

Select Ruffell Top Tartar Athlete

The Junior Circuit

By STEVE LESCHER

Evidence of the fast-growing development in the Torrance area was proved again yesterday when the South Bay League was formed to accommodate approximately 150 boys between 8 and 12 years old who were faced with the problem of no organized baseball this summer.

Primarily covering Hollywood Riviera and surrounding parts of South Torrance, the opening date of the league was moved ahead two weeks due to the work of Don Owens and his committee. Much of the success also belongs to Hugh Winesett and assistant Kermit G. Smith who transformed a weeded field north of Kissel Field into a suitable playing area in the short span of two weeks.

American Leaguer Erv Palca of the Giants kept his teammates in undisputed first place by recording his fourth and fifth wins of the season. The sensational youngster threw his third no-hitter of the year in beating the Pirates 3-2. The winners had to overcome a 2-0 deficit as the Pirates scored on balks. Palca was wild in giving up nine walks but struck out a phenomenal 17 batters. Palca scored the winning marker in a three run uprising that also featured hits by Fred Myers and Charles Thorne.

In his second win, Palca defeated the Tigers 6-4, giving up only one hit. The second place White Sox fell further off the pace by splitting a pair, winning 4-3 over the Dodgers on Mike Appleby's game-winning homer and losing 10-3 to the Pirates as Steve Wirtz accounted for five runs with a single, double and round tripper.

A 6-all protested game was one of the highlights of recent play in the National Little League with the Cards and Cubs involved. Card Jim Wilson led the batting barrage with a circuit clout.

The Yankees were the most successful with the National League, winning two out of three contests. Winning a close 6-5 decision from the Phillies, the Yanks were bested 9-5 in a slugfest with the Braves. However, they regained their winning form by blasting the Braves in a rematch 8-2.

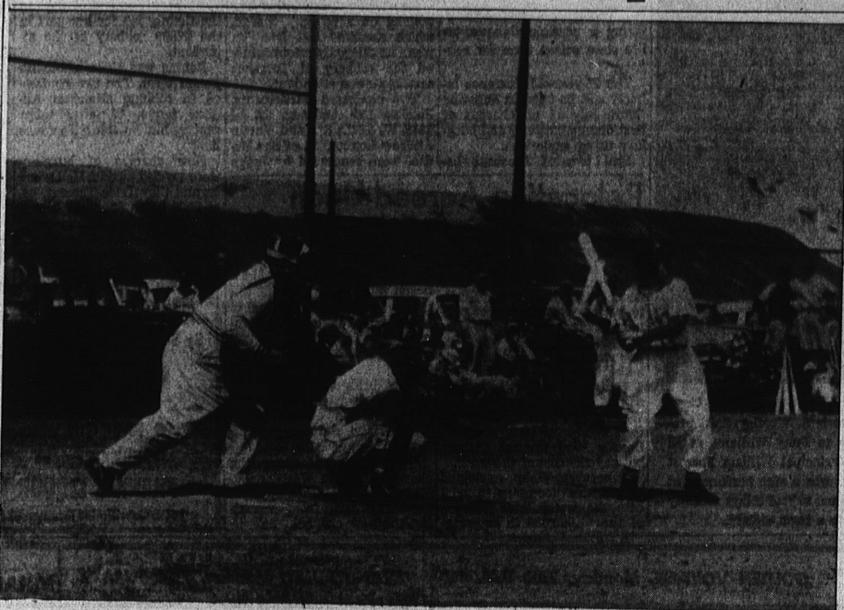
In the North Torrance Little League last week, the Bruins were in and out of a first place tie with the Trojans as they clubbed the Indians 12-0 only to fall 1-0 to the Beavers on a pitching gem by Tommy Tyler.

Playing only once during the week, the league leading Trojans edged by the Beavers in a 3-2 thriller. Combination third sacker-pitcher Carey Hubert of the Bruins continues to lead the North Torrance group in the batting parade. Among his accomplishments are eight home runs in nine games.

Early results in the Torrance Little League find the White Sox topping the pack. The leaders won three in a row before falling to the Dodgers, who are deadlocked with Cubs at 2-2. In minor league action, the Braves remained unbeaten in four contests to remain one and a half games ahead of the second spot Angels.

Star pitcher Bill Reid threw a no-hitter against the high-flying Angels by a 5-3 score in the Pacific Coast Little League. Bob Gates led the victor's five hit attack with a home run.

