

# Tordondo Little League Breezes to District Playoffs

Tordondo's Little League All-Star team won its third game in the District 26 playoffs, downing Lunada Bay 4 to 1 to advance to the final round of the tournament.

Gene Cook hurled his second win of the playoffs, whiffing nine men and walking none. Marty Booth, the Lunada Bay pitcher gave up only four hits and struck out five men, but five walks and two Lunada Bay errors proved costly.

Tordondo scored two runs in the first inning on a bases loaded passed ball, allowing Jackie Cowan to score and Gene Cook's single that drove in Dick Cowden.

In the third inning, Cowan walked, moved to third on a

single by Bill Bergeron and scored on a fielder's choice. Bergeron's towering home run in the fifth inning gave Tordondo its fourth and final run of the game.

Tordondo earned one double play; in the game, Mike Loney to Cowan to Joel Hons—third to second to first—in the bottom of the first.

Despite the fact they gave up four home runs and were down by a 6 to 2 count at one point, a gutsy Tordondo Little League All-Star club broke a jinx that had never allowed them to move past the second round of All-Star Tournament play by out-running and out-hitting a hard hitting Southwood nine to walk away with a 13 to 7 victory.

Joel Hons, hero of Tordondo's 4 to 3 win over Pacific, came through with a clutch relief job to silence the Southwood batters. Pitching 4 1/2 innings, he gave up three hits and one run while whiffing three men.

Danny Pritchett opened the game for Southwood by singling, Dick Cowden, starting Tordondo hurler, struck out the next two men before giving up a home run to Paul Gadbois. Cowden whiffed the next batter.

TORDONDO fought back to go ahead, scoring two runs in their half of the frame. Mike Loney walked and went to second on a passed ball. Bill Bergeron was safe on an error by the second baseman, and both men advanced on a pass-

ed ball. Cowden then walked to load the bases and Hons singled home Loney. Bergeron was out trying to score on a passed ball, as the runners advanced on the play. Gene Cook then bunted safely to score Cowden.

When Southwood came to bat in the top of the second, Ronnie Sells and Gary Swanson, the first two men up, hit home runs. Barry Hyde then singled and Pritchett hit another four-bagger. Hons then came in to halt the Southwood nine.

Timmy Hamilton bunted safely in the bottom of the fourth and then stole second base to begin the Tordondo rally. Loney singled Hamilton home, then moved to second on the throw to the plate. Jack

Cowan singled Loney to third. Bergeron walked to load the bases.

Loney then scored and Johnny Cairns went to first on a fielder's choice. Hons was hit by a pitch, forcing in Cowan for the third run of the inning.

THE FIGHTING Tordondo nine came back in the fifth inning to hit and run the Southwood team crazy.

Steve Sciarra was hit by a pitch. Hamilton and Mike Menth walked. Loney singled, scoring Sciarra and Hamilton. Menth then beat the throw home on a grounder by Cowan. Cowan stole second. Bergeron was hit by a pitch and Charley Lee came in to run for him. Cairns walked.

Cowan then scored by drawing a throw from the catcher who threw over the third baseman's head. Hons then doubled in two more runs. Cairns scored on a fielder's choice and Hons was safe on third. Cook went all the way to second on the play. Cook then tricked the catcher into trying to nab him off base, and on the over-throw, Hons scored the eighth run of the inning.

In regular Tordondo Minor League action, the Giants climbed back into a tie for second place with the Orioles by routing the Beavers 15 to 3. Bruce Netherly was the winning pitcher.

In a game that saw good hitting and good pitching, the Cards went on a 24-hit spree

while Bruce Harris and Dick Mitchell allowed the Athletics but one hit to give the Cards the duke.

Keeny Fossett went four for four and Craig Tuttle three for three in the victory.

WAYNE LARSON allowed one hit while striking out seven and walking but two men as the Padres walloped the Red Sox 19 to 3.

Relief pitching by Lanny Weissman of the Orioles and Billy Cooper of the Seals saved the day for their teams as the two clubs battled to a 7 to 7 tie.

