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Slow Pitch Battle Looms

Hi-Shear, 1414, P. V. Aeros All Tied Up

NE vs. Lovelady!

Fuse Lit For 'A' Fireworks

Attempting to break out of a four-way deadlock for second place, B League municipal softball crews tomorrow and Wednesday will be playing heads-up ball.

Tomorrow the Waleria Business Men, with a 3-6 record, will be doing battle with Local 1414, one of the quartet taking part in the big second-spot tie. The Longren Aeros, also tied up, take on the dreaded Strescon squad—undefeated in nine tries.

These clashes take place on the Waleria Park, first game starting promptly at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Hi-Shear and the Longren Aeros will meet in the opener at Torrance Park, and the newly-formed Potter's outfit from AmStan will meet Shamrock Cafe.

Brings Tie

A pair of games and a pair of forfeits were turned in last week, both helping to bring about the four-way tie for second spot—with 5 wins, 4 losses.

Longren Aeros clobbered their way past the Palos Verdes Merchants Friday evening 7-2, to garner a win, although the victors turned up with only one more hit than their foes.

Blasting out four hits in the fourth inning, the Aeromen made good on three of them, and repeated the runs in the sixth to cinch the score in their favor.

Luther Whitlock and Max Pier each swatted a single right at Merchants' hurler L. B. Bassett to get on base, and Jack Eaton knocked a bingle out to center field, scoring Pier. But Whitlock was pegged off between third and home.

Willis Simms also brought in a counter to polish off the inning.

No Big Punch

The Merchants put plenty of men on base, but lacked a scoring punch. Four men were left on third base, and an equal number on second.

Forfeit for Friday night went to Hi-Shear when the Local 1414 outfit failed to show.

Breaking a tie of 2 wins and 6 defeats was the Waleria Business Men who slammed out a 4-0 victory over the Shamrock Cafe crew last Wednesday night.

Pitcher H. L. Griffith gave up but two runs for the fray, those to Shamrock came from Raiph George and A. Streissl in the sixth. It was the only threatener for the losers, but a pop-up to Griffith followed by a pair of strike-outs nipped the try in the bud.

Nip Try for Points

A double-play by Shamrock in the third brought a rapid end to a try for points by the Business Men after a walk and a fielder's choice put Bob Lemaster and Leroy Schonert on base.

Warren Bennet hit into the waiting arms of second baseman A. Bergmann, who tossed over to D. Turner at first for the tag. Skip Herrera had previously tallied after reaching base on a walk, and getting all the way to third when a wild throw to first put Dick Ferguson on base.

Skip came home, thanks to Ferguson, on another overthrow in an attempt to nab Ferguson. Dick was nailed sliding home.

Strescon kept its untarnished lead when the ailing Waleria Merchants, who subsequently have given up the league, did not make an appearance on the diamond.

Score by Innings: R H E Longren Aeros .001 203 0-7 8 2 P. V. Merchants .002 099 0-2 7 1 Hazelwood and Lavezzari; Sims; Bassett and Streissl; 2BH—none. 3BH—none. HR—none.

Hi-Shear by forfeit over Local 1414. Umpires: Vandike and Montgomery. Scorer: Dundon.

Score by Innings: R H E Waleria B.M.A. .011 010 1-4 2 1 Shamrock Cafe .000 090 0-0 2 1 Griffith and Herrera; J. Turner and

Team	W	L	Pct.
Strescon	9	0	1.000
Hi-Shear	5	4	.556
Local 1414	5	4	.556
Longren Aeros	5	4	.556
P. V. Merchants	5	4	.556
Waleria B.M.A.	3	6	.333
Shamrock Cafe	2	7	.222
Waleria Merch.	2	7	.222

TORRANCE HERALD Sports

Torrance Loses 1-0 to Whittier in Tenth Frame

Going the full nine innings without a counter, Whittier bopped home a run in the bottom of the tenth to take a 1-0 heart-breaker from the Torrance Diamonds Friday night in a National Niteball mix out Whittier way.

Whittier's Les Haney faced 30 batters going into the tenth—allowing not one runner to reach first. It was a perfect night for the winners and Haney.

Torrance's Rusty Brooks, who did a bang-up job, gave up 6 hits—four of 'em which were on the line between errors and hits—according to the scorers.

Going into the tenth with one away, a hit, an error and another hit banged in the winning run which put an end to the long duel.

Haney, known around softball circles as a top performer, pitched in the national finals for his crew last year.

Tuesday eve the locals journey to Bellflower where they expect to pick up another win—they have dropped Bellflower twice in recent games.

Potter's Local Joins B League

A new addition to the lineups of the B league Municipal softball schedules was announced yesterday by Elmer Moon, city athletic director.

The Potter's Local 218 from American Standard will replace the Waleria Merchants, who were forced to withdraw from the competition because of reported financial problems.

