

New Threat Looms As Midland Rubber Trims Loop Leaders 1-0

A dark horse contender made its move in the stretch drive for the Class "A" softball pennant Thursday, surging to within half a game of the Carson Merchants by knocking off the league leaders 1-0.

Midland Rubber is the new threat looming on the Merchants' horizon. In Thursday's game, Midland flinger Dick Guy gave up two hits and fanned thirteen Merchants to throttle the Carson team. Midland Rubber has

played one less game than Carson, giving them a 12 won, 5 lost record, compared to the Merchants 13 won and 5 lost.

Midland has three games left to play in the league and Carson will play two more. If the Midland team wins all three and Carson splits, Midland Rubber will take the league championship and the Herald Perpetual trophy. However, if both squads win all of their remaining games, it will throw the two teams into a deadlock for first place and a playoff game will be necessary to decide the winner.

In the meantime last year's champion, National Electric team, hung in with a 4-0 win over the Marine Clerks, giving them third place in the league by half a game and moving them to within one game of first place.

Tomorrow night the Merchants run into an easy touch when they meet last-place National Supply, while National Electric will collide with Dow Chemical.

For six innings of Thursday's struggle, Midland and Carson were deadlocked at 0-0. If it hadn't been for a passed ball and two errors in the seventh inning, they might still be playing. Right fielder Warden led off by getting to first on an error by Merchant pitcher Virgil Jones. He went to second when Cleo Goyette got on an error by the left fielder. He went to third and then scored on two passed balls to wrap up the ball game. Snuffy Machado and Lucky Humiston got the only hits for Carson, Machado a single in the first, and Humiston a single in the seventh with two outs.

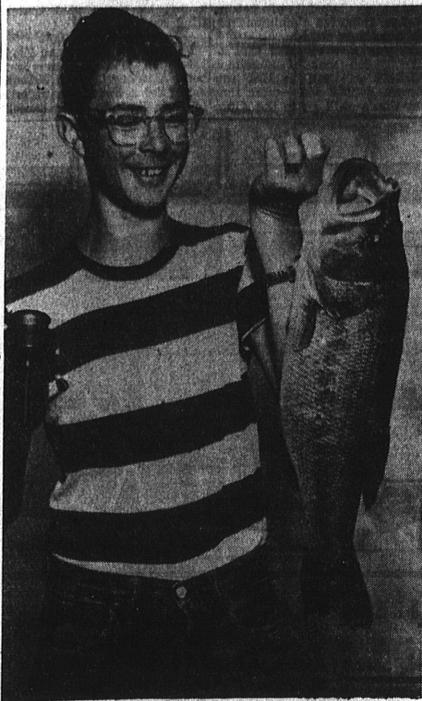
Dick Guy and Jack Randall hit safely for Midland.

Clerks vs. N. E. The former champs touched Clerk hurler Hank Olsen for four safeties and the Marine team contributed four errors to enable Electric to coast to a 4-0 win.

Hal Nelms, Electric's brilliant hurling star, held the Clerks to two hits and whiffed eight. One hit and three errors gave National a run in the second.

Huge Bass Hooked In Shallow Alondra Lake

Monster Fish May Break Lake Record; Ocean Fishing Good Say Skippers



MONSTER IN THE MUD . . . Billy Wright, junior member of the Torrance Rod and Gun Club, pulled this monstrous 5 lb. 1 oz. large mouth bass from the shallow waters of man-made Alondra Lake Friday morning, using a 4-lb. test line and spinning outfit, with worms for bait. Unless some one steps forward to challenge it, it will go into the record books as the largest catch in the history of the lake.

ROD and GUN CHATTER

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

Fishing has been mighty slow the last couple of weeks, with only random catches of the elusive albacore being made. According to skippers of local boats, the Catalina Channel is thick with abies from the east end of the island to the west, and nimrods were hoping these fighting-long-fins would break loose over the week-end, which they did Friday. So anglers did not bring home empty sacks on the slack period.

Proud boy is Billy Wright, junior member of the Torrance Rod and Gun who horsed in a beautiful 5 pound 1 ounce large mouth bass, from all places—Alondra Park Lake. He hooked his prize on a red worm using his spinning outfit and 4 lb. test line. That one must have been hiding under a clump of moss for the last couple of years.