The Seals continued to dominate the circuit by dropping the Padres 8-2 behind Bill Darnell's four hit pitching. However, the Angels, currently in second place, cut the Seal league lead by outlasting them 5-2. Glen Janas was the winner in a pitching duel with Steve Turner although the Angels got only two hits.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT . . . Little League baseball has risen to become one of the top recreational facets for youngsters in the United States. This pose exemplifies the wide Little League program in the Torrance area which boasts seven leagues. Two Babe Ruth circuits are also in action in Torrance and surrounding communities. These two youth activities provide an average 75 games per week and extend until late July.

THIS WEEK IN LITTLE LEAGUE, BABE RUTH

Games beginning Sunday, June 2

LITTLE LEAGUE
(Del Amo Field)
Sunday—Stars-Cubs;
Monday—Phillies;
Tuesday—Cards-Yankees;
Wednesday—Cubs-Braves;
Thursday—Phillies-Braves;
Friday—Yankees-Braves;
Saturday—Stars

AMERICAN
(Del Amo Field)
Tuesday—Giants-Dodgers (Seaside);
Wednesday—Red Sox-White Sox;
Thursday—Tigers-Pirates (Seaside);
Friday—Dodgers-Giants;
Saturday—White Sox-Red Sox.

PACIFIC COAST
(Kissel Field)
Sunday—Padres-Seals;
Monday—Angels-Braves;
Tuesday—Beavers-Angels;
Wednesday—Stars-Phillies;
Thursday—Seals-Braves;
Friday—Stars-Braves;
Saturday—Beavers-Angels;

NORTH TORRANCE
(190th and Beryl Ave.)
Sunday—Beavers-Trojans;
Monday—Trojans-Beavers;
Tuesday—Trojans-Beavers;
Wednesday—Trojans-Beavers;
Thursday—Beavers-Beavers;
Friday—Trojans-Beavers;
Saturday—Trojans-Beavers;

TORONDO
Sunday—White Sox-Indians;
Monday—Yankees-Angels;
Tuesday—Yankees-Braves;
Wednesday—Indians-Cubs;
Thursday—White Sox-Dodgers;
Friday—Giants-Cards;
Saturday—Braves-Angels;
Dodgers-Indians.

MINOR LITTLE LEAGUE
Monday—Cards-Cubs (Kettler);
Tuesday—Giants-Tigers (Shinoda);
Wednesday—Dodgers-Yankees (Kettler);
Thursday—Braves-Angels (Kettler);
Friday—Cards-Giants (Shinoda);
Saturday—Padres-Angels (Kettler);
Indians-Seals (Shinoda);
Sunday—Cubs-Dodgers (Kettler);
Angels-Seals (Shinoda);
Tigers-Indians (Kettler);
Braves-Phillies (Shinoda).

BABE RUTH
(Del Amo Field)
Sunday—Angels-Braves;
Monday—Seals-Braves;
Tuesday—Seals-Beavers;
Wednesday—Mounties-Dons;
Thursday—Dons-Padres;
Saturday—Seals-Angels;
Oaks-Mounties.

PACIFIC AMERICAN
(287th and Greenway)
Sunday—Athletes-Orion;
Monday—Senators-Yankees;
Tuesday—Indians-Tigers;
Wednesday—Indians-Orion;
Thursday—Red Sox-Senators;
Saturday—Athletes-Yankees;
Tigers-Pirates.

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Golf Tourney Marks Finale

Top golfers from Torrance High's Bay League championship squad and North High's Pioneer League runner-up go into action tomorrow in the CIF Invitational Tournament on the Montebello course.

The CIF individuals will be the final link competition for local golfers. Torrance went unbeaten in loop play while the Saxons' only two losses came at the hands of champion Beverly Hills.

Harbor's White, Campbell Highlight Compton Classic

By STEVE LESCHER
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Amazing Harbor Junior College sprinter Willie White and Olympic decathlon champion Milt Campbell highlighted the 18th annual Compton Invitational track and field carnival before an overflow crowd of 10,000 fans at Ramsaur Field Friday night.

White, heralded as the top JC trackster in the nation, lived up to all previous expectations by pulling a stunning 100 upset over Olympic sprint champ Bobby Morrow in the sizzling time of 9.4. The hectic finish was so close that Morrow was also awarded a 9.4 clocking.

