

# Baseball Clinic Set Wednesday for Torrance Youth

## Little Leaguers Advance to Sectional Finals

### Large Group of Baseball Experts To Instruct Kids

Boys of all ages will congregate at Torrance Park Wednesday for instruction in the fine art of baseball at the first Torrance Baseball Clinic, sponsored by the Recreation Department.

On hand to reveal the secrets of the diamond sport will be George Vico, former first baseman with the Detroit Tigers and Pacific Coast League star; Rex Welch, Coach at Torrance High School last year; Harry Theodosis, California League player; Dick Leech, Tartar varsity baseball mentor; Jack French and Gil and George Bennett, who have seen much pro and semi-pro experience.

Begins at 5:30 p.m. The clinic begins with a general assembly in the bleachers at 5:30 p.m. and will last until about 7:30 p.m.

Little Leaguers and members of the Babe Ruth League have been invited to attend the clinic, as well as all other boys interested in good baseball, according to Leech.

The clinic will cover batting, bunting, baserunning and sliding, fielding and throwing and will wind up with specialized position instruction. Boys will sign up to play for the remainder of the summer at the conclusion of the clinic.

### Sixth Inning Big for Two Girls' Squads

Pulling identical five-run rallies in the sixth inning, the Flamings and Walteria engaged in a nip-and-tuck girls' softball fray Thursday with the Flamings winning 8-6.

The victory gave the winners a firmer hold on second place in the league.

The Flamingo Sister act—Judy and Dora Viveros, pitcher and catcher—held the Walteria females to four hits and one run in the first five frames but blew sky high in the fatal sixth to allow five runs on three bingles.

**Birds Score**  
Lucky, the Flamings had tucked together a five-run blast of their own in the top of the sixth.

Big sticklers were Josie Perez, who tripled, Dora Duran, who maced a two-bagger and Virgie Camou and Cora Viveros, who poled singles.

For Walteria, Wilma Comerkeski, Edith Zack and Carol Brier smashed doubles in the sixth frame explosion. Miss Zack was reached for 10 Flamingo hits.



**PHOTO FINISH . . .** Catcher Frank Dominguez applies a good tag to sliding Bill Dettlin in the American Legion vs. Lions Service Club Slo-Pitch game Tuesday won by the Legion 7-1. The victory gave the Legion team assurance of winning the league pennant this season. Their only serious contenders all year were the Lions.

### Legion Clinches Crown

The American Legion Service Club Slo-Pitch team clinched the championship of the league when they toppled the second place Lions Club 7-1 Tuesday and will go into the city Slo-Pitch playoffs with the Blue Streak titlist.

The American Legion now boasts a 12-1 record and cannot be overtaken by the season's end, which falls on this coming Thursday.

The winner of the city Slo-Pitch title may be booked to play the Lions Club 7-1 Tuesday and will go into the city Slo-Pitch playoffs with the Blue Streak titlist.

In Wednesday Service Club affairs, the Rotary Club pounced on the Optimists 15-1 and the Walteria Businessmen topped the Moose Club 10-4.

The Rotary bats found the range in the second inning and crunched the big ball for four hits and seven runs.

Rotary . . . 2 7 0 4 0 2 0-15  
Optimists . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1  
Optimists battery—Weaver & Westfall.  
Walteria . . . 1 2 0 4 3 0 0-10  
Moose . . . 2 0 0 1 0 0 1-4  
Woods and Woodcock, Fritz and Price.



**MOB SCENE . . .** Players, fathers and just kids mob North All-Star pitcher Pete Kemp after the Little Leaguer's sterling hurling Wednesday which beat Altadena 4-3 and gave Torrance the District Four championship of the Little Leagues. Kemp allowed five hits, walked one and struck out eight before a huge crowd at PeeWee Park in Redondo Beach.



**REWARDS . . .** Members of the North All-Stars line up after their triumph over Altadena Wednesday to receive their District Four championship medals. The win gave the boys the right to enter the sectional playoffs in Glendale yesterday and they won again (see story, right). Heroes of the Altadena game were Shortstop Nat Hartly, who batted in all four runs, and Pitcher Pete Kemp.

### Bluebirds Play Today at Park

Fans will get a chance to peek at the rejuvenated city baseball team—the Bluebirds—today at 2 p.m. at Torrance City Park when they meet an All-Star team from the Dick Leech T.V.-light league in a practice tilt.

Harry Theodosis, former pitcher for Bakersfield in the California League, has drawn the starting assignment on the mound today.

