

The Fearless Spectator



By Charles McCabe, Esquire

The good and sporting life, personalized by baseball, the four-martini lunch, and the clip joint, is being threatened again. This time by a foe more wily than even the lads who shackled up in the belly of the Trojan Horse.

The kindly Internal Revenue Service, that is. The IRS this year is insisting that the expense account be removed from the high reaches of imaginative belles lettres and returned to the prosaic world of double-entry bookkeeping.

This is a blow. It will revolutionize our culture. Or at least that sub-culture occupied by baseball, clip joints, and long liquid lunches.

Attorneys for both the National and American Leagues appeared recently to knock the proposal that will require all businessmen to keep detailed receipts of all entertainment and gift outlays of more than \$10.

The advocates expressed fear that telling the exact and specified truth about baseball spending would affect the advance sales of season tickets to corporations.

As indeed it might. That ball game attendance is absolutely needed to promote the manufacture and sale of Avantis or tomato paste is a proposition I for one would not care to defend. Any more than I would argue our missile program would be hurt if deductable blondes were thrown out.

Martini? The bad news about them comes from the president of a Chicago employment agency, Lon D. Barton, who says the three-or-four-martini lunch is on the way out in the mid-West.

"Chicago businessmen used to average two and a half drinks per lunch," he said. "But the Windy City is down to one and a half now."

He pronounced the death knell on the boozy lunch in two of its bastions, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

These towns, he said "rate three drinks for lunch in the advertising business and New York is a two-drink city." The researcher added ominously, "the Chicago trend will catch on out West."

This enforced moderation, he pointed out, will come because "Corporation comptrollers and federal income tax men are looking more keenly into expense accounts."

Clip joints? Mike Romanoff's, just about the only decent restaurant in Los Angeles, is closing, and Mike lays the blame on the feds.

"The drop in expense account spending is going to affect all the high-class restaurants," Mike said, "mine is just the first to close."

Nobody, not even Mike, has ever been able to convince me that, short of breast of phoenix in aspic, it is possible to put \$30 worth of honest food and wine before two people at lunch; but tabs in excess of that picked up at 21 and Le Pavillon in New York. There are a couple of other traps that are not far behind.

But the clip joint, with the help of IRS, has priced itself out of the market by its own rapacity. The owners have allowed their costs to rise beyond reason.

As Mr. Romanoff said, "There is no longer room for a restaurant of this kind. Its operation is much too costly."

"There's a new type of snobbery—a shirtless, coatless, tieless type of snobbery. They don't want to go anywhere they have to dress."

I had not thought I would ever be caught delivering a panegyric to the kindly tax collector. If, however, he can abet the end of these incredible traps, where the help displays all the politesse of the Marquis de Sade with a hangover, then I say three loud ones and a tiger.

But I shall view the passing of the four-martini lunch with a tinge of regret. Not to speak of the virtual abolition of baseball (if we are to believe those tear-streaked lawyers).

Aeronca Quintet Whips Murphy's

Torrance Recreation basketball got off to a quick start on Thursday with the Aeronca quintet coming from behind to nip Murphy's, 41-40.

Paced by the 13-point efforts of guard Bill Clark and forward Ronnie Temple, Aeronca came back from an 18-16 halftime deficit to post the win.

Also scoring for the winners were David Dillon and Harlan Seeley, four points apiece; manager Bob Citrowski, three points, and Donald Dillon and Larry Ferguson, two points each.

GUARD BURNLEY Siminich earned 11 points to guide Murphy's. Siminich was followed by Mike Kirkpatrick, eight digits; Clay Hodges, Larry Lujan, and Guy Lionberger, five points apiece; manager Dave Murphy, four markers, and Sam Edwards, two points.

In the second contest of the evening at the North High gymnasium, Party House outscored Harvey Aluminum in every quarter to post a one-sided 56-36 victory.

CENTER RICHARD Ruffell poured in 26 points to lead Party House. Ruffell was aided

by guard Jim Mannix, with 10 points; guard Dave Corman, eight points; Howard Buttgenback, five points; forward Mike Andrews, three points; and manager Jerry McIlvaine, and forward Marlin Muse, two points each.

James Carter came off the bench to pump in 12 points to pace Harvey Aluminum. Carter was followed by Bruce Meredith, nine points; Ed Riley, eight points; Gary Wright, four points; Vertis Wolfe, two points, and Ray Poty, one marker.

In the other scheduled game, AIRResearch forfeited to McCulloch Motors.

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Torrance Win Earns County Championship

First place in the American League of Los Angeles County Baseball circuit today belongs to the Torrance Bullets following a 7-4 victory over the second-place Compton Dons. Victory gave the Bullets a 10-2 season record. Only the Matadors, the third place team, managed to whip Torrance. After lasting through a wild first inning, hurler John Marsden threw three-hit ball to lead Torrance to the championship.

