Meet the City's Little League Champs

TOURNEY CHAMPS . . . Central Little League Yanks became first team to cop the Torrance Mayor's Cup tournament last week after beating North Torrance Bears 4-3 in final game at Del Amo Field. Pictured are (Bottom row) Chris Kanatsky, Jimmy Crockett, Mark Patten, Mike McCune, Gene Bliss, Bobby Cano, and Greg Collins. Top row: Coach Bert Easley, Randy Barnett, Bobby Garcia, Larry Easley, Tommy Schemenauer, Mike Tweedy, Mike Donish, and Manager John Tweedy.

Yanks Win City's First Mayor's Cup Tournament

The Central Little League Yanks exploded for four runs in a wild third inning Saturday then held on to whip the North Torrance (western division) Bears by a 4 to 3 margin at Del Amo Field to climax the city's first Mayor's Cup Little League tournament.

The Yanks will have their team name inscribed on the two-foot tall perpetual trophy, signifying supremacy for the 1960 season among the city's individual league champions. The trophy will go on display at the city hall.

Gene Bliss pitched the victory, picking up 13 strikeouts along the way as he closed out his Little League career. Losing pitcher Dan Disrud gave up only five hits but fell victim to the third inning uprising.

THE MAYOR'S CUP tournament — the first of its kind in the history of Little League baseball in Torrance, was sponsored by the Youth Baseball Council.

Championship teams from six of Torrance's eight leagues participated: North Torrance East (Giants), Torrance American (Tigers), Pacific Coast (Seals), and National Yankees, besides the Bears and Central Yanks.

All are in the District 27 division.

Southwood Tordondo and Riviera, although in the city boundaries, were not allowed to participate by edict from their District 26 director.

THE TOURNAMENT consisted of five single elimination games, lasting one week.

Scores

Central 8, Pacific Coast 2
N. Torrance West 1, East 0 (7 innings).
American 3, National 1
N. Torrance West 3, American 1
Central 4, N. Torrance 3.

BOX SCORE

Central Yanks (4)	ab	r	h	rbi
Donish , rf	2	1	0	0
Carter ,rf	0	0	0	0
Cano, ss	3	0	0	0
Bliss, p	3	1	1	1
Ziempke, 1b	3	1	1	0
Katatsky, cf	2	0	0	0
Crockett, 3b	2	0	2	1
Easley, c	2	0	0	0
Patten, c	0	0	0	0
McCune, lf	2	0	0	0
Collins, 2b	2	1	1	0
Schinauer, 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	4	5	

N. Torrance West Bears (3)	ab	r	h	rbi
Richardson, ss	1	1	0	0
Schwartz, c	3	0	0	0
Morris, 1b	3	0	1	1
Disrud, p	3	1	1	0
Folley, 3b	2	1	1	0
Katsuki, cf	2	0	1	1
McKinzie, 2b	2	0	1	0
Schwartz, lf	1	0	0	0
Lensing, lf	2	0	0	0
Bemis, rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	22	3	5	2

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Bears	000 210	3	5	2
Yanks	004 00x	4	5	3

SUMMARY—2B - McKenzie. SC - Bliss 13, Disrud 7. BB - Bliss 7, Dirrud 2.

Beans Reardon Honorary Ump For Tournament

"Beans" Reardon, well-known national league umpire and grand old man of the national sport, will be honorary umpire fo rthe East-West All Star Baseball championship games which will begin play Labor Day at Long Beach's Blair Field (corner of East 10th and Park Streets, Long Beach).

"Beans" is famous for his interest in youngsters and his desire to encourage baseball play teen-agers.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP series will feature all star amateur baseball teams from the East coast and West coast. Members of both teams will be picked to fly to Hawaii and compete wth the Hawaiian All Star amateur baseball team later in the month.

At stake in the series of games to be played next week is the distinction of becoming the winners of the 1960 United States Amateur Baseball Federation Championship as well as participation in what will be the organizational structure for selecting the United States Baseball Team in the 1964 Olympic Games.

Rams' Defense Credited for 2 Straight Wins

Defense has told the story in the Rams' current two-game winnig streak and defense steals the spotlight statistically, too. Outstanding after three pre-season games are two figures:

Ram opponents have managed only 253 net yards rushing, a stingy average of slightly more than 84 yards per game.

By adding three interceptions against the Cleveland Browns last Saturday night, the Rams ran their total to five for the season. This can be compared with a grand total of seven for the entire 1959 season.

Offensively, Dick Bass hurried into the No. 2 spot for the season with 62 yards in 11 carries for a 5.65 average. Tops in total yardage still is fullback Ollie Matson with 149 and an average of 3.2 after 47 carries.

Statistics

RAMS		OPP.
405	Yards gained rushing	309
73	Yards lost rushing	56
332	Net Yards—Rushing	253
75	Passes attempted	97
42	Passes completed	51
2	Passes had intercepted	5
454	Yards gained passing	748
638	Total Net Yds. Gained	965
18	First downs rushing	13
23	First downs passing	33
3	First downs penalties	5
44	Total First Downs	51
202	Total scrimmage plays	208
22.39	Average kickoff return	20.16
21	Number of punts	19
45.19	Average punt	39.36
10.00	Average punt return	3.66
18	Penalties against	13
147	Yards lost penalties	137
4	Fumbles	8
1	Own fumbles recovered	4
3	Ball lost on fumbles	4
6	Touchdowns	7

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Gunter Riding Away With 'Cycle Crown

Troy Lee, recent winner of the 50-mile National at Springfield, Illinois, really has his work cut out, if he is going to repeat as Southern California's high point motorcycle rider this year.

The Pico Rivera "Tiger", who races every Friday night in the weekly 14 event motorcycle card at Gardena's Ascot Stadium, is some 700 points behind the current leader, Al Gunter of Los Angeles.

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LEE WAS THE first Amateur classifed rider in many years to win the coveted honor of being Southern California's high point rider. He scored more points than any other Amateur in the nation in the last seven years as he was also the country's top Amateur dirt track rider last season.

Because Troy was an Amateur last year, Sammy Tanner, the "Flying Flea" from Gardena, repeated as National dirt track champion, despite the fact that Lee out-scored him during the local racing season.

Unless Lee gets real hot, it looks as if Gunter, the 8-mile National Champion, will become the high point rider in Southern California as well as the National dirt track champion. Al won the National dirt track title in 1957, while Tanner copped it in 1958 and '59.

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AS OF LAST Friday the current standings show Gunter with 1689 points in first place, followed by Stu Morley, Los Angeles, 1250; Dick Dorresteyn, San Pablo, 982; Lee, 963; Don Hawley, Inglewood, 795; Neil Keen, Pasadena, 706; Tanner, 741; and Johnny Gibson, Duarte, 639.

Dodgers-Philly Game Benefits Kiwanis Fund

Southsiders can help celebrate "Kiwanis Crippled Children Foundation Day" by attending the group's 21st annual charity baseball game tonight in Memorial Coliseum.

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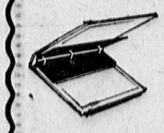

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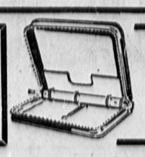

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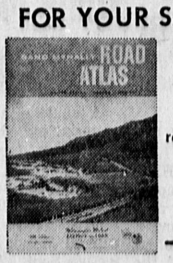

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