The Bluebirds, managed by Jack French, are prepping for the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation tournament which begins Aug. 16 in Huntington Park. Lynwood and South Gate.

**Played Two Games**  
The Bluebirds, who will change their name to Torrance Merchants for the tourney, have played two practice games against the Twilight team, winning them both. They edged the All-Stars 3-2 on Tuesday and 6-4 Monday at Torrance Park.

In the Bluebird lineup are Burt Smith, All-CIF baseball star from Torrance High School; Jim Murphy and Bill Crawford, El Camino athletes; Harry Theodosis, and Gus Muehler, both former California League players; Jim Nady and Larry Bryant, T.H.S. grads; Hal Roberts, all-city player at Vanocouver in the Western Inter-

**Loop to Open**  
Play will begin tomorrow at two parks in a newly formed junior softball league for boys 13 to 15, sponsored by the Recreation Department.

The six-team league will play games on Mondays and Wednesdays until Sept. 7 at McMaster and Walteria Parks.

The opening night schedule pits Torrance Park vs. the Pueblo Hornets, tomorrow at 7 p.m.; Walteria; Walteria vs. the Nativis; Chi Rho, tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.; at Walteria; and the North Torrance Rams vs. Seaside at McMaster, 8 p.m.

### Camou Faces 22 In No-Hit Game

Chuckin' Charlie Camou retired the first 19 men in order, allowed only one to reach base, and struck out 10 in a near-perfect no-hit, no-run game Wednesday at Torrance Park in City Softball league play.

Camou blanked the Pre-Cast Concrete team with no hits and no runs and his Longren Aeros raked eight hits in a 10-0 victory.

The only man to reach base off Camou's wicked slants was John Espinoza, who was walked in the seventh inning—after Camou had set down 19 straight batters.

**Whiffs Side**  
The powerful flinger struck out the side in the second and fourth frames and didn't allow a ball to be hit out of the infield until the fifth inning, when Jim Lockett fled out to right field.

Concrete pitcher Wilbert Dukeris freed steady ball up until the sixth frame, when he gave up four hits and six runs. Until then, the Aeros had gotten only two runs, racked up by a basic cleaning double by Ruben Alvarado in the first inning with two men on.

**Errors Pile Up**  
In the sixth, the Concrete men began to throw fits in the field. They committed five miscues around singles by Gil Disanto, Alvarado, Willie Sims and Hank Camou to give Longren six markers.

**Service Club**  
This series of games will begin Friday, Aug. 20 at Torrance Park. The second game will be held Tuesday, Aug. 24, and a third game, if necessary, is slated for Thursday, Aug. 26.

The Slo-Pitch champ may meet the winner of an San Pedro Slo-Pitch league in an inter-city playoff, if negotiations go through, according to Red Moon, city athletic director.

A stunning upset was registered Thursday when the last place Lutheran Men rared up and beat the third place Fire Department "A" team 4-3. It was the Lutheran team's second win in 13 games and the Fireman's fifth loss.

Torrance Gardens moved into a tie for fourth with a 14-4 win over the City Workers League 1135 Thursday at Torrance Park.

The Fire Department B team held its slim lead Friday with a narrow 3-2 victory over the Walteria Methodist Church.

Lutheran Men . . . 0 0 0 2 0 0-4  
Fire Dept. A . . . 3 0 0 3 0 0-3  
DeMentie and Braunau.  
Lutheran Men . . . 0 0 0 1 0 1-14  
Local 1135 . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0-14  
William and Allen.  
Williams and Crowther.  
Walteria Church . . . 2 0 0 0 0 0-2  
Fire Dept. B . . . 2 0 0 0 1 0 x-3  
Hesper and Wood.  
Moffitt and Marlin, Langun.

**Standings**

SOFTBALL	W	L
Marine Clerks . . . . .	13	0
Longren Aeros . . . . .	10	0
Pre-Cast Concrete . . . . .	8	0
Walteria BMC . . . . .	5	0
Dow Styron . . . . .	2	11
Harbor Hornets . . . . .	2	11

  

SERVICE CLUB	W	L
American Legion . . . . .	12	1
Lions Club . . . . .	10	2
Walteria BMC . . . . .	5	2
Rotary Club . . . . .	5	2
Junior C of C . . . . .	3	3
HR Sportsmen . . . . .	3	7
Optimists . . . . .	3	10
Local 1135 . . . . .	2	12
Moose Club . . . . .	1	12

  

