. HOME (32) F. Downard (10), Eppler (10), K. Sakamoto (10), Merrill (8), Schwenk (4), K. Sakamoto (10), Merrill (8), Schwenk (4). Alternates: Phalanx—Larson (11), Nuckles (10), Schwenk (14), Morrison (11), Kivlan (4), Stowell (2).

Schedule: Wednesday, March 10, 7:15 p.m., Baptist Knights vs. National Home; 8:30 p.m., El Prado vs. Saint Andrews 5 Old Men. Phalanx Club bye.



BOB CHAMBERS (Staff Photo)

City Softball Meet Called

All managers of softball teams who plan to enter the Torrance City Leagues that begin next month should plan to meet in the Fern Avenue Recreation Hall at Sonoma and Greenwood avenues on Friday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss plans of organization for league play and to elect officers, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, City Supervisor of Sports.

Chambers Heads Tartar Varsity Casaba Scorers

Bob Chambers wound up the season as high scorer for the Tartar Varsity with a total of 138 points in league play. He also flipped in 87 digits in practice games to bring his season's total to 195, which ranks him among the top scorers in the league. Paul Smith followed Chambers with 117 counters. Both Smith and Chambers will play on next year's team. Jack Turner, who played only eight games, took show honors with 78 markers.

The Bee scoring was close with Captain Bob Le Blanc edging out Vance Ratzloff for high point honors. Le Blanc scored 75 points while Ratzloff hit for 74.

Varsity Scoring

Chambers, B.	57
Smith, P.	117
Turner, J.	78
Ratzloff, V.	74
Gill, G.	24
Chambers, L.	23
Melivane, L.	14
Volen, J.	14
Bowers, J.	13
Sanderson, J.	13
Mephum, J.	13
Schie, J.	13
Jones, J.	13
Stevenson, J.	13
Bennett, J.	13
Hood, J.	13
Goetsch, J.	13

Bee Scoring

Le Blanc	75
Ratzloff	74
Goetsch	49
Higgins	38
Cutshaw	14
Giattas	14
Theodosia	13
Dougherty	13
Licht	4
Rupert	50
Kulp	4
Irwin	4
Crawshaw	4
Wernett	20

TRAPPERS WARNED
The Division of Fish and Game reminded commercial trappers after noon in three divisions of play in the Southern California Y.M.C.A. championships. The Quaker City lads, who have a gym of their own, showed the results of their training as they came from behind in each of the contests to make a clean sweep of the series of games.

The Torrance "B's", led by Billy Johnson's 14 points, jumped into an early lead only to see a five point advantage, with four minutes of play remaining, melt into a heart-breaking 35-34 defeat. Alex Pina high scored the winning attack with 11 counters.

The local "E's", or half-pint size lads, had every player on the bench in action during the game which they lost, 32-10, following an early lead in the first period. Jim Hickox collected 14 points for the winners, while Bob Moon bagged six for the losers.

Robert Buchanan, of the local "C" team, with 12 markers to his credit, was high scorer in the game in which Torrance went down to an inglorious 32-24 defeat after enjoying a 20-6 halftime lead. Thompson, Ball and Griffith each garnered 8 digits for the winners.

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By THE STAFF...

"Ribbon Counter Clerks," "Bank Tellers" and "Soft Handed Workers" got a doubtful break recently when the rules committee of the Southern California Softball Association voted to protect the boys with less ability by voting to continue the no-passed-ball rule.

The players in the municipal leagues were so tagged by an official of the Los Angeles Recreation Department who voted to prohibit runners from stealing home. The official admitted to this newspaper that the rule slowed down the game, failed to discourage wild pitching and failed to promote good fielding by the catcher but protected the players who did not know how to slide by avoiding a confusion at the plate... and lowered the insurance rate.

He stated that in the Los Angeles Municipal league there is an estimated 75,000 softball players and that a majority of them lack the ability of National League players who use the passed-ball rule. He added that the participants had to be considered first, not the fan.

By abandoning the rule now in effect that prohibits a runner from stealing home it would have these effects on the game:

1. Speed-up the game in general.
 2. Make pitchers "throw them in there" so that runners would not get the opportunity of stealing home.
 3. Keep catchers on their toes and on the ball.
 4. Permit double steals, from second to third for instance.
 5. Enliven the game from a spectator's viewpoint.
- Changing the rule to allow a third base runner to steal home would present these difficulties, the official stated:

1. Cause confusion at the plate.
2. Cause probable injury to the runner, batter or catcher.
3. Cause a play at the plate to be screened from the umpire by having too many men at the plate.
4. Raise insurance rates due to the increased danger.
5. Up the ante required from each player to cover the increase in insurance rates.

Those who favor throwing out the rule feel that the rule makes nice out of men. It is felt that no player is forced to play softball. If the game is too rough let them play bean bags or give them a rubber beach ball, take away the bats and let them play kick-ball.

The other side feels that the rule is rough on players of less experience and ability who might get injured by sliding into home or getting hit with a swinging bat. They feel that the game is for 75,000 who play it and not for several million who watch it.