Jerry and Marjion Grubb, Hartley Carr, Dr. Dick Bishop, and Larry Probert failed to find albacore (because Marjion gave skipper Carl Hanni \$5 not to—she didn't want the fellows to stunk her), so they pulled into the bull bass hole off Avalon. Between them, about 15 bass and two sheep-head were boated. Hartley had the jack pot bass on board, but let it slip from his fingers in sacking, and go from whence it came. Brings to mind tales of chickens, eggs, bridges, and so forth!

Bob Peckham, Dean and myself fished the same spot the following day, landing several good size bull bass. Bob, who was what you might call an amateur, showed his skill, battling and boating a nine-pounder.

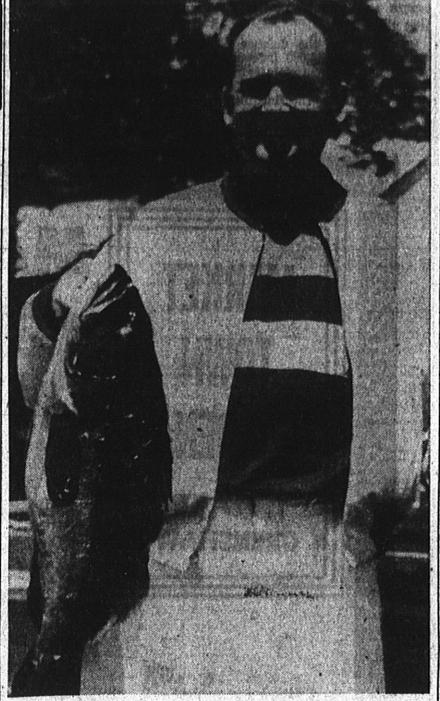
Bulls that size are few and far between. Now he really thinks he's a full fledged Isaac Walton because he skunked two members of the Torrance Rod and Gun, and I do mean skunked! Same spot, same day, the Happy Jack pulled in a small, but very nice, yellow perch. Times agent for Torrance, and a group of his pals, "Smitty" was top man, landing an eight-pound two-ounce, and an eight-pound four-ounce bull bass of the 33 total by all. All catches were made on anchovies, dead or alive.

Out after yellowtail down San Diego way, were Paul and Marcela Smith, Willie and Erlene Walker, Bud Anderson, Al and Anabel Coast, Lloyd Fullerton, and Ned and N. D. Smith. All yellows were hauled aboard, top was Paul's, going around 16 pounds, beside several barries. Al, the Yellowtail King, failed to hook into his namesake. He said, and I quote, "What do I want to do with a yellow? I have already qualified in the derby, so I went along for the ride." Who's kidding who?

Lots of excitement last Tuesday in San Diego, with reports of hundreds of blue-fin tuna. Down dash, Bob Smith, Walter and Lois Gilliard, and Al Coast. (Funny, Al never gets tired of riding.) Rumors were true, all right. They had around 700 on the dock at 3:30 p.m. Most of them between 30 and 45 pounds. The next morning when our local anglers were going to knock them cold, only a few could be found. Ben did get one. Our riding friend farmed five.

John Rowe, Harry Seeman, Ivan Harle, Paul Rowe, and Charles Goodale fished off the Alua, skippered by member Morris Maloy, netting two albacore, one by Paul, the other by Harry. Altogether they covered 90 miles between Catalina and Santa Barbara Island, trolling in a red-hot shimmer that didn't show up. Al should have been on that trip!

Fred Bickler fished Lake Hodges last week, reporting good catches of bass, crappie, and blue gill. Bass, going 11 inches, hitting super-dupers, mud-suckers, and pork rind. Blue gill topping 14 ounces, taking worms, pork rind, crappie, averaging 11 inches, hitting go-getters, mud suckers, pork rind, and some flies. The water is pretty dirty right now, but it hasn't interfered with fishing. Mary and Dick Vaughn told me they al-



BOB PECKHAM AND FRIEND . . . Catalina waters yield good catch

ways go there, never failing to snag their limit of one or the other.

Railroad Canyon Lake, about four miles the other side of Escondido, is certainly a hot-spot. It was drained and re-stocked this year with bass, blue gill, crappie, etc., reports Charles Allen, Torrance Rod and Gun's "radio ham," who was there last week. As yet they are small and taking anything in the way of an artificial lure.