BLUE STREAK	W	L
Fire Dept. B . . . . .	10	2
National Rubber . . . . .	10	3
Fire Dept. A . . . . .	10	3
Midland Rubber . . . . .	7	6
Torrance Gardens . . . . .	4	9
Walteria Church . . . . .	4	9
Local 1135 . . . . .	2	11
Lutheran Men . . . . .	2	11

  

BABE RUTH	W	L
Seals . . . . .	11	4
Angels . . . . .	10	5
Boaters . . . . .	7	8
Walteria BMC . . . . .	6	9
Solons . . . . .	6	9
Rainiers . . . . .	5	10

  

GIRLS' SOFTBALL	W	L
Lioness . . . . .	7	0
Flamingos . . . . .	5	2
MGM . . . . .	4	3
Walteria . . . . .	3	4
North Stars . . . . .	2	5
Rookies . . . . .	1	6

### Seals Win Babe Ruth Loop Title

The Les Bacon Seals roared home with the championship pennant in the first season of Babe Ruth baseball in Torrance, which ended Friday, and will be presented awards next Sunday at a Babe Ruth picnic at Torrance Park.

Dray's Angels were second and the G & G Construction Beavers third in final standings.

The Seals will receive a perpetual trophy and each boy will be given a trophy by the sponsoring Coca Cola Co. Trophies also will be awarded to boys with the highest batting average and most home runs. Members of the All-Star team will receive medals.

Results of games during the last week of play were:  
Saturday, Aug. 31—Beavers 8, Stars 4; Angels 6, Solons 5, Sunday—Solons 3, Stars 2; Rainiers 3, Angels 0; Wednesday—Stars 10, Solons 2; Angels 3, Beavers 1; Friday—Solons 10, Rainiers 2.

The Babe Ruth pancake breakfast to raise funds for equipment next season, was a huge success, according to Bill Deasy, league president.

### Pair Hot in City Bowling

A 222 game by J. McKay led Team No. 2 to a three-point victory and put them within a game-and-a-half of first place in the Tuesday night bowling league at Torrance Bowl last Tuesday.

Bob Knowles, one of the most improved bowlers in the league, racked up the high game of the week—254—to help keep his Alien's Jewelers team in first place in the Wednesday Night Mixed Fivesome.

Knowles, who used to average around 140, has been splintering the pins at a 190-200 clip for the past two weeks.

**HERE'S THE Pitch!**

SOFTBALL

Aug. 9, Monday—Harbor Hornets vs. Longren Aeros; Pre-Cast Concrete vs. Dow Styron, Torrance Park.

Aug. 11, Wednesday—Walteria BMC vs. Marine Clerks, Torrance Park.

**SERVICE CLUB**

Aug. 10, Tuesday—Optimists vs. J. R. of C., Legion vs. Walteria BMC, Torrance Park.

Aug. 11, Wednesday—MGM vs. Rotary Moose vs. HR Sportsmen, Torrance Park.

**BLUE STREAK**

Aug. 12, Thursday—Torrance Gardens vs. Lutheran Men, Midland Rubber vs. Walteria BMC, Walteria Park, Local 1135 vs. National Blues, Torrance Park.

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL**

Aug. 10, Tuesday—MGM vs. Rookies, Lioness vs. Walteria, Walteria Park.

Aug. 12, Thursday—North Stars vs. Flamingos, McMaster Park.

RECREATION

Aug. 9-14 is "Music Carnival Week" in the City Recreation Program, which will feature singing bands, barbershop quartets, soloists, etc.

**TOURNEY AVERAGES**

Player	W	L	ERA
Brummett . . . . .	11	2	.452
Clutter . . . . .	5	0	.000
Cobery . . . . .	4	1	.167
Coleman . . . . .	1	0	.000
Desmond . . . . .	1	0	.000
Gates . . . . .	11	6	.545
Granda . . . . .	1	0	.000
Greer . . . . .	1	0	.000
Hansen . . . . .	2	1	.111
Harris . . . . .	11	3	.272
Harty . . . . .	12	7	.355
Hopkins . . . . .	1	0	.000
Morris . . . . .	9	1	.111
Simpson . . . . .	1	0	.000
Totals . . . . .	93	23	.247

### Trim Altadena, Sherman Oaks 4-3 in Playoffs

The Little League All-Stars won their third straight 4-3 game over Sherman Oaks Friday in Glendale to advance to the sectional finals against Venice yesterday afternoon.

If the rampaging youths won yesterday, they will enter the Region VIII playoffs Thursday in Santa Monica where teams from California, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Alaska and British Columbia will vie for the right to enter the national finals in Williamsport, Penn.