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set in the making before hitting the last hurdle. He also was given a 13.4 timing. However, the night belonged to the slender freshman from Harbor who was honored as the outstanding athlete of the meet. The Jefferson High graduate also recorded another meet record when he flew to victory in the 220 low hurdles at 22.8.

Other marks which fell during the evening spectacular included a new American 5000-meter record by Southern California's Max Truex at 14:04.2. The Los Angeles Strider 880 relay squad set a new meet record with a 1:27.1 performance.

In field events, Charlie Dumas equalled his own record by high jumping 6' 10 1/2". Parry O'Brien bettered the mark in the discus at 182 7/8".

Athletes in Ten Metro Sports Win Top Honors

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With the termination of the 1958-57 athletic program, the Metropolitan Conference has selected Athletes of the Year in the 10 sports, Commissioner Cecil G. Zaun announced this week.

Santa Monica City College dominated the choices, placing three players. Boyd Carter took the football nod while Bob Hill placed in tennis and Jack Brogan in golf.

Bakersfield and Long Beach each received two awards while El Camino, Harbor, Valley and San Diego placed one.

The only co-winners were El Camino's Wally Gillies and Tom Steahr of Long Beach in water polo. Topping the list was Harbor's stellar sprinter Willie White and Bakersfield's basketball Bill Cowen.

Athlete of the Year
Football—Boyd Carter (SMCC)
Basketball—Bill Cowen (Bak.)
Cross Country—Miles Eisenman (Bak.)
Baseball—Wally Gillies (EC)
Water Polo—Tom Steahr (LBCC)
Tennis—Bob Hill (Val.)
Swimming—Bert Peterson (LBCC)
Track and Field—Willie White (Har.)
Gymnastics—Dick White (Har.)
Golf—Jack Brogan (SMCC)
Baseball—Eddie Sada (SD)

Bluebirds Entertain Los Angeles Braves In Practice Today

The Torrance Bluebirds, fresh from an 11-9 triumph over the Eastside Merchants at Torrance Park last Sunday, entertain the Los Angeles Braves in an encounter today.

The defending champion Bluebirds will open defense of the crown they won in the Harbor League on Sunday, June 16.

In three practice outings this season, the Birds dropped a close 9-7 verdict to Nasel Trading and exploded to drop the ZAC 7-4 in addition to the Eastside win.

Comprising the squad are manager Buck Kuhn, Hank Camou, Charlie Camou, Larry Roy, Dave Dana, Bob Cater, Jim Murphy, Bill Crawford, Frank Lucking, Marty Garlock, Harry Theodosis, Harry Smith, Bill South and Sherwood Tironan.

Narbonne Father-Son Banquet Features Rafer Johnson, Coach

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Athletes in varsity and junior varsity baseball, A, B and C track, swimming, tennis and gymnastics will receive letters at the event.

Sponsored by the Lettermen's Club, tickets are available at the school at \$2 per pair.

The activities will begin at 4 p.m. with a junior high track meet and will be followed by father and son athletic competition prior to the dinner and awards ceremonies. Dinner is slated for 6 p.m.

Midget Derby In Torrance Draws Crowd

The area behind the Torrance Civic Center took on the appearance of the Indianapolis Speedway recently at the second annual 500-meter midget derby got under way.

Over 100 boys and girls with their parents cheered their favorite racers down the 40-foot inclined track.

The derby was sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department who also awarded trophies for first and second place awards in each of the three divisions plus one award for the best designed car.

Award winners were as follows:
Class 1-1) Jim Hedgecock, 1714 Arlington, age 12; 2) Glenn Sells, 1024 Acacia, age 12; 3) Renaldo Jimenez, 2872 W. 30th St., age 14.
Class 2-1) Robert Ahers, 5118 Laurette, age 11; 2) Mike Marshall, 1731 Date Ave., age 10; 3) Clyde Alford, 5017 Laurette, age 12.
Class 3-1) Gregory Barker, 2519 Skyland, age 7; 2) Gary Duncan, 2501 W. 180th Pl., age 8; 3) Melinda Nichols, 2781 Sonoma, age 7.
Design Winners—1) Bob Maynard, 2108 Paul Ave., age 11; 2) Gary Stauffer, 17015 Calmar, age 10; 3) Gary Duncan, 2501 W. 180th Pl., age 8.

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Spring Sports Participants Feted At Dinner Wednesday

Basketball ace Rich Ruffell, an All-CIF selection for two years, was named Torrance High's Athlete of the Year at the school's awards banquet Wednesday night.

