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Both teams ended the first round with six wins and one loss.

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Electric Gunning For Top Spot In League After Double Victory

National Electric meets the Carson Merchants tonight at Torrance Park in a game which could determine the championship of the Class "A" City Softball League.

National charged to within one game of the league-leading Merchants by virtue of a 3-1 win over the Marine Clerks on Monday night.

In the Monday night affair, Electric pitcher Don Stickleby tamed Dow with four hits, while his teammates were collecting ten off Dow's hurler, Rusty Brooks.

Gene Murphy was the big man at the dish for National, collecting three hits in four trips including a two-run round-tripper in the fifth inning.

National Electric's chucker, Hal Nelms, spun a two-hitter to choke the Clerks. The Nationals scored their three runs in the third inning on two walks, three errors and one hit.

Ernie Floyd opened the inning by drawing a free pass and went to second on an error by Clerks' catcher Roy Pederson. Bill McEwen smacked one that passed through Clerk second sacker Andy Anderson, and Floyd scored. McEwen going to second. Leadoff batter Frank Schmidt came through with a single to right and continued to score when the ball got through Clerk right fielder Joe Grassi.

Rusty Brooks was in rare form for Dow, Chemical, allowing the powerful Carson Merchants one hit up to the seventh inning, then striking out Tar Baltazar with the tying and winning runs on base to end the game. He also batted in his team's lone run.

Carson threatened Dow's slim 1-0 lead in the seventh when Snuffy Machado singled, stole second and, after the next batter lined out to first, went to third on Lucky Huniston's single. Brooks bore down to strike out Baltazar and end it.

Dow's lone tally came in the first inning when Len Esparza singled, was sacrificed to second by Walt Peterson and scored on Brooks' single.

In Class "B" play, the Walters also pitched.

Camou struck out 10 of the first 12 batters to face him in the first four innings. In the fourth, National Supply got its lone run when Roland Betz walked, went to second on an error, then scored on an error by the third baseman.

Camou, miffed, proceeded to strike out eight of the next ten men to face him, to end the ball game. He issued two walks in the game, both to Betz. Supply's chucker Art Huntzman was doing a fair job of holding Midland scoreless until the sixth inning, when Camou singled and went to second on a passed ball. Then Dick Guy, batting for Terry Jacobson, walked, and Ray Armetta doubled scoring Camou and Guy.

"B" League play saw the South Bay Church forfeiting to Streson, and Home Loan Realty racking up the Walteria BMA 4-2, Monday night.

Al Ferris toed the lump for Home Loan, setting BMA down with four hits. His teammate jumped on the Walteria chucker for three runs in the first inning, then H. L. Griffith came in to quell the rally. Griffith also pounded out a triple and a double during the evening to lead his team at the dish.

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