

# Gloom Prevails -- Vikings Coming to Town!

## Police Nine Edged 1-0

The Torrance Police nine, although outfitting their visitors seven hits to five, dropped a tight 1-0 pitching contest to Sunco at Torrance Municipal Park Sunday afternoon.

After hurling six scoreless innings, Joe Waters, Police pitcher, was nicked for a marker which proved to be enough for a Sunco victory.

Sunco..... 000 000 100-1 5 1  
Torrance..... 000 000 000-0 7 1  
Batteries: James and Chesley; Waters and Bennett.

## Doctors Differ and Patients Die...

By JACK BALDWIN

Last week the Southern California Baseball Managers Association saw several clubs in the area drop out and take away from the association six much-needed diamonds. The association was panicky. To stop what was quickly turning into a mass withdrawal of clubs from the association they acted quickly. They formed a league.

A long sought-after desperate-ly needed league.

The announcement of the formation of a league of which the Torrance Police Nine would be

member was looked upon as a shot in the arm—a stimulus to local waning baseball enthusiasm.

But instead of being a stimulus it turns out that the syringe contained nothing more potent than sugared water.

Here are the teams they propose to pit against one another: El Segundo, Inglewood, Paramount, Westchester, Wilmington Merchants, Cressey Park and Torrance. These would all be "home" clubs because they each have a diamond of their "own." To these were added seven traveling clubs; Bell Clothiers, Hawthorne Sunco Esquires, L. A. Senators, Scoremasters, Clover and Eastside Beer. About the only one we have ever heard of is Eastside Beer and then not too often on the ball diamond.

Just what kind of league is this going to give local fans? If the first seven teams play each week at home who wins the pennant? And how? Or don't these teams meet each other at all?

Interest in baseball is fanned by personalities and what they do and what they don't do. Without a pennant at stake and without an accurate record of game statistics it is hard for sports writers to whip up much fan interest in any ball club. Who is leading the league in homers? How many strikeouts has "Buttlet Joe" to his credit? Will he lead the league after today's game? All of these sideplay highlights will be lost if no regular, sensible league is offered local baseball followers.

American people want a champion. They like to back a winner. They like to boo the opponents. They'll pay dough to do it. But they can't be expected to back a champion, cheer an underdog, or heckle the challengers if there are none.

The proposed league as offered by the Southern California Baseball Managers provides none of these advantages.

When the dope contained in this so-called shot in the arm wears off, the pain will come back and local fans will be left with a horsehide hangover.

The move by the association was clever—on their part. They

## Santa Monica Favored in League Contest

The gloom in Mudville after the Mighty Casey had struck out in retrospect assumed carnalistic proportions here today. For real, unadulterated, homogenized and concentrated gloom, the Torrance Tartar football follower was a glowing example.

Santa Monica's line smashing, hard passing, touchdown making Vikings are coming to town. Friday night, under the ares at Torrance High School field, our Tartars will undertake the task—all other connotations of the word "undertake" are also acceptable—of doing what no other prep squad has done this year. Namely, stop the Viking scoring machine.

Last week Coach Jim Sutherland's Semohis got into shape for the Torrance game by running over a fair-to-middlin' Long Beach Jordan team 41 to 0. There are no indications that the Sutherland expect to change their act. Were all this not enough.

Coach Eddie Cole's squad is still operating under the restraining influence of injuries, yet Fullback Joe Clevenger is cooling his heels with the splinter brigade after an injury in the season's opener. Cole has shifted wingman Jack Faren to Joltin' Joe's spot for this week's contest.

And they know how to win 'em. They're the champs.

Also to be sorely missed from the Tartar lineup are Doyal Crossland, right tackle and Jack Garland, right guard.

The Vikings are in better shape. Quarterback Landon Exley, who heaved 14 touchdown passes last year, is nearing the dozen mark for this young season. Another point scorer of note is Fullback Parry O'Brien. He scored six TD's in the Vikings first three games.

Against the Santa Monica record of two victories and a tie against Alhambra, Torrance shows a win in the opener against Rosemead and two consecutive losses against Newport Harbor and Inglewood.

Friday night's game will be Torrance's second of the current Bay League season. Santa Monica likes to win its Bay League games.

### Hopes Soaring

El Camino's head football coach, Amby Schindler, is looking forward to a new backfield prospect—in 1967. "The football hopeful, a seven-pound 13-ounce son, was born last Friday.

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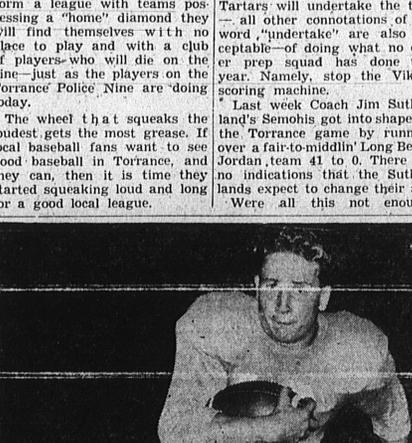
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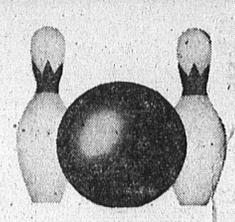
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