

THS Football Practice Starts On Labor Day

LASSIES DROP Stretch Drive Gives Harvey Championship

Girls Dedicate All-Star Game To Victim of Polio

The Harvey Machine girls ended their stretch drive for the pennant in a brilliant burst of glory over the week-end by dumping the Lomita Lassies, who had led the league all season, in a championship playoff game Saturday 6-3 to take the title and then going on to topple an All-Star team Sunday 9-4 as the curtain dropped on the '53 Girls' Softball season.

The girls dedicated the final season game to Nancy Humphreys, captain of the MG team, who was stricken with polio last

week and taken to the Los Angeles County General Hospital for treatment.

Figuring strongly in the girls' trophy drive was Teddy Hamilton, fireball mound artist, who held the Lomita Lassies to three hits and whiffed 11 while walking none in the championship game and hurled a six-hitter in the All-Star tiff.

In the playoff game, the Harveys got four runs in the first two frames and were never headed. Big blow in the first inning rally was a home run by catcher Margie Smith. Janette Baker and Mary Wahl contributed singles to the second inning spurge.

Hamilton doubled in the fifth and scored on Wahl's single, and Margaret Barbosa lamed a triple in the seventh scoring Janette Baker to complete the tallies.

The Lassies got their three markers in the fourth on two errors and singles by Laura Talbert and Anett Grafe. Lila Cordray pitched for the Lomita girls, allowing six hits.

All-Star Game
Two players from each runner-up team were picked to vie with the champion Harveys in Sunday's All-Star game. The All-Star lineup was made up of: Joyce Bernhardt and Lill Talbert, Lomita Lassies; Margie Huff and Willie Allen, Enterprise; Mary Lou Steed and Martha Williams, MGs; Toni Martinez and Marilyn Edwards, Rookies; and Laura Talbert, Walteria.

Following a watermelon feed for all the girls, the league trophy was presented to Rosemarie Holt, captain of the Harveys, and to Harvey Manager Hank Croskey.

The All-Stars gave the champs a rough tussle until the last inning. They trailed by one run until Harvey erupted for four runs in the seventh to surge into a 9-4 lead.

Gloria Quintana rapped a homer for Harvey in the third with two mates aboard, the only extra base blow of the contest. Martha Williams led the All-Stars at bat with two for four.

PLAYOFF TO HARVEY GIRLS



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BEVY OF CHAMPIONS . . . The Harvey Machine girls softball team, above, won the championship of the league in a playoff game Saturday against the Lomita Lassies. In the front row, left to right, they are Dot Larson, Mary Wahl, Janette Baker, and Jane Croskey. In the back row are Manager Hank Croskey, Gloria Quintana, Captain Rosemarie Holt, Margaret Barbosa, Margie Smith, Teddy Hamilton, Bertha Stewart, and E. Stewart, coach.



SLO-PITCH KINGS . . . The American Legion Slo-Pitch softball team grabbed the city Slo-Pitch championship, by beating the Blue Streak titlists, Midland Rubber. They are, front row left to right, Bob Ernst, Howard Weber, Dewey Goodman, Bob O'Call and Spud Murphy. In the back row are Gordon Arnold, James Parks, (head visible), Danny Maine, M. D. Bradley, Bill Martin, Roland Grover, Eddie Parker, Arvol Smith and Bruno Giacomi. The bat boy and girl are Manager Ernst's children.

Council Goes On Record Favoring Major Ball Here

Major League baseball in Torrance?
On a motion by Councilman Nick Dralle Tuesday night the City Council went on record as favoring the plan to bring a Major League baseball team to Metropolitan Los Angeles.
The council also stated that they would volunteer the use of Torrance Park to any Major League team who would like to use its facilities for spring training.
The council will back all efforts to bring some Major League team to the Los Angeles area.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Takes 9 In Row, Wins League

The Junior Chamber of Commerce junior softball team racked up nine straight victories to take the championship of the league for the '53 season, Red Moon, athletic director for the Recreation Department, announced this week.
League play comes to an end tomorrow with the Junior C of Cers meeting the Optimist Juniors at Walteria, but a loss will not hurt—they lead the second-place Perry Braves by three-and-a-half games.
Last Friday the C of Cers blanked the Y Juniors 7-0 and the Perry Braves swamped the

Estimate 150 Will Turn Out For 'B' Ball

THS "B" football coach Don Porter will have a crowd on his hands when "B" practice opens on Labor Day, along with the varsity.

Varsity Mentor Cliff Graybehl estimates that upwards of 150 aspirants will turn out for the opening of "B" practice, and Coaches Porter and Willard Morgan will have some paring to do before the squad's opening game against Culver City High on Sept. 24 at the home field.

Physicals for "B" men will be held on Sept. 2 all-day, and uniforms will be issued on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 9:30 a.m.

Following is the eight-game "B" slate, all afternoon games, starting at 3 o'clock.
Sept. 24, Culver City at Torrance.
Oct. 1, Torrance at Lynwood.
Oct. 8, Santa Monica at Torrance.
Oct. 15, Torrance at Redondo.
Oct. 22, Muir (Pasadena) at Torrance.
Oct. 29, Torrance at Beverly Hills.
Nov. 5, Inglewood at Torrance.
Nov. 12, Torrance at Leuzinger.

Recreation Dept. Bowling League Starts Sept. 14

With a splintering crash and a mighty roar of "seven-ten split!" the Recreation Department Bowling League will get under way this year on Monday, Sept. 14 at 9 p.m. at Torrance Bowl and will run for 28 weeks on each Monday night at the very same time.