The 6'4" Tartar performer, who led his teammates to the first CIF play-off bid on the basketball courts this spring, holds the school individual scoring record for one game and also for one season in addition to being the top scorer in Torrance history.

This season Ruffell capped his prep career with appointment to the first team in All-CIF and All-Bay League. Last year he achieved a second squad CIF berth while earning a top Bay League ranking. He also led both the CIF and league in scoring with 524 points.

Father, Son Event
The banquet, held in the school's cafeteria, honored outstanding athletes in spring sports. Commissioner of Athletics John Emery emceed the father and son event.

Torrance's traditional "All-American Blanket," inscribed with the school name across the top and with an All-American shield in the center, will bear the names of stellar players in track, baseball, football and basketball, it was announced at the banquet.

Blanket Names
Athletes who will have their names inscribed on the blanket this year are Larry Denning, track; Toby Venable, baseball; Tom Brown, football; Ruffell and Jerry Mathews, basketball. The blanket dates back to 1947.

Initiating a new custom this year, Venable was named this season's captain of the baseball team and Gary Pfingston was selected to captain the Tartars next spring. Nominations were made and voted upon by the players.

Baseball Awards
Baseball coach Dave Dana also awarded personal trophies to Bob Clifford as the leading pitcher, Venable as the leading hitter and to Pfingston as "Mr. Hustle."

Coach Dana also presented Bay League baseball trophies to first team selections Venable and Clifford. Medals were given to second team members Paul Moir and Pfingston as well as Emery who took honorable mention.

Coach Joe Stuart introduced his Bay League champion golf team during the evening and letters were also given out in varsity and junior varsity tennis.

EC Schedules Grid Opener

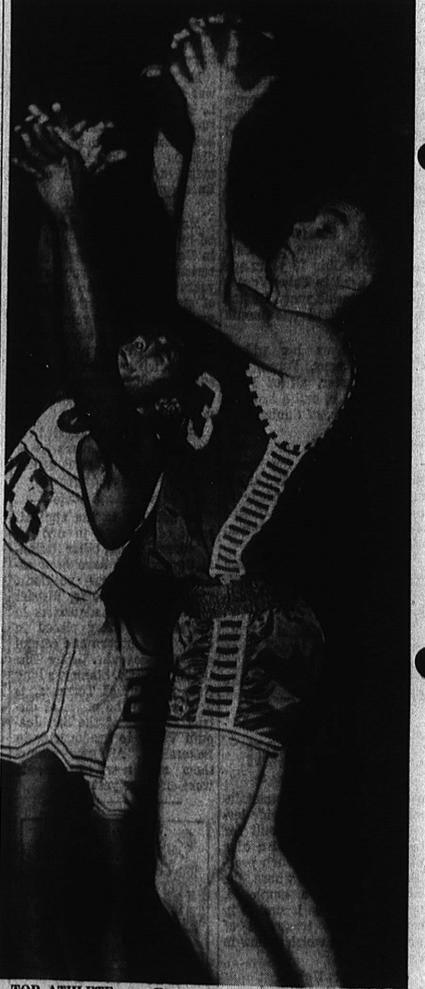
El Camino College will open its 1957 football campaign Saturday evening, Sept. 28, against the Phoenix Bears in a non-conference, inter-sectional in Warrior Stadium, this time announced by the college's athletic department.

The clash will mark the third meeting between the two junior college grid squads. El Camino holds a 2-0 record over the Bears, winning on Homecoming Day, 1955, by a 39-21 count and walloping their foe in an Arizona encounter last year, 60-6.

Coach Norm Verry's charges finished in fourth place in the Metropolitan Conference last year behind Bakersfield, Long Beach and Santa Monica.



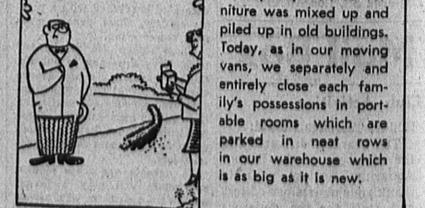
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TOP ATHLETE . . . Torrance High's stellar basketballer Rich Ruffell (13) was selected as the school's Athlete of the Year at Wednesday's banquet. Here he is shown in a familiar role of controlling the backboards, this time against Ray Read of Compton in a CIF quarter-final clash this spring. The 6'4" center led the CIF in over-all scoring with 528 points.

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