

Americans Head For Sectionals

BLUEBIRDS REIGN AS HARBOR CHAMPIONS FOR SECOND YEAR

MEET TUSTIN IN FIRST GO

Tomorrow afternoon Torrance's District 3 champions, the American Little League All-Stars, journey to Santa Ana for their first game in the Section 3 play-offs. The local club will meet the Tustin National All-Stars in the first game of a double header at the Santa Ana Bowl, Sixth and Flower, with the festivities slated to start at 1:30.

Pre-game festivities will include music by the El Toro Marine Band, while such dignitaries as Senator Thomas Kuchel, Congressman James Utt, and Major General Clayton Jerome of the Marine Corps will be on hand to honor the teams participating in the play-offs.

Winners Play
Redondo Beach's Central All-Stars will play the Lennox All-Stars in the second half of the double header. The winners of tomorrow's games will meet Saturday afternoon for the Section 3 title and the right to move on to Santa Monica for the Regional competition. The local club's opponents

tomorrow, Tustin, won the District 1 champions on a 3-0 no-hit win over the Stanton All-Stars. The winning pitcher, Johnny Laine, pitched his club to two no-hit wins in tourney play.

American Wins
The Americans will move into Santa Ana with a record of wins over Torrance Pacific, 9-2, North Torrance, 9-0, Peninsula, 6-1, and Lomita-Harbor City, 1-0.

Ray Walker pitched two of these wins, over Pacific and Peninsula, while Jim Cairns pitched the victories over North Torrance, a no-hitter, and a one-hitter over Lomita-Harbor City.

Tourney Rules
Due to Little League tournament rules the two no-hit hurlers, Cairns and Laine, will not be eligible to match slants tomorrow, the rules stating that a pitcher may not pitch in consecutive games during tourney play.

Walker will probably get the starting mound nod for the locals, with Cairns ready for action Saturday if Torrance tops Tustin.

Any fans in the local area wishing to see the game, but lacking transportation, may contact Paul Roetger, American Little League president, at FR 5-1531 for possible arrangements. Radio station KWIZ, Santa

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Optimists Lose, Firemen Win In Service Matches

Tuesday
Fire Department B moved closer to the Service Club title with a 13-1 win over the hapless Welteria B.M.C., while the Optimists' chance of sharing in top honors were lengthened as they were upset 14-7 by the American Legion.

Dean White led the Fire club in their hit parade with a home run and a double at the plate, while Bob Moffitt was aiding and abetting the winning effort by limiting Welteria to six scattered hits.

Ward Slugs
Second baseman Ward also got in the slugging act for the winners with a double and triple in four trips to the plate. Every Fireman to go to the plate had at least one safe hit.

The Optimists seemed well on their way to their tenth win of the season as they ran up a 7-4 lead over the Legion in the fourth inning. The Legionnaires then proceeded to strike back with six scores in the fifth and four in the sixth to take the upset win.

Giacomi Figures
Bruno Giacomi figured prominently in the Legion hitting and scoring with a double, homer and three runs in four times at bat. Bob O'Casey was the hittingest American with four singles tallied in four at bats, while R. Hood took the brunt of the Optimist attack on the mound.

EL NIDO ANGELS TOP LENNOX, 12-11
Friday afternoon the El Nido Angels edged past Lennox 12-11 in a Pee Wee softball game. A thriller all the way, the high point of the game came in the seventh inning when El Nido scored two runs in the home half for the win.

Top hitting laurels went to Richard Brock, who had two homers, a double and a single. Ronnie Stuger, a double and two singles, and Richard Bertoni, a triple and a double.

The win kept the Angels' record unblemished, as they have won every game played during the season.

Home Runs Sink San Pedro, 15-2

Led by Tom Vanderpool's steady six hit pitching job, and home runs by Larry Roy, Jim Murphy, and Bob Cater, the Torrance Bluebirds topped the San Pedro Merchants by a 15-2 count Sunday to clinch the Harbor League championship. The win gives the Bluebirds an 8-0 record in league play with two games left on the schedule. Their closest competitor, San Pedro, has a 5-3 mark, giving the locals a statistical walkover for the title.

Cater's homer topped a game hitting mark of four for five, while Larry Roy took down top slugging effort with a double and four bagger in compiling a three for five record.

S. P. Takes Lead
San Pedro took a one run lead in the top of the first and were tied at one all after the home half of the opening frame.

The Bluebirds went in front in the second round by a 2-1 count, which was evened in the fourth as the Merchants boosted their last tally across the plate.

Torrance Pours
In the fifth inning Torrance poured five runs home to ice the win on singles by Bucky Kuhn, Cater, and Bill Crawford; Roy's double, and Murphy's homer.

Six more runs came in the sixth, and one each in the seventh and eighth, more in the form insurance as Vanderpool was master of the situation.

Torrance Gardens - Plaza
moved into the third spot in Blue Streak standings with an 11-6 win over the Elks Club. Burt Belzar led the winners at the plate with three doubles and single in four at bats.

Lutherans Drop
In the second game the Lutheran Men were dropped from the third spot in standings on a 7-5 loss to Columbia E.R.A. Earl Parrish, Jerry Juhl, and Steve Rositor shared top hit honors for the winners, each having two safeties, while Juhl and Rositor split long hit laurels with doubles.

Chuck Schildmeyer provided the brightest spot in the Lutherans' evening with a home run in the fourth frame.

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