Both boys also used their bats to good advantage, Weissman going three for four at the plate and Cooper scoring two runs on a long double.

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GENIE COOK  
Winning Hurler

## Standings

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Party House Knights	10	Mobil	8
Bay Butchers Supply	7	CHURCH LEAGUE	
Walteria Kiwanis Club	6	Christ The King Lutheran	W
Warriors	6	Torrance First Lutheran	L
Mason Co.	0	Rolling Hills Covenant	11
CITY EMPLOYEES LEAGUE		First Assembly of God	4
Recreation Dept.	10	Seaside Community	3 1/2
Water Dept.	8	Resurrection Lutheran	1 1/2
Times (Park)	8	JET LEAGUE	
Engineering Dept. (So. Bay)	3	Ryan Aeros	11
Police Dept.	1	Natalie's	9
BLUE LEAGUE		Aerona Mfg. Co.	9
Uppa Kegs	12	Post Office	7
Torrance Elks Club	10	Harbor Hornets	4
Torrance Tigers	8	Lucey's Lambs	4
Torrance Herald	4	Vickers	4
Torrance Merchants	4	Harvey Tark	12
Torrance Kiwanis Club	1	COMET LEAGUE	
BLACK LEAGUE		Border Markets	11
Torrance Beach Jaycees	9	Douglas - Torrance	9
Lawrence Mens' Club	7	So. Bay Church of God	9
Bay Church of God	7	Harvey Aluminum Co.	9
Pol-Riv-Sistermans' Club	5	Curry's Aircraft	9
		Local No. 218	9
		Magnus	9
		Mobil	9



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## TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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### Home Runs Pace American Win

Paced by three home runs, the Torrance American Little League won its second straight game in the District 27 playoffs.

Bruce Turner started Torrance off on the right foot by opening the game with a home run. Ken Palki hit a four-bagger with two men on and Charles Cox contributed to the cause with a single.

Palki and Cox also slapped home runs in the opening game of the playoffs when Torrance shut-out Harbor City, 8 to 0.

Gordon Mahon supplied the fielding skill for the visitors, handling five chances in the centerfield slot without error.

Torrance will meet the Torrance National nine tomorrow night at 5 p.m. at Chandler Field in their attempt to once again advance in the playoffs.

The Torrance nine is hoping for a little better luck than they had last year when they were eliminated from the tourney by Lakewood by only one run. The Lakewood squad ended up in the four finalists at

Williamsport, Penn., in the Little League World Series and declared the Torrance club as the best they had faced all season.

Ruth League All Star Nine Takes Crown

After capturing the district championship by defeating the Pacific American All-Stars, 2 to 1, on Sunday, the Torrance Babe Ruth All-Stars will journey to Santa Fe Springs Saturday to compete for the Southern California title.

The National division, 13-old team, defeated La Mirada, 5 to 4, and Compton, 6 to 3, on their way to the crown.

The Major All-Star teams from Torrance were both defeated in close, well-paid tilts on Saturday. The National division Majors fell to North Torrance West, 1 to 0, while the American division club was also being shutout, 2 to 0, by North Torrance East.

The American Division 13-year-old All-Star team was defeated in their third game by the Pacific American squad.

### CJA Hot Rods Run at Western In Grand Prix

"Tiger" Jim Roessler, Barstow, and Billy Cantrell, Riverside, head a field of 75 CJA Hot Rod pilots who will compete in Saturday night's Summer Grand Prix at Gardena's Western Speedway where a 100 lap program is carded.

Roessler, 1960 CJA Champ will be out to protect his lead in this year's points. He has won five main events already this year. Cantrell has won three features this year and is fast closing the gap on Roessler's point lead.