IN THE initial frame, Compton jumped on Marsden for three runs, via an error, two walks, and two base hits. Torrance came right back with four tallies in its half of the inning and was never headed. Great defensive play by Bob Wallace, Mike Brooks, and Jack Crist kept Marsden out of trouble.

ton put the tying runs on base with a walk and a base hit. Outfielder Butch Nickloff saved the Bullets with a great catch against the left field fence and the Don threat was erased.

Nickloff, John Treece, and Rudy Perez wielded bats for Torrance, collecting seven of the team's 10 hits.

A WEEK from today, Torrance

will run into the Compton Pirates at Sportsman's Park on Century and Western. The Pirates are champions of the National Division of the Los Angeles County Winter Baseball League.

Regardless of the outcome of the game, both teams will enter the County Tournament the weekend of Jan. 19, along with six other ball clubs.



OLD-TIME DRIVER... Veteran Billy Cantrell of Anaheim will be the solid favorite this afternoon in the first California Racing Assn. big car race of 1963 at Ascot Park. Cantrell was the second-ranking driver for 1962, winning five main events on the Gardena oval.

Big Cars Initiate Ascot Park Year

Those roaring big cars of the California Racing Assn. open the official 1963 season this afternoon with a field of more than 40 speedsters staging an eight-event, 30-lap main event affair at Ascot Park. Qualifying time trials open the show at 12:30 p.m., with the first race slated for 2:30 p.m.

Cantrell won no less than five Ascot main events last year, and in other events defeated the likes of Indianapolis greats A. J. Foyt, Parnelli Jones and Jim Hurtubise.

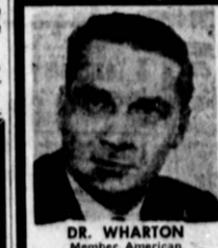
Also rating high will be such aces as Northridge's one-armed wonder, Allen Heath, back again in the powerful Vel's Torrance Ford T-Bird fuel-injected bomb; Lakewood's fast rising Bob Coulter, San Diego's Don Thomas, and third-ranked Dee Jones of Phoenix.

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ANCHORS AWEIGH... Three lovely young ladies make an attractive addition to any boat, and they will all be on hand at the new Long Beach Arena until January 12 for the world's first show devoted exclusively to sailing and yachts, the First Annual International Sailboat and Yacht Show. Show princesses are (L to R) Myra McCourtney, Pat Thompson, and Eileen Wible.

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Gulls Vie For First In League

Los Angeles attempts to snap its seventh-game losing streak this afternoon when it clashes with the sharp-shooting Long Beach Gulls at the Culver City Ice Rink.

Game time is 2:30 with KTLA televising.

Doug Bentley's Gulls, striving to maintain their victory pace in the California Hockey League, will be seeking their seventh triumph of the young season. Although tied by three opponents, the Gulls remain undefeated, holding second place behind Burbank's soaring Stars.

Dick Wilson, left wing for the Gulls, returns to action following a two week layoff. He will team with center Ken Watson and wing Vern Wildeman on one forward wall.

This afternoon's match may resolve into a high scoring affair. In their last two games, the Canadians gave promise of developing into a highly offensive minded club. Long Beach, on the other hand, has shown explosive power in nine starts, averaging just under six goals per game.

Seahawks Drop Nod In Opener

Well-balanced Glendale, Western States Conference kingpin, handed Harbor a 74-66 basketball licking Friday night.

Three starters from each quintet wound up in double figures, but it was a 37-point effort by the great Vaquero center John Block that provided the difference.

Sophomore Ed Briscoe canned 21 points in the conference opener to pace the surprising Seahawk attack. Al Ryan hit 14 digits and Jim Leslie pumped in 12 more, but the Harbor trio could not overcome the Block-paced Glendale powerhouse.

SUBSTITUTE Bill Rozich came off the bench and connected for eight points for the Hawks, Harbor trailed 40-30 at halftime, and was unable to substantially narrow the gap.

Glendale is the newly crowned champion in the Sam Barry Tournament while Harbor won the classic's consolation crown for the second consecutive season.

IN THE FINAL round of the tourney, Glendale upset powerful Fresno City College, previously rated as the top junior college club in the state.

On Tuesday, Harbor will continue its Western State Conference campaign against a weak Ventura five. On Friday, Ventura dropped a 78-53 duke to circuit foe Pierce.

Friday will find the Seahawks hosting Los Angeles City College in a 3:30 p.m. tilt. The Ventura clash is on the Lions' floor at 8 p.m.

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