

ANGELS FINISH RUTH SEASON IN FIRST SPOT

Aztecs Break Long Bluebird Win Streak

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FINAL BEAVER DRIVE FAILS

As the dust of final games settled, the Angels appeared on top of the final 1956 Babe Ruth standings, finishing one full game in front of the fast closing Beavers.

The Beavers home stretch spurt brought them to the finish a game ahead of the Oaks. In making the last minute drive the runner-ups took 10 of their last 11 outings.

TEN TEAMS

A total of ten teams competed in the two sections of the Babe Ruth loop, permitting a maximum of boys to participate in the program.

With compilation and computation of final statistics completed, league officials announced that Jim Martin, of the Rainiers, was the top loop batter with a .471 average.

TOP HITTERS

Runner-ups included: Paul Beavers, .438; Chuck Mear-O'Kain, Angels, .445; Lee Day, ing, Padres, .406; R. Hunkle, Rainiers, .400; Jim Wiley, Beavers, .391; Gene Crenshaw, Seals, .387; and Gary Brimley, Stars, .386.

MOIR'S MARK

Top hurler in the league was Paul Moir, whose nine wins against no losses, was a major factor in the Angels taking top league honors.

Next activity planned by the Babe Ruthers is an all-league picnic, slated to be held at Torrance Park Sept. 16. Trophies and awards will be presented at this event.

Johnson In Road Races

Dale Johnson driving out of Torrance via Redondo Beach, will be behind the wheel of his Porsche Carrera sports car when the starting flag is waved in the production, under 1500 cc., race gets underway Saturday at the first running of the California Sports Car Club, Paramount Ranch Road Races.

Johnson will be seeking to repeat his win in the same type race at the recent running of the CSCC sponsored Pomona Road Races. In that event the local driver pushed his vehicle home in front of a field including a variety of Porsches, Alpha Romeos, MGs, and other imported speedsters.

It will be Johnson's, and other drivers, first competition on the newly opened two-mile, figure eight circuit, with such top drivers as Cal Niday, Bill Pollack, Ken Miles and Tony Settember slated to participate in the two-day inaugural event.

Lions Take 5-4 Service League Win From Legion

TUESDAY

The race for the show spot in final Service Club standings tightened up as the Lions Club dropped the American Legion 5-4, sending the two clubs into the final pair of games with even records, seven wins and five losses.

A series of singles, topped by Farrell Mott's two in three trips up, provided the edge needed by the Lions to score their narrow win. Rollin Smith was the winning hurler, allowing eight Legion safeties.

Statistical chance for an Optimist first in the final league results were kept alive on the basis of the Optimist Club's forfeit win over the Walteria B.M.C.

FRIDAY

Chuck Reintzma's single in the bottom of the eighth, scoring Jerry Holman, gave Fire Department A one run, a 10-9 win over Torrance Gardens, and the 1956 Blue Streak championship.

Holman's run, coming after he hit a double to move into scoring position, topped an evening batting effort of two doubles in three at bats. Best Fire batting mark came from Jim Wess who rapped a triple and two singles in four times up.

Garden hitting was evenly divided down the order, as Dave Belzer, Dick Olson, Burt Belzer, Rocky Janasik, Ken Collins, LeRoy Alles, and Bill



BIG, BLACK BASS . . . Clyde Boltrell proudly poses, and rightly so, with a pair of black sea bass taken off Anacapa Island Saturday. The local Rod and Gun Club member's big catch was almost equally weighted, one tilting the scales at 251 lbs. and the other at 236 lbs. for a total of 487 finny lbs.

Valles each accounted for one or more safeties.

In the second game the National Blues blasted out a 13-1 decision over Columbia E.R.A. A. L. Tipton's homer in the second inning topped the winners' slugging department, with triples coming from the bats of Wally Williams, Pee Wee Jones, and Kenny Perkins.

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Deep sea anglers are going slightly barmy as the elusive albacore continue to invade local waters in ever increasing numbers. Sportfishing landings are swamped with reservations for weeks in advance, sending every craft available loaded with anxious anglers eager to make connections with the scrappy "chicken of the sea."