Four teams have entered the league and four more are needed. The Department announced this week. Signed up are the ever-trusty Lions Club, the hopeful Optimists, the American Kegling Legionnaires, and the Walteria Businessmen's Clubbers.

Any service club or group interested in entering a team should contact the Recreation Dept. at Fairfax 8-4108.

Officers for the league will be elected at the next meeting of team representatives, to be held at 7:30 on Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Recreation Department office. League rules and fees will also be determined at this meeting and interested groups should send a representative to the Sept. 3 meeting. Recreation spokesmen announced.

Midget Softball Season Climaxes

McMaster's Climaxes and the Torrance Park Pee Wees walked off with top honors in their respective leagues as the Recreation Department's summer softball program was concluded last week. Both championship frays were won by one run margins.

McMaster edged out Crenshaw Friday afternoon, 7-6, on their own diamond before a large group of spectators. After scoring all of their runs in the first three innings, Crenshaw cooled off and McMaster took the lead in the bottom of the fifth frame as Clark Sandberg's single drove home Manuel Suarez. Joe Hedgecock was the winning pitcher.

Torrance Park's Pee Wees pushed across a run last Wednesday with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat McMaster, 16-15, on the victors' field.

Walteria MYF . . . 1/4
7 1/2
*Games behind leader.
X Double forfeit.

85 Expected To Turn Out For Tartar Team

With an expected turnout of 85 men, varsity football practice will open at Torrance High School on Sept. 7—Labor Day—at 9:30 a.m., and Varsity Coach Cliff Graybehl will work his men on double sessions all week to shape a relatively inexperienced bunch of young men into a trim, fighting football machine.

For the opening game of the season, the Varsity will travel to San Bernardino on Sept. 25 to meet San Bernardino High School. The rest of the schedule includes:
Oct. 2, Friday, 8 p.m., Lynwood at Torrance.
Oct. 9, Torrance at Santa Monica.
Oct. 16, Redondo at Torrance.
Oct. 23, Baldwin Park at Torrance.
Oct. 30, Beverly Hills at Torrance.
Nov. 6, Torrance at Inglewood.
Nov. 13, Leuzinger at Torrance.
Nov. 20, St. Anthony's at Long Beach.

All the games will be on Friday nights, starting at 8 o'clock. With five men from his '52 first-string defensive team returning this year and an offensive phalanx of 8 lettermen plus some good men from last year's team.

Times Announced For THS Varsity 'B' Physicals

Torrance High School Football Coach Cliff Graybehl announced this week that physicals will be held for varsity football aspirants on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and that the doctor will be at the school all day on Tuesday, Sept. 2 to check "B" football players.

Varsity uniforms will be issued at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and "B" suits will be given out Thursday, also at 9:30 a.m., Graybehl reported.

"B" Graybehl figures that he will have a small but strong nucleus around which to mold a spirited squad for the '53 slate.

Still, Graybehl says that it will be tough to replace such men as Beryl Jones, four-year letterman who graduated this year, one of the best fullbacks in the league last season; or Dan Mayers and Capt. Ted Marcullo, All-Bay center and guard, respectively, last season; or second-string All Leaguers Larry Roy, a top-notch end, and Harry Bayliss, clever tailback from last year's team, and Jim Farr, also a tailback, who completed nine TD passes last year.

Graybehl plans to open his single wing offense with Captain Burt Smith at tailback. Don Kaesten, the only returning first-string offensive man, at halfback. Piazza, a non-letterman, who should shine this year, at blocking back, and Joe Lafferty, a versatile, all-around backfield man, at the wing. Coaching the backfield with Graybehl will be Dick Leech. Vern Wolfe will tutor punters.

On the basis of spring practice, Graybehl thinks that Smith, Kaesten, and three boys up from the "B's," Sonny Steele, Skippy Smith and Bobby Wilson, will be giving other league teams nightmares before the year is out.

The Tartar line was the hardest hit by graduation. On his defensive side, Graybehl has Bob McCutchen at end and alternating at center on offense, Ed Powell, a two-year letterman, at tackle; Richard Cosgrove at guard, Lafferty at a half-back spot, and Smith at safety. All of these men are lettermen.

Ice Follies Set To Open

Acclaimed as the greatest show in its 18-year history, the Ice Follies of 1954 will stage its annual World Premiere at the Pan Pacific, Thursday evening, Sept. 17.

The fabulous Shipstads and Johnson ice extravaganza will be at the Beverly Blvd. arena for a short time only. Heralded as a smash success even before it opens, the Ice Follies appears a 100 per cent clinch to again "wow" Southland fans. It is now being rehearsed in San Francisco and the few who have glimpsed portions of the 1954 show acclaim it as the greatest ever.

The rest of the defensive platoon will have to be shaped from inexperienced, but big, turnouts.

On the offensive side, the Tartars are a little better off. Returning lettermen include Jerry Farrar, John Sousa and Harold Phillip, ends; Manuel Ofroque and Ralph Clifford, a new man, at tackles; Don Frattonello, guard; plus Smith, tail, and Kaesten, half.

Clifford comes to Torrance High from a high school in Massachusetts where he was a three-year letterman. He weighs in at 237 and stands six feet one inch. He can go from either tackle or guard, and with all that beef should be a terror, Graybehl believes.

"You'd have to go back to '47 to find a bigger squad than we have this year, but we lack experienced men," Graybehl says. A combination of beef, brawn and spirit has won many a ball game, however, and experience comes to him who waits, so all in all, the Tartar football machine for 1953 should be in there all the way.

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