Torrance edged Altadena 4-3 Wednesday at PeeWee Park in Redondo Beach to take the championship of District IV, which covers Torrance, Hermosa, Redondo, Compton and Altadena.

**To Be Televised**  
The playoff games in Santa Monica, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be televised over Channel 9 starting at 5 p.m.

Slugging Shortstop Nat Hartly batted in all four Torrance runs against Altadena Wednesday and Pitcher Pete Kemp did a masterful job, limiting the Altadensans to five hits and whiffing eight.

In the second frame, Evan Harris batted in an error and a single by Steve Hopkins.

Altadena's Don Mitchell smashed a long home run over the center field boards in the third inning and the losers tied the score in the fourth on singles by Danny Morris and Cliff Lewis.

**Play by Play**  
FIRST INNING  
Torrance—Coleman was fanned by Altadena chucker Pop Parker to open the District Four Little League championship game at PeeWee Park in Redondo. Morris popped to the second baseman. Greer struck out. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

ALTADENA—Torrance flinger Pete Kemp whiffed Cullinane. Becker grounded to first baseman Evan Harris who made a nice stop and beat him to the bag. Mitchell was safe on an error who to the beginning of the second inning. Harris missed Coleman's throw at third. Desmond hit ground out, pitcher to first. One run, one hit, two errors, three left on.

SECOND INNING  
Torrance—Harris walked. Gates dribbled one to the pitcher but his throw to second was dropped by Mitchell. Hartly homered over the left centerfield fence. Cobery fanned. Brummett walked. Kemp fanned. Denney Hansen, batting for Coleman, whiffed. Three runs, one hit, one error, none left.

ALTADENA—Kemp fanned Lewis and Parker. Cullinane singled. Becker lined to Hartly, who had moved to shortstop at the beginning of the inning, with Hansen replacing him at third. Desmond hit ground out, pitcher to first. No runs, one hit, two errors, three left on.

THIRD INNING  
Torrance—Gates struck out to deep centerfield. Desmond and Harris struck out. No runs, hits, errors, or losses.

ALTADENA—With two strikes on Mitch, Mitchell blasted a towering home run over the centerfield fence, Castaldi and Hopkins struck out. O'Brien grounded out to Morris at first. Hartly fanned. One run, one hit, one error, none left.

FOURTH INNING  
Torrance—Gates led off with a single. Hartly popped to third base. Cobery struck out. Brummett grounded to first. Gates between first and second. No runs, one hit, no errors, one left. Brummett was credited with a base hit.

ALTADENA—Smith led off with a single and took second on a passed ball on Catcher Gates. Lewis singled, scoring Smith with the tying run and took second on the throw. Cullinane grounded out. Hartly to Harris, and Becker struck out. One run, two hits, no errors, one left.

FIFTH INNING  
Torrance—Kemp struck out. Hansen hit a fly to right fielder Lewis who made a nice running catch. Morris struck out. No R, H, E, or LOBS.

ALTADENA—Mitchell poked a liner that looked like it might clear the right field wall, but Cobery made a running catch of the ball for the first out, bringing the fans to their feet. Castaldi grounded out to Morris. Hopkins grounded out. Harris to Morris covered first. Another beautiful play by these two boys. No R, H, E, or LOBS.

SIXTH INNING  
Torrance—Desmond flew out to right. Harris walked. Gates grounded out pitcher to first. Harris taking second. Hartly hit a line single to left field. It was Hartly's fourth RBI—he got them all. He was thrown out trying to stretch his single into a double, ending the inning. One run, one hit, no errors, none left.

ALTADENA—O'Brien grounded out. Morris to Harris. Smith grounded out. Hartly to Harris. Hansen pushing the count to 2-2. Lewis fanned to end the game. No R, H, E, or LOBS.

**Gates Stars at Bat**  
In the fourth, Torrance picked up the clincher. Morris made first on an error and advanced to second on a passed ball. After Gary Desmond and Harris popped up, Gates rapped a single to score Morris—his third in three trips. His .545 batting average second in tourney play.

Sherman Oaks scored in the fifth when Graham blasted another long double with a mate on base.

Southpaw Harris held the Sherman Oaks squad to three hits, two by Graham, the biggest boy on the team.

Torrance . . . 0 3 0 0 1 3 R H E  
Altadena . . . 1 0 1 1 0 0 4 4 2  
Parker and Gates.  
Harty . . . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Sherman Oaks 0 2 0 1 0 0 3 3 2  
Torrance 4 0 0 1 0 0 4 7 0  
Leon and Gaynor.  
Harris and Gates.