The committee also voted to allow pitchers to wear the same color uniform as the rest of the team. Previously the pitcher was forced to wear a dark uniform so that the batter could see the ball more clearly.

Base lines were set at 55 feet. The National Softball League uses the 60-foot base line. The catcher will be allowed to get out from behind the batter to receive a passed ball but must remain in the box, which was decreased to 3 by 6 feet.

'Y' Cage Youths Lose Three Tilts At Whittier Gym

Torrance boys, who have been participating in the Torrance "Y" City Recreation sponsored basketball clinics held each Saturday morning at the local high school, invaded the Whittier "Y" 29 strong last Saturday afternoon in three divisions of play in the Southern California Y.M.C.A. championships. The Quaker City lads, who have a gym of their own, showed the results of their training as they came from behind in each of the contests to make a clean sweep of the series of games.

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by the following parents of players: Mrs. K. R. Ruffell, Mrs. Paul Smith, Major and Mrs. Max Kaiser, George Chlanda and Roy Chambers. Also accompanying the teams were L. Milton Isbell, local "Y" secretary and Elmer "Red" Moon.

Summaries:

Torrance E (19) vs Whittier E (32)
Chambers (4) F (6) Beam
Moon (6) F (14) Hickox
Brown (2) C (9) Taylor
Vanderpool (2) G (2) Weatherax
Ruffell (1) G (1) Nelson
Alternates—Torrance: Sommers (5), Nichol (2), Kaiser, Lafferty, Forth, Chlanda, Donnette, Cook, Boss, Avalos, Whittier: Clemmons, Reynolds, Weikand.

Torrance D (34) vs Whittier D (35)
Johnson (14) F (10) Piper
O'Gan (4) F (11) Pina
E. Smith (7) C (5) Horney
Poer (4) G (5) McAllister
Thompson (5) G (2) Reynolds
Alternates—Torrance: Hartel, Haeffly, Avalos, Whittier: Grenstead (2), Torrance C (24) vs Whittier C (32)
Buchanan (12) F (4) Hatchel
Crawford (2) F (8) Thompson
Burchfield (10) C (8) Ball
Mumford (10) C (2) Stuchlik
Guerra (2) Wahlmuth
Alternates—Torrance: Cristea, Whittier: Griffith (8).

Slavs Defeat S.P. Merchants, In Wild Tussle

Twenty-nine hits, 10 errors and 14 walks were chalked up Sunday in the wildest game of the current series for the baseball championship of the City of San Pedro.

When the dust had cleared the San Pedro Merchants, bulging with Lomita talent, still led the series, 3-2, but had just succumbed to the up-and-coming Yugoslav-American Club, astro-nomically, 17 to 14.

The two clubs meet again next Sunday at MacArthur field for the sixth contest in the 4 out of 7 engagements.

Lomita's Alex Palica was charged with the Merchants' downfall, but clumsy fielding played a large part in the demise. Glenn Thornton, who started the game on the mound for the Merchants was relieved by Palica in the fifth frame.

Bobby Balena, who began the contest deep in center pasture, was credited with the Slavs' triumph.

SLAV CLUB

Priznich, rf-2b	6	3	3	2	0
Legaspi, 2b-1b	6	3	3	3	2
Balena, cf-p	6	1	2	0	0
Deeter, ss	6	2	3	4	5
Bullard, c	6	1	1	8	0
Marinkovich, lf	6	1	3	0	0
Gladich, 3b	4	3	0	0	1
Machado, rf	2	2	1	8	1
Varrelman, cf	2	1	0	0	0
Hughes, p	1	0	0	0	0
Sargiani, p	1	2	0	0	0
Stuchlik, cf	1	0	0	0	0

Totals: 47 17 27 21 2
2 Runs, 10 Hits, 10 Errors
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LOMITANS LOSE

Goalin, f	1	1	13
B. Gazley, f	1	2	4
P. Gazley, f	1	0	3
Cramer, f	1	0	2
Arnold, c	1	1	3
Jeffery, c	1	0	2
Brown, g	1	0	2
Slinger, g	1	0	2
Clynton, g	2	0	4
Totals	15	6	36

GARCES

Cameron, f	1	1	3
Schroeder, f	1	0	3
Woodward, f	1	1	3
Stewart, f	1	0	3
Goehle, c	1	0	4
Guglielmo, c	0	1	1
Long, g	1	1	3
Peterson, g	1	0	2
Johnson, g	1	0	2
Goodyear, g	2	2	6
Totals	21	8	50

Halftime score: Grace Candies, 28; Lomita A. C., 14.
Personal fouls: Lomita, 11; Grace's 13.
Missed free throws: Lomita, 8; Grace's 6.

SPORTS REMINDER
Although the steelhead season ended Feb. 29 the California Division of Fish and Game today reminded sport fishermen of the diversified piscatorial possibilities of the State's waters before the summer trout season opens May 1.

OCEAN IZAAK WALTONS
While the trout fisherman languishes by the fireside and dreams of sunnier days, sea-going Izaak Walton's may pursue what they term the greatest game fish of all—marlin, yellowfin or bluefin tuna, skipjack, black sea bass, broadbill swordfish, yellowtail and barracuda.