The Potters, who start Wednesday, will take over where the Merchants left off—two wins and six losses.

AGE OF MACHINES

The American farmer has increased his investment in tools and machinery about 900 per cent, since 1910.

Fourth of July is still a week or two away, but here's a chance to see some fireworks anyway.

The fuse is all lit for the National Electric-Lovelady Hard ware A League softball clash tomorrow evening on Torrance Park diamond with the explosion set to go off sharply at 7 bells.

National, now leading the A pack, believes they'll be able to retain their position, but Lovelady, presently taking up the second place spot, thinks they can hand them their first setback.

Sharp Hurlers

A pair of pitchers, Don Stickle and Al Coast, will be meeting for the first time of the season—and these two alone will make it a show worth viewing.

Stickle pitched a nine-frame no-hitter in an exhibition match against a service squad last week, and Coast boasts a record that's the envy of many a local chucker.

In reserve will be Hal Nelms for NE and Bob Brown for the runners-up—another pair of capable ball handlers. Nelms pitched a win over Harvey Machine last week, and Brown turned in a three hitter when he and his buddies ganged up on Amroco with a 5-0 win.

Turns Back Nine Brown issued nine strike outs in the Amroco clash Thursday night and gave up only a single walk. Charlie Camou, handling the mound duty for Amroco, struck out eight at home plate, but gave up five walks.

A string of misfortunes in the third virtually gave Lovelady the game—but it took a beautiful double by Hank Olsen with two away to bring home Jim Jackson and Jack Wilson. Jim made first on a first-baseman's error and Jack tripped to first on a fielder's choice.

Amroco never got a man around to third in their win try. Another National, National Supply, blasted a 7-2 victory over the Three M's Thursday eve, in a rough-tuff game marked by the eviction of a fielder by empire Red Moon.

Dick Guy, a classy hurler for the M's, failed to meet his usual standards and turned back but five in home-plate, allowed seven bingles and gave up a pair of free passes.

Four In Fourth It was a big fourth stanza for the winners as they blasted out four counters. Scoring were Pat Moore, Bill Moore, Jack Kinsey and Scotty Albright. Joe Hasson, first man to bat in the inning, knocked a double out to left field, did a great job of stealing third, and then was picked off by third baseman Hal Snyder.

A rhubarb developed in the same frame, when Harry Theodosios cracked a bounce to infield which quickly was picked up and thrown to first sacker Ray Armenta. Umpire Red Moon saw Armenta lean forward to make the catch and observed that the baseman pulled his foot off the pad before he caught the ball.

Out, Who Sez Theodosios, running for first, considered himself out, and stepped over first base, continuing to his spot in right field. His would have been the third out.

Moon gave no signal—as no play had been completed, National's Earl Clayton decided that maybe Theodosios wasn't out after all, called for him to return to first, and the battle was on. Theodosios was left on base, however, as Art Huntzman grounded out to Dale Armstrong at shortstop next play.

Armenta subsequently was evicted from the game.

Score by Innings: R H E Lutheran Men .040 041 0-0 Sportsmen .022 002 0-0 Dement and Breitenfeldt; Henning and Demaree.

Score by Innings: R H E Business Men .012 013 6-13 Powell and Fritz; Stevens and Muir.

Midget Softball Leagues Begin Action Tomorrow

First games in the new boys' softball Midget League gets under way tomorrow when the Waleria Methodist Youth Fellowship outfit tackles the Torrance Methodist group in the opener under the lights at McMaster Park.

Billed for the second clash is the Torrance Optimist Club sponsored clan against the Junior Chamber of Commerce squad. The beginner starts at 7 p.m. with the No. 2 fray slated for 8:30.

Squads will play on Monday eves at McMaster Park, and on Thursday nights at Waleria Park until August 7, when a big playoff will determine the City champions in the Midget League.

McMaster Park is located at 374th and Yukon Sts., and the Waleria Park is on Pacific Coast Hwy. two blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. The program is sponsored by the City Recreation Department.

Score by Innings: R H E Three M's .010 100 0-2 5 2 National Supply .019 402 0-7 7 2 Dick Guy and Tuttle; Huntzman and Malone. DP Clayton; Moore and Huntzman to Bets. 2BH—Hasson. HR—Theodosios.

Score by Innings: R H E Amroco .000 000 0-0 1 0 Lovelady .004 010 x-5 4 1 C. Camou and Delaigne; Brown and Wilson. 2BH—Olsen. Umpires: Moon and Montgomery; scorer: Lifton.

Score by Innings: R H E National Electric .005 010 0-1 0 0 Lovelady Hardware .008 010 0-1 0 0 Harvey Machine .004 010 0-1 0 0 National Supply .003 010 0-1 0 0 Three M's .003 010 0-1 0 0 Amroco .001 010 0-1 0 0

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