Other top drivers entered include: Art Atkinson, Pasadena; Jack Austin, Downey; Wayne Page, Montclair; Chuck Townsen, Gardena; Mike Chapman, Duarte; Audie Madron, Compton; John Turner, Santa Ana; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Dallas Harrison, Hermosa Beach; Paul Jones, Torrance; Bill Battles, San Pedro; Jack Kelly, Long Beach; Jasper Lopiccolo, Downey; Donnie Harrison, Gardena; Ron Garriott, Gardena; Dee Harty, Temple City; Wayne Polstein, El Monte; Harry Prouty, Buena Park; Bill St. James, Gardena; George Durade, Pomona; Jay East, Colton; Cliff Garner, N. Hollywood; and Lowell Pratt, South Gate.

### Nationals Nip North Stars To Advance

Paced by the two-hit pitching of Fred Kendall, the home run power of Ed Gillis and the base stealing of Fred Carpenter, the Torrance National Little League edged North Torrance West 2 to 1 Tuesday to advance in the District 27 playoffs.

Torrance National will meet Torrance American tomorrow at 5:45 p.m. at Chandler Field in an attempt to advance once again in the All-Star tournament.

Against North Torrance, Kendall whiffed 12 men while walking but two. Gillis' home run came in the fourth inning with the bases empty. Carpenter scored the other Torrance National run in the second frame when he walked and then worked his way around the bases on his wits and luck and finally stole home.

### Cellar-Dwelling Pirates Surprise At Alondra Park

The last place Pirates defeated the Yankees by a score of 11 to 5 in action in the Alondra Regional Parks Midget league this week. The Pirates behind the pitching of Charlie Zerkle and the batting of Mark Spirit, Tim Tuttle and Henry Williamson and Lewis Jones easily defeated the third place Yankees.

In other action this week the Cubs rolled past the Dodgers 12 to 5. The Cubs were led by the batting of Chuck Johnson and Kenny Waters. In the last inning the Dodgers began to hit but the Cubs pitcher Dennis Bonniwell easily collected the needed outs to win the game.

### Moore Blast Gives Coast All Star Win

Craig Moore bashed a grand slam home run in the eighth inning to give the Pacific Coast Little League All-Stars a 5 to 1 extra-inning win over Lomita and advance into the second round of the District 27 playoffs against North Torrance East Little League tonight at Chandler Field.

Game time will be 5:45 p.m. Neither PCLL nor Lomita were able to collect more than a single hit in any one inning until the fatal eighth when the victors slapped two hits and a third man walked to set the winning blast.

### Torrance Pony League Hosts Area Playoffs

West Torrance Pony League at 247th St., west of Crenshaw, will host a full slate of district baseball playoffs tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

Tomorrow's game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will pit Gardena against Pacific Riviera. On Saturday at 1 p.m., Manhattan will take the field against the winner of the previous night's game. The loss of Friday and Saturday's games will engage each other at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the double elimination tournament.

West Torrance Pony League will host the sectional playoffs next weekend.

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**Berry, Scherer, Daniel Take Swimming Honors**

Entering the inter-pool competitive season with a small but powerful squad, Alondra met Lennox and Athens' swimming teams recently at Lennox Pool. Barbara Berry copped top honors by winning the girls' 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke events. Cathy Scherer won first in the girls' 13-14 age group 50-meter freestyle and Pat Daniel won the girls' 15-16 age group 50-meter breaststroke event and took second in the 50-meter freestyle.

Bill Sherer lead the boys on the squad by winning the 50-meter freestyle event. Boys and girls may still try out for the team at the regular weekday morning workouts at 9 a.m.

Members of the crack Alondra County Pool lifeguard team yielded the lifeguard swim championship trophy, they won last year, to Rosemead Pool by the narrow margin of four points. Taking second place in the meet, the Alondra squad felt the need for more depth as they encountered large squads from competing pools. Art Hale headlined the team this year backed up by Tom Scanlon, Tom Hart, and Doug Kastner.

A new class in skin diving techniques has been added to the swimming courses offered at Alondra County Pool according to N. S. Johnson, director of the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

This course is offered to both boys and girls who possess a face plate and fins and have passed the Red Cross Intermediate course.

Other Red Cross courses of instruction offered without charge at Alondra are "Beginning Swimming," "Advanced Beginners," and "Intermediate." New classes are formed every two weeks with the next starting date being Monday.

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