Up until the end of last week long fin schools were off the west end of Catalina Island. Thursday they broke loose off the east towards San Clemente Island. Schools were hot ones, sticking around once brought to the surface.

The Fisherman out of Pacific Sportfishing, Landing had only two stops Sunday, but sacked over 120 mixed with a half dozen blue fin. Abe Coast who was aboard accounted for six albies and one blue fin. Ray Beadle also on board, who is a hot-shot Jr. member of the Torrance Rod and Gun must have hit a slump—one of each. Really some lunkers taken . . .

jack-pot fish hit near 30 pounds. Skipper Eddie McQueen jack-potted four—one a hefty 35 pounder.

Same story to the south of us at the border city of San Diego. Best hauls of long fins checked in in years, also schooling with blue fin tuna. Gardena Rod and Gun members aboard the Palardo Three wracked up a total of 40 albacore and four tuna.

High man was Al Coast, brought home a truck full. For the first time he declined stating how many he landed—a couple of sacks full was as far as he would go, being as how he had seven in one sack alone, it wasn't hard to figure out why he wouldn't commit himself—far be it for the ole boy to be so modest, unless it???

Anacapa Island still drawing Isaac Walton's ready to do battle with huge black bass. Clyde Boltrell, who has been trucking to the hot spot every week-end for months, finally

Extra Inning Game Lost, 3-2

After eight straight Harbor League wins, enough to clinch the loop pennant, and 14 straight wins, including pre-league tune-ups, the Torrance Bluebirds wound up on the short end of a final score as the Gardena Aztecs downed them 3-2 Sunday, at Gardena.

The locals, playing with a batting order weakened by the loss of several key, vacationing players, forced the Aztecs into an overtime frame before being downed.

Torrance Leads

Torrance took a one-run lead in the first inning, increased it to two in the top of the fifth, then were tied in the home half of the frame as Gardena pushed across a brace of runs. The next four frames

were scoreless ones for both teams, with the locals suffering an additional blanking in the top of the tenth.

A trio of Bluebird mountsmen faced the Aztec order, giving up a total of nine hits, with Chuck Camou taking the loss. Jack Schlarb handled the starting twirling assignment, being relieved by Jim Bishop, who in turn was replaced by Camou.

Johnson Doubles

First sacker Swayne Johnson had the best plate record for Torrance, tapping a pair of doubles in four times at bat.

Catcher Sherwood Tiernan had a single for two attempts, while hurlers Schlarb and Bishop got into the batting act, each with singles in their only trips to the plate.

Pep Talk

According to Bluebird manager Jack French the loss couldn't have come at a better time, with the Harbor crown in the bag, and should serve as "a pep talk to make the Birds up for future, tough games."

Next Harbor League play for Torrance will be a home affair, at Torrance Park, against Shell Chemical Sunday. Game time 2 p.m.

Box scores:

Torrance Bluebirds (2)

	AB	R	H	E
H. Camou, lf	4	1	0	0
Strong, 2b	4	0	0	0
Roy, cf	4	0	0	0
Johnson, 3b	4	0	0	0
Cater, rf	4	0	0	0
Vanderpool, lf	4	0	0	0
Crawford, ss	4	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	4	0	0	0
Tiernan, c	4	0	0	0
Schlarb, p	4	0	0	0
Bishop, p	1	0	0	0
C. Camou, p	1	0	0	0

Gardena Aztecs (3)

	AB	R	H	E
Rodriguez, 2b	5	0	0	0
Madrid, 3b	5	0	0	0
White, cf	5	0	0	0
Gonzalez, ss	5	0	0	0
Anate, 3b	5	0	0	0
Gates, c	5	0	0	0
Lopez, lf	5	0	0	0
Chicoana, rf	5	0	0	0
Sombro, c	5	0	0	0
Vaca, p	5	0	0	0

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CURVES AND MUSCLES . . . One of the highlights of the inaugural activities at the new Municipal Swimming Pool, part of the Civic Center Dedication, was the coronation of Mr. Muscles, Mathew Smith, five years old, on the right, and Miss Curves, nine year old Karen Rahe, on the right.

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