

# Little League Ball Leases Airport Site

Plans to use a future school site on Hawthorne Ave. for Little League baseball this summer were altered here this week when the City Council granted a lease to the sponsoring group to use property at Torrance Municipal Airport for a diamond.

Douglas Moir, who is heading the junior baseball movement, said he hoped to have at least four teams of boys ready to begin play by April 1.

The Little Leaguers had formerly been granted permission to use the site of a future school west of Hawthorne Ave. near the end of Lomita Blvd. for play this summer. Acquisition of the airport site, with CAA approval, offered a better playing field, however.

The airport site, which is near Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy., was leased to the group for two years. Plans call for the erection of bleachers for spectators.

Teams of boys between the ages of 9 and 12 are eligible to participate in the national organization, according to Moir. Organizations or firms will be sought to sponsor the teams.



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# Crucial Series Slated for Hot Kegling League

A crucial last-round series between the Lions No. 1 keggers, now in first place by two games, and the fallen second-place Moose Lodge will feature Wednesday night's games in the Torrance Recreation Bowling League at the Torrance Bowl. It may be a "do-or-die" series for the Moose Lodge.

Eddie Dietlen, Bill Janssen, and Ross Hood paced an American Legion squad that came from behind to trounce the Moose Lodge in three out of four games on last week's card. Dietlen's double and Janssen's "turkey" in the last frame of the third game won that game and the series total for the Legion, knocking the Moose out of first place for the first time in almost three months of league play.

"Doc" Moskos and Roy Peterson led the Lions No. 1 team into first place by pacing their squad to three wins over the last place Lutheran Men after dropping the first of a four-game series.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce continued their role of "king-killers" by knocking off the third-place Lions No. 2 in three of their four-game series. Burke's Lions, however, remain just one game out of second place and three games behind the league-leading Lions No. 1.

# Bees Win One, Lose One in Cage Tourney

Coach Don Porter's Bee cage crew wound up the season in Santa Monica Friday with a win and a loss in the Santa Monica Bee Tournament.

Playing in the first round against Santa Maria, the Torrance Bees won 33-30, but returned Friday afternoon to drop out of the tourney as Santa Monica downed them 36-24.

Santa Monica was the only Bay League team remaining in the tourney after the second round. Redondo dropped out in a close one with Ventura in the first round and Beverly Hills was dropped out by Ventura in the second round.

# Torrance Bows To St. Anthony

Tartar horseholders dropped back to the short end of the score again Thursday as the St. Anthony nine from Long Beach drove in a run to break up a seventh-inning tie and held on to win the game 9-8.

It was the second loss of the season for the Tartars against one win and one tie.

The Tartars started Thursday's game from left field as the St. Anthony nine pounded four runs across in the first inning. Torrance finally caught them in the sixth frame only to see it slip away in the seventh.

Tuesday afternoon, the Tartars will play their first game away from home when they travel to Hawthorne. On the following Friday, March 5, Gardena's prep baseballers will be on the Torrance diamond at 8 p.m. League play opens here March 19 with Leuzinger visiting Torrance.

# Racing Bikes Slated for Go At Carrell Oval

Sharp staccato bark of the big racing bikes will fill the air at Carrell Speedway this afternoon, when the AMA motorcycles invade the local half-mile oval.

The event is the first race of the 1953 season for the cycle stars. The leather-clad speedsters haven't had a race at Carrell since early December and the two-wheeled daredevils can hardly wait until today's clash.

Chuck Basney, the 1952 champion, will be on hand to defend honors won last year. The "mighty mite" of cycloedom has many ardent fans and a special Basney "rooting section" is planned.

Chuck will have a hard time, as all his 1952 foes will be on the firing line. There'll be Don the Tartar, who'll be on hand to defend his title. He'll be on hand to defend his title. He'll be on hand to defend his title.

### Standings

CLASS B LEAGUE	W	L
Allen's Burgers	5	3
Harvey Machine	5	3
Torrance Teachers	5	3
George's	4	4
Torrance National	2 1/2	5 1/2
Treskes Men's Shop	2 1/2	5 1/2

# El Camino Wins Final Cage Tilt

El Camino wound up Metropolitan Conference play here Friday night by waxing Harborview 87-55. Forward Bob Rosen, Tech 87-55. Forward Bob Rosen, Tech 87-55. Forward Bob Rosen, Tech 87-55.

Qualifying will start at 1 p.m. with the first of the fourteen competitive events beginning at 2:30.

At the same time, Long Beach stretched their league victories to 14 by downing Santa Monica 64 to end with a perfect record. Bakerfield beat Escondido 73-51, and San Diego blasted Valley 106-65.

El Camino and Bakerfield wound up in a tie for second place with 9-5 records. Each lost one game to the other.

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# Teachers Point For League Title

Torrance Teachers became an odds-on choice to win Class B adult basketball league title Wednesday night by defeating the George's Cafe quintet 51-46 in a see-saw battle that wasn't settled until the last minutes of the game.

Leading the losers 15-9 in the first quarter, the Teachers saw their lead held in the second, then slip away by the end of the third quarter. The third quarter score was 34-34. George's took an early lead in the fourth quarter, but the Teachers came back and had a edge of five points when the final gun sounded.

Leading the winners were Jim Halls and Bill Moore, each with 18 points behind his name in the book.

Schedule Helps  
The Teachers assume the role of favorites by a scheduling lull. They play the two bottom teams in their last two games—Treskes next Wednesday, and Torrance National Bank on March 11.

Allen's Burgers and Harvey Machine, tied with the Teachers in the league leadership, must play each other to wind up the season.

Other games Wednesday night will see Harvey playing George's, and Allen's playing Torrance National.

In tomorrow night's A League battles, the Redondo Eagles will

# Torrance Last In Hoop Circuit

Torrance wound up in the cellar in Bay League basketball competition Wednesday afternoon with a 2-8 record after the Leuzinger Olympians scored their second victory over the locals in league play.

The only two victories racked up by the Tartars this season were against Santa Monica and Inglewood, two of the league's stronger teams. The Tartars scored 442 points against 547 for the season.

Redondo wound up with the league title last week and gained a spot in the CIF hoop playoffs. They will play their first game next Friday with an opponent yet to be announced.

### FINAL STANDINGS

W	L	
Redondo	9	1
Beverly Hills	6	4
Santa Monica	5	5
Inglewood	4	6
Leuzinger	4	6
Torrance	2	8

# Mendez

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eral that he wanted to join the band of the government forces. Came to U. S.

After the revolution, Mendez came to the United States and continued his trumpeting. He wooed and won his bride of 20 years with the same revolutionary song Villa had liked—but this time he played the guitar and not the horn, as his trumpet always seemed to go flat when he played to her.

Just when he was off to a fine start, he split his lip in an accident, and he and his wife returned to Mexico, where his father, mother, and 14 brothers and sisters welcomed them into the five-room house.

With six months of further instruction from his father, Mendez returned to this country, playing with popular and symphony orchestras. A Hindu snake charmer taught him how to hold a note an incredible length.

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