Never heard of such a conglomeration of enthusiastic fishermen as those that boarded the Happy Jack Thursday. Jack Baldwin, editor; Willys Blount, councilman; Dean, my honey-pot; Herman (Redgie) Lifland, railroad; Sam Nealey, salesman; and Bob Peckham, Ford dealer. Two long fins were boated, both by Dean. Bob had one hooked, but said it pulled more than the 27 pounds it was supposed to. (He was using 27 lb. test line.) Jack forgot he was to use a rod and slashed three sharks with his knife as they swam along side the boat. "Jack the Jabber."

The Torrance Rod and Gun will hold its next business meeting August 10th, 8:00 p.m., McMaster Park. Also, must not forget the stinger derby for members Tuesday night at Newport.

Todd Leads Pony League

Chuck Todd, centerfielder for the Stars, led the Pony baseball league in hitting this week with a lusty .400 batting average according to Rex Welch, coach at Torrance High School and director of the league.

He was followed by Don McLeod, of the Padres, with .391; Ron Anderson, Rainiers, .333; Toby Venable, Stars, .333; and Sherwood Tiernan, Padres, .320. The Rainiers are leading the league at this date.

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Standings

CLASS 'A'	W	L	P
Carson Merchants	12	5	1/2
Midland Rubber	12	5	1/2
National Electric	8	9	4 1/2
Marine Clerks	7	10	3 1/2
Dow Chemical	7	10	3 1/2
National Supply	5	12	2 1/2
Games Behind Leader			

GIRL'S LEAGUE	W	L	P
Lomita Lassies	4	1	1/2
Bookies	3	1	1/2
Harvey	2	2	1/2
Enterprise	2	2	1/2
Walteria	1	2	1/2
MGS	1	2	1/2
N. E.	1	2	1/2
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Lassies' TNT Attack Breaks Up Tight Game

The Lomita Lassies exploded for 14 runs in the last two innings to break up a 2-2 ball game and swamp the Miss Fitz 16-2 in a Girl's Softball struggle Thursday night.

Miss Fitz pitcher Barbara Comerski had a tight hold on the league leaders until the fatal fifth, when three hits, including a triple by Laura Talbert, a walk and two errors opened the floodgates.

Lassie flinger Lila Cordray gave up two hits and one walk in the win. In the sixth, Lassie Dorothy Seales blasted a home run to start things off, and the Lomita girls carried on with five more hits wrapped around three errors to plant eight more markers on the scoreboard.

MGS vs. Harvey
Enterprise vs. Bookies
In a vicious, four-inning game that can best be described as one-sided, the Harvey killers combed 10 hits to submerge the MGS 25-1.

Janice Smith had a no-hitter going for the Harveys until the fourth, when Diane Larson rapped a single. Margie Smith was the big stick for Harvey, garnering four for five.

Enterprise dropped a four-inning, 11-9 decision to the second-place Bookies Tuesday evening at Walteria.

Rookie pitcher Jan Brimley was reached for nine hits while Enterprise chucker Margie Huff gave up 11. Enterprise led going into the fourth, when the Bookies' bats came alive and thumped five hits in between five Enterprise errors for a nine-run spurge.

Knox Fires For South

Ronnie Knox, whose bullet-like passes had Torrance High School in hot water when they played Santa Monica High, will be firing for the South team in the second annual Shrine High football game in the Coliseum on Friday night.

Tony's British Car Rambblings

It is indeed good to see the interest people take in British cars and the amount of enjoyment they obtain from them whether they are driving or just cleaning. I have never enjoyed cleaning a car, but the infinite pleasure one arrives at after washing and polishing of a Sunday morning is worth the labor involved.

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Art Woodcock bombed a home run with two out and one mate aboard in the last half of the seventh inning to overcome a 3-2 lead held by the Rotary Club and push the Optimists to a 4-3 victory Wednesday night in a Slo-Pitch softball game.

Second sacker Nolan Stuckey set up the storybook ending for Woodcock when he got on base with two outs in the last frame.

The Rotary team had held a three-run bulge until the fifth inning when the Optimists scored one run. In the sixth, they scored one more and the stage was set for Woodcock's game winning blow in the seventh.

Walteria vs. Moose
In another Wednesday night Slo-Pitch fray the Moose Club failed to bring enough men, forfeiting to Walteria BMA.

Blue Streak
In Blue Streak League games held Thursday Midland Rubber, powered to a 5-2 win over Torrance Gardens and National Supply whipped the Fire Department "B" team 6-4.

The Midland Rubbermen did all their damage in the fifth inning, when they scored all five runs.

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