RAY SLEPPY (Staff Photo)

Sleppy Trains To Defend Title At Palm Springs

Ray Sleppy, local golfer who won the Palm Springs 12th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament last year with a 207 for 54 holes, packed his trophy last week and carted it back to Palm Springs for the 13th Annual Tournament to be held March 19-21.

Ray has been putting in about two hours a day practicing with his short irons and putter in preparation for this year's contest. He figures if he better his three under par score of last year. However, it won't be easy against such competition as Johnny Dawson, Harry Giovan, Bruce McCormick and Bud Ward.

National League Softball Games Announced

The following Tuesday and Friday night schedule for the Torrance Cattle Pump National League Softball team has been announced by Dick Cattle, sponsor:

FIRST ROUND
May 4, Torrance at Garden Grove; May 7, Long Beach at Torrance; May 11, Torrance at Santa Ana; May 14, Fullerton at Torrance; May 18, Anaheim at Torrance; May 21, Torrance at Orange; May 24, Whittier at Torrance.

SECOND ROUND
May 28, Garden Grove at Torrance; June 1, Torrance at Long Beach; June 4, Santa Ana at Fullerton; June 8, Torrance at Anaheim; June 11, Torrance at Torrance; June 15, Orange at Torrance; June 18, Torrance at Whittier.

THIRD ROUND
Repetition of first, beginning Tuesday, June 22nd and ending Tuesday, July 13.

FOURTH ROUND
Repetition of second, beginning Friday, July 16 and ending Friday, August 6.

LOBSTER FISHERMEN
Another phase of "off season" sport is now available to the shoreside fisherman. Lobsters between 10½ and 16 inches are legal prey before March 15. Crabs over seven inches may be taken until August.

Tartar Track Squad Defeated In Season Opener With Leuzinger

By GEORGE WHITING

The Torrance High track squad, defeated in its 1948 debut at Leuzinger Friday 75-29, while the Cees were also turned back 60-18. The Bees took the spotlight as they trounced the Leuzinger lads by a surprising 84-11 margin.

The Bee eindermen captured every first place and held their opponents to only two second places despite the fact that three of the interclass meet winners were declared temporarily ineligible before the contest.

Milo Goetsch led the victory taking both hurdle heats and the shot put. Two sophomores, Bill Wernett and Jack Hoffman, turned in outstanding performances as they outjumped the Varsity by five inches at 59". Jack Dean also bettered the Varsity standard in the pole vault when he topped 10' 6".

Bob Jones and Jim O'Toole were the only winners in the Varsity affair for the locals. Jones tossed the shot put 46' 4" and O'Toole tied in the pole vault.

Dave Thomas set a new school record for the Olympians in the Cee division as he breezed the 180 in 19.9.

Friday March 5 Torrance meets El Segundo, Cathedral and Beverly Hills at El Segundo.

Varsity Meet
Summaries:
100-yard dash—Bullard (L), Turner (T), Thomas (L), .10.8.
220-yard dash—Thomas (L), Turner (T), Burns (L): 23.5.
440-yard run—Lewson (L), Foreman (L), Lewis (L): 55.2.
880-yard run—Lewson (L), German (L), McNitt (L): 2:13.
1 mile run—Rozum (T), Forman (L), German (L): 5:18.
120 high hurdles—Beauchan (L), O'Toole (T), Bullard (L): 17.5.
180 low hurdles—Owens (L), O'Toole (T), Bullard (L): 22.3.
Shot put—Jones (T), Bird (L), Schultz (T): 46' 4".
High jump—Beauchamp (L), Rose (L), Henry (T): 5' 4".
Broad jump—Bullard (L), Lewis (L), Jones (T): 21' 9½".
Pole vault—O'Toole (T) and Mallin (L) tie, Mullin (L): 10'.
880-yard relay—Leuzinger 1:39.5.
Final score: Leuzinger 75, Torrance 29.

BEE MEET
100—Baker (T), Schmidt (L), Hazelwood (T) 11.1.
220—Baker (T), Russel (T), Parks (L) 24.3.
440—Flores (T), Wright (T), Schmidt (L) 1:36.5.
880—Kulp (T), Bingham (L), Reddig (L) 3:41.4.
70 high hurdles—Goetsch (T), Cloward (T), Brusco (L): 9.9.
120 low hurdles—Goetsch (T), Snuffer (T), Flores (T): 14.6.
Pole vault—Dean (T), Crawford (T), Gardner (L): 10' 6".
High jump—Wernett (T) and Hoffman (T) tie, Higgins (T): 5' 9".
Broad jump—Dean (T), Cloward (T), Wernett (T): 19' 5".
Shot put—Goetsch (T), Cloward (T), Whiting (T): 45' 7½".
660 relay—Torrance 1:13.5.
Final score: Torrance 84, Leuzinger 11.

CEE MEET
100—Leewing (L), Morales (L), Stock (T) 11.1.
120 LH—Thomas (L), Phillips (T) and Hernandez (L) tie 15.6.
660—Etelch (L), Spect (T),

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